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WILLIAM GEORGE.

William George, a capitalist of Aurora, forceful and resourceful and strong in his ability to plan and to perform, was born in Sugar Grove, Kane county, Illinois, September 23, 1861. His paternal grandfather was Ebenezer George, a native of Keene, New Hampshire, and a son of a soldier of the Revolution. Hon. Alonzo George, father of William George, was for many years one of the most prominent and honored residents of Aurora. He was born at Strafford, Vermont. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Lydia May, was a daughter of Colonel Elisha May, of Fairlee, Vermont.

Excellent educational opportunities were afforded William George, who pursued his preliminary studies in the West Aurora schools, mastering the branches of consecutive grades until he became a high school student in West Aurora and was graduated there with the class of 1879. He afterward matriculated in the state university of Iowa at Iowa City and upon the completion of his course there he became a student in the Union College of Law at Chicago and was graduated with honor in the class of 1885 and admitted to the bar of Illinois. Returning to Aurora, Mr. George put his theoretical training to the practical test in the law office of Hopkins, Aldrich & Thatcher, where he remained until October, 1887. He then entered upon an independent professional career, continuing alone in practice until the 1st of January, 1894, when he formed a partnership with F. D. Winslow, which continued until September 16, 1895. In that year the law firm of Hopkins, Aldrich & Thatcher was dissolved and Nathan J. Aldrich joined Winslow & George as senior partner of the firm of Aldrich, Winslow & George. Later Mr. George retired from that firm. His business has been of a most important character, especially in the line of corporation law, but outside business interests have in recent years largely claimed the attention of Mr. George, precluding to some extent his active participation in his chosen profession.

He is a man of resourceful ability, who has not only successfully controlled a single line of activity but has displayed that power of adjustment and even balance which has enabled him to capably manage varied interests. He seems to possess an almost intuitive perception as to the value of a business situation and his judgment in commercial and financial matters is rarely, if ever, at fault. In 1892 he largely assumed the management of the Old Second National Bank in the capacity of vice president, and upon the death of his father, Alonzo George, in 1895, he succeeded to the presidency and has since been at the head of this institution. The bank is one of the strongest financial concerns in this part of the state, with a large clientage and extensive connections. A general banking business is carried on and in the control of the house Mr. George manifests keen discrimination as well as the power of executive control. Many other business interests which have had direct bearing upon the upbuilding and welfare of this part of the state have received the benefit of his cooperation and direction. He is a director of the Aurora Cotton Mills, and many of Aurora's manufacturing institutions. He is also prominently known as an importer and breeder of Hereford and other cattle and his landed possessions comprise about fifteen hundred acres of valuable farm lands in the vicinity of Aurora. His investments have been judiciously placed and from them he derives a substantial annual revenue.

On the 11th of October, 1887, occurred the marriage of Mr. George and Miss Alice Maude Lounsbury, a daughter of the Rev. E. W. Lounsbury, D. D., and Alice (Carson) Lounsbury, of Jordan, New York. They have two children: Alice May, fifteen years of age; and Elizabeth Marcia, four years of age.

Mr. George gives his political allegiance to the republican party on questions of national importance but is a representative of the independent movement which is one of the hopeful signs of the times, showing that business men and those who are forceful factors in the community are alive to the political situation and are no longer content to accept machine-made politics but feel free to exercise their right of franchise as their judgment dictates. That Mr. George is keenly interested in the subject of cattle breeding and is recognized as one of the prominent authorities on the subject is indicated in the fact that he was honored with the presidency of the American Hereford Cattle Breeders' Association. He was also at one time president of the Illinois Bankers' Association; is now a member of the executive committee of the American Bankers' Association and formerly its vice president for Illinois. He is national treasurer of the Yeomen of America. While his advantages at the outset of his career were perhaps superior to those which fall to the lot of the majority of boys, he has always worthily used the talents entrusted to him and has made steady progress in lines that have proved beneficial to the community at large. His life has been so varied in its activity, so honorable in its purposes and so far-reaching in its effects as to become an integral part of the history of Aurora and northern Illinois. While a successful business man, he looks at life from a broad and liberal standpoint and is one in whom business enterprise and humanitarianism are well balanced forces.



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ALBERT L. HALL.

Albert L. Hall, editor and general manager of the Elgin Daily and Weekly Courier of Elgin, has for fifteen years been identified with newspaper interests in this section of Illinois. A native son of Kane county, his life record began upon a farm about six miles south of Elgin, December 28, 1870. His paternal grandfather, Wesley Hall, removed to Illinois from Churchville, Ontario, Canada, in 1839, and established his home upon a farm in St. Charles township. He was accompanied by his family, including Gustavus Hall, who was reared amid the scenes and environments of pioneer life and eventually began farming on his own account in this locality. For many years he was closely and prominently associated with agricultural interests but was called to his final rest in 1901. His widow survives and now resides at Santa Paula, California. The sons and daughters of this family are: Frank, a resident of Ventura, California; Edwin, living in Elgin; Mrs. H. C. Blanchard and Mrs. James Whalen, of Santa Paula, California; and Albert L., who is the youngest.

The last named spent his boyhood days upon the home farm to the age of twelve years, when he accompanied his parents upon their removal to Elgin, the family home being established on Highland avenue. There he continued his education in the public schools until 1889, when he put aside his text-books to become a factor in business circles. He was first employed as a clerk in a drug store at Hampshire, Kane county, where he remained for three years. Since that time, however, his attention has been given to journalistic interests. He made his first venture in the newspaper field at Leland, La Salle county, Illinois, in 1893, and when he had spent two years at that place he purchased the Gazette at Earlville, Illinois, six miles west of Leland, both towns being on the main line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. The two papers were then consolidated and published under the name of the La Salle County Gazette-Express. In 1896 Mr. Hall was joined by M. L. Griffith, a well known newspaper man of long experience, who became an equal partner in the business, and the firm of Hall & Griffith maintained a continuous existence until 1899, when Mr. Hall sold his interest to his partner and returned to Kane county.

Settling in St. Charles, he acquired the St. Charles Chronicle by purchase from John F. Dewey, then circuit clerk of Kane county, and remained as its publisher until January 1, 1903, when he sold the paper and again became a resident of Elgin. In January of that year the Courier Publishing Company was organized and the business and plant of the Elgin Daily and Weekly Courier was purchased. Mr. Hall was elected editor and general manager and has since continued in that position. The success of the Courier has become a feature in the newspaper history of Kane county. It is now recognized as an excellent advertising medium because of its large circulation and the business of the company has been carefully systematized, so that substantial financial results are obtained.

On the 18th of August, 1897, Mr. Hall was married to Miss Frances Rice, of Mediapolis, Iowa, and to them has been born a daughter, Harriet.

The family residence is at No. 119 Tennyson court and Mr. and Mrs. Hall hold membership with the First Methodist Episcopal church of this city, in the work of which he is deeply and helpfully interested. He is also serving as a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and as a trustee of the Elgin Old People's Home—associations which indicate the nature of his interests and his broad humanitarianism. His fraternal relations are with Monitor Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the local lodge of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. A glance at his business career will indicate the consecutive progress which has characterized his life work.

JOHN M. BLACKBURN.

In a history of commercial activity in Elgin it is imperative that mention be made of John M. Blackburn, else the record would be incomplete, for he today occupies a position of executive control in connection with one of the leading industries of the city, being secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Elgin Silver Plate Company. He started on the journey of life in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 29th of January, 1858, his parents being Joseph Martin and Elizabeth Ann (Walls) Blackburn. The father was born at Barnsley, Yorkshire, England, while the mother's birth occurred in Leeds. They were married in the land of their nativity but soon afterward sailed for the new world and became residents of Cleveland, Ohio, about 1848. There they spent their remaining days, the father engaging in business as an architect and builder, erecting many buildings there. Unto him and his wife were born five children: Elizabeth Ann, the wife of George G. Roe, who is living at Westport, New York; Mary Bennett, who is the widow of Charles B. Clough and a resident of New York city; Jessie Bennett, who is the widow of Dr. John Gilbert, of Cleveland; Henrietta, the deceased wife of J. H. Deckard; and John M.

The last named spent the first twenty years of his life in the city of his nativity, where he pursued his education in the public and preparatory schools. He afterward went to Meriden, Connecticut, and entered the silver plate works, being first employed in the office of the Meriden Britannia Company, with whom he was connected at intervals until 1890. He went from Connecticut to Toronto, Canada, where from 1884 until 1888 he conducted a factory which he established for the Meriden Silver Plate Company. In 1890 he made his way westward to Chicago and organized the present company, although it was then conducted under the style of the Griffin Silver Plate Company of Chicago. In 1892 the present factory was built and the firm name was changed to the Elgin Silver Plate Company. Mr. Blackburn is the secretary, treasurer and general manager and therefore the chief executive officer. The industry is an important one, employing from one hundred and fifty to two hundred workmen in the manufacture of casket and coffin hardware and trimmings. The house has become well known to the trade and

the sales have increased annually until the business is today a very extensive and profitable one. It has been built up along safe, conservative lines and yet has been characterized by the most progressive spirit.

In 1880 Mr. Blackburn was married to Miss Bessie Sharp, who was born in Milford, Delaware, April 6, 1860, and is a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Watson) Sharp. Four children have been born of this marriage: Joseph Samuel, now in California; Guy W., who is connected with the International Nickel Company, of Copper Cliff, Ontario; Paul and Ralph, twins, who are now students in the engineering department of the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

In politics Mr. Blackburn has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. In community affairs he has been active, influential and helpful. He has served on the board of education in Elgin for six years and was one of the board of trustees of the Elgin Academy. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He has served on the public library board for three years and was president part of the time, and he has also done effective work during three years' service as park commissioner. He is a member of the Country Club and of the Century Club, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of the Globe and the American Legion of Honor. There has been nothing sensational in his career, every step has been thoughtfully and deliberately made and every advance has been at the cost of earnest and self-denying labor. In manner he is kind, unaffected and approachable, and every comer has a claim upon his courteous attention.

THOMAS E. ROCHE.

Among the young men who are rapidly pushing their way to the front by reason of qualities which are always recognized as forceful factors in the business world, is numbered Thomas E. Roche, funeral director and embalmer of Elgin. He was born August 14, 1882, in South Elgin, and is a son of Michael and Ellen (Jordan) Roche. The father was born in Ireland in 1837 and when about eighteen years of age came to the United States, finally establishing his home at South Elgin in 1862. There he remained continuously until his death, which occurred in 1906, while his widow, who bore the maiden name of Ellen Jordan and was born in 1841, is still living in South Elgin.

At the usual age Thomas E. Roche was sent as a pupil to the public schools of his native city and later attended St. Mary's Academy of Elgin, from which he was graduated in the class of 1902. He also attended Barnes' School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science & Embalming, pursuing his studies in Chicago, where he was graduated in 1905. Under the same management there is conducted a similar institution in New York city. Mr. Roche pursued his course, however, in the western city and before his graduation entered business as an undertaker, embalmer and funeral director of Elgin in

1904. He obtained a certificate from the board of health in 1905 and has annually thereafter been thus qualified for his chosen work. He now commands a fine business and is meeting with success in his chosen field of labor.

On the 6th of February, 1906, Mr. Roche was married to Miss Gertrude Buel, a daughter of Conrad N. and Lydia (Collins) Buel, of Elgin. This marriage has been blessed with one son, James M., who was born on the 16th of December, 1906. Mr. Roche votes with the republican party but is not active as a worker in its ranks. He belongs to the Roman Catholic church, is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Court of Honor. He is well known in the city which is still his home, having always resided in this locality, and the fact that many of his staunchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood to the present is an indication that his has been an honorable and straightforward career.

GEORGE S. BOWEN.

Few men pass from life amid such a uniform feeling of deep regret as was manifest in Elgin when George Stephen Bowen was called from this life. For seventy-five years he had been an active factor in the world and though he never gained national prominence or distinction in the community where he lived, he exerted a widely felt influence in behalf of all those things which tend to uplift mankind and bring the individual nearer to an ideal in citizenship and in his relations with his fellow men. Both Chicago and Elgin are indebted to Mr. Bowen for his initiative spirit and active cooperation in promoting many works of public improvement.

A native of New York, Mr. Bowen was born at Ingham Mills, Manheim, Herkimer county, November 30, 1829. He pursued his education in the public schools to the age of fourteen years and then started out to make his own way in the world. Whatever success he achieved was attributable to his own efforts, and while he succeeded in gaining a comfortable competence, he was still richer in the trust and respect of those with whom he was associated. After gaining valuable business information in the store and office at Little Falls, New York, he left that place in 1849 and made his way westward to Chicago. The western metropolis was then just emerging from villagehood and giving some promise of the future growth and development which was to make it one of the wonders of the world. As the city expanded he kept pace with its marvelous growth in his business undertakings and was associated most of the time with his brothers in business pursuits until the great conflagration of 1871, when the firm lost several millions of dollars. In the meantime Mr. Bowen had been very active in promoting interests of public benefit, realizing the fact that the city was making rapid strides and that it was destined to still greater growth, he labored to meet the demands that would come upon it as a city.

In 1861 he was chosen president of the Young Men's Library Association of Chicago, the forerunner of the great public library of the city. It was largely through his efforts that the latter institution was developed from the former, yet he has never been given due credit for his labors in this behalf. After his removal to Elgin the question arose as to making the Young Men's Christian Association the custodian and manager of the Chicago library. Mr. Bowen fought this move successfully. He believed that all the taxpayers should be represented and that the public library should be a perfectly free institution to all who desire the benefit of the opportunities it affords. His name should certainly have been inscribed upon the tablet in the Chicago library, which was placed there to honor the early founders and promoters. Mr. Bowen was also one of the first to promote the Chicago park system, and in fact it was he who called a meeting to discuss the matter of establishing a park—a meeting that resulted in securing a tract of land that has since been converted into South Park. In 1867 he was also instrumental in organizing the Woolen Manufacturers' Association of the Northwest, being its first and only president.

In 1873 Mr. Bowen took the lead in raising the money with which to build the Chicago Exposition, and in 1879 he organized an Industrial Exposition of ninety-three ladies and gentlemen, who visited Mexico in the interest of reciprocity. Through his invitation the previous year, Sr. Manuel de Zamacona, the Mexican minister, visited Chicago and Elgin, paying especial attention to the Elgin National Watch factory, with whose operations he was greatly delighted. This visit, and also the visit of the Americans to Mexico, resulted in much benefit to trade interests. At a banquet held in Chicago, in 1878, given by Mr. Bowen at the Palmer House the 23d of May, the foundation was laid for the organization of the Manufacturers' Association of Chicago.

Following the great fire of 1871, Mr. Bowen established his residence in Elgin, where he continued to make his home until his demise. While closely associated with the interests of Chicago, he also labored untiringly and effectively for the advancement of Elgin's welfare and in 1872 and 1873 represented the city as its mayor. Ten years later the Elgin Electric Light Company, of which he was the president, installed the electric light plant of this city and on the 24th of November of that year, at a banquet held in the Nolting House, Elgin was declared to be the best lighted city on this continent. The city, at the termination of his contract, purchased the plant.

The Elgin Board of Trade owes its existence to Mr. Bowen, who in association with Dr. Joseph Tefft, Dr. R. R. Stone and others organized the board. He made the opening address. As the result of a call which he issued, representatives of electric light interests of the United States met in Chicago on the 18th of February, 1885, and organized the National Electric Light Association, of which he was made an honorary member in 1890. He was one of the principal organizers and builders of the Chicago & Pacific Railway, now a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system. Not long prior to his death he was chosen president of the North Pacific Trading Company, with offices in Chicago and Tokio, Japan. The Elgin public library

found in him one of its warmest friends and he also served as president of the Elgin Scientific Society.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Bowen was married in Salisbury Center, Herkimer county, New York, to Julia Emma Byington and they had a son and daughter, George E. Bowen and Mrs. Anna C. Byington, both residents of Elgin. A happy married life of more than forty years was terminated in the death of Mr. Bowen in Elgin in January, 1905. He had passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey. His entire career was one of intense and well directed activity. Free from selfish motives and actuated at all times by a spirit of unflinching devotion to the public good. He labored while others discussed the situation and accomplished results while they were still formulating plans. He looked upon life with a full understanding of its obligations and responsibilities and he met every trust reposed in him with a singleness of purpose that none questioned. His fellow townsmen, aside from his public work, had the highest regard for his personal character, for wherever he was known he commanded the unqualified confidence and respect of those with whom he was associated. Elgin has reason to honor his name and in this city his memory is sacredly cherished.

PIERCE BURTON.

Pierce Burton was born in Norwich, Vermont, December 24, 1834. His father was William Smith Burton, who was a merchant. He was born in Norwich, April 7, 1795, the son of Pierce and Phebe (Stoddard) Burton. Pierce, the grandfather, was the son of Stephen and Hannah (Pierce) Burton, born November 1, 1761. Hannah Pierce was from Canterbury, Connecticut. Stephen was the son of Isaac, who was the son of Jacob, who was the son of Isaac, who was the son of John Burton, who was granted land in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1638. The mother of Pierce, the subject of this sketch, was Nancy Russell, born in Northampton, Massachusetts, July 29, 1796. Her father's name was Seth Russell, the son of Hezekiah Russell, who was a lieutenant in the American army during the Revolutionary war. His line runs through several generations to a John Russell, who came from England in 1635. Nancy Russell's mother was Mary Emerson. Her genealogical record is given in a large book entitled "Emerson Genealogy," from which it appears that her ancestry is the same as that of the father of Ralph Waldo Emerson. One has only to go back a little in his ancestral record to find that in the sixth generation back he has one hundred and twenty-eight ancestors, not to mention those intervening. As far as known all of Mr. Burton's early ancestors were of English origin and came over to this country between 1620 and 1640, and were Puritans or Pilgrims, including several clergymen.

For his first wife Mr. Burton married Ellen G. Lapham, of Adams, Massachusetts, January 11, 1860. Her ancestry extends back to Governor Bradford, of Massachusetts, and several other passengers in the Mayflower, and includes John Alden and Priscilla. They had one child, Charles Pierce, born



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at Anderson, Indiana, March 7, 1862, whose mother died January 13, 1863. For his second wife he married, December 25, 1873, Maria Alice Sibley, daughter of Gideon and Martha (Carpenter) Sibley, of Athol, Massachusetts. Her ancestors on both sides were of old Revolutionary stock. Thirteen of the Sibley family were in the battle of Bunker Hill. One of her mother's ancestors was with Ethan Allen at the surrender of Ticonderoga; two others were in the battle of Saratoga, and tradition tells of others in other battles. Two children, Claribel Daisy and Ralph William, were born in Aurora, Illinois, to Mr. and Mrs. Burton. Mr. Burton has three grandchildren, children of his oldest son, Charles Pierce Burton and Cora (Vreeland) Burton. Charles Pierce Burton, the son, is author of "The Bashful Man and Others," a collection of light essays, and of "The Boys of Bob's Hill," "The Bob's Cave Boys," and other stories.

Pierce Burton was one of the prominent men of Alabama during the reconstruction period. Among other public positions he served with distinction in the constitutional convention of 1867 and in the legislature of that state, and he was the choice of his party for the office of lieutenant governor in 1870. As chairman of the committee on ways and means he wrote the revenue laws, some of which are on the statutes today. He established and published *The Southern Republican*, a weekly paper, at Demopolis, Alabama, for nearly three years, but sold out in 1871 and moved to Aurora, where he bought the *Aurora Herald*, a weekly paper, and in 1882 established the *Daily Express*, which he conducted successfully until 1899, when he sold both papers to his son, Charles Pierce Burton, and has had no active business since.

CORNELL H. BROWN.

Cornell H. Brown is now filling the position of postmaster at Batavia and is giving a public-spirited and progressive administration in discharging the duties of the office. He was born May 24, 1853, in the city which is still his home. His father, Rufus J. Brown, who was born in New York in 1826, died in 1897. For twenty-five years prior to his death he engaged in farming in Nebraska, to which state he removed in 1875. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Aurelia McDaniel, was born in New York in 1835 and died in Nebraska in 1902. They were married in Batavia in 1852, and became the parents of four sons. The brothers of our subject are: William O., who is residing in Nebraska; Edward A., who also lives in that city; and Rufus J., a resident of Iowa. All were born in Batavia.

Cornell H. Brown is indebted to the public-school system of his native city for the educational privileges he enjoyed. At the age of fifteen years he put aside his text-books and in 1868 entered the postoffice as clerk under E. S. Smith. He there remained for ten years and much of that time served as assistant postmaster. In 1878 he accepted a position as bookkeeper with the firm of D. R. Sperry & Company, with whom he continued for a year, after which he returned to the postoffice as assistant postmaster for one year.

He then entered the railway mail service, in which he continued until October, 1882, when he became bookkeeper for the Van Nortwick Paper Company of Batavia, continuing in that connection until 1900, when he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley. Four years later he was reappointed by President Roosevelt and still continues in this position, his eight years' service being characteristic of the utmost fidelity to duty. In 1898, together with five others, he organized the Citizens Bank, which was a partnership concern, and in 1901 this institution was consolidated with the First National Bank of Batavia.

On the 12th of January, 1879, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Florence S. Starkey, a daughter of Warren and Mary (Hunter) Starkey. As has been indicated through his official appointments Mr. Brown is a stalwart republican and in the community has held various local offices, all of which have found in him a faithful and competent incumbent. He has been tax collector for Batavia, has been a member of the board of supervisors, was alderman, and was mayor of the city for two terms, being elected in 1897 and again in 1899. He was also a member of the West Side Board of Education for twelve years. In his fraternal relations he is an Odd Fellow and is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, while of the Modern Woodmen camp he is a charter member. He enjoys the full confidence and respect of his fellow townsmen, else he would not have been so many times honored with public office. Abraham Lincoln said, "You can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time." This is continually manifested in connection with public offices, where one is continuously subjected to the criticism of the public, and that Mr. Brown has been again and again called to office is indicative of the trust which is reposed in him. Over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

DAVID C. COOK.

There are many men in Elgin and northern Illinois—leaders in professional and commercial circles—who have acquired wide reputation by their success in their chosen field of labor and are known to business men throughout the country, but in the homes of this land the name of David C. Cook is familiar. Amid life's busy cares he has recognized the brotherhood of mankind and has labored for the advancement of the human race, especially devoting himself to the work of educating and preparing children for a higher moral life through the publication of an attractive and instructive Sunday-school literature, realizing the truth and wisdom which Solomon expressed in the well known words, "Train a child up in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Mr. Cook has devoted the greater part of the years of his manhood to Sunday school and kindred work and to the publication of literature for use in the moral instruction of the young.

Mr. Cook was born at East Worcester, New York, in 1850 and was reared amid the refining influences of a good Christian home, his father being a minister of the Methodist church. As a child he was greatly interested in Sunday school, attending not only that of his own church, but one, and part of the time two others, meeting at different hours. From his boyhood days he has been a most active and helpful worker in the church, the Sunday school and the temperance cause, becoming a church member at an early age. When a youth of seventeen he became a teacher in Ward's Rolling Mills Sunday school in Chicago, to which place he had removed with his parents, and soon afterward he offered his services as a teacher in the Milwaukee Avenue Mission and the Wicker Park Sunday schools. During the succeeding four years he taught most of the time in two or three schools each Sunday, while his evenings were largely spent in visiting the members of his different classes. He devoted his Saturday afternoons to a search for new scholars, going from house to house and inviting the children whom he saw on the streets, while on Sunday afternoons he would gather the boys and the girls from the streets in the neighborhood of his home in his father's front yard or the yard or some of his scholars, and sing with them the Sunday school songs. It presented the Sunday school in a new light to many children and awakened their first real interest in the work.

Immediately following the great fire of 1871, Mr. Cook took up the Sunday school work on the north side of the city. Seeing the distress and the pressing needs, he entered most heartily into relief and mission work in one of the poorest sections of the burned district and in the fall of that year, in order to better pursue the work, he left home and with three other young men, whom he had persuaded to cooperate with him, he rented rooms in this field and gave all his hours, such as are usually devoted to rest or recreation, to visitation, relief and mission work. Every Sunday was spent in this way and all possible time which was not occupied by the demands of his business position. He conducted neighborhood prayer meetings, provided for the sick and distressed, and wherever help was needed there he was found. Perhaps no better account of the great work that he has done can be given than in the words of the Rev. Charles A. Blanchard, president of Wheaton College, who wrote of him: "In the winter of 1872 Mr. Cook organized and superintended his first Sunday school, 'Everybody's Mission.' This school was opened in a German theater and beer hall, on North avenue, in what was then one of the poorest and roughest neighborhoods of the burned district. Afterward a lot was leased and a building erected for the school on an adjacent street. With an attendance of three hundred and fifty to four hundred and fifty, and without aid from any church or society, he maintained this school for a period of five years and until the churches were able largely to occupy the field. The teachers whom he rallied came, for the most part, from long distances; some of them two or three miles away. Their faithfulness will be appreciated when it is understood that the school was held at nine o'clock in the morning, and that the scholars were of the poorest, roughest and least inviting class, the larger portion of them being of foreign parentage. Besides 'Everybody's Mission' he started and superintended the North Avenue Mis-

sion, Lake View Mission and Lake View Union Sunday school in Chicago, and Grace Sunday school in Elgin, besides several small schools. Much of the time for ten years he superintended two schools, and some of the time three schools, each Sabbath.

"It is to the members of his schools that he is indebted for whatever he has done to improve Sunday-school literature, for his education in that line was gained there. His first paper, called 'Our Sunday-School Paper,' was published for his own schools. His first lesson help, called 'Our Lesson Book,' was prepared for use alone in the two schools which he managed at that time. His first thought in offering his publications to other schools was to divide the expense of setting the type and making the plates. The rapidity with which his publications gained a market when once known, showed how carefully he had studied the needs of pupils and teachers in his own schools. Afterward everything new was first tried in one or more of his own schools before it was offered to schools in general. Many a new thing was tested which the public never saw, while others appeared in an improved form. As a publisher he has relied entirely upon the merits of his publications to secure for them a market; unlike most other publishers in this line, who work under the auspices of some church or society and depend on this constituency to secure patronage. When he commenced publishing, Sunday-school literature was very much higher than now, and perhaps the most startling thing he did was to put his prices much lower than others were then asking. As circulation warranted, he made it a rule to reduce prices still lower or to improve the publications, or both. While this pleased his patrons as well as others who felt that prices were exorbitant, it greatly annoyed other publishers, some of whom are said to have resented this cutting in on their trade and cutting off of their profits in a manner hardly justifiable among religious business houses.

"It is thirty-three years since he issued his first publication for the Sunday-school, and they are now the widest known, if not the most generally used, of any having a large circulation among schools of all evangelical denominations. He employs regularly twelve associate editors, all of whom are able, earnest Christian men and women, and connected with various evangelical churches; besides several hundred writers, representing some of the best talent in the land. He does not claim that his are the only good Sunday-school helps, but he does claim that his helps are carefully prepared, are well adapted to their purpose and are sold at reasonable prices. The test of use for years in thousands of schools seems to make this claim good. As one interested in the great Sunday-school movement it is a pleasure to write these lines of introduction for one who has been a personal friend for many years, and who has, as I believe, accomplished a great and blessed work for the Sunday-school work."

It is certainly a matter of gratification to Mr. Cook to see the work to which he is devoting his life accepted by the public. He has received letters of endorsement from some of the most prominent ministers and Sunday-school workers of the country, who speak of his efforts in terms of high praise and commendation. There is in commercial, industrial or professional circles

no busier man or one who is more carefully systematizing his work so as to produce the largest results in a given space of time, and furthermore, in all of his labors he is actuated by the spirit of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

While no adequate memorial of Mr. Cook can be written until many of the enterprises with which he has been connected have completed their full measure of good in the world and until his personal influence and example shall have ceased their fruitage in the lives of those with whom he has been brought in contact, yet there is much concerning him that can with profit be set down here as an illustration of what can be done if a man with a clear brain and willing hands but sets himself seriously to the real labors and responsibilities of life. His benevolence is unostentatious and genuine and there is nothing in the story of his life to show that he has ever for a moment sought to compass a given end for the purpose of exalting himself. He is a man of the broadest sympathy, who has always endeavored to follow closely in the steps of the lowly Teacher of Nazarene. Not by any standard of profit or loss can his work be judged, for there is no measure for the influence that he has exerted nor for the seeds of truth which he has sown.

A. H. LOWRIE.

While A. H. Lowrie has been a prominent factor in the public interests of Elgin and is also widely known because of his able service in many directions, there has been nothing spectacular in his career. On the contrary, it is the history of a man who has used the innate talents which are his, while his position of leadership in various lines has come as the outcome of his resourceful ability. He is now senior member of the firm of Lowrie & Black, owners of the Elgin Daily News, and his labors have been instrumental in making this one of the strongest representatives of journalism in northern Illinois.

Mr. Lowrie was born in Berwickshire, Scotland, October 29, 1836, and comes of a family noted for military prowess and skill. In early youth he was brought to the United States by his parents, who established their home in Cleveland, Ohio, where the son acquired his early education through the medium of the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to graduation from the high school. Later he matriculated in the University of Michigan but in his senior year left that institution and received his diploma from the Adrian (Mich.) College. Being offered a tutorship in that college, he remained as a member of its faculty for a short time and continued his work as an educator in the schools of Cleveland, Ohio. After two years thus spent, however, he resigned to become superintendent of the schools in Bellefontaine, Ohio, where he continued for three years. He was then offered and accepted the superintendency of the schools of Marion, Ohio, and resigned that place to become professor of English literature and political economy in Adrian College, Michigan. For fifteen years he was a member of its faculty and for two years acting president. He was regarded as one of the distin-

guished educators of the state and under his instruction were many men who have attained to prominent positions in the business and political affairs of the country.

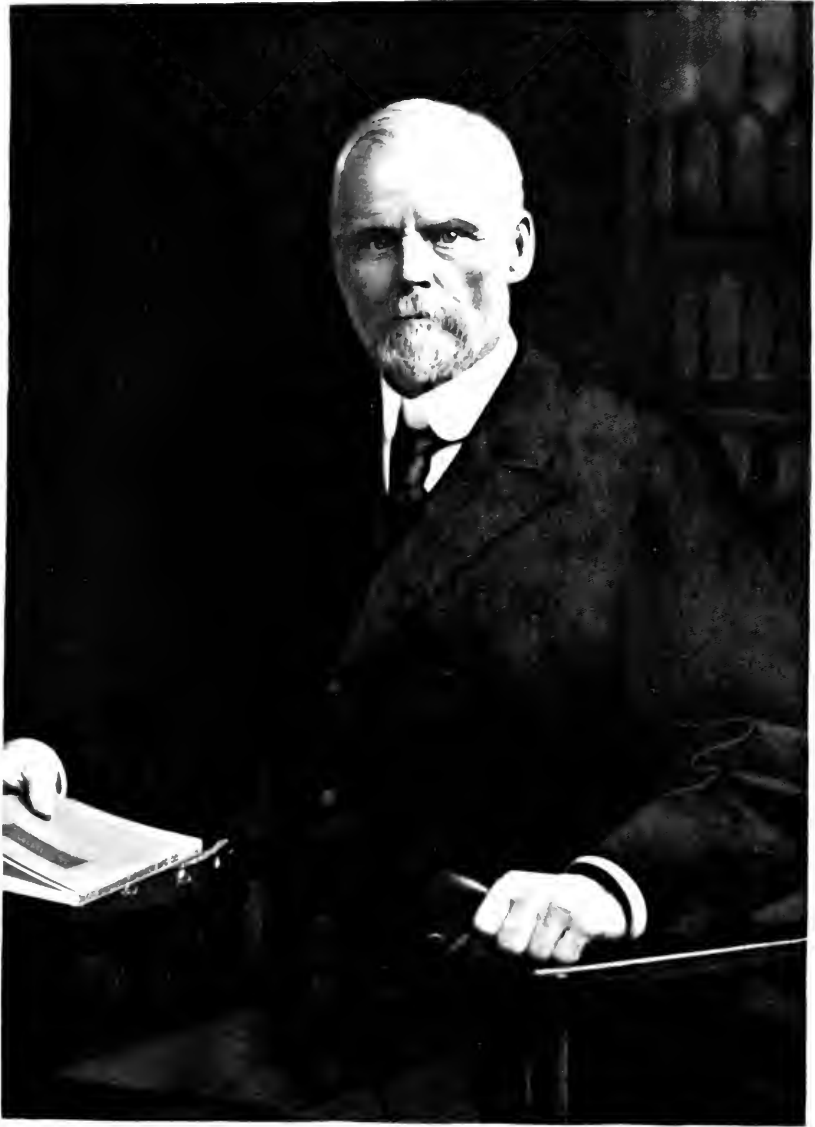
Entering the field of journalism, Mr. Lowrie became senior proprietor of the *Adrian Times and Expositor*, which under his capable direction entered upon a very successful era in its history. Before his removal to Elgin in 1882, he purchased the *Daily and Weekly Advocate* and a year later bought the *Elgin News*, consolidating the two papers. The firm of Lowrie & Black has had continuous existence since 1886 and their paper is recognized as one of the leading journals of northern Illinois. While they stand for progressive journalism, they have never utilized the methods which characterize the yellow sheet but have upheld the dignity of their profession, while at the same time they have given to the public the result of enterprising methods in a search for news of general interest. Their paper has also been the champion of republican politics and the advocate of substantial development and improvement in municipal and community affairs.

On the 11th of September, 1859, Mr. Lowrie was married to Miss Mattie B. Pease, a daughter of Henry and Oraline (Waldo) Pease. They have two sons, Will L. and Alfred R. Mr. Lowrie was appointed by President Benjamin Harrison to the position of United States consul to Freiburg, Germany, where he ably represented the interests of the country, and while abroad, in company with his wife, he visited the many points of historic, modern and scenic interest on the European continent. He has long been recognized as a most stalwart champion of the republican party and has studied closely the questions which are to the statesman and the man of affairs of vital interest. With a national reputation as a speaker, he has done active work in every presidential campaign since the republican party came into existence and his opinions, clearly and forcefully enunciated from the lecture platform, have been of valuable assistance in turning the tide in many a doubtful state. He is, moreover, widely known as a teacher and editor and the result of his labors in these connections has been of no restricted order, while at all times he has kept abreast with the best thinking men of the age.

HON. JOHN STEWART.

The life records of few men indicate so clearly the possibilities for successful accomplishment as does the history of John Stewart. With few advantages in his youth he early came to a realization of the value of industry and perseverance as factors in the achievement of success, and it has been along these lines that he has gained a position of marked distinction in business circles and extensive interests that make him one of the most prominent residents of Kane county.

As the name indicates, the Stewart family is of Scotch lineage. The father, Thomas Stewart, was born December 22, 1797, near Ayre, Scotland, and followed the shoemaker's trade. Attracted by the opportunities of the



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new world he left home at the age of twenty-five years and, bidding adieu to friends and native land, sailed for America. He landed at New Brunswick, where for a time he followed the shoemaker's trade, while later he became a resident of Elburn, where he engaged in farming. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, which found in him a stalwart champion, and he was equally loyal in his adherence to the Presbyterian church, in which he held membership. He married Jane Moody, who was born in Larggs, Scotland, and was the daughter of a ship's captain. A history of the Moody family, tracing the ancestry back to 1620, is in possession of our subject. The death of Thomas Stewart occurred in Campton and his remains were interred in the cemetery of this place. His family numbered the following children: John, Jeannette, Alexander, Thomas, Samuel and Jane. All are now dead with the exception of John Stewart, of this review, and his brother Alexander, who resides in Washington, D. C., but maintains a summer home at Warsaw, Wisconsin. He was elected to congress from the Ninth Wisconsin district, which he represented in the national halls of legislation for eight years.

John Stewart belongs to a class of men who have found that the road to public usefulness and public honor is open to all, by reason of the fact that they have traveled its pathway. Without especial advantages at the outset of his career and, in fact, deprived of many of the opportunities which most boys enjoy, he has made gradual and steady advance until he is today classed with the most prosperous residents of northern Illinois. He attended school for only one year, that being when about twelve years of age, but he eagerly embraced his opportunities and pursued his studies each day in the entire year excepting Christmas and Sundays. Possessing an observant eye and a retentive memory, he gradually added to his knowledge, and in the school of experience has learned many valuable lessons, while through extensive travel he has gained that culture and information which can be acquired in no other way. He was but ten years of age when he was bound out to a millwright for a period of ten years. The papers had been properly signed but owing to the failure of the miller the contract was never executed. In 1848 Mr. Stewart arrived in Illinois and secured employment with a lawyer, S. S. Jones, at St. Charles, at a salary of ten dollars per month. He thus worked for two months and with his twenty dollars for capital he traveled a distance of three hundred miles into the lumber region of Wisconsin, where he made his initial step in connection with the lumber trade, engaging in the manufacture of lumber and by means of rafts floating it down the Mississippi river to St. Louis, where he found a market for his product. The year following his brother Alexander joined him and he thus continued to raft lumber down the river until 1874, when the railroad was built into the lumber region. Throughout the intervening years he had been connected with the lumber industry his business interests were constantly expanding until he is today one of the best known representatives of the trade in the middle west.

Mr. Stewart gained a companion and helpmate for life's journey by his marriage to Miss Martha Thomas, who was born in Cambridge, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1833. Her father was a tanner by trade.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart's marriage are as follows: Thomas D., who was born September 28, 1858, resides in Aurora and is president of the First National Bank of that city, while of the Bank of St. Charles he is general manager; Eliza is the wife of Dr. Watson, of Aurora; Mary is deceased; Martha, born June 4, 1867, is the wife of Burton Nichols, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Chicago; Nellie, born May 22, 1873, is the wife of John Alexander, president of the Alexander Lumber Company, of Chicago, with extensive interests in the South.

While Mr. Stewart was continually developing his business interests until they reached mammoth proportions, bringing him most gratifying and well merited returns for his labors, he was also figuring as an influential factor in public life. He was elected and served for six years as supervisor in this county, and in 1884 was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, where he served continuously until 1889. He was again elected in 1898 for another term of two years and in all his legislative services his course was characterized by a most faithful care over the interests of his constituents and unflinching efforts for the interests of the community at large. He cast his first presidential ballot for General Winfield Scott, but since the organization of the republican party has been one of its staunch supporters. He was a national delegate to the convention that nominated James A. Garfield, although on that occasion he supported the candidacy of James G. Blaine. He was again a delegate to the national convention which nominated William McKinley for the second term. His allegiance to the party is unflinching and his opinions carry weight in party ranks. His cooperation can always be counted upon to further progressive measures for the benefit of his home community. He constructed and gave to the county a model stone road which is two and a quarter miles long and was built at a cost of twelve thousand dollars. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and has been active in Masonic circles for forty years.

In more recent years, since wealth has made it possible for him to relegate to others the business cares and duties which he formerly assumed, he has traveled extensively, having crossed the Atlantic nine times and the Pacific once. In company with his son-in-law, Dr. Watson, of Aurora, he left San Francisco in October, 1904, and after a brief visit at the Hawaiian Islands proceeded to Yokohama, Japan, where he spent two months seeing much of interest. A matter of great surprise to him was that there are no animals in Japan, especially horses, and he made his journey through the empire in jinrikshas, traveling at the rate of five miles an hour and securing Japanese coolies for fifteen cents per day to draw the same. He next visited Shanghai, Hong Kong, Canton and Macao, China, a port controlled by the Portuguese. He also went to Singapore, the largest and strongest British post in the east, and then to Pensay, where is found the greatest zinc mines in the world. He afterward proceeded to Colombo, on the island of Ceylon, thence to Calcutta and afterward to the Himalayan mountains. He visited Darjeling, the home of the British officers who control India, and thence proceeded up the Ganges by ship, stopping at Agra, celebrated for its fine carpet manufactories. Proceeding on to the celebrated city of Lucknow he was there guided over the



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place by soldiers who participated in the ever memorable siege. Continuing on his way to Delhi he afterward went to Jaypore, to Allihambad and on to Bombay, where he saw the world's celebrated temple, which is made of solid marble, covers twenty acres of land and was twenty-five years in the course of construction, it requiring the continuous efforts of twenty-five thousand men to erect it, while the stone was drawn from a quarry seventy miles away. Leaving Bombay, Mr. Stewart proceeded to the Red Sea, passed through the Suez canal, thence to Cairo and on to France, landing at Marseilles. He visited Paris, went to Dover and, after visiting London, sailed from Southampton to New York, the complete trip covering six months. Several years before, in 1890, Mr. Stewart, in company with his wife and daughters, sailed for Liverpool, went thence to London and on to Paris, also visited Lyons, Monte Carlo, Pissgah, Geneva, Florence, Naples, Sicily and on to Alexandria, on which voyage they came very near being shipwrecked. They took the trip on the Nile, spending six weeks in that way, and afterward proceeded to Joppa and on to Jerusalem by stage, visiting Bethlehem and the contiguous territory. Returning to Joppa, they then went to Damascus, where Mr. Stewart says that nature has made her most beautiful city. In all his travels he has never found a more ideal place for a city. At Balbaak he viewed the massive ruins which antedate the flood. After visiting Athens he went to Smyrna and to Constantinople, thence by the Black Sea to Russia, on to Buda Pesth, Vienna, Italy, Switzerland and the Black Forest, in Germany, where he saw the emperor of Germany in company with Queen Victoria, of England, reviewing forty-five thousand soldiers. Proceeding down the Rhine to Cologne, the party afterward went to Amsterdam, where they remained two weeks, and thence to Belgium and by stage to the battlefield of Waterloo, Mr. Stewart being much impressed with the English lion of St. Mark, which is supposed to keep vigil over the field. This lion is a work of huge brass, mounted upon a great hummock of earth. In the early days when Belgium and England were at war some enthusiastic Frenchman cut off the tail of the brass lion and England compelled the French government to supply the missing member. Mr. Stewart and his family also visited England, Scotland and Ireland on this trip and they returned with many interesting mementoes of their journey in the shape of fine rugs, tapestry and works of art.

EUGENE F. ROGERS.

Kane county has been singularly fortunate in the class of men who have occupied its offices, for they have been usually citizens of high official honor and loyal purpose. Such a one is Eugene F. Rogers, who is now serving as circuit clerk. He was born in Plato township, this county, December 19, 1859, his parents being Nelson and Sarah (Pruden) Rogers, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. His paternal grandfather, Jonathan Rogers, was a native of Massachusetts and when a small boy went to New York with his parents, being reared to manhood in Lewis county. There he

resided to the age of sixty years, when he came westward to Illinois and purchased land in Plato township, Kane county, where he spent his remaining days, passing away at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and a man who in every relation of life commanded the confidence and good will of those who knew him. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Herring, was seventy-eight years of age at the time of her demise. The Rogers family came originally from English ancestry. Unto Jonathan Rogers and his wife were born seven children, four of whom came to the middle west, but only one is now living.

The maternal grandfather of Eugene F. Rogers was John Pruden, a native of Seneca county, New York, and of Holland Dutch descent. He was a farmer and, removing to the west with his family in 1843, settled in Plato township, this county, where he lived for many years. He afterward took up his abode in Elgin and subsequently removed to St. Charles, Illinois, where he died when about eighty years of age. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Sarah Ransom, lived to be about sixty-five years of age. They were the parents of four children.

Nelson Rogers, father of our subject, followed the occupation of farming in early life and later turned his attention to merchandising. He came to Illinois in 1855 and took up his abode in Plato township, where he purchased a farm of four hundred and eighty acres, which he improved, making his home thereon for many years. As time passed he brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and added to the place many modern equipments and accessories. In the early '70s, putting aside the work of the farm, he removed to Elgin, where he engaged in the hardware business for a number of years, but eventually retired from active life and removed to Oak Park, a suburb of Chicago, where he now resides. His wife was brought to Illinois by her parents in 1843, when a child of seven years, and was reared to womanhood and married in Kane county. She held membership in the Congregational church and lived an earnest, consistent Christian life until called to her final rest in June, 1902, at the age of sixty-six years. Nelson Rogers is now serving as superintendent of streets in Oak Park. Unto him and his wife were born three sons: Eugene F.; Sherman, deceased; and Fred N., of Oak Park.

Eugene F. Rogers was reared upon the home farm in Kane county to the age of fifteen years and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He attended the district schools and afterward pursued his studies in the Elgin public schools and Elgin Academy. He then became a reporter on an Elgin newspaper, called the Daily Bluff City, with which he was connected for several years. He was likewise connected with the reportorial staff of other papers in Chicago, Dubuque, St. Paul and elsewhere. He was first called to public office by his appointment as deputy circuit clerk, in which capacity he served for three years under Major Ben Gould, who lost his life in the ever memorable Iroquois theater fire in Chicago, as did his wife. At that time Mr. Rogers was appointed circuit clerk to fill out the unexpired term of Major Gould and in 1904 was elected to the office for a term of four years, which expires December 1, 1908.

His previous experience as deputy well qualified him for the position and his record in office is altogether creditable and commendable, having won for him high encomiums.

On the 27th of February, 1895, occurred the marriage of Mr. Rogers and Miss Josephine Mulroney, a daughter of Patrick and Ellen (Lawless) Mulroney. They now have one child, Nadia. Mrs. Rogers is a member of the Catholic church, while Mr. Rogers belongs to Monitor Lodge, No. 522, A. F. & A. M., of Elgin; Althea Lodge, No. 519, I. O. O. F., the Modern Woodmen camp, the Maccabees tent and the Elks lodge. Politically he is a republican and is recognized as one of the most stalwart champions of the party, while in citizenship he has made a record for fidelity and loyalty that is most commendable.

CHARLES L. ABBOTT.

In no profession is there a career more open to talent than in that of the law, and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more thorough preparation and more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life, of all of the underlined principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Unflagging application, intuitive wisdom, and a determination to fully utilize the means at hand are the concomitants which insure personal success and prestige in the legal profession, and possessing the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, Charles L. Abbott has become known as a prominent and representative member of the Kane county bar.

A native of Elgin, the city of his present residence, he was born April 7, 1865, and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. At the age of fourteen years, however, he left school and was employed by the Elgin Watch Company, with which he was connected for about eighteen months. He then began learning the painter's trade, which he followed for nine years, after which he again spent three years in the service of the watch company. It was while thus engaged that he conceived the idea of becoming a member of the bar, and to this end he borrowed law books from his friends, devoting his evening hours to the study of Blackstone, Kent and other authorities. In April, 1893, leaving the watch factory, he soon afterward secured a position with the fire department of Elgin. This plan was induced by his idea that it would give him more leisure in which to pursue his law studies, and on the 1st of May, 1895, he was appointed assistant chief by Mayor Charles H. Wayne. Thus he was afforded the opportunity to be away from fire department headquarters, and in further preparation for the legal profession he entered the office of Frank W. Joslyn, who for one year acted as his preceptor.

On the 20th of May, 1896, Mr. Abbott took an examination before the United States supreme court at Ottawa and was admitted to the bar. In his professional career he has made rapid advancement, for he early demonstrated in the courts his ability to successfully solve the intricate problems of jurisprudence. In April, 1897, he was elected city attorney and served for one

term of two years. In December, 1900, he was appointed assistant states attorney for Kane county and acceptably filled that position for four years, during which period he had charge of all the criminal work in the northern half of Kane county and was prominent in the prosecution of several important cases, including two murder cases—that of Antonio Romano, who was sentenced to hang, and Julius Padelford, who was acquitted. There have been but two men hanged in the history of Kane county, one capital punishment being executed in the '50s, while it was through the efforts of Mr. Abbott that the other occurred in August, 1903.

Not only in the trial of his cases before the courts has Mr. Abbott gained recognition and distinction, but also as an active factor in political circles. In 1901 he was elected alderman from the sixth ward and after serving for a term of two years refused to become a candidate for reelection. However, during his connection with the council he exercised his official prerogatives in support of many progressive measures and stood loyally in defense of the best interests of the community. On the 1st of January, 1906, he was appointed referee in bankruptcy by Solomon Bethea, United States district judge, in which position he continued until April, 1908, when he resigned to accept the appointment of assistant United States district attorney for the northern district of Illinois under Edwin W. Simms. In politics he has always been a stalwart republican and for a number of years has been a member of the central county committee.

On the 1st of May, 1890, Mr. Abbott was married to Miss Mary Schmidt, of Elgin, and they became the parents of two children: Lionel Smith, born January 19, 1898; and Ethel Francenia, born February 2, 1906. The parents attend the Universalist church, and in his fraternal relations Mr. Abbott is connected with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, the Woodmen, the Knights & Ladies of Honor, the Court of Honor, and Archon Union. He stands as a splendid representative of that type of American manhood that recognizes and utilizes opportunities. Prompted by laudable ambition, he directed his energies in those channels demanding strong intellectuality, close application and unwearied industry, and has gained for himself a most creditable and honored position at the Elgin bar.

HARRY D. BARNES.

Among the important productive industries of Elgin, constituting an element in the business life and consequent prosperity of the city, is numbered the Elgin Packing Company, of which Harry D. Barnes is the president. He has known how to coordinate forces so as to produce concerted action and win the best possible result, and thus the enterprise of which he is at the head is carefully systematized so that time, labor and outlay have been reduced to the minimum in keeping with the accomplishment of desired results.

Mr. Barnes is a native of Bloomingdale, Illinois, born November 29, 1863, upon a farm about a mile west of the village. This place was a tract

of land which was entered from the government by his grandfather, Jonathan Barnes, in 1838, a fact which indicates that the family were residents here in pioneer days. His parents were George W. and Susan (Dudley) Barnes. The father was born in Plattsburg, New York, in 1831, while the mother's birth occurred in Hamibal, Oswego county, New York. He was a lad of seven years when he came with his parents to Illinois in 1838. They drove across the country from their old home in the Empire state, starting on the first day of April and arriving in November. George W. Barnes remained for many years upon the farm where the birth of his son Harry occurred, but since 1883 has made his home in Elgin, where his wife is also living. She, too, came here in her childhood days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Dudley. Unto George W. Barnes and his wife were born nine children: Jessie, now the wife of John Bateman, of Elgin; Eva M., at home; Harry D.; Mabel, the wife of Leon D. Nish, of Elgin; Newton G., who is a salesman in Chicago; Maude, a teacher in the public schools of Elgin, and living at home; Robert M., who is a mechanic with the General Electric Company of Chicago; Ella M., at home; and G. Alson, an expressman of Elgin.

Harry D. Barnes spent the days of his boyhood and youth upon the home farm, where he remained until about 1883. In the summer months he worked in the fields and in the winter seasons attended the public schools. He came to Elgin in 1883 and during the two succeeding winters was a student in the Elgin Academy, while the summer months were spent as an employe in a grocery store. He afterward entered upon an apprenticeship in January, 1886, with the Elgin Packing Company, being first employed in the tinshop and worked as a cannaker for several years. Little did he dream on the day that he entered the establishment that he would at one time become president of the company, but his fidelity, capability and unfaltering industry won him promotion from time to time. He acted as assistant in the management for a number of years and when F. L. McClure resigned Mr. Barnes was appointed assistant manager, so continuing until 1898. When E. K. Cornell resigned he was made manager on the 1st of January, 1899, and acted in that capacity until 1905, when he purchased the interest of William Grote and became president of the company. He is now president and manager of a business that is capitalized for fifty thousand dollars and he is the majority stockholder in the company. Employment is furnished to about two hundred and fifty hands during the busy season.

The plant was established in 1867 at Geneva and was incorporated in Elgin in 1869 and located on its present site. Today the plant covers about sixty-four thousand square feet floor space. The company has about one thousand acres planted in corn, which is raised for the factory, and about one million, two hundred and fifty thousand cans of corn are annually put up. Their product also includes beans and pumpkins and the output of the Elgin Packing Company is known throughout the country. The house has ever sustained a high standard for the excellence of its product as well as the character of its service to the public. The business is conducted along most methodical lines and has been so carefully managed that there is no waste of time or effort. The greatest cleanliness and orderliness characterizes the

house and the business is one of the most extensive and important interests of Elgin. It has long since become an excellent income paying property and its high standard is continued under the direction of Mr. Barnes. The factory is situated at the corner of West Chicago and Union streets. In addition to his interest in this property Mr. Barnes owns a large dairy farm of one hundred and fifty acres near McQueen station, about six miles west of Elgin, and also a city residence at No. 225 Hamilton avenue.

In 1868 Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Ida Merrifield, who was born in Brookline, Vermont, in 1876, a daughter of Oscar C. and Marcia A. (Cudworth) Merrifield, both of whom died in Ottawa, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have three children, Katharine M., Phyllis J. and George Cudworth.

In his political views Mr. Barnes is a stalwart republican and was a member of the board of education, on which he served for six years, or two terms. He is now serving for the first term as a member of the city council as representative from the seventh ward. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Baptist church, in which he is now serving as a deacon and he is equally loyal to the beneficent and humanitarian principles of the Masonic fraternity and Althea Lodge, I. O. O. F. The place which he has won in commercial circles is accorded him in recognition of his skill and ability, and the place which he occupies in the social world is a tribute to that genuine worth and true nobleness of character which are universally recognized and honored.

PROFESSOR FRANK HAVEN HALL.

Professor Frank Haven Hall, state superintendent of the Farmers' Institutes for Illinois, is also one of the best known educators, not only of the middle west but of the entire country, because of what he has done in connection with the education of the blind, having instituted several new methods and devices for the improvement of instruction of that unfortunate class. His work has been of a character as to make him worthy of the gratitude of all who are suffering from blindness and to win for him the admiration of all who appreciate humanitarian effort.

Professor Hall was born at Mechanic Falls, Maine, February 9, 1841. His father, Joseph H. Hall, a native of the Pine Tree state, was a son of Haven Hall, who was likewise born in Maine and was of English lineage. He followed the occupation of farming and married Miss Shurtleff, by whom he had four children: Joseph, Jason, Loria and Newell. The death of Haven Hall occurred at Mechanic Falls, Maine, when he was sixty-eight years of age.

His son, Joseph H. Hall, became a shoe manufacturer of Mechanic Falls and remained in New England until about 1870, when he came west to Earlville, Illinois, to look after some land which was there owned by his son. He took up his abode at Serena, where he resided for several years and in 1903



Frank A. Hall.

came to Aurora, where his death occurred in August, 1906, when he had reached the very venerable age of ninety-three years, seven months and seventeen days. His wife survived him until November 3, 1907, and lacked but a few days of being ninety-three years of age at the time of her demise. Both were members of the Congregational church. Up to the time of Mr. Hall's death there had not been a death in the family among parents, children nor grandchildren. His wife bore the maiden name of Sophia Valentine and was also a native of Maine. By her marriage she became the mother of a son and daughter. The latter, Charlotte, became the wife of A. T. Armstrong and died in Aurora in July, 1907. Mrs. Joseph H. Hall was a daughter of John Valentine, who was born in Maine and was a nailmaker in early manhood. Later, however, he followed the occupation of farming. He served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812 and died well advanced in years in 1863, while the Civil war was in progress. He had married Miss Brett, who lived to a very old age and their family numbered six children: Sophia; Lowell; Nelson; Elizabeth; Lydia, deceased; and John Valentine, of Denver, Colorado. John Valentine, Sr., was one of a family of thirteen children, all of whom were teachers with the exception of himself, and the family history records the fact that one hundred and twenty-eight of its members have been teachers.

Professor Frank H. Hall acquired his preliminary education in the village school at Mechanic Falls and was early trained to habits of industry and diligence. Desirous for larger intellectual progress, he entered the Maine State Seminary at Lewiston, from which he was graduated in 1862. The Civil war was then being waged and with patriotic ardor he offered his services to the government, becoming a private of Company D, Twenty-third Maine Infantry. During his term of service he was detailed as acting hospital steward in the Army of the Potomac and on the 15th of July, 1863, he was mustered out at Portland, Maine, and received an honorable discharge.

Professor Hall was then admitted as a member of the first class at Bates College, where he remained for less than a year. His entire life has been devoted to teaching. Inherited tendency and natural predilections probably both bore an influence in the choice of his profession, but at all events his choice was a wise one, for time has demonstrated his power and marked ability in this direction. He taught a winter school in 1859 and 1860 at Center Minot, Maine, after which he became principal of the Towle Academy at Winthrop, Maine, where he continued from 1864 until 1866. In that year he came to Illinois, arriving at Earlville about noon on Saturday and the following Monday he began his labors as principal of the public schools, remaining in charge until 1868. In the latter year he came to Aurora and was principal of the West Aurora public schools until 1875, when he established a farm school in Sugar Grove township known as the Normal and Industrial School, of which he was principal until 1887 or for a period of twelve years. During that same time he was engaged in merchandising, conducted a creamery, carried on a lumber business and capably filled the offices of township treasurer, town clerk and postmaster. That he is a man of intense energy is plainly indicated and that his energy is most intelligently directed is proven by the

fact that he could successfully perform so many varied tasks. His experience developed a knowledge along practical lines that he has brought into use in his lectures in every county in the state of Illinois in connection with the farmers' institute work, of which he is now state superintendent.

Professor Hall, however, did not cease his efforts in connection with the public schools, for in 1887-88 he was principal of the Petersburg public schools, when he returned to Aurora and was superintendent of schools there for two years, after which he received a call to the superintendency of the School for the Blind at Jacksonville. There he remained for eight years under the administration of two governors, serving from 1890 until 1893 and again from 1897 until 1902. In the interim between his two periods of service at Jacksonville he was principal of the public schools of Waukegan, Illinois. In 1868 he had received from Dr. Newton Bateman a life state teacher's certificate and for long years he has been regarded as one of the most able and progressive educators representing the public-school work of the state. When Professor Hall became identified with the School for the Blind he took up the subject of improving the apparatus for teaching the blind. He is the inventor of the Hall-Braille writer and coinventor with Messrs. Harrison and Seifried of the stereotype-maker. These machines are now in use in more than one-half of the schools for the blind in this country, as well as in Australia and many parts of Europe and Asia. The work which Professor Hall has done in this connection is most commendable and the results are most practical. He is the author of many school books, and has devoted much time and thought to mathematics and is the author of a number of works upon this subject, especially an arithmetic, of which there are a million now in use in the schools.

On the 23d of July, 1866, was celebrated the marriage of Professor Hall and Miss Sybil Norton, a daughter of William G. and Elmira Norton. There are three children of this marriage. Clyde Haven, the eldest, is operating a farm of two hundred acres in Aurora township in partnership with his father. They milk thirty-four cows with a gasoline engine and do scientific farming and dairying, their property being one of the finest equipped farms in the state. The son married Anna Darnell and they have two children, Clyan Haven and Sybil Norton Hall. Nina M. is the wife of Ralph T. Dodge, a resident of Chicago. Sybil Verne, the youngest member of the family, is the wife of Professor Harry R. Detweiler, one of the proprietors of the Columbia Conservatory of Music in Aurora, and they have two children, Dorothy and Frank Hall Detweiler.

Professor Hall and his wife are members of the People's church and he is serving as president of its board of managers. He also owns a beautiful home at 487 North Lake street and is also a stockholder in the old Second National Bank and one of its directors. Politically he is a republican with warm admiration for Theodore Roosevelt. He cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864 and has since continued to uphold republican principles. He is a man of clear insight, ever loyal to his convictions and actuated in all of his life by high and honorable motives. If physiognomy counts for anything as indicative of character, balance, harmony and sound

judgment are his native traits. Any one meeting Professor Hall would regard him as a dependable man in any relation and any emergency. His quietude of deportment, his easy dignity, his frankness and cordiality of address, with the total absence of anything sinister or anything to conceal, foretold a man who is ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

JUDGE ROSWELL WILDER GATES.

Judge Roswell Wilder Gates, who presiding over the justice court, has "won golden opinions from all sorts of people" by his integrity in office and the impartiality of his decisions, is well known as a representative of legal circles in Aurora. He was born in Antwerp, Jefferson county, New York, August 29, 1834. His parents were America and Caroline (Wilder) Gates, the latter a native of Brockville, Canada. The father was one of six sons and four of them were named for the four continents, Europe, Asia, Africa and America, while the other two were called Jonathan and Bonaparte. Their father was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and lived to be well advanced in years.

America Gates was a blacksmith in Antwerp, New York, and made drills and tempered tools for the workmen while they were building the Erie canal. He arrived in Aurora in 1838—the days of its villagehood—and followed farming near the city at a period before the land came into market. He was thus early associated with the development and progress of this part of the state and he continued a resident of Aurora until his death, which occurred about 1852. His wife survived him for several years. She was a daughter of Roswell Wilder, a native of one of the New England states, was a farmer by occupation and in 1837 came to Illinois. Deciding to locate in Aurora he returned to the east and then brought his family here in 1838. He preempted a claim near the city and lived in Kane county until his life's labors were ended in death. In his later years he conducted a hotel and entertained "Long" John Wentworth and other notable men of that day. He was about seventy-six years of age at the time of his demise. His wife bore the maiden name of Sallie Belknap and lived to be quite old. They had four daughters, all now deceased, namely: Caroline, who became the wife of America Gates; Angeline, the wife of William T. Barnes; Emeline, the wife of Decolia Towle, and after his death Ronald McLeod; and Bethiah, who married Charles T. P. Buck. Mrs. Gates survived her husband for several years. By her marriage she had three sons: Judge Gates of this review; Oscar B.; and Robert Bruce, but the last named is now deceased.

Judge Gates was reared in Aurora and acquired his education in the public schools here. He lived at home until he had attained adult age and

then engaged in clerking for several years. He afterward filled the position of city clerk for a number of years and for a long period has been justice of the peace. It would not seem the proper thing to have any other one in the office in Aurora than Judge Gates, whose long and valued service seems to have made the right to the office preeminently his. His decisions are strictly fair and impartial and nothing can swerve him from a course which he believes to be the right one.

In 1872 Judge Gates was married to Miss Hermione Hill, and they reside at No. 187 Downer place, where he owns a good home. He also has several vacant lots in various parts of the city. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and has attained the Knights Templar degree in Aurora Commandery, No. 22. In politics he has always been a republican, but not a politician. He has lived in Aurora from the days of its villagehood, and has witnessed its development as it has taken on commercial and industrial growth, becoming one of the leading trade centers of this part of the state. He is well informed on the early history of Kane county and his word is largely received as authority upon any matter relating to the early days. He is much esteemed for his honesty and integrity of character and is one of Aurora's most respected and worthy citizens.

GEORGE E. ALLEN.

George E. Allen, who is now filling the position of health officer in Elgin, having served continuously since 1901 with the exception of a period of two years, was born in Hampshire, Illinois, February 3, 1863. When five years of age he was brought to this city by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edson K. Allen, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. While spending his boyhood days under the parental roof he pursued a public-school course, passing through successive grades and attending the high school to within a month of his graduation, when he was taken ill with rheumatism and could not complete the course. He afterward became a student in the Elgin Academy and after leaving that institution he entered the employ of T. W. Plant, a grocer, with whom he was connected for five years, being a most trusted, faithful and competent employe. On the expiration of that period he went to Chicago, and with his father was engaged in building and contract work, but in 1889 he returned to Elgin, because of his father's ill health. He has since lived in this city and for three years was bookkeeper in the employ of Alexander Robertson. Suffering again from rheumatism, he was then unable to do any work for a time, but in 1901 he was appointed health officer of the city of Elgin and has since continued in the position save for the period of two years, being the present incumbent. He is also chairman of the board of examiners for plumbers in Elgin.

On the 18th of December, 1884, Mr. Allen was married to Miss Kate Westveer, a daughter of John and Hattie (Walters) Westveer. They have one child, Hattie M., now the wife of Ralph H. Judkins, of Elgin. Mr. Allen

votes with the republican party. The only office he has ever held is the one which he is now filling. In mercantile and other business connections he has proved reliable and the same spirit of fidelity and progressiveness characterizes him in his present office. He is well known here and unfeigned cordiality makes him popular with many friends.

HAMILTON BROWNE.

Hamilton Browne is well known in the middle west as a railroad organizer and builder, and as an extensive operator in Iowa coal mines. His name is best known in Iowa, where he has been conspicuous for many years in developing the natural resources of that state. In more recent years he has extended his operations to Illinois and districts east of the Mississippi. He was born in New York Mills, New York, August 14, 1844. He is the son of John Browne, of Des Moines, Iowa, who for many years prior to his death, in 1882, was one of the most respected and widely known citizens of Iowa. John Browne was born in Wrexham, Wales, and his wife, whose maiden name was Jane B. Swale, was born in Yorkshire, England. She died at Ottumwa, Iowa, in 1855. Both parents are buried at Des Moines.

Hamilton Browne received his education at Algier Institute, Cornwall, Connecticut, where he was a student from his eighth to his fifteenth year, when he left school and entered upon his business life in Iowa, beginning as a store clerk and later employed in a Des Moines bank up to 1862, when he went south and was employed in the quartermaster's department of the Union army until July 1863. At this time he became a clerk on steamboats running between St. Louis and New Orleans. He followed this employment until 1867, when he was appointed local agent at New Orleans for the Atlantic & Mississippi Steamship Company, and acted in that capacity until 1872 when he returned to Iowa and began his career in railroad and coal mining in that state. He developed mines at Eldon, Van Meter, Angus, Lehigh, Milford and Fraser, and remained active in their operation from 1872 until 1904. In 1886 he built, in association with Mr. James J. Hill, of St. Paul, Minnesota, the Fort Dodge & Mason City Railroad, now a part of the Chicago Great Western Railroad system. In 1888 he organized a company and built the line from Laurel, Montana, across the Crow Indian Reservation to the Rocky Ford coal fields. In 1893 he began the development of the Fraser (Iowa) coal fields and operated the mines until 1904, in the meantime building the Newton & Northwestern Railroad from Newton to Rockwell City, Iowa—102 miles of road. In connection with his railroad construction in Iowa he laid out some twenty-five new towns, of which several are now prosperous communities.

Since 1904 he has been engaged in railroad building in Illinois. He organized the Elgin & Belvidere Electric Company, now operating a line between Elgin and Belvidere. He is president of the company and at the present writing is engaged in constructing another line from Marengo by way

of Lake Geneva and Delavan Lake to Elkhorn, Wisconsin, to be known as the Marengo, Lake Geneva & Northern Railway Company. In 1900 Mr. Browne purchased the Calumet Stock Farm between Batavia and Geneva, which is one of the finest properties in Kane county, and here he has since made his home, although he has his business headquarters in Chicago.

In December, 1866, Mr. Browne was married to Miss Mary Louise Napier, a daughter of Judge Thomas Hughes and Amy (Martin) Napier, of Des Moines, Iowa. They became the parents of five children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Arthur T., born October 7, 1867, who married Clara Louise Holmdale, by whom he has one child—Hamilton, Jr.; Helen Swale; Louise N., the wife of Edwin DeHaven Caldwell, by whom he has one child, John Bigelow; and Laurence, who was born September 6, 1877, and who died July 10, 1907, leaving a wife, Florence (Hargraves) Browne.

ELWOOD E. KENYON.

Elwood E. Kenyon, attorney at law, was born in Coldwater, Michigan, January 2, 1862, a son of Elias S. and Prudence R. (Kenyon) Kenyon, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. The father, a farmer by occupation, put aside business interests and personal considerations at the time of the Civil war and enlisted for service in the navy, but was never called out, as the number of enlistments exceeded the number needed for active duty. In 1864 he removed to Kane county, settling in Elgin, where he resided for many years. Both he and his wife, however, are now deceased, the death of Mr. Kenyon occurring in February, 1873, while Mrs. Kenyon passed away in May, 1904.

Elwood E. Kenyon acquired his education in the public schools of Elgin, and like many of the youths of this country, entered upon his business career as an employe in the watch factory, where he remained for several years. His interests, however, extended to a wider horizon than was offered in that field of labor, and when about thirty-one years of age he took up the study of law, and in 1895 was admitted to the bar. He has since been engaged in general practice in the state courts and the United States courts in Chicago. He has won for himself very favorable criticism for the careful and systematic methods which he has followed. He has remarkable powers of concentration and application and his retentive mind has often excited the surprise of his professional colleagues. His preparation of cases is thorough and exhaustive. No detail seems to escape him, and every point is given its due relative prominence. He is now serving as attorney for several corporations and his clientage is large and of a distinctively representative character.

Mr. Kenyon was married in Elgin April 30, 1891, to Miss Lillie P. Sherwood, of this city, but his wife died October 15, 1903. He is connected in social relations with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being one of the prominent members of the latter organization. For six consecutive terms he has represented Kane Lodge, No. 47, in the

Grand Lodge and at the same time has been a delegate from the encampment to the Grand Encampment held at Springfield. In politics a stalwart republican, he has been a member of the Elgin city council for six years, or three consecutive terms. He took a bold stand in opposing the transfer of the electric light plant to the traction company, was instrumental in having the city ordinances revised, and in many ways displayed a deep and public-spirited interest in the welfare of the city.

HENRY I. BOSWORTH.

Henry I. Bosworth is well known in business and financial circles in Elgin, and is a representative of a prominent old family of the county. He was for many years vice president of the First National Bank and is fully sustaining the honored reputation which has ever been connected with the name of Bosworth in this part of the state. He was born at Dundee, Illinois, September 10, 1854, and is the youngest son of the late Increase C. Bosworth.

His father was a merchant and banker of Elgin, who was born in Saratoga county, New York, on the 2d of April, 1812. He became one of the pioneer residents of northern Illinois, establishing his home in Chicago, the year following the incorporation of the city—1838. There he remained for only a brief period, however, for the city gave little promise of the rapid growth and development which was soon to transform it into one of the metropolitan centers of the world. After a brief period there passed Increase Bosworth removed to Dundee, where he established and conducted a general store, carrying on the business at that point until 1867, when he removed to Elgin. Here he owned a store and prospered in its conduct until 1875, when he withdrew from commercial pursuits and turned his attention to the banking business. The following year he purchased an interest in the First National Bank of Elgin and became its president, remaining at the head of the institution in the executive capacity throughout the remainder of his life. His investments were extensive in and around Elgin and he was largely interested in a number of important business concerns. In all this he displayed keen discernment and an aptitude for successful management, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. Prior to 1875 he was vice president of the Home National Bank. Many public measures received his endorsement and support and profited by his labors. For years he was a member of the board of trustees of the Northern Hospital for the Insane and was on the board of trustees of the University of Chicago. He was also alderman and supervisor in Elgin and his activity in public affairs proved helpful in many lines.

In 1844 Increase Bosworth was married to Miss Mary Ann Root, of Elgin. He continued for many years a most valuable and respected citizen here, and passed away January 12, 1888.

His son, Henry I. Bosworth, was a pupil in the public schools of this city, where he has resided since 1867. He also attended the Elgin Academy

and later matriculated in the University of Chicago, from which in due course of time he was graduated. Throughout his business career he has been connected with the First National Bank of Elgin, of which he was until lately vice president. He became thoroughly familiar with the banking business in every department and in this and in other connections is making for himself a creditable reputation as a trustworthy and progressive man of business. He has extensive interests in other lines, and is also the owner of much valuable farm property.

Like his father he is interested in community affairs, and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to a number of offices. He was the city treasurer of Elgin for several terms, and has been a member of the board of supervisors and is also a member of the library board. He has proved himself in all the relations of life an earnest, upright man, alert and energetic in business and a citizen of whom any community might justly be proud.

WILLIAM C. LANGHORST, M.D.

Dr. William C. Langhorst, a member of the medical profession of Aurora, who is specializing in the treatment of the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, was born in Palatine, Illinois, May 22, 1869. His grandfather was Henry Langhorst, who died in Germany at an advanced age. His entire life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits.

Frederick Langhorst, the doctor's father, was a native of Germany, spending his youth in the little hamlet of Lindthorst, not far from Hanover. He came to America when about eighteen years of age and was employed at farm labor in DuPage county, Illinois. Subsequently he bought a farm in Palatine township, Cook county, which he improved. Later he removed to Chicago, where he engaged in the flour and feed business, but is now living retired in Aurora, his activity in former years resulting in the success that now enables him to enjoy life's comforts without further recourse to labor. At one time he owned and conducted a lumber and coal yard and a grain elevator at Roselle, and was also proprietor of a grain elevator at Harper, Iowa. He was also a veterinary surgeon and had an extensive practice in that direction. He is considered one of the strongest men physically in the United States and his mental powers are also splendidly developed. He is noted for his good judgment, his mind being naturally of a legal trend, and while not a lawyer he has keen powers of analysis combined with ready discrimination. In early manhood he wedded Hannah Meyer, who was born in the same locality where he first opened his eyes to the light of day. Her father, Carl Meyer, came to America and took up his abode in Palatine, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. After a number of years he removed to the West but a few years prior to his death he returned to Illinois and died at Roselle, this state, at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife passed away in middle life. Their daughter Hannah became the wife of Frederick



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Langhorst and unto them were born eight children, five sons and three daughters: Mary, the wife of John C. Bagge, of Aurora; William C., whose name introduces this record; Fred, of El Paso, Illinois, where he is engaged in the practice of medicine; Sophie, the wife of Al Biever, of Aurora; Henry, who makes his home in Elmhurst, Illinois, where he is a practicing physician; Clara; Edward; and Arthur.

Dr. Langhorst was reared in DuPage county, Illinois, and attended the public schools of Roselle and Chicago. Subsequently he entered the Jennings Seminary at Aurora and later was graduated from the medical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, with the class of 1897. He then located for practice in this city but after a brief period went to Steele, North Dakota, where he engaged in the general practice of medicine for four years. On the expiration of that period he pursued a special course of study in Chicago for a year and spent the succeeding year in Europe, where his studies brought him nearer that perfection toward which he is always striving. Since his return to his native country he has practiced in Aurora, giving his attention to the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He has a liberal and growing practice and his ability is widely acknowledged, for he has done excellent work in the treatment of patients suffering from diseases which are his specialty.

On the 18th of June, 1896, Dr. Langhorst was married to Miss Waleska Hoffman, a daughter of Fred Hoffman, and they now have one child, Jeanette. The parents are members of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church. Politically Dr. Langhorst is independent, preferring to devote his time and attention to his professional duties. He belongs to the Fox River Valley Medical Association. He holds to high ideals in his profession, has constantly promoted his efficiency by investigation and research, and that he enjoys the full confidence of the public is indicated by the liberal patronage accorded him.

JOHN MICHOLSON.

Kane county is to be congratulated upon securing the services of John Micholson, who is now filling the position of superintendent of the county almshouse. He is a man of good business ability, so that he capably controls the business affairs in connection therewith, but moreover, he possesses that broad humanitarianism which prompts him to put forth the most earnest effort in behalf of the unfortunate ones who came under his care. He was born in Halland, Sweden, November 27, 1860. His father, also a native of that locality, was born December 19, 1828, and died January 13, 1905. He was a laborer and came direct to Batavia in 1868, when he crossed the Atlantic to America. His wife and family joined him a year later and the father remained a resident of Batavia until his death. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Christianson, was born December 25, 1826, and passed away October 19, 1901. They were the parents of four children:

John, of this review; Charles, who was born in 1863; Martin, born in 1865; and Karl, whose birth occurred in 1868, but who died in infancy.

In the public schools John Micholson acquired his education and commenced work at the age of eleven years. He is therefore largely a self-educated as well as self-made man, and that he has gradually worked his way upward is attributable to his own ability and close application. In early life he worked for five years as a molder, and in 1877 he learned the meat business, working for others until his close economy and unwearied industry had brought him sufficient capital to engage in business on his own account when he was twenty years of age. He became proprietor of a meat market and also began dealing in ice, both retail and wholesale. He continued in that line of business for fourteen years, and built up an extensive trade, dealing in ice at Geneva and St. Charles as well as Batavia, although he confined his meat business to the last named city.

On the 1st of January, 1884, Mr. Micholson was married to Miss Emma Lindholm, a daughter of John and Annastina (Johanson) Lindholm, of Geneva, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Micholson have one living child, Ethel, who is now a student in the high school at Wheaton.

In the spring of 1905 Mr. Micholson was appointed superintendent of the Kane county almshouse and has efficiently served in that capacity to the present time. This institution is conducted in an ideal manner. Not only is everything scrupulously neat and clean, but every possible comfort is afforded the inmates. Mr. Micholson is ably assisted by his estimable wife, who makes the women of the institution her special care, treating them with every consideration and kindness. Both Mr. and Mrs. Micholson have the love and respect of every person in the institution and well do they deserve this, for they leave undone nothing that can be done to make those under their care comfortable, contented and happy. On the 6th of November, 1907, at five o'clock in the afternoon, a fire was discovered in the attic of the almshouse, caused by the crossing of electric wires. Through the efficient work and cool-headed judgment of Mrs. Micholson, all of the inmates were removed while Mr. Micholson fought the fire. Each did remarkable work in this connection. In the main building the attic and second and third floors were gutted before the fire could be extinguished, but everything was done in the best possible way, not only during the fire, but after the flames were in check, in the care which was given to the inmates. All were kept comfortable and beds were arranged in other buildings on the premises, so that all were able to retire as usual by nine o'clock that night. Mr. Micholson displays excellent business ability in the management of the farm and the financial interests of the institution.

In his political views Mr. Micholson is a republican, recognized as one of the active workers of the party in this locality. For thirteen years he has been the chairman of the Kane County Swedish-American Republican Club, and has been honored with a number of local offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He was alderman of Batavia for four terms, or eight years, and while serving as a member of the city council did effective work on many important committees. He was also the

county supervisor for nine years, and resigned that position to accept the superintendency of the almshouse. His administration of the duties of this office has won for him high encomiums, as all are thoroughly satisfied with his labors in this connection.

EDSON K. ALLEN.

The name of Edson K. Allen was well known both in Elgin and Chicago, where as a prominent contractor he was closely identified with building interests, but it was not alone his ability nor his success that entitles him to representation in this volume, but the fact that he was honored by his fellow townsmen as a man of business integrity and as a representative citizen. He was born in Rutland, Vermont, on the 19th of May, 1834, and had almost reached the sixty-seventh milestone on life's journey when, on the 5th of May, 1901, he passed away. His father, Zenus Allen, also a native of the Green Mountain state, journeyed westward when his son Edson was but four years of age, settling first in Chicago, where he lived for a brief time, and then, in 1839, took up his abode upon a farm at Hampshire, Illinois.

Edson K. Allen was reared under the parental roof and in his boyhood days assisted in the work of the farm when not busy with his text-books in the effort to acquire a good practical English education as afforded by the public schools. Not desiring to follow agricultural pursuits as a life work, when about sixteen or seventeen years of age he learned the mason's trade, becoming quite proficient in that line and following the calling for some time or until after his marriage. He then returned to the farm and devoted his energies to the work of cultivating the crops best adapted to soil and climate until after the outbreak of the Civil war when, feeling that his supreme duty was to his country, he offered his services to the Union and on the 4th of February, 1863, became a private in the cavalry. He served for a time in Company H, of the Tenth Illinois, and afterward was promoted first sergeant. He continued at the front for two years, participating in a number of hotly contested engagements and passing through all of the experiences which are meted out to the soldier.

When the war was over Mr. Allen returned to his home and family in the north. On the 1st of November, 1855, he had married Miss Mary Jane Brydia, a daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Wilson) Brydia, of Burlington, Illinois. They became the parents of a daughter and two sons. Nancy Luerctia, who was the wife of Royal L. Dodge, and died in 1901 at the age of forty-four years; William E., who died at the age of four years; and George E., who married Kate Westveer, a daughter of John and Hattie (Walters) Westveer. Mr. and Mrs. George E. Allen now have one daughter, Hattie M., the wife of Ralph H. Judkins, of Elgin.

Following the close of the war Mr. Allen became well known as a mason, contractor and builder in brick and stone, both in Elgin and Chicago. In addition to the substantial structures, which he erected in this city, he built

many large buildings in Chicago, and his son, George E. Allen, was associated with him under the firm style of E. K. Allen & Son. He took a large contract on the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago, was also the builder of the Rosalie apartments at Fifty-seventh street and Lake avenue, seventeen three-story blocks on Berkeley avenue in Chicago and six stores at the corner of Sixty-ninth and Wentworth avenue. He also did an immense amount of work for "Buck" McCarthy, a well known alderman of Chicago. He erected the addition to the Sherman House and was a subcontractor on a number of the World's Fair buildings. He thus became well known as a prominent representative of building operations in the west, the character and nature of his operations gaining for him a foremost place as a leading contractor.

In politics Mr. Allen was a staunch republican, unfaltering in his loyalty to the party and its principles, and at one time served as deputy sheriff of Kane county. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Baptist church. He stood prominent as a man among men, his pleasant, genial manner winning him friends wherever he went, while haughtiness and ostentation found no part in his composition. He was a typical representative of the age and the district in which he lived, being an alert, enterprising, progressive man, whose death was mourned far beyond his immediate family circle, for he was esteemed and honored wherever he was known, and most of all, where he was best known.

REV. JAMES S. KIRTLEY, D.D.

Rev. James S. Kirtley, recognized as one of the ablest divines of the Baptist clergy and also widely known as a lecturer, has been a resident of Elgin since the 1st of June, 1903. He was born November 9, 1855, in Saline county, Missouri, and traces his ancestry back to Francis Kirtley, who came from Wales to the new world in 1710, settling in Virginia. His great-grandfather, Jeremiah Kirtley, was a Baptist clergyman, having begun to preach in middle life, after he removed from Virginia to Kentucky. The grandfather, Robert Kirtley, was also a minister of the Baptist church, while two uncles of our subject, Robert E. and James A. Kirtley, were likewise preachers of this same denomination, while three cousins, Eusebius, Lycurgus and James A., likewise devoted their life to the work of the Baptist ministry. The first two are now deceased.

The father of Dr. Kirtley was Major George R. Kirtley, a native of Boone county, Kentucky, born in 1824. He was reared in the place of nativity and in early manhood went to Missouri. He became a surveyor of Saline county and afterward served as an officer under General Price in the Confederate army until he laid down his life on the altar of his convictions, being killed at the battle of Hartville, Missouri, January 11, 1863.

Dr. James S. Kirtley was but seven years of age when his widowed mother returned to Kentucky, and there he was reared upon a farm in Boone county. He completed his more specifically literary education by graduation

from Georgetown College in June, 1883, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. He also studied for two years in the Louisville Seminary and spent a portion of a year in the University of Chicago. Determining to devote his life to the ministry, his first pastorate was in the Baptist church at Versailles, Kentucky, while later he occupied pulpits in St. Louis, Missouri, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and in Kansas City, Missouri. On the 1st of June, 1903, he accepted a call from the Baptist church of Elgin, where he has since remained, and in the intervening years his labors have been crowned with large success. His influence has been of no restricted order and he has not been denied the generous harvest nor the aftermath. While well versed in the doctrines of the church, Dr. Kirtley is not a theologian in that he preaches doctrinal sermons or expounds a church creed to the exclusion of a discussion of those subjects which are of vital interest to man in his relations to his fellowmen and his Maker. On the contrary he looks at life from a practical standpoint and yet holds to high ideals. His liberal scholarship and success in his chosen field of labor won official recognition when in 1894 Georgetown College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Kirtley has by no means confined his attention simply to his local church and pastoral duties. For eleven years he has prepared each week a treatise on the Sunday-school lesson for various daily papers. He is the author of a book sold by subscription, entitled "The Young Man and Himself, or The Royal Path." His publications also include "Twenty-six Days With Jesus." He is in demand as a lecturer and has declined many propositions to go upon the lecture platform. He is known as a fluent, forcible writer, an earnest and entertaining speaker, ever clear in the expression of his thought, while his utterances show comprehensive familiarity with the subject under discussion. He is one of the lecturers in connection with the Chicago University Extension work, delivering a series of lectures on the life of Christ. He has also delivered a popular lecture entitled, "In the Barefoot Kingdom," another upon "Music and Folks," and still another on "The Yellowstone Wonderland." He has traveled extensively throughout the United States and is familiar with its many points of scenic beauty and grandeur.

Throughout his life a deep thinker and an earnest student, he has given close attention to questions of an ethical nature and stands with the progressive leaders of the church at the present time, who are preaching Christianity rather than doctrine, and bring into the lives of their parishioners the influence of that Perfect Life which had its beginning in Bethlehem more than nineteen hundred years ago. He has striven to secure the adoption of higher ideals and has exerted much influence in putting a check upon gambling, including raffling. That he is in hearty sympathy with the organized efforts for charity and benevolence is indicated by the fact that he is now vice president of the Baptist Old People's Home and also of the Central Baptist Orphanage, both located at Maywood, Illinois.

Dr. Kirtley was married March 2, 1897, to Miss Mary Louise Kniffin, a native of Sedalia, Missouri, and a daughter of the late Captain S. W.

Kniffin, of Kansas City, who was an officer of the Union army. The marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Kirtley was celebrated in St. Louis and has been blessed with three children, George, Adelaide and Bess Kirtley.

GEORGE ALBERT JAMES.

George Albert James, who in his official record has given evidence of his loyalty as well as capability, regarding a public office as a public trust, is now filling the position of county treasurer. He maintains his residence at Aurora, although his official duties call him to the beautiful little county seat of Geneva. His birth occurred in Wooster, Ohio, February 28, 1858, his parents being James C. and Amelia (Seeley) James, natives of England, the former born in Bath and the latter in Somersetshire. The paternal grandfather, Charles John James, was a native of England and became a wealthy owner of coal mines. He made his home at Bristol, England, and died at the age of about seventy-two years, while his wife, Mrs. Ann James, died in early womanhood, leaving four children. He afterward married again, but there were no children of the second union.

James C. James was a lad of thirteen years when he came to America, landing at New York city in 1823. Soon afterward, however, he returned to his native country and enlisted in the navy, in which he served for more than five years, during which period he visited nearly every important port of the world. In 1832 he returned to the United States and settled in Wooster, Ohio, where in 1833 he was married to Miss Amelia Seeley, whose parents had come to this country a year and a half before. Her father was George Albert, a native of Somersetshire, England, while her mother bore the maiden name of Ann Seeley. They crossed the Atlantic with their family of three sons and a daughter and settled on a farm in Wayne county, Ohio, about two miles from Wooster, Mr. Seeley purchasing over a thousand acres of land there. He was about seventy-three years of age at the time of his death, in 1858, while his wife survived him for nearly eleven years, and was eighty years of age at the time of her demise.

James C. James embarked in business as a grocer following his return to the new world, and later also engaged in the ice trade, carrying on his interests at Wooster, Ohio, from 1834 until 1865. In the latter year he removed to Aurora, Illinois, and established a store for the sale of musical instruments and wallpaper, which he conducted until about a year prior to his death. He became one of the representative and enterprising merchants of the city, belonging to that class of men, who in promoting individual success, also contribute to the general prosperity. He died June 13, 1879, at the age of sixty-nine years, while his wife, who was born in 1818, passed away November 8, 1888, at the age of seventy years. Both were members of the Episcopal church and their lives were characterized by fidelity to their belief and the teachings of their denomination. Mr. James was a stalwart republican and was quite prominent, especially among his fellow townsmen of

English birth. In all of his business dealings he was strictly honorable and straightforward, commanding the full confidence and respect of those with whom he was associated. His family numbered three sons and five daughters. The eldest, Fred Douglas, served for four years and eight months as a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting as a private in the Fifty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Later he was promoted to the rank of captain and participated in many of the most hotly contested engagements of the war. He is now deceased. The others are: Adaline, the wife of W. N. Jones, of Galva, Illinois; Amanda, of Chicago; Frank W., who died in October, 1907, when more than fifty-nine years of age; Ella, the wife of L. J. Warner, of Chicago; Tillie, who became the wife of George E. Simpson and resides in Edgebrook, Illinois; George Albert, of this review; and Eva, the wife of Charles Gregg.

George Albert James, whose name introduces this review, was only seven years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Aurora in the spring of 1865. As a pupil in the public schools he pursued his education, and in that city was reared to manhood, entering upon his business career at the age of eighteen as an employe in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. He continued with that company for twenty-nine years and three months, and for twenty-two years of the time was foreman or acting foreman—a fact which stands in incontrovertible proof of his fidelity, capability and the trust reposed in him by the corporation which he represented. In recent years, however, he has been active in public service, wherein he has made an equally creditable record. In 1893 he was first elected alderman from the first ward of Aurora and in that office served for three terms, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many progressive and helpful public measures. He was chairman of the finance committee for three years, and did much to promote the interests of the city from the standpoint of funds. In the spring of 1899 he was appointed a member of the board of public works and thus served for seven years. In the spring of 1903 he was elected a member of the board of supervisors of Kane county and capably filled that position for three years, after which he resigned. In the fall of 1906 he was elected county treasurer and took the office on the 1st of December, being the present incumbent. He has already proved a capable custodian of the public money and his official record in this, as in other positions, has won for him high encomiums.

On the 3d of June, 1881, Mr. James was married to Miss Mollie Rooney, a daughter of John and Catharine (Williams) Rooney. One son has been born unto them, James C. James, who is now a practicing attorney of Aurora. He is a graduate of the west side high school of Aurora of the class of 1899, and was graduated with high honors on the completion of the scientific course in the State University of Wisconsin at Madison. Later he attended the Columbia Law School of Washington (D. C.) and was admitted to practice at the bar of Illinois in October, 1906, having for the past two years been connected with the legal profession in Aurora. The parents of Mrs. James were natives of Ireland and came to America from County Kerry early in the '50s. They first landed at Canada and thence removed to Illinois

in 1852. They have three daughters, who are now living: Maggie, Catharine and Mary.

Mr. James is connected with the Yeoman of America, a fraternal insurance society. He is also connected with the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and in politics is a stalwart republican. He owns a fine flat building on Galena street in Aurora, and a beautiful home at No. 260 Downer Place. In an analysis of his life record it will be seen that trustworthiness is one of his salient characteristics, combined with thoroughness in everything that he has undertaken. His record in these respects is most exemplary and over his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

REV. CARL SCHNUECKEL.

Rev. Carl Schnueckel, whose labors splendidly conserved the Catholic interests of Aurora, was serving as pastor of St. Nicholas church at the time of his death, which occurred October 15, 1908. He was born in Westphalia, Germany, March 16, 1846, the place of his nativity being the city of Warburg. In due course of time he became a public-school student and, determining to devote his life to the church, he then studied for the priesthood, being ordained in 1872. Owing to the unsettled relations between the church and state in Germany, Father Schnueckel and a number of young Catholic clergymen came to the United States in August, 1872, there being a demand for further workers in the church in this country. He was first assigned to duty at St. Francis church in Chicago and afterward was given charge of St. Anthony's for a time, owing to the illness of the regular pastor there.

In 1880 Father Schnueckel came to Aurora, where he remained continuously from July of that year until his death. He took charge of St. Nicholas parish, which was established in 1862, the first pastor being Father John Miller, C. S. S. R., who came at intervals from Chicago to minister to the spiritual needs of the Catholics of this locality. After a time a small wooden church was built. The first resident pastor was Father John Westkamp, who came in 1863 and was succeeded by Father H. Liermann in 1865. He was followed by Father Schnueckel in 1880 and he labored effectively, zealously and untiringly for the upbuilding of Catholicism here. When he took charge the parish was worshipping in a frame building. With characteristic energy he began providing the buildings which he felt the parish demanded, erecting a school building the year in which he took charge. He also set on foot plans for the erection of a new house of worship, which was completed in 1883, and the rectory was built in 1880, while a fine hall was built in 1900. All these structures are the finest of the kind in the city and are a credit to Aurora, while standing as a monument to the indefatigable efforts and splendid executive ability of Father Schnueckel. Under his guidance the church greatly increased in membership. In 1880 there were two hundred and eighteen members and today there are six hundred, notwithstanding the fact that St. Joseph's parish was cut off from St. Nicholas' parish in 1902, as the terri-



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tory and the membership was too great to be supervised by St. Nicholas church. Father Schmueckel possessed splendid powers of organization. He was a man of liberal mind and broad views, who looked at life from a practical standpoint and brought to the people a religion which he believed would prove helpful to them in their everyday contacts and experiences as well as in their relations to the church.

CHARLES ABEL GIFFORD.

The name of Gifford has long figured prominently in the history of Elgin in this part of the state, and the life record of him whose name introduces this review is in harmony with the record which was made by his honored father, Abel D. Gifford, who was one of the prominent pioneers of this part of the state. The year which witnessed the Black Hawk war, also witnessed the arrival of Abel D. Gifford in Illinois. He found a district here which claimed few white settlers. Ft. Dearborn stood on the banks of Lake Michigan to protect the settlers from the red men. Here and there some venturesome, progressive citizen had bravely faced the dangers and trials of pioneer life and had begun the task of opening up a farm or establishing other business on the frontier. Mr. Gifford became a factor in this life and from the year of his arrival until his death, figured prominently in the community in connection with the promotion of its business, social and political interests. He bore an unassailable reputation among his fellowmen for his enterprise and his reliability. He was for years connected with general farming and also engaged in dairying and sheep-raising. He likewise became connected with the Home National Bank of Elgin and his success made him one of the prosperous citizens of this part of the state. He was also particularly active in the support of the Baptist church, in which he held membership, and in the cause of education, giving a scholarship to the Chicago University, while in other ways he contributed to the work of the schools in this part of the state. His own lack of education in his youth, enabled him to understand how valuable was the instruction and mental discipline which one receives in the schools. Extended mention of Abel D. Gifford is made on another page of this work, for no history of this part of the state would be complete without the record of his life.

Charles Abel Gifford, his only son, is now residing upon the farm not far from Elgin. He was educated in the common schools of Cook county, his father's farm being situated on the border of Kane county. Later he attended the Elgin Academy and also Drew's Business College in Elgin. Throughout his entire life he has been identified with general agricultural pursuits and is numbered today among the most progressive and energetic farmers of the locality. He has an excellent property of two hundred and seventy acres, and the farm is splendidly improved, while none of the accessories of a model farm are here lacking. He likewise has other business connections, for he is interested in the Borden Condensed Milk Company and the Home National Bank of Elgin.

Mr. Gifford has been married twice. On the 22d of January, 1888, he wedded Miss Florence B. Stickney, who died in 1897, leaving four children: Frank Abel; Stanley C., who died November 24, 1897, at the age of seven years; Walter C., and Flossie, who died May 12, 1898, when but fifteen months old. Mr. Gifford was again married on the 4th of March, 1898, his second union being with Eva M. Gilbert, a daughter of Captain Gilbert, of Elgin. They have six interesting children: Olive E., James T., Julia A., Arleigh D., Ruby and Marguerite C.

Mr. Gifford gives his political support to the republican party, but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument, he has never sought nor desired office. Reared in the Baptist faith, he is a loyal and devoted member of the church and has been most generous in his contributions to its support. He is also public spirited and gives hearty endorsement to many movements for the general good. His home is pleasantly located, two and one-half miles east of Elgin, and is one of the attractive farm properties of the community, indicating in its well kept appearance the careful supervision and progressive methods of the owner.

W. C. BRIDGE, M. D.

The close application, constant study and broad sympathy which are so essential as factors in the success of the physician and surgeon are all manifest in the life work of Dr. W. C. Bridge, of Elgin, who since 1887 has practiced continuously in this city. He was born in Hanover, Cook county, Illinois, January 18, 1856, and is a son of George and Mary Ann (Chacksfield) Bridge, both of whom were natives of Kent, England, and came to the United States about 1850. They were married in Elgin, at No. 166 Kimball street, in a house that is still standing. After residing for a time in New York, Mr. Bridge had removed westward to Chicago and became a farmer of Hanover. In 1861 he came to Kane county, and after identification with its agricultural interests, covering a number of years, became a resident of Elgin, where both he and his wife still reside.

Dr. Bridge acquired his education in the public schools and in the Elgin Academy, being graduated therefrom with the class of 1878. In early manhood his time and energies were devoted to teaching, which profession he followed in Kane, DeWitt and Cook counties with good success, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He then took up the study of medicine and was graduated in 1886. His high standing is indicated by the fact that he was appointed interne in Cook County Hospital, where he served through the succeeding year, and in the fall of 1887 came to Elgin. Here for twenty-one years he has been engaged in the practice of his profession. He is in touch with modern methods as closely as is the recently graduated physician. He has always been a student of his profession and his reading and research are continually augmenting his

knowledge and advancing his proficiency. He holds membership with the American Medical Association, the state and county medical societies and the Chicago Medical Society, and has been examiner for various fraternal insurance orders. His private practice has developed to extensive and profitable proportions and he numbers among his patrons many of the prominent families of the city. He is most conscientious in the performance of his professional duties and adheres closely to a high standard of professional ethics, so that he enjoys to the full extent the regard of his brethren of the medical fraternity.

In January, 1888, Dr. Bridge was married to Miss Clara M. Barrows, the eldest daughter of M. T. Barrows, of Dundee. They became the parents of two children, but the elder, Liniti, born in May, 1889, died in August, 1892. The younger, Clarita, born in September, 1894, is at home.

Dr. Bridge is a broad-minded man, liberal in his religious and political views, yet usually voting with the republican party. He served as a trustee of Elgin Academy for one term and the cause of education has always found in him a stalwart champion. He has ever been a student and lover of good books, and much of his leisure is devoted to reading, while manly outdoor sports also make strong appeal to him, he being particularly interested in golf.

GILES EMMETT STRONG.

Giles Emmett Strong is a retired farmer living in Aurora. He has made his home in Illinois continuously since 1834, and has witnessed the remarkable changes which have transformed the northern part of the state from a wild and unimproved district, inhabited mostly by Indians, to a region of rich fertility, constituting one of the finest agricultural districts of the world, while its commercial and industrial interests now reach out to every part of the globe. Mr. Strong was but six years of age when he arrived in this state.

He was born in Tompkins county, New York, October 25, 1827, a son of William J. and Caroline (Blodgett) Strong, the former a native of New York and the latter of Massachusetts. The father was born November 18, 1800, and was a son of Salmon Strong and a grandson of Benajah Strong, who was a captain of the Revolutionary war. His father settled in Tompkins county, New York, where he owned considerable land. The founder of the family in this country was John Strong, who came from England in 1630, taking up his abode in Massachusetts, and was one of the founders of the town of Dorchester. Salmon Strong was reared in the state of New York and was a farmer by occupation. He married a Miss Jager, and both died when well advanced in years, while Benajah Strong lived to the very venerable age of ninety-six years.

William J. Strong, the father of our subject, was a farmer by occupation. He remained a resident of the east until 1834, when he came with his family to Illinois and settled three miles east of Aurora, just one half mile from the Kane county line in Dupage county. He entered his claim from the

government before the land was surveyed. It was one of the first prairie farms settled in that county, for previous to this time the settlers had made their homes in the edge of the timber, and did not regard the open clearing as a fit place for a home. William Strong became a thrifty and prosperous farmer and lived upon his first claim until 1858, when he sold his property to his son, Giles E., and removed to Aurora, where he practically spent his entire life. A year or two prior to his death he removed to Chicago and there he passed away in 1880, lacking but one month of being eighty-nine years of age. He had married Caroline Blodgett, whose father was a native of Massachusetts and a sea captain. Both he and his wife died in the east. Their family consisted of two daughters, one of whom was Mrs. William Strong. She was born in 1807 and died in 1878. They were charter members of the First Presbyterian church of Aurora, now the Congregational church, and he was known as Deacon Strong, a fact which indicates that he was an officer in the church and took an active and helpful part in its work.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. William Strong were born seven children, of whom three are now living: Giles E.; Schuyler, of Los Angeles, California; and Charles F., of Texas.

Giles E. Strong came from New York to Illinois with his parents when he was six years of age. They made the journey in a schooner from Buffalo, landing in Chicago on the 4th of July, 1834. Giles E. Strong was reared on his father's farm in Dupage county, near Aurora, and left home when twenty-one years of age. He attended the old-fashioned subscription schools, where the methods of teaching were very primitive, while the teacher "boarded 'round" among the scholars. Thus he pursued his studies in the winter seasons, while in summer he worked upon the home farm. In 1847, however, he was afforded better educational opportunities and entered the Collegiate Institute at Rochester, New York, where he studied arithmetic, algebra, philosophy and chemistry. In 1848 he attended school in Chicago, the school being conducted by Benjamin F. Taylor, the poet and author, in the old Trinity Episcopal church. In 1849 he left school with the intention of going to California to mine gold and purchased three yoke of oxen in this part of the state and another yoke in Iowa. Thus he made an overland trip to California, but not meeting with the success that he had anticipated among the gold fields of the far west, he returned to Aurora by way of the Isthmus of Panama and New York, arriving again in Kane county in January, 1855.

Not long after his return Mr. Strong married and later operated his father's farm on shares for a year. In 1857 he made a second trip to California to settle up some business which he had left there, but in the spring of 1858 returned to Dupage county and bought his father's farm of three hundred acres. He then carried on general agricultural pursuits with excellent success until 1902, when he sold or divided among his sons all of the farm save fifty acres of land. He has since lived retired in Aurora, where he now owns a good home at No. 337 South Avenue. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in the business world, as he has worked diligently and perseveringly to achieve prosperity, nor has he ever been known to take advantage of the necessities of another in a business transaction.

On the 1st of October, 1855, Mr. Strong was married to Miss Frances Crane, a daughter of David and Catharine (Stolp) Crane. She was the first girl born in Dupage county, her birth occurring September, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Strong have a family of three sons and one daughter. Edward C., the eldest, owns and operates a part of the old homestead in Dupage county. He married Addie Ferry and they have four children: Maud, Ethel, Alice and Charles. Wilbur, the second of the family, died when ten years of age. Nettie is the wife of Edward Jenkins, a resident of Naperville township, and they have three children: Bertha, Roy and Frances. Marvin is also a farmer of Dupage county, living on a part of the old homestead. He married Florence Crampton and they have a daughter, Genevieve. Maud Strong, the granddaughter, is now the wife of George Igo and they have a daughter, Grace.

Politically Mr. Strong is a republican and cast his vote for president for Fremont in 1856. He then supported Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and has since been a stalwart republican. For many years he was engaged in tilling the soil and his labors were attended with a measure of success that has made him a man of affluence. He is able now to live in retirement without further recourse to labor, and yet able to enjoy the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

EDWARD J. RAYMOND.

On the roster of officials in Aurora appears the name of Edward J. Raymond, who is now filling the office of city clerk. He was born in this city September 1, 1873, his parents being Charles and Julia (Villeneuve) Raymond. The mother was a native of Canada and came to Aurora with her parents in 1847. The father was also born in Canada and arrived in Aurora in 1858. He has now been in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in the shops at this place for over forty years, being one of the most trusted and faithful representatives here, his capability and loyalty being indicated most clearly by his long retention in the shops.

Edward J. Raymond at the usual age entered the public schools, and after therein mastering the elemental branches of learning, he attended the Sacred Heart school of this city. He made his intital step in the business world when fourteen years of age, entering the office of the Beacon, where he learned the printer's trade. For ten years he was connected with that office and filled every position in connection therewith from that of devil to foreman. Gradually he worked his way upward as he mastered every department of the business. For some years he was foreman for the Wormwood & Berry Printing Company, and later embarked in the job printing business on his own account. In 1903 he was called to public office, being elected city clerk, and is now serving for the third term—a fact which stands in incontrovertible evidence of his trustworthiness, ability and fidelity. In 1902 he was a candidate for probate clerk on the democratic ticket.

In October, 1899, Mr. Raymond was married to Miss Julia Holslag, a native of Buffalo, New York, and they have one son, Charles Edward, who

was born September 6, 1904. Mr. Raymond is a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Eagles, and of the last named he is worthy president. He has also been active in labor organizations, being a member of the Typographical Union, which he represents in the central body, and of which organization he was secretary for three years. He is very widely known in the city of his nativity and of his residence, having many warm friends here who entertain for him the highest regard, while the confidence of the public is plainly indicated by the fact that he has been elected for the third term to the office of city clerk.

H. C. WADDLE, M.D.

Dr. H. C. Waddle, city physician of Elgin, and an able representative of the profession, was born in Randolph county, Illinois, June 24, 1867, his parents being Samuel and Jane Caroline (Morris) Waddle, both of whom were natives of Illinois. The father was a farmer by occupation and lived at Normal, Illinois, for a number of years, where, somewhat prominent in public life, he served as a member of the city council and also as a member of the board of education. He was likewise a leading member of the Masonic fraternity there. He is now residing on the Pacific coast, making his home at Eugene, Oregon.

Dr. Waddle spent the first seven years of his life upon the home farm and afterward became a student in the public schools of Normal, continuing his studies through consecutive grades and later attending the Illinois State University, from which he was graduated in 1893. In the interim, however, between his public school and university course he engaged in teaching for four years and proved a capable instructor and disciplinarian. He was superintendent of schools at Marseilles, Illinois, for two years and for four years was school superintendent at Vinton, Iowa. He regarded this, however, as an initial step to other professional labor, for it was his desire to become a member of the medical fraternity, and to this end he began preparation for practice. After some private preliminary reading he matriculated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at the Chicago medical department of the University of Illinois and was graduated in 1903. During the entire four years of his college course he was editor of its paper, *The Plexus*. He then practiced for a year in Chicago and in October, 1904, located in Elgin, where he has built up a lucrative business. He has demonstrated his power to successfully cope with the complex problems that continually confront the physician, is most careful in the diagnosis of a case and correct in his application of remedial agencies. In May, 1907, he was appointed city physician by Mayor Price, and is now filling that office, at the same time carefully discharging the duties of his private practice.

On the 16th of August, 1894, Dr. Waddle was married to Miss Alchee Amaret Case, of Cherry Valley, Illinois. They have two daughters: Mary Charlotte, who was born May 21, 1898; and Alchee Caroline, born January

30, 1904. The parents are members of the First Methodist church of Elgin, and are well known socially in the city, where they have already gained many warm friends. Dr. Waddle is a member of the Physicians' Club and Chicago Medical Society, and is examining physician for several local fraternal orders. He is likewise a member of the board of education and is interested in all that pertains to the city's progress and improvement along lines of material, social, intellectual and moral development.

FRANK J. C. KRAHN.

Frank J. C. Krahn, city attorney of Elgin, was born in Dundee township, Kane county, May 21, 1872, his parents being Charles F. and Albertina (Ebert) Krahn, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they came to America in 1849, settling in Kane county. The father devoted the greater part of his life to general agricultural pursuits, but is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned ease. During the period of the Civil war he went to the front in defense of the Union.

Frank J. C. Krahn was reared upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with the work incident to the development of the fields. Liberal educational privileges were afforded him, and after attending the country schools, he pursued a course in the Dundee high school, up to the age of seventeen years. He then entered the Northern Illinois Normal School and Dixon Business College, where he continued for two years, and in preparation for his profession he matriculated in the law school of the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of LL.B. He was then admitted to practice in Michigan and Illinois, successfully passing the examination before the supreme courts of each state.

Mr. Krahn did not at once enter upon practice, but, locating at Elgin, worked in the assembling room of the Elgin National Watch factory as inspector for several years. Within that period he established an office in the business district and practiced as he found opportunity. In the election of 1907 he became a candidate for city attorney of Elgin and was elected by a large majority over an opponent that was considered very popular personally. He is now engaging in the general practice of law, and also is conducting an insurance and real-estate business, and is notary public. He has made an excellent reputation as a collector of accounts and is building up a good clientage in the law, with offices in the Hubbard block.

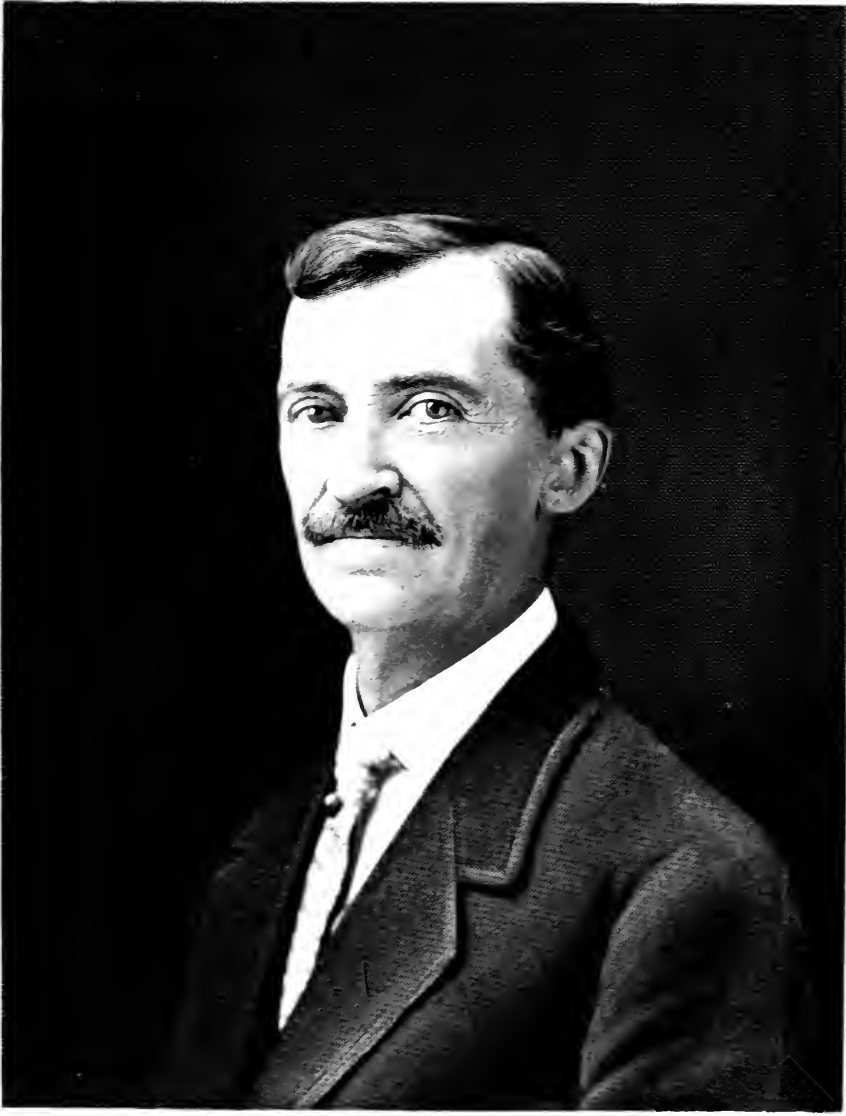
On the 22d of June, 1898, Mr. Krahn was married to Miss Cora M. Hovey, of Aurora, Illinois, and to them have been born two children: Hazel A. and Frances C. In his fraternal relations Mr. Krahn is connected with Monitor Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and with both the subordinate lodge and the encampment of the Odd Fellows. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen Camp, the Modern Brotherhood of America, the Woodmen of the World, the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Royal League. He is now serving as collector of the last named, and clerk of the Woodmen of the

World. A resident of Kane county throughout his entire life, Mr. Krahn is widely known here and has many warm friends. In his business career he is making substantial progress, having already gained a good clientage in the law, and in his real estate and fire insurance business.

FRANK O. HAWLEY.

Frank O. Hawley, now living retired in Aurora, is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this part of the state. His grandfather, Nathaniel Hawley, a native of New York, came to Illinois early in the '40s, and was closely associated with the frontier development and progress of Kendall county. He was a farmer by occupation and aided in the reclamation of wild land for the uses of civilization. He married Patience Greene, a niece of General Greene of Revolutionary war fame. Both lived to an advanced age and reared a family of five children, which number included Paul G. Hawley, the father of our subject, who arrived in Kendall county in 1837. His birth occurred in Chenango county, New York, and when he had arrived at years of maturity he married Miss Emily Hubbard, who was born in Lewis county, New York. She was a daughter of Daniel Hubbard, likewise a native of the Empire state and a farmer by occupation. He came with his family to Illinois in 1837 and took up land from the government in Oswego township, Kendall county. Both lived to be well advanced in years. Their family numbered six children. The marriage of Paul G. Hawley and Emily Hubbard was celebrated in Illinois. He traveled by wagon across the country and eventually reached his destination, which was Oswego, Kendall county. Mr. Hawley was an attorney by profession and continued in the practice of law until his death. He died in 1898, at the age of seventy-seven years, while his wife passed away in 1899, at the age of seventy-five years. Both were Baptist in religious faith and lived earnest, consistent Christian lives. In their family were seven children, two of whom survive. Four, however, reached years of maturity, as follows: Frank O., whose name introduces this review; Clara, the deceased wife of John Billings; Charles J., who has departed this life; and Carlton M., a resident of Aurora.

In taking up the personal history of Frank O. Hawley, we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in this part of the state. He was reared at Oswego, Kendall county, spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, and at the usual age he became a student in the public schools. When he had mastered the branches of learning therein taught he continued his education in the Northwestern University at Evanston, and at Knox College, in Galesburg, Illinois. After putting aside his text-books he engaged in the storage and loan business in Chicago for seven years, after which he returned to Oswego and took up farming. He is today one of the most extensive landowners of this part of the state, having made judicious investments in property from time to time until he now owns eighteen hundred acres of fine farming land in Kendall county. It is comprised within



Frank C. Hanley

several farms and returns a splendid annual income to the owner, who, in former years, made many substantial improvements upon the property and yet gives supervision to it in its further development and improvement. In 1890, however, he ceased active connection with the farm work and removed to Aurora, where he engaged in the real-estate business, in which he still continues. He owns one of the most beautiful homes in the city, situated at No. 227 South Lake street.

On the 14th of October, 1875, Mr. Hawley was married to Miss Letitia Gillespie, a daughter of David and Letitia (Cooke) Gillespie. Four children have been born of this marriage: Emily L., at home; Bessie May, the wife of Edwin Faber, general manager of the electric railway lines of Elgin and Aurora, with headquarters at Wheaton, by whom she has a son, Edwin Hawley Faber; Paul G., operating one of his father's farms in Kendall county and making his home with his parents; and Lysander F., still under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley are communicants of the Episcopal church and Mr. Hawley belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having taken the degrees in Jerusalem Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., and in Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M. His position on political questions is never an equivocal one. He is a stalwart advocate of democracy, and has held various offices, serving as mayor of Oswego for fourteen years, also as highway commissioner for sixteen years, and as president of the board of education for twelve years. He has likewise been president of the Kendall County Agricultural Society for two terms, and in all these different official positions has labored earnestly and effectively for the public welfare. His fellow townsmen have recognized his excellent qualifications for responsible duties. His unbending integrity of character, his fearlessness in the discharge of his duties and his understanding of the obligations that have rested upon him are such as to make him a most acceptable incumbent in the offices which he has held. In official life, as in business, he has shown excellent ability as an organizer, forming his plans readily and carrying them forward to successful completion. He represents old and prominent families of this part of the state and the work instituted by his forefathers in pioneer times has been continued by him to the benefit of the county and city in which he has resided.

REV. JOHN J. McCANN.

Rev. John J. McCann, the present priest of St. Mary's Catholic church at Elgin, was appointed to this position at a competitive examination held at the cathedral residence in Chicago in 1899, and assumed charge of the parish on the 24th of December of that year. Father McCann was born at Providence, Rhode Island, October 25, 1862, and attended the public schools of Aurora, to which city his parents removed in 1866, when he was but four years of age. In 1877 he entered St. Viateur's College at Bourbonnais, Illinois, where he remained for five years. He was also a student in St.

Mary's Seminary at Baltimore, where he completed his theological course on the 6th of January, 1888, on which date he was ordained by His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons.

Father McCann organized the Catholic congregation and built the first Catholic church at Byron, Illinois, in 1895. He was also instrumental in erecting the handsome brick church edifice at Polo, Illinois, and both churches were paid for within a year. He greatly improved the churches at Oregon and Ashton and also purchased a cemetery in Byron. St. Mary's parish in Elgin is one of the irremovable rectorships of the Chicago archdiocese. Its rector is appointed for life and has a vote in the selection of candidates for the archbishopric. To secure the position a competitive examination is held. The examination for Elgin was held in the Cathedral residence in Chicago, December 15, 1899, and there Father McCann received his appointment. His first public service here was held on the following Sunday. Since assuming his charge he has finished the church and made various improvements. He has recently purchased St. Mary's Academy and a nineteen-acre cemetery. No man has labored more diligently for the upbuilding and the interests of the parish and he is a zealous, earnest priest, whose life occupation is in the line of the strict discharge of every duty which falls upon him in his priestly capacity.

JOHN ALTHEN.

Among the men of foreign birth in Kane county, who, coming to America, readily adapted themselves to the changed conditions of the new world and through the improvement of the opportunities offered won success, was numbered John Althen, who figured for a considerable period as a carpenter and contractor of Elgin. He was born in Prussia, Germany, August 29, 1842, and the years of his boyhood, youth and early manhood were spent in the land of his nativity, where he acquired his education and learned the builder's trade. Attracted by the business conditions of the new world, he came to the United States in 1872, when thirty years of age. Landing at New York, he did not tarry on the eastern coast, but made his way at once to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where he resided for a year. On the expiration of that period he came to Elgin, where he began work at the carpenter's trade, and as a contractor figured for many years in the business life of this city. His residence here covered almost a third of a century and his activity, his diligence and his commercial honor were the qualities which gained for him the prominent place which he occupied in public regard.

On the 11th of June, 1873, Mr. Althen was married to Miss Mary M. Leickheim, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Leickheim, of Orrville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Althen became the parents of four sons and a daughter: Henry L., the eldest, now living in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he is connected with the Pittsburg Rubber Company, married Miss Jennie Nelson and has one daughter, Hazel; David C., who is with the Morgan & Wright Company,

of New York city, wedded Anna Dowling, and has one son, John; John W., who was a Spanish-American war veteran of Company D, Third Regiment of Illinois Infantry, died August 28, 1903, at the age of twenty-six years, from heart trouble brought on by typhoid fever contracted in the war; Mollie B. and Louis A., the younger members of the family, are now living in Elgin. The death of the husband and father occurred October 12, 1905, and his wife, surviving him for only about two years, passed away October 6, 1907. They were people of the highest respectability, who enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence and good will of all with whom business or social relations brought them in contact. Mr. Althen was a Baptist in religious faith, and was very active in church work, doing all in his power to promote the growth and extend the influence of the church. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, but he did not seek nor desire office. He was one of Elgin's solid men, who did much for his adopted city and home. He was most genial and his life record in its various phases might well serve as a lesson to the young. Dependent upon his own resources from an early age, his success illustrates most forcibly the power of patient and persistent effort and self-reliance. He so conducted all affairs, whether of a public or private nature, as to merit the esteem of all classes of citizens and no word of reproach was ever uttered against him.

LOUIS J. ALTHEN.

Louis J. Althen is the president of the Elgin Eagle Brewing Company, and a gentleman of wide business activities and interests. He was born in Sycamore, Illinois, November 3, 1862, and came to Elgin when six years of age with his parents. His father was Casper Althen, who was born in Hackenheim, Germany, in 1840, and came to the United States in 1855 with his parents, settling at Two Rivers, Wisconsin. In 1861 he removed with his family to Sycamore, Illinois, and came to Elgin in 1868, in which year he purchased the brewery which is now carried on under the firm name of the Elgin Eagle Brewing Company. This is one of the oldest enterprises of the kind in the state, having been established in 1849. The original plant was erected by Charles Tazewell, a native of Somersetshire, England, and was conducted by him, with the exception of the period of his service in the Union army, until 1868, when it became the property of Casper Althen, who conducted the business alone until 1894, when he admitted his sons to a partnership and the present Elgin Eagle Brewing Company was thus organized. The father remained in active connection therewith until his death, which occurred April 18, 1896. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Louisa Althen, whom he wedded in Sycamore in 1861. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters and the sons are now the present officers of the company.

Louis J. Althen pursued his education in the public schools of Elgin until he became a high-school student. He started in the brewery as bookkeeper and collector for his father and in 1894, when the business was incorporated

under the name of the Elgin Eagle Brewing Company, he and his two brothers were admitted to an interest in the enterprise. The father remained as its president on the incorporation, with Louis J. Althen as vice president and treasurer. Upon the father's death in 1896 Louis J. Althen succeeded him as president and treasurer, while Edward C. Althen became secretary and Emil Althen superintendent and brew master. All of the brothers continue active in the business, which has become one of the most important enterprises of Elgin. The Elgin brewery has no superior and its product is most favorably received wherever sold. For more than thirty years this was the only brewery in Elgin and a large trade has developed not only in the city but in the surrounding towns and is still steadily growing. The plant is now equipped with the latest and most improved machinery and the principles used in the manufacture of the product insures the very highest quality. The Elgin Brew is put up in kegs as well as the Adler Brau Export in bottles. The latter has become most widely known and appreciated for its purity and health-giving qualities and the sale is now extensive. The stockhouse was erected in 1892, the brewhouse in 1896 and the bottling establishment in 1898. A visit to this institution is always of interest in noting the cleanliness and sanitary conditions which are followed and in the careful systematizing of the work. The capacity is fifty thousand barrels and they employ about twenty workmen in the manufacture, selling about twenty-five thousand barrels.

In addition to his business interests in connection with the brewery Louis J. Althen is a stockholder of the Elgin National Bank and of the Union National Bank of this city. He is recognized as a man of excellent business discernment and enterprise and has the determination that enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

In 1885 occurred the marriage of Mr. Althen and Miss Elizabeth Albert, a native of Chicago and a daughter of John Albert of that city. They have two children: Casper, who has spent two years as a student in Notre Dame; and Irene, who is attending Elgin Academy.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Althen is an Elk. He is also treasurer of the Eagles Lodge and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Riverside Club, the Iroquois Club and the Commercial Travelers. He is a splendid type of the German-American element in our citizenship and has an extensive and favorable acquaintance in the city where the greater part of his life has been passed.

THOMAS P. MATTERS.

Thomas P. Matters is leading a most busy life in connection with the windmill and well-drilling business and also handles gas engines, his business covering a radius of twenty miles around Elgin. He has been engaged in this line here since 1888 and has become well known in this connection.

A native of England, he was born on the 23d of March, 1856, a son of John and Harriet Matters. The father was a farmer by occupation and dur-

ing the early boyhood of his son, Thomas, crossed the Atlantic to America with his family and established his home in Bloomingdale, Dupage county. The boy was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he assisted his father in the work of the fields from the time of early spring planting until the crops were harvested in the late autumn. He was thus busily employed until twenty-one years of age, after which he entered the employ of Josiah Stevens, who was engaged in putting up windmills and in drilling wells. For two years he remained with Mr. Stevens and gained a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the business. He then started out in life on his own account and in 1888 came to Elgin, where he has since conducted business in the same line. He is well known in this connection, and in addition to drilling wells and putting up windmills, he likewise handles gas engines. His trade calls him to many surrounding points, covering a radius of twenty miles in each direction.

On the 19th of March, 1882, Mr. Matters was married to Miss Emma Hennings, a daughter of Henry J. and Frederica Hennings, who were natives of Hanover, Germany. In October, 1899, Mrs. Matters passed away, leaving four children: Irvin, Arthur, Dell and Grace. On the 14th of January, 1908, Mr. Matters was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Hattie L. Hills, the widow of Edward Hills and a daughter of Josiah Stevens, his early employer. Mr. Matters gives his political support to the republican party, and though he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he has never sought office as a reward for his allegiance to party principles. He and his wife attend the Baptist church and are well known in this locality, Mr. Matters being respected as an enterprising, busy man and therefore a useful citizen.

CHARLES BARTELT, JR.

Charles Bartelt, Jr., well known in Batavia and this section of the county, was born February 1, 1872, on the old homestead farm, which is still his place of residence and which he is carefully conducting. His father, Charles Bartelt, a native of Germany, was born January 31, 1833, and in 1858 came to the United States, making his way direct to Batavia after landing on the Atlantic coast. He was a farmer and throughout his entire life followed that occupation in support of his family until 1897, when with a handsome competence, acquired through his labors in former years, he retired from business life and now makes his home on the east side of Batavia. He married Caroline Schimmelfennig, who was born in Germany, February 25, 1843.

Charles Bartelt, Jr., spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, acquired his education in the public schools of Batavia and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the labors of the home farm. After permanently leaving school he gave his undivided attention to general agricultural pursuits and when his father retired from the farm Mr. Bartelt became its

manager and now continues on the old homestead, where he is cultivating one hundred and forty-one acres of rich land that responds readily to the labors he bestows upon his fields. Annually he gathers rich crops and now has an excellent property. He has for a long time been studying and experimenting on a door hanger, which he has now perfected and a patent has been applied for. It is called the Bartelt Combination Door Hanger and is for use on sliding doors and gates of all descriptions. It is a contrivance so arranged that the door cannot get off the track nor out of order and is the easiest running device of the kind on the market. It is very simple in construction but most effective in accomplishing its purpose and it will soon be placed on the market for general sale. Mr. Bartelt deserves to make a success of his invention, for it is certainly worthy of a liberal patronage.

On the 9th of June, 1897, was celebrated the marriage of Charles Bartelt and Miss Lizzie Iheriss, a daughter of John and Barbara (Schlagal) Iheriss, of Batavia. Unto them have been born four children: Oliver, whose birth occurred May 1, 1900; Violet, born April 5, 1903; Wendle, born September 25, 1904; and Norma, October 31, 1906.

In his political views Mr. Bartelt is a staunch republican, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day and thus is always able to support his position by intelligent argument. Fraternally he is connected with the Mystic Workers and the Woodmen, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. All who know him, and he has many friends, esteem him as a representative agriculturist and worthy citizen of the locality in which his entire life has been passed.

CHARLES FOWLER PEASE.

Death often removes from our midst those whom we are loath to spare, because of the place they occupied in the public life of the community and in the regard of their many friends. A feeling of uniform sorrow pervaded Elgin when the news of the death of Charles Fowler Pease was received. His life record covered a comparatively brief period of forty-seven years, for he was born in Belvidere, Illinois, June 26, 1856, and passed away on the 31st of July, 1903.

A son of Walter L. Pease, he pursued his early education in the public schools of Elgin and afterward attended college at Racine and at Watertown, Wisconsin. Entering upon his business career, he was for eight years employed in the First National Bank of Chicago. Prior to this time, however, he had learned the machinist trade. His inclination, however, seemed in that direction, for he was ever fond of machinery and enjoyed studying out the workings of an intricate piece of machinery and possessed much natural ability and ingenuity in that direction. He never followed the machinist's trade, except at occasional intervals when he worked in the machine shop of the Elgin National Watch Company. After leaving the bank in Chicago, he became connected with the tile and mantle business in Elgin and as proprietor

of this establishment continued a factor in the trade circles of the city until his death. He built up a large business, having practically all of the patronage in this line from Elgin and the surrounding towns. He carried a good line of tiles and mantles and, moreover, the business policy which he pursued was such as to commend him to the patronage of the public, for he was straightforward in all his dealings, never being known to overreach another in a business transaction.

On the 11th of December, 1883, Mr. Pease was married to Miss Mary Salisbury, a daughter of Oliver H. P. and Julia (Aldrich) Salisbury, of Elgin. Unto this marriage was born one daughter, Claudia Harriett, who was graduated from the high school of Elgin in the class of 1902, and like her mother is well known in social circles of the city.

Mr. Pease exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy, but otherwise was not active in party ranks. He was a communicant of the Episcopal church and a member of the Masonic fraternity. He never ceased to feel the deepest interest in machinery and the great scientific principles which underlie all mechanical construction and operation. He preferred the quiet of home life to the interests of the club, finding his greatest happiness with the members of his own household. Of kindly nature he had the rare gift of making friends, was always genial and courteous and was an entertaining companion, ever having an apt story or anecdote to illustrate his point. He continued his residence in Elgin from the age of one year, was most widely known here and occupied a position in public regard that made him a representative resident of the city.

HON. ARTHUR M. BEAUPRE.

Among Illinois' native sons who have gained distinction in diplomatic circles is numbered Hon. Arthur M. Beaupre, now minister to the Netherlands and Luxemburg, and also a prominent representative of this country at The Hague. He was born in Oswego, Kendall county, Illinois, in 1853, and is a son of Mathias and Sarah J. (Patrick) Beaupre and a brother of William S. Beaupre, president of the Aurora National Bank. His boyhood days were spent in the place of his nativity to the age of twelve years, when, in 1865, he accompanied his parents on their removal to De Kalb, Illinois. There he entered upon his business career, at the age of sixteen years, as an employe in the office of the De Kalb County News, where he learned the printer's trade. In 1874 he came to Aurora and a few months later was elected clerk of the city court, to which position he was reelected for a second term. Shortly afterward, however, he resigned to accept the position of deputy clerk of Kane county. In 1886 he was elected county clerk by a large majority and held the position for eight years, proving a very popular as well as capable and trustworthy official.

His prominence in republican circles, combined with his recognized ability, led to his appointment in October, 1897, by President McKinley to the

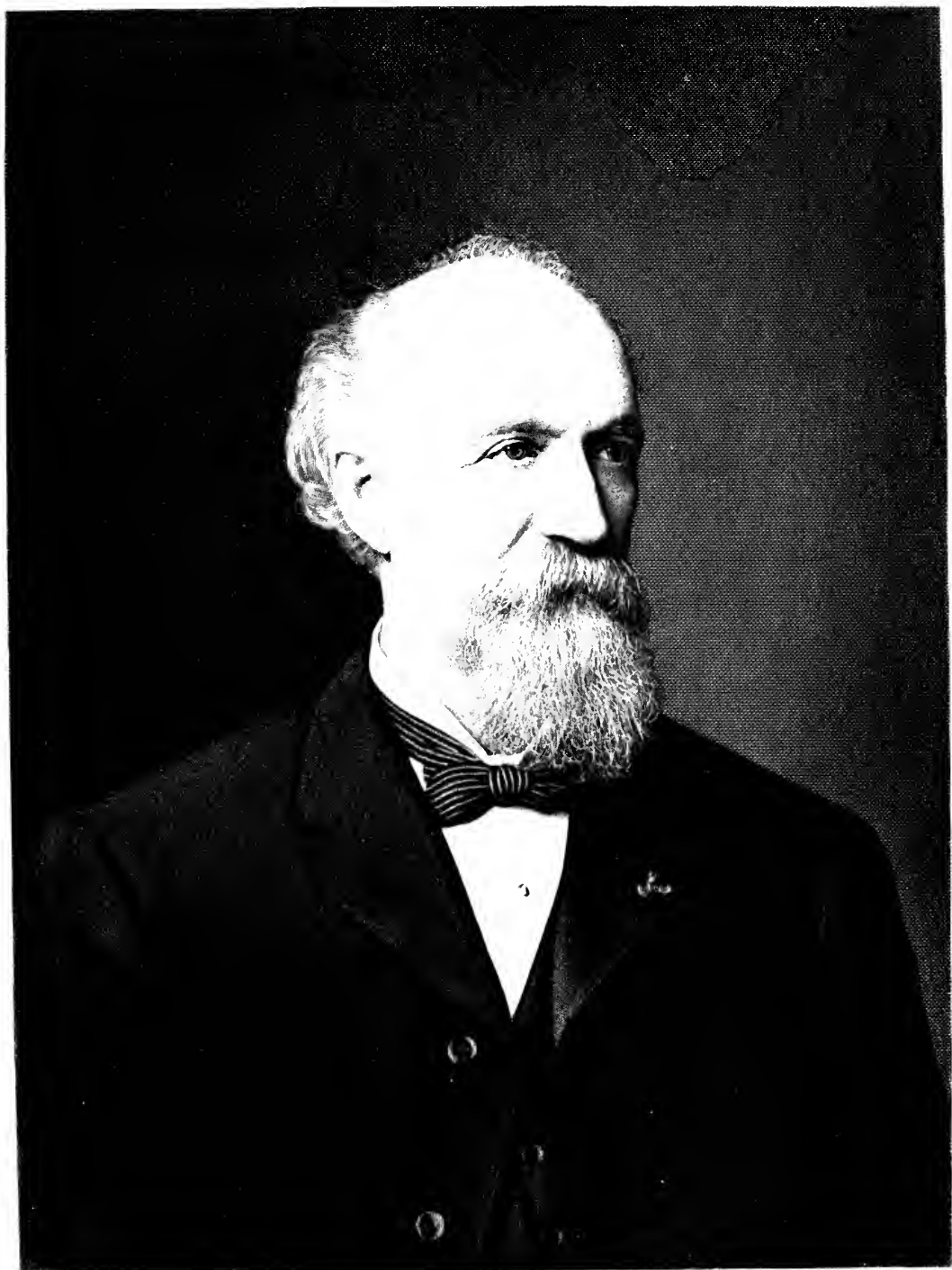
position of secretary of legation and consul general at Guatemala, where he remained for three years. He was then transferred to Bogota, Colombia, South America, and in 1903 he was appointed by President Roosevelt minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary for the United States to Colombia, this being one of only two cases where a consul of the United States has been promoted to minister. In March, 1904, he was appointed minister to the Argentine Republic, the mission being the most important in South America, and in 1908 he was appointed transferred to the Netherlands, where he now resides. He is a prominent representative of this country at The Hague and possesses those diplomatic qualities which enable him to efficiently represent American interests abroad and at the same time keep friendly the relations of this country in the land in which he is now serving as minister.

Mr. Beaupre was married October 20, 1880, to Miss Mary F. Marsh, a daughter of Hon. C. W. Marsh, long representative in the legislature. Mr. Beaupre is widely known in political circles, having many friends among the distinguished representatives of the nation, while his own ability in handling the intricate questions of diplomatic service is widely acknowledged.

HON. HENRY H. EVANS.

Distinguished honors have come to Hon. Henry H. Evans, who wears them, however, with becoming modesty. Among the prominent men of the state few are better known and his life record constitutes an important chapter in the history of Aurora, where he has made his home from early boyhood days. His birth occurred in Toronto, Canada, on the 9th of March, 1836, his parents being Griffith and Elizabeth (Weldon) Evans, both of whom were natives of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The Evans family is of Welsh lineage and was founded in America by one who came from the little rock-ribbed country of Wales many years prior to the Revolutionary war. Griffith Evans was reared to manhood in Pennsylvania and learned the millwright's trade, which business took him to various parts of the United States and Canada. Following his marriage he removed with his family to Aurora, Illinois, arriving in this city in June, 1841. Here he aided in the construction of the Black Hawk, Montgomery and Eagle mills, and, subsequently, he was for many years foreman in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Aurora. He died suddenly of heart disease on the 28th of September, 1882, at the age of seventy-three years, while his wife passed away in January of the same year at the age of sixty-nine.

Henry H. Evans, one of a family of ten children, was reared in Aurora, and acquired his education in the public schools. When a young man he engaged in the restaurant and ice cream business, but in 1862 put aside all mercantile and personal considerations that he might do duty at the front in defense of the Union cause. He, therefore, enlisted in the Civil War as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, with which he served until the close of hostilities, making an excellent



Yours Truly
N. H. Evans

record by reason of his valorous and fearless defense of the old flag and the cause it represented.

When the war was over Mr. Evans returned to Aurora and again became proprietor of a restaurant, which he conducted until 1873, when he purchased the old Fitch House, afterward known as Hotel Evans, conducting it for a number of years. He then leased the property, and, giving his attention to real-estate operations, purchased and sold real estate extensively, during which time he has embraced his opportunities for becoming owner of much valuable property. He has always taken an active interest in the welfare and development of Aurora and has been the promoter of many movements which have been of direct public good. He organized and put into operation the first street railway here and induced the Aurora, Joliet & Northwestern Railway Company to extend its line to this city. He has also secured the establishment of several factories here and has been, and is at the present time, connected with a number of the important industrial and commercial institutions of Aurora. He was for some years the president of the German-American National Bank, in which he is a heavy stockholder; is the president of the Interstate Independent Telephone & Telegraph Company; and in other ways has contributed in large measure to the substantial improvement and growth of the city.

Mr. Evans has been equally helpful in his efforts in political lines. He has long been recognized as a prominent worker of the party and a stalwart champion of its principles. In 1876 he was elected to the Illinois legislature by the republican party and in the same year was elected to the Aurora city council from the ninth ward. In 1880 he was made state senator and was reelected in 1884, which position he has filled to the present time—a period of twenty-eight years, in which he has been an efficient public servant, recognized throughout the state as one of the leading members of the senate. Much important legislation is credited largely to his efforts. He was instrumental in securing the passage of the militia bill, whereby the Soldiers' Home at Quincy was established and he was appointed by Governor Cullom as a member of his staff in recognition of his ability. He was reappointed by Governor Oglesby, serving in all sixteen years. He possesses a statesman's grasp of public affairs and in all of his public service has been actuated by a loyalty to the general good that is attested in the liberal support which he receives at the polls. Lincoln has said, "You may fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you can not fool all of the people all of the time." This statement finds verification in political more than in any other department of life. Occupying a position where all eyes are turned upon him, the political leader must be faithful to his trust or public opinion turns against him and takes from him the honors which his fellow townsmen have conferred.

In 1858 Senator Evans was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Rhodes, a native of Lancaster, England, and they have one son, Arthur R. Evans. The Senator is a man of fine personal appearance, tall and commanding, dignified in manner—a splendid type of that class of men known as the old-school gentlemen. He is never too busy to be courteous nor too engrossed with

private interests to find time and opportunity for cooperation in movements of public moment. His many good qualities, aside from those traits which he displays in his business and political career, have gained him the warm friendship of those with whom he comes in contact, and he has, perhaps, as many warm personal friends among democratic leaders as in the ranks of the republican party. That he is a man of broad capabilities is indicated by the extent of his business interests and his public service. He has moral courage fit for any emergency, and although he has always been a pronounced republican he is without partisan prejudice and in his candidacy has been supported with enthusiasm by many leaders of the opposition. His tastes are simple but refined and delicate, and conspicuous among his many good traits of character is his fearless devotion to whatever he thinks comes within the pale of public or private duty.

VACLAV H. PODSTATKA, M. D.

There is perhaps no better indication of an advancing civilization than is manifest by the Caucasian peoples in their treatment of their physically and mentally incompetent. The work has been placed upon a broad humanitarian basis and the most advanced science has been brought to bear in the treatment of those who are wards of the state. Men of broad learning are continually studying out plans and methods whereby the interests of the insane may be promoted, while men of marked ability are at the head of such institutions and are securing wonderful results in their treatment. Dr. Podstata, now the head of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane at Elgin, has made a close and comprehensive study of mental and nervous disorders and entered upon his present position well fitted by education, temperament and experience to administer his important office.

A native of Austria, Dr. Podstata was born in Hohenbruck, April 24, 1870. His literary education was acquired through attendance at the common and high schools and colleges in his native country and when a young man of nineteen years he crossed the Atlantic to America, establishing his home in Chicago. There he was assistant editor of the *Pravda*, a missionary paper published in that city by the Rev. E. A. Adams, D.D. Three years were devoted to that work and he then entered upon the study of medicine and surgery in the Chicago Homeopathic College, from which he was graduated in 1895. The same year he took the competitive examination for internes in the State Hospitals for the Insane and received an appointment to Kankakee, entering upon his work there on the 1st of June. In September, 1895, he was promoted to the position of assistant physician in the institution and four years later he secured a seven months' leave of absence, during which period he pursued the senior year course of the medical department of the University of Illinois, graduating from this institution. Returning to Kankakee, he was advanced through successive promotions until he became acting chief of staff.

Resigning at Kankakee, Dr. Podstata became physician in charge of the Oakwood Sanitarium at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in 1902, and a year later, in June, 1903, on the recommendation of the men and women engaged in the regeneration of the Cook county institutions at Dunning, he was appointed superintendent there by the Hon. Henry G. Foreman, president of the board of commissioners of Cook county. With untiring zeal and energy Dr. Podstata took up his work in that connection. His task included the reconstructing of the medical service and the superintendence of large physical improvements along modern hospital lines. He, however, was well qualified for the duties that thus devolved upon him. Although a young man, he had already had broad experience and his comprehensive learning and ready adaptability enabled him to meet the needs of the institution and to put it upon a basis for future successful work. In the three years of his stay at Dunning, the entire medical service was reorganized with senior physicians and internes to carry it out; a training school for the nurses and attendants was established and there were erected three new cottages, a pavilion, a special ward building for farm workers, a new morgue and pathological laboratory and a group of modern buildings for consumptive patients, while a large modern building, erected for tubercular patients, was converted into an up-to-date hospital for the physically sick insane, with a capacity for three hundred and sixty patients.

The ability which Dr. Podstata displayed in that connection led to his selection as the head of the Northern Illinois Hospital for the Insane at Elgin by its board of trustees. He has already accomplished excellent work here and is moving forward along modern scientific and humanitarian lines, his labors receiving the endorsement of all who recognize the value of superior work of this character.

Dr. Podstata was married January 12, 1903, to Miss Mary Graham Porter. Socially he is a pleasant and genial gentleman and has many friends. He has little time, however, for social pleasures, his attention being given in undivided manner to his professional duties as the head of the Elgin institution.

EDWARD C. ALTHEN.

The name of Althen has figured in connection with the productive industries of Elgin for forty years and Edward C. Althen is now a factor in the industrial life as secretary of the Elgin Eagle Brewing Company. He was born here April 13, 1874, and has always made his home in this city, where he attended the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high-school student. He afterward attended Bryant & Stratton Business College in Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1897, and, like his elder brothers, he entered the brewing business, which his father had conducted from 1868. The industry was incorporated in 1894 under the name of the Elgin Eagle Brewing Company and since 1896 Edward Althen has been its secretary and active in a position of executive management and control.

On the 1st of September, 1902, was celebrated the marriage of Edward C. Althen and Miss Hannah L. Strandt, a native of Elgin, and a daughter of Carl Strandt. In his social relations Mr. Althen is connected with the Elks, the Eagles and Moose and the Masons, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while he has never sought nor desired office, he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day.

JAMES ANDERSON CARLISLE.

James Anderson Carlisle for almost forty years was a resident of Elgin. His life was varied in its experiences and interests. Born in the Empire state, he was among those who went to California at the time of the excitement attending the discovery of gold and later he came to the middle west to become a factor in the upbuilding and substantial development of Kane county. He was born in Charleston, Montgomery county, New York, June 3, 1827. His parents were Dr. William and Lydia (Schuler) Carlisle, the former of Scotch lineage and the latter of German descent, while both were representatives of old families of the Empire state. In the family were four sons and two daughters, but the younger daughter is the only one now living. One son, Lewis Carlisle, lost his life while on the way to California in 1849.

James A. Carlisle spent his childhood in the place of his nativity, learning the value of hard labor and constant economy. He was a young man at the time of the discovery of gold in California and attracted by the opportunities of rapidly acquiring wealth there in the mines, he sailed for the Pacific, making the journey by way of the Isthmus route. He spent six years in the Golden state and during the greater part of that time conducted a general mercantile store. In 1858, however, he returned to the east and then resolved to establish his home in the middle west. Accordingly he came to Illinois, settling at Elgin. Here he began reading law and entered upon the practice of his profession, in which he continued for some time, but later he withdrew from legal circles and embarked in the hardware business. The next change in his business career made him proprietor of a creamery and cheese factory at South Elgin and later he established other enterprises of a similar character. At one time he was owner of three factories, one at South Elgin, one at Woodstock, Illinois, and one at Elkhorn, Wisconsin. In this undertaking he made creditable success and continued in the creamery business up to the time of his death. He also did some commercial law work and administered several estates. Such was his known integrity and reliability that positions of trust were thus given to him from time to time and he was evermost loyal thereto. In fact, wherever he was known his word was considered as good as any bond secured by signature or seal and his business integrity stood as an unquestioned fact in his career. He became a stockholder of the Elgin Academy and was active in the promotion of the Elgin Watch factory, in which he was also a stockholder. He displayed sound

business judgment and enterprise and in his career brooked no obstacles that could be overcome by persistent, honorable effort.

On the 1st of January, 1863, Mr. Carlisle was married to Miss Alida Sprague, a native of Pike, New York. She removed in her girlhood to Dansville, New York, in 1856 went to Wisconsin with her parents, and came to Elgin as a bride, since which time she has made her home in this city, arriving on the 2d of January, 1863. Since 1866 she has lived continuously in the residence which she now occupies. She is a daughter of James G. and Susan Dewey (Paddock) Sprague, in whose family were four sons and two daughters, including James P. Sprague, who was chief engineer of the United States navy. He died in Rochester, New York. He had been married about fifteen years prior to his death to Miss Libbie A. Dewey, a daughter of the late John B. Dewey, of Rochester. Mr. Sprague and his wife resided in Annapolis. He was a native of New York and entered the navy, with which he was connected for more than twenty years, entering it as an engineer under competitive examination. He served in the Civil war under Admiral Farragut and was present at the passage of the forts at the mouth of the Mississippi river and at the engagement at Vicksburg and other points, being under fire for one year and six days. He also assisted in the attack on Mobile and in all the principal battles where Farragut commanded. At the close of the war he went on a cruise to China and around the world in the Iroquois. He was serving on the Wateree, a United States battleship, at Arica, Peru, in 1868, when that city was destroyed by an earthquake and tidal wave. Every other vessel in the harbor was destroyed and the Wateree was carried inland by a tidal wave and left three-fourths of a mile from the sea on dry land. Mr. Sprague was at the head of the engineering department of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis for three years. Before that time, however, he was on special duty in the service of the government at Washington and was for four years engaged in important experimental work in iron and wire rope, the results of which were published by the government. He invented a valuable machine for testing the strength of iron, which is now used in the Washington navy yard. He was a man of charming personality, unfeigned cordiality and a most entertaining conversationalist.

As stated, his sister became the wife of James A. Carlisle and has resided continuously in Elgin since 1863. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle were born six children: Susan Adaline, the wife of David T. Sharpless, of Westchester, Pennsylvania; Guy Sprague, who was drowned in the ferry disaster in Elgin in 1881; John Anderson, who is in the west; Francis Perry, who died in infancy; Charles Sylvanus, of Austin, Illinois; Henry Burton, who is in the employ of his brother-in-law, Mr. Sharpless.

In his political views Mr. Carlisle was a staunch democrat and was elected to office in a republican district, a fact which indicated his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. He served as township supervisor for seventeen years and a part of the time had no opposition. He was also alderman of the city and served on the building committee of the board of supervisors when the present courthouse was erected. His official duties were discharged with the utmost capability and fidelity and his record was at all

times most commendable. He was a generous supporter of the Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Carlisle is a member, and he felt the deepest interest in matters of public welfare, doing all in his power to promote the plans and measures calculated to prove of public benefit. He died October 4, 1898, after a long residence in Elgin, during which time he enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence and good will of his fellowmen. He was one of the early promoters of the dairy industry here and in all his business affairs was most reliable and trustworthy. His demise was the occasion of deep regret, for Elgin lost a representative citizen, his associates a faithful friend and his family a devoted husband and father.

FREDERICK CONRAD SCHURMEIER, M.D.

The medical fraternity is represented by a class of men who on the whole are devoted to the profession and to high ideals in connection therewith. No other department of business activity is as little commercialized as this and while the physician may well be prompted by a laudable ambition to attain success, the successful practitioner must necessarily also possess that humanitarian spirit which enables him to understand his patients and not only to administer the necessary remedial agency but also to speak the word of cheer or encouragement that is necessary in each particular instance. Possessing all of the requisite requirements of the able physician, Dr. Frederick C. Schurmeier is successfully practicing in Elgin.

His life record began in Gibson county, Indiana, March 18, 1872. His parents were Henry and Carolina (Carley) Schurmeier, both of whom were natives of Germany. In the year 1851 the father came to America, making his way to Gibson county, Indiana, where he purchased government land that was all covered with timber, it being necessary that he cut away the trees in order to have space enough upon which to erect his log cabin. In the course of time he cleared one hundred and sixty acres, which he brought under a high state of cultivation and for many years successfully carried on general farming there. He was one of the pioneers of that section and experienced many of the hardships and privations incident to frontier life, but bore his full share in the work of general improvement and progress. He is still living but has lost his wife.

Dr. Schurmeier, who is the youngest of their family of four sons and one daughter, all of whom survive, was reared upon the home farm and acquired his education in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he left the high school at the age of eighteen years. In 1895 he matriculated in the Northwestern College at Naperville, Illinois, and completed a scientific course by graduation with the class of 1899, the degree of M.S. being conferred upon him in 1902. With broad general knowledge to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning, he entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, mastered the regular course and was graduated in 1902. He then put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test as assistant interne in the Chicago Lying-In

Hospital and he also did statistical work with Professor Ingalls in Cook County Hospital for some time.

In the fall of 1902 Dr. Schurmeier located in Elgin, where he has since practiced his profession and has built up an extensive business. He is constantly overburdened by the demands made upon him in professional lines and gives his time and energies unstintedly to his profession, with a sense of conscientious obligation regarding the responsibility that devolves upon him in this connection. He is now medical examiner for the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, the Court of Honor and the Northern Star. His membership relations extend to the American Medical Association, the State Medical Society, the Fox River Valley Medical Society and the Physicians' Club, and he served as city physician of Elgin under Mayor Carl E. Botsford. Aside from his professional duties already designated he is now an instructor in rhinology and laryngology in the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, which position he has occupied since 1905. At the same time he was made associate in medicine of the Evangelical Hospital in Chicago and surgeon to the Sherman and to the St. Joseph Hospital of Elgin.

In June, 1902, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Schurmeier and Miss Marie Catharine Hatz, of Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin. They have one son, Le Roy Hatz. The parents are members of the First Evangelical Association and are well and widely known socially. With a nature that could never be content with mediocrity, Dr. Schurmeier has steadily advanced in his chosen calling until he today occupies a prominent place in the ranks of the medical fraternity. Industry and enterprise are as essential in winning success in this direction as in any other department of business and those qualities have contributed in large measure to his advancement.

EMIL ALTHEN.

Emil Althen, superintendent of the Elgin Eagle Brewing Company, is thus connected with one of the oldest enterprises of the city. The business was founded in 1849, twenty years before he entered upon the journey of life, for he was born July 2, 1869, in the city which is yet his home. He is a son of Casper Althen, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of Louis J. Althen. He pursued his education in the public schools, in Elgin Academy and in Drew's Business College.

He began to learn the brewing business after completing his education, spending three years in the employ of the Peter Schoenhofen Brewing Company of Chicago. He was also for three years in New York city and gained a most thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the brewing business through his experience in Chicago and in the eastern metropolis. He then returned home, but after a short time again went to New York city and studied in the United States Brewing Academy of New York city, becoming an expert in his chosen field of labor, thoroughly understanding the great sci-

entific principles which underlie the manufacture of beer as well as the practical work connected therewith. In 1891 he returned to Elgin and took active management of the brewery here, which position he has since filled. Under his guidance the product of the brewery has been brought up to a high standard, which insures it a ready and profitable sale.

On the 3d of December, 1893, occurred the marriage of Emil Althen and Miss Minnie Strandt, a native of Germany, who came to Elgin when three years of age with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strandt. Two children grace this marriage, Emil Casper and Louise Matilda.

Mr. Althen is active in several fraternal organizations and societies. He belongs to the Elks and the Eagle lodges and has been vice president and trustee of the Germany Society of Elgin. He is also a member of the Blatt-duetch Gilde and served as a trustee for several terms. He also belongs to the United States Brewmasters' Association and is a member of the Chicago League. He is an alert, enterprising and energetic business man, whose close application and thorough understanding of his business are bringing him success.

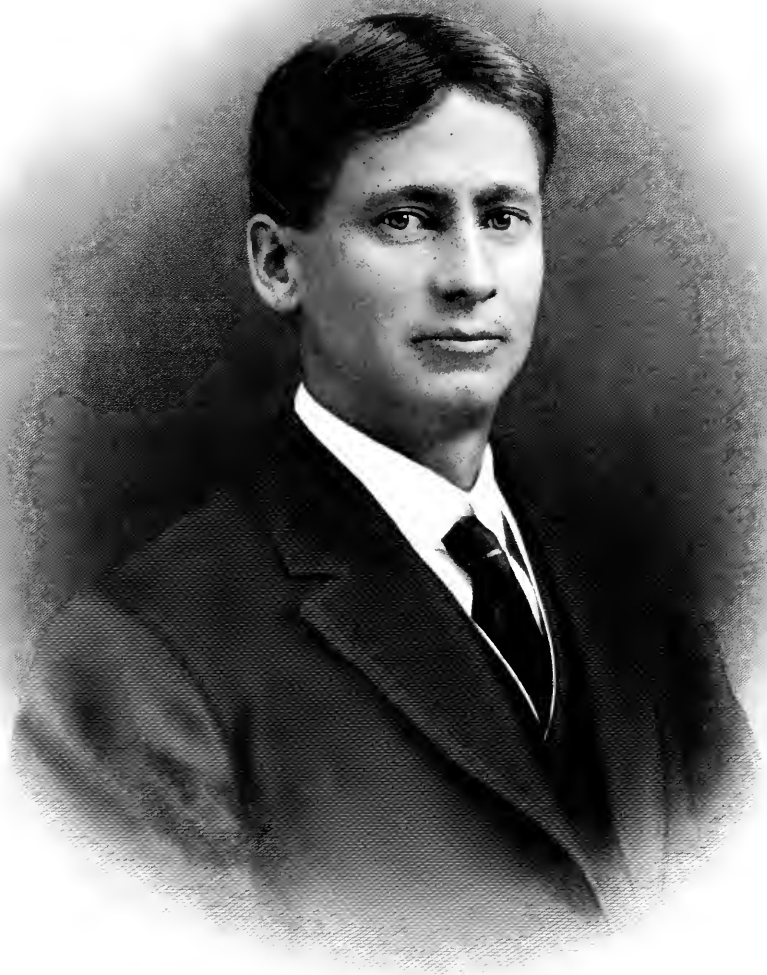
WILL A. JOHNSON.

A man's tastes and inclinations have much to do with fixing his choice of an occupation for life, notwithstanding his circumstances and the opportunities in other lines of activity which present themselves to him. Will A. Johnson's love of horses, doubtless, was a potential influence in leading him into the livery business and his extensive dealings in this line. He has always been fond of horses and never better pleased than when he had plenty of them around him. In his present business enterprise he is able to gratify his taste in this respect, and, at the same time, carry on a profitable business.

Mr. Johnson's life began at Jericho Corners, in Sugar Grove township, July 12, 1876. His parents are Rufus F. and Harriet (King) Johnson, the latter, at the time of her marriage to Mr. Johnson, being the widow of John Edmonds, who laid his life on the altar of his country in the Civil war, being killed at the battle of Chickamauga, September 12, 1862.

Rufus F. Johnson was born August 2, 1831, and is now living retired from active pursuits at Fulton, Illinois. His wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Jones King, was born at Bergen, New York, October 24, 1834, and was married to John Edmonds at Lodi, now Maple Park, Illinois, January 7, 1856. The children born in the Johnson household numbered four, of whom Will was the fourth. The others are: Alpha J., a sketch of whom will be found on another page of this work; Elora, born September 30, 1875, the wife of Burton Mighell, a resident of Holstein, Iowa; and George A., who died at the age of twenty-six.

Mr. Johnson's grandfather, Reuben Bingham Johnson, was a native of Ashville, Chautauqua county, New York. He married Miss Sophronia Sophia



Will A. Johnson

Fitch and came to Kane county March 6, 1836. He passed the remainder of his days in farming and was one of the prominent and well-known pioneers of this part of the state. After thirty-six years of useful and productive energy in the county, he died here December 31, 1872. His wife's father, Mr. King, came west about the same time, making the trip with a fine team of black horses, which he drove overland from the state of New York. This team later became the property of his son-in-law, Rufus F. Johnson, who traded it for the farm in Sugar Grove township on which Will Johnson was born, and which, from the time it came into the family, has ever been known as the Johnson homestead.

Reuben Bingham Johnson was a man of strong religious principles and Jerico Methodist Episcopal church still stands as a monument to the generosity of his character. He gave the land belonging to it and was one of the founders of the congregation which worshiped in it for many years. It was one of the finest churches in the Fox River valley and was known far and wide in the early days. This church stands on the line between Kane and Kendall counties, in the southwestern corner of Sugar Grove township, on a commanding elevation in the midst of a rich agricultural region, and was long the place of worship and the scene of literary and social entertainments for the pioneers who blazed the way for the advance of civilization into this part of the country. It is no longer used, but nothing can rob it of its high and interesting place in the history of the county. The cemetery is the last resting place of many of the first residents of the county.

Will A. Johnson received his early education at the district school near his home. He continued his studies at the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial School, which he attended several years, and supplemented his training there with a course at the Valparaiso (Ind.) Business College. On May 30, 1903, he was united in marriage with Miss Nellie M. Lye, a daughter of Alva and Frances (Robbins) Lye, the former now living at Plano, Kendall county. Mrs. Johnson was born near that town May 30, 1881, and came with her parents to Sugar Grove township in her childhood. Her education was obtained in the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial School. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children: Lucile, born April 26, 1904; and Kenneth William, October 4, 1906.

Mr. Johnson is engaged in the livery business at Sugar Grove, in connection with which he is an extensive dealer in lumber, coal and farm implements. His livery barn is one of the finest and most completely equipped in Kane county, and the proprietor is accounted one of the most progressive young men in his township. He has been very successful in his business and is universally respected for his integrity and his application of the golden rule to all in his business transactions. His early life, however, was not wholly free from care and privations. He well recollects yet the first money he earned, when, as a boy aged seven, he covered corn with a hoe and received for his work twenty-five cents a day. For many years he worked as a farm hand, but in 1903 concluded to set up for himself and rented a farm which he controlled one year. At the end of that time he bought the business in which he is now engaged. As has been stated, he is very fond of good horses and he

deals in them extensively, buying large numbers of them from farmers every year and selling them to all classes of purchasers but mainly to dealers.

The life history here briefly told, comparatively few as are the years it covers, is full of suggestiveness. It chronicles the simple, modest and plain but useful career of a leading business man, an influential citizen and an earnest worker, whose energies have ever been employed in efforts to promote the improvement of his township and county and the best interests of all its people, and whose dealings with his fellowmen have always been strictly on the square. In politics he is a republican and in fraternal life a Knight of Pythias, holding his membership in the order in the lodge at Aurora. But in business and social relations he is simply a man and holds every other man who is worthy as his brother, without regard to race or creed, or political or fraternal relations.

ALEXANDER TYLER, D.V.S.

Dr. Alexander Tyler, successfully engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery at Elgin, was born in Pierpont, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of October, 1852. His father, Joseph Tyler, who devoted his life to general farming, died in the town of Hampshire, Kane county, Illinois, in 1860, while his wife, Mary DeWolf, passed away three days before. Thus at the early age of eight years Dr. Tyler was left an orphan. He had been brought west by his parents when two years of age and the family home had been established in Hampshire. He was educated in the public schools and in the Chicago Veterinary College and was graduated in 1889. Having prepared for practice, he remained for a year in Hampshire and then sought a broader field of labor in Elgin, to which city he removed on the 18th of November, 1890. He has now remained here for eighteen years in the practice of veterinary surgery and because of his skill and ability a liberal patronage has been accorded him.

Dr. Tyler was married in 1877 to Miss Jeannette McCornack, a daughter of John and Martha McCornack, who were residents of Rutland township, this county. Dr. and Mrs. Tyler now have two sons and a daughter: Merton L. Ralph Dewitt and Jessie May. The first named is employed in Chicago and married Bertha Studemann. Ralph Dewitt, a graduate of the high school of Elgin, married Mamie Savage and is now living in South Dakota. They had twin sons, Kenneth Ralph and Harry William, born December 18, 1906, but the latter died March 11, 1908, and the former on the 17th of the same month. Jessie May Tyler is now with the Brethren Publishing House of Elgin.

Dr. Tyler keeps in close touch with the progress of the profession and in 1904 pursued a post-graduate course in the Chicago Veterinary College. He enjoys a good practice and in fact is recognized as a leader in his line in this part of the state. He prepared and read a paper before the Veterinary Medical Association and the State Veterinary Medical Association on "reports of cases of anthrax," which was well received and awakened much comment.

The disease is supposed to be fatal, but through experimenting Dr. Tyler has prepared a medicine that has been very successful in checking the ravages of the disease. His report therefore was received with intense interest by the members of the profession. In this connection he has done excellent work and his record is altogether creditable.

PATRICK DONOGHUE.

Patrick Donoghue was among those who first made Elgin a center for dairy interests, for he was among the pioneers in this line of business in northern Illinois. A native of Ireland, he was born in September, 1829, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 18th of February, 1875. His father, Michael Donoghue, spent his entire life on the Emerald Isle and after his death Patrick Donoghue came to the United States with his mother, Mrs. Mary (O'Hearn) Donoghue, while the other members of the family arrived at a later date.

Patrick Donoghue was twenty-two years of age when he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the new world, coming direct to Chicago after landing at the American port. He was engaged in the milk business in Chicago, but at the time of the ever memorable fire in that city in the fall of 1871 he lost his business and his residence there and soon afterward removed to Elgin. In the vicinity of this city he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, the place being pleasantly located about two miles east of the town. He was one of the pioneers in the milk business in this locality, being among the first to ship milk to Chicago. His dairy interests were always conducted along progressive lines and the utmost neatness and cleanliness was observed in the care of the milk, so that the product of his dairy found a ready sale on the market.

Mr. Donoghue was married twice. He first wedded Julia Driscoll, who died about thirteen years later. They were the parents of four children: Margaret, Michael, Dennis and John. On the 3d of July, 1872, Mr. Donoghue was again married, his second union being with Mary Dwyer, a daughter of Richard and Ellen (Barry) Dwyer, of Rutland, Kane county. They had one child, Mary Ellen, who is a graduate of the Elgin high school and is now principal of the Oak street school of this city, having occupied that responsible position for six years. The board of education at Elgin desired to make her supervising principal, but this would have necessitated a change of schools and the parents of children in the district where she is now principal petitioned so strongly that she should not be removed that the board at length had to rescind. While it cost her something in the line of financial promotion, it indicated most clearly the great esteem in which she is held in the community and also proves the excellent work that she is doing in connection with the schools. She has seven teachers under her and is a most excellent teacher, proving a capable disciplinarian as well as instructor, and one who is con-

stantly alert for new methods that will improve the interests of the schools and promote their efficiency.

Mr. Donoghue was an active democrat and was a most loyal Catholic, in which faith he reared his family. He was related to the Dooleys, the great shipbuilders of New York, and the Donoghue family is a noted one in Ireland, being well connected. When Mrs. Donoghue came to Elgin with her parents there were but seven houses in the town. Her father was a farmer and took up a school section of land. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and became the owner of three large farms at the time of his death, which occurred in 1888. Her mother passed away in 1891. They had come to Elgin, December 12, 1842, being among the first residents of this part of the county, and from that time to the present representatives of the family have been well known here and have taken an active and helpful part in the work of public improvement and upbuilding. Mr. Donoghue, too, was known as a citizen of value and though in his later years he did not enjoy good health, he yet gave his aid and his influence to many movements for the public good.

BEEBY E. RICHARDSON.

Beeby E. Richardson is a resident of the beautiful little city of Geneva, the county seat of Kane county, and at the present writing, in 1908, is filling the office of county sheriff. A native of Aurora, he was born March 14, 1866, and comes of Scotch ancestry, both his paternal and maternal grandparents spending their entire lives in the land of hills and heather. It was there that his parents, John and Isabella (Ackerly) Richardson, were also born and reared. The father was a cabinetmaker by trade and followed that pursuit for many years. On coming to the United States he settled in New York, but later removed to Michigan and afterward became one of the early residents of Kane county, Illinois, taking up his abode in Aurora, where he was employed in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company until 1872. In that year he removed to Goldfield, Iowa. Unto him and his wife were born seven sons: John, of Ottertail, Minnesota; Thomas, deceased; Jeremiah, who has also passed away; Clark, who resides in Kulerim, Iowa; Frank, deceased; Beeby E., of this review; and Henry, who is also deceased.

Beeby E. Richardson was reared in the city of his nativity and at the usual age began his education in the public schools, continuing his studies to the age of thirteen years, when he began providing for his own support by working as a farm hand. He was thus employed for five years and at the expiration of that period entered the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, where he learned the trade of a wood machinist. For seven years he was thus employed and later spent several years in the Pullman shop, at Pullman, Illinois. In 1894 he became a resident of Geneva, where for three terms he served as chief deputy sheriff. His long experience in that office well qualified him for the duties of sheriff, to which position he was elected in

1906. He discharges his duties without fear or favor and is an excellent custodian of the public interests in maintaining law and order.

On the 26th of December, 1889, Mr. Richardson was married to Miss Agnes Burke, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Burke and a member of the Catholic church. Mr. Richardson belongs to Rock City Lodge, No. 718, I. O. O. F., Mystic Trial Lodge, No. 419, K. P., Rock Springs Camp, No. 662, M. W. A., and is likewise connected with the Elks of Aurora and the Eagles of Elgin. In these different organizations he has many friends and is found as a worthy exemplar of the beneficent spirit upon which they are founded. Since attaining his majority his political allegiance has been unflinchingly given to the republican party and he is recognized as one of the leaders in its local ranks.

ELIAS J. VAILL, M.D.

Since 1900 Elias J. Vaill, physician and surgeon, has practiced at Elgin, his native city. He was born August 25, 1868, a son of John and Frances (Shaw) Vaill, the former a native of New Brunswick and the latter of Scotland. Both came to the United States in early life. The father, a watchmaker by trade, was for a long period associated with the Elgin National Watch Company.

Reared in the city of his nativity, Dr. Vaill at the usual age became a public-school student, pursuing his studies to the age of sixteen years, when he started out in life on his own account as an employe in the watch factory. He sought the situation in order that he might earn money enough to enable him to pursue a course in a medical college and, carefully saving his wages, at the age of eighteen he entered the Bennett Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in March, 1894. He then took the competitive examination for an internship in the Cook County Hospital and, winning second place, served for twenty-two months as house physician there. On the expiration of that period he located for practice in Chicago and was assistant professor of health surgical clinics for one year and also assistant professor of obstetrics for one year in the Bennett Medical College.

Dr. Vaill continued in practice in the metropolis until 1900, when he removed to Elgin. By reason of his previous training and experience he was not unknown here and gradually has worked his way into a large and lucrative practice, which indicates clearly that his ability is of superior order, while his devotion to the interests of his patients is proverbial. Not content to rest with the knowledge acquired in his collegiate course, he has constantly broadened his learning by investigation and through his association with the American Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the Fox River Valley Medical Society. He is also a member of the Physicians' Club of Elgin and of the alumni of the Cook County Society.

Dr. Vaill in his fraternal relations is connected with the Elks and the Knights of Pythias, while his political views are in harmony with the princi-

ples of the republican party. He has gained recognition as one of the able and successful physicians of the city and by his labors, his high professional attainments and his sterling characteristics has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held by the medical fraternity and the local public.

THOMAS BISHOP.

Among those who, once active factors in the business life of Kane county, have now passed away is numbered Thomas Bishop, who for a long period was a leading farmer and stock-raiser here. He was born in Devonshire, England, on the 16th of September, 1826, and in early childhood accompanied his parents on their emigration across the Atlantic to New Brunswick, being at that time eleven years of age. His parents were Nathaniel and Mary Ann Bishop, who had a family of four sons and five daughters, including Thomas Bishop. He arrived in Illinois in July, 1850, settling in Elgin township upon a farm, where he continued to make his home for a long period. He invested in two hundred and forty acres of land, which increased in value as the years passed by and he placed upon it modern improvements and transformed it into a rich and productive property. His life was one of untiring activity and enterprise and he worked diligently to acquire success and make a good living for his family.

In May, 1869, Mr. Bishop was united in marriage to Miss Emma J. Stringer, a daughter of John A. and Mary Ann Stringer. Her father was born in Yorkshire, England, July 20, 1808, and in 1819 accompanied his parents on their removal to Canada. The year 1845 witnessed his arrival in Illinois. He reached the state in September and located on a farm on section 30, Elgin township. Here he became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land, which he brought under a high state of cultivation, converting it into arable fields that annually brought forth rich and abundant harvests. In politics he was a republican, but was somewhat liberal in his views. In October, 1835, he married Miss Mary Ann Sterrieker, who was born in Yorkshire, England, June 7, 1818. In 1831 the father was engaged in the manufacture of wheelbarrows, which were used on the construction of the Mohawk & Hudson River Railroad, which was the first railroad built in this country. He spent his last days in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bishop, passing away on the farm June 17, 1895. His widow survived for some years and died in California, March 18, 1902. Their children were: Judge T., now living in Hampshire, this state; Justice J., of Iowa; Melvin H., who is now deceased; Clarence R., who enlisted at Elgin for service in the Civil war and died in Libby Prison, thus laying down his life on the altar of his country; Mrs. Bishop; and Edith F., the wife of Percy Bishop, of California.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bishop were born four children: Clarence T., a traveling salesman living in Elgin; Flora P., the wife of M. Smythe, of Elgin; L. W., of Elgin; and Walter H., at home.

Aside from his farming interests Mr. Bishop became a director of the Home National Bank of Elgin. He continued in active connection with general agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death and developed a model property, which indicated in its neat and thrifty appearance his careful supervision. In his political views he was independent and was also liberal in his religious opinions. He belonged to the Universalist church and in all relations he was a tolerant man, never judging harshly the acts or the motives of others. He held the office of road commissioner for three terms and filled other local positions, the duties of which he discharged in a prompt and able manner. He died October 5, 1891, and his many good traits of heart and mind caused his demise to be deeply regretted not only by his immediate family but also by many friends. Since her husband's death Mrs. Bishop has removed to Elgin, where she has now lived for twelve years. She here purchased a dwelling, but she also retains the old homestead.

MRS. ANNIE WHITNEY SPENCER, M.D.

Dr. Annie Whitney Spencer is accorded a prominent place in the ranks of the medical fraternity in Kane county, by reason of the ability which she displays in her practice at Batavia. She is a native of Wayne, Dupage county, Illinois.

Her father, William M. Whitney, was born in Ontario, New York, and is now practically living retired, save that he owns and cares for a small apiary. He arrived in Dupage county, Illinois, in 1858, and was soon recognized as a prominent and influential citizen there. His fellow townsmen in 1860 elected him clerk of the circuit court of Dupage county and ex officio county recorder. The capability which he displayed in discharging his duties led to his reelection four years later and his incumbency, therefore, covered eight years. In 1868 he was admitted to the bar, but never practiced law. In 1870 he was elected to the general assembly from Dupage county and proved an able working member of the House of Representatives. In 1872 he was a member of the State Board of Equalization and in 1879 he became connected with the Eastern Illinois Asylum for the Insane, having charge of the accounts for that institution for eight years. All this time while in the public service he was also engaged in the real-estate business, for he began handling property in 1860. He made his home in Dupage county, but his real-estate operations were in Chicago and he is now living retired at Evanston, enjoying a well earned rest after many years of active and faithful public service and a business career that has at all times been honorable and straightforward. He married Sarah Lavilla Clark, who was born at Evans' Mills, Jefferson county, New York, in 1831 and died in 1880.

Dr. Spencer of this review acquired her primary education in the public schools of Dupage county and afterward attended the high school at Hinsdale. Determining to engage in the practice of medicine because of her deep interest in science and the work of the profession, she began study at the Hahnemann

Medical College in Chicago and was graduated from there in 1896, with the degree of M.D. In the meantime, however, she had been married and had lost her husband. On the 14th of September, 1882, she became the wife of Dr. E. Stillman B. Spencer, of New York, who engaged in the practice of his profession in West Winfield, New York, until his death, which occurred on the 3d of February, 1892. At that time Dr. Annie Spencer removed to Chicago, where she practiced medicine for a year.

Following her graduation in 1896, she located in Batavia, where she has since engaged in general practice, although she makes a specialty of diseases of women and children. She is accorded a liberal patronage and the profession in the public acknowledge her worth and merit. She belongs to the American Institute of Homeopathy and was elected second vice president on the 2d of June, 1903. She is also a member of the Illinois State Homeopathic Association, of the Women's Medical Club of Chicago and the Chicago Homeopathic Medical Society. At the meetings of these organizations she has read many papers which have attracted wide attention by their value, originality and capable handling of the subjects under discussion. She has served on various important committees of the associations and has been chairman of a number. From 1886 until 1900 she was assistant physician at the Bellevue Place Sanitarium at Batavia, but resigned on account of the growth of her private practice.

A lady of strong intellectuality, of broad humanitarian and kindly spirit, these qualities have contributed to her splendid success in her chosen calling. She feels the keenest interest in her cases and neglects nothing that may contribute to winning a successful outcome in every instance. Her reading has been broad and extensive, for she carried her investigations far and wide into the realms of scientific knowledge, where she has gleaned many valuable truths.

FRANK WILBER JOSLYN.

Frank Wilber Joslyn was born April 27, 1860, and received his early education in the public schools of Elgin and graduated from the Elgin Academy in 1881. He at once entered his father's office and studied law, being admitted in 1883. In 1884 he was elected city attorney and again in 1886. In 1892 he was elected state's attorney of Kane county and again for a second term in 1896, being the only occupant of that office to hold for two consecutive terms.

Mr. Joslyn has been politically and professionally active during the past twenty years and has held many offices of trust. He is still one of the supervisors from Elgin and also holds the office of assistant attorney general of Illinois under Attorney General William H. Stead.

As a public speaker Mr. Joslyn early acquired a place of note and he has been continuously before the public in that capacity for twenty years. He possesses great power of eloquence and thought, whether before a public



Frank W. Joslyn

audience or a jury, and is recognized as one of the leading, if not the leading, criminal lawyer of Kane county. He is an opponent few care to meet in an important case. He married Carrie Colby Mead in 1886 and has one child, Paul Mead Joslyn, now thirteen years of age.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH HUDSON.

In a history of the soldiers who made creditable records on the southern battlefields in defense of the Union appears the name of Captain Joseph Hudson, who throughout the entire period of hostilities fought in defense of the old flag. He was well known as a respected and worthy resident of Elgin, where he lived for many years. He was born in England, September 23, 1837, and was a son of William Hudson, who on crossing the Atlantic to the United States established his home in this county. He located here at a very early day, settling on a farm near Dundee when the Indians were still numerous in the locality. Much of the land was still unclaimed and uncultivated and there was comparatively little evidence of civilization or little promise that work of development and improvement was being carried steadily forward and would transform this into one of the most populous and prosperous districts of the state. Mr. Hudson aided in the early improvement of the county and later his son, Joseph Hudson, bore his share in the work of general improvement.

At the time of the Civil war Captain Hudson responded to the country's call for aid and joined the Union army, with which he served until 1866. He went to the front as a member of Company K, Forty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted as a private but was promoted through successive grades in the line to the rank of captain and thus commanded his company, inspiring his men with much of his own valor and loyalty. He was wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, being shot through the leg, after which he was granted a furlough and returned home, but as soon as able he rejoined his command at the front. The date of his enlistment was July 30, 1861, and after serving successively as corporal, sergeant, second and first lieutenant, he was commissioned captain on the 8th of September, 1865. He was then honorably discharged on the 16th of December following, but he continued in the employ of the government until the following spring. He took part in many important engagements, including the battles of Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station, all in Georgia; Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, and others. Before those named he was also at Farmington, at Columbia, Tennessee, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Adairsville, New Hope Church and Pine Mountain. He was likewise present at the battle of Island No. 10, New Madrid, the siege of Corinth and the battles of Hoover's Gap and Dandridge. He never faltered in the performance of his duty, even though it stationed him in the thickest of the fight or left him to act as guard on the lonely picket line.

In his political views Captain Hudson was a strong republican, giving unfaltering allegiance to the party which stood as the defense of the Union in the dark days of the Civil war. Immediately after the war he formed a partnership with Mr. Roberts and conducted a brewery in Elgin. Later, however, he turned his attention to mining and was engaged in prospecting at the time of his death, which occurred on the 22d of February, 1879, being occasioned by a snowslide in Colorado. Weeks passed, but his body was not found until the 1st of May and he was then laid to rest in a cemetery at Alpine, Colorado. His military and mining experiences brought into his life many incidents of thrilling interest and also many hardships such as are incident to life on the battlefield or in the mining camps of the west. He was a man of resolute purpose, however, and did not falter in the performance of any task to which he set himself. He possessed a genial manner that rendered him very popular and he is yet remembered by many who knew and esteemed him in this county.

At his death Captain Hudson left a widow and one child. He had married Angelina Margaret, the only child of Andrew and Christiana (Nelson) Anderson, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Captain and Mrs. Hudson had two children, but one of them, Henry William, passed away prior to the father's death, dying on the 23d of March, 1867, at the age of five months. The other son, Alfred W., who married Anna Fletcher and has one child, Earl Joseph, is now serving on the police force of Elgin.

ARTHUR B. STURM, M.D.

In a history of the medical profession in Elgin mention should be made of Dr. Arthur B. Sturm, who as a physician and surgeon has gained public recognition in a large and growing practice. Born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 8th of July, 1874, he is a son of Adolph and Johanna (Schoth) Sturm, the former a native of Vienna, Austria, and the latter of Germany. Coming to Chicago in 1869, the father has since been engaged in the fancy wood and veneer business. He is also well known in public life, having been superintendent of the House of Correction of Chicago for three years under the Harrison administration, while for some time he was also assistant deputy commissioner of public works. He is a prominent member of all of the German clubs of the city and many charitable associations, to which he has been a most liberal and constant contributor. He was one of the commissioners of labor under Governor Altgeld and was one of the founders of the Turn-Gemeinde. He has a very wide acquaintance among the German-American citizens of Chicago and is influential in their ranks, being well qualified by his understanding of important public questions for the position of leadership which is accorded him.

Dr. Sturm is indebted to the public-school system of Chicago for his early educational privileges, while later he attended Northwestern University and was graduated on the completion of a course in pharmacy in 1893 and as a

pharmaceutical chemist in 1895. He then took up the study of medicine and completed a course in Rush Medical College by graduation in 1899. He entered upon his professional career equipped as few men are, by reason of the fact that he studied pharmacy and chemistry, as well as medicine and surgery.

Dr. Sturm served for one year as an interne of the German Hospital in Chicago and in the fall of 1900 came to Elgin, where he has since been located in practice of his profession. He served as city physician for two years under Mayor Hubbard and in private practice has met with very desirable success, the number of his patrons constantly increasing, for the public recognizes his worth and ability. He is most careful in the diagnosis of a case and thoroughly understands the power of remedial agencies and their effect upon the component parts of the human body.

On the 25th of April, 1898, occurred the marriage of Dr. Sturm and Miss Leola Thompson, of Oconto, Wisconsin, and they now have two sons and three daughters: Johan, George, Charlotte, Adele and John. The family are well known socially, the hospitality of many of the best homes being freely accorded them. Dr. Sturm is a member of the Skull and Serpent Society and two fraternities, the Phi Chi and the Phi Rho Sigma. In manner he is very genial in deportment, courteous and in spirit kindly and to these qualities are attributable his well known popularity.

WALTER LYMAN PEASE.

No compendium such as the province of this work defines in its essential limitations will serve to offer fit memorial to the life and accomplishments of Walter L. Pease, who was a man remarkable in the breadth of his wisdom, his native sagacity and his business enterprise. A native of Connecticut, he was born in Hartford, April 18, 1825, his parents being Walter and Olive (Denslow) Pease. He was a representative of one of the old New England families, mention of whom is made in the early records of the country. The father, Walter Pease, Sr., was born in Windsor, Connecticut, March 22, 1799, and was a son of Walter and Ruby (Bissell) Pease, who were married in Connecticut. The former was born about 1772.

The father of Mrs. Ruby Pease established the first ferry on the Connecticut river and it has been known to the present time as Bissell's Ferry. Walter Pease, Sr., was a nephew of Captain Levi Pease, a blacksmith by trade, who became prominent as a soldier of the American army in the Revolutionary war. He served throughout the period of hostilities under the command of General Thomas and was with the regiment when he died of small-pox. While on active duty he won the favorable attention of General Washington and became his confidential guide and trusted messenger in carrying secret instructions. He did this service on many an occasion when the attempt was fraught with the greatest danger but he never faltered in the performance of his duty and displayed fearlessness and remarkable bravery

as well as ingenuity in outwitting the enemy. The ability, keen discernment and sound judgment which he displayed made him a favorite not only of General Washington but of other officers of the army.

Levi Pease established the first stage line in New England under Postmaster General Franklin and secured the first contract for carrying the United States mail. He most successfully organized the work and for some years was the only large mail contractor in the United States. He instituted the fundamental principles upon which the present great mail service of the country is founded and he also established the first express company of the country.

It will thus be seen that Walter L. Pease is descended from an ancestry honorable and distinguished. Walter Pease, Sr., had a family of three sons and two daughters. Lester, a hatter by trade; Walter, Jr.; Eliza; George; and Ruby. The second named, Walter Pease, Jr., who was the father of our subject, became a hat manufacturer and in 1830 removed to Hartford, Connecticut, where he succeeded in building up an extensive trade in the hat, cap and fur business. In fact he was known as one of the most prominent manufacturers and representatives of commercial interests in that city. He was also active in political affairs and wielded a wide influence in molding public policy. He was elected to serve as a member of the city council and in other positions of trust and responsibility, thereby leaving the impress of his individuality upon the general welfare. He also figured in financial circles as a bank director.

Attracted by the opportunities of the middle west, Walter Pease, Jr., removed his family to Watertown, Wisconsin, where he purchased a tract of land, a part of which lay within the corporation limits of the city. His native force of character, his ability and his progressive spirit soon led to his selection for important duties in the public service there. He was recognized as a leading and influential citizen of Watertown and was elected to various municipal offices and was called to other positions of public trust. He served for some time on the board of supervisors.

Walter Pease, Jr., was married three times and had four sons and two daughters. His first wife was Olive Denslow, the mother of Walter L. Pease. His daughter Ruby became the wife of Professor Jabez Brook, professor of languages in the State University of Minnesota. His son, Joseph G. Pease, married Eliza Turner, of Watertown, Wisconsin, and is now a resident of Denver, Colorado. Another daughter, Olive A., became the wife of George L. Chapin, of Jefferson, Wisconsin. Oliver Pease lived to become a soldier of the Civil war, going to the front as a captain in the Sixteenth Wisconsin Regiment. In the battle of Shiloh he was severely wounded and died a short time afterward. The other children of the family passed away in infancy.

Walter Lyman Pease spent his boyhood in his native city and pursued his education in the public schools, in Clark's Academy and in the Ellington Academy near Hartford, being well trained in literary and scientific branches. From early manhood he displayed an aptitude in business affairs, readily solving intricate business problems, while he also displayed the ability that

enabled him to recognize and utilize opportunities that others passed by heedlessly. In 1848, having accumulated a small capital, he organized the firm of Pease, Bourne & Company, his brother Joseph being one of the partners. They established a small store in Watertown, Wisconsin, and Walter L. Pease continued active in its management until 1852, when he sold his interest to his partner, Mr. Bourne, and removed to Illinois. He first settled in Belvidere, where he joined B. F. Lawrence and Ezra May in a distillery business. He had entered the heart of the corn belt in Illinois and his keen insight into conditions and possibilities showed him that it was necessary to place corn on the market other than in its natural state if it should be a profitable source of revenue. At that time it was selling in the east for a dollar per bushel, while in the west it was worth only the price of common fuel. The fact presented itself to his mind that the question of transportation was the most important one involved and he saw that a practical way of solving the problem was to manufacture the corn, reduce the bulk and increase the value. Thus he became interested in the distillery business. Later, however, the railroads were built, affording transportation whereby the corn product could be sent to the markets.

After successfully conducting his interests at Belvidere for some time Mr. Pease closed out his business there and came to Elgin. Here he became a member of the private banking firm of Lawrence, Pease & Town, which was the predecessor of the First National Bank of Elgin, being converted into the latter institution in 1864. Mr. Pease not only figured prominently in financial circles but was a cooperant factor in many movements that have resulted in the material development and substantial upbuilding of the city. He and his partner, Mr. Lawrence, were the largest Elgin subscribers to and the chief promoters of the Elgin watch factory. When efforts were being made to organize this industry Mr. Pease offered to donate thirty-five acres of land in addition to his subscription. Afterward, in association with Mr. Lawrence, Henry Sherman and Judge Wilcox, he purchased one hundred and eighty acres of land and gave thirty-five acres of it to the watch factory. When the plant was built and the concern was yet in a doubtful position as to whether it would thrive or meet failure many of those who had subscribed for stock became fearful and sold out, but Mr. Pease remained a steadfast friend of the enterprise and his belief in its ultimate successful outcome led others to follow his example and continue as supporters of the new undertaking. The years justified his wisdom, for the watch factory has been one of the most important sources of revenue to the city. He was also one of the organizers and chief promoters of the Illinois Iron & Bolt Company of Carpentersville, which had but a small beginning yet is today one of the chief productive industries of this part of the state. This result was achieved greatly through the executive management and support of Mr. Pease. In positions of administrative control he has shown the keenest insight into possibilities, looking always beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities of the future. He also seemed to know intuitively how to combine forces and to shape seemingly adverse conditions into a unified and harmonious whole. In 1894 he was elected president of the company and con-

timed in that position until shortly prior to his death. He always displayed unflinching energy and had that strong purpose that enabled him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. His clearly defined plans inspired confidence in others and thereby gained cooperation.

On the 6th of November, 1848, Mr. Pease was united in marriage to Miss Sarah W. Fowler, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, born November 2, 1827. They long traveled life's journey together, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years passed by. They became the parents of three children: Sarah K., the wife of Daniel Innes, of Pasadena, California; Charles F., who died in July, 1903, leaving a widow and one daughter, now living in Elgin; and Hattie, who is the wife of Walter P. Hemmens, living with her mother in Elgin. Mrs. Pease has crossed the Rocky Mountains forty times, spending the winters in Old Mexico and in California, and has several times made trips abroad. All of the original stockholders and organizers of the Elgin National Watch Factory have now passed away and Mrs. Pease is the only widow of those who were connected with the enterprise at the outset. She is a most remarkably well preserved woman and yet travels extensively, although now eighty years of age.

In politics Mr. Pease was always a stalwart democrat, was prominent in the ranks of the party and in his candidacy for office frequently received the support at the polls of those who held opposite political views. This was indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellowmen. He was elected to the position of alderman and twice served as mayor of the city. His interest in public affairs was prompted by the utmost devotion to the general good and his labors in behalf of the city were at all times of a most practical, beneficial nature. His life was an upright, honorable one, in harmony with the teachings of the Masonic fraternity, in which he attained the Knight Templar degree. His wife and daughters are members of the Episcopal church. For a number of years prior to his death Mr. Pease spent the winter months in California and passed away in Los Angeles, June 28, 1890, his remains being interred there. No history of Elgin, however, would be complete without the record of his life, for his history is closely interwoven with the annals of the city in its material development, political progress and social advancement. His salient characteristics were such as contribute to a sterling manhood and he enjoyed in full measure the respect and honor of his fellowmen.

ANDREW ANDERSON.

Among the men who have come to Kane county from the land of the midnight sun and whose life record is a credit to the country of their nativity and of their adoption, was numbered Andrew Anderson, who became well known in Elgin. He was born in Christiania, Norway, August 30, 1824, and for a considerable period followed farming in Illinois. He accompanied his parents to Canada in his youth and in 1854 became a resident of Elgin.

Although a miller by trade, he here turned his attention to farming and carried on general agricultural pursuits at Udina for twenty-one years. He had a farm of eighty-three acres, which he brought under a high state of cultivation, converting the land into rich and productive fields, from which he annually gathered good harvests. At length he put aside the active work of the farm and retired to Udina, where his last days were passed. He was one of the pioneers of this locality. Elgin was but a small town at the time of his arrival and several of the enterprising villages of the present had not yet sprung into existence. As the years passed his business activity contributed to the substantial growth of the community. Aside from his farming interests he was well known as an engineer, becoming the first engineer for the Borden's Condensed Milk Company and acting in that capacity for sixteen years.

In 1845 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Christiana Nelson, who was born in Norway, April 25, 1822, and still survives at the advanced age of eighty-six years. They had one child, Angelina Margaret, the wife of Captain Joseph Hudson, deceased, who is mentioned on another page of this volume, and they had two children: Henry William, who died March 23, 1867, at the age of five months; and Alfred W., who is serving on the police force of Elgin. He married Anna Fletcher and has one child, Earl Joseph.

Mr. Anderson never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, for he found here the business opportunities which he sought and which led him to success. He lived a busy, active and useful life and reached the age of eighty-one years, passing away on the 10th of September, 1905.

ALBIN NELSON.

Albin Nelson, a farmer and stockman, successfully engaged in the operation of a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Elgin township, was born in Sweden. On his emigration to the new world in 1885 he located in Kane county, Illinois, and first worked as a farm hand, subsequently renting a tract of land for ten years. In 1907 he became manager and superintendent of Mr. Yarwood's farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Elgin township, in which capacity he still continues. Under his capable direction the work of the place has been carried forward along progressive and profitable lines and the neat and thrifty appearance of the farm is indicative of his enterprise and practical methods in its supervision. Since Albin Nelson's arrival in this country the other members of the family, with the exception of his mother and one sister, who died in Sweden, have also come to America.

In 1891 Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Johnson, likewise a native of Sweden, who came to the United States in company with a number of other immigrants, making their way from Boston directly to Kane county in 1890. With the exception of her father and one brother,

who still reside in Sweden, the other members of her family have also made their home in this country. Of the nine children that have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Nelson seven still survive, namely: Mabel, Carl, Edward, Arthur, Walter, Elmer and Mildred.

In his political views Mr. Nelson is a staunch republican, and both he and his wife are faithful members of the Lutheran church. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man—and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of the community.

REV. FRANCIS LAWRENCE REYNOLDS.

Rev. Francis Lawrence Reynolds, pastor of the Holy Angels parish in Aurora, was born in County Leitrim, Ireland, March 27, 1864. His parents were Michael and Delia (Domelly) Reynolds, in whose home he spent his boyhood days, acquiring his preliminary education in the public schools. He afterward obtained his academic and classical education in England, and, coming to America, in 1880, when a young man of sixteen years, he entered upon a course of study at St. Mary's University in Baltimore, preparatory to joining the priesthood. There he pursued courses in theology and philosophy and on the 22d of December, 1888, he was ordained to the priesthood in Holy Name cathedral of Chicago by the late Archbishop Feehan.

Father Reynolds then took up the active work of the church, in which he has been most zealous and earnest. His first charge was at Galeua, Illinois, where he remained for one year, after which he was assistant at Ste. Ann's in Chicago for thirteen years. In 1901 he came to Aurora to take charge of the Holy Angels parish and has here continued to the present time. The church was established in 1862 with Father W. J. McNamee as the first pastor, and he was succeeded by Father Dennis P. O'Brien. The parish has been very flourishing under Father Reynolds' ministry and he has accomplished much good work for the church and the parishioners. He now has plans under way for the erection of a new house of worship, which will be a handsome structure and a credit to the city and its Catholic population. Father Reynolds is a scholarly and courteous gentleman who endeavors to make religion of practical help in the lives of his people, and he enjoys the respect of all denominations and the sincere regard and friendship of his parishioners. He was called upon to preach the funeral oration of Colonel John F. Finerty in Holy Angels church, and as a popular lecturer he has become widely known, having spoken in the famous Faneuil Hall of Boston, the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, and Central Music Hall and Steinway Hall in Chicago. Being an orator of splendid ability, he is constantly being invited to speak at conventions both in and out of the church. On the 15th



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of August, 1903, he was chairman of the meeting held at Sunnyside Park, Chicago, and introduced William Jennings Bryan and other speakers. He is also the author of many literary works and wrote the preface of that great production: "The Crown of Thorns and Roses."

S. NEWELL NEEDHAM.

S. Newell Needham is well remembered by many of those who were his associates while he was yet an active factor in the affairs of life connected with the agricultural interests of this part of the state. He was born in Addison county, Vermont, September 15, 1829, and his parents, Arnold and Lucinda (Hutchinson) Needham, were also natives of the Green Mountain state. The father followed the occupation of farming in order to provide for his family and died in Addison county, Vermont, when about seventy years of age, his birth having occurred in 1797. He was twice married, his first wife being the mother of our subject. Their family numbered four sons and four daughters, of whom four are now living: Mary, the wife of Nelson Hubbard; William; Jane, the wife of Charles Seymour; and Lucinda, the wife of Cornelius Rockwell.

S. Newell Needham lived in Vermont during the days of his boyhood and youth, working on the home farm and thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Believing that the broad prairies of Illinois would furnish better opportunities to one who wished to engage in farming, he came to this state in 1853 and settled in Kendall county, where he purchased land and carried on general farming in Fox township. He there became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres which he brought under a high state of cultivation, transforming the tract into rich fields that annually returned to him golden harvests.

On the 29th of March, 1855, Mr. Needham was married to Miss Mary Lewis, a daughter of Michael and Eunice (Gould) Lewis, who were natives of the Empire state, while the birth of Mrs. Needham occurred in Jefferson county, New York, September 8, 1829. The family came to Illinois in 1853, settling in Kendall township, Kendall county, where Mr. Lewis purchased more than two hundred acres of land, which he developed and improved. He and his wife lived in Kendall county for many years and then removed to Ford county, where they resided for a few years, after which they returned to Kendall county, where they continued to make their home until their death. Mr. Lewis died in 1886 at the age of eighty-six years, while his wife passed away in 1894 at the extreme old age of ninety-two years. They had ten children, of whom four are living: Sylvia, the widow of Jacob Folts, who makes her home in Denver; Mrs. Needham; Anna, the widow of George Sherman, of Salina, Kansas; and Nelson T. Lewis, of Grant City, Missouri. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Needham was Caleb Lewis, a native of New York and of Welsh descent. He wedded Mary Overocre, was a farmer by occupation and lived to old age in New York. The maternal grandfather was James

Gould, who was also born in the Empire state and followed farming as a life work. He wedded Mary Overacre, who later became the wife of Caleb Lewis.

Two children graced the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. S. Newell Needham: Della E., who is living with her mother in Aurora; and George L., who is a hardware merchant of Yorkville. He wedded Mary A. Mason and they have three children: Roy M., Jennie D. and Earl M.

The death of Mr. Needham occurred in November, 1883, when he was fifty-four years of age. Two years later, in 1885, Mrs. Needham and her daughter removed to Aurora, where they have since made their home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Needham were members of the Methodist church and were people of the highest respectability. His life was at all times characterized by his religious faith, by earnest effort to be just in his relations to his fellow-men and to aid a fellow-traveler on life's journey whenever it was possible for him to do so. While he prospered in his business undertakings, he never employed a single underhanded method, nor was he ever known to take advantage of the necessities of another in a business transaction. He owed his prosperity to his untiring diligence and his judicious investment. At the time of his death he was the owner of several farms, embracing more than a thousand acres of land lying in Kendall, Ford and Livingston counties of Illinois and in the states of Iowa and Nebraska. Beside this large property he also left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name and a memory that is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him.

JOHN R. TOBIN, M.D.

There is no profession in which the demands are of a more exacting nature than those which are made upon the physician and surgeon. It is expected that his power is little less than the marvelous, that he should never succumb to fatigue but should always be ready with a cordial greeting and a cheering word, listening attentively and sympathetically to the woes of those to whom he ministers. In many respects Dr. John R. Tobin possesses the qualities of what the public regards as the ideal physician and, although yet a young man, is making for himself a creditable place as a member of the medical fraternity at Elgin. He is moreover entitled to representation in this volume as one of Kane county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Gilbert, January 26, 1877. His parents were William and Margaret (Egan) Tobin, both of whom were natives of Kane county. The grandfather, John Tobin, came to this county in 1838 and cast in his lot with the pioneers who laid the foundation for the present progress and prosperity of the county. His occupation was that of the farm and his son William followed in his business footsteps.

Dr. Tobin, however, has sought activity in other fields. In his boyhood he attended the district schools and afterward the public schools at Elgin and the Elgin Academy. When not occupied with his text-books he aided in the work of the farm until twenty years of age, when thinking to find other pur-

suits more congenial, he took up the study of medicine, which he pursued in Rush Medical College until his graduation with the class of 1901. He afterward had the benefit of a broad experience as interne and house physician in St. Joseph's Hospital of Chicago, where he continued for two years. He then came to Elgin, where he has since been engaged in practice and is now a partner of Dr. James A. Rutledge. He is also assistant head physician for the Illinois Modern Woodmen of America, is examiner for the New York Life and the Prudential Life insurance companies, assistant surgeon for the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Railroad Company and surgeon for the Elgin & Belvidere Railroad Company. He is thus rapidly winning recognition for his professional qualities and skill and has met with most creditable success for one of his years.

On the 22d of June, 1902, Dr. Tobin was married to Miss Theresa Zimmerman, of Elgin, and they have two children, Paul and James. The Doctor holds membership relations with the Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Modern Woodmen and other fraternal organizations, while in more specifically professional lines he is connected with the Illinois State Medical Society, the Fox River Valley Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

PROFESSOR ROBERT I. WHITE.

Professor Robert I. White, superintendent of the schools of Elgin, has made consecutive progress in a profession wherein he is now accorded prominence as a most able representative of the interests of public education in the middle west. He was born in Lowell, Michigan, in 1874, and his interests and environments in boyhood and youth were those of the farm. He attended the district rural school and afterward the village high school and, taking up the profession of teaching as a life work, was for three years thus connected with the rural schools, beginning in this way when seventeen years of age. It was subsequent to this time that he spent two years as a student in Albion College and, then resuming his professional labors, he was for four years superintendent of the schools of Grandville, Michigan. He was also county school examiner for Kent county, Michigan, and, returning to Albion College, he completed his course, winning the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Entering the University of Michigan in the graduate school, he eventually won the degree of Master of Arts. While a student at Albion College he became a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. His special field of work in college and university was constitutional law and modern history. His study, research and investigation, however, have covered a wide range, making him a man of broad and scholarly attainments.

Continuing in the field of educational labor, Professor White served as superintendent of the schools at Caro, Michigan, and later was called to the superintendency of public instruction in Coldwater, Michigan. From that place he came to Elgin in 1907 and has since been identified with the schools of this city. He is working toward high ideals in his profession and is con-

stantly seeking new plans and methods whereby he may advance the interests of the schools and promote their efficiency as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. Professor White has served both as conductor and instructor in teachers' institutes and is constantly striving to inspire fellow teachers and pupils with his own zeal for and intense interest in his work.

Professor White was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Goodenow, whose acquaintance he formed while she was a student of music in Albion College while he was there pursuing his classical course. They have one daughter, Alice Irene, now nine years of age. Professor White is a Mason and Methodist—associations which indicate much of his nature and the character of his interests. He is rapidly becoming widely known in professional circles, nor is he without more than local fame as a public speaker.

HUGO CARL KRENGEL.

Hugo Carl Kregel is numbered among those whom death has called from Kane county but who in his life was a respected and capable representative of industrial interests, being an expert machinist and foreman for the Elgin National Watch Company. A native of Germany, he was born near Cologne on the river Rhine, on the 29th of March, 1857, and died on the 10th of February, 1905. He was brought to the United States at the age of seven years by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick Kregel. The father was a soldier of the Civil war, espousing the cause of his country when the Union was threatened. He enlisted from New York soon after the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south and continued all through the war until victory perched upon the Union banners. His wife bore the maiden name of Julia Ollager.

Soon after the close of the war the parents removed with their family to Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Hugo Carl Kregel, then a young lad, pursued his education in the public schools of that state. In 1872, when a youth of fifteen, he accompanied his parents to New Haven. He entered upon his business career at Bridgeport, Connecticut, being first employed by the Wheeler & Wilson Company at that place. He afterward entered the service of the Martin Arms Company at New Haven, where he learned the machinist's trade. In 1879 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was employed by the Brush Electric Company, but thinking that the west furnished better business opportunities, he made his way to Illinois, arriving in Elgin in August, 1881. Here he became connected with the Elgin National Watch Company and that he was retained in their service from that time until his death is an indication of the trust reposed in him and of his fidelity to duty, which was numbered among his salient characteristics. In 1885 he was transferred to the escapement department and was assistant foreman in 1890. In May of the following year he was made foreman and so continued until his death, or for a period of about fourteen years. From the time he started out in the business world he had made constant progress in that efficiency which in time gained

him recognition as an expert machinist. He was with the company altogether for twenty-two years and served them so faithfully and well that uniform regret was felt on the part of employers and those who served under him when he was no longer able to fill his place in the factory.

On the 2d of October, 1889, Mr. Krengel was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Hubner, a daughter of Henry and Margaret (Hoereth) Hubner, of Elgin. They became the parents of a son and daughter: Irving Hubner, who is now a senior in the high school at Elgin; and Marion Marguerite, who is a member of the freshman class in the high school.

Mr. Krengel gave his political allegiance to the republican party. He was a member of the Century Club, a social organization of Elgin, but he preferred home associations to club life. He attended the Congregational church and stood high among his associates, enjoying to the fullest extent the good will and trust of those whom he met day after day and who knew his life to be most upright and honorable in its varied relations.

GEORGE S. CHISHOLM.

George S. Chisholm, formerly identified with Elgin mercantile interests, is now numbered among the capitalists and is deriving his income largely from mining property, having extensive and profitable investments in Utah and the west. He was born in Menominee, Wisconsin, February 13, 1845, a son of Robert Bruce and Sarah (Vanvalkenburgh) Chisholm. The father's birth occurred near Kettle Creek, New York, in 1812, and he died at Oakland, California, when seventy-five years of age. His remains, however, were brought back to Elgin for interment. His wife passed away at the age of fifty-two years.

The life record of Robert Bruce was eventful in many ways. When a boy he went with his parents to St. Thomas, Ontario, where he was reared, and in London, Ontario, he was married, his wife being a native of that place. They afterward removed to Wisconsin, where he was identified with lead mining interests, and later went to Minnesota. There he purchased seven hundred acres of farm land, which he eventually sold prior to his removal to Elgin. It was about 1855 that he went with his family to Winona, Minnesota, and in 1866 he came to this city, settling on a farm about a mile south of Elgin, where now stands the state insane asylum. Later he went to Missouri with Captain Day and worked in the lead and zinc mines, and subsequently went to Salt Lake City and were the discoverers of the Emma mine. The first ore taken from that mine was shipped to England, being sent as ballast. After the mine was well developed they became involved in a law suit over it with a man that had staked and abandoned it. Edward Joslyn, a lawyer of Elgin, then went to Salt Lake City to act as defense in the case and Mr. Chisholm of this review speaks of his address as the greatest piece of oratory he ever heard. The mine was named in honor of a sister of our subject. It produced gold and silver, although the latter predominated. It

has proved one of the best mines in the Little Cottonwood district, about twenty-seven miles southeast of Salt Lake City in the midst of the mountains. Mr. Chisholm worked the mine with the proceeds which he had received from the farm. At length the property was sold to Park & Baxter, of New York city. The original owners were Mr. Chisholm, Captain J. M. Day, J. F. Woodman and Captain J. Smith, and when the mine was sold Mr. Chisholm received about five hundred thousand dollars. The firm of Park & Baxter afterward disposed of the mine to English capitalists for eleven million dollars. It was then left to lie idle a time but it is now being worked and is proving more profitable than before.

In the family of Robert Bruce and Sarah Chisholm there were five children: William Wallace, a miner now of Salt Lake City; Oliver Perry, who is connected with mining interests at Bozeman, Montana; George S., of this review; Robert B., of Los Angeles, California, with whom his brother George is interested in the ownership of twelve mining claims; and Emma, the widow of George H. Bennett, of Geneva, Illinois.

George S. Chisholm was about ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Winona, Minnesota, and was a young man of twenty-one when he arrived in Elgin, the family locating upon a farm about a mile south of the city. He continued upon this place with his parents until the farm was sold to the state for seventy-five dollars per acre. With the proceeds of the farm the father, as previously stated, went to Salt Lake City and invested in what was called the Emma mine. While the father was identified with its development George S. Chisholm made various trips back and forth between the two places but maintained his residence in Elgin. At Lisle, Illinois, and a daughter of James and Charlotte Hatch. She has an one time he was proprietor of a grocery store in the Home Bank building, conducting it for six or seven years. He is now interested in mines in Utah and, while practically living retired from active business, still gives his supervision to his investments. His affairs have been capably managed and in his investments he has met with a goodly measure of prosperity. He holds valuable mining stock and derives therefrom a gratifying annual income.

In 1875 Mr. Chisholm was married to Miss Angie K. Hatch, a native of uncle, Rev. Reuben A. Hatch, who is a professor at Oberlin (Ohio) College and who at the age of ninety-five years is preparing a history of the Hatch family. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm have been born five children: Marie Louise, the wife of Leonard Hawkins, a hardware merchant of Elgin; Archibald S., of this city; Harold James, at home; William Wallace; and George Stewart.

Mr. Chisholm manifests only a citizen's interests in politics, having never been an office seeker. He voted for Lincoln, Grant and Garfield and in more recent elections has supported Bryan. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Masons and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the Chicago Consistory and is also a member of Medina Temple of the Mystic Shrine. With his family he occupies a nice home at No. 306 North Spring street, where he has resided for a quarter of a century. Forty-two years have passed since he became a resident of Elgin and through-

out this period the circle of his acquaintance has steadily widened and the circle of his friends has correspondingly increased, for his many sterling traits of character have gained him the confidence and good will of those with whom he has been associated.

HARRY E. STEPHENS.

New conditions of life are continually producing new fields of labor and the capable man is he who sees and utilizes his opportunity. In recent years the public amusement park has become a feature of every city of any size and Mr. Stephens is meeting a demand for public entertainment in the manufacture of miniature railway trains under the name of the International Miniature Railway Company at Elgin. He began this business on a small scale but under his capable control it has rapidly grown to large proportions and he is now sole proprietor.

He was born in Ithaca, New York, November 4, 1863, his parents being Henry W. and Julia A. (Carey) Stephens. His father was division superintendent of the Lackawanna Railroad for a number of years and also capably filled the positions of city treasurer and collector at Ithaca for a number of terms. He became there a man of considerable local prominence and after long association with railroad interests is now living retired.

From early boyhood the talk of the railroad in its complex interests was more or less familiar to Harry E. Stephens and yet in his early manhood he had no idea that such interests should eventually lead him to a successful business career. He was reared and educated in Ithaca and there learned the machinist's trade with Reynolds & Lang. On leaving the employ of that February, 1887, came to Elgin, Illinois, where he worked in the machine firm he removed westward to Peru, Indiana, to work at his trade, and in department of the Elgin National Watch Company for nine years. His long service was indicative of his capability and faithfulness and when he left that company he was employed in all the eastern factories engaged in the manufacture of watches. At length, however, he returned to Elgin and was again for two years with the Elgin Watch Company. It was during this period that he built his first miniature locomotive, which he constructed in his dining room at home after the work of the day was over. This engine he put in the White City Amusement Park of Chicago, November 22, 1904, and it proved so successful that in the fall of the same year he formed a partnership with Ashley J. Abel, established a shop and began the manufacture of miniature engines. The business, however, was established on a small scale and continued under the firm style of Abel & Stephens until January 1, 1908, when Mr. Stephens purchased his partner's interest and has since conducted the business alone. To the present time he has built twenty-one of these engines, which have been sold throughout the country to different amusement parks. They are the most perfect that can be built in every particular, constructed of the very best material and workmanship and are of six horse

power. The company also manufactures the cars, which will hold four people, and each engine can haul six cars. Mr. Stephens now has a large factory, employing a number of mechanics and other workmen, and has a number of concessions himself. There is but one other concern in the United States that builds these engines—Cagney Brothers of New York city—but their engines are rapidly being replaced by those of Mr. Stephens' manufacture, which have proven much better and more satisfactory.

On Christmas day of 1903 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Stephens and Miss Ella Schoonhoven, of Elgin. They are both well known in this city and have an extensive circle of friends. Mr. Stephens' fellow townsmen rejoice in his success, knowing that it has been worthily won and is well merited. He started in business on borrowed capital but today has over sixteen thousand dollars invested in his business and his patronage is steadily increasing and he will no doubt in time control the trade in his line in the country.

EDWARD S. ENO.

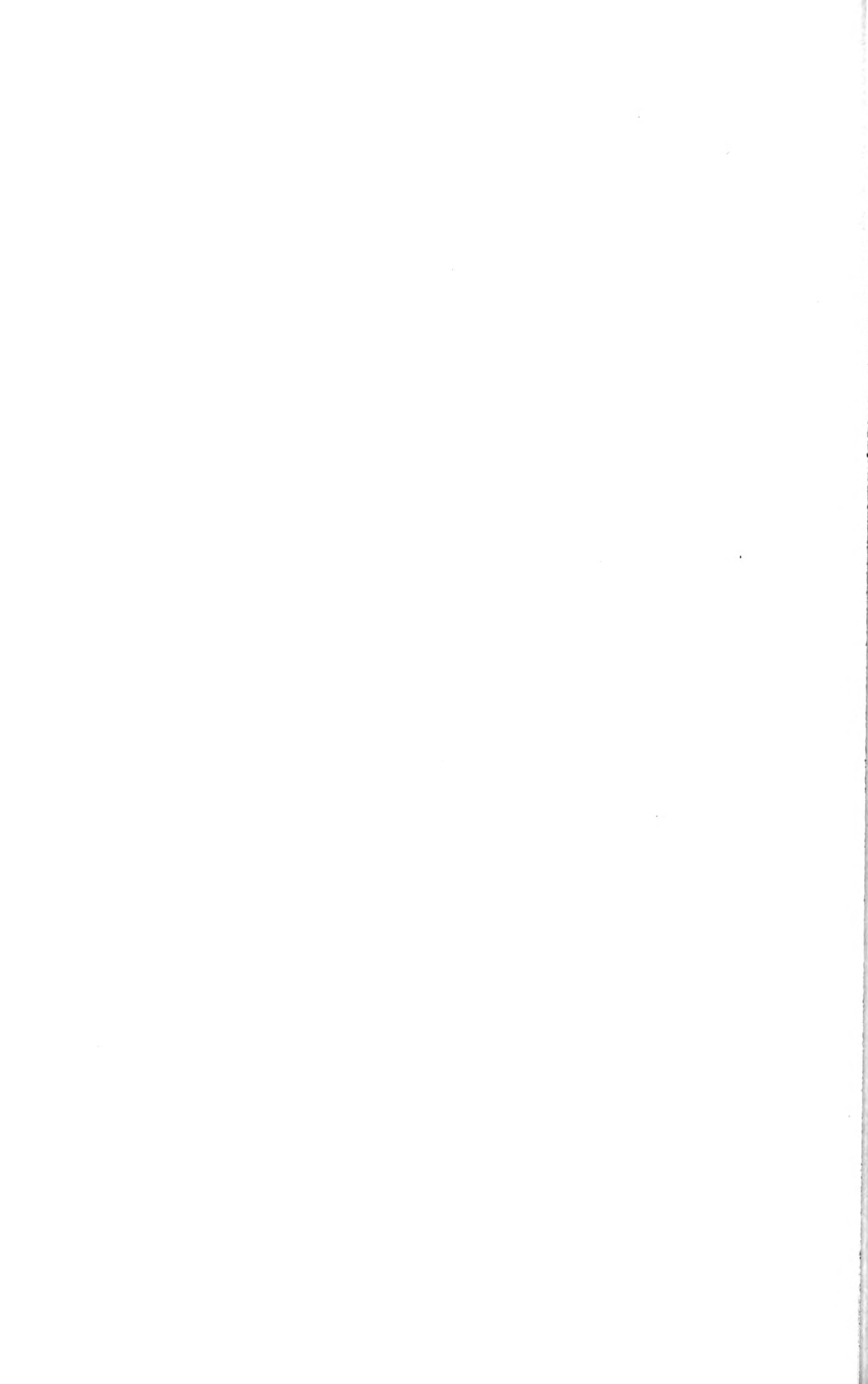
No history of Elgin would be complete without extensive mention of Edward S. Eno. He has been the prime mover in the development and up-building of the great Borden milk industry, not only of this city, but of the state as well. Nor is he known alone for his activity and success in this undertaking. He is also a prominent factor in affairs of public moment which have had direct bearing upon the welfare of the city.

He was born in Honesdale, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, May 26, 1848, and there resided until he had attained his majority, spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, Daniel Mills and Eunice (Sage) Eno, who were natives of Connecticut, and were reared and married there. They afterward removed to Pennsylvania and spent their remaining days upon the home farm in Wayne county. The father reached the age of nearly four score years, while the mother attained the very venerable old age of ninety years. They were the parents of ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom two died in infancy, while eight are now living.

During the period of his boyhood and youth Edward S. Eno engaged in farming and also attended school, supplementing his district-school course by study through two winters in a normal school. He entered upon his business career as a clerk in a hardware store in Honesdale, where he remained for fifteen months and later removed to Brewster, New York, where he entered the employ of the Borden Condensed Milk Company, on the 20th of November, 1870. That was his initial step in a business career, which has led him into a position of large responsibility in the conduct of an enterprise that is proving not only a source of individual success but also of benefit to the community. He continued at Brewster until July 4, 1871, beginning at that place as a general laborer. On the date mentioned he came to Elgin and here took up the work of operator or condenser, which he learned under the



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personal instruction of the late Gail Borden, the originator and founder of the business. He acted in that capacity until 1882, when he became superintendent of the Elgin factory, which at that time was the only Borden factory in the west. He has been in charge continuously since, covering a period of twenty-six years, and the growth and extension of the business is indicated by the fact that when he arrived the factory handled about sixteen thousand pounds of milk per day, while at a subsequent period it has handled as high as one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, an increase of almost tenfold. All of the buildings which now constitute the plant were remodeled and built under his personal supervision. No man in Illinois has had more to do with the development of the milk industry than has Edward S. Eno. He has had much to do with aiding the farmers concerning sanitary conditions in connection with the care of milk and his record is one which indeed reflects credit upon him. In 1892 he put up the first bottle of milk with his own hands for the Chicago market. The first shipment was four cases of twenty-four bottles each. At the present time the business has grown to such proportions that twenty carloads are shipped daily. Mr. Eno has had much to do with the general supervision of the building and planning of most of the Gail Borden plants in the west, sixteen in number, and, in fact, has been the promoter of the business throughout this section of the country to a large extent. The enterprise in Elgin is one of its most important industrial and productive concerns and the success of the business is attributable in very large measure to the sound business judgment, thorough understanding and unfaltering diligence of the present manager.

In 1873 Mr. Eno was married to Miss Helen Conyne, who was born in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Alexander and Laura Conyne. Their children were Charles Herbert, Laura and Alfred, but the first named died in infancy. Having lost his first wife, Mr. Eno was again married, his second union being with Nellie W. Joslyn, a native of Rockton, Winnebago county, Illinois, and a daughter of A. C. Joslyn.

In politics Mr. Eno has been a life-long republican. He has been prominent in public interests and community affairs in many ways and his aid and influence are regarded as a valuable asset in matters relating to the public good. He became captain of the Gail Borden Hose Company, a volunteer fire company, and served for eight years, holding the rank of assistant fire marshal when he finally severed his connection with the company. He became a member of this organization three years after his arrival in Elgin. He also filled the office of alderman for one term of two years and during the second year was chairman of the finance committee, a member of the police commission and chairman of the special committee appointed by Mayor Willis, in which connection he did preliminary work for the present city water works. There has been a still more notable feature of his public service in that he was one of those to recommend the appointment of a water commission, which is now in existence. Later he became one of the members of the commission and served for eight years. He has every reason to be proud of what he did as a member of the water commission in its development to its present system of perfection and in this connection he has labored earnestly and effectively

in keeping it out of the franchise system. Mr. Eno has also been a member of the board of education, serving for one term, and for three or four years he has been a member of the police commission. He then resigned and was appointed by Governor Yates the resident trustee of the State Insane Asylum, in which capacity he served for about three years. He is, moreover, a business man of marked energy and determination and the extensive industry which he now controls at Elgin and which ranks second to none in the United States is as a monument to his ability, energy and foresight.

EARL COOLEY NEWTON.

The life of Earl Cooley Newton, now deceased, was one of distinct value to his fellowmen in that, through the exercise of his powers and talents, he gave to the world certain manufactures of his own inventions which have been of distinct use to those who have employed them. Mr. Newton was born October 24, 1838, in Wyoming county, New York. His parents were Levi and Rachel (Cooley) Newton and while spending his boyhood days in their home he pursued his education in the public schools of the Empire state.

In early life he learned the wagon manufacturing business and in 1854, when a youth of sixteen years, he came west with his parents and settled in Batavia. He was a partner in the Newton Wagon Company with his brother, becoming vice president of the company and so continuing up to the time of his death. A man of resourceful business ability, he did not limit his efforts to one line but extended them in other directions and became recognized as a man of force of character and strong purpose, whose labors were directly beneficial in the business development and upbuilding of his community. He was a director in the First National Bank of Batavia and was also extensively interested in the Redwood Lumber Company of California. In addition to the conduct of the wagon manufactory he also manufactured the new cow tie for tying cows in stalls. This is a great improvement on the old stanchions and is much more humane to the cattle. This device is still being manufactured by the family at their country home in Batavia.

On the 31st of January, 1871, Mr. Newton was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Wilson, a daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Shaw) Wilson, of Batavia. They became the parents of six children. Ed E. married Flora Peckham, who died leaving two children, Earl J. and Florence May. Following her demise Ed E. Newton wedded Nettie Wilkinson and with their son, LeRoy, they make their home in South Dakota. William W. Newton, the second son, now living in St. Joseph, Missouri, is married and has one daughter, Lou. Harry E. is married and has two children, Mary E. and Fay A. Nellie L. is the wife of William N. Selfridge, of Batavia. Katie May, born March 14, 1882, died June 13, 1895. Essie E., born March 17, 1885, died on the 13th of July of the same year.

Mr. Newton was a staunch republican in his political views but the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him. He did not desire a

reward for his party fealty but gave his allegiance to the republican principles because of a patriotic desire to conserve the best interests of the country. He was a most generous man, kindly in spirit but of quiet disposition. His sterling traits of character, however, won him wide respect and made him liked wherever he was known.

JOHN SEIDEL.

John Seidel, now deriving his income from judicious investments, is one of Elgin's native sons, who has led a life of activity and enterprise and has thereby won creditable prosperity. He was born on the 1st of March, 1860, his parents being Charles and Caroline (Luther) Seidel.

The mother was the last descendant of Martin Luther to bear the family name. Her birth occurred in 1823 at Kennitz, near Berlin, Germany, while Charles Seidel was born at Kolditz, in the province of Prussia. They were reared and married in their native country and came to America in 1849. After spending two years in Chicago they removed to Elgin in 1851 and Mr. Seidel established a bakery where the Seidel block now stands. It was the first business undertaking of this character in Elgin. He also handled the first lime sold here, conducting a good business as a dealer in that commodity, while at the same time he won success in his bakery business, which he conducted until the time of the Civil war, when he rented his place. He had in the meantime secured considerable real estate, making investments at an early day, and it still forms a part of the Seidel estate. As the years have passed it has greatly appreciated in value and the property today bears an excellent income.

In his political views Mr. Seidel was a staunch republican and in matters of citizenship was progressive and enterprising. He died in February, 1872, his wife surviving him only until September of the same year. They were the parents of twelve children: Charles, who served in the Civil war as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry and died at the age of nineteen years while at the front; Emma, who has passed away; Fred, also deceased; Mary, who makes her home with her brother John; Newton, deceased; Natalie, the wife of William Wilson, of Elgin; William and Robert, both of whom have departed this life; John, of this review; Frank, deceased; Charles; and Robert, who died in infancy. The family possess the love of music and also the musical talent so common to the German race and Fred, Newton, Frank and William have all been members of the Elgin band. One of the sons, Robert Seidel, was a very prominent citizen of Elgin, who served as alderman for many years and left the impress of his individuality upon the upbuilding and progress of the city in many ways. In business he was connected with the furniture trade and undertaking and became prominent as a merchant as well as a political leader of the city.

John Seidel, whose name introduces this review, attended the public schools of Elgin, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high-school student. He afterward learned the baker's trade but in 1881, when a young man of twenty-one years, went to South Dakota with his brothers, Newton and Frank. Later their sister Natalie joined them and acted as their housekeeper. They each entered an adjoining quarter section on section 33, range 108, township 60, in Sanborn county, and had a central dwelling, all living together. They proved up their claims and secured titles thereto and were identified with the pioneer development of that section of the country.

John Seidel remained in South Dakota for ten years, after which he returned to Elgin and was agent for the Anheuser Busch Company of St. Louis at Elgin for about ten years. Since that time he has given his supervision to real-estate interests and the management of his property has brought him gratifying success. The family is an old and prominent one of Elgin and Mr. Seidel of this review has a wide acquaintance, while his many good qualities have gained for him a large circle of friends in the city of his nativity.

JOB LEROY HIGGINS.

Job LeRoy Higgins, deceased, was born in Wayne, Dupage county, Illinois, April 20, 1852, his parents being Orin and Betsy (Irish) Higgins. The former was born in Ohio, while the latter's birth occurred in the Empire state. Orin Higgins served as a soldier in the Civil war for three years, loyally defending the interests of the Union during that struggle.

Job LeRoy Higgins acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and later attended Elgin Academy. On putting aside his text-books he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, but when he had attained the age of twenty-five years he purchased one hundred and fifteen acres of land in Lily Lake, Campton township, and was there successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until he retired in 1893 on account of ill health. In connection with the work of general farming he had made a specialty of dairying and gained a very creditable and gratifying measure of success in both branches of his business. On his retirement he took up his abode in Elgin and here made his home until his demise on the 14th of May, 1895, his passing away being deeply regretted by many friends as well as his immediate family. For seven years prior to his death he had been in ill health.

On the 8th of January, 1876, Mr. Higgins was united in marriage to Miss Carrie E. Plane, a daughter of Charles and Sophia (Applebee) Plane, of Wayne, Dupage county, and to this union two children were born. Maude Lillian, whose birth occurred October 29, 1876, passed away June 7, 1894. She was a girl of a very sweet disposition and was much loved, so that her death came as a great blow to her parents as well as to her large circle of friends. Daisy Mabelle is the surviving daughter.

In his political views Mr. Higgins was a staunch republican, though not active in party ranks. He contributed to the support of various churches, and was a genial, pleasant gentleman, who made a host of friends.

FRED W. JENCKS.

Fred W. Jencks, prominent among the enterprising, energetic and successful business men of Elgin, has developed the largest insurance business in the county and is also well known as the manager of the Elgin Opera House. In all his acts he has displayed an aptitude for successful management, combined with keen discernment that renders each step in his career a successful one. His success is attributable entirely to his own efforts and has gained for him the respect and admiration of his contemporaries and his colleagues as well.

Mr. Jencks is a native of Kane county, his birth having occurred in Dundee, July 6, 1861. He is a son of Dennison Jencks, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. After attending the public schools he became a student in Elgin Academy and at the age of fifteen years he became connected with the insurance business, in which line he has since operated. Few men have more intimate knowledge of the insurance business in all its varied interests and branches than has Mr. Jencks, and in the course of years he has developed the largest insurance business in the county, representing twenty-two of the most prominent and substantial insurance companies of the world. In 1906 he bought out John W. Farnham and S. E. Weld, insurance agents, and consolidated their business interests. He writes about as much insurance annually as all the other companies in the county combined, nor has he limited his efforts alone to this line, for in April, 1886, he leased the Elgin Opera House and has managed it continuously since, procuring excellent talent here for the entertainment of the public in theatrical and musical lines. The same year he bought out the bill posting business of the city and has since conducted this, in which connection he has one of the best plants in the state outside of Chicago, using steel boards almost exclusively. From 1894 to 1900 he was president of the Illinois State Bill Posting Association and is still a director. He is determined and diligent and his vocabulary contains no such word as fail. He has been able to see and utilize opportunities that others have passed by heedlessly and has become one of the foremost representatives of business activity in Elgin.

That Mr. Jencks is well known and very popular in public life and in political circles of the city is indicated by the fact that when reelected alderman he was given the largest majority ever received by a candidate in his ward. He was president of the water board for two years and is still a member of the board. He has always taken an active part in support of republican principles and believes that the platform of that party contains the best elements of good government.

Mr. Jencks was married to Miss Mary R. Ryan, of Dundee, and they have a daughter and son: Mabel V., who is now a student in the Emerson College of Oratory in Boston; and Paul T., who is secretary of the city water

department of Elgin. The family home is one of the most beautiful residences of Elgin, situated at No. 273 Dundee avenue, and its warm-hearted hospitality is a most attractive feature there. In his fraternal relations Mr. Jencks is connected with the Century Club, the Elgin Country Club, Kane Lodge, I. O. O. F., with the Modern Woodmen and with the Elks, and of the last named served as trustee for three years from its organization. He likewise belongs to Arcane Union. He has a very wide acquaintance in this his native county, and is prominent among the business men, having for years been closely identified with Elgin as a representative of some of its most important business interests. He is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment and his executive ability and excellent management have brought to the concern with which he is connected a large degree of success.

FRANK SEIDEL.

Frank Seidel, one of Elgin's native sons, passed away February 24, 1903, when in the forty-first year of his age. He was born April 10, 1862, and belonged to an old and prominent German-American family of this city. His parents, Charles and Caroline Seidel, coming to America in 1849, took up their abode here in 1851, and Frank Seidel pursued his education as a public-school student. He always continued to make his home here save for a period of ten years, beginning in 1881, which he spent in South Dakota. He was there with two of his brothers and all three entered claims, securing adjoining tracts of one hundred and sixty acres. They then erected a dwelling which stood on the three claims and their sister Natalie acted as their housekeeper. Frank Seidel went to South Dakota principally for the benefit of his health, hoping that a change of climate would prove beneficial, nor was he disappointed in this hope, for he was greatly improved by the outdoor life which he there lived. He had worked at the barber's trade in Elgin before his removal to the northwest. Following his return he was identified with real-estate interests here, owning considerable property in connection with his brothers. He displayed good business discernment in its care and made judicious investments of his capital.

In May, 1893, Mr. Seidel was married to Miss Carrie B. Gault, who was born in Monticello, Jones county, Iowa, September 15, 1866, a daughter of Oliver and Lorinda (Hitchcock) Gault. The father was born in Pennsylvania, December 8, 1826, and died in Iowa, February 13, 1908, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, who was born in New York, May 24, 1826, passed away in Michigan, October 10, 1899. She was on a visit to that state but was a resident of Iowa. In their family were six children: Mrs. Retta Ives, who is living at Iowa Falls; Albert W., deceased; Mrs. Jane Stevens, of Twining, Michigan; Mrs. Lizzie Maddock, of South Dakota; Grant, deceased; and Mrs. Seidel. By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Seidel there were born three sons: Charles G., Wilber F. and Newton W. In the city where most of his life was spent Frank Seidel passed his last days, his death

being occasioned by typhoid fever. It brought deep regret to many friends who knew him as an enterprising citizen, an upright business man, a faithful friend and a devoted husband and father.

ALBERT THEODORE LEWIS.

When Albert Theodore Lewis was called to his final rest on the 9th of August, 1904, Kane county mourned the loss of one of its most prominent and successful lawyers and public-spirited citizens. He was born in Binghamton, New York, May 26, 1843, a son of George W. and Lavinia (Bishop) Lewis. The father was a contractor and builder and in Chicago erected the first bridge which could be turned all the way around, the bridges prior to this time turning but half-way. About 1850 he removed westward with his family, locating on a farm in Kane county but still continuing his activities as a contractor. About 1860 he left the farm and took up his abode in Elgin.

Albert Theodore Lewis acquired a primary education in the schools of Binghamton, New York, and subsequently was sent to school at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, in order to prevent his enlistment in the Civil war, which was then in progress. His patriotic ardor was not to be dampened, however, and he enlisted from Prairie du Chien, thus becoming a Wisconsin soldier, although Illinois has also claimed him. He was but nineteen years of age when on the 5th of August, 1862, he entered the army as a private of Company A, Thirty-first Wisconsin Infantry, serving until the close of hostilities. He was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea, also participated in the siege of Atlanta and fought under General Robinson. He was promoted to the rank of corporal, and after taking part in the grand review at Washington, District of Columbia, he was mustered out at Madison, Wisconsin. His military record was a most creditable and honorable one and, whether in the heat of battle or on the lonely picket line, displayed loyalty and bravery equal to that of many a man of twice his years.

When the war was over Mr. Lewis returned to Elgin and became a law student in the office of Colonel J. S. Wilcox. After mastering the principles of jurisprudence he was admitted to the bar and was continuously connected with the legal interests of Elgin until the time of his demise. He went into partnership with his former preceptor under the firm style of Wilcox & Lewis, which throughout the entire period of its existence was recognized as one of the most prominent and successful law firms of the county. When the Chicago & Pacific Railway (now the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul) was built through Elgin he drew up every deed for hundreds of miles, having secured the right of way. He was likewise attorney for this railroad until after it was absorbed by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company. He was more of an office lawyer than a trial lawyer, his specialty being in the line of real estate and titles. From the time of its inception until his death he was attorney and an officer of the Loan & Homestead Association of Elgin, which organization has done great things for the people of this city in the way of erecting and paying for homes.

On the 3d of February, 1876, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Wood, a daughter of William S. and Phylena (Smith) Wood, of Wataga, Knox county, Illinois, the former a merchant at that place. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were born two children. Dunbar Wood, a student at Amherst College; and William Bishop, who is attending the Shattuck Military School at Faribault, Minnesota.

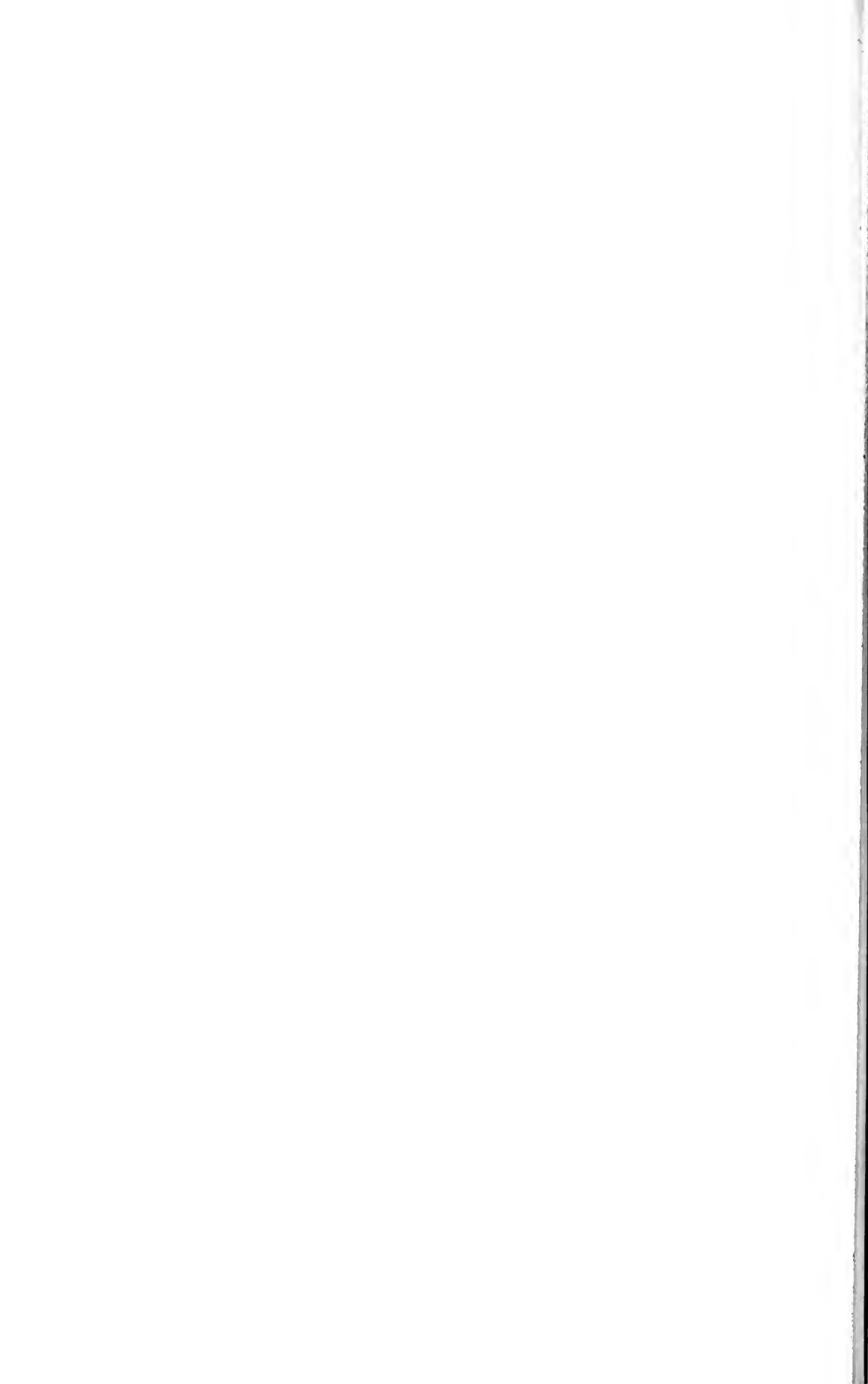
Mr. Lewis was a prominent factor in republican politics in Kane county and for twelve years served on the board of county supervisors, while he also held the office of justice of the peace for some time. While on the board of supervisors he was a member of the almshouse committee of Kane county for a number of years. He likewise took a leading and helpful part in the building up of the public library and it is largely owing to his efforts that the institution has reached its present high standard. A member of the Masonic fraternity, he served as marshal of Monitor lodge for many years, and was one of the first twelve commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic. At the time of his death very flattering resolutions of praise and condolence were passed by the Masons, the board of supervisors and the Elgin Loan & Homestead Association, while at the beginning of his illness the board of supervisors also passed resolutions of sympathy. His life was so varied in its activity, so honorable in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its effects that it has become an integral part of the history of the city and has also left an impress upon the annals of the state. He exerted an immeasurable influence on the city of his residence: in business life as a leading and successful lawyer; in social circles by reason of a charming personality and unfeigned cordiality; in politics by reason of his public spirit and devotion to the general good as well as his comprehensive understanding of the questions affecting state and national welfare; and in those departments of activity which ameliorate hard conditions of life for the unfortunate by his benevolence and his liberality.

HON. GEORGE MATHIAS HOLLENBACK.

Hon. George Mathias Hollenback is now living retired in Aurora, deriving his income from valuable farming property, comprising six hundred acres of land in this section of the state. He is one of the prominent and well known citizens of this portion of Illinois, bearing the distinction of having been the first white child born in Kendall county. He has been closely associated with the work of development and progress and has been an interested witness of what has been accomplished as northern Illinois has emerged from frontier conditions and taken on all of the evidences of a modern civilization. He has not only made for himself a creditable name and place in agricultural circles, but has also figured prominently in public life, filling the office of master in chancery for twenty-seven years, while in other positions he has been equally capable and loyal. He has represented his district in the state



Geo. M. Hollenback



legislature, and in fact his life record is closely interwoven with the progress and development of this portion of Illinois.

In tracing the ancestral history, the first of whom there was authentic record was George Hollenback, or Hollebaugh, as he was called by his neighbors, who died July 28, 1736, at Faulkner Schwamm, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. His son, John Hollenback, was born in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1719, but prior to 1720 came to America with his parents. About the year 1740 he was living in Jonestown, Pennsylvania, where he married Eleanor Jones, of Welsh descent. He died in Martinsburg, West Virginia, in 1793. Of his sons, Mathias Hollenback became prominent in the history of the state and was one of the few who survived the massacre at Wyoming. For many years he served as associate judge of Luzerne county and was prominent in the public life of the community.

George Hollenback, the eldest son of John Hollenback, was born about 1744, and in his youth was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, serving until twenty-one years of age. He was married in 1772 to Hannah Barton and subsequently removed to Martinsburg, West Virginia, where his family remained while he did valiant duty at the front in the Revolutionary war, being with General Charles Lee in the Jersey campaigns. Later he became a resident of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and when General Washington visited that place in 1784 he left many relics he had gathered from the field of Braddock's defeat. About 1792 George Hollenback located near Prickett's Fort in what is now West Virginia, where he remained until 1807, and then removed to Muskingum county, Ohio. He died June 28, 1824. His son, George Hollenback II., was the ninth of eleven children. He was born in Marion county, West Virginia, in the year 1792, and was a very vigorous man physically, and of resolute will,—qualities which enabled him to cope with the vicissitudes of pioneer life. He served his country as a soldier of the war of 1812, and in recognition of his aid was granted a land warrant, where-with he secured one hundred and sixty acres in later life. On the 15th of June, 1817, he married Sophia Sidle, a daughter of John and Mary (Reid) Sidle. The mother was a sister of John Reid, the grandfather of General Q. A. Gillmore, a distinguished Union officer who conducted the bombardment of Fort Sumter and the city of Charleston. After his marriage Mr. Hollenback conducted his father-in-law's mill and also engaged in farming, but the west attracted him and with his wife and five children he started for the Mississippi valley in the fall of 1829, journeying in a covered wagon and bringing with him his household possessions and several cows. Their way lay through a wilderness in which the road was oftentimes little more than a trail, but eventually they reached Danville, Illinois, where friends had located some months before and where they passed the winter. In the spring of 1830 they again resumed their travels and located a few miles from Peru, on the south side of the Illinois river, but believing that the Fox river country offered better advantages, Mr. Hollenback spent the months of February and March, 1831, in investigating this district, journeying as far as Oswego. He made a claim in what is now Fox township, Kendall county, returned for his family and with them arrived at his future home April 18, 1831. The first

dwelling of the family was very primitive. They hastened to make a little clearing in order to put in some crops, and then began to build a more substantial log house to replace the first shanty, but before the new structure was completed the original dwelling was destroyed in a severe storm on the 20th of September, 1831, a falling tree being hurled against it. When his crop was harvested the grain was threshed by treading it out on the clay floor and then Mr. Hollenback and a young daughter took the grist to a mill, which was operated by horse power, it requiring six weeks to make the trip. On the 1st of December, 1831, the family circle was increased by the arrival of twins, George M. and Amelia, the former being the first white child born in Kendall county.

The Indian outbreak in May, 1832, caused much distress to the first settlers here. Mr. Hollenback took his family to Fort Beggs, which was named in honor of Elder Beggs, the pioneer preacher, and which stood on the site of the city of Plainfield. He had been warned of the approaching outbreak by an Indian to whom he and his family had shown some kindness. From Fort Beggs they went to Fort Dearborn, returning in the fall to Ohio, where the family spent a year, but Mr. Hollenback again returned to Illinois in the spring and put in a crop. In the summer he again went to Ohio and when he once more journeyed to Illinois he brought his family with him. Even then evidences of the onward march of progress were seen, in that new roads had been constructed and various settlements had been established. The Kendall county homestead consisted of seven hundred acres on sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, Fox township, and of the claim one hundred and twenty-five acres was covered with fine timber. The land was not surveyed north of the Indian boundary until 1837, in which year the commission was appointed to establish the state road from Ottawa to Naperville, the commissioners while thus engaged making their stay at the Hollenback home. It was located on a road where for nearly twenty years the daily stages passed. While Mr. Hollenback did not pretend to keep an inn and hotel he notwithstanding kept open house for all coming and going. His wife died February 26, 1861, and he passed away November 23, 1863. He was a man of unfaltering integrity, firm in support of his honest convictions, strong in the uprightness of his character and a generous friend to the poor and needy and helpless. His early political allegiance was given to the democracy but he supported Fremont in 1856 and thenceforward was a republican. Mrs. Hollenback possessed in an eminent degree all those good qualities that radiate from an amiable mind and heart. As wife, mother and friend, the remembrance of her will be fondly cherished to the last survivor of those who knew her in any of these sacred and hallowed relations. Mr. Hollenback survived his wife for more than two years: Their hospitality was unbounded and their home was always open for the reception of their friends, while any destitute boy or girl could always come to them with confidence for advice, certain to find sympathy and substantial help. Their children were: John S., now deceased; Clark; Mrs. Sarah A. Boyd; David S.; Mary and Philip, both deceased; George, and his twin sister, Mrs. Amelia Davis; William A.; Mrs. Mary J. Moulton; Nelson K.; and Mrs. Hannah Elizabeth LaSure.

The descendants of John Hollenback, who came from Wurtemberg, numbering those in the lineal and collateral branches with the living and the dead, number more than one thousand.

The boyhood days of George M. Hollenback were passed on the old homestead on the northeast quarter of section 22, Fox township. There he assisted in the work of the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn and he also engaged in teaching school in early manhood. It was his desire, however, to become a member of the bar, and to this end he devoted his leisure moments to study in that direction. He has in the course of an active, busy and useful career been again and again called to office. In November, 1856, he was elected clerk of the circuit court and entered upon eight years' service in that position, being reelected in 1860. On his retirement from the office he purchased a farm on section 21, Fox township, where he took up his abode in March, 1865. In 1873 he rebuilt the residence and conducted a model farm until his removal to Yorkville in 1888. In all of his agricultural interests he was progressive, practical and enterprising and he is today the owner of much valuable land, his holdings embracing over six hundred acres.

While active and successful in business he has also been recognized as a republican leader in this part of the state and has labored effectively to promote the interests of the party. In 1868 he was admitted to the bar and in the same year was appointed master in chancery, which office he filled continuously until 1896, with the exception of two years. During the war he was appointed enrolling officer by Governor Yates. In 1872 he was elected a member of the twenty-eighth general assembly, and for years he has served as justice of the peace, while for two terms he was supervisor. Whether in local or state office he has been equally loyal to the trust reposed in him and his official record is indeed commendable and worthy of emulation.

On the 5th of May, 1859, Mr. Hollenback was married to Julia A. Woodworth, a native of Ashtabula county, Ohio, and a daughter of Daniel and Roxanna (Heath) Woodworth, who were natives of New England and for many years resided in Lake county, Ohio, where their last days were passed. Mr. and Mrs. Hollenback had one daughter, Stella Louisa, who is a graduate of the West Aurora high school and the wife of Edward Welles, of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania. In 1886 Mr. Hollenback was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 23d of August of that year, her death being regretted by a most extensive circle of warm friends. On the 24th of July, 1888, Mr. Hollenback wedded Frances F. Houghman, a daughter of William Henry Lewis and Amelia (Brooks) Lewis, who were of German extraction and were natives of the state of New York. They lived in the Empire state and in Pennsylvania for some years and about 1856 became residents of Kendall county, Illinois, settling near Oswego. Later they took up their abode in Madison, Wisconsin, where their daughter Frances met and married Dr. Charles E. Houghman, who was appointed by the governor state oculist and aurist of Wisconsin.

He has for many years been a prominent resident of this part of the state and his efforts in behalf of public progress have been effective and far-

reaching. He has stood for advancement in business lines and for upbuilding in all of the social, intellectual, political and moral interests of the county. He removed to Aurora November 18, 1892, and there owns a beautiful home at No. 44 North View street. He also has six hundred acres of valuable farm land in Kendall county, including two-fifths of the old family homestead, whereon he first opened his eyes to the light of day as the first white child born in the county. No history of this part of the state would be complete without mention of his honorable career, and it is therefore with pleasure that we present to our readers this record.

DENISON R. JENCKS.

Denison R. Jencks is widely known and respected as a retired merchant of Elgin, whose success in former years, attributable to intense and well directed activity, now enables him to enjoy a well earned rest. He was born October 13, 1837, in Adams, Massachusetts, and came to Illinois in his boyhood days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jencks. His father purchased a farm near Barrington, Cook county, and thereon resided until 1855, when he sold out and removed with his family to Dundee, Kane county. There he engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued for a few years.

In his early business career Denison R. Jencks obtained employment as a clerk in a drug store, being at that time a youth of fifteen. That he was faithful, capable and reliable is indicated by the fact that he remained with the house for eight years and left it only to engage in the drug business on his own account as the junior member of the firm of Oatman & Jencks. This partnership was continued for six years, when Mr. Jencks sold out and became a partner with C. F. Hall in the dry-goods and grocery business. Two years later, however, he disposed of his interests in that enterprise to Mr. Hall and opened a clothing house and shoe store, conducting business in Dundee until 1873. In that year he came to Elgin and through the succeeding year was identified with mercantile interests in this city, after which he withdrew from the field of trade to turn his attention to the general insurance business, in which he was engaged until 1893. He then retired, being succeeded by his son, Fred W. Jencks.

On the 25th of October, 1859, Mr. Jencks was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Hollister, a daughter of Allen S. Hollister, of Dundee, who died in Elgin January 17, 1897. Their son, Fred W. Jencks, is mentioned on another page of this work. In community affairs Denison R. Jencks has been somewhat prominent and in official as in business life has always been found most loyal to the interests which he has represented. He was postmaster at Dundee for six years, was school treasurer of Dundee for four years, and for thirteen years was a member of the city council in Elgin, representing the second ward. He has ever exercised his official prerogatives in support of progressive public measures and his labors have constituted an important element in the

city's welfare. His business record, too, should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be attained through persistent, untiring and well directed activity.

CHARLES H. POTTER.

Charles H. Potter is president and general manager of the Excelsior Creamery Company, and in connection with this line of business has been largely instrumental in winning for Elgin the reputation which it bears throughout the country in connection with its creamery products. While the city contains many and varied business concerns, the name of Elgin in remote districts has come to be synonymous with the production of butter and of watches, and that it has gained fame in these lines is due to the fact that its exported products are superior to those sent out by other manufactories of similar character. Unflinching industry, unabating energy and unbending integrity have long been recognized as salient features in the business career and success of Charles H. Potter, a native son of Kane county, of whom she has every reason to be proud.

His birth occurred in Plato township, September 14, 1851, his parents being the late Harry Eddy and Mary A. (Griggs) Potter. The latter was a daughter of John Griggs, who was born in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, in 1782, and he was married in Mount Washington in 1800. Leaving New England, he made his way westward to Greene county, New York, and afterward went to Black Rock, near Buffalo, New York, where he resided at the time of the war of 1812. He owned a sloop and contracted with the government for carrying supplies and ammunition of war and took part in the defense of Black Rock at the time of the British invasion. Subsequently he sent his wife to Ohio, where his wife's brother, John Dibelle, was living, while he followed in his sloop over the lakes. Off the coast of Ashtabula, however, he was shipwrecked and hung to the rigging for forty-eight hours before he was rescued. His sloop, however, was lost. Mr. Griggs settled on a farm at what was known as Griggs Station and is now known as Griggs. There he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1834, when he sold his property and started for the Fox river country with his son, John Griggs, Jr., shipping from Ashtabula to Detroit by schooner and thence driving across the country to Chicago. With his family he spent the winter of 1834-35 at Warrenville, Dupage county, and in the spring of the latter year came to Kane county, where he took up land in what is now Plato township. There he built a log cabin and conducted a hotel on the stage line from Chicago to Galena. There were no railroads in this part of the country and travel was done by stage. In fact northern Illinois was a wild, pioneer district, in which comparatively few settlements had been made, while the work of civilization seemed scarcely begun. Mr. Griggs was not only well known in business connections but also in public life and was appointed one of the election commissioners by Governor Ford. He also laid out the territory

now included in several counties into election precincts and presided at the first election held in his home. Mr. Griggs was chosen the first treasurer of Kane county and continued a prominent and influential factor in shaping the early formative history of the county and also its later progress and development. In politics he was a staunch democrat and cast his last ballot in 1868 for Seymour and Blair. He died in 1869, having for about seven years survived his wife, who passed away in 1862. They had a family of nine children, all of whom have now passed away.

This number included Mary A. Griggs, who in 1840 gave her hand in marriage to Harry Eddy Potter. Mr. Potter was born in Brighton, western New York, in 1815, and like his wife was descended from Puritan ancestry. His ancestors were ever loyal in defense of their honest convictions and were among the founders of Providence and Warwick, Rhode Island. Harry E. Potter remained in the east until about twenty-one years of age, when he came to Kane county, Illinois, with his uncles, Harry and Spaulding Eddy, their destination being St. Charles. There he assisted in the erection of some of the first buildings of the town, following his trade of a carpenter and joiner. Following his marriage in 1840 he settled in Plato, where he resided until his death in February, 1865. He was a very particular and methodical man and his was one of the nicest and best improved farms of his section. His wife, long surviving him, died in 1891. They were the parents of six children, of whom three are living: Mrs. Ruth C. Wilcox, Mrs. Minnie P. Hawkins and Charles H.

The last named was only fourteen years of age at the time of his father's death. The care of a large family then devolved upon his mother and he took charge of the farm and successfully conducted the work of the fields, displaying the same excellent business ability that has characterized him throughout his entire life. Realizing the necessity of an education he managed to attend the district schools during a part of each winter and was afterward a student in Marengo Business College, while by reading and observation he has also largely added to his knowledge and in the schools of experience has learned many valuable lessons. He remained at home until he had attained his majority and in the meantime had learned to place a correct value upon the qualities of industry and perseverance. In 1872 in company with Abe Archibald, Mr. Potter purchased the grocery business of M. & J. McNeil. Soon afterward Mr. Archibald retired from the business and Mr. Potter continued alone until 1883, when he turned his attention to the manufacture of butter, in connection with the late W. H. Hintze. They also extended the scope of their business to include the purchase and sale of real estate, platting and selling Hintze and Potter addition to Elgin, comprising forty-five acres in the southwest part of the city.

As their business increased in the line of butter-making, Mr. Potter became one of the incorporators of the Elgin Butter Company and was its secretary. In that capacity he traveled over the greater part of the United States and in all sections of the country established a market for this famous brand until "Elgin creamery butter" has become a synonym throughout America for the best product in this line. In 1891 he resigned his position

as secretary and with Obadiah Sands completed the organization of the Elgin Creamery Company, of which he was made vice president and general manager, having full charge of the butter department. His business was developed until it came to be one of the best of the kind in the United States and then withdrawing in 1894 Mr. Potter became one of the organizers of the Excelsior Creamery Company and was chosen its president and manager. This company operates creameries in Illinois and Wisconsin, doing a large shipping business in all of the principal markets.

Mr. Potter was married in 1873 to Miss Elvira J. Mann, a daughter of the late Hon. S. S. Mann, and they now have one child, Alice. Politically, a republican, Mr. Potter is active in the ranks of the party and in public affairs has displayed the same keen business discernment, enterprise and activity that have characterized him in his business life. He was a member of the board of water commissioners for several years and is the originator of the artesian system for supplying the city. He possesses in large measure the enterprising spirit of the west, which has been the dominant factor in producing the wonderful development of this section of the country. Brooking no obstacles that honest effort can overcome, he has steadily worked his way upward until, having long since left the ranks of the many, he today stands among the successful few.

JOHN L. ROWCLIFFE.

John L. Rowcliffe, who during the course of an active, upright life was closely identified with the farming interests of Kane county, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1833, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 8th of March, 1895, when he was called to his final rest. The days of his boyhood and early youth were spent in England and the educational facilities which he enjoyed were those afforded by the public schools. He came to the United States about a half century ago and, making his way into the interior of the country, secured employment at farm labor in Illinois. He worked diligently and as the result of his unwearied industry and careful expenditure he at length secured the capital which enabled him about thirty-eight years ago to purchase a tract of land of eight acres three miles southwest of Batavia. To this he added from time to time as his financial resources increased until he had thirty-six acres. The land is rich and productive and responded readily to the care and cultivation which he bestowed upon the place.

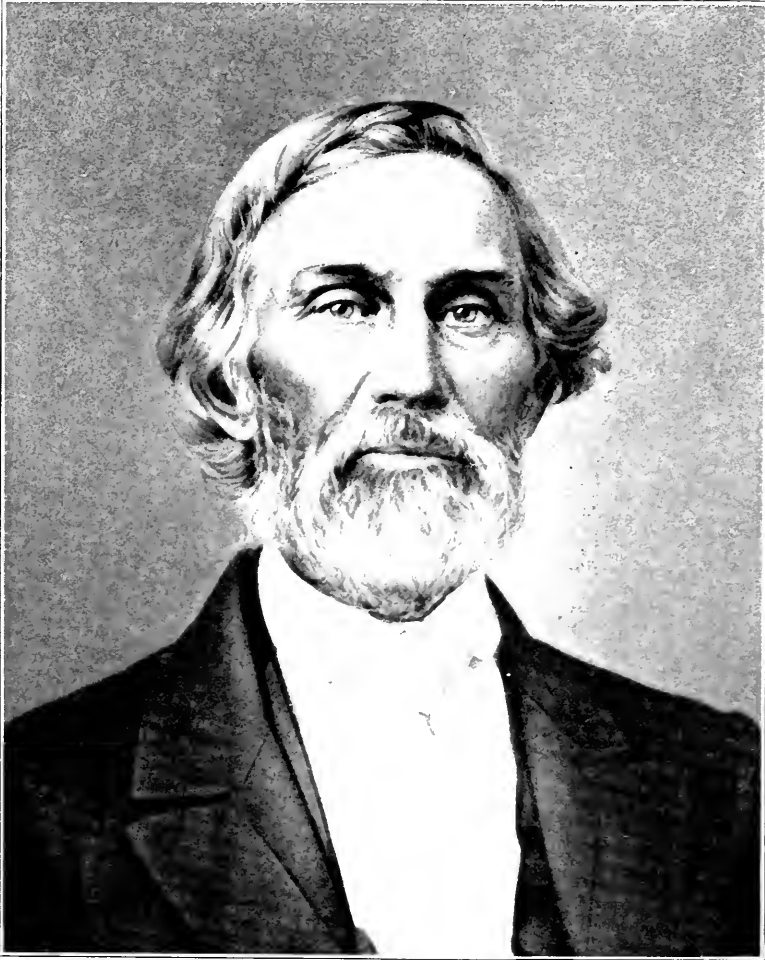
On the 6th of January, 1863, Mr. Rowcliffe was married to Miss Flora Sikes, a daughter of William and Lucretia (Cooley) Sikes, also of Batavia. Unto this marriage there were born five children. Cora G., the eldest, became the wife of Lauren Grimshaw and unto them was born a daughter, Ruth B. She is now the wife of John B. Ballard and has one daughter by the second marriage, Elva Florence. John Lester, the second member of the family, was born June 2, 1867, and married Matilda Swanson, a daughter of Gustave

and Hannah Johnson. The four children of this marriage are John H., Ernest H., Edith B. and George E. William George is the next member of the family. Flora May is the wife of Hiram Casner and unto them have been born five children: Mamie, John, Earl P., Fannie and Edna. Henry Lyman completes the family.

Mr. Rowcliffe voted with the republican party but was never a politician in the sense of office seeking. He was truly a self-made man and deserved great credit for what he accomplished. He realized the fact that diligence and perseverance are important elements in success and he worked along those lines to make for himself a creditable place in the business world. Whatever prosperity he enjoyed was attributable entirely to his own labors and in all of his dealings he was straightforward and honorable, enjoying the regard of his fellowmen by reason of an active and upright life.

TIMOTHY ADAMS WHEELER.

In the history of the early development of Kane county, mention should be made of Timothy Adams Wheeler, who, arriving here in pioneer times, bore an active and helpful part in the pioneer development and progress in this part of the state. He was born February 21, 1809, in Cavendish, Windsor county, Vermont, his parents being Amos and Lydia (Adams) Wheeler. He acquired his education in the common schools and was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He arrived in Illinois in 1835. His parents and other members of the family had preceded him a short time and had settled on a tract of land four miles up the river from Charleston. In 1836 he returned to Vermont and was married in Cavendish in November of that year. With his bride he immediately started for Illinois, making the trip by way of Lake Champlain, the St. Lawrence river and the great lakes to Detroit, where he bought a horse and wagon and household goods, the latter amounting to fourteen hundred pounds in weight. The balance of the journey was thus made across the country and some days they traveled less than seven miles, owing to the poor condition of the roads. They settled on a part of the Wheeler tract, which had formerly been secured by other members of the family, and there lived for five or six years when they came to St. Charles. Here Mr. Wheeler engaged in the grain business with his brother and also in the lumber business. He became one of the enterprising and energetic merchants of the town, and in promoting his individual interests also contributed in substantial measure to the welfare of the community. While living here he built his home at the corner of Eighth and Main streets, on the site of the present residence of his daughter, Mrs. Reed. In the '60s Mr. Wheeler removed to the farm which he owned in DuPage county, and there he resided for a few years, after which he took up his abode upon a farm near St. Charles, which was owned by his son, Charles. There he continued to spend his remaining days, his death occurring June 2, 1867. He was a man of



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quiet and modest disposition, a lover of home and at all times had the utmost regard for his domestic ties. His political support was given to the republican party but he never sought nor desired office.

His wife, Mrs. Abbie (Whitcomb) Wheeler, was born in Alstead, New Hampshire, in 1814. Her parents afterward removed to Cavendish, Vermont, where she was reared to womanhood. Her father, Thomas Whitcomb, was a descendant of John Whitcomb, who came to America in 1633 and settled in Dorchester, Massachusetts. In 1640 he removed to Scituate, Massachusetts, and in 1645 became a resident of Lancaster, that state. He and his son John were two of the original owners of the town. The father was born in 1588 and died in September, 1662, while his widow, Frances, died May 17, 1671, leaving eight children, the youngest of whom was Jonathan Whitcomb. He was married November 25, 1667, and his wife, Hannah, was massacred by the Indians July 18, 1692. Jonathan Whitcomb died in February, 1691. The youngest of their nine children was John Whitcomb, who was born May 12, 1684, and by his wife, Hannah, had four children: John, Abigail, Hannah and Asa, of which family John W. served as a brigadier general in the Revolutionary war, at Bunker Hill; Asa W., the younger brother, and the next in line of direct descent to Mrs. Wheeler, was born in 1719, and made his home in Lancaster, Massachusetts. For eight years he served the town in the "greate and generale corte," was justice of the peace and for years was a deacon in the church. In 1775 he raised a regiment and was commissioned colonel, commanding the troops at Prospect Hill during the siege of Boston. In 1776 he commanded a regiment at Ticonderoga and Crown Point. He lived for some years to enjoy the fruits of liberty and died at Princeton, Massachusetts, March 16, 1804. He was married December 26, 1744, to Eunice Sawyer, and following her death he was married, January 26, 1762, to Bettie Sawyer. They had eleven children. This number included Asa Whitcomb, who was born February 8, 1764, and died January 5, 1835. On the 9th of November, 1788, he married Rebecca Bass and they had ten children: Thomas Whitcomb, born November 7, 1789, a son of Asa Whitcomb, died April 13, 1869. He married Nabby Harding and had one child. Following the death of his first wife he wedded Anna Wentworth and had seven children, including Mrs. Wheeler.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler there were born seven children: Emeroy A., born September 3, 1837, became the wife of Stephen A. Pierce and died in St. Charles. The second child died in early life. Elizabeth, or Betty, was born July 21, 1844. Wentworth W. was born in 1846, married Luella Sherer and lives at Mount Morris, Illinois. Rhoda, born in 1849, became the wife of B. D. Dunning, and both died in Iowa. Flora A., born in 1852, became the wife of O. C. Joy and resides in California. Charles M. married Alexina Creyk and resides in California. Such, in brief, is the history of the Wheeler family, long well known and prominent in this part of the state. From pioneer times they had been residents of Kane county and had witnessed almost the entire growth and development of northern Illinois.

We are indebted for the history of this family to Mrs. Elizabeth (Wheeler) Reed. Her husband, Rodney H. Reed, was born in Cuyahoga

Falls, Ohio, September 6, 1833, and was a grandson of David Reed, who belonged to an old Vermont family. His parents were George W. and Julia (Ellingwood) Reed. In the public schools he acquired his early education, which was supplemented by study in Wheaton College. He followed farming for a considerable period and became one of the well-known agriculturists of this part of the state. He was also a town officer for many years and his duties were discharged with a promptness and fidelity that led to his retention in office and won for him the confidence and good will of all concerned.

In 1872, in St. Charles, Mr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wheeler, and after a happy married life of about eight years he was called to his final rest, his death occurring in Wayne, DuPage county, Illinois, June 4, 1880. Their children were Grace May and Rosella. Mrs. Reed now resides in St. Charles and is a most worthy representative of an honored pioneer family.

H. L. E. PETERSON.

H. L. E. Peterson, who is conducting a successful plumbing, heating and gasfitting establishment in Elgin, was born in this city on the 16th of May, 1876. His father, Fred Peterson, a native of Sweden, where his birth occurred in 1844, emigrated to the United States in the year 1867. On landing on the shores of this country he made his way direct to Elgin, being first employed by Andrew Magnus and subsequently by the Borden Condensed Milk Company, with which concern he has now been connected for over twenty years. He had been married in his native country to Miss Christina Larson, and unto them were born nine children, four of whom are deceased. The living are Julius G.; William T.; H. L. E., of this review; Ernest; and Amanda, the wife of Oscar Dedlow. All are residents of this country and all are married except Ernest.

H. L. E. Peterson was educated in the Elgin public schools, which he attended until nine years of age, when in 1885 he began working for the D. C. Cook Publishing Company of Elgin as messenger boy in the corresponding room, and subsequently was employed in various ways until he had attained the age of fourteen years. He then learned the plumber's trade and has since been successfully connected with this line of business. On the 1st of March, 1905, he began business for himself at the corner of Douglas avenue and Milwaukee street in Elgin, where he conducts a general plumbing, heating and gasfitting establishment. He has made improvements on different tools which have been patented and are now in use by the plumbing trade, and he has gained a large measure of prosperity in the conduct of his business interests.

On the 17th of June, 1903, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Hausberg, a daughter of Charles and Laura Hausberg, of Elgin.

Mr. Peterson is a staunch republican in his political views and takes an active interest in the local work of the party. His religious faith is indi-

cated by his membership in the Congregational church, while fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Elks, the Knights of Modern Maccabees and the Royal Arcanum. Having spent his entire life in Elgin, he has many friends here who esteem him highly for his genuine personal worth and sterling traits of character.

PAUL KEMLER, JR.

The name of Kemler has figured prominently in connection with hotel interests in Elgin for thirty-six years, and Paul Kemler, Jr., as proprietor of the new Washington Hotel, is a worthy successor of his father in this business. He was born August 26, 1869, on the site occupied by his present hotel, his father being at that time proprietor of one of the early hostelrys of the city. The parents are mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

The son was one of a family of eleven children and was reared under the parental roof, pursued his education in the public schools and also in the business college in Elgin. When he had put aside his text-books he began providing for his own support by working in a grocery store, where he was employed for a few years. He afterward worked in the Elgin watch factory and subsequently coming to Chicago he became bookkeeper for the Jefferson Ice Company, with which he was thus connected for two years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Elgin and conducted the Washington Hotel, which at that time occupied the old building which was long a landmark in this city. In 1907, however, his father erected the new Washington Hotel on the old site. This is a three-story brick building, of modern appointments, and contains thirty-two sleeping rooms. Special attention is paid to the cuisine and everything possible is done for the comfort of the guests. Commensurate with a progressive business policy, like his father Mr. Kemler has made a success in the management of the hotel and he also owns the stables which are connected with the hotel and which contain accommodations for about seventy teams.

Equally well known in municipal affairs, Mr. Kemler was elected alderman from the second ward in 1900 and his public-spirited service led to his reelection in 1903, so that he served for two terms. Reared in the faith of the republican party, he has never seen reason to change his allegiance but believes that its principles contain the best elements of good government. He was chairman of the republican town committee for about a year, has taken an active interest in local politics and has always been ready to further the interests of the city in every possible way.

Pleasantly situated in his home life Mr. Kemler was married to Miss Elizabeth Jane Welch, a native of Detroit, Michigan. He is prominent in fraternal circles, holding membership with the Eagles and the Elks, with the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Odd Fellows and with the Riverside, Wahalla, Elgin Gun, the Rod and Gun, the Cleveland, the Derby and other clubs. He is well known as a sportsman, being much interested in

hunting and fishing, and has held all of the offices in the Riverside Club, of which he is now a trustee. He was also the first president of the Eagles of Elgin and on leaving the chair was presented with a handsome solid gold eagle emblem. He is now president of the Derby Club and is most popular in social circles, possessing a genial, kindly spirit and manifesting at all times a deference for the opinions of others.

THOMAS FOLEY.

Thomas Foley, formerly identified with farming interests, is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. For a long period he was associated with agricultural interests and his labors were continuous and were directed by sound judgment. He was born on the seacoast in County Wexford, Ireland, December 23, 1828, and has therefore almost reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey. His parents were Mathew and Mary (Laughlin) Foley, who spent their entire lives in the old country, Thomas Foley returning in 1874 to make them a visit. They were the parents of ten children, of whom three sons came to the United States, while the brother and two sisters of our subject are still living in Ireland. The two brothers who came to America, however, are now deceased.

Thomas Foley was reared in his native country upon a farm, where he remained until twenty-four years of age. He was determined to seek his fortune in America, hoping that he might benefit his financial condition materially by this step. Accordingly he sailed alone for New York in 1853 and began providing for his own support here by working on the New York & Erie Railroad near Hornellsville. His brother Michael was a section boss there and Thomas Foley worked under him for two years. On the expiration of that period he made his way to Chicago and fired on a steam propeller. He spent the season of 1855 on the lakes and in 1856 made his way to California by way of the isthmus, and spent seven years in the mines, where he met with a fair degree of success, bringing back with him enough to buy a home. Upon his return to the middle west he settled at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and while there met the lady whom he afterward made his wife on the 7th of January, 1864. She bore the maiden name of Bridget C. Drennan, and was born in Queens county, Ireland, September 28, 1842. She was seven years of age when she accompanied her parents on their emigration across the Atlantic to Massachusetts. She was a daughter of William and Katharine Drennan, who, making their way from the Atlantic coast into the interior of the country, settled in St. Charles, this county. There the father purchased a farm and he and his wife spent their remaining days upon that property.

After his marriage Mr. Foley made his way to St. Charles, Illinois, and invested in one hundred and twenty-four acres of land. With characteristic energy he began its cultivation and development, brought the fields under a high state of improvement and won success through the production of crops. As his financial resources increased he added to the property and now owns

seven hundred and ten acres of farming land, comprised within four farms, all in St. Charles township. This returns him a gratifying rental annually and makes him independent of any necessity for further labor for an income. While in California he sent for his younger brother, Mat Foley, who joined him in the mountains of the Golden state in 1857 and worked in partnership with him until 1863. He remained in the mines after Thomas Foley left for the middle west and later went to Idaho, where he spent twelve years. Following his return to the Mississippi valley Thomas Foley continued to give his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits until he retired four years ago, when he purchased his present home and took up his abode in Elgin, leaving his sons on the farm. The improvements upon his farm were made by him and he transformed it into a valuable property. He made a specialty of dairy farming, milking about sixty cows, while his sons are now milking about one hundred and fifty cows. He has ever displayed keen discernment in his business affairs, combined with a spirit of unfaltering enterprise that has enabled him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles in his path and steadily work his way upward to success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Foley have been born ten children: Mathew, who is the owner of four hundred acres of land in South Dakota; Mary, the wife of Thomas Hayes, of Chicago; William, who is living in South Elgin; Katharine, who is a sister in the Catholic convent in Davenport, Iowa; Peter, who is living on one of his father's farms in St. Charles township; Josephine, at home; Thomas J., who resides upon the old homestead; James and John, both of whom are upon farms in St. Charles township; and Frank, who is with his brother on the old homestead. They also lost a daughter, Margaret, who died at the age of two years.

Mr. Foley was school trustee for more than twenty years and the cause of education has found in him a stalwart champion. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church. He has made two trips to California since he first visited that state and on the second trip took his brother with him and kept him with him until he died on the home farm. Mr. Foley now in the evening of life can look back over the past without regret, for his life has been well spent. He has won a creditable measure of success and has gained the confidence and good will of many friends. Born on the green isle of Erin, his travels have taken him to various sections of this country, but for many years he was closely and actively associated with agricultural interests, being known as one of the representative farmers of this part of the state.

FRANK B. WOOD.

Frank B. Wood is well known in commercial circles in Elgin as a dealer in automobiles and supplies of all kinds. A young man, he is forging to the front in business lines, winning recognition and success by reason of his intense and well directed energy. He was born in Huntley, McHenry county,

Illinois, in July, 1877. His father, D. E. Wood, is a well known citizen of Elgin, removing here in 1881. Frank B. Wood was at that time four years of age. He entered the public schools and continued his studies later in the Elgin Academy and in the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, Pennsylvania, with the class of 1898. Following the outbreak of the Spanish-American war in that year he enlisted as a private in Company B, Fourth Wisconsin Infantry, and following a competitive examination was elected first lieutenant. The regiment went into the southern camps and while in the south Lieutenant Wood served as aid-de-camp under General Mattocks and then under General Colby. The regiment was never called to active duty at the front, owing to the early close of the war, and with his command Lieutenant Wood was mustered out in 1899.

Returning home, he entered upon his business career in the Elgin National Bank, of which his father is the president. In 1907, however, he turned his attention to his present business, opening a garage at No. 60 and 62 River street, where he handles the Ford and Rambler cars and all kinds of supplies. He has built up a good business in this line and is thoroughly informed concerning the different makes of automobiles and believes that he has two of the best cars on the market for the price. He is a man of unflinching energy, brooking no obstacles that honest effort can overcome and is accounted one of the valued additions to Elgin's business circles.

In 1906 occurred the marriage of Frank B. Wood and Miss Florence Baker, of Austin, Illinois. He is well known in social circles, belonging to the Century Club, to the Elgin Country Club, to the Chicago Automobile Club, the Lake Geneva Yacht Club, the Columbia Yacht Club of Chicago and the Army and Navy Club. He is also connected with the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Archaean Union and also belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association. These connections indicate clearly the nature of his interests and also his personal popularity. In manner, courteous and genial, and in disposition, cordial and kindly, the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

R. WAITE JOSLYN.

R. Waite Joslyn was born March 23, 1866, at Elgin, Illinois, and was educated in the schools of Elgin, being a graduate of the high school in 1886. He then studied at Michigan University three years, graduating there in 1891 with the degree of LL. M. He acted as assistant professor in the law school one year, when he went to Chicago and entered active practice. He continued there until 1904, when he returned to Elgin, where he has since practiced, being associated with his brother, Frank W. Joslyn. He is unmarried.

Mr. Joslyn has won the distinction of being the first Kane county lawyer to contribute a law book to the profession. In April, 1908, his work on the law of "Personal Injuries" was published by T. H. Flood & Company, of Chicago, and met with immediate success and promises to continue through

several editions. He is now engaged on another law treatise on the "Corporation Law of Illinois," to be published next year by the same publishers.

Mr. Joslyn has contributed to the magazines on political and philosophical subjects and is at present publishing a series of pamphlets upon "Normalism," a philosophy of happiness.

A. C. RINEHIMER.

A prominent representative of industrial interests in Elgin is A. C. Rinehimer, the president of the Rinehimer Brothers Manufacturing Company. This is an important enterprise, employing a large force of workmen in the manufacture of sash, doors and all kinds of interior fixtures. The business was established in 1891, and through the guidance of the members of the firm, has been developed to extensive and profitable proportions, the business standing as visible evidence of the capability and diligence of its owners and promoters.

A. C. Rinehimer is a native of California, his birth having occurred near Sacramento on the 6th of October, 1862. His parents were Emanuel and Eliza Jane (Clark) Rinehimer, the father a native of Pennsylvania, and the mother of the state of New York. They crossed the plains to California in 1860, Mr. Rinehimer being attracted by the gold discoveries on the Pacific coast, and there they remained for six years, or until 1866, when they returned by way of the isthmus of Panama. They made their way to Kane county, Illinois, where they had previously resided, having been early settlers of this part of the state. The father was a carpenter by trade and following his return from the far west continued his residence in Kane county until called to his final home.

A. C. Rinehimer was educated in the public schools and the Elgin Academy, but ere pursuing his academic course he spent two or three years in farm labor in Iowa. After completing his education he began working in the mills, gaining broad and comprehensive knowledge of industrial and mechanical pursuits and interests. In 1891 he established business on the water power in the manufacture of sash, doors and all kinds of interior fixtures and, remaining at their original location for seven years or until 1898, when they removed their plant to its present location at the east end of the Kimball street bridge. There they have a large factory, splendidly equipped with the latest improved machinery for carrying on the business in this line. They employ between thirty and forty workmen, and the excellence of their product insures for them a ready sale on the market, the output being shipped all over this section of the country. The senior member of the firm is Charles C. Rinehimer, elder brother of our subject and a resident of South Haven, Michigan. This makes Mr. Rinehimer, of this review, the manager of the business, to which he devotes his undivided attention.

In 1888 was celebrated the marriage of A. C. Rinehimer and Miss Ada Boyles, of Elgin. They have two children, Charles and Helen. The family

are members of the Episcopal church and the son is serving as secretary of the Sunday school. They take an active interest in the church work, and their influence is always on the side of progress and improvement, while socially they are widely and favorably known.

CHARLES H. BACKUS.

A review of the history of Hampshire in the past quarter of a century will indicate the fact that Charles H. Backus has been a prominent and influential factor in its business development, its municipal progress and its social and political interests. Few men so thoroughly command the respect of their fellow citizens, but throughout his entire life he has never deviated from the principles which constitute upright manhood in all individual and public relations. He has had his residence in Hampshire from the first of April, 1882, and in Illinois from 1879, coming to the middle west in early manhood. He was born in Chaplin, Windham county, Connecticut, June 9, 1856, and is a representative of old New England families established in America in colonial days. Among his ancestors were those who valiantly aided in the struggle for independence and the establishment of a republic. On the maternal side Ephraim Lyon, a descendant of Ponce de Leon, served a number of years during the struggle in various official capacities. For a time he was adjutant in the Twenty-first Massachusetts Regiment, was first lieutenant in Captain Obadiah Johnson's company, Third Regiment, Militia of Boston, was a member of Captain Bute's company of "Lexington Alarms," was first lieutenant in the Third Massachusetts Regiment under General Israel Putnam, and lieutenant in Captain Whiting's company, Fourth Regiment, commanded by Colonel John Ely. Ephraim Lyon's son James married Polly Trowbridge, daughter of James and Mary (Kendall) Trowbridge, the former being a son of Daniel and Hannah (Spring) Trowbridge. Daniel Trowbridge was a sergeant in the Eighth Company under Captain Ingalls, of the Eleventh Regiment from Pomfort, Connecticut. He was chairman of the committee to secure clothing for the Revolutionary soldiers, and was a member of the committee to suggest means to prevent depression of continental money. Mary Lyon, daughter of James and Mary (Trowbridge) Lyon, married Augustus Dodge, whose daughter, Susan, married Jirah L. Backus, father of our subject. He was the son of De Lucena and Olive (Simonds) Backus. The latter was a daughter of Elijah and Martha (Canada) Simonds, her father being a member of the Lexington Alarms from Windham, Connecticut, and was a participant in the battle of Bunker Hill.

After pursuing his education in the public schools to the age of seventeen years, Charles H. Backus engaged in teaching for two years, and with the realization of the value of thorough intellectual training as a preparation for life's responsible duties, entered the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York. Later he again engaged in teaching for two years, prior to his removal to Marengo, Illinois, in the spring of 1879. In his new



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location he was employed as clerk in a general store for a year, and afterward spent two years in the Farmers and Drovers Bank, of Marengo. Seeking broader opportunity and wider scope for his activities in the business world, he came to Hampshire on the 1st of April, 1882, and established the Kane County Bank, which has become one of the solid financial institutions of this part of the state. The safe, conservative policy which he inaugurated has always been maintained, and at the same time the affairs of the bank are conducted in harmony with the progressive spirit which is the feature of the age. On the 2d of April, 1906, the institution was converted into the state bank of Hampshire, of which he is the president. He has never confined his operations solely to banking, but has extended his efforts to various fields in which the public has been an indirect beneficiary. Forming a partnership with E. C. Sholes, he established the pressed brick and tile works of Hampshire, with a capacity of a half million brick and one hundred and fifty thousand tile per annum. He is still interested in this business, which, from the beginning, has proved a profitable investment. For some years prior to 1907 he was interested in the coal trade as the senior partner of the firm of Backus & Maynard. He was also connected with mercantile interests as senior partner of Backus & Sisley, dealers in clothing, boots and shoes, at DeKalb, Illinois. From the last two enterprises, however, he has now withdrawn. His business interests also included financial connection with the Genoa Issue, a weekly paper published at Genoa, Illinois. He is a representative of many insurance companies, and controls considerable business of that character. His investments in land and other properties have been extensive, and his sound judgment and keen discrimination enable him to make wise purchases and profitable sales.

Mr. Backus was married at Geneva, Illinois, January 1, 1884, to Miss Emma L. Sisley, a native of West Chicago, and a daughter of John and Anna Sisley. They have one son, Charles Sisley. In the fraternal relations Mr. Backus is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Masons, the Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of the Globe, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Sons of the American Revolution. He stands today as one of the prominent representatives of the republican party in this district, active in the championship of its principles and unfaltering loyalty to the public good. He has served as village treasurer, as township supervisor, as clerk of the school board, and as a member of the village board, filling all these offices for a number of years. He has now for eight years represented his district in the state legislature, having been elected in 1900 and at each biennial election since that time. That he has been again and again the choice of the people of his district is a fact that stands in incontrovertible evidence of his loyalty to their interests. He is now serving as chairman of the committee of live stock and dairying, and is a member of the committees on county and township organizations, executive department, finance, license, public charities, railroads and state and municipal indebtedness. Never seeking that fleeting notoriety which results from brilliant oratory, he has done much important work along the lines of constructive legislation, and is regarded by his fellow members as one whose judgment is sound, whose

methods are rational and devotion to the general good unmistakable. In the various relations of life in which he has figured, he stands as a man among men, who is without ostentation and yet without the least shadow of mock modesty. The respect in which he is held is a free-will offering given in recognition of true worth.

INCREASE CHILD BOSWORTH.

Honored and respected by all, no man in Kane county has occupied a more enviable position in the public regard than did Increase Child Bosworth, who for many years was the president of the First National Bank of Elgin. His name was also associated with many works of public improvement, and he stood among those who occupied a place in the busy world that made his life a benefit to the community, a source of inspiration and encouragement to his associates and a cherished memory to those who were near and dear to him. He was born in Greenfield township, Saratoga county, New York, April 2, 1812, and was a representative of old American families.

His father, Alfred Bosworth, was a native of Bristol, Rhode Island, and his ancestors were identified with American interests from an early period in the colonization of the new world. He married Olive Child, a daughter of Increase and Olive (Pease) Child, whose progenitors were early settlers among the Knickerbockers of New York. Both the Bosworth and Child families were represented in the American army during the Revolutionary war, Captain Increase Child being a conspicuous officer, who was present at the surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga. The Bosworth family was equally noted for patriotism and loyalty and enthusiastic devotion to the Congregational church. The names of members of the family figure prominently on the old records of that denomination, and at the same time are equally common upon the military records of the country. They never swerved from the path of duty in their relations to their country or to their fellowmen and Increase Child Bosworth was fortunate in that he had back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished. His lines of life were cast in harmony therewith and he was ever recognized as a man fearless in defense of his honest opinions and belief and straightforward in all of his dealings.

He was one of five children, the record of whom is as follows: Mary C., who was born in Saratoga county, New York, October 17, 1799, became the wife of Harry Weed and died in Rock county, Wisconsin, September 20, 1846, leaving two sons and a daughter; Benjamin F., born October 7, 1801, died in McHenry county, Illinois, September 8, 1843. He was married twice. After losing his first wife, who bore the maiden name of Miss Smith, he wedded Elizabeth Nixon. He was a graduate of Union College, read law, afterward studied medicine and eventually became a prosperous merchant. Oliver C., born December 30, 1803, died in Chautauqua county, New York, July 15, 1835. Lucinda S., who became Mrs. Alfred Edwards, was born March 20, 1806, and died July 12, 1849, in Dundee, Illinois. Abi-

gail M., who became the wife of Benjamin Simons, was born June 18, 1809, and died June 4, 1885. The other member of the family was Increase Child Bosworth of this review.

Increase C. Bosworth was reared upon the home farm, but was offered better advantages than fell to the lot of many boys. Back of him was an ancestry, who correctly valued the opportunities of an education, and the Bosworth children were all sent to the public schools, where, making good use of his opportunities, Increase C. Bosworth qualified for teaching, becoming equipped for the profession while still in his minority. He devoted two winters to teaching in his home neighborhood and though he proved a capable educator, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge he had acquired, he did not care to make the profession his life work. He was attracted by the opportunities of the west, believing that in the new but growing country a young man would have much better chance to work his way upward than in the older and more thickly settled states of the east.

Accordingly, in 1836, he bade adieu to home and friends and set his face toward the setting sun. On the 12th of November he arrived in Chicago, which had not then been incorporated as a city. It was a straggling town, having as yet but little industrial or commercial importance, and yet having the advantages for the building of a great city. Mr. Bosworth secured a clerkship in the store of Edwards & Bosworth, the former his brother-in-law and the latter his brother. There he soon learned how different were the ways of the west than the east, and he became imbued with the spirit of energy, determination and enterprise that was dominant in this section of the country, and which led to its rapid growth and substantial upbuilding. Two years' experience as a clerk brought him a comprehensive knowledge of merchandising and equipped him to carry on a successful business on his own account. Mr. Edwards had purchased his partner's interest when during one season he went to the east, leaving the store in charge of Increase C. Bosworth, who after a little while learned that one of the debtors on Fox river was about shipping away his goods without paying his liabilities. Mr. Bosworth then mounted his horse, rode to this part of the country, and was in time to save a little of the debt. Following his return to Chicago he learned that another man in debt to the house, and then located near Aurora, was also smuggling his goods out of the country. Again he made the trip on horseback, reached the party, and after some difficulty, secured the whole of this debt to his employer. This occurred at the beginning of what was known as the great financial panic of 1837. So promptly and efficiently had Mr. Bosworth acted that Mr. Edwards was greatly pleased and recognized in the young man one who could be trusted entirely.

Mr. Bosworth, however, had not only carefully looked after his employer's interests, but in so doing had taken a step which resulted most beneficially for Elgin and the Fox river valley. His visit to this district had convinced him that Dundee, where a large gristmill was just being completed, offered an eligible point for the sale of goods, and his employer then offered to furnish him all the goods he wanted and wait for his pay until the sales had been made. The offer was gladly accepted, and thus Mr. Bosworth became a

factor in the business life of Kane county, where he figured so prominently for over a half century. In January, 1838, he opened his store at Dundee, carrying a line of general merchandise. He had studied the wants of the people, knew their needs and equipped his store accordingly. His judgment concerning the advisability of establishing a store here was demonstrated in the passing of time. From the beginning the new enterprise prospered, the sales steadily increasing, and he extended his operations with the growth and demands of the rapidly advancing country about him. Soon after the close of the Civil war he disposed of his store in Dundee and in May, 1867, removed to Elgin, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest. Through the succeeding nine years he was engaged in merchandising in this city and again his establishment secured a liberal patronage, making his trade very profitable.

A man of resourceful ability and wide outlook, he extended his efforts into other lines and in 1876, after about ten years' residence and prosperous business in Elgin, he organized the private banking house of Bosworth, Carpenter & Company, which was equally successful with his mercantile efforts. From the start this became one of the leading moneyed institutions of this part of the state. It secured almost immediately a large and growing patronage, for the members of the firm were men of well known and tried business ability and integrity. They had conducted their bank for about eighteen months when they were asked to take a controlling interest in the First National Bank, and the purchase was made. A little later the private bank was discontinued and merged into the First National Bank. Mr. Bosworth was chosen to the presidency of the latter institution and filled the position up to the time of his demise. His business integrity was unassailable and his methods are of interest to the commercial world, for while starting out in life empty-handed, he attained a position of distinction and prominence among the representatives of commercial and financial interests in Kane county. He based his actions upon the rules which govern unfaltering industry and inflexible reliability. He was never known to take advantage of the necessities of another in a business transaction, but sought out methods which were fair and just alike to the purchaser and the seller, to the banker and to his patron. Men who knew him came to regard his word as good as any bond that was ever solemnized by signature or seal, and what higher encomium can be passed upon an individual than to say, "He was an honest man."

Mr. Bosworth was also connected with many interests of both a public and private nature which contributed in large measure to the progress and prosperity of the community. He was intensely public spirited and his devotion to the general good was manifest in many tangible ways. In an early day he foresaw the wants of this rich agricultural country for cheap and speedy transportation to the markets of the world, understanding perfectly that therein lay the secret of the future of the Prairie state. He was among the founders of the Chicago & Northwestern, the Chicago & Pacific and the Fox River Valley Railroads, becoming one of the chief promoters and a stockholder in all of those lines. He was likewise identified with the manu-

facturing mill at Dundee and later with a similar factory in Elgin. Many other business concerns which were of direct benefit to the community received his endorsement and cooperation. Whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion and used no means nor methods that would not bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. While he prospered as the years went by, he never resorted to speculation for his success, but won it along the legitimate lines of commerce.

In an active and useful business career he also found time to recognize the needs of his fellowmen and to aid in meeting them. The cause of education found in him a stalwart champion and he believed firmly in the public-school system. The poor and needy found in him a friend and without ostentation or show he gave generously to those who needed assistance, and, moreover, always had an encouraging word and a pleasant smile, thus shedding around him much of the sunshine of life. For a number of years he was one of the active and helpful trustees of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane at Elgin. He also acted for some years as a trustee of the Chicago University, was a trustee of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Morgan Park, and was also thus connected with the Elgin Academy.

On the 24th of December, 1844, Mr. Bosworth was married to Miss Mary Ann Root, a daughter of Dr. Anson and Lucinda (Wilson) Root. Their family numbered eight children. Eliza, the eldest, became the wife of the Rev. Joshua E. Ambrose, a Baptist minister, and died in 1854. Mary Ann, who was born June 4, 1814, in Genesee county, New York, became the wife of Mr. Bosworth. Julia A. married Milo Kemp and in 1837 became a resident of Batavia. Orpha S. married Samuel Burdick and made her home in Elgin. Anson W. also became a resident of Elgin. Harriet G., who became the wife of A. D. Gifford, died about 1853. Martha was twice married, first becoming Mrs. Anderson and later Mrs. Loomis, and for some years she made her home in California. William went to California in 1850 and died in that state.

Mr. and Mrs. Bosworth had a family of three sons and one daughter. Alfred is mentioned elsewhere in this work. William Eugene, the second member of the Bosworth family, was born October 5, 1848, and was married May 12, 1874, to Ida L. Woodruff. They have two sons: Cyrus L., who was born March 20, 1875; and Ralph R., born December 13, 1882. Abbie L., born June 1, 1851, and Henry Increase, born September 10, 1854, are the younger members of the Bosworth family. The last named was for many years vice president of the First National Bank, Alfred is well known as a capitalist of Elgin and William Eugene was likewise prominent in business circles of the city. He died about four years ago.

The parents were both members of the Baptist church, were generous in its support, and took a most active and helpful part in its work. Mr. Bosworth served as treasurer and church trustee for years, and he also filled various civic offices, including that of supervisor, in which capacity he served for two terms. He was likewise alderman for two terms and for some years was president of the Elgin public library. During the Civil war he was one of the stanch advocates of the Union cause, his deep-seated patriotism being

strongly manifest. He contributed generously to sustain the men in arms at the front as well as their families at home. He lived and labored for the public good in many ways, and his life, honorable and upright, made his record one that was worthy of emulation. He attained the age of seventy-five years and passed away January 11, 1888. Few men have been the object of more genuine affection and he received that sincere respect which the world instinctively pays to the successful man whose course in life is in harmony with the strictest principles of integrity and fidelity. No history of Kane county would be complete without extended mention of Increase C. Bosworth, who for fifty years figured prominently here and wielded a wide influence on the side of improvement, progress, justice, truth and charity.

HENRY JAMES.

Henry James, who was born in Wales on the 5th of May, 1857, passed away in Elgin, March 7, 1897, his parents being William Henry and Elizabeth (Evans) James. The former was likewise a native of Wales and died in that country at the age of eighty years. In 1880 Henry James crossed the Atlantic to the new world and immediately made his way to Udina, Kane county, Illinois, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until 1888, when he took up his abode in Elgin. He then became an employee of the Elgin National Watch Company, entering the machine department, and remaining with the company until his demise. In Wales he had been a nurseryman, and also did something along this line in Elgin in the way of transplanting large trees, being very successful in this undertaking.

On the 20th of May, 1876, Mr. James was married in his native country to Miss Mary Jenkins, a daughter of John and Mary (Edwards) Jenkins. Seven children were born to this union: Elizabeth Jane, born April 13, 1878, married Delmer Dufield, by whom she had one child, Pearl A., and passed away November 20, 1901. Henry Johnson, born March 20, 1882, wedded Miss Chloe Pogue, by whom he has one son, Henry. David William, born April 21, 1884, resides in Elgin, being employed by the Elgin National Watch Company. Arthur Evans, whose birth occurred April 12, 1886, also resides in Elgin and is connected with the same concern. Albert Standley, whose natal day was July 30, 1888, is with the Elgin Silver Plate Company. George, born April 25, 1890, passed away August 5, 1892. Pearl Georgiana, born May 20, 1893, was called to the home beyond about July 29, 1895.

Mr. James was a republican in his political views, but took only a citizen's interest in the work of the party. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, and he did everything in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. He was possessed of considerable musical talent and was a good singer. He was popular and well liked by all with whom he came in contact, but was preeminently a man of domestic tastes and found his greatest happiness at his own fireside. Coming to this country when a young man, he here found the business opportunities

which he sought, and in their utilization gained a good measure of success, winning at the same time the warm friendship and esteem of his fellow citizens by reason of his well spent, upright and honorable life.

ALBRECHT IKERT.

Albrecht Ikert, general manager of the Elgin Rug Manufacturing Company, was born in the old historic town of Insterburg, in East Prussia, which was built in the twelfth century. His natal day was April 1, 1853. Spending his boyhood days in his father's home, he was provided with liberal educational advantages, devoting seven years to the study of Latin, five years to French and four years to English. He thus gained comprehensive knowledge of the different tongues and his education in these directions has been of the utmost benefit to him, for he has traveled extensively in foreign lands, where he has found ample use for his knowledge. He also speaks the German language, and his curriculum included geography, mathematics, science, chemistry and physics. As one's horizon is broadened by educational opportunities, so Mr. Ikert desired to see something of the world concerning which he had studied, and not being able to travel because of financial limitations, he resolved to accomplish his purpose in some other way. He, therefore, shipped on a sailing vessel when only sixteen years of age in the capacity of ship boy. He followed the sea for fourteen years, spending one year of that time in the Royal Navy and passing through consecutive grades until he became captain of a vessel. Twelve times he crossed the equator and sailed all of the seas, except the Mediterranean. He visited many ports in various lands and gained a knowledge of the country and the people which can only be gained through travel.

Mr. Ikert was married in 1878, in the city of Bremen, Germany, to Miss Catharine Ruther. He made but one voyage after his marriage, giving up the sea in order to come to America in 1881. He made his way direct to Elgin, and for some time was with the late C. J. Shults, a well known dealer in dry goods and carpets, with whom he continued for fourteen years, filling the responsible position of general manager of the house. In 1898 he organized the Elgin Rug Manufacturing Company, in which he was still associated with Mr. Shults, and, in fact, their relations continued until the death of the latter in 1901. Mr. Ikert then formed the present company, incorporated it and has since been general manager. The company manufactures all kinds of carpets and rugs and employs as many as twenty-five men. He has made the business a most successful enterprise, it becoming one of the leading productive industries of the city.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ikert has been blessed with three children who are yet living: Carl, Charlotte and Bruno. His membership relations include the Bankers' Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa, the Archæan Union, the Modern Woodmen and the Masonic fraternity. Viewed in a personal light, Mr. Ikert is a strong man, strong in his ability to plan

and to perform, strong in his honor and his good name. Dependent upon his own resources from the age of sixteen years, he has made a creditable record for that steady progress and straightforward dealing which eventually reach their objective point. His fellowmen entertain for him the warmest respect and he is regarded as a valued addition to the business circles of Elgin, while in the matters of citizenship he is public spirited and progressive, advocating all that pertains to general advancement and improvement.

CHARLES W. LEHMANN.

Charles W. Lehmann, practicing at the Kane county bar as a member of the firm of Ranstead, Lehmann & Fuller, attorneys of Elgin, was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, December 3, 1874, a son of Charles J. and Gertrude (Engmann) Lehmann, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to America about 1852 and the mother arrived in 1868. They became residents of Boston, Massachusetts, and after residing in the east for some years Charles W. Lehmann brought his family to Elgin, Illinois, in 1875, in order that he might accept a position as maker of main springs with the Elgin National Watch Company, with which he was continuously connected for twenty-eight years, being one of its oldest and most trusted employes. He is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly merits.

Charles W. Lehmann, brought to this city when less than a year old, completed his more specifically literary education in the high school and the Elgin Academy. He prepared for the practice of law in Chicago, entering the Kent College of Law, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. He then went to Europe, where he attended the Heidelberg University for a year, and upon his return to his native land took up his abode in Chicago, where he entered the law office of Pam, Donnelly & Glennon, with whom he remained for three years, putting his theoretical knowledge to the practical test in the duties which were assigned him in that connection. During that period he earned a sufficient sum to enable him to prepare, as a student in the Lake Forest Academy, for entrance to Harvard College. He was graduated from the former in 1896 and later entered Harvard, but after three months spent in that university he returned home, was married and again went to Europe, spending about a year abroad in travel through foreign countries.

Upon his return to Elgin, Mr. Lehmann opened a law office and practiced alone for about four years, on the expiration of which period he entered into partnership with the Hon. J. W. Ranstead and P. B. Fuller under the style of Ranstead, Lehmann & Fuller. This firm is still in existence and is one of the strongest at the bar of northern Illinois, having an extensive clientage of an important character. They confine their attention largely to money loans, chancery and probate work and in this connection have gained a high reputation.



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On the 14th of December, 1899, Mr. Lehmann was married to Miss Janet Mercy Ranstead, a daughter of Judge J. W. Ranstead, and they now have one son, Ranstead Siebert, born October 31, 1902. Interested in community affairs, Mr. Lehmann gives active and helpful cooperation to many measures of public benefit. He is the president of the board of water commissioners and is a member of a number of fraternal organizations, in which he is always received as a welcome visitor.

GEORGE SPENCER ADAMS.

The growth and development of a city is due not to a few, but to the enterprise and diligence of the many business men who conduct legitimate enterprises along progressive and honorable lines. In this connection, therefore, George Spencer Adams deserves mention, for he is a wide-awake and alert business man of the city, dealing in sporting goods and automobiles. His birth here occurred on the 27th of September, 1872, his parents being John S. and Fannie A. (Smith) Adams, who were pioneers of Kane county.

The father was foreman for the Elgin National Watch Company for a number of years and was a man of marked ability and enterprise in mechanical lines. He designed a model steel bridge at a period when such structures had not come into general use and it was his hope that his bridge would replace the old wooden structure across the Fox river in Elgin. He also designed the breech block system while in active military service under General Butler, and this was used on Sharpe's carbine cavalry rifle. It was a great sensation as an innovation in firearms at that time. He submitted the patent to President Lincoln, it was accepted and he was placed in charge of the work of manufacturing the rifles. He was also the inventor of the electric tower, which is now a popular feature in many cities. Indeed he possessed superior talent and ingenuity in the lines of invention and designed some of the most useful machinery that is today a feature of the watch factory. At the time of his death he was in charge of the designing department of the electric light system of New Orleans and he also made the plans for the present sewer and flushing system of that city. He died April 12, 1894, on the day when they made their first excavations in the Crescent city for the sewer system. His ability in mechanical lines won him wide reputation and prominence. He was prominent in politics during his residence in Elgin and was also one of the organizers of the Young Men's Christian Association here. All good works done in the name of charity and religion received his support and he did much to further their interests, for his entire life was actuated by broad humanitarian principles.

George Spencer Adams, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the public schools of Elgin and afterward learned the machinist's trade, which he followed in the employ of others until 1896, when he engaged in business for himself. He now deals in automobiles, handling the Buick car, and also has a large stock in sporting goods, talking machines, phono-

graphs and bicycles, at the same time conducting repairs of all kinds in these lines. He occupies a large store at No. 210 and 212 East Chicago street, where he employs about six men. He has met with creditable and gratifying success in his undertakings and ranks among the best business men of his native city.

On the 9th of January, 1895, Mr. Adams was married to Miss Alice E. Cannan, of Elgin, a daughter of Robert Cannan, of this city. Well known in fraternal organizations, Mr. Adams is connected with the Masonic lodge, Loyall L. Munn Chapter, R. A. M., the Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His entire life has been passed in the city of his nativity, and he feels just pride in what has been accomplished here, always giving his support and allegiance to measures and movements calculated to prove of public benefit. In business circles and in social life he has gained a wide and favorable acquaintance and the success that he has achieved in commercial lines is proof of well directed activity and capable executive control.

PHILIP FREILER.

Philip Freiler, a distiller and wholesale liquor dealer, of Elgin, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, April 3, 1860. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Bachrach) Freiler, who in the year 1867 removed with their family to Chicago. In that city Philip Freiler acquired his education as a public-school student and in early life he became engaged in the liquor trade, with which his father and brother-in-law were connected in Chicago. After some years the father established a wholesale liquor business in Elgin, and in 1883 sold it to his son Philip, who has since remained at the head of the enterprise. He is also interested in one of the largest distilleries in Kentucky, where the famous brands of liquors which he handles are manufactured. He is a man of good business capacity and enterprise and he also owns stock in several banks in Elgin. His investments have been judiciously made and his success has resulted from his keen business discrimination and stalwart purpose.

Mr. Freiler is not unknown in political circles. In fact, he is recognized as a strong and able follower of the democracy, and one whose efforts have been effective in its ranks. During the administration of Governor Altgeld he was appointed and served as treasurer of the Illinois Hospital for the Insane. He is likewise well known in fraternal circles. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is also a noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a director of the local Masonic Temple Association. He has been treasurer of the Elks' Lodge since its organization and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. His brethren of these fraternities find him a genial, social gentleman of many good qualities, and entertain for him most kindly regard.

In 1883 Mr. Freiler was married to Miss Lizzie Ehrlich, of New York city, and they now have three children: Florence J., Hilda Valerie and Ruth Beatrice. A resident of the middle west from the age of seven years, Mr.

Freiler has been imbued with the spirit of enterprise and progress which have been the dominant factors in the upbuilding of this great section of the country. In his business career he has been watchful of opportunities and has improved many which others have passed by heedlessly. The years have brought him success, and he is now numbered among the prominent residents of Elgin.

FRANK WEBSTER.

Frank Webster, conducting a livery barn and dealing in horses in Elgin, is numbered among Kane county's native sons, his birth having occurred at Geneva, on the 12th of September, 1849. His parents were William G. and Margaret E. (Pierce) Webster.

The father was a native of Jefferson county, New York, born in 1811, and the mother's birth occurred in Vermont in the same year. She came with her parents and two brothers to Kane county, Illinois, in 1837, and was married in 1840, the wedding ceremony being performed by Charles Metcalf, in Geneva, Kane county. Mr. Webster had arrived in the county in 1838 and entered land from the government. This portion of the state was largely wild and unimproved. Here and there a few settlements had been made and some of the older towns had sprung into existence, but many of the new flourishing towns and villages of Illinois had not as yet been founded. Mr. Webster kept a tavern in Geneva for many years, or until it was destroyed by fire on the 29th of May, 1865. He also conducted a livery business and had the first contract to carry the mail from the depot to the postoffice. He served as deputy sheriff in 1871, and thus, as the years passed by, he was more or less active in public affairs, aided in the development of the county and lived to see it emerge from pioneer conditions and take on all of the evidences of a modern civilization. He died April 8, 1887, and his wife passed away on the 3d of the same month. They had traveled life's journey together for forty-seven years, were born in the same year and were separated by death for only three days. Mrs. Webster taught the first school in Geneva, Illinois, and like her husband, was closely associated with the pioneer life and interests of the community. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters: Elizabeth, born May 15, 1841, in Elgin; Mary E., born in Geneva, August 20, 1843; William H., born at Blackberry, Illinois, July 12, 1846; and Frank, of this review. Four cousins of our subject were soldiers of the Civil war, and one served as an officer of colored troops.

Frank Webster was educated in the public schools of his native county, and during war times was a newsboy on passenger trains of the North-Western Railroad. After leaving that service he went to Aurora, Illinois, and engaged in clerking in a grocery store until the spring of 1871. He then turned his attention to the livery business at Geneva and conducted it until 1883, after which he established a livery barn in Elgin, where he has since continued. He not only rents out horses and carriages but also deals in

horses and has built up a good business in both lines. He is known as one thoroughly reliable in all his trade transactions, and his earnest desire to please those who come to him has secured him a liberal and growing patronage.

On the 27th of September, 1882, Mr. Webster was married to Miss Marian W. Conkling, of St. Charles, Illinois. Fraternally he is connected with the blue lodge, chapter and commandery in Masonry and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and he has been three times elected to represent the fourth ward in the city council, thus serving for six years. He has exercised his official prerogatives in support of progressive, public measures, his labors proving an element in municipal advancement. He is interested in all those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride, and is a worthy representative of a prominent old pioneer family.

HON. JOHN A. LOGAN.

Hon. John A. Logan, among the native sons of Elgin, whom the city has honored because of the public recognition of his worth, has left the impress of his individuality, both upon business and political circles. Native sagacity, far-seeing judgment and indefatigable energy have so entered into his makeup as to render him a natural leader of thought and a molders of public opinion.

He was born in Elgin, August 9, 1861, a son of John and Julia (Murphy) Logan. The father was born in County Galway, Ireland, January 24, 1820, and died in this city March 16, 1866. His wife was a native of Cork, and passed away in Elgin, January 20, 1874, at the age of forty-three years. They were married in Machias, Washington county, Maine, about 1848, and three of their children, Mary, Nellie and Julia, were born in Maine, while the younger members of the family, Thomas J., John A. and Margaret, were all born in Elgin. The subject of this review, however, is the only one now living. The family located in Elgin about 1855, and the father worked in the distillery here for Pease, Lawrence & Maloney. His father, Owen Logan, was born in County Galway, Ireland, June 24, 1790, and died in Elgin, February 22, 1873. In his native land he had engaged in school teaching.

At the usual age John A. Logan became a pupil in the public schools of this city but his opportunities were limited, owing to the fact that his father's financial circumstances did not permit of any luxuries and comparatively few of the comforts of life in the home. He died, too, when his son was but a small boy, and the mother passed away a few years later. As it was necessary for John A. Logan to provide for his own support he began working in the brickyards near the Fox river switch, being there employed for two years. He afterward became a brakeman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, and in due time, in recognition of his ability and faithfulness, was made a conductor. He was also in charge of the yards in this city and eventually became a passenger conductor, which position he resigned

to engage in the real-estate business. He gave his attention alternately to business pursuits and official service for a considerable period. He was appointed deputy sheriff in 1888, filling the office until 1891, when he resigned.

In 1894 he was appointed United States deputy marshal and served for four years or during President Cleveland's second administration, for the northern district of Illinois. During that time he fully demonstrated his abilities as an officer and won distinction during the great strike at Chicago, being severely wounded in a desperate encounter with the rioters. While in that city, in his official capacity, he arrested Eugene V. Debs and his followers, who were causing so much of the disturbance. Soon after the expiration of his term as United States deputy marshal he was appointed chief of police of Elgin and remained as the leading executive officer in that department of the public service, proving most efficient. He was appointed by the mayor and again, by his capability and fidelity, showed that the trust reposed in him was well merited. In 1900 he was elected a member of the state legislature, succeeding Hon. Samuel Alschuler.

In the fall of 1901 he resigned as chief of police and organized the Northern Lakes Ice Company, of which he became the president and manager. In this connection he has established and erected immense ice houses at Pistaqua Bay, where he also has a pleasant summer home. He is vice president of the Walworth Condensed Milk Company, and was engaged in the wholesale ice and ice cream business in Chicago until 1905, when he sold out to the Knickerbocker Ice Company. In 1906 he incorporated the Elgin National Brewing Company, of which he was director and secretary until the 1st of January, 1908, when he resigned. He is now engaged in the sewer and street contracting business, and in this connection is securing a large patronage. Whether in business circles or in political office Mr. Logan has always been deeply interested in everything pertaining to the public welfare and has labored for those measures and movements which have proven of general good. He was but twenty-three years of age when he was elected alderman and for nine years served as a member of the city council. In all of his public life he has placed the general welfare before partisanship and has made personal aggrandizement subservient to the advancement of the public good. He is, however, a staunch advocate of democratic principles and for fifteen years has been chairman of the town democratic committee. At the present writing he is a member of the senatorial committee, with which he has been associated for ten or twelve years. Recently he was elected to succeed the Hon. D. J. Hogan as a member of the democratic state central committee for the eleventh congressional district. He has also been president of the civil service commission of Elgin.

Mr. Logan married Miss Mary A. Althen, a daughter of the late Casper Althen, one of the most prominent German-American citizens of Elgin. They have two children, John and Margaret. Mr. Logan is well known in fraternal circles, belonging to Elgin lodge, A. F. & A. M., to Oriental consistory, S. P. R. S., and to Medina Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Chicago. He likewise is connected with Lochiel lodge, K. P., and the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, while of the Hillside Club at Pistaqua Bay he has

been president. When we recognize the fact that he started out in life empty-handed, with no special advantages in his youth, and note the place of distinction to which he has attained, it seems that he has reached it by leaps and bounds, and his life record proves that positions of public honor are reached through the highway of public usefulness. Character growth and the development of his latent powers and energies have placed him where he stands today, among the most successful and best known residents of Elgin. He early learned to value people and opportunities at their true worth and to correctly judge life's contact and experiences, and thus with no untried standards and no false promises he has worked his way upward until he has gained success in business and also been accorded high honors by his fellowmen.

ALEXANDER C. LITTLE.

Alexander C. Little, an attorney of Aurora, was born at Rome, Oneida county, New York, in 1836, his parents being John and Nancy (Rae) Little, who were natives of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and relatives of Thomas Carlyle and Edward Irving. They came to the United States in the '30s, settling in Oneida county, New York, where the father engaged in farming. He remained a resident of the Empire state for many years and then, in 1851, came to Kane county, Illinois, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred at Big Rock, in this county, in 1860. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and a republican in his political belief, becoming connected with the party upon its organization. His wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1879.

Alexander C. Little, having pursued a public-school course of study, afterward began preparation for the practice of medicine at the age of eighteen years under the direction of Dr. W. Danforth, of Joliet. Later he was graduated from the medical department of the Iowa College at Keokuk in 1858, and during the year prior to his graduation he practiced in partnership with his former preceptor, Dr. Danforth. On the completion of his medical course he attended the seminary at Aurora until 1862, wishing for a broader general knowledge to serve as the foundation for his professional advancement. In July of the latter year, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and enlisted for service in the Union army. He organized a company but, as there was no need for it at that time, it was not mustered in and disbanded. With fifteen of his men, Mr. Little then went to Plano, where he enlisted as a member of Company K of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. His first service was at Camp Douglas, where he was appointed orderly sergeant, and in November the regiment was ordered to Memphis, Tennessee, and assigned to General Sherman's division, with which Mr. Little was connected until the close of the war. From Memphis he went on the Chickasaw Bayou expedition and took part in the battle in December. He was afterward with his command at Arkansas Post, participating in the engagements at that place, where five



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thousand Confederate troops were made prisoners. Later Mr. Little went to Vicksburg and was under command of General Grant at Young's Point, serving in that vicinity until the surrender of the city. While at Young's Point in March, 1863, he was appointed captain. After the fall of Vicksburg he was ordered to Chattanooga and served through that campaign. When relieved at that point he went with his company to Knoxville and relieved Burnside and afterward returned to Larkinsville, where General Sherman was organizing his Georgia campaign. At the battle of Kenesaw Mountain he was in command of the regiment, owing to the illness of the colonel and the withdrawal of the major, being appointed to the command by General Giles A. Smith. He was ever in the hottest of the fight and so marshaled his troops and planned their movements that he was complimented the next day by the General for his gallantry. He served through the Georgia campaign until the fall of Atlanta and in the engagement on August 3, 1864, he was wounded while commanding the left wing of the regiment. He then went to the north but later was sent to Chattanooga, where he was ordered to organize from the detachment of the Fifteenth Army Corps a command to go to the relief of General Ammen at Knoxville. His command consisted of six hundred men and after performing the duty designated he returned to Loudon, Tennessee, and took charge there, guarding the bridge. He was afterward at Cleveland, Tennessee, where he was assigned to duty on the staff of General Boughton, with whom he remained until ordered to rejoin his regiment. At Goldsboro, North Carolina, he was aide-de-camp on the staff of General Boughton and after arriving at Goldsboro the provisional division was discharged and Captain Little was assigned to the Second Missouri Engineer Corps of the Army of the Tennessee. He served in that position until his arrival in Washington, when he was mustered out on the 5th of June, 1865. The foregoing record will indicate the valuable character of his service and his unflinching loyalty to duty. He proved a gallant soldier and officer, inspiring his men by his own valor and loyalty and his record was altogether a most creditable one. When the country no longer needed his military aid Captain Little returned to Aurora and entered Antioch College to review his studies, becoming a member of the senior class. In Aurora he took up the study of law under the direction of the Hon. Charles Wheaton and was admitted to the bar in 1867, since which time he has engaged continuously in practice. While advancement in the law is proverbially slow, he yet, year after year, made steady progress toward that success which forms the goal of all the hopes of the ambitious lawyer. His first partner was the Hon. B. F. Parks, with whom he was connected in 1873-74. He was afterward associated with L. Isham White for a year and five years later took in as a partner, George W. Avery. He subsequently practiced in partnership with Ira Smith but for a number of years has been alone. He is watchful of all the details of his cases and yet never for a moment loses sight of the important point upon which the decision of a case always turns. He never neglects the work of the office which must always precede the forceful presentation of a cause in the courts and is regarded as a most faithful minister in the temple of justice.

Mr. Little is also well known in connection with political interests and public service in the city. He is a stalwart republican, recognized as one of the valuable members of the party and has filled many offices, in which his loyalty to the trust reposed in him has ever been above question. In 1869 he was alderman of the Eleventh ward and in 1874 he was elected mayor. During his term in that office he organized the public library, which is a most valuable institution of the city. He has served as city attorney both before and since his administration as mayor and in all his varied relations to the public, whether as an officer or as a private citizen, he has contributed to general progress and substantial upbuilding.

Mr. Little was married January 18, 1877, to Miss Bonnie B. Snow, a daughter of Professor Snow, a native of Massachusetts. She died November 30, 1903. Mr. Little is prominent socially and is a valued member of the Grand Army post. Throughout his entire life he has been as loyal in citizenship in days of peace as when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields. His fidelity to duty is one of his strong characteristics whether manifest in the public service, in his social relations or in his professional connections.

ALFRED E. PLEAVIN, M.D.

Dr. Alfred E. Pleavin, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Elgin, was born in Birkenhead, England, in March, 1880. His father, Dr. Alfred Pleavin, was graduated from the Buffalo (N. Y.) University in that year and, returning to England, located at Birkenhead, where he has since remained as an active representative of his profession.

His son, Dr. Alfred E. Pleavin, was reared at Birkenhead and pursued his education in the schools of Liverpool and Edinburgh, Scotland. He is a graduate of Middleton College at New Brighton on the west coast of England and also holds a classical certificate from the Royal College of Preceptors of London. He made three flying visits to America before coming here to locate. Attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic in 1901 to become a permanent resident of the United States and, having determined to make the practice of medicine and surgery his life work, he entered the Bennett Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1905. He then returned to Europe and practiced in his home town for four months, after which he again came to the United States and located at No. 109 Walnut avenue in Elgin. He is the only physician on the west side of the river and has built up a very lucrative and extensive practice. He is now serving on the staff of the Sherman Hospital and is physician and surgeon for the Sons of St. George and for the Owls. He is likewise local medical examiner for the Yeomen of America.

In 1903 Dr. Pleavin was married to Miss Katharine James, a native of Manchester, England, who with her husband is also a practicing physician. She, too, is a graduate of the Bennett Medical College, completing the course in 1906. In early life she attended school in Manchester, England, and

engaged in teaching at Keighley, that country. Since 1899 she has been a resident of America, in which year she located in Chicago and since her graduation she has been in active practice. Both husband and wife are able physicians and the labors and successes of each are augmented by the fact that they have the benefit of the other's experience in consultation. They hold membership with the Episcopal church and are winning many friends in social as well as in professional circles.

R. W. THORNTON.

R. W. Thornton, the only broker of Elgin, is conducting a good business, and is thoroughly informed concerning the value of stocks, bonds and other investments. He was born in Carlinville, Illinois, May 5, 1868, and the public schools afforded him his early educational privileges, which were supplemented by study in Western Normal College at Bushnell, Illinois. For five years he engaged in teaching school, and in 1892 came to Elgin, where for twelve years he was connected with the Elgin National Watch Company, being the first automatic operator in the factory. In 1903, however, he embarked in business on his own account as a stock and investment broker and has since continued in this line, having offices in the Sherwin block. He enjoys the distinction of being the only broker in Elgin and he is a correspondent of operators in Chicago, New York and Boston, to which cities he has private telegraph wires. He conducts a general brokerage business and keeping thoroughly in touch with the market is enabled to make judicious investments for his patrons and win success for himself through the careful conduct of his interests.

In 1892 Mr. Thornton was married to Miss Ida F. Anderson, a native of Girard, Illinois, and they have one daughter, Doris, who was born in 1898. They are well known in social circles in the community and the hospitality of the best homes is extended them.

JACOB B. COVEY.

Jacob B. Covey, who was for many years prominently connected with the building interests of Elgin as senior member of the firm of Covey & Sons, was born in Cossackie, Greene county, New York, August 27, 1836. He accompanied his parents, Ebenezer W. and Mary (Bush) Covey, on their removal westward in 1848, the family home being established on a farm in Palatine township, Cook county, Illinois, where the father resided until his death, in 1861, when he had attained the age of fifty-two years. His wife, long surviving him, passed away in Elgin in 1905, being at that time ninety-one years of age.

Jacob B. Covey spent part of his young life on a farm in Barrington Center, Cook county, when he made his way to Elgin in 1882, here he became connected with the contracting and building business under the firm style of Covey & Sons. He was connected with this line of activity until his death, which occurred October 14, 1906, and many of the substantial structures of Elgin stand as monuments to his architectural skill and ability, the concern of which he was a member, being principally engaged in the building of residences.

On the 2d of May, 1860, Mr. Covey was united in marriage to Miss Caroline E. Sabin, a daughter of Sylvester R. and Phoebe (Clapp) Sabin, by whom he had three children. Herbert E. wedded Miss Emma Parks, of Pennsylvania, and has four children: Lucile, Roy James, Helen and Herbert Jacob. Merrills E. married Miss Jennie Townsend, by whom he has one child, Howard Townsend. Minnie E. is a widow and has two children, Ray Schoonhoven and Ethel Irene Parks. Mrs. Covey had three brothers who lost their lives in the Civil war while defending the interests of the Union. She passed away November 27, 1907, at Santa Ana, California, where she and her daughter, Mrs. Parks, were spending the winter.

In his political views Mr. Covey was a staunch republican, and served as school director for more than twenty years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. While residing in Barrington, Cook county, he also acted as constable. Both he and his wife were connected with the Methodist Episcopal church from early manhood and womanhood, and he served as one of its stewards. He was widely recognized as a prominent and successful business man of Elgin, and as a public-spirited citizen who gave liberally of his time and means to every movement or measure instituted for the general welfare of the city.

JOHN REED.

John Reed, who carries on general farming in Batavia township, where he is known and respected as one of the leading and enterprising agriculturists, is a native of the state of New York, his birth having occurred at Glens Falls, Warren county, March 26, 1840. His father, Patrick Reed, was a native of Ireland and when he had arrived at years of maturity he wedded Mary Kelley, who was also born on the Emerald Isle. They came to the United States at an early day, probably about 1835, and settled in New York, making their home at Glens Falls. The father followed the mason's trade.

Reared in his parents' home, John Reed acquired his education in the public schools and early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On starting out in life on his own account he followed farming and was thus engaged until he came to the west in 1884. He believed that he would have better opportunities to secure land at a reasonable price in this section of the country and also justly regarded the land as a better value than that in the east because of its productive qualities. He

purchased a tract two and a half miles west of Batavia, securing thirty acres of fine land. In the intervening years he has since carried on general farming and his labors have been attended with a measure of success that is most gratifying.

About forty-five years ago Mr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Mariette Williams, of Glens Falls, New York. Their children are three in number. Emma is the wife of Sidney Masters and has two children. May, who was born in April, 1873, and died in August, 1904, was the wife of John Macumber and left two children. Hattie Bell is the wife of William Wilson and has four children. In his political views Mr. Reed is a republican, having continuously supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has now lived in this county for thirty-six years and is well known to many of its citizens, especially in Batavia township and this locality. His fellow townsmen have recognized that his rules of life are such as have their foundation in strict and unswerving integrity, indefatigable energy and laudable purpose. He has met with success in his farming operations and well deserves the prosperity that has come to him.

MILTON J. BEVERLY.

The fact that Geneva is the seat of justice for Kane county calls to this city many substantial and representative men, and Mr. Beverly belongs to that class who in the faithful discharge of official duties is making a creditable and commendable record. He resides at Maple Park, Illinois, where his birth occurred December 11, 1874. He is a son of Albert and Leannah (Bennett) Beverly. The father was born in Oneida county, New York, March 12, 1825, and his father, also a native of the Empire state, was a farmer by occupation and lived near Jamestown, Oneida county, where his death occurred at the venerable age of eighty-three years. His wife also survived to an old age, and they reared a large family, but only one is now living. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Jacob Bennett, a native of Ohio, who lived near Akron, Ohio, and whose wife bore the name of Sarah.

Albert Beverly followed farming during the greater part of his active life and following his removal from the east came to Illinois in 1843. Here he worked as a farm hand by the month for a short period, after which he returned to the Empire state. Subsequently he spent one winter in the pineries of Wisconsin, and in 1845 again came to Kane county, settling in Virgil township, where he purchased and improved a farm, there carrying on general agricultural pursuits for many years. He is now the owner of two hundred and ten acres of rich and productive land, but lives retired in Maple Park, now spending his days in well earned ease. He has always been generous with his children, yet has succeeded in accumulating a competency for old age. At the same time he is recognized as a public-spirited man, who has contributed freely to the support of many enterprises of benefit to his community. He is well known and highly respected, his record winning for him

the confidence and trust of those with whom he has come in contact. For sixteen years he served as township assessor, his long connection with the office indicating his capable discharge of duty. Albert Beverly has been married three times. He first wedded Mary Jenkins, who died a few months later. His second union was with Mary Smith and they had three children: John A., a resident of Chicago; Carrie, the wife of Frank B. Wilkinson, of Chemung, Illinois; and Walter, who died in 1902. His wife had passed away previously and they left one son, Arthur Lee. For his third wife Albert Beverly chose Leannah Bennett, a native of Ohio, and they became the parents of six children, three of whom survive: Hattie E., now the wife of Ernest L. Fowler, of West Chicago; Milton J., who is living at Maple Park; and Mercedes, the wife of Harry Kenyon, of Maple Park.

Milton J. Beverly was reared at Maple Park and attended the public schools there, completing his course by graduation from the high school with the class of 1891. He then pursued a course in the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago and entered upon his business career in the general store of L. C. Clyne, of Maple Park, remaining in his employ for about eight years. He was called to public office November 20, 1900, through his appointment as deputy county clerk, and on the 1st of December, 1902, he became deputy probate clerk under Peter Klein, of Aurora, there remaining for four years. In November, 1906, he was elected probate clerk, which office he now fills. He also served as tax collector for the township of Virgil from 1897 until 1900 inclusive. He is now serving for his fifth year on the village board of trustees of Maple Park, and is likewise a member of the school board. His various official duties have been faithfully performed, as is indicated by the fact that his fellow townsmen have called him to all these different offices. It was Lincoln who said, "You can fool all of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time," and in view of this fact, when a man has been again and again called to public office by the vote of his fellow townsmen it is proof that they have trust in his ability and know him to be faithful to this trust. Mr. Beverly votes with the republican party, and his official record is indeed commendable.

On the 13th of December, 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Beverly and Miss Marcellia Kenyon, a daughter of Oliver and Sarah (Dutton) Kenyon. Her father was born in Illinois and her mother in Canada. Mr. Kenyon was a soldier of the Civil war and lived in Chicago until after the great fire of 1871, there following the trade of carpentering. He then removed to Blunt, North Dakota, and afterward to Billings, Missouri, whence he came to Maple Park, where his death occurred January 1, 1899. His widow still survives him. Their family numbered three children, who grew to years of maturity: Harry Kenyon, of Maple Park; Mrs. Beverly; and O. C. Kenyon, of Geneva. Mr. and Mrs. Beverly have one son, Francis Marsteller.

Mr. Beverly is a Methodist in religious faith, while his wife belongs to St. Mary's Catholic church. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and he belongs to the blue lodge of Aurora, to

Sycamore chapter, R. A. M., to Aurora commandery, K. T., West Chicago council, R. & S. M., and Medinah temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise connected with the De Kalb lodge of Elks, Mystic Trial Lodge, No. 419, K. P., of Geneva, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor, the Independent Order of Foresters and the Knights of the Globe. He is a welcome visitor in the meetings of these different organizations and is personally popular with his fellowmen.

HIRAM PERRY.

Hiram Perry, deceased, was born at Elbridge, Onondaga county, New York, June 10, 1832, his parents being George and Katherine (Schultz) Perry. The father, who was born near Syracuse, Schoharie county, New York, and a farmer by occupation, was descended from Commodore Perry. His wife's birth occurred on the Mohawk river, in Pennsylvania, and she passed away in 1864. In 1838 the family came westward, settling on a farm in Campton township, Kane county, which is now owned by John Perry, an adopted son of a brother of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. George Perry had a family of eleven children, ten sons and one daughter, all of whom were offered a college education, but only five took advantage of this offer. The father was widely recognized as a very successful agriculturist and substantial citizen, and both he and his wife passed away on the old home farm in Campton township.

Hiram Perry supplemented his preliminary education, acquired in the public schools of Campton and in Elgin Academy, by a three years' course in Charlotteville College at Walnut Hills, Ohio, of which institution several of his brothers are also graduates. He taught singing school when a young man, was very popular and made many friends. After following farming for some years he came to Elgin in 1868, and here became a pruner or tree trimmer, which line of activity he successfully followed until the time of his death, on the 30th of July, 1894. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a private of Company I, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Regiment, but while in the service was taken ill and remained in the hospital most of the time. He returned home with typhoid fever, and did not rejoin his company on account of his health. In fact, he never fully recovered from the effects of his military experience. Two of his brothers, however, served throughout the entire period of hostilities.

On the 31st of December, 1855, Mr. Perry was united in marriage to Miss Marcia Cole, a daughter of Osman and Betsy Maria (Bostwick) Cole, of St. Charles, Kane county. Her father, who was born September 16, 1810, followed farming in Plato township, but subsequently removed to Elgin, where his demise occurred February 24, 1891. His wife, who was born in Vermont, May 11, 1810, passed away in October, 1883. The Bostwicks were of Scotch descent, but the members of the family who settled in America

came from England. They trace their ancestry back for hundreds of years to Prince Bostwick and are a very prominent family in England.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Perry were born five children, the record of whom is as follows: Herbert F. married Emma Smales, and has seven children: Royal, who wedded Miranda Morell; Amy, who passed away at the age of two and a half years; Zetta; Mary Bertha, the wife of Eugene Rawn; Herbert; Myrtle, who died when two years of age; and Claud. Effie J. became the wife of Fred Gillett, by whom she has two children, Etoile and Charles. Bertha, whose demise occurred May 31, 1887, was the wife of George Adams, by whom she had one child, Clyde. Charles H. married Cora Alice, and has two children, Percy Ralph and Gladys Irene. Walter V. married Clara S. Schondlemeyer, who passed away February 14, 1898, leaving two children, Gail and Harold. He was afterward joined in wedlock to Miss Rose Mey Hungerford.

Mr. Perry gave his political allegiance to the republican party, and was a member of the Congregational church. He was connected with the Elgin volunteer fire department for a number of years, and was a very public-spirited citizen, giving his support to every movement or measure calculated to advance the material, political, intellectual and moral development of the community.

FRANK W. MERRILL.

The business affairs of Kaneville are well represented by Frank W. Merrill, who is prominently identified with a number of enterprises which have proven important factors in the upbuilding of his town and county. He is a very wide-awake, energetic business man and usually carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Merrill was born on the 28th of February, 1853, in Grafton county, New Hampshire, and is a representative of an old and honored New England family. He has a fine collection of family photographs, dating back to remote ancestors. His father, Thomas W. Merrill, was born in Thornton, New Hampshire, February 19, 1824, and in that state was reared and educated. He was married in 1848 to Miss Harriet E. Thornton, of Thornton, which town was named in honor of her ancestors. She is a descendant of the celebrated Mathew Thornton, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and was also a colonel in the Revolutionary war. Our subject has a copy of the Plymouth Record, a paper published July 13, 1897, reproducing an oration on the War of 1812 delivered by Mathew Thornton, in which he predicts a number of things which have since come to pass, including the rural delivery of mail. Thomas W. Merrill continued a resident of his native state until 1854, when he came to Illinois and located near Kaneville in Kane county, where he continued to follow farming until his death in 1887. As a republican he took a very active part in local politics for many years and filled the offices of school director and township trustee in an able



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and satisfactory manner. His children were Frank W., of this review; John A., deceased; Mary E., the wife of J. S. Dauberman, a farmer of Kaneville township; and Hattie T., deceased.

Frank W. Merrill pursued his studies in the district schools near his boyhood home and after completing his education at the age of eighteen years, he took charge of the farm, which he managed for his father. As an agriculturist he has met with good success and is now the owner of one of the best farms in Kane county, comprising two hundred and eighty acres of well improved land in Kaneville township. He has made a specialty of stock-raising, feeding over two hundred hogs and from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and seventy-five steers each year, but he has not confined his attention wholly to agricultural pursuits. He also owns and operates a creamery; is a member of a stock company engaged in the manufacture of cement blocks employing ten men; and is now erecting a pump manufactory, which is well underway. He is president of the Elburn Coal & Lumber Company, and in all of these enterprises has displayed marked business and executive ability.

On the 26th of March, 1882, at Kaneville, Mr. Merrill married Miss Ada G. Lovell, and to them have been born two children: Grace M., who is now acting as bookkeeper for her father; and Charles W., who is associated with his father in business. Mr. Merrill is an ardent republican in politics and he takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, serving at the present writing, in 1908, as school director. It was through his personal efforts that Kaneville now has a beautiful cemetery and a large and elegant public-school building. Public-spirited and progressive, he gives an earnest support to every enterprise which he believes will advance the welfare of the community along any line.

ALFRED BOSWORTH.

Alfred Bosworth is a capitalist of Elgin, whom the most envious cannot grudge his success, so honorably has it been won and so worthily used. Many of the business interests with which he has been connected have been of intense benefit to the city and county and aside from any commercial or financial interest which would result to his own benefit, he has been associated with many movements that have proven an aid in the substantial growth and upbuilding of this section of the state. His father was considered the greatest financier of Kane county for years, and Alfred Bosworth has been equally prominent in business circles, while in all his career he has displayed an aptitude for successful management and a most sound judgment in placing his investments.

His birth occurred in Dundee on the 1st of April, 1846. Extended mention is made on another page of this work of his father, Increase C. Bosworth, a pioneer merchant and banker, who did more than perhaps any other man to stimulate business conditions and lay the foundation for the present commercial and industrial development of the county. When the

first settlers came to Kane county they staked out the land which they wished to enter and pay for it a dollar and a quarter per acre as soon as the government survey was made, but this did not occur till several years later. When the government finally made the survey all of the settlers discovered that their landmarks did not coincide with the government surveys in many instances. Frequently the division lines would intersect their cabins, and as the price of land had increased from five to fifteen dollars per acre, great excitement prevailed. The difficulty was solved through a suggestion made at a public meeting, whereby the government was to deed all of the land to Increase C. Bosworth and he was to pay the original price of a dollar and a quarter per acre for it and then the residents of the district were to settle their own boundary lines. The records today show that Increase C. Bosworth entered a large part of the real estate in Dundee township, after which he deeded it to the original settlers. This fact, however, accounts for so many boundary lines around Dundee being different to the government lines. After conducting business at Dundee for some years Increase C. Bosworth sought a broader field of labor in the growing city of Elgin. Prospering in his undertakings, he provided his children with excellent educational privileges and Alfred Bosworth, after attending public and private schools, matriculated in the University of Chicago, from which he was graduated in the class of 1865.

In 1867 he engaged in the dry-goods business with I. C. Bosworth and George M. Peck, continuing actively in the enterprise until 1875, when he retired to become a partner in a private banking business conducted under the name of Bosworth, Carpenter & Company. The partners were I. C. and Alfred Bosworth and Julius A. Carpenter. Alfred Bosworth, however, assumed control of the new institution. In 1876 the company purchased the controlling interest in the First National Bank of Elgin and the Elgin City Banking Company, and Alfred Bosworth assumed the management of both, becoming general manager of the largest banking business in the county. The safe, conservative policy, which he inaugurated contributed in large measure to the success of the institution, and in fact made it one of the most reliable money concerns in northern Illinois. He withdrew from the active management of the Elgin City Banking Company, however, in 1890 and from the First National Bank in 1905, although he is still a director. From time to time he has made extensive investments in farm property, and has been connected with dairy farming. At the present time, however, he is practically living retired, enjoying the pleasures which life offers through travel and in other ways. He has been a close student of agriculture and its possibilities, taking a great interest in farming and is considered authority on many phases of farming and dairying.

On the 10th of September, 1872, Alfred Bosworth was married to Miss Eleanora M. B. Wheeler, and to them have been born six children: Edith E., who was born September 28, 1873, and is now Mrs. W. A. Levering, of Chicago; Neil, born May 25, 1878; Louise Marion, born July 11, 1881; Roland Increase, born December 25, 1883; Winifred Sarah, born August 18, 1885; and Dorothy Helen, who completes the family. With the exception of Mrs. Levering all live in Elgin.

Mr. Bosworth has a very extensive personal and business acquaintance in Kane county. He was trustee of the University of Chicago for many years and treasurer of the city of Elgin. Honored and respected by all, no man occupies a more enviable position in the public regard than he. Business men entertain for him the most thorough respect and trust, and his advice and counsel are sought by many, to whom it is freely and honestly given. He is recognized as a man of keen discernment in business affairs and one who will never advise a course which he would not himself follow under the same circumstances. His record reflects credit upon the family name, which has been a synonym for business activity and honesty in this county for more than seven decades. He never looks at life from any narrow or contracted standpoint, but judges his fellowmen by their real character, worth, and at all times has regarded his self-respect and the esteem of his fellow-citizens as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame or position.

MICHAEL JAMES KELLEY.

Michael James Kelley, deceased, was born in Ireland on the 4th of August, 1832, his parents being James and Mary Kelley, the latter of Scotch descent. The father was a tailor by trade. When seven years of age Michael James Kelley accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, who after landing at New York city made their way to Boston, Massachusetts, where our subject was educated. He also learned the tailor's trade in that city, and when twenty-eight years of age came westward, settling at Freeport, Illinois, and subsequently at Huntley, McHenry county, following his trade at both places. In September, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company I, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, and participated in all the principal engagements in Virginia and Maryland and in the battles of the Wilderness, Malvern Hill and Gettysburg. He was promoted to sergeant, and his three years' term of service was characterized by unfaltering loyalty and the faithful performance of every task assigned him. After returning from the war Mr. Kelley again engaged in the merchant tailoring business in Huntley, and was thus successfully connected with the commercial interests of the city until his death, which occurred on the 28th of January, 1896.

On the 12th of September, 1859, Mr. Kelley was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. White, a daughter of Isaac and Polly (Edmunds) White, who resided near Huntley, Illinois. Two children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Kelley. Ernest Edmunds, born in 1866, was married in 1890 to Miss Alberta Tobin, a daughter of William and Margaret (Egan) Tobin, of Elgin, by whom he has one child, Marian Fern. Earl Raymond Kelley, born November 15, 1871, wedded Alice Todd, a daughter of Thomas and Anna (McNeil) Todd.

In his political views Mr. Kelley was originally a republican, but when Grant vetoed the bill authorizing that soldiers be paid the difference between

script and money worth one hundred cents on the dollar, he became a democrat, and thereafter voted that ticket. Fraternally he was connected with the Masons, and throughout his life exemplified the teachings of the craft as regards mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness.

DR. J. J. SCHAEFER.

Dr. J. J. Schaefer, an eye specialist of Elgin, whose capability is winning for him a large patronage in Elgin, is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Jefferson, September 29, 1862. His parents were William and Helen Schaefer, natives of Germany, and the father was a merchant. The removal of the family from Wisconsin to Illinois enabled Dr. Schaefer to pursue his education as a public-school student in Johnsbury and he began traveling at an early age for the purpose of educating himself. Subsequently he entered the Northern Illinois College of Chicago and was graduated in 1896 with the degree of Doctor of Ophthalmology. He began the practice of his profession in Chicago and there continued until September, 1907, when he removed to Elgin, where he has since made his home. Although he is one of the more recent additions to professional circles here, he is already building up a nice practice, for he is giving demonstration of his ability to those who patronize him, his services being eminently satisfactory. He is a member of the Illinois Optical Society and in more specifically social lines is connected with the Royal League.

Dr. Schaefer was married in November, 1903, to Miss Adele Leone George, of Evanston, Illinois, and they are communicants of the Roman Catholic church.

THOMAS J. JUZEK.

The enterprising city of Elgin has many successful business men who are conducting establishments that would be a credit to a city of much larger size. This number includes Mr. Juzek, proprietor of a well appointed jewelry store. He was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia, August 2, 1857, and is a son of Thomas John and Mary (Morits) Juzek, both of whom were natives of Vienna, Austria. Coming to this country in 1850, they settled in Virginia and the father, who was a watchmaker and jeweler in that state, lost everything he had through the fortunes of war when hostilities were being carried on between the north and the south. He afterward removed to Baltimore, Maryland, obtaining a pass from General Lee that enabled him to cross the Potomac river. In Baltimore he secured work at the jeweler's trade, and there resided until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-four years of age.

Thomas J. Juzek was reared and educated in Baltimore, attending the Catholic schools of that city. He learned the jeweler's trade under the direc-

tion of his father there, and seeking the opportunities of the middle west he came to Elgin in 1880 and was employed by the Elgin National Watch Company for about eighteen months. He then went to Kansas, where he remained for three and a half years, after which he returned to this city in 1888, and worked again in watch factories for some time. Later he established the Elgin Horological School, in which he is still interested as its president. In 1893 he established a wholesale and retail jewelry store in this city at No. 23 Grove avenue, and has since built up an excellent business. He has a large and well appointed store, carries an attractive line of goods and the tasteful arrangement is noticed by all who enter the establishment. His prices, too, are reasonable, his methods strictly fair and honorable and thus he is winning a trade which is gratifying.

In 1891, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, Mr. Juzek was married to Miss Nettie M. Moore, and unto them have been born a son and daughter. Mr. Juzek is a member of the Masonic lodge and the Elks. He is a public-spirited man whose devotion to the welfare of the city is manifest in many tangible ways. Aside from his business interests as a jeweler, he was for a number of years on the board of directors of the Home and Loan Association. The safe, conservative policy which he inaugurated when he established his store commends itself to the judgment of all, and has made the volume of trade transacted over his counters of considerable importance and magnitude.

LEONARD LASHER.

Leonard Lasher, whose name is on the roll of Elgin's honored dead, was a widely known and popular citizen who bore the reputation of being one of the most genial and entertaining hotel men of the country. He was also a representative of that class of Americans who are never too busy to be cordial and never too cordial to be busy, and in the control of his commercial interests he met with merited success. He was born at Red Hook, New York, January 25, 1834, and in his native city acquired a liberal education. When a young man he removed to New York city, where for a number of years he was employed in the Leland Hotel. He was a son of the late Stephen Lasher, and they came west together, engaging in the hotel business for a short time at Galena, Illinois.

In 1861 they removed to Elgin and for a period resided on the farm that is now owned by Hammond brothers. Later they took up their abode in the city, purchasing a home on Douglas avenue and Kimball street and engaged in the hay-press business, filling large contracts in that line. Soon after the close of the Civil war they purchased the Waverly House, and under the management of Leonard Lasher it became one of the leading hostelries in this section of the country, being famous for its excellent meals and for the social events which took place there. After the erection of the Nolting House in this city, Mr. Lasher became the landlord and proved as popular a host as he had at the Waverly. Later he disposed of his hotel

interests here and became manager of the well known Race Brothers' restaurant in Chicago, while subsequently he occupied the position of clerk in the Sherman House of that city.

In the '80s he returned to Elgin and became landlord of the Kelley Hotel, which he managed up to the time of his death on the 9th of August, 1900. His demise was the occasion of deep regret and sorrow to many friends, both in Elgin and in Chicago, where he was widely known, being held in the highest esteem. He left a widow, who still resides in Elgin, and two sons, Walter and Frank M., the former a business man of Chicago, and the latter of Elgin. The memory of Leonard Lasher is yet cherished by many who knew him, for he belonged to that class of men who shed around them much of the sunshine of life.

ALBERT N. SOPER.

Evidences of the skill and ability of Albert N. Soper in landscape gardening are seen in the Elgin cemeteries. He occupies the position of superintendent of cemeteries here and in this connection has done much toward improvement in the silent cities of the dead. He was born in Laporte county, Indiana, December 7, 1857, his parents being Samuel H. and Sarah V. (Eaheart) Soper, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father is a painter by trade and for many years followed that pursuit, both he and his wife still surviving and now living with the subject of this review.

Albert N. Soper was educated in the high school of Michigan City, Indiana, and in 1871 became a resident of Elgin. For a short time he was employed on the Chicago & Pacific Railroad and subsequently learned the trade of marble and granite cutting, under the direction of A. E. Price, with whom he continued for six years. During that time he carefully saved his earnings and embarked in business on his own account at Woodstock, Illinois, where he remained for five years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Elgin and bought out his former employer, A. E. Price. He then continued in the marble and granite business until May, 1907, when he was appointed superintendent of cemeteries, having charge of the Bluff City, Elgin and Mount Hope cemeteries. His previous experience as a maker of monuments and grave stones had well qualified him for his present position, as it gave to him an understanding of what was needed in improving and beautifying the graveyards of the country.

On the 23d of December, 1880, Mr. Soper was married to Miss Althea J. McDowell, who died January 19, 1900. Unto them were born five sons: Charles A., who is proprietor of the Elgin Marble and Granite Works; Leon E.; Harold A., who died October 3, 1892; Arwin C.; and Donald, who died in infancy. Having lost his first wife, Mr. Soper was again married on the 28th of March, 1906, his second union being with Linnie May Martin, of Elgin. She is a member of Grace Methodist church and both Mr. and Mrs. Soper are highly esteemed socially. His membership relations are with the

Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overthrown the obstacles which barred his path to success, becoming recognized in business circles as a man of enterprise and commendable determination. In everything he has been eminently practical and this has been evidenced not only in his business undertakings but also in his social and private life.

ALLEN M. RETAN.

Strongly attached through the associations of boyhood, youth and manhood to his native city of Elgin, Mr. Retan is now numbered among its capitalists, with large investments here and elsewhere. He was born October 25, 1859, and was the only child of Ebenezer and Phoebe (Miller) Retan.

His father's birth occurred in Essex county, New Jersey, January 29, 1825, and as a public-school student of Steuben county, New York, he acquired his education. Later he found employment in the east and was meeting with fair success there, but when twenty-two years of age he determined to seek his fortune in the west with its limitless opportunities and excellent business advantages. He did not hesitate in carrying out his determination to come to this section of the country and arrived in Elgin in April, 1857. For forty-seven years thereafter he was closely associated with the city and here passed away November 5, 1904. At South Pulteney, New York, on the 28th of December, 1848, he wedded Miss Phoebe Miller, a daughter of the late Wesley Miller. She was born in Westchester county, New York, November 23, 1827, and died in Elgin, May 2, 1905. The years proved the wisdom of Mr. Retan's choice of a location, for in his business affairs here he year after year added to his possessions until he became one of the best known capitalists of Elgin and owned a beautiful home at No. 420 Douglas avenue. There he resided during the summer months, while the winter seasons were passed at Ozona, Florida, where he also owned a home.

Allen M. Retan was reared in his native city and was provided with good educational advantages, pursuing a course in the Elgin Academy and in the Chicago Metropolitan Business College. Although his father was prosperous, he believed that the best way to train a son for the responsibilities of life and to teach him the value of money was to insist upon him earning it and providing for his own support. He therefore had no better advantages in financial ways than other boys and secured a position in the office of the machine shop of the watch factory, where he remained for seven years. During that time he showed a strength of character most commendable. He not only provided for his own support but married and from his wages managed to save a sum sufficient to purchase a small home. When his father died he inherited a valuable property and now his time and energies are principally occupied with his real-estate business, mostly lying in Elgin. He is moreover a stockholder in the First National Bank and also in the Savings Bank. In the meantime he learned to correctly value life's contacts and experiences

and while he is now a wealthy man he is yet a busy man, keeping in close touch with his investments and business affairs.

On the 16th of February, 1882, Mr. Retan was married to Miss Amanda M. Seapy, a native of Plato Center, Kane county, and a daughter of John Kirk Seapy, who was born July 18, 1815, at Ringstead, Norfolk county, England. He came to America at the age of fifteen years and in 1845 settled in Kane county. In the east, on the 9th of December, 1842, he had married Miss Dorcas Sherwood and with his wife came to the middle west. Here he turned his attention to farming and was one of the intelligent and progressive agriculturists of the county. In his later years he erected a pleasant home in Elgin, where in well earned ease he enjoyed the fruits of his former toil. He passed away December 6, 1885, leaving five daughters and two sons, all of whom until recently were residents of Kane county.

Mr. Retan is a member of the Century Club and the Elks lodge and was one of the original members of the Elgin lodge of the Royal Arcanum. Like his father, he spends the winter months in Florida, while he still passes the summer months at the old home on Douglas avenue. The lessons of life which he early learned have proven of immense value to him in the control of his affairs in later years, showing that the course which was followed in his bringing up was a most wise one. He now ranks high as a financier, is unaffected and approachable and every comer has a claim upon his courteous attention. He is surrounded in his home city by those who are his warm personal friends and is favorably known by all with whom he has had business or social relations.

GEORGE J. RANG.

George J. Rang, now occupying the position of chief of the fire department of Aurora, has been connected with the service since 1879, at which time it was a volunteer service. He was born in this city July 20, 1858, and is well known to his fellow townsmen as one who in all of his public service has been most faithful and loyal to the general good and well deserved his promotion to the position which he now occupies. His father, J. F. Rang, was a native of Bavaria, and when eighteen years of age, crossed the Atlantic to the United States, attracted by the more liberal business opportunities afforded in the new world. He had an uncle, George Brunnemeyer, who was a pioneer of Aurora, and on leaving the fatherland Mr. Rang intended coming to this city to join his uncle here. When he arrived in New York, however, he found that his supply of money was exhausted and he remained there, working in a brickyard until he had earned enough to enable him to complete his journey to Illinois. In his native land he had learned the trade of shoe-making, and he followed the same line of business in Aurora, eventually becoming a prosperous man and one who enjoyed the unqualified respect of all with whom he came in contact. His unfaltering industry at length made him proprietor of one of the largest shoe shops of the city, and at an early day



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the extent of his business justified the employment of sixteen shoemakers. He was also elected collector of the city at an early day and in community affairs was active and helpful, doing all in his power to promote public progress. He died January 14, 1889, while his wife, Mrs. Margaret (Schoeamsgruber) Rang, a native of Bavaria, is still living in Aurora.

George J. Rang was educated in the public schools of this city and afterward worked in his father's shoe store for a time. Later he learned and followed the carpenter's trade, but in 1879, at the age of twenty-one years, he joined the volunteer fire department. When the paid department was organized he became a member and in 1881 was made a driver, acting in that capacity until 1905, when he took the civil service examination and was promoted to chief of the department, in which capacity he has since remained. He is capable and efficient in the office and has raised the department to a high standard. In 1881 it numbered but three paid men; today there are twenty-six paid men and four call men. There are headquarters and five engine houses equipped with all the most improved appliances for fighting fire, and they also own their own horses. Chief Rang is constantly striving to improve the service of the department and by his own bravery he has inspired his men to deeds of valor, never uselessly incurring a risk yet never faltering in the performance of duty even in the face of danger.

In 1884 occurred the marriage of Mr. Rang and Miss Tillie Clair. For his second wife he chose Theodate L. Verina, whom he wedded in 1901, and they have one son, Nowell.

Mr. Rang is fraternally connected with the Modern Woodmen and the Knights and Ladies of Honor, of which he is the treasurer. He is also treasurer of the Aurora City Firemen's Association, and is a man in whom his fellow-townsmen place implicit trust, knowing that he is faithful to every duty and to the high standards which he sets up.

HENRY KYRKENDALL WHITFORD, M. D.

Man's worth in the world is determined by his usefulness—by what he has accomplished for his fellowmen—and he is certainly deserving of the greatest honor and regard whose efforts have been of the greatest benefit to his fellow travelers on life's journey. Judged by this standard, Dr. Henry K. Whitford may well be accounted one of the most distinguished citizens of Elgin, for throughout his professional career, covering more than a half century, his labors have ever been of a most helpful nature. Not only as a practitioner of medicine and surgery has he become widely known but also as a teacher, disseminating knowledge concerning his profession that has had an immeasurable effect in the world. His deep research and investigation have rendered more effective the labors of the profession and his efforts have resulted in promoting the progress which has revolutionized the work of the medical and surgical practitioner until his accomplishments partake of the nature of the marvelous. Certainly the life work of Dr. Whitford has been

of the greatest practical benefit and the world is better for his having lived. He has been a representative of the profession at Elgin since the 14th of April, 1857, and for forty years has occupied the professor's chair of principles and practice of medicine, pathology and clinic medicine in the Bennett Medical College of Chicago.

Dr. Whitford entered upon the journey of life February 9, 1829, at Medina, Ohio, his parents being David M. and Elizabeth (Lease) Whitford. His father was a prominent member of the bar in that state and widely known for literary as well as legal ability. During the pioneer epoch in the history of Michigan he removed to that state and was residing there at the time of the memorable money panic, which began about 1838. Michigan "rag money" and "store tickets" were the common currency and, constantly depreciating in value because there was nothing substantial back of them, the country became involved in great financial distress. Like hundreds of others, Mr. Whitford suffered losses by reason of the conditions then existing and his health was so greatly impaired thereby that his children when young were largely thrown upon their own resources.

Henry K. Whitford was but nine years of age when he entered the employ of a neighboring farmer named Roode. He there not only found the means of obtaining a livelihood but was received as one of the family and throughout his entire life has cherished the fondest affection for Mr. Roode and his wife. During the busy season on the farm he worked for the sum of four dollars a month for the first year, five dollars the second year and six dollars for the third year. In the winter months he did the chores upon the place and thus earned his board and the privilege of attending school. From early childhood he cherished the desire of some day becoming a physician and though at that time there seemed no likelihood that he could ever carry out his determination, he never for a moment lost sight of his object and used every possible means toward its accomplishment. His ambition in this direction made him diligent at school and at home in his boyhood days and when not busy with the farm work he would devote every moment to reading and study, pursuing with the greatest eagerness everything that bore upon the subject of medicine. He constantly broadened his general knowledge so that he was yet but a boy when his intellectual acquirements enabled him to secure a teacher's certificate. For some time he engaged in teaching and the hours which are usually devoted by others to rest and recreation were given by him to the study of medicine, while the vacation periods were spent in the offices of various physicians.

He was soon prepared to practice but his youth and his slight stature worked against him and in the community he was called "the boy doctor." It would be impossible to enumerate the obstacles that he met in his early career, yet he made the most of his opportunities, teaching and lecturing, practicing and studying as best he could. He had not yet pursued a college course when he married. He found this step a help rather than a hindrance in his professional career, for his wife encouraged him in his ambition to become a regular member of the medical fraternity and it was largely through her courage, desire and assistance that he was at length enabled to pursue a

course of study in the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati. They had two children at that time and the entire family went to Cincinnati, living in one room during his collegiate days. It was a time of strenuous effort, of close economy and severe privation, but with a courage that is seldom equaled they faced the situation and fought the fight to victory.

It was on a day in 1861 that Dr. Whitford was graduated and both he and his wife have always regarded it as one of the happiest days in their life because it was the consummation of what they had long hoped to accomplish and also marked their starting point into other fields.

As stated, Dr. Whitford has practiced continuously in Elgin since the 14th of April, 1857, or for a period of fifty-one years. From the beginning his patronage has steadily grown and since 1866 he has also maintained an office in Chicago, enjoying a good business in both cities. Unlike many physicians of his years, he has never allowed his activity in the pursuit of professional knowledge to lapse. On the contrary, he has kept abreast with the best thinking men of the age in the profession, reading, research and investigation constantly broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency. He was surgeon in chief of the old Chicago & Pacific Railroad and has been local surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad since it purchased the former system. For forty years he has been connected with the Bennett Medical College of Chicago, occupying the professor's chair of principles and practice of medicine, pathology and clinic medicine, and while proving himself an able educator, his labors constituting an element in the success of the college, he has never neglected his large and lucrative practice in Elgin and vicinity.

On the 26th of June, 1855, Dr. Whitford was united in marriage to Miss Susan K. Daggett and while for more than a half century she has traveled life's journey by his side as his faithful companion and helpmate, she has been even more than the ordinary wife and mother in that she has been his professional associate as well, being a graduate physician of marked ability. Further mention of Dr. Susan Whitford is given in the following sketch.

Dr. H. K. Whitford has never been a politician, although keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day. His greatest activity in this line has been in behalf of the temperance cause, in which he is a firm believer, advocating temperance principles both by precept and example. As the years have passed he has invested largely in Elgin city property and has erected some handsome buildings, which stand as monuments to his enterprise and well directed labor. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, having attained the Knight Templar degree in Bethel Commandery. He is also a charter member of the National and the Illinois Eclectic Medical Societies and is an honorary member of the State Eclectic Medical Societies of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

While Dr. Whitford's professional career has long been crowned with financial success, this has not satisfied his higher ambition and since the 28th of November, 1866, when he became the occupant of the professor's chair in Bennett College, he has been making notes, formulating chapters and building toward completion his treatise, now nearly ready for publication,

entitled "Principles and Practice of Medicine." The work will be a volume of about six hundred pages and will be issued in 1908. It will be a fitting crown to a life of labor in the medical profession and will be gladly received by many followers of the calling. In 1907 the faculty and trustees of the Bennett Medical College of Chicago tendered a banquet to Dr. Whitford and Dr. A. L. Clark, of Elgin, and presented each of them with a handsome silver loving cup. These gentlemen are the only two original members of the faculty who are still living. It was a fitting recognition of forty years of faithful service in connection with that school.

Dr. Whitford has now passed the seventy-ninth milestone on life's journey. He is a remarkably well preserved man, his life proving that nature is kind to those who abuse not her laws. His record is an indication of the fact that it is only under the stimulus of adversity and the pressure of necessity that the best and strongest in men have been brought out and developed. His years have been fraught with good deeds and splendid results. His strong mentality and scholarly attainments have made his work of great benefit to the world; his interest and devotion to Elgin have accrued to the improvement of the city, and his kindly disposition has spread around him much of the sunshine of life. As he nears the end of his journey—but may he be spared for many years to come—he is surrounded by the veneration, respect and reverence of those among whom he has lived and labored to goodly ends through more than five decades.

SUSAN K. WHITFORD, M. D.

Dr. Susan K. Whitford stands among those who have been the pioneers in inaugurating a movement that has brought to womankind a recognition never before accorded her. It has been but a comparatively short time since woman had no place in the world save in the home and the schoolroom, but today she is found in every walk of life demanding intellectual strength and acquirement. Mrs. Whitford was among the first to demonstrate the ability of woman in the medical profession and she found that she could only gain recognition after a long period and in a contest where she displayed that her professional powers and capacities were equal to those of the members of the sterner sex. She has, however, long been honored as a successful practitioner and an able associate of her husband, Dr. Henry K. Whitford, who for more than a half century has been a representative of the medical fraternity of Elgin and a prominent representative of medical education in Chicago.

Dr. Susan K. Whitford was born in Colchester, Vermont, July 3, 1836, and was four years of age when brought to Kane county by her parents, Nathan and Eliza (Chamberlain) Daggett, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of New Hampshire. Her paternal grandparents were John and Mary (Dean) Daggett, while her maternal grandparents were William and Rosalinda (McIntyre) Chamberlain, natives of Connecticut and Vermont respectively. Nathan Daggett, whose birth occurred in New England

January 3, 1808, was attracted to Illinois by the opportunity of securing land at rates much lower than could be done in the older east. On coming to Kane county he bought from the government a tract of land in Elgin township and there while meeting the hardships and privations of pioneer life he at the same time carried forward his farming interests with the result that the years witnessed his advancement in financial lines. The value of property increased as the country became settled and he brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. He was long numbered among the respected and worthy pioneer farmers of the county, and was known as an upright man, his influence always being on the side of justice, truth and progress. At length putting aside the active duties of the fields he removed to Elgin, where he spent his remaining days in honorable retirement from labor, passing away in 1871. Mrs. Daggett, who was born October 24, 1810, long survived her husband and became the wife of Alvah Hall, of Udina, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Daggett were married in Burlington, Vermont, in 1831, and their family numbered a son and four daughters, but the eldest, Edgar, born January 27, 1833, was accidentally killed by lightning in Plato, Kane county, August 20, 1850. Mrs. Whitford was the second of the family. Emily, born in 1839, died at the age of three years. Angelina E., born May 24, 1842, became the wife of Daniel W. Coan of Elgin, now deceased. Emily, the second of the name, born May 27, 1845, died December 28, 1872.

Brought to Illinois during the pioneer epoch in its history, Susan K. Daggett was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of frontier life. When she began her education she walked two and a half miles to the primitive log schoolhouse, in which instruction was given in preliminary learning. Nearly all of the buildings of the farm through the county were made of logs, the fireplace was still a feature in many a home and candles were used in lighting. On one occasion in her early girlhood days she attended a Fourth of July celebration. Her family were above the average well-to-do farming people, yet they went to the meeting on this occasion in a sled drawn by a yoke of oxen. There were many such conveyances hitched about the place. As they reached their destination they noticed a rather well dressed lady coming from the direction of the woods near at hand. She approached and spoke to Mrs. Daggett and confidentially told her that she too had come to the celebration in her sled but had stopped and hid it in the brush, not being aware that every one traveled in the same style. Next time she said she would drive up to the front door and show her neighbors that she was as well off as anybody. It was amid such conditions that Dr. Whitford of this review spent her girlhood days, but she perhaps had opportunity to attend school more than most girls of the farmers. On one occasion when about fourteen years of age she met some older girl friends who were on their way to take an examination which would test their ability to teach school, and in playful mood she accompanied them, took her seat with the others and would answer questions, merely trying the experiment of how much she knew and not dreaming of obtaining a certificate. She was greatly surprised therefore when the superintendent presented her with a teacher's certificate. Having this in her possession she resolved to utilize it and obtain a school.

Thereafter for some years she continued to teach and to attend school, pursuing her studies for a time in Lockport and later in Elgin, following the removal of the family to the city.

It was in this city on the 26th of June, 1855, that she gave her hand in marriage to Dr. Henry K. Whitford, whose sketch is given above. Her husband at that time was not a graduate physician, although he had studied medicine as opportunity had offered and from early boyhood had cherished the ambition of one day becoming an active member of the medical fraternity. Depending upon his own resources for a living from an early age, he had not yet found it possible to pursue a college course but his private study had given him skill sufficient to enable him to practice to a limited extent. His young wife shared his ambition with him and it was through her influence that he at last decided to fit up a wagon, carrying in it a few household effects and start on a journey to Cincinnati for the purpose of entering the Eclectic Medical College there. They at that time had two children, whom they took with them to that city. For six months they traveled in this manner, all the time living in the wagon, and when they would stop so that Mrs. Whitford might do washing, ironing and baking, Dr. Whitford would utilize the time in adding to their limited financial capital by lecturing in the country schoolhouses and small hamlets on the way.

On reaching their destination they sold their team, riding the last few miles on the railroad. The first night in Cincinnati they rented the room which they then occupied until his graduation. There with their two children they lived until he had completed his course. Dr. Whitford attended college during the day and as his eyes were not strong, his wife would assist him by reading the text-books and lessons for the succeeding day aloud. She did this with no thought that in later years it would prove of benefit to her, but in this way she gained many valuable points concerning the science and practice of medicine which she has utilized in later years. She has often said that in all her life she felt no equal thrill of joy like that which came to her when she knew that the long imprisonment in a student room was over, that her husband was graduated and was now thoroughly equipped for the practice of medicine. When he had paid his bills in Cincinnati there was just seventy-five cents in money remaining, but they soon earned a sum sufficient to enable them to return to their Elgin home and Dr. H. K. Whitford in 1857 opened his office and has since remained one of the most successful and most valued practitioners of the city. In the meantime his wife's aid as a nurse was often called into requisition and in the absence of her husband she frequently administered remedies and carried on the work of the sickroom, giving her time freely to all sufferers. Such was the demand made upon her that she realized that of necessity she must prepare herself for her duties and eventually she entered Bennett Eclectic Medical College of Chicago, where she won her diploma as a physician and surgeon just ten years after her husband's graduation.

Dr. Susan K. Whitford then returned to her home in Elgin and soon confronted the situation that those who were willing to enjoy her services and ministrations as a nurse and medical attention gratuitously were not

willing to accede her right to a place in the medical fraternity as a physician or to employ her in that capacity. It was some time before she could overcome the general prejudice but in the course of years she proved herself qualified as well as any of her brethren of the medical fraternity and in fact showed qualities in practice which many a male member of the profession does not possess. She has the intuition which is one of woman's strongest points and added to this was a womanly tenderness and skill which, combined with her broad scientific and technical training, rendered her most ably qualified for practice. She has state certificates to practice in Iowa and Florida, having practiced in those states at different times.

As the years passed several children were added to the household of Henry K. and Susan K. Whitford, namely: Jessie E., who was born September 20, 1856, and in August, 1876, became the wife of Henry Lea, of Woodstock, by whom she has three children; Henry Edgar, who was born November 20, 1859, and following his graduation from the Chicago Eclectic Medical College has been two years a student in the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, while at present he is successfully practicing at Englewood, Illinois; Susie, born October 16, 1862; and Nell Newell, who was born October 16, 1872, and died when three years of age.

Dr. Susan K. Whitford has not only demonstrated her right to a place in professional ranks because of her skill and ability, but has also proven the fact that while a woman may be eminent in the line of professions she can at the same time be a model mother and home maker. Her home has long been one of the most attractive of Elgin in its cordial hospitality and good cheer as well as in its many evidences of refined and cultured taste as seen in its beautiful and artistic furnishings. Mrs. Whitford has, moreover, been very active in temperance work and in charity, giving freely to the poor and needy and working at all times for those interests which uplift and benefit humanity.

LYSANDER PERRY.

Lysander Perry, deceased, was born in New Hampshire July 9, 1819, his parents being Elijah and Diana Perry, the former also a native of the Granite state, where his birth occurred in 1791. He was a farmer by occupation, and passed away at Dundee, Kane county, Illinois, in 1869.

Lysander Perry acquired his education in the public schools of his native state and on starting out in life for himself he followed the occupation of farming in the summer months, while in the winter season he was engaged in teaching school in the east. In 1855 he removed westward, taking up his abode on a farm at Dundee, Kane county, but still continued the profession of teaching in the winter seasons. About 1863 he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and was successfully engaged in its cultivation until 1871, when he removed to Elgin, here living a retired life until the time of his death, on the 5th of April, 1885.

Mr. Perry was twice married. He first wedded Miss Almira Sprague, who passed away in 1858. The record of their children is as follows: Parker, who married Miss Julia Perry, had one child, Arthur. Elliott D. makes his home in California. Almira became the wife of George Tuck, by whom she has two children: Bertha, and Myrtle, who married Frank Bauman, and has two children, Roy and Fred. Melvin Walker has one child, Helen. On the 14th of April, 1869, Mr. Perry was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Almira Jones, the widow of Elias S. Jones, and a daughter of Hiram and Olive (Brown) McAlister. By her first husband Mrs. Perry had one child, Elias H. Jones, who wedded Katherine Halpin, by whom he has five children, Roy, Maud, Harry, Olive and Elmer.

In his political views Mr. Perry was a staunch republican, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, in the work of which he took an active and helpful part. His death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he was widely recognized as an upright and honorable citizen and had an extensive circle of friends in the community.

FRANK E. ANDERSON.

Frank E. Anderson, proprietor of a garage in Aurora, was born in Sweden, near Ljungby, November 25, 1874. His parents were Andrew and Christine (Trofast) Anderson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. They became parents of thirteen children, six sons and seven daughters, of whom nine are now living: Tillie, the wife of Nels Ekstrand, of Aurora; Gust, also of this city; Frank, who makes his home in Aurora; Hilma, a resident of Sweden; Carl and Fred, of Aurora; Emma, who makes her home in Sweden; Ida, also of that country; and Aaron, of Sweden. The father of this family has always been a carpenter and cabinet maker and now lives at Horda, Sweden. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. He was a son of Carl Anderson and his wife a daughter of Soloman Trofast, both natives of Sweden.

Frank E. Anderson was reared in the land of his nativity to the age of eighteen years, spending his boyhood days upon a farm, while the country schools afforded him his educational opportunities. In the school of experience, however, he has since learned many valuable lessons. In 1892, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he came to America, settling first at Geneva, Illinois, where he worked for six months in a foundry. He also spent a similar period in a coopering establishment, and in 1893 came to Aurora, where for one year he was employed by the Aurora Cooperage Company. On the expiration of that period he began learning the machinist's trade, which he followed for about seven years. He then went into the bicycle business as a dealer and manufacturer and made wheels to order. In 1906 he opened a garage which he is still conducting and in this he has met with a liberal patronage as the years have passed. The automobile is continually



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increasing in number, becoming almost as frequent a sight on the street as the horse and carriage. He handles the Rambler and White Steamer, both new and second-hand.

Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Anna Nelson, a daughter of N. P. and Nellie Nelson. Their home, at No. 357 Palace street, has been blessed with three children, Arnold, Arthur and Agnes. Mr. Anderson belongs to the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church, and is chairman of the board of trustees. He also holds membership with the Elks lodge, No. 705, and the Sons of the North, a fraternal organization. He has never yet found occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for in this land of opportunity he has made steady advancement in the business world and is now in control of a good business.

AUGUST SCHEELE.

The people of Elgin are to be congratulated upon a character of such excellent development, such purity of purpose and such devotion to the highest ethics of commercial life as are exhibited in the history of August Scheele, who by his own unaided efforts has arisen to a position of distinction in connection with the commercial interests of the city. Denied many of the advantages which many men enjoy in boyhood and youth, he has nevertheless, by the inherent force of his character and his strong determination, gained prominence and prosperity that many might well envy.

He was born near Hanover, Germany, August 22, 1859, a son of Frederick and Charlotte (Eberhardt) Scheele, also natives of the same locality. The father was a laboring man, who died in Germany. In that country August Scheele pursued his education to the age of thirteen years, or early in 1873, when he came to America with a friend, August Abelman, who at that time was visiting in the old country, whence he returned to America. They landed at New York city and Mr. Scheele made his way direct to Elgin, where he arrived on the 1st of March, 1873. His financial condition rendered it imperative that he gain immediate employment and he began working on a farm near the city, continuing his labors in the fields all through the summer months, while in the winter seasons he was afforded the opportunity of attending the district schools. He was thus laying the foundation in energy, industry and education for his future success.

In 1878 Mr. Scheele became a resident of Elgin and entered the employ of the firm of Grote & Ettner, general merchants, with whom he remained for about seven years. During this time he gained comprehensive familiarity with business methods, for he had gradually worked his way upward to positions involving greater and greater responsibility. He had become imbued, too, with the ambition to establish a business of his own, and in 1885 formed a partnership with Ed J. Kiest and purchased the grocery department of the firm of Grote & Ettner. They continued the business in the basement of the Fosgate Hotel block, where they remained until 1893, when they removed

to the quarters on the first floor of the same block. Three years later their trade had so increased that they secured enlarged space by taking in the adjoining store, which they occupied until October, 1903. In the previous year Mr. Scheele had purchased his present site, which was then a vacant lot and upon this he erected the fine business block which he now occupies.

In 1889 he had purchased Mr. Kiest's interest, and conducted the trade under his own name until he incorporated, forming a stock company known as the August Scheele Company. The present officers are August Scheele, president; Harold A. Scheele, secretary; and E. E. Redeker, treasurer; while D. W. Scheele and Albert Engdahl are also stockholders. On the 21st of October, 1902, the new store was opened and here they have since carried an extensive line of fancy and staple groceries and bakery goods. It is the largest concern of the kind in this section of the state outside of Chicago. The business is carried on in first-class style, and the trade has reached mammoth proportions, owing, not alone to the excellence of the goods handled, but also by reason of the straightforward, honorable business principles which have ever been followed in the conduct of the enterprise. Mr. Scheele started with very limited capital, but he was soon recognized as one thoroughly reliable in all his dealings, who gave to his customers the best goods for the money, and today his word among his many patrons is regarded as sufficient guarantee for any article.

On the 27th of September, 1881, occurred the marriage of Mr. Scheele and Miss Martha Krueger, a native of Niagara county, New York, born in 1863. They have four sons: Harold A., Arthur R., Donald C. and Leslie F. The family are members of the German Evangelical church. Mr. Scheele has never sought political honors, yet manifests a public-spirited interest in matters of citizenship and the consensus of public opinion regarding him in every relation of life is altogether favorable. Throughout Elgin and wherever he is known in business circles he is spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life has been one of unflinching activity and of honorable purpose, and his mercantile career has ever been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

JANE C. TRULL, M.D.

Dr. Jane C. Trull, who has won for herself a place among the capable and successful physicians of Elgin, was born in Decatur, Illinois, in 1870. Her early education was pursued as a public-school student of Dupage county, Illinois, and also in Elgin Academy. Her father, Albert D. Trull, was station agent at Wayne, this state, and having a natural instinct for telegraphy, she took up the study at Elgin and continued for several years as an operator at different stations. Later she was also ticket seller for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad at Kinzie street in Chicago for a few years and in the meantime she devoted her evening hours to the study of law in the Chicago College of Law, from which she was graduated and in 1900 was admitted to

practice. She then entered the law office of Benjamin Staunton of Chicago, where she did clerical work and took such cases as she could secure. A year, however, convinced her that the profession was not to her liking and she took up the study of medicine, completing a course in the Bennett Medical College of Chicago by graduation in 1905. She was for one year interne at the Bennett Hospital and thus added to her theoretical training the broad practical experience of hospital work.

In September, 1906, Dr. Trull located for practice in Elgin, where she has since remained and has built up a very lucrative business in the two years which have since passed. In the handling of many difficult cases she has displayed her skill and ability and, added to her comprehensive knowledge of the science of medicine, she possesses the true womanly tenderness and sympathy which are so essential as factors in the care and treatment of the sick. In professional lines she is connected with the Elgin's Physicians' Club, the Fox River Valley Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the State Eclectic Society.

Dr. Trull deserves great credit for what she has accomplished in that she provided the funds necessary to pay her expenses both through the law college and the Bennett Medical College. She is a valued member of the Women's Club, of the Eastern Star, the Rebekah Lodge, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Royal Neighbors of America, and of the last named is one of the examining physicians.

DAVID H. BUTLER.

The greatness of a city does not depend upon its machinery of government or even upon the men who control its municipal affairs, but upon the character of its citizens as a whole, and the real upbuilders of a community are they who establish and control successful legitimate enterprises, in which connection David H. Butler is well known in Elgin, where he represents one of the important industrial interests as the president of the National Soap Company.

He was born in Cayuga, New York, January 18, 1832, a son of Liberty W. and Permelia (Polhamas) Butler, who were natives of Vermont and New Jersey respectively. The father was a blacksmith, as was also the grandfather. Realizing the benefit of education, the father offered to his children good opportunities in that direction and David H. Butler attended the Alfred and Rogersville Seminaries, New York. In 1855 he engaged in teaching in a rural school, but the following year sought a home in the west, believing that better opportunities were afforded in this new, but rapidly growing section of the country. He first made his way to Hastings, Minnesota, where he worked at the carpenter's trade, and in 1858 he removed to Dundee, Illinois, where he taught school for two and a half years. The succeeding two years were devoted to general agricultural pursuits, after which he purchased a store at Dundee, where he remained for some time. On

selling out he went to Huntley, where for ten years he engaged in merchandising, and in 1874 he located in Elgin, where he engaged in the flour and feed business for about sixteen years. In 1893 he established the Elgin National Soap Company, of which he has since been the president. He began operations on a small scale, but the business has constantly grown and developed until it has now assumed large and profitable proportions. In 1906 it was incorporated with David H. Butler as president; J. M. Manley, secretary; E. H. Butler, treasurer; and H. S. Butler, assistant. They manufacture common bar soap, including the Drummer brand, and toilet soaps, Klondike washing powder and National washing soda. Other brands include the Blue Jacket and Gilt Edge chip soaps, and their output is marketed all over the country, there being a large sale in Chicago. The manufactured product is of excellent grade for the price at which it is put upon the market, and this, combined with the reliability of the house, has secured an extensive trade.

In 1856 Mr. Butler was married to Miss Mary E. Sharp, of Hornellsville, New York, and they have six children: Charles H., of Frankfort, Kansas; Frank E., who resides in Chicago; Herbert S., of Elgin; Mrs. F. B. Cornell, Ernest J. and Bertha M., all living in Elgin.

Mr. Butler is numbered among the representative residents of Elgin. There is no rule for achieving success. The man who can rise from the ranks to a position of eminence is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that surround his path. This Mr. Butler has done, and as the years have gone by he has so ably utilized his advantages that he stands today among the successful and respected men of his adopted city.

E. A. BELL.

E. A. Bell occupies the responsible position of superintendent of the power house of the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Railway. His technical training and practical knowledge well equip him for this position, and his ability is recognized by those whom he represents. Numbered among the native sons of New York, he was born at Sandy Creek in Oswego county, July 8, 1876, and was educated in the Sandy Creek Academy. After leaving school he took up the study of electrical engineering through the Scranton Correspondence School and later finished the course. In 1901 he came to the west and settled at St. Charles, Kane county, Illinois, where he was employed in the city electrical plant. There he remained for two years, and on the 5th of March, 1903, he came to Elgin as engineer at the plant of the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Railway. In 1905 he was promoted to the superintendency of the plant, which position he has since filled, having charge of the power controlling all of the Elgin city street cars, the city lighting, the motor power, and, in fact, all of the electrical power for the city. In 1905 the company consolidated with what was known as the city lighting plant, and took over their system, which gave them control of all of the electric power in Elgin.

On the 10th of April, 1902, Mr. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Edna E. Pierce, of Elgin. He is well known socially as a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Riverside Club. Pleasant and genial in manner, he has made many friends and is widely and favorably known in Elgin. When he left school and looked over the field of business he determined to devote his life to electrical work and to this end made thorough preparation. Gradually he has worked his way upward through his ability, and now fills one of the most important positions of the electric railway system. It is a well known fact that the essential conditions of life are ever the same; the surroundings of individuals differ but slightly, and when one man passes another on the highway of life it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably encompass the whole human race. Mr. Bell had no assistance, as he started out in life for himself, and yet he stands today as one of the prominent business men of Elgin.

O. B. RYSTROM.

O. B. Rystrom is manager and one of the stockholders in the Bauer Jewelry Company of Elgin. Throughout his business career he has been connected with this line of trade and his thorough familiarity therewith, combined with keen discernment in bringing to a successful issue whatever he undertakes, has made him most capable in his present position of administration and executive control.

Mr. Rystrom is a native of Geneva, this county, his birth having there occurred on the 26th of January, 1884. His parents are Andrew and Mary (Lundgren) Rystrom, both of whom are natives of Sweden but at an early day came to America and established their home in Geneva. They are now residents of Elgin.

O. B. Rystrom pursued his education in the public schools of this city and in his boyhood days entered the employ of L. H. Bauer, so that his first experience in the jewelry line was in connection with the house which he now manages. He remained there for three years, after which he engaged with Otto Young & Company, wholesale jewelers of Chicago, with whom he continued for two years. He then returned to Elgin and became manager of the Bauer Jewelry Company, of which he is also a stockholder. This business was established about 1888 by L. H. Bauer, who remained at its head until his death in 1904, when Mr. Rystrom assumed control. In this position he has shown great aptitude in conducting so extensive and profitable a business. The stock carried by the house consists of diamonds and other precious stones, both set and unset, watches, clocks, gold and silver jewelry of artistic designs and great value and in fact everything usually carried by such a house. They also do all manner of expert watch and jewelry repairing, employing most skilled workmen. The interests of the house are most ably conducted and the business has prospered under the management of Mr. Rystrom. They

occupy a fine store in the Sherwin block and Mr. Rystrom keeps thoroughly in touch with the trade, knowing of the latest designs that are placed upon the market in jewelry, precious stones, silverware and cut glass.

The religious faith of Mr. Rystrom is indicated by his membership in the English Lutheran church. He is a young man but has already attained a creditable place in the business world and, judging from the past, his friends readily prophesy a still more prosperous and progressive future.

GEORGE M. PECK.

To those familiar with the history of George M. Peck it will seem trite to say that he has worked his way upward from a humble position in the commercial world, yet it is only justice to say in a history that will descend to future generations that his has been a record which any man might be proud to possess. Throughout his entire career he has never incurred obligations that he has not met nor made engagements that he has not filled and he commands the respect of his colleagues and the admiration of his contemporaries. He stands today at the head of the leading department store of Elgin and he is not only known as a most successful and progressive merchant but also as a considerate employer and business man, many of his associates testifying in strong terms to his kindness of heart, finding in him not only a safe adviser but also one whose counsel is not that of words alone.

Mr. Peck was born in Dundee, Kane county, on the 14th of August, 1843, his parents being George J. and Marietta (Mansfield) Peck, of Schenectady, New York. Both were of English descent and represented old New York families. They became residents of Illinois in pioneer times, establishing their home at Dundee, where the father devoted his energies to general agricultural pursuits.

George M. Peck spent his early youth on his father's farm but when only twelve years of age came to Elgin, where he sought and found employment as a clerk in a dry-goods store. He attended the common schools and also pursued a course in a Chicago business college. He was but seventeen years of age when in the fall of 1861 he enlisted in the Union army for service in the Civil war, remaining at the front for three years. Such were the hardships and rigors of war, however, that when mustered out in 1864 he left the army with impaired health and two years passed ere he was able to again resume the active duties of life. When sufficiently recovered he completed his commercial education and again secured a clerkship in a store. He has been identified with business interests on his own account since 1867 and gradually has worked his way upward until he stands today as one of the most prominent and prosperous merchants of Elgin.

The establishment of George M. Peck is known to all who know aught of this city. It is the largest mercantile enterprise of the county and his stock is most extensive. He utilizes a four-story building known as the Peck block at Nos. 38 and 40 Grove avenue. The building is forty-four by

one hundred and eighty-three and a half feet and this gives him extensive floor space. The store is handsomely appointed and well arranged and every convenience and comfort for patrons is at hand. The stock embraces a comprehensive assortment of the most fashionable and seasonable goods of foreign and American looms, including dress goods, silks, ready made ladies' garments, cloaks, fancy goods, underwear and hosiery specially made to order. They also carry a fine line of millinery, furnishing goods, trunks, bags, carpets, rugs, curtains, table linens, notions and trimmings, and a fine shoe department, containing ladies' and children's shoes, is one of the attractive features of their establishment. The house has an extensive trade and the business is constantly growing. It has been located at the present site for the past thirteen years and the volume of trade is indicated somewhat by the fact that forty salesmen are employed. The goods are selected with great care, are attractively displayed and with the business Mr. Peck is familiar in every department, giving it his personal attention and management.

In 1877 Mr. Peck was united in marriage to Miss Julia C. Chapman, a daughter of the late Samuel Chapman, and they have one daughter, Margaret Edna, and a son, Richard Kenneth, the latter twelve years of age. The family attend the First Congregational church of Elgin, of which Mrs. Peck was treasurer for many years. They contribute generously to its support and take an active and helpful interest in its work. In his political views Mr. Peck is a republican but though the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, he is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of his city and cooperates in many movements for its upbuilding. He has served as a trustee of the school board for the town of Elgin for a number of years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His has been a long and active business career. He has been the architect of his own fortunes and has builded wisely and well. While a man of sound judgment, he has never arrived quickly or hastily at conclusions but when once his mind is made up as to what is the right course nothing can deter him from pursuing it. He possesses excellent executive and business ability, combined with a resistless energy and resolute purpose. His efforts toward advancing the material interests of Elgin are so widely recognized that they can be considered as being no secondary part of his career of signal usefulness, his devotion to the public good being implied in his progressiveness and liberality toward the city in many ways.

HIRAM McALISTER.

Hiram McAlister, deceased, was born in Rochester, Vermont, October 1, 1814, his parents being John and Levina (Bennett) McAlister. The father was also a native of Rochester, Vermont. His wife's birth occurred in 1802, and she was called to her final rest in 1873.

In 1856 Hiram McAlister came westward, settling on a rented farm east of Elgin in Kane county, and subsequently purchased a tract of land

between Elgin and Dundee, in the successful operation of which he was engaged until 1868. In that year he retired from active business pursuits and took up his abode in Elgin, where he made his home until the time of his demise on the 7th of July, 1871.

At Whiting, Vermont, on the 21st day of April, 1833, occurred the marriage of Mr. McMister and Miss Olive Brown, a daughter of Esquire and Mary (Munger) Brown. Unto this union were born nine children, namely: Levina, who passed away in 1897; Mrs. Almira Perry; Henry, Charles, George, Lucy and Frances, all of whom are deceased; Aaron, who is married and has three children, Pearl, Laura and Myrtle, and resides at Herington, Kansas; and Ada, the wife of Foster Brown, who has three children, Albert, Leslie and Olive.

Mr. McMister gave stalwart allegiance to the republican party, and in his religious faith was a Baptist, serving as deacon in the church. He was a model of truth and veracity, and a man of genial, social disposition, who made friends wherever he went, because of his unselfish and generous nature.

FREDERICK A. LEACH.

Professor Frederick A. Leach, who may truly be called a public benefactor owing to the many remarkable cures he has effected through his wonderful healing power, is now located at Elgin, where he established his office in 1906. He is a native of Connecticut, born in Norwich on the 14th of March, 1866, and is a son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Watson) Leach. His father, who was a contractor and builder, was born in Vermont in 1822 and died in 1907, having long survived the mother of our subject, who spent her entire life in Connecticut. She was born in 1829 and passed away in 1866. The family is of English origin and on the maternal side our subject's great-grandfather, Watson, was proprietor of the first wagon shop established in America, this being located at Norwich, Connecticut. On its site now stands a magnificent old elm tree—one of the largest in the country—which is fenced off and protected as a monument.

Professor Leach was only five months old when his mother died and he then made his home with an aunt. It was during this time that the discovery of his wonderful healing power was made by his aunt, who was subject to severe headaches. She noticed while holding the child in her lap if he, in baby fashion, would place his little hands on her aching head, the pain would invariably cease. One day, while suffering from a headache more severe than usual, she bade the child lay his hands on her head and in a few minutes the pain entirely disappeared. Neighbors and friends soon learned of the wonderful power of the child's hands and came to the house to be relieved of their suffering. The aunt, being of a very pious nature, began to look upon the child as uncanny and upon his gift of cure, simply laying on his hands, as a sin, and the more she pondered the more mystified she became, until she finally allowed the child to be adopted by people in a distant town.



PROF. F. A. LEACH

He received a good academic education, graduating from Bacon Academy at Colchester, Connecticut, and throughout life has always been a great reader, being thoroughly familiar with all topics of general interest and especially well posted on all lines pertaining to his profession.

In early life Professor Leach learned the trade of gold and silver plating and for a number of years was employed as foreman of a large plant of that character, continuing in that position until thirty years of age. On the 27th of April, 1897, he was married in Hartford, Connecticut, to Miss Edna Goddard, a daughter of William Goddard, of Boston. She was in ill health for several years and had doctored incessantly but could find no relief. About this time the secret of his strange power was revealed to him by a letter from his aunt and he at once determined to experiment upon his wife. After the first treatment she could see a decided improvement in her condition and in a few days she was entirely cured.

Friends and acquaintances were amazed when they heard of the success attending the treatments of his wife and it was not long before he was called upon to minister to many others and now patients come to him from all parts of the country, from New York to California. His method, known as psychic healing, is a gift given him either from a higher power or nature, and by the simple laying on of hands has produced remarkable cures. For nearly eight years he experimented during his leisure hours, charging nothing for his services, and during that time he cured nearly every known disease. Finding his cures permanent he took up healing as his life work and first located at Ottawa, Illinois, but in January, 1906, came to Elgin, where he has since made his home, having an office in the Spurling building. He has been very successful during his residence here and now has a large clientele. He has written several able articles on psychic subjects for publication in newspapers and other periodicals, which have called forth favorable criticism from the reading public. For eighteen years Professor Leach has been a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor, while politically he is identified with the republican party.

FRED A. RISPIN.

Fred A. Rispin, electrical manufacturer of Elgin, has won that success which comes through skill in a chosen line of labor and intense energy directed by sound judgment, and has made for himself a creditable place in the business circles of his adopted city. He was born in Petrolia, Ontario, Canada, May 6, 1875, his parents being John and Emma (Barnes) Rispin, who were natives of England. The father was a railroad man and died in 1880, while the mother, still surviving, now makes her home in Elgin.

Fred A. Rispin was educated in the public schools of Canada and there learned the machinist's trade, serving a regular apprenticeship. In 1891 he came to Elgin, where he worked at his trade for a time and then learned

the electrical manufacturing business. From that beginning he has worked his way upward and is now the owner of a large plant and employs several men in electrical manufacture. He began on a small scale in 1897 at No. 69 North State street and in the intervening years the business has grown very rapidly. He now manufactures all kinds of electrical machinery, power plants, and so forth, and does all kinds of electrical repairing. He also manufactures special machinery and does repair work thereon. He started out with practically no capital but gradually he has worked his way upward and is now in control of a profitable business. He also conducts the lighting plant and pumping station at Marengo which lights the city and its stores and residences, this contract having been awarded him on the 1st of January, 1908.

In 1906 occurred the marriage of Mr. Rispin and Miss Mamie Higgins, of Elgin, and unto them have been born four children: Shirley, Gerald, Myrtle and Lucille. Politically Mr. Rispin is a democrat but has no desire for office. Fraternally he is connected with the Court of Honor, with the Maccabees and the Pacific Mutual Society. His father was a prominent Mason of the country, receiving the highest degree that could be conferred in America. Mr. Rispin is yet a young man but has made for himself a creditable name and place in business circles. He has been actuated in his career by a strong determination and his labor has been characterized by unfaltering perseverance.

EDWIN HALL.

The business interests of Elgin find a worthy representative in Edwin Hall, who in his mercantile career has displayed the spirit of enterprise and progressiveness which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the middle west. He has always been a resident of this section of the country, his birth having occurred in St. Charles, Illinois, May 2, 1866. His parents were Gustavus and Mary J. (Alexander) Hall, both of whom were natives of Canada. The father came to the United States in 1839, settling in St. Charles, and the mother arrived in the year 1842. The paternal grandfather of our subject had first visited Illinois in 1838, after which he returned to Canada and then brought his family to Kane county the following year. He settled at St. Charles and was among the pioneer residents of the district, aided in reclaiming a wild region for the purposes of civilization. Gustavus Hall was reared to the occupation of farming amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life and for many years carried on general agricultural pursuits. His last days were passed in California, his death there occurring April 19, 1900, and his widow still resides in that state.

Edwin Hall acquired his education in the schools of St. Charles and Elgin and was graduated from the Chicago College of Pharmacy. Having thus equipped for the line of business in which he is now engaged, he first secured employment of that character as a clerk in a drug store in Elgin.

When his diligence and careful expenditure brought him sufficient capital, he embarked in business on his own account in Hampshire in 1887, successfully conducting the store until 1890, when, seeking a still broader field of labor, he came to Elgin and entered into partnership with Russell Weld under the firm name of Weld & Hall. This association was continued until 1901, when Mr. Hall purchased his partner's interest and has since continued the business alone. He carries a full line of drugs, druggist's sundries and toilet articles and has a well appointed establishment, neat and tasteful in its arrangement and equipped with all modern conveniences. He is a member of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association and is serving on its executive committee. Through the interchange of thought and experience in its meetings he keeps in touch with the progressive spirit manifest by the drug trade and is conducting one of the best establishments in his line in Elgin. He is also a member and secretary of the Courier Publishing Company.

On the 26th of June, 1890, Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Edith A. Reid, of Hampshire, and they have one daughter, Agnes Mary, now seventeen years of age. In his political views Mr. Hall has always been a stalwart republican, interested in the growth and success of the party, and is a member of the republican county central committee. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and has taken the degrees of the blue lodge and chapter in Masonry. His time and attention, however, have necessarily been concentrated upon his business affairs and through methods which have neither sought nor required disguise he has worked his way upward to a prominent place in business circles in his adopted city.

FRANK TEFFT, D.V.S.

Dr. Frank Tefft, enjoying an extensive practice in veterinary surgery in Elgin and also identified as a stockholder with different business concerns, while at the same time extensive farming interests return to him a good income, is numbered among Elgin's native sons, his birth having occurred in this city April 7, 1862. His father, Jonathan Tefft, is mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

Dr. Tefft was educated in the public schools of the county and in Elgin Academy, while his professional training was received in the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in 1892. He then began practice in Elgin, where he has been very successful in winning an extensive patronage. He manifests marked skill and ability in professional lines and thus his services are in constant demand.

He also buys and sells horses, controlling the Virginia stables, but this by no means represents the extent of his business interests, as he is a stockholder in the Elgin canning factory and the Chicago Gravel Company, while in connection with his sister Jennie he owns five hundred and eighty acres of land in Elgin township. They are engaged in the dairy business, having on

hand at all times about one hundred and seventy-five head of milch cows and young Holsteins. Dr. Tefft is a natural born stockman, having been connected with the business from early youth and there is no better judge of good stock in this section, his valuation of farm animals always being accurate and correct.

On the 3d of June, 1898, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Tefft and Miss Mabel Hammond, a daughter of E. G. Hammond, of Elgin. He is a member of the lodge, the chapter and the commandery in Masonic circles and he also belongs to the Century Club.

G. S. DOBBINS, M.D.

The life record of Dr. G. S. Dobbins is a notable instance of the attainment of success under conditions which the majority of the world would feel as an insurmountable difficulty, for at the age of fifteen years Dr. Dobbins lost his eyesight. He has, however, managed to acquire a knowledge of medicine that makes him the peer of the able practitioners of Elgin and moreover he keeps abreast with the progress of the times as manifest in medical and surgical lines. He was born in Peoria, Illinois, August 21, 1854, his parents being Thomas S. and Mary C. (Spurck) Dobbins. The father was a native of Allentown, Pennsylvania, while the mother's birth occurred in Ohio. He was a banker and capitalist and established the First and Second National banks of Peoria and was president of the former for a number of years. In his business career he met with success such as is obtained only through the exercise of such superior qualifications as undaunted energy, keen perception and resolute purpose.

In 1868 he went to Europe with his family and remained upon the continent until 1870, when he returned to America and located in Chicago. There he became engaged in the real-estate business. In 1871 he was the principal promoter in the building of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad from Chicago to Byron, Illinois, but in that venture lost heavily. He afterward engaged in the manufacture of vehicle springs of all kinds and later was identified with the brick manufacturing business. Throughout that period he was a resident of Chicago and his mental qualities and activity in public affairs made him the associate and friend of such men as Stephen A. Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, Governor Yates, General Grant and others well known at that day.

Dr. Dobbins acquired his early education in Peoria and later pursued his studies in Worcester, England, remaining in that country from 1869 until 1871. For some time he was connected with the real-estate business in Chicago but in the meantime took up the study of medicine and in 1901 was graduated from the Chicago Homeopathic College. He then located for practice in Chicago, where he remained until 1904, when he came to Elgin. Here he has built up a very successful practice. As stated, Dr. Dobbins has been blind from the age of fifteen years but, like the majority who lose their

eyesight, other senses have been developed above the average and have therefore been of material assistance to him in his professional career. His sense of touch and hearing, being particularly keen, are of the utmost assistance to him in his professional labors.

Dr. Dobbins was married in 1883 to Miss Ruth Oldham, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and they now have six children. Inez; Madeline; Isabel; George and Robert, twins; and Thomas S. The Doctor owns a fine residence which he occupies at 364 Chicago street. He has spent considerable time in vacation periods in Paris and left that city only the second day before they closed the gates at the surrender of Napoleon at Sedan and just before the attack was made on the French capital. He also passed through the great Chicago fire. He is a representative of one of the prominent old families of the state and has made for himself an excellent professional record, his ability being manifest in the results which have attended his ministrations in many cases.

J. F. FIERKE.

In studying the life and character of prominent men we are naturally led to inquire into the secret of their success and the motives that prompted their action. Success is not a question of genius, as held by many, but is rather a matter of experience and sound judgment, for when we trace the career of those who stand highest in public esteem we find in nearly every case that they are those who have risen gradually, making their way in the face of all opposition. Self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy, honesty—these are the traits of character that insure the highest emoluments and greatest success. To these may be attributed the prosperity that has crowned the efforts of J. F. Fierke, now the president of the Illinois Iron & Bolt Company and a resident of Dundee. He was born in Oelsdorf, in the province of Pomerania, Germany, in 1860, his parents being Frederick and Sophia (Beth) Fierke, who came to America in 1861 and settled at Dundee, Illinois. There the father died in the year 1880, while the mother is still living, making her home in Dundee at the age of eighty-four years. He was associated with some of the early owners of the Dundee brickyards and was an active, enterprising business man.

J. F. Fierke was educated in the local schools of Dundee. He entered upon his business career in connection with the Illinois Iron & Bolt Company as assistant shipping clerk when eighteen years of age. Since that time he has gradually worked his way upward and through successive promotions he has won recognition of his ability and trustworthiness. Gradually he advanced until in July, 1907, he was elected president of the company, having previous to that time been business manager for several years. He thus passed on to positions of executive control and is now bending his energies largely to organization, to constructive efforts and administrative direction. Possessing broad, enlightened and liberal-minded views, his has been an active career in which he has accomplished important and far-reaching results, contributing

in no small degree to the expansion and material growth of the community and from which he also has derived substantial benefits. As president of the Illinois Iron & Bolt Company he is at the head of an extensive enterprise, employing about six hundred men, it being one of the largest manufacturing concerns in Kane county.

Mr. Fierke was married in 1883 to Miss Augusta Sternberg, of Dundee. They are well known in social circles and are members of the Lutheran church of Dundee.

PAUL KEMLER, SR.

Paul Kemler, Sr., is one of the most prominent and popular of the retired business men of Elgin. He came to this city forty-one years ago and for a long period was identified with its hotel interests, in which connection he gained a most wide and favorable acquaintance and reputation. He gained the kindly regard of all with whom he came in contact and from those whom he was privileged to meet frequently he won the most sincere and lasting friendship.

He was born in Germany, October 28, 1837, and after acquiring a public-school education was apprenticed to a tanner and mastered that trade in Germany. Attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he then came to America and in 1856 settled in Chicago, where he engaged in the tanning business. In June, 1861, when the country was confronted with the problems of the Civil war, the patriotism of this sturdy young man asserted itself and for the love of the land of his adoption he enlisted, together with three of his brothers in Chicago in response to President Lincoln's call. He joined the Twenty-fourth Volunteer Infantry and was corporal under General Grant, who was then colonel of an Illinois regiment. He served for two years on the field and was wounded at Perryville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862. On the 26th of March, 1864, he was honorably discharged at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, having for three years valiantly done his duty as a soldier in defense of his adopted land.

In 1869 he was appointed a patrolman on the Chicago police force and served for four years. During the Chicago fire the duty that devolved upon the police officers was most strenuous and Mr. Kemler did his part bravely and unflinchingly. The following year he removed to Elgin and rented the Washington House, which he managed successfully for seventeen years, enjoying a large patronage and accumulating a competency. He always had a cheery, pleasant greeting for his guests, which made him personally popular and he won an unassailable reputation for his honesty and integrity that made him widely known throughout the country and secured for him the respect of all. He subsequently disposed of his hotel to his son, Paul Kemler, Jr., who is proprietor of the new Washington House, which was erected in 1907 and is one of the attractive hostelrys of this section of the state.

In 1865 Mr. Kemler, Sr., was married to Miss Wilhelmine Damisch, of this city, who died in 1883. They were the parents of eleven children. Mr. Kemler is a veteran Odd Fellow, having joined the order in 1859. He takes deep interest in its principles, plans and work, and when the German lodge was organized in Elgin it was named Paul Lodge in his honor. Mr. Kemler is now living retired in comfort and ease and his rest is well merited, as it crowns a labor of intense and well directed activity, of honorable purpose and unflinching integrity.

IRA N. RUSSELL.

Ira N. Russell, who for many years was actively identified with agricultural pursuits in Kane county, is now enjoying well earned rest in Elgin, for his diligence and activity in former years have brought to him capital sufficient to enable him to spend his remaining days in ease. His success, too, has been gained so honorably that the most envious cannot grudge him his prosperity. He was born in Gainesville, Wyoming county, New York, February 4, 1833, his parents being Jonas and Hannah (Lincoln) Russell, who were natives of Vermont, in which state they were reared and married. On leaving New England they became residents of Wyoming county, New York, where they remained until 1843, when they settled in Kane county, Illinois. Here their remaining days were passed. They had six children: Sarah, Jane, Hulda, Jonas and William, all of whom are now deceased; and Ira N., who is the only surviving member of the family.

Ira N. Russell was a lad of ten years when in 1843 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Kane county. It was still largely a pioneer district and they settled upon a farm at Batavia, where they lived for about ten years. They then removed to a farm in Burlington, this county. To the age of nineteen years Mr. Russell assisted his father in carrying on the work of the home place and then went to Chicago, where he entered the employ of J. W. Duncan & Company, lumber merchants. After a year, however, he resumed farming and carried on general agricultural pursuits until about fourteen years ago, when he came to Elgin. He derives substantial income from two good farms in Plato township comprising four hundred acres of land. At one time he owned a farm at Burlington but later sold that property and removed to Plato township, where he continued until he left the farm and took up his abode in the city. For many years he conducted a dairy business, keeping Holstein stock, and purchased and shipped many cattle. In all of his business affairs he displayed an aptitude for successful management, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. Seven years ago he built his present home at No. 326 South street and here he is spending the evening of his life in the enjoyment of well earned ease.

Mr. Russell has been married twice. In 1852, in Burlington township, he wedded Miss Charlotte Sherburne, who was born in Jay, New York, in 1829, and came to Illinois with her parents about 1850. She was a daughter

of William and Abigail (Harrison) Sherburne, natives of New Hampshire. The death of Mrs. Russell occurred January 7, 1901. There were four children of that marriage: Emma, the wife of Ernest Eckerson, of Sturgis, Michigan; Ella, deceased; Freeman, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; and Laura A. Egan, of Elgin. On the 19th of March, 1903, Mr. Russell was again married, his second union being with Amelia J. Herrick, a native of Crawford county, Missouri, and a daughter of John J. and Ann M. (Sharp) Herrick, the former a native of New York and the latter of Scotland. John J. Herrick came to Illinois with his father, Luther Herrick, who settled on what is now known as the old Herrick farm in Hanover township on the Chicago road, entering the land from the government. At that time only three houses, and they were built of logs, marked the site of the present city of Elgin. The family was prominent in pioneer times but Mrs. Russell is now the only representative of the Herrick family in Elgin.

In his political views Mr. Russell has been a stalwart republican since the organization of the party and for three terms he served as supervisor of Plato township. He is a member of the Congregational church and in his fraternal relations is a Mason—associations which indicate much of the character of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct. His life has been well spent and in all his career he has been sincere and upright in his purposes, honorable principles guiding him in all of his relations with his fellowmen.

FREDERICK B. STREETER.

Frederick B. Streeter, conducting business in Aurora as a coal merchant, was born in Ottawa, Illinois, on the 28th of November, 1871, and is the eldest of the four children of Byron L. and Hattie B. (Ford) Streeter. The paternal grandfather was Barzabeel Streeter, who was a native of New York and of English descent. He devoted most of his life to the conduct of a hotel and died in the Empire state at a very advanced age. Unto him and his wife were born a large family. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a native of the Emerald isle and on crossing the Atlantic to the new world settled at Ottawa, Illinois, where he carried on wagon making. There he died when well advanced in years. He married Miss Burke, who also lived to a good old age and they reared a number of children, including Hattie B. Ford, who was born in Ottawa, Illinois, and in early womanhood gave her hand in marriage to Byron L. Streeter, a native of New York.

Byron L. Streeter was reared in Berlin, New York, and when a young man began clerking and also followed bookkeeping for many years. He came west to Illinois before the war and settled in Morris, Grundy county, for a few years. In 1864 he responded to the country's call for military aid and enlisted as a member of Company G, Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was captured at Kenesaw Mountain and was imprisoned at Andersonville and Florence. As the result of his exposure in the army he has suffered from total blindness for fifteen or twenty years, thus making



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a great sacrifice for his country. After the war he went to Chicago and was employed in a wholesale commission house for several years but about 1875 came to Aurora, where he engaged in clerking and bookkeeping. He was also foreman of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy oil house for a number of years, or until failing eyesight compelled him to retire. Both he and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic church. For one year Mr. Streeter served as tax collector of Aurora and is well known here as a reliable man and enterprising citizen. The members of the family are: Frederick B., Burton B., May, the wife of E. L. Perrigo, and Milford E.

Frederick B. Streeter has lived in Aurora from the age of four years and became a public-school student, passing through consecutive grades until he acquired a good knowledge of those branches of English learning which qualify one for the active duties of life. He made his initial step in the business world in the employ of C. W. Marshall & Company, whom he represented as a salesman for about eight years. Later he began work in railroad contracting for his cousin, D. D. Streeter, with whom he continued for eight years. He was next secretary of the Elks' Club for a year and a half, after which he purchased the Cyr Brothers' Coal Company in July, 1906, and has since carried on the business, securing an extensive patronage during the two years or more in which he has operated in this line. He is a member of the Holy Angels' Catholic church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. He is widely and favorably known in this city, where he has lived from early boyhood and where many who know him entertain for him the warmest friendship.

On the 17th of June, 1908, Mr. Streeter married Miss Teresa M. Swanson, a native of Aurora, and a daughter of Aaron Swanson.

JOHN McNEIL.

While John McNeil is widely known in business circles as a wholesale grocer of Chicago, he maintains his residence in Elgin and his position in public regard here is of the highest. He has by consecutive stages worked his way upward to a place of prominence in the business world and his name is honored by reason of the straightforward policy he has ever followed, as well as owing to the progressive spirit which he has manifested. He was born in Ardrrie, Scotland, near Glasgow, May 22, 1839, his parents being Daniel and Jane (Crichton) McNeil, both of whom were natives of the land of hills and heather. The father was in charge of coal mines in his native country, while the mother there conducted a store of which her husband was the owner. He died in the year 1845 and in 1848 the mother with her three children, Malcolm, John and Anna, now the wife of Thomas Todd, of Elgin, left Glasgow for America as passengers on a sailing vessel which was six weeks in making the voyage.

They landed at New York city and came direct to the west, settling on a farm at Dundee, Kane county, Illinois. This farm was then in a poor con-

dition, but they soon made such improvements as they could and John McNeil remained there until he had attained the age of twenty-two years. He attended the district schools and later pursued his studies in the Elgin Academy, while subsequently he took a commercial course in Sloan's Commercial Business College in Chicago. Ambitious to engage in business on his own account in the spring of 1862, John McNeil with his brother Malcolm opened a grocery store on the corner where Edwin Hall's drug store now stands. Subsequently he turned his attention to general merchandising in the Hubbard block and in 1866 the firm removed to the corner where the Elgin Bank now stands. There they opened a store on a still larger scale under the firm name of M. & J. McNeil, continuing at that point until 1872, when they sought a broader field of labor by a removal to Chicago. In October of that year they opened a wholesale grocery house in the western metropolis under the firm name of McNeil & Higgins and in 1887 they incorporated the business under the firm name of the McNeil & Higgins Company, which still continues.

Mr. Higgins withdrew in 1899 and the stock is now held by Malcolm and John McNeil, with their sons as stockholders. They are located at Nos. 3-15 State street and also have an extensive house on the north side, where they take care of their country business. The trade has developed to extensive proportions owing to careful management and correct business principles on the part of the owners. They have wrought along modern lines, finding scope for their energy and activity in the city with its pulsing industrial interests and as the years have passed they have extended their trade into various sections of the country. Their place of business in Chicago is one of the old houses of the city and they have an extensive trade, being represented on the road by ninety traveling salesmen and in the house they employ about three hundred and fifty. On the north side, at No. 462 Illinois street, they have a large factory, manufacturing an extensive line of goods under their own brands, while the sales amount to between five and six million dollars annually. Everywhere in our land are found men who have worked their own way from humble beginnings to leadership in commerce, the great productive industries, the management of financial affairs, and in controlling the veins and arteries of the traffic and exchanges of the country. To this class belongs John McNeil.

John McNeil has always made his home in Elgin and for many years has owned a beautiful residence at No. 162 South State street. He was married on the 1st of March, 1864, to Miss Janet Crichton, a daughter of Robert Crichton, a native of Scotland, who came to America at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. McNeil have three sons and a daughter: John L. and Walter W., who are associated in business with their father; Howard; and Maude, who is the wife of William A. Jones, now president of a large printing company at Buffalo, New York. Mr. and Mrs. McNeil are members of the First Baptist church, in which he has served as a deacon for thirty-eight years. Everything pertaining to the welfare of Elgin is of interest to him and his labors have been an important element in its growth and progress in many ways. He has been a director in the Home National Bank and the Home Savings Bank for a number of years. He also owns a fine farm in Dundee

township, comprising two hundred acres, from which he derives a most gratifying income. He is one of the syndicate owning the large tract of land known as Washington Heights, which has been subdivided for town lots. He possesses a stalwart determination and an unfaltering purpose that enabled him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He is a man of broad capabilities, as his varied and extensive business interests indicate. At all times approachable, he patiently listens to whatever a caller may have to say, is always courteous and at all times a gentleman in the truest and best sense of the term. He cares not for notoriety, nor is there about him the least shadow of mock modesty, and he is a gentleman of fine address and thorough culture, occupying a first place in society as well as in the commercial circles of northern Illinois.

WILLIAM R. BURDICK.

Success is methodical and consecutive, and however much one may indulge in fantastic theorizing as to its elements and causation in any isolated instance, yet in the light of sober investigation we will find it to be but a result of the determined application of one's abilities and powers along the rigidly defined line of labor. This finds proof in the record of William R. Burdick, who was born in St. Charles, Illinois, July 10, 1848. His parents were Samuel and Orpha (Root) Burdick, the latter a daughter of Dr. Anson Root, one of the pioneers of Elgin. Both parents were natives of the Empire state and Samuel Burdick became a resident of Elgin in 1836. Much of the land was still in possession of the government and he took up a claim six miles west of Elgin comprising one hundred and sixty acres of raw and undeveloped land. The first winter he split rails with which to fence his property. There he lived for several years, converting his farm into productive fields, after which he removed to St. Charles, where he became interested in an oil mill.

In 1850 he became a resident of Elgin and there engaged in the lumber business on the site now occupied by August Schule, proprietor of a grocery store. He built a home on Grove avenue, on the site where Meehan's clothing store now stands, and later he traded his lumber business for a farm in Hanover township, where he resided for thirteen years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Chicago, making his home at No. 113 Michigan avenue, the site now occupied by the extensive establishment of Montgomery Ward & Company. Later, however, he took up his abode on the north side of the city and opened a lumberyard for Charles Mears. He then removed to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, but returned to Elgin in 1867. In that year he became interested in the flourmill which stood on the site of the Phillip Frieler place, Heideman & Burdick, and later became Burdick & Chapman, Mr. Burdick continuing actively in the management of the business until 1873, when he sold his interest to Mr. Chapman. He then lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1874. His widow still survives and is now living in

Elgin in her ninetieth year. Arriving in this city in 1837, the following year she joined the Baptist church and is now the oldest living member of the church, having become identified therewith under the preaching of the Rev. E. J. Ambrose, the first pastor. Notwithstanding her very advanced years, she is a remarkably bright and intelligent lady and a great reader. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Burdick were five children, all of whom are yet living: James A., now a resident of Colorado; Mrs. L. B. Graves; Mrs. H. Denison; Mrs. Nettie Clarke; and William R.

The last named was educated in the Elgin Academy under the principalship of Professor A. S. Barry. While living in Chicago with his parents, he attended the old Dearborn public school, which occupied the present site of the Boston Store, and also attended the Ogden school on the north side under Professor Hayward, who was at one time a resident of Elgin. During the summer vacations he worked in his father's lumberyard and also attended the high school at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, while his father was in the mercantile business there. He made his initial step in the business world as a clerk in the book store of I. S. Bartlett, at the corner of River and Chicago streets. There he remained for two years, when, in connection with H. H. Denison, he bought out his employer, continuing the business under the firm style of Denison & Burdick for several years.

In April, 1877, Mr. Burdick formed a partnership with W. T. Waite and bought the E. K. W. Cornell furniture business, operating in the store now occupied by Potter Brothers. Subsequently they purchased the furniture stock of Fred Cornell and W. F. Hunter and, merging these interests, removed to Chicago street, where Killip's restaurant now stands. There they continued business for twenty-five years, purchasing the building now occupied by the firm of Waite & Ross. In 1902, however, Mr. Burdick sold his interests to Mr. Ross. The same year he bought out the business of the Radcliffe Regalia Company and has since conducted that enterprise. The business was formerly conducted in the second floor over the Elgin Decorating Company, but in 1904 the present business block was erected by the company. In this connection Mr. Burdick is manufacturing all kinds of special orders of secret societies, including banners, badges, robes, and in fact regalias of all kinds. The trade is now rapidly increasing and has long since assumed profitable proportions.

In 1877 Mr. Burdick was married to Miss Emily M. Joslyn, a daughter of Fred Joslyn, and their children are: Jay, Ella, Madge, Lora Belle, Ruby and Warren. Mr. Burdick is well known in social and fraternal as well as business circles. He was for twelve years the treasurer of the National Union. He belongs to Kane Lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F., with which he has been connected since 1870. He is likewise treasurer and member of the board of trustees of the First Baptist church, being identified therewith for fifteen years. He is likewise connected with the Yeomen and in all these relations is found to be a faithful member, loyal to the interests with which he has become identified. His record is that of a man who has by his own unaided efforts worked his way upward to a position of affluence. His life has been one of industry and perseverance and the systematic and honorable

business methods he has followed have won him the support and confidence of many. Without the aid of influence or wealth he has risen to a position among the most prominent men of the city and his native genius and acquired ability are the stepping-stones on which he has mounted.

NEWTON C. OWEN.

Newton C. Owen, although yet a young man, has made a record in business circles which many a man of twice his years might well envy. He is today manager for the Kentucky Coal Company of Elgin. His birth occurred in McHenry county, Illinois, December 8, 1886, his parents being George W. and Margaret (Curtis) Owen, both of whom were natives of McHenry county, Illinois. The father is a manufacturer, now connected with the silver plate factory at Elgin.

The son passed through consecutive grades in the public schools of this city until as a high school student he was graduated with the class of 1905. Early in his business career he was connected with the John Newman Butter Company for a time and was afterward with the Illinois Watch Case Company for several months. In August, 1907, he entered the employ of the Kentucky Coal Company as bookkeeper and his ability won almost immediate recognition in promotion, for on the 1st of December, 1907, he was made manager of the concern. This company is affiliated with the New Kentucky Coal Company of Chicago and owns and operates its own mines, making a specialty of washed coals. For three years the business has been carried on at Elgin, during which time they have built up an extensive trade. Their yards are located at National street and Third Rail and in his present position Mr. Owen shows himself well qualified to manage the affairs of the company and develop an extensive trade.

Interested in community affairs, he is secretary of the civil service commission of Elgin and is also a member of the Elgin board of trade. With appreciation for the social amenities of life, he is connected with the Elks Lodge and the Century Club and also belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association—a connection which indicates that his influence can be counted on for moral progress and development and for the support of that which is just and right.

JOHN A. WRIGHT.

There has been nothing in the life record of John A. Wright to attract the reader in search of a sensational or thrilling chapter, but there are elements in his life history which are of interest to the thoughtful student who draws a correct conclusion from facts and pursues the lessons therein contained to his own benefit. Mr. Wright is a contractor and carpenter of Elgin, who

by determined and unflinching energy has gained for himself a place of prominence among the builders of the city. His father was one of the pioneer settlers here. The son was born in Muskegon county, Michigan, in 1857, but when two years of age was brought to Elgin by his parents, who were returning to Elgin in 1860. Here he attended the public schools and also the Elgin Academy, acquiring a liberal education. He afterward learned the carpenter's trade with Smith Hoag and later was employed by Russell & Kirkpatrick. As the years passed his efficiency increased and in 1886 he engaged in the contracting business, continuing alone until 1903, when he admitted H. F. Foster as a partner. They now have quite an extensive plant and employ several men in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds and also in repair work. In contract lines Mr. Wright has erected all of the fire stations in Elgin with one exception and has built many fine business blocks and residences, including the Peck block, the homes of Mrs. M. W. Hawes, I. C. Towner, Hiram Thomas, E. F. Gooding, and others. He also built the Masonic Temple. Thus in the city's substantial structures are many evidences of his skill and handiwork.

Mr. Wright was married in 1880 to Miss F. Ella Gardner, of Chicago, and they have one son and one daughter, namely: J. Harry and Berenice E. Mr. Wright belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Modern Woodmen, the Archrean Union, the Eastern Star and the Royal Arcanum. In his community he is regarded as a well informed man possessed of broad general information, and in his nature there is nothing narrow or contracted. He has a spirit that while devoted to his resident community is liberal enough to recognize and appreciate advancement and progress in any other part of the world.

JOSEPH WRIGHT.

In the history of Kane county's early development it is imperative that mention should be made of Joseph Wright, who in 1837 took up his abode within its borders and was closely associated with its early developments and interests. He was born in Derryter, New York, in 1809, remained a resident of the east during his boyhood and youth, and in early manhood wedded Eliza Ann McClure, who was born in Pompey, New York. They came by lake to Chicago and on to Kane county, Illinois, in 1837, settling in Elgin on what is now the corner of Douglas avenue and Division street. The house was built of cobblestones and was one of the early structures of the city. Later they removed to the corner of South State and Walnut streets and Mr. Wright remained owner of that property until his death.

By trade a woodturner, Mr. Wright established his first shop at the east end of the Chicago street bridge, where Meehan's hardware store now stands. Subsequently he removed from that location to the present site of the Elgin opera house. For many years he was the only woodturner in this section of the country and did this kind of work for a large territory, among his

patrons being the Elgin Academy. He was an expert workman in his line, displaying marked skill and ability, and his capable labors brought to him a goodly measure of success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wright were born two children, but only John A. Wright, whose sketch is given above, now survives. In his religious faith the father was a Quaker, while the mother was a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Wright is remembered by all of the old settlers and by many of the more recent arrivals. He continued a resident of Kane county for almost six decades and lived to see it emerge from frontier conditions to take its place with the leading counties of this great commonwealth. The Indians were still in camp when he came to the county, Elgin contained only a few houses, Aurora was a little town of small importance, and others of the now thriving towns of the county had not yet sprung into existence. He lived to see the county take on all the appointments of a modern civilization and was justly proud of what was accomplished here. He died in 1896, and thus passed away an honored pioneer settler.

JACOB ROBBINS.

Jacob Robbins, deceased, was born in Herkimer county, New York, September 12, 1824, and learned the mason's trade in his native state. In 1849 he went to California but subsequently returned to the Empire state and at an early day made his way westward to Chicago, where he became prominently connected with contracting and building interests, erecting many large buildings. Going to Janesville, Wisconsin, he also erected a large number of structures there, as well as all over the state of Illinois, his contracts including courthouses, etc. From Janesville, Wisconsin, he went to Denver, Colorado, with an ox-team and erected the first brick building there. For a time he was also connected with the Chicago & North-Western Railroad Company as a building contractor. In 1877 he removed to Dakota, where he did a great deal of work in his line, also took up land and likewise a tree claim. After developing both these properties into fine farms he sold them and returned to Elgin, where he had assisted in erecting the first watch factory. He also built a number of other large structures here, but passed away in Elgin, September 15, 1902, shortly after his return from Dakota. He was very successful in his undertakings and gained a large measure of prosperity, being a man of excellent business ability and keen discrimination.

Mr. Robbins was twice married and by his first union had three children. In 1874 he wedded Miss Dora Foster, a daughter of Eleazer and May (Ireland) Foster, of Oregon, Illinois. By this marriage there were six children. Carrie is the wife of Jacob Snyder, by whom she has four children: John, Dora, Laura and Charles. Guy married Delia Allen and has nine children: Fern, Laurence, Murel, Olive, Edna, Howard, Wilda, Hazel and Walter. Frederick is the next member of the Robbins family. Arthur wedded Eliza-

beth Johnson and has one child, Mildred. Beulah, who is the wife of a Mr. Watson, has one child, Lloyd. Hazel is the youngest member of the family.

Mr. Robbins supported the Congregational church and in the various relations of life was honorable and upright, his course winning him the regard and esteem of all with whom he was brought in contact.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER HOLLENBACK.

It would be superfluous in this connection to enter into any series of statements explanatory of who William A. Hollenback is or what position he occupies in the public regard. He is too well known in Kendall county to need introduction to the readers of this volume, for from an early epoch in the history of Illinois the Hollenback family has been active and prominent in the upbuilding and improvement of this part of the state. Mr. Hollenback of this review, for many years closely associated with agricultural interests, is now living retired in Aurora, his home being at No. 318 Spruce street. He was born in La Salle, now Kendall county, Illinois, November 9, 1834, his parents being George and Sophia (Sidle) Hollenback, the former born near Morgantown, West Virginia, in 1792, and the latter on the 18th of April, 1799, in New Jersey. Extended mention of the family is made in connection with the sketch of George M. Hollenback on another page of this volume.

William A. Hollenback was born in what is now known as Fox township, Kendall county, when that district constituted a part of La Salle county. His parents were pioneer settlers of the state and he was reared to manhood upon the home farm amid the scenes and environments of frontier life. His father was the owner of seven hundred and sixty-two acres of rich Illinois land and William Hollenback enjoyed little leisure in his youth, for his services were continuously needed upon the farm. He there continued until he had attained his majority and attended the old-time subscription schools at a period when the neighbors used to schedule for school purposes and the teacher boarded around. He also pursued his studies alone in the old log cabin, for he was athirst for knowledge and throughout his entire life has been interested in the acquirement of knowledge that broadens one's mental ken and brings to him a more thorough appreciation of life, its meaning and its purposes. On starting out in business on his own account he operated a part of his father's farm and then purchased one hundred and forty-six and eighty-eight one hundredths acres of land. With characteristic energy he began the development of the property and later at different times purchased seventy-seven and a half acres, five and ninety-six one hundredths acres, while one hundred and thirty and a half acres were allotted to him as his share of the home farm. He now owns three hundred and sixty and a third acres and from this valuable property derives a gratifying annual income. Year after year he carried on the work of the fields with excellent success, living in Kendall county until 1887, while in 1888 he removed to



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Chicago, where he resided until 1891. In May of that year he returned and settled at Millbrook Station, where he remained for nearly five years.

On the 11th of January, 1866, Mr. Hollenback was married to Miss Cornelia R. Pooler, a daughter of Otis Ensign and Amy (Miller) Pooler, of Lake county, Ohio. Mrs. Hollenback died in 1898 at the age of fifty-seven years, and on the 23d of October, 1901, at Battle Creek, Michigan. Mr. Hollenback was again married, his second union being with Miss Julia V. Pooler, a sister of his first wife, who had lived with them when a little girl. She has a twin brother, George E. Pooler, and they were born at Unionville, Lake county, Ohio, in 1854. Her father was a native of New York and her mother of Ohio. His death occurred in the Buckeye state and Mrs. Pooler afterward married again, becoming the wife of David Curtis, of Lagrange, Lorain county, Ohio. She died at that place at the age of seventy-nine years, while Mr. Curtis passed away at the age of eighty-four years. By his first marriage Mr. Pooler had five children, Cornelia; Melissa, the wife of John Boyd; Martha, the wife of Albert Wilsie, state senator in Nebraska; George Emery; and Julia V.

Mrs. Hollenback is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church. Mr. Hollenback gives his political support to the republican party and was postmaster at Mansfield, Illinois, for three years. The postoffice was conducted in his father's home for ten years, his father having been postmaster for seven years. Few men have so intimate knowledge of the history of this part of the state as has William A. Hollenback, who has lived here continuously for almost seventy-four years. Remarkable changes have occurred during this time, for the Indian wigwam has been replaced by beautiful farm dwellings and the attractive and sometimes palatial homes of the city. The wild land has also been converted into rich farms, while at different places cities, towns and villages have sprung up and in their midst have been established industrial and commercial interests reaching out to all sections of the country. Mr. Hollenback relates many interesting incidents of the early days. His own life of activity and enterprise has been crowned with success and well merited rest and he is now living retired in Aurora, the fruits of his former labor being sufficient to enable him to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

CHARLES A. SOPER.

Drawing his patronage from a large territory, Charles A. Soper is now conducting a profitable and growing business as proprietor of the Elgin Marble and Granite Works. He is a young man, possessing much of the spirit of enterprise which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the middle west. Elgin numbers him among her native sons, his birth having here occurred on the 5th of October, 1881. His parents are Albert N. and Althea J. (McDowell) Soper, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

Coming to Elgin in the '70s, the father has since resided here and is now filling the position of superintendent of the Elgin cemeteries.

At the usual age Charles A. Soper was sent as a pupil to the public schools, wherein he passed through consecutive grades and after leaving school he entered the employ of the Elgin National Watch Company, with which he was connected for three years. He was next employed in the city light department and in 1903 he purchased from A. E. Price the Elgin Marble and Granite Works, which he has since conducted. He is now engaged in the manufacture of monuments and cemetery memorials exclusively and has a trade which covers several adjacent counties. His business is large and profitable and his location is a favorable one, being just opposite the Bluff City Cemetery.

Mr. Soper is a member of the Masonic lodge and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He was married September 14, 1905, to Miss Grace Townsend, of Elgin, a daughter of Milton S. Townsend, and they have one child, Dorothea Jane. The parents are members of the First Baptist church and they reside at No. 610 Wright avenue, their home being a most hospitable one, its doors being ever open for the reception of their many friends.

HOWARD C. McNEIL.

Howard C. McNeil is preeminently a man of action, which fact is manifest in the discharge of his duties as treasurer of the Illinois Iron & Bolt Company. One is apt to think of the graduates of Harvard and other noted universities as representatives of professional life and interests, but the time has passed when the college bred man feels that he must confine his attention to a professional career, for he realizes that the field of industrial and commercial activity is just as great and that its successes are just as honorable.

Mr. McNeil, a Harvard graduate, is now occupying a position of administrative direction in connection with one of the most important industrial concerns of Kane county, the plant being located at Carpenterville. He was born at Elgin, March 22, 1878, and is a son of John McNeil, one of the prominent wholesale grocers of Chicago. The public schools afforded him his preliminary educational opportunities and later he attended the Elgin Academy and the Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated in 1897. He then entered Harvard and won the degree of S. B. upon his graduation in 1901. For five and a half years he was connected with the McNeil & Higgins Company, wholesale grocers of Chicago, and on the 1st of January, 1907, became the treasurer of the Illinois Iron & Bolt Company. This company has an extensive plant at Carpenterville and is one of the most important productive enterprises of the county. Mr. McNeil has shown himself well qualified for a position of administrative direction and executive control and has made a most creditable place in business circles.

On the 22d of September, 1903, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McNeil and Miss Mary Elizabeth Cleveland, a daughter of Dr. E. F. Cleve-

land, of Dundee, and a niece of Mrs. G. P. Lord, a representative of one of the old families of Elgin. They now have one daughter, Elizabeth Crichton, who was born November 29, 1906. Mr. McNeil is a member of the First Baptist church of Elgin and his wife holds membership in St. James Episcopal church of Dundee. They are widely known and prominent socially and their circle of friends in the county is most extensive. Mr. McNeil is a young man of strong individuality and indubitable probity and is winning for himself a place among those who are prominent factors in the world of trade in Kane county.

WILLIAM MOFFETT MERCER.

William Moffett Mercer is a member of the bar of Aurora and is also a representative of agricultural interests in Kane county, owning and supervising valuable farming interests. He was born at Waterman, De Kalb county, Illinois, March 8, 1863. His paternal grandfather, Robert Mercer, was a native of the north of Ireland but of Scotch descent. He followed the occupation of farming and spent the greater part of his life in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, but while he passed away in middle age his wife lived to be about ninety years of age.

Their son, Smith Mercer, followed the occupation of farming and on removing from the east came to Illinois in 1854, settling on a tract of land near Waterman, De Kalb county, where seven of his children were born. After successfully carrying on general agricultural pursuits for a long period he retired from business life and lived in Sandwich for ten years in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He was then called to his final rest in 1904, passing away at the age of seventy-six years. In early manhood he wedded Margaret Thornburg, a daughter of David Thornburg, who was a native of Pennsylvania and of Scotch lineage. He married a Miss Veasey and removed westward to Leavenworth, Kansas, about 1875, his death there occurring when he had reached the age of eighty-nine years. His wife died in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, when more than sixty years of age. They had a large family, including Margaret Thornburg, who became the wife of Smith Mercer and passed away upon the home farm in De Kalb county, Illinois, in 1888, at the age of fifty-six years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith Mercer were faithful members of the United Presbyterian church and in community affairs he was active, holding various town offices.

Their family numbered nine children, seven sons and two daughters, as follows: Robert, who makes his home in Chicago; Joseph, a resident of Aurora; Thomas, who is living in Sandwich, Illinois; John, a resident of Waterman, this state; Alwin, of Aurora; William M., whose name introduces this review; Wallace, who died in 1886 at the age of twenty-two years; Ida, the wife of A. J. Tuttle, who resides in Los Angeles, California; and Jennie, the wife of James E. Landen, also of that city.

William Moffett Mercer was reared upon his father's farm in the county of his nativity and supplemented his district school education by study in East

Paw Paw Seminary, where he won the degree of Bachelor of Science. He manifested such aptitude in his studies that he was enabled to procure a teacher's certificate and for several years engaged in teaching in De Kalb county, beginning when seventeen years of age. He was graduated from the seminary at the age of twenty years and then went to Nebraska, where he secured a situation as bookkeeper and assistant cashier in a bank at Franklin. He filled that position for two years and subsequently was manager of a lumber yard there owned by the T. W. Harvey Lumber Company, which company had yards in a number of places in western states. Mr. Mercer managed their business at Ravenna and at Shickley, Nebraska, his time being thus occupied until 1892, when he embarked in the grain, lumber and coal business at Shabbona, Illinois, giving his time and attention to that enterprise until 1899. He then came to Aurora and made this his home, but entered the Northwestern University Law School at Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1901. The same year he was admitted to the bar and practiced in Chicago from May until December as assistant to A. C. Barnes, who was first assistant in the office of Governor Charles S. Deneen, then state's attorney. Mr. Barnes is now one of the judges of the circuit and superior courts of Cook county.

Returning to Aurora, Mr. Moffett opened an office and has practiced here continuously since. He has secured a good clientage and his patronage is thus plainly indicated. He was first in partnership with F. R. Reid and later the firm was Goodwin, Mercer & Reid. Subsequently it became Goodwin & Mercer, Judge Goodwin retiring in 1905 to become assistant United States attorney general of the postoffice department. Mr. Mercer is now alone in practice and is recognized as an able lawyer of keen discernment and of marked analytical power. He has made steady advancement in his business career, as his constantly expanded powers have enabled him to successfully cope with the intricate problems that are continually being presented in business life.

On the 4th day of December, 1884, Mr. Mercer was married to Miss Ella Lattin, who was born in Dutchess county, New York, a daughter of Edom and Ruth (Mosher) Lattin, who were also natives of the Empire state. Her father was of Holland Dutch lineage, while the mother came of Quaker stock. They were the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Stephen A., who makes his home in Minnesota; George W., of De Smet, South Dakota; Alma, the wife of Samuel Criswell, who resides in Buffalo, Oklahoma; and Ella, now Mrs. Mercer. The father of these children was a miller in the east and died in Dutchess county, New York, in middle life, while his wife passed away at Franklin, Nebraska, in 1890, when about fifty-eight years of age.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mercer have been born two sons and four daughters: Maude, the wife of Henry A. Brown, formerly of Poughkeepsie, New York, but now of Aurora, by whom she has a son, Horace A.; Ivan Harrison, who graduated from the East Aurora high school and is now operating a farm belonging to his father in Aurora township; Christel, who, like her brother, is a graduate of the East Aurora high school; William Mark, Monna and Leona, all still under the parental roof.

The parents are members of the Congregational church, in which Mr. Mercer is serving as a deacon. Politically he is a republican. He is a very strong Deneen man and one of the first Deneen supporters. In matters of public moment he has taken an active and helpful interest. He is now chairman of the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce and is chairman of the building committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, which is now erecting a new building at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars. He is also a stockholder in the German-American National Bank of Aurora. He owns a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres two miles south of the city known as Maple Lawn Farm and there gives particular attention to the breeding of Chester White hogs and to dairying. His city residence is at No. 210 La Salle street. Mr. Mercer takes an active and helpful interest in all that pertains to the general welfare and his labors along many lines have been effective working forces in its behalf.

HENRY ALMOND BARTLETT.

Henry Almond Bartlett, who is successfully engaged in farming in Campton township, is one of Kane county's native sons, for he was born in Blackberry township, December 4, 1873. His father, John E. Bartlett, was born September 15, 1850, in Campton and died on the 15th of November, 1889. He is still survived by his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elsie M. Richmond and is yet a resident of Kane county. In politics John E. Bartlett was a staunch republican, inheriting those principles from his illustrious father, Joseph P. Bartlett, who was very actively associated with the operation of the famous underground railroad in antebellum days, whereby many a poor negro was assisted on his way to Canada and freedom. Our subject's father held the office of school director for many years. The other children of the family are George E., also a farmer of Campton township; Joseph A., a farmer of Blackberry township; William Lester, who is teaching in the mute school at Berkeley, California; and Walter E., a teacher at Big Rock, Kane county.

Henry A. Bartlett pursued his studies in the district schools of this county until he had attained the age of fifteen years, and then gave his mother the benefit of his labors in the operation of the home farm until he reached his majority, when he removed to Elburn and was engaged in the feed, coal and implement business for several years. He next took charge of his uncle's farm and is now operating one of the largest and best dairy farms in Kane county with excellent success, being a progressive agriculturist and a man of good business ability and sound judgment.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Bartlett chose Miss Thursa Aylward, who was born in Kaneville, and by their marriage they have become the parents of two children: Ralph A., born May 21, 1903; and Charles Maynard, born October 15, 1907. Mrs. Bartlett's father, Charles Aylward, now makes his home in Elburn, but her mother is deceased, dying in 1902. She has one sister, Emma, who is a resident of Chicago and is super-

intendent of the Presbyterian training school for nurses. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are faithful members of the Congregational church and are most estimable people, who have many friends throughout the county. Being a strong temperance man, Mr. Bartlett is an active prohibitionist in politics.

THADDEUS J. MERRILL.

Thaddeus J. Merrill is one of the more recent additions to the Kane county bar, but has already gained a good clientage as a general law practitioner of Aurora. He was born at Hinckley, Illinois, December 18, 1877, and is a representative of one of the old families of this city, his paternal grandfather having located here when Aurora was little more than a village. He engaged in the lumber and coal business as one of the early merchants and died here in middle life. His wife, Mrs. Marian Merrill, has also long since passed away.

Frank E. Merrill, father of our subject, was born in Plessis, New York, and was reared to farm life, but in early manhood went to New York city, where he accepted a clerkship in a banking house. He had been thus engaged for several years, when he was offered a position in the government printing office under the administration of Abraham Lincoln and became head of the bank note printing department. He remained there during the succeeding administration of President Johnson and on his retirement from office came to the middle west and settled in Aurora, Illinois, where he engaged in the coal and lumber business under the firm name of Merrill & Dickinson. For several years he was thus associated with the trade, after which he removed to Hinckley, Illinois, where for twenty-three years he conducted a general mercantile and banking business. He was for twenty-three years a factor in the business life of that town and then disposing of his banking and mercantile interests to H. D. Wagner he returned to Aurora, where he lived retired. He married Miss Frances Elizabeth Costler, a native of Covington, Kentucky, and they reared a family of one son and two daughters: Thaddeus J.; Nellie E., the wife of William Henderson, of Aurora; and Marian A., who is living with her mother in this city. The death of Mr. Merrill occurred in 1893, when he was about fifty-six years of age. He was a Unitarian in religious faith and his wife is connected with the same church. At one time he was candidate for the state senate on the democratic ticket, but was defeated, and later a change in his political views led him to endorse the republican party. He filled a number of local offices in Hinckley, serving as postmaster, as justice of the peace and as town clerk, and for several terms he capably administered municipal affairs as mayor. He left the impress of his individuality for good upon the locality in which he resides and yet occupies a prominent place in the memory of those who knew him in life.

Thaddeus J. Merrill was reared in Hinckley, Illinois, and attended the grammar schools there. When fourteen years of age he came to Aurora and, continuing his education here, was graduated from the West Aurora high

school in 1897. He afterward engaged in teaching school for a year at Hinckley and subsequently entered Dartmouth College at Hanover, New Hampshire, where he pursued his studies until the fall of 1900, when he became a student in the University of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1902. He afterward studied law in the University of Chicago, completing the course in 1904, and then put his theoretical knowledge to the test in the office of Scanlan & Fell, of Chicago. He next opened an office in Aurora, where he has remained in practice continuously since, having been admitted to the bar on the 13th of October, 1904. Although one of the younger representatives of the profession, he has already secured a good clientage here and is making substantial advancement in his chosen calling. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association.

On the 24th of October, 1905, Mr. Merrill was married to Miss Meribah T. Willis, a daughter of Judge Henry B. and Lucy (Wait) Willis, of Elgin. Mr. Merrill belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, the Odd Fellows lodge and the Modern Woodmen camp, and politically has always been a republican. He lives at No. 89 Highland avenue, in the old homestead which was erected by his father.

O. A. HOLCOMB.

Among Aurora's native sons who have gained distinction in the lines of business to which they have given their energies is numbered O. A. Holcomb, now an able and representative lawyer, who was born in Aurora on the 8th of August, 1858. His father, Osborne Holcomb, was a native of Connecticut, born near Hartford. He came to Aurora in the early '50s and engaged in contracting, doing much toward the upbuilding of the city. He erected many houses and other structures here and thus contributed in substantial measure to the welfare and improvement of Aurora. His political allegiance was unfalteringly given to the republican party. He died in December, 1902, at the age of seventy-four years, and is still survived by his wife at the age of seventy-five years. She bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Higby and was born near Elmira, New York. She came to Illinois with her father, who on his removal westward gave his attention to farming in the early '50s.

O. A. Holcomb acquired his literary education through the medium of the public schools of Aurora and then, determining upon the practice of law as a life work, he began studying with the late A. E. Searls as his preceptor. After thorough preliminary reading he was admitted to the bar in 1889 and has since been engaged in practice. However, he has devoted much time to other interests, being the owner of valuable farming property and also making farm loans. He does an extensive land business in all the surrounding states, handling much valuable property and placing many investments. He also owns real estate in the city and has built several houses here, the rental thereof bringing him a gratifying annual income.

On the 15th of March, 1888, Mr. Holcomb was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Keck, daughter of Daniel and Mary E. (Ellis) Keck, and a native of Illinois. Unto them have been born a daughter and son: Ethel, who is now attending Wheaton College; and Glen, who is a student in the public schools of this city. Mr. Holcomb votes with the republican party, but has never been an office-seeker, preferring to devote his time and attention to his professional and business duties, which leave him little leisure but which bring to him gratifying annual success.

H. W. DUERINGER, M. D.

Dr. H. W. Dueringer, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Elgin, was born in Gibson City, Ford county, Illinois, November 6, 1868. His father, the Rev. John H. Dueringer, was a native of the city of Hanau, Germany, and in early manhood was married to Miss Minnie Morsch, who was born in Karlsruhe, Germany. They came to America, however, when quite young and were married in the new world. The Rev. Dueringer served as a soldier in the Civil war, acting as bugler for a time. He was connected for a time with Company A, of the Sixty-fourth Illinois Regiment—the Sharpshooters—under command of General Rosecrans, and participated in all of the principal engagements with his regiment, making a most creditable military record in defense of the Union. He was a notary public and assessor and filled other offices in his county and was also prominent in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dr. Dueringer's preparation for the profession was preceded by a course of study in Chicago public schools. His preliminary reading in medical lines was supplemented by study in Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in April, 1896. Immediately afterward he began practice at Champaign, Illinois, where he remained for two years, when he came to Elgin and opened the office he now occupies. Here he has built up a very large and lucrative practice, being recognized as one of the strongest representatives of the school of homeopathy in this part of the state. He is a member of the Illinois Homeopathic Association and also of the American Institute of Homeopathy. He belongs to the Yeomen of America, of which for the past two years he has been their national medical director, also medical examiner of the Columbian Knights and medical examiner of the Swiss Society. His membership relations include the German Gilde the Krieger Verein and the Soldiers' Society, of which he is also medical examiner. He holds similar professional relations with the Union Life Insurance Company, the Daughters of Columbia and the German Life Insurance Association of Chicago.

On the 7th of September, 1893, Dr. Dueringer was married to Miss Elizabeth Sippel, of Chicago, and they have four children, Stella, Esther, Walter and Orylin. The parents are members of the German Methodist Episcopal church and Dr. Dueringer belongs to the Elks' lodge. He has



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always held to high ideals in his profession, is neglectful of no duty that can possibly promote the interests of his patients and in his continued study and investigation has gained broad and comprehensive knowledge whereby his many patrons have profited. As a latter feature of his more active practice he is giving more and more time to the study of surgery.

JEREMIAH D. LUTZ.

Jeremiah D. Lutz, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising in Kaneville township, was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1855, his parents being Jacob and Catherine (Zeigler) Lutz, the former also a native of Center county, Pennsylvania, where his birth occurred in 1819. Jacob Lutz, who was a blacksmith by trade, was drafted for service in the Civil war but sent a substitute. His marriage was celebrated in 1849, and he continued to reside in the Keystone state until the time of his demise in July, 1890. He was a devoted member of the German Reformed church. His wife, who survived him for only six weeks, passed away in Center county, Pennsylvania, in September, 1890. Unto this worthy couple were born seven children: Sarah, born in Center county, Pennsylvania, in 1850, became the wife of Stephen Transue, who served as a soldier in the Civil war throughout the period of hostilities. He is now engaged in farming in Pennsylvania. Chestie, whose birth occurred in Center county, Pennsylvania, in 1852, became the wife of Ira Segner, an undertaker and finisher. She made her home in Pennsylvania until the time of her demise in 1889. Maggie, born in Center county, Pennsylvania, in 1853, married Charles Beck, a farmer by occupation. She resided in the Keystone state until called to her final rest in 1894. Julia, who was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, in 1854, married Benjamin Vonada, a retired agriculturist, and resides in Pennsylvania. Jeremiah D., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Harvey Newton, born in Center county, Pennsylvania, married Miss Anna Fisher in 1880. He is a blacksmith by trade and makes his home in the state of his nativity. Clement C., born in Center county, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1861, married Miss Mary Clontz in 1882 and resides in the county of his nativity.

Jeremiah D. Lutz attended school in Pennsylvania until eighteen years of age, and in the year 1878 made his way westward to Illinois, securing employment as a farm hand. For ten years he farmed on shares land which belonged to his father-in-law, B. F. Gramley, and in 1893 purchased his present tract of one hundred and twenty acres situated three and a half miles west of Kaneville. It is all tillable land and he has tilled and otherwise greatly improved the property, equipping his place with all the conveniences and accessories which go to make up a model farming property of the twentieth century. His buildings are modern and substantial and he is an enterprising and up-to-date farmer, keeping abreast with the most progressive methods of agriculture. He raises shorthorn cattle, having some splendid specimens of that breed, and also feeds Duroc Jersey red hogs. He keeps ten cows, deliver-

ing milk to the Cotnty Line Creamery, and also has one hundred hens of the Plymouth Rock variety. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and today he is numbered among the prosperous citizens of his community.

In Kane county, Illinois, in 1883, occurred the marriage of Mr. Lutz and Miss Diana M. Gramley, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Lutz is independent in politics, supporting men and measures rather than party. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and is an upright citizen, having won the warm regard and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

CHARLES L. SPRIET.

Charles L. Spriet, operating two hundred and twenty-three acres of valuable land in St. Charles township, was born in Eerneghem, Belgium, April 29, 1857, his parents being Eugene and Francisca (Biebuyek) Spriet, both natives of that country, the former born April 3, 1823, and the latter in 1825. They were married in 1852, and the father passed away in Belgium, February 27, 1908, but the mother still resides in her native land. The brothers and sisters of our subject are as follows: Camel Henry, born in Belgium in 1859, was married in that country to Marthilda Van De Capelle, and now carries on farming east of St. Charles in Kane county, Illinois. Leona has passed away. Sidonie, born in Belgium in 1864, became the wife of August Coryn, a farmer. They came to America in 1887 and now reside four and a half miles west of St. Charles. Celest, born in Belgium in 1867, is a farmer by occupation and lives with his wife in the land of his birth. Frank, whose birth occurred in Belgium in 1869, attended high school in that country and subsequently wedded Miss Farilda Gatse. He is a laborer, now residing in Moline, Illinois.

On the 29th of March, 1887, Charles L. Spriet emigrated to America and throughout the following summer was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Michigan. Subsequently he worked in the pineries of Kalkaska county, Michigan, for two years and on the expiration of that period removed to Moline in 1890, there continuing until 1893. During the succeeding two years he was employed in the malleable iron foundry at St. Charles and afterward returned to Moline, where he continued to reside until 1900, when he once more came to St. Charles. Here he went into partnership with his brother Henry in the conduct of a farm, but for the past seven years has carried on agricultural pursuits alone west of St. Charles, and in addition to the work of general farming he also conducts an extensive dairy, owning fifty-seven cows and averaging eighty gallons of milk daily. About one-third of the cows are of the Holstein breed, while the remainder are Durhams. He is also interested in the raising of poultry, having one hundred and fifty hens, and likewise owns seven horses. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields.

On the 24th of April, 1889, at Detroit, Michigan, occurred the marriage of Mr. Spriet and Miss Leonia Van De Capelle, a daughter of John and Barbara (Van Den Brande) Van De Capelle, both natives of Belgium. The father was a baker by trade, and both he and his wife passed away in the land of their birth. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Spriet have been born six children, all of whom are still under the parental roof. The record of the family is as follows: Manda, born in Moline, Illinois, January 5, 1890; Henry, whose birth occurred in Moline, Illinois, May 8, 1892; Frank, born in St. Charles, February 3, 1894; Charley, born in Moline, January 11, 1896; Edwin Albert, whose birth occurred in Moline, January 12, 1898; and Martha, who was born in Moline, May 27, 1900.

Mr. Spriet gives his political allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party, while in religious faith he is a Catholic, being a member of St. Patrick's church at St. Charles. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man—and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward.

BERT EUGENE SHERWIN.

Bert Eugene Sherwin, successfully engaged in farming in Aurora township, was born in Kaneville, Illinois, June 18, 1877, his parents being Daniel C. and Mary E. (Barnes) Sherwin, the former born in Massachusetts, April 8, 1842, and the latter in New York state, June 15, 1842. They removed to Sugar Grove township when our subject was quite young and there carried on agricultural pursuits for several years. In 1885 they took up their abode in Aurora, where the father passed away in 1891. Mrs. Sherwin survived her husband until January 12, 1900, when she, too, was called to her final rest. She was a sister of Crowell and Ethelbert Barnes, prominent farmers of Sugar Grove township, who are mentioned on another page of this volume. Our subject has but one sister, namely: Cora A., who was born June 24, 1867, and is the wife of Charles A. Hilderbrand, an agriculturist of Sugar Grove township.

Bert Eugene Sherwin attended school until fourteen years of age in the old brick schoolhouse on the Galena road, two miles west of Aurora. Subsequently he attended the Oak street school in Aurora for three years, and after putting aside his text-books was for a time employed as clerk in a grocery store. Various other occupations claimed his attention until 1900, when he rented the Hoyt farm, now owned by Mrs. Harbour, comprising eighty acres. For eight years he has now successfully managed the place, being a man of untiring perseverance and good business ability.

On the 4th of December, 1900, Mr. Sherwin was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Parker, who was born in Sugar Grove township, April 17, 1881, a daughter of Perry and Mary (Russell) Parker. They have become the parents of five children: Parker Russell, whose birth occurred August 31,

1902; Donald Sidney, born August 25, 1903; Norman B., whose natal day was August 8, 1905; Kenneth, born December 20, 1906; and Beatrice, May 27, 1908.

Politically a staunch republican, Mr. Sherwin gives stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of that party. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen and is also a member of the West Aurora Farmers' Club. He is of a very retiring nature, unassuming and modest, but is nevertheless highly respected throughout the community, being widely known as a man of excellent character and upright life.

FAYETTE D. WINSLOW.

Fayette D. Winslow is a representative of one of the old and prominent pioneer families of Kane county. He has always made his home here. He has won many friends through the possession of qualities which ever command respect and regard and is valued as a citizen as well as a member of the legal profession. He was born in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, Illinois, August 26, 1857.

During the period of early colonial history the Winslow family was established in America by Kenelm Winslow, who came to the new world on the second trip of the Mayflower, accompanied by his brother Josiah. They settled at Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Kenelm Winslow became one of the first settlers of Marshfield, Massachusetts, in 1641, he and his brother being granted a large tract of land there. He was one of the twenty-six original proprietors of Assonet (Freetown), Massachusetts, the site of which they purchased in 1651. Kenelm Winslow was a brother of Edward Winslow, governor of the Plymouth colony, and also of John Winslow, who came there in the Mayflower on its first voyage and wedded Mary Chilton, the first woman to set foot on Plymouth rock.

Dr. George Winslow, grandfather of Fayette D. Winslow, was a physician and surgeon who, born in Massachusetts, lived for many years at Colerain and Charlemont. He studied medicine with Dr. Long, of Shelburne, Massachusetts, and for many years was an able and well known representative of the profession in the old Bay state. His children all came to the west, however, and eventually he followed in 1846, settling at Big Rock, Illinois, where he died two years later when about sixty-six years of age. His son, Lawson A. Winslow, born at Colerain, Massachusetts, also qualified for the practice of medicine, turning his attention to that work when a young man. He attended the Medical School of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and in 1846 came west with his father, settling at Big Rock, Kane county. He afterward pursued a post-graduate course in the Iowa Medical College at Keokuk, and for about six years practiced at Sugar Grove, Illinois. In 1857 he sought a broader field of labor by a removal to Aurora, where he continued in the practice of medicine for over thirty years, or within a few years of his death. Aside from his profession he was interested in various business enterprises, wherein the community was a large indirect beneficiary. For a number of years he served as a

director in the Second National Bank and was one of the founders of the Silver Plate Manufacturing Company. He served at one time as city physician. He was also secretary of the first republican meeting held in Kane county, of which his father-in-law, Jethro Hatch, was the president. Dr. Winslow was most public spirited, intensely, actively and helpfully interested in the welfare of Aurora, his labors in its behalf being exerted in many directions. As he prospered in his undertakings he made judicious investments in property, becoming the owner of several farms in Kane county.

On the 31st of July, 1851, Dr. Winslow was married to Miss Marcella Prudence Hatch, who was born in Otselic, Chenango county, New York, in 1830. Her father, Jethro Hatch, was a native of New York and followed Merchandising in Chenango county prior to his removal westward to Kane county at an early date, at which time he took up his abode in Sugar Grove township, where he engaged in farming. About 1872 he removed to Aurora, where he died at the age of eighty-two years. His wife was Minerva (Pierce) Hatch, who was born in Chelsea, Vermont, and died in 1882, at the age of seventy-nine years. The great-grandfather of Fayette D. Winslow in the maternal line was Timothy Hatch, who served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war, acting as drummer boy during that strife. He married Ruth Welles, a direct descendant of Governor Welles, the first colonial governor of Connecticut. He was a son of Thomas Hatch, who was a lieutenant of the American army in the Revolutionary war and was one of the early graduates of Yale College. The founder of the Hatch family in America came to the new world in 1630 and settled in Connecticut. The father of Mrs. Jethro Hatch was Gurdon Pierce, a soldier of the war of 1812, and his wife bore the maiden name of Thirza Smalley. They were married December 1, 1790, when he was twenty years of age, and he died at the very venerable age of ninety-one years.

For thirty-eight years Dr. Lawson A. Winslow and Marcella Hatch traveled life's journey together as man and wife, but in the later years of his life he went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the benefit of his health and there passed away in 1889, at the age of sixty-eight years, his birth having occurred December 23, 1831. Mrs. Winslow was a native of New York and by her marriage became the mother of seven children, of whom three reached adult age, namely: Dr. Charles E. Winslow, of Monrovia, California; Fayette D., of Aurora; and Martha M., who is a teacher in the high school at Pasadena, California. The elder son was born in Sugar Grove, Illinois, August 19, 1855, attended Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, and was graduated from Rush Medical College of the class of 1881. He was afterward assistant physician and surgeon at the Marine Hospital in Chicago and subsequently practiced for several years in Aurora, Illinois, but is now located in California. In 1883 he married Miss Louise M. Tracy, of Mansfield, Ohio. The sister, Martha M. Winslow, a graduate of Oberlin College of the class of 1879, afterward pursued a special course in biology in Chicago University and also in Leland Stanford University at Palo Alto, California, which institution conferred upon her the degree of Master of Arts. She is now teaching biology in Pasadena.

Fayette D. Winslow was only six months old when his parents removed to Aurora and in this city he was reared, passing through consecutive grades in the public schools until his graduation from the West Aurora high school. Later he entered Beloit College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1879. He was graduated from the law department of Columbia University in New York city in 1883 and was admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1885. He then began practice in Aurora, where he has remained continuously since.

In 1891 Mr. Winslow was married to Miss Jennie Waldo Tracy, of Mansfield, Ohio, a daughter of Frederick and Anna L. (Lord) Tracy. Her father was born at Painesville, Ohio, May 6, 1831. The founder of the Tracy family in this country was Lieutenant Thomas Tracy, who settled at Salem, Massachusetts, in 1636. He was of Norman French stock, and his son, Captain Thomas Tracy, married Mary Winslow, the daughter of Josiah Winslow, who was a brother of Governor Edward and Kenelm Winslow of the Plymouth colony. The ancestors of Lieutenant Thomas Tracy in the paternal line were knights and sheriffs from the time of le sire Tracy, who crossed the channel with the conqueror in 1066. He was a Norman baron and an officer in the army with which William, duke of Normandy, invaded England, October 14, 1066. His name appears on the list of noblemen who took part in the battle of Hastings under William the Conqueror and won supremacy over England. Judge Josiah Tracy, grandfather of Mrs. Winslow, was born in Franklin, Connecticut, and wedded Mary Berchard, a daughter of Jesse and Lydia (Waterman) Berchard. Judge Tracy removed westward to Ohio and for many years was a resident of Painesville. Frederick E. Tracy, father of Mrs. Winslow, was married May 10, 1855, to Anna Tracy Lord, of Honesville, Pennsylvania. They had a family of five children.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Winslow four children were born, Lawson Tracy, Anna Lord, Martha Hatch and Kenelm Tracy. The parents are members of the Congregational church and occupy a pleasant home at No. 282 Downer place. Politically Mr. Winslow is a republican.

OSCAR GUSTASON.

Oscar Gustason, a well known citizen of Elgin, was born in this city on the 16th of August, 1857, his parents being Charles and Hannah Gustason. The father was of Swedish birth and was one of the first of that nationality to locate in Elgin, where he continued to make his home until called to his final rest in 1901, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. By trade he was a tailor.

Oscar Gustason is indebted to the public schools of Elgin for the educational advantages he enjoyed during his boyhood and youth, and he has always made his home in this city with the exception of five years spent in Aurora. He began his business career as an employe in the factory of the Elgin National Watch Company, and it was there he learned the art of making jewels for watches. In 1888 he commenced business for himself in that line under

the style of the Gustason Jewel Company, which was in existence until June, 1908, when he sold out. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man of known reliability and he met with well deserved success in his undertakings.

On the 5th of November, 1890, Mr. Gustason was united in marriage to Miss Nellie E. Wade, a daughter of Alfred F. and Elizabeth (Postle) Wade, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Fraternaly Mr. Gustason is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

CHARLES P. DAHLSTROM.

For twenty-two years Charles P. Dahlstrom, one of the progressive farmers of Plato township, has been a resident of the United States, and during the greater part of the time has been actively engaged in farming and conducting a thriving dairy business. He was born May 22, 1862, in Sweden, where his parents also were born and reared, and where their ancestors lived for generations, industrious tillers of the soil.

Mr. Dahlstrom is the son of Daniel S. and Johanna (Peterson) Dahlstrom, who were the parents of eight children, Mr. Dahlstrom's brothers and sisters being: Amelia M., the wife of Carl Peterson, a farmer living in Sweden; Stephen Gustaff, also a farmer in Sweden; Clara A., the wife of J. E. Johnson, one of the leading farmers of Plato township; Frank Gustaf, who is employed in a glass factory in Chicago; Otto, who is foreman in a show case factory in Chicago; Tilda E., the wife of Frank Johnson, also a resident of Chicago, where Mr. Johnson is foreman in a sash and door factory; and Hilma C., the wife of Axtel Pearson, foreman of bricklayers in Chicago.

Mr. Dahlstrom attended the public schools in his native land until he reached the age of fourteen. He then went to work for his father on the farm and continued to be so occupied until he was twenty-one. During the next two years and a half he was employed by another man on a farm near his home and at the end of that period came to the United States. He passed a short time at Lockport, Illinois, then moved to Chicago. In that city he was first employed in a cracker house and later in cabinet shops, where he worked seven years. During this time he lived economically and saved his earnings, so that when he desired another change of occupation he was able to buy the farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Plato township on which he now lives. This farm is a good one in every way. It is well improved, well watered and well cultivated. It contains good orchards and is given up to a profitable variety and succession of crops. It is advantageously located, too, being on the St. Charles and Green stage road.

On January 11, 1890, Mr. Dahlstrom was married in Chicago to Miss Matilda C. Nelson, who is, like himself, a native of Sweden, where she was born July 21, 1862. She came to this country and took up her residence in Illinois in 1882. They have eight children: C. Emil, Florence T., Mabel C., Harry Walter, Myrtle A., John D., Esther Matilda and Clarence O., all of whom are still living with their parents.

In political alliance the father is a republican and in religious connection he is a member of the Swedish Mission church. He and his wife are faithful in the performance of their duties as neighbors, friends and progressive citizens. They stand well in the community and the whole family enjoy in a high degree the respect of the people around them.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FRIDLEY.

Benjamin Franklin Fridley, one of the most kindly of men, possessing also business ability of a high order, combined with a conscientious sense of obligation in the performance of all public and private duties, was born on a farm near Elmira, New York, on the 10th of May, 1810. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him at that early period in the existence of the republic. He read law in New York city. When but seventeen years of age he walked from Corning, New York, to Philadelphia to purchase a copy of Chitty's Pleadings and carried the volume back with him in order to thus acquaint himself with the principles of law. In 1835 he came to the west, being then a young man of twenty-five years, and settled on the east bank of the river below Aurora, where he built a log cabin. He was a young man of much native sagacity and great force of character and these substantial qualities enabled him to forge to the front. In 1836, at the age of twenty-six years, he was elected sheriff of Kane county and removed his residence to Geneva, where he lived until the conclusion of his official term, when he removed to Aurora. He was the first sheriff of Kane county to serve a legal process. After his retirement from the office he filled the position of states attorney for the ninth judicial district for nine years and his official record was characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty as well as by comprehensive knowledge of the principles of law and correct application thereof to the points in issue.

In 1841 Mr. Fridley was married to Miss Eliza S. Kelley, of Geneva, who survives him. Her paternal grandfather, William Kelley, was a native of Pennsylvania and was usually known by the title of Major, by reason of his service in the state militia. With his wife, Mrs. Mary Kelley, he came west in an early day and both died in Chicago. Mrs. Fridley was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1828, and her parents were also natives of the Keystone state, her father having been born in Erie county and her mother in Mercer county. He was major of the regular army for many years and in 1831 removed westward to Chicago. It was not until a year later that the Black Hawk war occurred and six years passed before Chicago was incorporated as a city. Eventually Mr. Kelley removed to Missouri, where he owned a large tract of land, and at length was killed by being thrown over a horse's head when he was yet in middle life. His wife removed to Geneva, Illinois, at an early day when there were but a few houses in the town, and her death occurred there when she was fifty-eight years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kelley there were born five children, a son and four daughters:



B. F. FRIDLEY

Prudence, deceased, who was the wife of Christian Sackrider; Mrs. Fridley; John Robinson Kelley; and Adaline and Susan, both of whom have passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Fridley became the parents of four daughters and one son. Eliza Catherine, the widow of Frederick Dunn, resides at Asheville, North Carolina. They had one daughter, Luella F., a graduate of Vanderbilt College. Mary Grace, now deceased, was the wife of a Mr. Patten, by whom she had two children: Benjamin Franklin Patten, now in the regular army; and Louisa, the wife of Mr. Holden. Benjamin Franklin Fridley, Jr., departed this life at the age of thirty years and his death was much regretted, for he was a young man of fine character and much promise. Ella Frances died in Florida when twenty-two years of age and her demise was also the occasion of deep sorrow on the part of many who had come to love her. May, also deceased, became the wife of Frederick Needham, by whom she had one son, Franklin Fridley.

During the last forty years of his life Mr. Fridley took but little part in the work of the courts or in political affairs. He was a man somewhat unique in character, particularly in his expressions, which were always notably to the point and which have been frequently quoted in the courts for long years. Many a jury has been influenced more than its members would care to admit by his well told and forcible stories. He possessed keen insight into situations and was enabled to make others see the question from the same position at which he looked at it. He was a believer in Christianity, although he was not biased by creed or man-made doctrine, but gave liberally to all the churches and exemplified in his life his belief in those principles of conduct and character which were enunciated in Palestine more than nineteen centuries ago. In disposition he was mild and genial, never scolded his children nor spoke a cross word to his wife. He was kind to the poor and always benevolent and public spirited. Having prospered in his undertakings, he built one of the most beautiful homes in Aurora at No. 65 View street and there he passed away May 29, 1898, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was one of the most venerable residents of the city, a man honored and respected by all and most of all where he was best known, so that his memory is still enshrined in the hearts of those with whom he was associated.

MICHAEL HUSS.

Michael Huss, a successful farmer and dairyman residing west of Virgil, where he has under lease a tract of seventy-seven acres of land, is a native of Luxemburg, Germany, born on November 19, 1866, and is the son of John and Barbara (Hersich) Huss, both now deceased. The father was a farmer by occupation.

Michael Huss is indebted to the district schools of Luxemburg for his education. On leaving school he aided his father in the work of the farm. Ambitious to better his condition in life, at the age of twenty-eight, he boldly

ventured forth to try his fortunes in the new world. He landed in New York, May 6, 1894, and came direct to Kane county. He knew more of farming than of any other industry and it was naturally to this work that he turned his attention. That he has been successful is evidenced by the fact that he now owns a valuable property of two acres of land in Virgil, on which is situated a nice residence, the estimated value of which is about four thousand dollars. In addition to his farming interests he conducts a dairy, having sixteen cows, whose average output of milk is about forty gallons daily. He has taken advantage of any opportunities that have presented themselves for his financial betterment and the progress he has already made bids fair to continue under the excellent judgment he displays in the management of his business.

On January 1, 1903, Mr. Huss was married to Miss Rosa Kunderd, who was born in Switzerland, June 27, 1875. They have become the parents of two children, namely: John J., born October 26, 1903; and Willie, born July 26, 1907. By his ballot Mr. Huss supports the republican party. Religiously he is a faithful member of the Catholic church.

PETER HANSON.

Peter Hanson, a successful farmer and dairyman of Campton township, was born near Motmo, Sweden, June 17, 1862, the son of Hans and Hannah (Pearson) Nelson. Both parents were natives of Sweden, where the father engaged in farming. He was a member of the Lutheran church. The family numbered five children: Nelse, a farmer residing near Elburn; Jonathan, who conducts farming operations in Sweden; Betsy, the wife of Jonathan Jalanders, a cement worker near Elburn; Peter; and Johannes, who left home sixteen years ago and has not been heard of since. He has an estate awaiting him now.

Peter Hanson attended the district schools of Sweden until he was fifteen years of age. He then secured employment as a farm hand, which occupation he followed for four years, when, in 1881, he determined to seek his fortune in America. He located first at Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he secured employment as a laborer on railroad work. This he followed for a few months until he secured a position in the gas works. Hearing of the success of so many of his countrymen on the fertile prairies of Illinois, he resolved to visit that portion of the state near Aurora. Here he secured work, first as a farm hand, while later he purchased the transfer line in Elburn, which he continued to operate for fifteen years, at the expiration of which time he sold it and engaged in farming.

Mr. Hanson married Miss Hannah Anderson, who is also a native of Sweden. They became the parents of two children, Hattie Charlotte, the wife of Clinton Phelps, a farmer residing near Sugar Grove; and Ford A., who resides at home.

Mr. Hanson gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order and of the Modern Woodmen

of America. He is an active and valued worker in the Congregational church, in which he holds membership. The success he has achieved in life is entirely due to his own unaided efforts, for he started out to make his way in the world empty-handed and by industry, perseverance and good management has worked his way upward until he now owns over three thousand dollars' worth of personal property.

EDWIN WILFRED STUBBS, M.D.

Edwin Wilfred Stubbs, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Aurora, his native city, was born December 2, 1863, and has won a notable and creditable measure of success, his life record, therefore, being in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country. The family is of English lineage, the grandfather of our subject having been a lacemaker of Nottingham. He died in England when about eighty-six years of age, while his wife reached the age of eighty years. They had a large family, mostly sons, two of whom, Joseph and Matthew, came to America. The former was the father of our subject. He first settled at Schenectady, New York, but Matthew Stubbs came directly to Aurora and afterward went to Minnesota, where his last days were passed. Joseph Stubbs was born at Nottingham, England, and was an engineer and machinist, following those pursuits throughout the greater part of his life. He was one of the first engineers on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and ran a construction train at the time of the building of that line. He was afterward foreman of the locomotive machine shops for some years and remained in the company's employ until his demise, which was occasioned by pneumonia in 1891, when he was seventy-one years of age. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian, as was his wife, who died in 1900, at the age of seventy-nine years. She bore the maiden name of Sarah Smith, was a native of Yorkshire, England, and a daughter of John and Sarah (Clover) Smith, who came to America and settled in the state of New York, near Schenectady, there remaining during the remainder of their lives. The father was a cutlery manufacturer in Sheffield, England, and in this country lived retired. He died when about seventy-nine years of age and his wife when about eighty-three years of age. They had a large family, and their daughter, Mrs. Stubbs, preceded them to this country several years. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, five sons and four daughters, of whom five are now living: Harriet, the wife of John Greenway, of Aurora; Mary, a graduate of the Aurora high school; Frank, living in Aurora; James J., also of this city; and Edwin W.

Dr. Stubbs was reared in Aurora, was a public and high school student, and thus completed his more specifically literary education, while he prepared for a professional career by study in the Marion Simms College of Medicine of St. Louis, from which he was graduated in 1897. He then began practice in this city, where he has remained continuously since, attaining a measure of success, which is the best evidence of his capability and the trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

On the 6th of October, 1886, Dr. Stubbs was married to Miss Harriet Ann Chalfant, a daughter of Jackson and Anna (Norton) Chalfant. Her parents came from West Virginia to Illinois at an early day and settled at Beardstown, Cass county, where they spent their remaining days. The father died in 1897, at the age of seventy-four years, and the mother passed away in 1881, at the age of forty-eight. They were the parents of seven children, of whom five now survive: Helen, the wife of David Treadway, of David City, Nebraska; Matilda, the wife of William Dunn, of Kansas; Gertrude, the wife of Frank McClure, of Beardstown, Illinois; Walter Chalfant, also of Beardstown; and Mrs. Stubbs. Unto the doctor and his wife have been born five children: Edwin, Alice, Walter, Helen and Marion. The parents are members of the Claim Street Baptist church and reside at No. 172 North State street, where Dr. Stubbs erected a modern residence in 1905. Politically he is a republican and is now serving as county physician. He has never sought office outside of the strict path of his profession and is most loyal in his devotion to the interests of his patients and all who need his professional aid. He holds to high standards in his practice and continually promotes his efficiency by reading and investigation, so he is an able physician of liberal knowledge and broad experience.

WILLIAM J. KING.

William J. King is one of the representative business men of Elgin, being proprietor of the only exclusive plumbing, gasfitting and heating establishment in the city. He is a native of Kane county, born in Batavia on the 17th of January, 1874, his parents being Joseph and Mary (Egan) King. His father, who was born in Argyle, New York, January 14, 1843, is now a resident of Elgin and is foreman of the paint department of the Elgin National Watch Company. Our subject's mother has spent her entire life in Kane county, being born here in 1853.

About 1886 William J. King accompanied his parents on their removal to Elgin, where he attended the public schools for some years, and later was a student at Drew's Business College. When in his fifteenth year he went to Chicago and commenced learning the plumber's trade, remaining in that city until about 1895, when he returned to Elgin and worked at his trade in the employ of others until 1902. In that year he began business for himself along the same line at No. 119 West Chicago street, and remained at that location until his removal to his present place of business—No. 15 North State—in May, 1908. Success has attended his well directed efforts and he now carries a large stock and enjoys an excellent trade.

On the 28th of May, 1898, Mr. King married Miss Bertha Krause, a native of Berlin, Germany, who died May 27, 1905. Her father died in Germany, and her mother is now a resident of St. James, Minnesota.

By his ballot Mr. King supports the men and measures of the republican party, but takes no active part in politics aside from voting. Fraternally he is

connected with the Odd Fellows' society and is a prominent member of the Master Plumbers' Association, of which he was elected president in January, 1908, having previously served as secretary and treasurer for two terms. As a plumber he has no superior in this part of the state and as a business man he stands high in public esteem.

JOHN LARSON.

John Larson, successfully engaged in farming and dairying in Campton township, was born in Sweden, September 20, 1859, his parents being August and Hannah (Gustafson) Larson, also natives of that country. The father's birth occurred October 17, 1817, and he passed away in his native land in March, 1896. His wife, who was born in April, 1821, died in Sweden in April, 1893. The record of the brothers and sisters of our subject is as follows: Augusta, born in Sweden in January, 1853, became the wife of Lavin Swanson, an agriculturist, and still resides in that country. Hulda Mary, whose birth occurred in Sweden in September, 1855, also still remains in the land of her nativity and is a housekeeper. Olivia, born in Sweden, September 15, 1857, is also a housekeeper in that country. Ida Sophia, whose birth occurred in Sweden, April 16, 1861, is a housekeeper and resides in Chicago. Josephine, born in Sweden, July 4, 1863, came to America in 1883 and is the wife of Pete Johnson, who conducts the bottling works at Sycamore.

John Larson attended the schools of his native land until about fifteen years of age, mastering the branches of learning which equip one for the practical and responsible duties of life. For about twenty-five years he has resided in Kane county, Illinois, and ten years ago purchased the farm on which he has since continued to make his home. It comprises one hundred and eighty acres of highly improved and valuable land in Campton township, its worth being estimated at twenty thousand dollars. He owns forty cows and operates a large dairy, taking about eighty-five gallons of milk to the creamery daily. He likewise has about two hundred chickens, and raises corn, oats and hay principally for stock feeding purposes. The prosperity which has attended his efforts is entirely the result of his well directed energy and capable business management and he is now widely known as one of the prosperous and enterprising agriculturists of the county.

On the 22d of October, 1884, at St. Charles, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Ida Larson, who was born in Sweden, March 6, 1857, and by whom he has the following children: Albert Victaulis, whose birth occurred August 5, 1885, in Campton township, near St. Charles, attended the common schools until sixteen years of age and subsequently entered the St. Charles high school. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, and in August, 1906, wedded Miss Anna Johnson. He now resides near Wasco, following his trade of carpentering. George William, born January 15, 1887, attended the district schools until sixteen years of age and now assists his father in the work of the home farm. Arthur, whose birth

occurred at Wasco, June 15, 1890, was a pupil in the common schools until sixteen years of age and now resides at home. Amos was born in Wasco, June 10, 1893, attended common school until fifteen years of age and is now at home.

In his political views Mr. Larson is a stalwart republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Coming to this country as a young man, he here found the business opportunities which he sought and through their wise utilization has gained a gratifying and enviable measure of success.

CHRISTIAN PETERSON.

Christian Peterson, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Virgil township, was born in Thisted, Denmark, August 9, 1881, his parents being Peter and Hedwid (Jensen) Peterson, also natives of that country, the former born in 1848 and the latter in 1854. Their marriage was celebrated in 1876, in Denmark, where they still reside. Peter Peterson, who is a farmer by occupation, has served in the Danish army. The record of his children is as follows: Anna Margaret, who was born in Denmark in 1878 and who became the wife of John Muller, of that country, a farmer by occupation, now residing at Kaneville, Illinois; Soren Peter, whose birth occurred in Denmark in 1879 and who is married and follows farming in South Dakota; Christian, of this review; John Bruu, born in Denmark in 1883, who is a laborer residing at Virgil; John Chris, born in Denmark in 1885, who died in Elgin, Illinois, in 1906, being buried at Maple Park; Catharine, whose birth occurred in Denmark in 1886 and who is a housekeeper at Maple Park; Karen Marie, born in Denmark in 1889, who resides in that country with her parents and is a housekeeper; and Helen Patria, whose birth occurred in Denmark in 1891 and who also lives with her parents.

In 1900 Christian Peterson emigrated to America, settling near Hineckley, Illinois, where he remained for three years and subsequently spent a similar period at Maple Park. He afterward removed to his present location two miles southwest of Virgil, where he operates a rented tract of land of eighty acres known as the Jacob Steffes farm. He is largely interested in dairying, owning sixteen cows and delivering on an average of forty gallons of milk daily to Virgil for the Chicago market. He likewise has one hundred and fifty hens, twenty-four hogs and eight horses, including colts. The success which has crowned his efforts is entirely the result of his own well directed labor and indefatigable energy and he is now numbered among the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the community.

On the 2d of February, 1907, at Kaneville, Illinois, occurred the marriage of Mr. Peterson and Miss Elsie Anderson, whose birth occurred in Plano, Illinois, December 2, 1887. This union has been blessed with one son, Edward, who was born in Virgil, November 15, 1907.

In his political views Mr. Peterson is a staunch republican, and both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. Coming to this country in order that he might take advantage of the broader business opportunities here offered, he has worked earnestly and persistently as the years have gone by and has already attained a creditable degree of prosperity for one of his age.

JOSEPH ALBERT BARTLETT.

Joseph Albert Bartlett, who successfully carries on agricultural pursuits in Kaneville township, was born in Campton township, Kane county, January 24, 1871, his parents being John E. and Elsie (Richmond) Bartlett, likewise natives of this county. The father, who is now deceased, was engaged in farming throughout his active business career, owning a farm of one hundred and twenty acres near Elburn. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Henry A. and George E., both of whom are agriculturists of this county; Lester W., a school teacher of California; and Walter E., who is engaged in teaching at the Boys' Home in St. Charles, Illinois.

Joseph Albert Bartlett, the other member of the family, attended the district school until fourteen years of age and afterward became a student in the Elburn high school, which he left at the age of sixteen. At that time he entered Wheaton College and was graduated from the business department of that institution when eighteen years of age. On completing his education he returned to the home farm and assisted in its cultivation until the year 1903, when he was married and began farming on his own account. He first established his home in Campton township, subsequently resided in Blackberry township for two years and then took up his abode in Kaneville township, where he has since continued, being here successfully engaged in the operation of his mother-in-law's farm. He is widely known as an enterprising and progressive agriculturist and well deserves the esteem which is accorded him throughout the community.

Mr. Bartlett was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Bateman, a native of Pembroke, Wales, and a daughter of William and Mary Ann Bateman, who came to Illinois in an early day, settling on the farm on which our subject now resides. Mr. Bateman was killed by a mad bull on the 28th of March, 1902, his demise being the occasion of deep and widespread regret among his many friends. The record of his children, in addition to Mrs. Bartlett, is as follows: David, a retired farmer, who makes his home in Elburn, Illinois; Peter, who follows agricultural pursuits in Kaneville township; May J., the wife of Edward James, a farmer of Kaneville township; Annie R., the wife of Edmond James, of Big Rock; Augusta H., who became the wife of Will Heig, a farmer by occupation, and resides in Kaneville township; Hannah, the wife of E. McNair, who follows farming in Blackberry township; Rowland and Joel, who likewise follow farming in Kaneville township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have been born three children, namely:

Bernice Althea, whose birth occurred May 13, 1904; Rowland A., born August 25, 1906; and Lowell E., whose natal day was September 18, 1907.

A native son of Kane county, Mr. Bartlett is well and favorably known here and has gained a most extensive circle of friends, having been actuated in all his dealings by high and honorable principles and worthy motives.

EDWARD B. QUACKENBUSH.

Edward B. Quackenbush is actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community and one which has long been considered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. He has practiced at Aurora since the spring of 1906 and has been a member of the Kane county bar since October, 1900. His life record began in St. Charles, Illinois, November 27, 1872. His father, Marvin Quackenbush, was a noted educator of Kane county and is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. His mother, Eleanor (Boynton) Quackenbush, was born on a farm two miles east of Dundee, the property being now in possession of the Woman's Club of Elgin. She was a representative of one of the oldest families of this part of the state. Her grandfather, George B. McClure, who was a brigadier general in the war of 1812, came to Dundee in 1835 and was the first postmaster of the town. He was closely associated with the early development of the locality and contributed in substantial measure to its upbuilding.

Edward B. Quackenbush, pursuing a public-school education, passed through consecutive grades to the high school and was graduated with the class of 1889. In the fall of that year he became a student in the Elgin Academy and afterward attended Beloit (Wis.) College for a year. Later he spent two years in the Northwestern University at Evanston and then matriculated in Hobart College at Geneva, New York, from which he was graduated in 1897. He then turned his attention from the acquirement of a general education to the study of law, beginning his reading under the direction of the firm of Botsford, Wayne & Botsford, of Elgin. In October, 1900, he was admitted to the bar and began practice in Elgin and in Dundee, where he remained for six years. During that period he served for fifteen months as assistant state's attorney. In the spring of 1906, Mr. Quackenbush arrived in Aurora, where he has since resided and here he has demonstrated his power to successfully cope with intricate legal problems, to turn each point to the best advantage and to present his case in the strong, clear light of reasoning.

Mr. Quackenbush is a recognized leader in the local ranks of the republican party and is an effective, earnest worker in its behalf. He has been president of the Dundee Republican Club and also represented that town on the Republican County Committee. His labors are effective and far-reaching and his devotion to the welfare of the party unflinching.



E. B. QUACKENBUSH

Mr. Quackenbush was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Biggam, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 6, 1908, and socially is not unknown in fraternal circles but is a valued representative of several orders. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, serving as junior deacon of Aurora Lodge, No. 254, while he also belongs to Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, the Sons of Veterans, Knights of Pythias and other organizations. He is a clever and able lawyer, and popular citizen with a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

BERGER ANSHELN PETERSON.

Berger Ansheln Peterson, following the occupation of farming in Blackberry township, rents and cultivates a good tract of land, which he has transformed into productive fields that annually yield him rich harvests. He possesses unfaltering diligence and thrift, characteristic of people of his nationality, for Mr. Peterson is a native of Sweden, his birth having occurred there April 22, 1860, his parents being Peter and Anne Peterson. The father is now deceased but the mother still resides in Sweden and has reached the age of eighty-seven years. She still enjoys remarkable health, retaining her physical and mental faculties to a notable degree. The father served in the regular army and was a member of the Lutheran church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson were born six children: John, who is now living in Norway; Carl, who resides in Sweden; Enoch, who is living in Elburn, Illinois; Berger, whose name introduces this review; Lena, deceased; and Louisa, who resides in Sweden.

Berger A. Peterson spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the land of his nativity. As he looked abroad over the business field to find an opportunity that would lead him forward to success, he came to the conclusion that he stood the best chance of winning advancement in the new world. Accordingly when a young man of twenty-three years he came to the United States and, making his way into the interior of the country, settled at Geneva, Illinois. He had attended school in Sweden until sixteen years of age and had then entered upon his business career, securing a clerkship in a general store, where he remained until he crossed the Atlantic to America. In this country he turned his attention to farming. After spending some time in the vicinity of Geneva he went to Michigan, and later removed to Canton, Illinois, where he still continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits. His next place of residence was at St. Charles, Illinois, where he worked in a paper mill for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he came to Elburn, where he now resides. He is here giving his attention to general farming and works diligently and persistently to keep his fields in good condition. Everything about the place indicates his careful supervision, his practical methods and his determined spirit.

In 1891 Mr. Peterson was married to Miss Anna Larson, a native of Sweden, and they now have one daughter, Jennie, who at the age of fourteen

years is attending school. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are well known in the community and have many warm and sincere friends. They hold membership in the Lutheran church, in the work of which they are helpfully interested, and Mr. Peterson belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic fraternity. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for here he has found the opportunities he sought, which, by the way, are always open to ambitious, energetic young men. Improving the advantages that have come to him, he has made steady progress in the business world and is now one of the substantial residents of Blackberry township.

EDWARD S. TODD.

Edward S. Todd has spent nearly his entire life in America and is a popular and successful business man, who has the confidence and respect of his neighbors and friends. He is now a member of the firm of Hanna & Todd, dealers in lumber, at the corner of River and Holbrook streets. His birth occurred in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, Illinois, September 13, 1864, his parents being Lucius M. and Mary B. (Bruce) Todd, the former a native of Vermont and the latter in Ithaca, New York. They were the parents of two children, but one of them died in infancy. The father followed farming until about thirty years of age. His early home was near Rutland, at East Wallingford, Vermont. In his boyhood days he came to the West with his parents, the family home being established upon a farm in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, Illinois. It was there that Lucius M. Todd grew to manhood, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors incident to the development and improvement of a farm. He afterward purchased land for himself and began farming on his own account. When about thirty years of age, however, he abandoned the plow and became interested in a lumber business in Aurora in partnership with F. O. White. They continued together until Mr. White's death, which occurred in 1899, when he was fifty-nine years of age; but the firm style of White & Todd was retained until the death of Mr. Todd. His wife passed away at the age of fifty-three years. She was a Methodist in religious faith.

The ancestry of the family can be traced back somewhat farther than the parents of our subjects. His paternal grandfather, Levi Todd, was a native of Vermont and, becoming a resident of Kane county, entered about two hundred acres of land and followed the occupation of farming. He died at an old age, but his wife passed away when little more than in middle life. She bore the maiden name of Rachel Gibson. The maternal grandparents of our subject were natives of New York, and lived at Ithaca or in that vicinity. They, too, reached advanced years.

Edward S. Todd was reared in Aurora from the age of six years, and attended the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he was graduated from the West Aurora high school. He then did bookkeeping in the offices of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company for sev-

eral years, and afterward engaged in dealing in ice for several years. In 1899 he formed a partnership with Edwin S. Hanna in the lumber business, and they are still conducting this under the firm style of Hanna & Todd. Mr. Todd also has a lumberyard at Shabbonda in partnership with John Griffin, under the firm style of Griffin & Todd. He has thoroughly acquainted himself with the lumber business in all of its departments, is an excellent judge of the commodity which he handles, and his straightforward business methods and reliability has secured for him a liberal patronage, and he enjoys the unqualified confidence of his fellowmen. He is likewise a stockholder in the Aurora National Bank.

On the 1st of January, 1887, Mr. Todd was married to Miss Jennie Lallaway, a daughter of Patrick and Mary Lallaway. There are two children of this union, Ralph L. and Mary B. The mother is a communicant of the Catholic church. Mr. Todd belongs to Aurora Lodge, No. 705, B. P. O. E. Politically he is a stalwart republican, and for one term served as county supervisor, but his ambition has not been in the lines of office holding. Nearly his entire life has been passed in this city, so that he is well known to a large majority of its residents, and investigation into his career will show that his record has been at all times commendable, making him worthy the success which he has enjoyed in business circles. That his has been an honorable and upright life is indicated by the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

CHARLES I. McNETT.

Charles I. McNett, who for twenty-four years has engaged in the practice of law as a member of the Aurora bar, is numbered among Illinois' native sons, his birth having occurred in DeKalb county on the 10th of January, 1860. His father Charles L. McNett, was a native of New York and when a young man emigrated westward to Illinois, where he engaged extensively in the grain business. He lived in De Kalb county for a number of years, but in 1893 went to Chicago, where he has since made his home. In early manhood he wedded Miss Lydia Baker, a native of the Empire state.

Charles I. McNett was educated in the public schools of West Aurora and when he had mastered the branches of learning that usually constitute the public-school curriculum he took up the study of law with the intention of making its practice his life work. He pursued his reading in Ottawa and was admitted to the bar in 1883. The following year he began practice in Aurora, where he has since been located and in the intervening years he has built up a good clientage. In no profession is there a career more open to talent than in that of the law and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more careful preparation, a more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life or of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Unflagging application, intuitive wisdom and a determination to fully utilize the means at hand are some of the concomitants which insure personal

success and prestige in this great profession. Possessing all the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, Mr. McNett has made steady progress in his profession and is now recognized as one of the ablest members of the Aurora bar. He served as city attorney from 1889 until 1893 and was master in chancery from 1893 until 1905. His political allegiance is given to the republican party.

Mr. McNett was married in 1888 to Miss Clara Salom, a native of Boston, Massachusetts.

JOHN ALFRED JOHNSON.

John Alfred Johnson was born in Christianstad, Sweden, November 7, 1863, son of Johan and Elna (Johnson) Johnson, also natives of that country and lifelong residents of it. The father was born December 6, 1817. From his youth he followed the trade of a stonemason, working at it zealously until his death, which occurred on February 19, 1875. The mother survived him twenty-two years, dying October 2, 1897. They were the parents of two children, John Alfred, and Olaf, the latter still living on the old home farm in Sweden.

Following the custom of the Swedish people, among whom education is highly valued and well provided for by the kingdom, Mr. Johnson obtained a good, practical common-school education in his native land. At the age of eighteen, feeling an ardent desire for greater room and larger opportunities for the exercise of the faculties nature had given him, he looked to this country for his chance and came hither, locating first at Princeton, in this state. In the neighborhood of Providence, about ten miles from Princeton and in the same county, he soon found employment as a hired hand on a farm owned by Will Powers, for whom he worked steadily three years, devoting himself wholly to his duties and going nowhere during this period except twice to Princeton, where he had intimate friends. He sent a part of his wages regularly to his mother and saved the rest.

After five years of frugal living and diligent labor as a farm hand Mr. Johnson felt that he had accumulated a sufficient sum of money to warrant him in taking unto himself a wife, and founding a home of his own. Accordingly, on March 3, 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Christine Anderson, who was, like himself, a native of Sweden. Her parents died when she was but two years old and she was thereupon adopted and reared by friends, with whom she remained until she reached the age of sixteen. At that age she came with an uncle to the United States and found a new home at Princeton, Illinois, where she lived until her marriage with Mr. Johnson. They have had four children: Oscar Ferdinand, who died at the age of thirteen months; Rosa, a very bright and intelligent young lady of seventeen, who is living with her parents and attending the Aurora Business College; and Verdun Alfred and John, who are also still living under the parental roof-tree.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Johnson took up their residence on a farm in Stark county owned by F. W. Horton, now a resident of

Chicago, for whom they worked for wages three years. At the end of that time Mr. Johnson rented a farm and during the next seven years worked it on his own account. Then Mr. Horton sold the farm and the Johnsons moved to Milo township in Bureau county, where, during the succeeding six years, they farmed land which they rented of John Fate. The genius for large undertakings and masterly management was stirring in this aspiring man by this time, and he went in search of opportunities for its employment. He entered into partnership with Keller Leet and for two years farmed land belonging to him in Bureau county. Mr. Leet sold this land, and he and Mr. Johnson at once entered upon farming operations on a large scale. In the spring of 1905 Mr. Johnson moved his family to Kane county, and since then he has been in full control of a farm of nearly one thousand acres owned by Mr. Leet in this county, located in Sugar Grove township. Together they own and feed large numbers of stock, having frequently as many as two hundred and forty head of cattle fattening for the market at one time.

In politics Mr. Johnson is an ardent and active republican, devoted to the interests of his party and doing his full share of the work required to promote its growth. He was one of the leaders in the organization of the Swedish Republican League of Illinois, and is still one of its most prominent, influential and energetic members. This league has a large membership and is proving a potential factor in state political affairs. It was also through his efforts, aided by those of other enthusiastic Swedish-Americans, that the recent state celebration of John Ericson day was held at Aurora. In fraternal life Mr. Johnson is a Master Mason, with membership in the lodge at Aurora, and this prevents him from being received into membership in any Swedish religious organization, although he is of a religious turn of mind and would like to belong to some Christian church of his own nationality. King Oscar and other royalties and high officials of Sweden are prominent in the Masonic order and also in the churches, but the common people of the country are not allowed to become communicants in the churches if they are Freemasons. Mr. Johnson is universally esteemed as an excellent citizen, an enterprising and successful business man, and a wise and resourceful leader of the Swedish people in Kane county. He is also a loyal and patriotic American and warmly attached to the land of his adoption, as he is still to that of his nativity.

EDWARD M. MANGAN.

Edward M. Mangan, who is now serving as judge of the city courts of Aurora and Elgin, was born in this city August 15, 1868, a son of Maurice and Ellen (McInerney) Mangan. The father, who was a native of Ireland, died at the age of sixty-eight years, while the mother still survives at the age of eighty-five years. He came to Aurora in 1855 and took up his abode in the house in which his widow still makes her home. He entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and that he was

one of its most faithful and trustworthy representatives is indicated by the fact that he continued in that service until a short time prior to his demise.

Edward M. Mangan is the youngest of a family of ten children, and early started out in life to make his own way in the world. He has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources, and the success and prominence to which he has achieved is indicative of the force of his character, his laudable ambition and his fidelity to every duty that has been entrusted to him. At the age of fourteen years he began to learn the machinist's trade in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and continued in that employ for fifteen years, but he felt that his efforts were hampered by the confines of that shop, which gave him little outlook, and beside he had always been ambitious to engage in the practice of law from his boyhood days. Circumstances, however, had interfered with him carrying out this idea, yet he never abandoned it, and as opportunity offered he studied at night with this end in view. He also attended Aurora College, and likewise read law in the office of the firm of Alschuler & Murphy. The year prior to his admission to the bar he was elected police magistrate, which gave him much practical experience in the work of the courts. In 1900 he was admitted to the bar and in 1901 he resigned the office of magistrate and was elected city attorney. He was twice reelected to that office, and continuously and acceptably filled the position until 1907, when he was elected city judge, which position he is now filling. On the bench his decisions are strictly fair and impartial, being based upon a comprehensive knowledge of the law and the equity in the case. He is recognized as a leader in democratic ranks and one whose efforts in behalf of the party have been effective and far reaching. Two years ago he was a candidate for the legislature on the democratic ticket, and is one of the strong and able workers in democratic ranks in Aurora.

Mr. Mangan was married July 30, 1902, to Miss Lillian Thorne, a native of New York and a daughter of Benjamin and Marguerite (Johnston) Thorne, old settlers of Aurora. They now have two interesting little daughters, Margaret and Eleanor. Mr. Mangan is a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, No. 705; the Knights of Columbus, No. 736; and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is a popular citizen and, endowed by nature with attractive social qualities, he is a popular member of many societies, while wherever he goes he wins friends and gains the high esteem of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM ADAM HARTSBURG.

There is no record which the American citizen holds in higher esteem than that of the man who wins success through honorable methods and as a result of his untiring diligence and energy. Mr. Hartsburg therefore receives the admiration and respect of his fellow townsmen, for such has been his life history. He started out practically empty-handed and has made his own way in the world from early boyhood. He is now senior partner of the firm of

the Hartsburg & Hawksley Company, engaged in general mill work at North Aurora. This enterprise is a prosperous one that has been built up from a small beginning through the well directed labor and diligence of the owners.

Mr. Hartsburg was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, August 23, 1848. His parents were William and Christina (Wise) Hartsburg, both of whom were natives of Westphalia, Germany. The grandfather, William Hartsburg, Sr., who, however, spelled the name Herzberg, was a blacksmith, and his only son and namesake was a native of Westphalia, Germany, and followed in his father's footsteps in a business way. Determined to try his fortune in America he crossed the Atlantic about 1875 and settled in Massachusetts. He afterward removed to Philadelphia and later to New Jersey, while in 1856 he arrived in Aurora and worked for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in the blacksmith shops. In the spring of 1859 he went overland to California and spent about eight months on the Pacific slope, his family, however, remaining in Aurora during that period. He then returned to this city, where he resumed blacksmithing, which he followed for a number of years. Later he went to Batavia, where for several years he was employed by the United States Wind Engine & Pump Company. He then again returned to Aurora, where he died in 1893, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife still survives him and is now, in 1908, in her eighty-fourth year. Her father was Christopher Wise, who died in Germany at the age of forty-five years. He married a Miss Meyer and they have a large family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hartsburg are Lutherans in religious faith, and Mrs. Hartsburg is an estimable lady who has the warm regard of many friends. She, too, was born in Westphalia, Germany, and by her marriage has become the mother of two sons and five daughters: Sophia, who first married John Golding, by whom she had a son, John, and after her first husband's death became the wife of Elisha Lilly, who served in the Civil war, and following his demise became the wife of Carl Schutz but is now deceased; William A., of this review; Louisa, the wife of James Tehay, of Hampton, Iowa; Emma, the deceased wife of Rev. Ferdinand Ludeke; Ella, the wife of Henry Baseman, of Elgin, Illinois; Frank, of North Aurora; and Mary, the wife of William Coors and a resident of Denver, Colorado.

William A. Hartsburg was but eight years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Aurora. Here he was reared to manhood and pursued his education in the old Oak Street school, but when only ten years of age he began earning his own livelihood, working in a sash factory for five dollars per month and boarding himself. He has continued in business to the present time, becoming expert in that line of work, and after being employed by others in Aurora for a number of years he went to North Aurora in 1869 and began working for the North Aurora Manufacturing Company. After ten years, ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he formed a partnership with William Hawksley and Julius G. Brown. He has since been associated with Mr. Hawksley but in 1901 they bought out Mr. Brown's interest. They started with a horse and a borrowed capital of three hundred dollars and they rented their building and water power from Alonzo George, of North Aurora. The business has since steadily grown along healthful

lines and they now employ about twenty-five people. They sell largely to the local trade but also ship to various parts of the United States. They manufacture doors, windows and furniture and do all kinds of mill work. The company was incorporated in 1893, with a capital of over forty-six thousand dollars, and the business, founded upon a substantial basis, has long since become a profitable investment. At different times Mr. Hartsburg has been connected with various institutions of Aurora, being at one time president of the North Aurora Creamery Company. He now owns a forty-acre farm in Texas and also a good home in North Aurora.

On the 16th of May, 1870, Mr. Hartsburg was married to Miss Helena Simons, a daughter of Charles and Helena (Weber) Simons. They have become the parents of a son and four daughters, namely: May Helena, the wife of James E. Lowell, by whom she has a son, Donald W., their home being near Seattle, Washington; Daisy A., who is a stenographer and bookkeeper in her father's office; Fred W., who wedded Grace Owens and is a lawyer, practicing in Aurora; and Maud F. and Frances, still under the parental roof. They have been liberally educated and Maud F. is now attending the State University of Boulder, Colorado. May, Maud, Frances and Fred are all graduates of the West Aurora high school and Daisy also attended Wheaton College. Mrs. Hartsburg is a member of the Congregational church and a most estimable lady. Mr. Hartsburg belongs to Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M.; and Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T. He was high priest of Aurora Chapter for two years and eminent commander for one year, while he and his wife and daughter Maud are all members of the Eastern Star, of which he has been worthy patron. Mr. Hartsburg likewise belongs to Aurora Council, R. & S. M. Politically he is a democrat and for eighteen years served as school director, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. He gives his allegiance to every movement or measure which he deems of benefit in community affairs and in his life work he has ever shown consideration for the rights and privileges of others, never overstepping the bounds of what he believes to be his duty to his fellowmen. He has therefore made for himself an honored name in commercial circles and his success is the reward of merit, ability and unflinching fidelity.

REV. JOSEPH ROHDE.

Rev. Joseph Rohde, pastor of St. Joseph's German Catholic church at Elgin, was born March 19, 1843, in Reitberg, in the province of Westphalia, Germany, and from early life his studies were pursued with a view of eventually entering the priesthood. He commenced his mental training for holy orders when but a young lad, and took up the prescribed course of study when twelve years of age. His course was particularly thorough and comprehensive and he was thus well qualified by broad general as well as theological knowledge for the duties that devolved upon him in his church relationships. After devoting seventeen years to preparatory study and training he was



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ordained to the priesthood on the 12th of March, 1870, the ordination taking place at the bishop's seat at Paderborn by the Rt. Rev. Joseph Freusberg, coadjutor of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Conrad Martin, who was absent in Rome during the vatican counsel. For five years thereafter he labored for the upbuilding of Catholicism in his native country, but he had a great desire to enter the mission field and was therefore rejoiced when, in 1876, he was assigned to do mission work in America, arriving in Chicago in September of that year.

He has since been continuously connected with the archdiocese of Chicago, and under the direction of the archbishop has built up many congregations. In nearly every parish that has been under his charge he has erected handsome churches and school buildings. He came to Elgin on the 15th of August, 1901, and within two years he had been instrumental in erecting a handsome new house of worship. Under his direction and efforts the Sisters of St. Francis from Joliet came here and established St. Joseph's hospital on the 23d of February, 1902. Since that time he has cared for the spiritual affairs of the sisters as chaplain of the house. On the 15th of September, 1907, Father James Frederick came to Elgin to assist Father J. Rohde and was made chaplain. In connection with St. Joseph's church a school is carried on, which is under the charge of the school Sisters of St. Francis from Joliet. There are now four sisters here, with one hundred pupils in the school. The various departments of the church work are thus in good condition and Father Rohde is making substantial progress in his efforts to advance Catholicism in this city.

JOSHUA HENRY TETLOW.

For several years Joshua H. Tetlow was one of the leading business men of Belvidere, and when called to his final rest on the 19th of December, 1904, the city mourned the loss of an upright, honorable citizen. He was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, on the 4th of July, 1858, and was left fatherless at a tender age. He was only five years old when he came west and for many years was employed at the Northwestern depot in Rockford, Illinois. From that city he went to Belvidere, where he embarked in the clothing business in partnership with his father-in-law, L. H. Murch, this connection continuing for eleven years.

On the 19th of May, 1886, Mr. Tetlow was united in marriage to Miss Winifred E. Murch, a daughter of Levi H. and Tina (Cohon) Murch, of Belvidere, Illinois. Three children blessed this union: Edwin Levi, who has a position in the gilding room of the Elgin National Watch Company; Harrison Blaine, who is in the plating room of the same company; and Helen Mabel, who possesses exceptional ability as an elocutionist and has for the past two years given most delightful entertainments, her work being regarded as most remarkable for one of her years, for she is now only thirteen years of

age. The sons, too, are exceptionally fine young men and the family is truly one of which the mother can be justly proud.

In his social relations Mr. Tetlow was an Odd Fellow, and in politics was a republican. He was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist church, his life being in perfect harmony with his professions. He was a man of exceptionally high principles and his upright, honorable life made him many friends, with whom he was very popular.

JOHN WHITNEY.

John Whitney, who resides on his valuable farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres in Campton township, where he is extensively engaged in stock dealing, was born in this township on the 23d of February, 1847, his parents being John and Mariah (Blood) Whitney, both natives of Massachusetts. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, came to Campton in 1836, and passed away in 1854, his remains being interred in the Whitney cemetery at Campton. The mother of our subject, whose birth occurred about 1813, removed to Cattaraugus county, New York, and gave her hand in marriage to John Whitney in 1838. In the early days they underwent many of the hardships and experiences incident to pioneer life and often received but a poor remuneration for the products of their farm. They sold butter at eleven and twelve cents per pound, oats at twenty cents per bushel, wheat at fifty or sixty cents per bushel and received twenty-five cents for seventy-two pounds of corn.

The members of their family, in addition to John Whitney of this review, are as follows: Daniel, who was born in Campton, January 3, 1840, and engaged in farming four miles west of St. Charles; Rachel, whose birth occurred in Campton in 1842 and who wedded Charles Probert, an agriculturist residing on a farm five miles west of St. Charles; Mary Ann, who was born in Campton and now resides at Tekonsha, Michigan, being the wife of George Downey, a soldier in the late Civil war; Mariah, whose birth occurred in Campton in 1850 and who became the wife of James Ellis, her demise occurring in 1868; Melvin, who was born in Campton, February 20, 1852, is a farmer and cattle dealer of St. Charles; and Lottie, whose birth occurred in Campton in 1854 and who passed away in 1871.

John Whitney attended the district school during the winter months until about twenty-one years of age, and during the summer seasons assisted in the work of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His father had purchased land from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre. John Whitney now resides on a productive and well improved farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres located four and a half miles west of St. Charles, and in addition to the work of general farming is extensively engaged in stock dealing, his stable accommodating forty-five head. He likewise keeps a hundred or more head of fine poultry, and in the various branches of his business is meeting with a

gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity. He has put five thousand dollars' worth of improvements on the farm, which is equipped with all the accessories and conveniences of a model property of the twentieth century. On the 31st of October, 1903, his home was almost totally destroyed by fire, and he subsequently erected a larger and finer residence at a cost of over four thousand dollars.

In his political views Mr. Whitney is a democrat, and is a public-spirited citizen whose cooperation can always be counted upon to further any movement or measure instituted for the general welfare and upbuilding. He has resided in this county throughout his entire life or for a period of sixty-one years, and has not only seen Kane county grow from a wild country, with only a few white inhabitants, to a rich agricultural country, containing thousands of good homes and acres of growing towns, inhabited by an industrious, prosperous, enlightened and progressive people, but he has also been an active participant in the slow, persistent work of development which was necessary to produce a change which is so complete that it has come to be popularly referred to as magical.

WILLIAM HARVEY REANEY.

William Harvey Reaney is filling the position of city clerk at Batavia, where he has made his home since 1899. He has been closely associated with its business interests as proprietor of a stationery and confectionery store and distributor of newspapers; he also represents the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Railway at this point. He was born in Aurora, December 25, 1869.

William Harvey Reaney acquired his early education in the public schools of his native city and at Steward, Illinois, where he lived with an uncle, Wesley Steward, his parents having passed away within a short time of each other when he was eleven years of age. At the age of fifteen he began work in the Aurora watch factory, and followed that line of trade for fourteen years in different factories of the state until failing health compelled him to seek other employment. In July, 1899, he came to Batavia, and with small capital and plenty of ambition established the business of stationer and confectioner. He enjoys a liberal patronage, and is filling the position of city clerk, to which office he was elected in April, 1907.

On the 18th of March, 1896, Mr. Reaney was united in marriage to Miss Minnie May Gronberg, a daughter of Otto and Jeanette (Hovey) Gronberg, of Elgin. Mr. Reaney is a stalwart advocate of the democracy and is serving as a member of the Kane county democratic central committee. He is also chairman of the city committee, and is the candidate of the party for the office of clerk of the circuit court. He is well known in fraternal circles, being secretary of Batavia Lodge, No. 404, A. F. & A. M.; keeper of the record and seal of Rowena Lodge, K. P.; secretary and treasurer of the Rock City Pleasure Club of Batavia; a member of Rock City Lodge, No. 718, I. O. O. F.; Batavia Chapter, O. E. S.; Rowena Temple, Pythian Sisters; Batavia

Council, North American Union; and the Batavia Commercial Club. He has always lived in the county and has many warm friends who esteem him highly for his genuine worth and his many commendable traits of character.

LOUIS A. CONSTANTINE.

In the political history of Aurora and the state Louis A. Constantine deserves more than passing notice, for his labors have been discerningly directed in behalf of republican interests and in various offices his name has become a synonym for faithful and efficient discharge of duty. He is now serving for the third term as postmaster of Aurora. He was born March 13, 1853, in Buffalo, New York.

His father, Louis A. Constantine, Sr., was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1800, while his father was a member of the French legation. He came to the United States in the '30s, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Fannie Case, and was born in Devonshire, England, accompanied her parents on their emigration to Canada when she was eleven years of age. Louis A. Constantine, Sr., died when his son and namesake was a lad of ten years.

The boy pursued his education in the public schools of Buffalo, and when twelve years of age began learning the printer's trade, familiarizing himself with every branch of the business in principal and detail. He then entered newspaper work, being employed in the office of the Republican at Dowagiac, Michigan. Later he was connected with the Grand Rapids Eagle, the Jackson (Mich.) Citizen, the Gazette of Davenport, Iowa, and the Chicago Daily News. In November, 1877, he came to Aurora and here purchased the Evening Post, which absorbed the Democrat, the Times and the Journal, all weekly newspapers of Aurora. He continued the publication of the Post for a quarter of a century with signal success, making it a daily paper of wide influence and a standard representative of modern progressive journalism. It became an excellent advertising medium and in the dissemination of general and local news was made such an attractive sheet that a most liberal patronage was secured.

All through the years Mr. Constantine has been active in politics, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day and doing everything in his power to promote republican successes. In 1898 he received recognition of the capable aid which he has rendered his party in appointment to the position of postmaster in Aurora, entering upon the duties of the office on the 1st of February. That he has been unfaltering in his loyalty and most efficient in conducting the business of the office is indicated by the fact that through reappointment he is now serving for the third term. Moreover, the business of the office has trebled since he assumed charge. In other official positions he has been equally capable, holding various offices of trust. He was clerk of the senate for two terms, clerk of the railroad committee of the senate for one term, and also was private secretary to President Bogardus, presiding officer of the senate. He was appointed by Senator H. H. Evans clerk of the

insurance committee and so continued for one term. From 1891 until 1893 he was deputy collector of internal revenue in Chicago under Christian Mamer. He has frequently served as a delegate to the county, district and state conventions of his party and his opinions carry weight in the party councils. He has also been chairman of the city executive committee and chairman of the senatorial committee for some twenty years. He was likewise president of the Republican Press Association of the eighth congressional district, a state organizer of the Illinois Republican League. His efforts in behalf of his party have been far reaching and beneficial, and have been characterized by that thorough understanding and keen outlook which mark him in his business career. For a number of years he has been a member of the county committee. He has kept in close touch with the questions and issues of the day, and is always able to support his position by intelligent argument based upon a thorough understanding of those interests which affect state and national affairs. Religiously he is a member of the People's church and has served on its board.

On the 27th of March, 1882, Mr. Constantine was married to Miss Lillian Loomis, a native of Aurora and a daughter of William Loomis, one of the pioneer residents of this city.

GEORGE W. SHERWOOD.

There is no citizen of Kane county who is held in higher regard and esteem than George W. Sherwood, who owns and operates a valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and sixty-six acres, situated ten miles from St. Charles, in Plato township. He is a native son of the township, his birth having occurred January 27, 1853. He began his education in the district schools, which he attended to the age of seventeen years, this being supplemented by a four-years' course of study in Elgin Academy. After completing his education he engaged in farming, which has been his occupation to the present time.

At the age of twenty-three years Mr. Sherwood was united in marriage to Miss Lillian E. Warner, who is likewise a native of Plato township. The young couple then began their domestic life upon a farm, where they continued until 1902, in which year Mr. Sherwood removed with his family to Elgin, where he lived retired for three years. However, being of an ambitious and energetic nature he was not content to spend his time idly, and accordingly returned to farm life, being now the owner of one hundred and sixty-six acres situated in Plato township. The fields are well drained and there are various kinds of fruit trees, which bear in their respective seasons, and everything about the place is in a well-kept condition, so that it is a valuable property. He is here engaged in raising the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and he also gives much time and attention to stock-raising, shipping annually a carload of hogs and one of cattle. Mr. Sherwood

ever follows the most modern methods in his farm work, and his efforts are therefore attended with a high degree of prosperity.

Mr. Sherwood gives his political support to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. His success has been by no means the result of fortunate circumstances. It has come to him through energy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind and by honorable business principles. In manner he is quiet and straightforward, saying exactly what he means, and his word has become a synonym for business integrity.

JACOB BINDER.

Jacob Binder has been continuously connected with the business interests of Aurora since 1871, or for a period of thirty-seven years, and throughout this entire time has maintained an unassailable reputation for the integrity as well as the enterprise of his commercial methods. He is now conducting a meat market and is also identified with industrial interests as a manufacturer of artificial stone. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 29, 1850, and his parents, Jacob and Mary (Blind) Binder, were also natives of the same country. The former was a son of Jacob Binder, who was a butcher and died in 1857. He married a Miss Hohnecker. Their son, Jacob, engaged in the butchering business in Wurtemberg, Germany, up to the time of his death, which occurred when he was about sixty-six years of age. His wife had attained about the same age at the time of her demise and both were members of the Lutheran church. In their family were five children, two sons and three daughters: Jacob, who is living in Aurora; Mary, the wife of Gottfried Gantner, of Wurtemberg, Germany; Rosa, the wife of Andrew Muehlhauser, of Stuttgart, Germany; Carl, who resides in Goeppingen, Germany; and Emily, the wife of Albert Ansel, of Elgin.

In taking up the personal history of Jacob Binder we present to our readers the record of one of the representative German-American citizens of Aurora. He remained in Germany until eighteen years of age, and acquired his education in the public schools there. When a youth of fourteen he began learning the butcher's business with his father, and afterward spent three years in Switzerland, while in 1868 he crossed the Atlantic to America. After a brief stay in New York city and several months in the Lehigh valley at Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, he came to Aurora in August, 1869, and here worked at his trade until February, 1870, when he began the butchering business on his own account at Sandwich, Illinois. In April, 1871, however, he returned to this city, where he has been in business continuously since, occupying his present location from 1881. Many of his patrons have given him their trade during almost this entire period, and he is known as a merchant whose business methods are reliable, while his earnest desire to please his patrons has won him many friends. In 1905, in partnership with several others, he established the Aurora Artificial Stone & Construction Company,

of which he is the president. This company is engaged in the manufacture of artificial stone and in building operations, and the business has already become a profitable concern.

On the 14th of May, 1872, Mr. Binder was married to Miss Barbara Schmidt, a daughter of George F. and Sibylla (Schoeberlein) Schmidt. Mr. and Mrs. Binder became the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters: Amelia, the wife of E. G. Beck, of Pforzheim, Baden, Germany, and the mother of three children—Ruth, Esther and Wesley; John, who married Loretta Thomas and is associated with his father in both departments of business, being secretary of the artificial stone company; Elmer, who wedded Elma Schoeberlein and is a traveling salesman living in New York city; Rosa, who is bookkeeper for her father; Carl, who is connected with the Jacob Binder Company; Lorenz, salesman in New York with E. G. Beck; Dorothy, Albert, George and Oswald, all yet at home.

The parents are members of the German Methodist church, and the family occupy a pleasant residence at No. 133 South Fourth street. Mr. Binder has been the architect of his own fortunes, and has builded wisely and well. He came to the new world with scarcely more capital than would pay his way, but as the years have passed he has, through his unfaltering diligence and well directed labor, gained a measure of prosperity that now classes him with the substantial residents of his adopted city. He is also enterprising and energetic and his labors have been of a character that has contributed to the general good as well as to individual success.

BENNE BENSON.

Among those of foreign birth who are now numbered among the leading farmers of Kane county is Benne Benson, who owns and operates a fine farm in Kaneville township. He was born in Warburg, Sweden, on the 31st of March, 1858, and is a son of Ben and Cherste (Hendrics) Benson. His father, who is a farmer by occupation, and a devoted member of the Lutheran church, is still living in Sweden at the age of seventy-two years. The other children of the family are Edith Benson, still a resident of Sweden, and Helmah, the wife of Charles Johnson.

Between the ages of six and fourteen years Benne Benson attended the public schools of his native land, and at the age of seventeen started out to make his own way in the world by working as a farm hand at twenty-five dollars per year. He was thus employed until he attained his majority and then shipped on board a French vessel as a sailor, visiting all of the principal ports of Europe from the North sea to Portugal during the year and a half he spent upon the water.

At the end of that time Mr. Benson emigrated to America, and on reaching the shores of this country was not only penniless, but was twenty dollars in debt, having borrowed that sum to help meet the expenses of his trip. Making his way to Kane county, Illinois, he secured work as a farm hand

and remained in the service of others for three years, being employed on a farm adjoining his present place in Kaneville township. In the meantime he saved some capital, and then rented his present farm for ten years. By his industry, good management and close economy he was then able to purchase the place, which he has since converted into one of the best farms of the county. The fields are well fenced and highly cultivated, and the improvements which he has made aggregate twelve thousand dollars. The farm consists of two hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land and is adorned with a nice residence and good outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He gives considerable attention to the breeding of Norman horses, and in all his undertakings has met with excellent success, being a man of exceptional business ability, industrious, energetic and thoroughly reliable.

After coming to this country Mr. Benson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Anderson, also a native of Sweden, and they have become the parents of two children: Alida and Emily, both at home. They also have an adopted daughter, Alma Benson, who has made her home with them since a year and a half old, and since three years of age Jalmor Anderson has also found a home with them. The parents are earnest members of the Lutheran church and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them. By his ballot Mr. Benson supports the men and measures of the republican party, and for fifteen years he has filled the office of school director. As a public spirited citizen he never withholds his support from any enterprise which he believes will advance the intellectual, moral or material welfare of his adopted county.

GEORGE H. BURNETT.

George H. Burnett, who is successfully engaged in business as an embalmer and funeral director at Batavia, his native city, was born March 7, 1870. He is a son of John Burnett, whose birth occurred in Devonshire, England, April 12, 1835, and who is now living retired in Batavia. On leaving his native country he came direct to Illinois, arriving in Batavia in 1857. For a half a century he was identified with its business, and for twenty-five years was well known as a flour and feed merchant here. In the fall of 1907, however, he retired from business life to enjoy a well earned rest. He married Frances Martha Ballard, who was born in Batavia, September 12, 1836, and who was a descendant of one of the old families of Massachusetts. They long traveled life's journey together, but were separated in the death of Mrs. Burnett, on the 2d of September, 1899.

George H. Burnett pursued his education in the public schools of Batavia, passing through the consecutive grades. He afterward attended the Champion College of Embalming in Cincinnati, also pursuing a course in Chicago under Dr. Eliab Meyers and Professor Charles A. Renaud. He was graduated in 1897, and after passing the required examination was one of the first to secure a state embalmer's license. He entered business in October, 1897, in Batavia as an embalmer and funeral director and has been very suc-



GEORGE H. BURNETT

cessful here, having now the largest patronage in this part of Kane county. He carries a full line of equipments and furnishings and his business has been built up through careful management and not through advertising.

On the 5th of February, 1896, Mr. Burnett was married to Miss Charlotte M. Spencer, a daughter of Charles J. and Mary E. (Miller) Spencer of Coloma, Michigan. Mrs. Burnett is also a graduate of the Champion College of Embalming, holds a state certificate and is an assistant to Mr. Burnett in his work.

Mr. Burnett belongs to several fraternal organizations that count him a valued member. He is a Mason, a Knight of Pythias, an Odd Fellow and a Modern Woodman. Well known throughout this part of the county, he has many friends who esteem him for his genuine personal worth.

WILLIAM S. BEAUPRÉ.

William S. Beaupré, president of the Aurora National Bank, was born in Ottawa, Illinois, October 2, 1844. His father, Mathias Beaupré, was of French descent and in 1838 came from Canada to the United States, settling first in Joliet, while afterward he resided in Kendall county, Illinois, where for two terms he served as county sheriff.

William S. Beaupré acquired his education in the public schools of La Salle and Kendall counties and, having mastered the branches of learning which constitute the public school curriculum, he entered upon his business career as a clerk in a dry goods store of this city. He left mercantile fields, however, to enter public office, having in 1869 been appointed deputy collector of internal revenue for the second district of Illinois. He continued in that position for fourteen years, or until 1883, when he resigned to enter banking circles as cashier of the Aurora National Bank, which was organized in that year. He has since been connected with the institution, and its success is attributable in no small degree to his earnest efforts, his indefatigable energy, his keen discernment and his thorough understanding of the banking business. He was elected to the vice presidency in 1895, and on the 1st of January, 1906, succeeded to the presidency, with M. O. Southworth as vice president. The safe, conservative policy which was inaugurated at the beginning has always been maintained, and over the record of the institution there falls not the least shadow of wrong. Its methods have always been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, and the men who stand at its head sustain an irreproachable reputation in business circles. Mr. Beaupré is a man of resourceful ability and marked energy and has extended his efforts into various other lines. He is now a director in the Aurora Gas Company, in the Illinois Surety Company and the Fox River Light, Heat & Power Company. He was president of the Kane County Title & Abstract Company, which was organized by him in 1902. He is furthermore a director and treasurer of the Home Building & Loan Association of Aurora, and all of

these concerns have profited by his able management, keen business discrimination and unfaltering enterprise.

While Mr. Beaupré has successfully conducted private business interests and thereby contributed to the commercial development, he has also aided in promoting the city's welfare along lines from which he has derived no substantial return. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion, and for over twenty years he has been an efficient member of the board of education, doing all in his power to raise the standard of the public schools and make their course of study a fit preparation for the practical and responsible duties that come when school days are over. He has also been a director of the public library since its organization. He belongs to various fraternal organizations, and in Masonry has attained the Knight Templar degree and is a member of Aurora Lodge, No. 294, A. F. & A. M. In politics he is a republican.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Beaupré was married to Miss Julia Brady, a daughter of Lorenzo Brady, a pioneer merchant and banker of this city. They have two children: Marian, now the wife of Charles E. Powell, cashier of the Aurora National Bank; and Olive, now Mrs. H. E. Miller, of Aurora.

Endowed with admirable social qualities, Mr. Beaupré is popular in the different societies to which he belongs, and commands the unqualified respect and admiration of his business colleagues and contemporaries. His entire career has been characterized by that consecutive progress which results from well developed powers, from the utilization of opportunity, and from that initiative spirit which enables the individual to see a chance which is not apparent to others.

WILLARD R. AUSTIN.

Willard R. Austin, who is now living retired on his farm in Campton township, was born at Rochester, New York, August 25, 1836, his parents being Amassa C. and Rhobia W. (White) Austin, both natives of New York, the former born August 29, 1798, while the latter's birth occurred April 11, 1811. They came to Illinois about 1844, settling in DeKalb county, at which place their remains are now interred, the father having passed away in 1863, while his wife survived him until 1891.

Willard R. Austin served as a soldier in the Union army for two years and nine months and witnessed many bloody battles, being wounded in one engagement. He assisted in driving Price out of Missouri, and was a faithful and loyal defender of the cause which he espoused, never faltering in the performance of any military duty assigned him.

Mr. Austin was united in marriage to Miss Harriet L. Higgins, a native of DuPage county, Illinois, where her birth occurred April 2, 1848, of the marriage of Van Rensselaer and Lucy (Bingham) Higgins, both natives of New York. The parents were wedded in Ohio and thence removed to DuPage

county, Illinois, coming overland by ox-team and bringing a cow and a spinning wheel with them. They were early pioneers of this part of the country, but both are now deceased and lie buried in the Whitney cemetery at Campton. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Austin have been born four children. Flossie B., who was born January 13, 1879, attended school at Wasco and now resides at home. She displays considerable musical talent. Maude L., born April 15, 1881, became the wife of Edward Swanson, an agriculturist by occupation, and they reside near St. Charles. Pollie V., whose birth occurred in Wasco, January 16, 1884, married Miss Arvilla Johnson and still lives in the place of his nativity. Alva C., born in Wasco, August 28, 1888, is yet under the parental roof.

A republican in his political views, Mr. Austin gives stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of that party. He is affiliated with G. A. R. Post, No. 456, at St. Charles, thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old army comrades. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed throughout the community, the circle of their friends being almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

FRANK MICHELS.

The welfare and progress of a city depends in large measure upon its police service, as the resident business man always considers the safety of his interests before he will make investments. The department therefore which conserves law and order is a most essential one in the city government and at the head of this department in Aurora stands Frank Michels, the efficient and capable chief of police. A native son of Aurora, he was born March 4, 1866.

His father, Frank Michels, was a native of Germany and in early manhood became a resident of this city, where he turned his attention to merchandising. He was for many years connected with the grocery trade here and was much respected for his honorable business methods and his upright life. He died in 1901 as a result of a railroad accident, while his wife, Mrs. Mary Michels, passed away in 1907. For a number of years prior to his death he was engaged in general farming, having retired from commercial interests.

Frank Michels was educated in the public schools and after putting aside his text-books assisted his father on the farm for eight years. In 1887 he came to Aurora and joined the police department, acting first as driver of the patrol wagon. He thus filled all the various positions of the department, acting at different times as patrolman, plain clothes man, captain, city detective, and in 1897 he was appointed chief of police, which position he has now filled for eleven years. No more capable or faithful custodian of public interests could be found. He has been connected with many important cases and has been a loyal officer, bringing the force up to a high standard of efficiency.

On the 17th of September, 1890, Mr. Michels was married to Miss Mary Wagner, a native of Aurora. He belongs to the Benevolent & Protective

Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias Lodge and also to the Luxemburg Club. He is popular with his fellow townsmen, who have learned to know and to appreciate his worth from his boyhood days and who find in him an official whose record is above suspicion of evil.

CYRUS C. STOWE.

Cyrus C. Stowe, a public-spirited citizen who is serving as constable of Maple Park, has also been engaged in the livery business in this city since 1903. He was born near Sycamore, DeKalb county, September 28, 1852. His father, William Henry Stowe, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, and at the age of twenty-two years came to Illinois, settling near Sycamore. There he was engaged in farming for a time, while later he removed to the city of Sycamore and opened a cooperage, at which he was engaged for five years. He then took up his abode in Minnesota, entering there one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, which he continued to cultivate for a number of years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Electa Ward, was likewise born in Cattaraugus county, New York, and by her marriage became the mother of seven children, as follows: Cyrus C.; Harriett, the wife of O. F. Holcombe, a farmer residing in Sycamore; Charlotte, the wife of Gus Taylor, a retired farmer residing in Minnesota; Emory, deceased; Fred, who is a mail clerk employed by the government in Minnesota; Edward, who is clerking in a store in Spokane, Washington; and Herbert, who has departed this life.

Cyrus C. Stowe was reared on his father's farm and began his education in the district schools. He was a youth of sixteen years when his parents left the farm and took up their abode in Sycamore and the son then entered the high school of that city, being graduated therefrom at the age of nineteen years. He then returned to farm life and in 1872 established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Catherine Collins, who was born in 1853.

Following that important event in his life Mr. Stowe engaged in farming near Sycamore and Maple Park until 1903, when he removed to the latter city and opened a livery barn, which he has conducted to the present time. He keeps a number of good horses, has on hand a nice line of buggies and carriages for rent and his business has now reached extensive proportions, owing to his reasonable prices and his fair treatment of those who give him their patronage. He was formerly proprietor of a hotel here for four years.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Stowe has been blessed with two daughters and a son: Nellie May, the wife of Herman Burkenhagen, who is engaged in merchandising in Maple Park; Mabel, the wife of Fred Snyder, who is clerking in a store in this city, and Floyd H., who is engaged in the transfer business here.

Mr. Stowe gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party and has been called to fill a number of public offices. He served in 1895 and 1896 as town marshal, while in 1897 and 1898 he filled the office of deputy sheriff. For the past two years he has served as constable of Maple Park, filling the office to the satisfaction of the public and with credit to himself. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of the Globe, while his religious faith is that of the United Brethren church. He is justly accorded a place among the prominent and representative citizens of Maple Park, for he belongs to that class of men whose enterprising spirit is used not alone for their own benefit, but also advances the general good and promotes prosperity.

LEVI TODD.

Levi Todd, now deceased, became a resident of Kane county more than a half century ago, at which time he took up his abode in Sugar Grove township. For a considerable period thereafter, he was identified with agricultural pursuits and then began dealing in agricultural implements in Aurora, while his last years were spent in retirement from business. There were no questionable methods in his business career. On the contrary, he closely adhered to the rules which govern strict and unswerving integrity, unabating energy and unfaltering diligence and he thus left an example which is in many respects well worthy of emulation.

He was born in East Wallingford, Vermont, August 29, 1815, his parents being Ruel and Lucinda (Tuttle) Todd. In the paternal line the ancestry is traced back through Ruel, Job, William, Michael and Christopher Todd to William Todd, who was the ancestor of the family of this name founded in Connecticut. He lived at Pomfret, York county, England, and was the father of Mercy and Christopher Todd. The latter was born at Pontefract, England, and was baptized January 11, 1617. He became a resident of New Haven, Connecticut, in 1639, and died April 23, 1686. He was a miller, farmer and baker and acquired a considerable property. The ancestry can be traced back in the maternal line to William Tuttle, who came from London or St. Albans on the good ship Planter in 1635, with his wife, Elizabeth, and three children. He remained in Boston until 1639 and there two sons, Jonathan and David, were added to the family. Later he went with his wife and children to Connecticut and was one of the signers of the original compact in the formation of the Connecticut colony. As the years passed he became an extensive landowner. He was one of only fifteen whose names always appear on the records as Mr., the title being given only to persons of the highest social distinction. He possessed large wealth for that day and was a man of prominence in the community who was active in public affairs. The family had previously been a very distinguished one of Devonshire, England, representatives of the name during several generations having occupied the highest offices,

including that of lord mayor of Exeter, the second in importance to that of lord mayor of London. The office of high sheriff of Devon was also filled by members of the family. The name originally was Tothill or Tuthill, and one William Tothill entertained Queen Elizabeth at his fine estate of Shardedoes, which passed into the possession of the Drakes through the marriage of Joan Tothill to Sir Francis Drake. William Tuttle, who was the founder of the family in America, and his wife, Elizabeth, were parents of Jonathan Tuttle, then followed in successive generations two Williams and Joel Tuttle, the last named being the father of Mrs. Lucinda Todd. He was born May 1, 1746, and died in New Haven, Connecticut, October 9, 1826. He was married September 3, 1772, to Lydia Bradley, who died April 24, 1814. Lucinda Tuttle, daughter of Joel Tuttle, gave her hand in marriage to Ruel Todd. Both were natives of Vermont and Mr. Todd followed the occupation of farming. He was born in September, 1771, while his wife's birth occurred April 8, 1775, and they reared a family of eleven children.

Levi Todd, whose name introduces this review, was born August 29, 1815, and was reared at East Wallingford. He came west in 1854 and settled at Sugar Grove township, Kane county, Illinois, where he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. That summer he built a house upon his place and carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1869, in which year he removed to Aurora. Here he engaged in selling agricultural implements for a time but later lived a retired life, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of well-earned rest. He was a man whose reliability in business affairs was never called into question. In all of his dealings he was straightforward and honorable and displayed an aptitude for successful management.

On the 24th of January, 1836, Levi Todd was married to Miss Rachel Walker Gibson, a daughter of Jonathan and Hannah Gibson. They became the parents of four sons and four daughters. Olivia Maria, the eldest, married Fred Otis White, who, for a number of years, was a lumber merchant of Aurora, and died in 1892. Lucius Merrill, who died in 1899, had wedded Mary Bruce, also now deceased, and they had two sons, Edward Sherman and Levi, but the latter died in infancy. Eleazer, whose death occurred in 1903, had married Emma Mayo and had three children, Idella May, Bert C. and Nellie Gertrude. Laura Rozilla died at the age of fourteen years. Emma Jane, who was a successful teacher for many years, now lives in Aurora. She is joint author of the "Normal Course in Reading" with W. B. Powell, which has been widely used in the schools. George Henry, who has been engaged in the lumber business for a number of years as a member of the firm of White & Todd, married Lucy Brown Prescott and they have three children: Bertha May, Fred Arthur and Ethel Marion. Mary Abigail, who is a teacher of drawing in the public schools of West Aurora and also assistant in the high school, is the next of the family. Elmer Ellsworth married Rhoda Bird and is engaged in business as a member of the firm of White & Todd, lumber dealers.

The death of the husband and father occurred April 10, 1891, when he was nearly seventy-six years of age. His wife died January 13, 1874,

at the age of fifty-five years. They were Universalists in religious faith and were people of the highest respectability. Mr. Todd always took an active and helpful interest in public affairs and was found as a cooperant factor in many measures for the public good. His word was considered as valuable as any bond solemnized by signature or seal. He trusted men and they learned to trust him, finding that he was always loyal to a promise, faithful to an obligation and trustworthy in every relation of life. He enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence and good will of his fellowmen and is yet remembered by those among whom he moved as an active factor in the business life.

JOHN DEUTSCH.

John Deutsch, successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Virgil township, was born in this township on the 17th of November, 1887, his parents being George and Mary (Schilling) Deutsch, both natives of Luxemburg. The father, whose birth occurred in 1848, came to America in 1863 and now carries on farming in Virgil.

John Deutsch attended the common schools until thirteen years of age, and from that time forward has been continuously engaged in farming with the exception of four years spent in Aurora as an employe in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy shops. On the 1st of March, 1908, he came to the Meyers farm and became connected with agricultural interests on his own account. He has a dairy of eight cows and delivers on an average of twenty-four gallons of milk to Virgil daily. He likewise owns ten hogs, forty chickens and two horses, and has one thousand dollars' worth of property in stock, tools, furniture, produce, etc. The farm is all tillable land and contains forty acres, while he has also rented ten acres in Virgil. Most of the acreage is devoted to corn, while the remainder is meadow and pasture land, the place being fertile and well improved. Although still a young man, Mr. Deutsch has already met with a creditable and well-merited measure of prosperity in his undertakings and the future holds forth much promise.

On the 14th of May, 1908, Mr. Deutsch was united in marriage with Miss Mary Barth, of Chicago, who was born September 28, 1882, her parents being George M. and Mary (Graef) Barth, both natives of Bavaria. The father came to America in 1873 and was married in Chicago. Unto him and his wife were born three children. Michael, whose birth occurred in Chicago, October 19, 1876, wedded Miss Kame Sieple, of that city, and is a cabinet-maker residing in the metropolis. Katie, born in Chicago, October 9, 1877, became the wife of Matt Breyer on the 7th of August, 1901. He is a groceryman residing in Chicago. Mrs. Deutsch is the youngest member of the family.

Mr. Deutsch is a stalwart democrat in his political views, while fraternally he is connected with the Foresters of Virgil. His religious faith

is indicated by his membership in St. Peter's Catholic church of Virgil. He has been a resident of his native county throughout his entire life and is widely recognized as one of its progressive and enterprising young agriculturists.

JAMES WALKER.

There is perhaps no biography in this volume which illustrates more clearly the value of determined and persistent effort than does the record of James Walker, who, starting out in life without any special advantages of wealth or influence to aid him, learned the blacksmiths' trade and has steadily worked his way upward until he now occupies the responsible position of foreman in the blacksmith shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Aurora. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware, November 20, 1834.

His father, William Walker, was a steel manufacturer in Pennsylvania in partnership with two of his brothers-in-law. Removing west to Michigan, he located at Royal Oak, twelve miles north of Detroit, in 1841. He had become ill at Harrisburg while on his way to the west and died soon after reaching his destination. His wife survived him until 1896 and was about seventy-eight years of age at the time of her demise. She bore the maiden name of Demaris Patchett, a daughter of William Patchett, a native of England, who on coming to America settled in Delaware. Mrs. Walker was a devoted member of the Baptist church and following her husband's death carefully reared her family. She was born in Delaware, while Mr. Walker was a native of England. Their family numbered seven children: James, of Aurora; Mary, the wife of a Mr. Andrews, of Birmingham, Michigan; Jane H., the widow of S. S. Thomas, of Detroit, Michigan; and Ann, the widow of J. Perkins, who also resides in Detroit, Michigan. The other members of the family have passed away.

James Walker spent his boyhood and youth in Detroit, Michigan, where he attended the public schools. When sixteen or seventeen years of age he began learning the blacksmiths' trade, which he has followed continuously since and his success is no doubt attributable in large measure to the fact that he has never dissipated his energies over many fields, but has concentrated them entirely upon this department of labor. In 1852 he went to Chicago, where he resided until 1857, since which time he has been a resident of Aurora, covering a period of more than a half century. He has been constantly employed as foreman of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy blacksmith shops for fifty-one years, and for four years prior to that time was with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. No higher testimonial of his efficient service nor of his unfaltering loyalty to the interests which he represents could be given than the fact that he has continued with this company for more than five decades.

On the 20th of November, 1856, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Jane A. Atkinson, a daughter of William and Anna (Prince) Atkinson. Mrs.



JAMES WALKER



Walker was born in New Haven, New York, January 13, 1838. Her grandfather, Thomas Atkinson, was born near Leeds, England, and there engaged in the shoe business. He and his wife both came to America, however, when young people and were married in Utica, New York. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Walker was also a native of Leeds, England, and a shoe dealer there. Coming to America, he settled in Utica, New York, whence he removed to Ypsilanti, Michigan, where he died when more than ninety-one years of age. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Atkinson was only five years of age when her parents removed from the Empire state to Toledo, Ohio, and afterward became residents of Cleveland, Ohio, where she lived until fifteen years of age. The family then went to Detroit, Michigan, and removed to Chicago in 1853. Her father was proprietor of a hotel in Cleveland and in Chicago, and in other places conducted a meat market and grocery. He died at the age of seventy-one years, his death resulting from an accident—a tree falling upon him. His wife survived him until 1900 and died in Chicago at the age of eighty-eight years, her mental faculties being unimpaired at the time of her demise. Their family numbered three sons and five daughters, but only three are now living. Mrs. Walker; George W., of Geneva, Illinois; and Annie, the wife of L. N. Young, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker had but one child, Alice, who was the wife of C. C. Nichols, of Aurora, a bookkeeper for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. Mrs. Walker is a member of the People's church. Their home is a large and handsome residence at No. 146 Clark street and Mr. Walker also owns other city property. He is likewise the vice president of the Home Building & Loan Association and his business interests and real-estate holdings are proof of his life of enterprise and thrift resulting in success. Prominent in Masonry, he belongs to Jerusalem Temple, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., Aurora Council, No. 45, R. & S. M., Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T., Tabala Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and to the consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. He was made a Mason in 1859 and is a charter member of both the council and commandery. He also belongs to Waubaunsie Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F. Politically he is a republican and his prominence in the city is indicated by the fact that he was elected its mayor in 1870. In every relation of life he has commanded the trust and confidence of his fellowmen, possessing those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime win recognition and regard.

DE WITT SIMPSON.

De Witt Simpson, president of the Wilcox Manufacturing Company, is preeminently a man of affairs, capable of controlling important business interests, as he has passed through successive stages in a business career that has brought him broad experience, wide outlook and large opportuni-

ties. Numbered among the native sons of the Empire state, De Witt Simpson was born in Washington county, New York, January 8, 1845, and acquired his education through the medium of the public schools. He remained a resident of the east until twenty-four years of age, when, in 1869, he removed westward to Aurora, thinking to find better business opportunities and conditions in this section of the country.

For a number of years he was a salesman in the employ of Daniel Volentine, one of the pioneer merchants of this city, but ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he carefully saved his earnings and when opportunity offered became identified with commercial pursuits as a shoe merchant, forming a partnership under the firm style of Brown & Simpson. He afterward went upon the road, traveling for ten years as the western representative of eastern shoe manufacturers, and in 1882 he became connected with the Wilcox Manufacturing Company, of Aurora, rising from the position of salesman through the various steps of promotion until he became vice president, manager and president of the concern. He is today the chief executive officer in this enterprise, which is one of the pioneer business interests of Aurora. It has grown and expanded with the development of the city and now furnishes employment to several hundred men. Operations were begun with a force of five workmen and the increase in the number of operatives is indicative of the substantial development of the business.

Mr. Simpson is also interested in other enterprises. He has been for a number of years a director and is still one of the vice presidents of the old Second National Bank. He has ever been interested in the welfare of the city, is prominent in the work of the Baptist church and is not unknown in connection with charitable interests and yet his beneficence is always free from ostentation and display.

RALPH C. TAYLOR, M. D.

Ralph C. Taylor, a well-known physician and surgeon of Lilylake, where he has a well-established and constantly growing practice, was born at Millburn, Lake county, Illinois, November 12, 1869, the son of David B. and Josephine (Dodge) Taylor. His father, David B. Taylor, was born in Kingsville, Ohio, December 25, 1826, and was educated as a physician and surgeon, being graduated from the medical department of the University of Michigan, also from the Cincinnati College of Medicine. He began the practice of medicine at Hillsdale, Michigan, continuing in practice there until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Eighteenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry in 1862, when he was appointed assistant surgeon, a position which he held throughout the war. He then located at Lake county, Illinois, where he continued in the practice of his profession until the time of his death, which occurred in 1904. Dr. Taylor was a staunch republican and fraternally was a member of the Masonic order,

while religiously he was a consistent and faithful member of the Congregational church. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Taylor were born three children, namely: Edith Ione, the wife of H. A. Janeson, residing in St. Louis, where he is a member of the F. G. Smith Piano Company; Edward T., an attorney and teacher in the public schools of Chicago, and Ralph C.

The last named received his early education in the district school of Millburn, which he attended until sixteen years of age. He then entered the Jennings Seminary, of Aurora, Illinois, which he attended for one year, going from there to the Hillsdale College, at Hillsdale, Michigan, where he remained for one year. At the age of nineteen he engaged in teaching and followed this profession for four years, at the expiration of which time he entered the Valparaiso School of Pharmacy, at Valparaiso, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1894. In the fall of that year he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduating therefrom in April, 1897. It will be seen from this record that Dr. Taylor not only possesses an inherited and inherent adaptability and inclination for his chosen profession, but that he has thoroughly educated himself both in the principles of pharmacy and diagnosis, so that he is able to make ready and unerring application of the same. His education in the school of pharmacy enables him to compound his own remedies, which he does from his own private dispensary. In December following his graduation, he located in Lilylake, where he has since continued to reside and his high professional attainments and sterling characteristics have gained for him the respect and confidence of the local public.

In 1900 was celebrated the marriage of Ralph C. Taylor and Miss Irene Stewart, whose parents reside on a farm near Millburn, where Mrs. Taylor was born on April 2, 1880. They have become the parents of two children, Glen Stewart, born October 24, 1903, and Merrill Leon, born May 25, 1907.

Fraternally Dr. Taylor is a member of the Masonic order, also of the Modern Woodmen of America, for which he is the lodge physician. Religiously he is a member of the Christian church, while his estimable wife is a Congregationalist.

WILLIAM H. H. SHOOP.

William Henry Harrison Shoop, one of the representative farmers and prominent citizens of Kaneville township, was born on the 8th of July, 1842, in Crawford county, Ohio, and is the oldest son of Benjamin and Catherine (Miller) Shoop. The father's birth occurred in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1815, but he was only eight years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Crawford county, Ohio. There he grew to manhood amid pioneer surroundings and his school advantages were very limited as the county at that time was an almost unbroken forest with few clearings. The schools were far apart and very primitive and the

Shoop family endured all of the hardships and trials one usually encounters on the frontier. As a means of livelihood the father of our subject followed farming. He was a soldier of the Mexican war, serving under General Taylor, and was a democrat in politics, while his religious connection was with the Evangelical church. In early manhood he married Miss Catherine Miller, who was only two years old when taken to Ohio from her birthplace at Millersburg, Pennsylvania. Her father was a shoemaker by trade.

William H. H. Shoop is one of a large family of children, his brothers and sisters being as follows: Martin V., now deceased; James A., who resides in Chicago and is employed at Garfield Park; George W., who is superintendent of janitors in the State Normal School at De Kalb, Illinois; John W., formerly city marshal of De Kalb, where he makes his home; Isaac, who is engaged in the manufacture of tile at that place; Wesley, a retired farmer living in De Kalb; Angeline, the wife of G. Snyder, who is a merchant of Maple Park; Emline, deceased; Caroline, the wife of John R. Taylor, a farmer of Griffith, Indiana; Sarah, the wife of Michael Dillon, a stone mason, of Sandwich, Illinois; Hattie, the wife of Melvin Beverly, of Maple Park; Adealie, the wife of Henry Hoyt, who is engaged in the bottling business in De Kalb, and Catherine, the wife of John Hoyt, a druggist of De Kalb.

Mr. Shoop of this review received his education in the district schools near his boyhood home, where he pursued his studies during the winter months, while throughout the summer season he assisted his father in the work of the farm. At the age of twenty years he laid aside his text-books and devoted his entire time to the cultivation of the fields and other farm labor upon the home place until his marriage. He then removed to Reno county, Kansas, where he lived for three years, but at the end of that time returned to Kane county, where he has since resided. He has made farming his life work and is now the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 14, Kaneville township. He has a beautiful home situated on a slight elevation overlooking the rest of the farm and the other improvements are of the best. Upon the place is a model dairy, where the milk from twenty-five cows is cared for and in all his work Mr. Shoop has been found to be very progressive and up to date.

On the 9th of October, 1869, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Shoop and Miss Emma J. Weston, who was born in Rutland, Vermont, January 24, 1851, a daughter of J. F. and Sarah (Wetkins) Weston. While residing in the east her father was employed as teacher in an academy for some years, but when she was only two years old he brought his family to Illinois and here he followed farming. Mrs. Shoop received a good education and prior to her marriage she also taught school in both Illinois and Iowa with good success. She has become the mother of four children, namely: Ethel M., now the wife of Charles H. Shoop, who is in the employ of J. R. Watkins & Co., at Elburn; Edna G., the wife of Frank E. Gusler, a farmer of Kaneville township; Viola, the wife of A. J. Bissell, a resident of Rutland, Vermont, where he is engaged in the lumber business, and Benjamin F., still at home with his parents.

Mr. Shoop is independent in politics, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for office regardless of party ties. For many years he served as justice of the peace, his first commission being signed by Governor Oglesby, and he continued to serve in that capacity until 1907, when he resigned to accept the office of supervisor, to which he was elected. He has been a member of the school board continuously during his residence in Kaneville township, and his various official duties have been most promptly and faithfully discharged and have won the commendation of the entire public. In religious faith Mr. Shoop is a Methodist.

WILLIAM HENDERSON.

William Henderson is conducting an extensive and prosperous business as a dealer in horses and cattle and as an agriculturist. There is no better judge of stock in this part of the state and his ability in this direction has enabled him to make judicious investments and profitable sales. He resides in Aurora, where he is widely known. His birth occurred in Broughty Ferry, near Dundee, Scotland, January 1, 1863, and his parents, William and Margaret (Dick) Henderson, were also natives of the land of hills and heather. The former was a son of John Henderson, who died in Scotland when about fifty years of age. He was a miller and millwright and was long survived by his wife, who, in her maidenhood, was Miss Annie Linn, and who lived to be seventy-seven years of age. Their family numbered two sons and two daughters, including William Henderson, Sr., who, in his early manhood devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits and later became a contractor and street builder and also a dealer in horses. About 1889 he removed to Canada, settling in Toronto, where he is now living retired. He holds membership in the Free Church of Scotland, to which his wife also belonged. The death of Mrs. Henderson occurred in 1900 when she was fifty-eight years of age. She was a daughter of William Dick, who was a large property owner and was connected with the salmon fisheries. He died in Scotland at the age of seventy-seven years and his wife, Mrs. Nannie (Hay) Dick, also reached the age of seventy-seven years. They were the parents of five children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. William Henderson, Sr., were born ten children, seven sons and three daughters, of whom seven are now living, namely: William, of Aurora; Annie, the wife of Alexander White, of Toronto, Canada; John, deceased; Jessie, the wife of John Polson, of Toronto; Robert, who resides in Toronto; David, who has also passed away; George, of Toronto; James, who died in infancy; Bella, the wife of Fletcher Omerod, living in Toronto, and Alexander, living in Aurora.

William Henderson, whose name introduces this review, was reared at Broughty Ferry, near Dundee, Scotland, and acquired a common-school education. He then studied law for a time and afterward began dealing in horses with his father. In 1886 he came to America and settled in Aurora,

working by the month on a farm. He then formed a partnership and engaged in the livery business for a short time. Aurora has been his home almost continuously since and he has become recognized as a successful and enterprising business man, who is now interested in agricultural pursuits and is also well known because of his extensive operations as a dealer in horses and cattle. He breeds and buys high grade coach horses, also handles speed horses and breeds Holstein cattle.

On the 31st of May, 1893, Mr. Henderson was united in marriage with Mrs. Fannie B. House, the widow of Christopher G. House and a daughter of William W. and Julia A. (Shepherd) Bishop. Her grandfather, William Bishop, was born in England and there spent his entire life, as did his wife, Anna (Smith) Bishop. They were parents of nine children. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Henderson was James Shepherd, who married Mary Milson. Both were natives of England, whence they crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, settling at Leicester, Massachusetts, where they both died. Mr. Shepherd passed away at the age of eighty-two years, while his wife reached the very advanced age of ninety-eight years and seven months. They had a family of nine children. The father of Mrs. Henderson, William W. Bishop, was born on the Isle of Man and in his boyhood came to America with his parents, who settled in Canada. He afterward removed to Massachusetts, where he learned the trade of a carpenter and cabinet-maker, while subsequently he turned his attention to the foundry business in Worcester, Massachusetts. In 1852 he came to Aurora, Illinois, built a foundry and manufactured wheels for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, some of these being still in use on the railroad. Having prospered in his undertakings, he later turned his attention to the banking business and in partnership with John Coulter opened a private bank where the First National now stands. This was conducted under the name of Bishop & Coulter and after the death of Mr. Coulter it was reorganized under the name of the First National Bank and Mr. Bishop became its first president. He was also connected with many other important business enterprises and, in fact, was a promoter who readily recognized and utilized opportunities and in securing his individual success also advanced the public welfare. He was instrumental in securing the location of the cotton mills, the Acorn Stove Works and other manufacturing enterprises which have been factors in the business development of the city. He served as alderman for fourteen years and as mayor for one term and during that period cleared the city from a heavy debt. His administration was intensely businesslike, practical and progressive and was marked by excellent results. The death of Mr. Bishop occurred in October, 1892, at the age of seventy-one years, and the community lost one of its most representative and valued citizens. He left an indelible impress upon the public life and at all times his labors constituted an element in the general progress. His widow still survives him and has now passed the age of eighty-two years. Mr. Bishop had been reared in the faith of the Episcopal church, while his wife is a Congregationalist in religious belief. At the time of his death he owned a beautiful farm of two hundred and sixty-two acres in the northern limits of the city of Aurora,

together with other farm land and valuable city property. There were two children in the family, Frank W. and Mrs. Henderson. The former, who died in 1895, was a farmer and married Charity Van Duser, who is also deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are well known socially here and have a large circle of warm friends who esteem them for their many excellent traits of character as well as for their hospitality and kindly spirit.

ROBERT CHARLES HERR.

Robert Charles Herr, superintendent of streets in Aurora, was born in Earlville, La Salle county, Illinois, August 28, 1860. His parents were George Washington and Alvira (Ostrander) Herr, the former a native of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. The Herr family is of English lineage and was founded in America by the grandfather of our subject, who, on coming from the Merrie Isle to the new world, established his home in the state of New York. He afterward became one of the early settlers of La Salle county, Illinois, where he passed away at an advanced age. His wife also attained an old age. The maternal grandfather was of Pennsylvania German descent and was a millwright. He lived with his family at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and both he and his wife died in that state.

George Washington Herr followed mechanical pursuits throughout his entire life, working as a carpenter, joiner, wagon-maker and in other capacities. When a very small boy he was brought to Illinois, the family home being established in La Salle county, where he was reared to manhood. He came to Aurora in 1887 and was foreman in the building department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops for a number of years, but eventually his health failed and he gave up work, spending his last days in honorable retirement. He was a soldier of the Civil war, valiantly defending the Union cause. He died in 1906 at the age of seventy-one years and is still survived by his wife, who is a graduate of the schools of La Salle county and a most estimable lady. They were the parents of four children: Robert C.; Mamie, the wife of C. D. Treman, of Aurora; Josephine, the wife of W. T. Saddler, of Aurora, and Carrie, who died in infancy.

Robert C. Herr, whose name introduces this record, was reared in La Salle county, pursuing his education in the public and high schools of Mendota, and when he had put aside his text-books he began learning the carpenter's and cabinet-maker's trades, which he has followed throughout the greater part of his life. Early in 1884 he arrived in Aurora, where he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, being engaged in the shops until 1896. He then established a bicycle business, which he conducted for a time and later was offered a position as assistant city engineer, which he accepted. In 1905 he was appointed city superintendent of streets and is now acting in this capacity. He is proving capable, reliable and efficient and is doing much for the improvement of the streets in his present capacity.

Mr. Horr has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Mabel Foote, of La Salle county, and unto them was born a daughter, Mabel, who is now the wife of George Kesel, of Aurora, and the mother of one son, George. On the 14th of October, 1885, Mr. Horr was again married, his second union being with Miss Carrie Elizabeth Allen, a daughter of Robert Clark and Alvira (Weaver) Allen. One son was born to that union, Allen Horr.

Mrs. Horr is a Methodist in religious faith. Mr. Horr belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, the Owls, the Royal Arcanum and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is recognized as one of the efficient workers in its ranks and whether in office or out of it he is a progressive citizen who desires the best interests of the community and labors toward that end. He is interested in all things that are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride and his worth is widely acknowledged.

MORRIS P. BROWN.

It seems hard to realize that it is within the memory of living men when this section of Illinois was the home of Indians, when the lands were uncultivated, the forests uncut and the streams unbridged. Yet Mr. Brown can remember when such a condition existed in northern Illinois, for he has long been a resident of this part of the state and has witnessed many changes which have brought about its present development. He was born in Jefferson county, New York, his birth occurring in Watertown, July 25, 1827. His parents were James and Fannie (Scott) Brown and both were natives of New England. Their family numbered the following: Russell R., who died in 1864; Abi, the wife of Sardis Willey but now deceased; Emma, who has passed away; and Adelia, who became the wife of Moses Arnold, but both are now deceased.

Morris P. Brown is the only surviving member of his father's family. He was eight years of age when his parents removed to Theresa, a town twelve miles from his birthplace. He had meager opportunity for attending school as he was obliged to give most of his time to assisting his father on the farm until he reached the age of eighteen years. In September, 1845, attracted by the glowing accounts of favorable opportunities in the west, he boarded a steamboat at Alexandria Bay and arrived at Lewiston, New York, whence he went by horse cars to Niagara Falls and Buffalo. From the latter point he sailed around the lakes to Chicago, where he arrived after eight days. At that time the metropolis of the west had but three business streets—Lake, Randolph and Water—and there were no houses west of the Randolph street bridge for three miles. On the lake trip he became acquainted with a family who were taking their horses and much baggage with them. Mr. Brown wished to join his father who had preceded him to the west two years ago and was located near Aurora. The man who owned the horses promised Mr. Brown to haul him and his trunk to Aurora if in turn Mr. Brown would help unload the man's goods from the boat. He agreed to do so, but when



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the man had proceeded about ten miles from Chicago, having no further need of Mr. Brown's services, he changed his course and left Mr. Brown and his trunk by the roadside. However, others traveling along the highway assisted him to near Naperville. There he secured lodging for the night, and the following morning walked to Aurora. That city at the time contained but two or three stores, a gristmill and a sawmill. There was a foot bridge across the river from Main street to Galena street, but there were no bridges for teams, which forded the river at the south end of Stolp's island near the present site of the public library.

That fall Mr. Brown worked at threshing and corn husking, and the following December took a claim in what is now Clinton township, DeKalb county. The following spring his mother and the other children of the family came and joined the husband and father who had made his way to the west and prepared for his wife and children to come to the new home in DeKalb county. Thus the family were once more united.

For twenty years Morris P. Brown lived in DeKalb county, carrying on general farming and stock-raising, and on the 30th of March, 1865, he purchased a farm on section 14, Sugar Grove township, Kane county, where he now lives. He took up his abode on this farm on the day on which Lincoln was assassinated. The place comprises three hundred and thirty acres of very rich and productive land and in the care and cultivation of the property he has gained a good income. For some time he was also engaged in the breeding of thoroughbred hogs and this proved to him a gratifying source of revenue.

On the 22d of November, 1855, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Sarah E. Hyde at Coons Grove, DeKalb county. Her parents were natives of Vermont, where Mrs. Brown was also born, and were connected with the famous Corbin family. For a half century Mr. and Mrs. Brown traveled life's journey together and were then separated by the death of the wife, who passed away September 6, 1906. Their children were: Ella Quinn, who died January 8, 1887; May H., who died at the age of sixteen years; Grace S., now the wife of D. J. Gordon, of Sugar Grove township; and Fannie R., the wife of L. S. Hall, who is living at the home farm. At her death Mrs. Quinn left a daughter, May. The children of Mrs. Hall are: Floyd E., born July 23, 1896; and Elizabeth G., born April 15, 1900.

For several years Mr. and Mrs. Brown rented their farm and lived in Aurora, but since his wife's death Mr. Brown has made his home with the family of Mrs. L. S. Hall, his youngest daughter. His life has always been a useful one and in many respects an eventful one. When he left home at the age of eighteen years he had but twenty-one dollars in his pocket and when he reached Aurora possessed but eight dollars and thirty-seven cents. During the first years in which he lived in DeKalb county, he saw many of the Pottawattomie Indians and their chief, Shabbona, who proved himself a true friend of the white men. Mr. Brown can remember many of the stirring incidents of those early Indian days and relates many interesting reminiscences of pioneer times. On account of the friendly attitude which Shabbona always manifested toward the white settlers the United States government

gave him the use of a tract of land, comprising one thousand acres at Shabbona Grove and near the present village of Shabbona. There the great chief held many councils with his tribe and there he planned his campaigns against the Sac and Fox tribes. It was because of his fidelity to the whites that he was persecuted by the other tribes. On one occasion Mr. Brown, then a young man, and his father were talking with "Bogus" Gates, a roving white settler and a man of somewhat sullied reputation, when Shabbona appeared upon the scene. Gates had bargained with Shabbona for his reservation rights but after many promises and no pay Shabbona became provoked and when he recognized Gates, immediately became involved in an altercation over the settlement. He reached for his knife several times, which scared Gates, who pleaded for his life. At length Gates made a solemn promise to get some money and bring it to Shabbona, and while the old chief waited at an appointed place for his return, Gates was lengthening the distance between himself and the Indian as fast as he could and was never again seen in that locality. On one occasion Mr. Brown assisted other settlers in building a log cabin for Shabbona, who visited it before it was completed. The cracks had not yet been chinked up and Shabbona, in his gruff way, said, "Shanty no good. Shabbona can take papoose and throw him through cracks." Mr. Brown does not remember whether the old warrior ever went into the cabin again. He was a man of marked influence with his tribe and did many friendly and helpful acts for the white man. He died in July, 1859, on the bank of the Illinois river near Seneca, and was buried in Morris cemetery, although no monument marks his grave.

Mr. Brown has always been a very active man in the affairs of life and is widely known for his integrity and broad-minded views. His home was always noted for his hospitality and he has ever manifested a helpful spirit toward his fellowmen. He has lived to see many changes in this part of the county and state and has borne his full share in the work of development and improvement. He has now passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey and is one of the honored and venerated citizens of Kane county.

HENRY MILLER.

To her thrifty sons and daughters of foreign birth or parentage America is indebted for much of her rapid growth and development and her great prosperity. To no class of them is she more indebted than those of the German race, who surmount all difficulties by their persistent industry and power of concentration, and who make the wilderness a garden wherever they locate in it. Henry Miller, of Plato township, one of the thrifty and substantial farmers and dairymen of that section, belongs to this hardy race and in his career well exemplifies its prominent and serviceable characteristics.

Mr. Miller was born in Germany, January 13, 1867, and is a son of Adam and Katy (Schwatz) Miller, also natives of Germany, in whose prolific soil, which they helped to till while living, their remains now rest.

They had four children: Henry, John, Anna and Catherine. John is still a resident of the fatherland. Anna is the wife of John Detman, and lives in Germany. Catherine is the wife of George Schuppner and a resident of Plato Center.

Henry Miller attended school in his native land until he was fourteen. He then went to Ireland and was there employed three years. In 1884, when he was seventeen years old, he came to this country, and locating in Kane county, went to work as a hired man on a farm in Plato township. He continued his service in this capacity until his marriage with Miss Anna Detman, which occurred on March 28, 1886. She was also born in Germany and came to this country when she was eighteen, finding a home in St. Louis, Missouri, whence she moved later to Kane county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have five children, George, Harry, Minnie, Charley and Mary, all of whom are living with them, the older ones attending school and helping with the work on the farm. One child, Frank, died aged two years.

Mr. Miller is a democrat in his political faith and allegiance, and he and his wife are members of the Evangelical church. He is recognized as a man of intelligence and influence, wise to all the requirements of the people in the way of progress and improvement, and always ready and willing to do his part in promoting every worthy cause and undertaking. He is widely known and everywhere highly esteemed. He carries on a dairy business, keeping forty cows, and cultivates two hundred acres of rich and fertile soil, which yields abundant crops.

WALTER S. FRAZIER, JR.

The prosperity of any community, town or city depends upon its commercial activity, its industrial interests and its trade relations and, therefore, among the builders of a town are they who stand at the head of the business enterprises. In this connection Walter S. Frazier, Jr., is well known, being at the head of one of the important manufactories of Aurora, but while his business affairs have assumed extensive proportions, he has also gained place in the ranks of the representative citizens here by reason of the fact that he has been a cooperant factor in many concerns of public importance and is equally well known in military circles. Born in Chicago on the 5th of July, 1863, he is a son of Walter S. Frazier, Sr., who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

In the schools of Aurora the son pursued his education through successive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1881. He then became connected with his father's business. He did not use parental influence to assist him in his industrial career, however, but commenced in a humble capacity, fully determined to acquaint himself with the business in principle and detail. Gradually as his efficiency increased he was promoted and in 1885 was admitted to a partnership in connection with his brother, E. S. Frazier. His thorough knowledge of the business, his

aptitude for successful management and his excellent executive power well qualified him to assume control upon the death of his father and to extend his business connections. The brother, too, is equally efficient as a factor in the promotion of the interests of the house and the firm is a strong one, now owning and controlling one of the extensive productive industries of Aurora under the name of W. S. Frazier & Co. The subject of this review is the secretary and treasurer of the company, which is engaged in the manufacture of road wagons and all kinds of vehicles. The house has not only followed progressive methods but has instituted many. They placed upon the market the first road carts and, gradually extending the scope of their activities, they now produce all kinds of vehicles, the workmanship and the prices at once commending the company to the patronage of the general public.

Mr. Frazier has been very active in interests relating to Aurora and her development along many lines. The cause of education has found in him a stalwart champion who has done effective work in its behalf as an earnest and zealous member of the school board. He has also been a member of and president of the library board and a member of the fire and police commission. Equally well known in military circles, he became a member of Company D, of the Third Illinois Infantry and rose to the rank of captain in four years. He was then made assistant adjutant general with the rank of lieutenant colonel, but in 1898 retired from active connection with the National Guard in order to concentrate his energies more largely upon business affairs and community interests.

In 1893 Mr. Frazier was married to Miss Clara Pfrangle, a native of this city and a daughter of Charles Pfrangle, a pioneer resident of Aurora. They are well known socially and have the high regard of an extensive circle of friends. Mr. Frazier occupies an enviable position in public regard, not alone on account of the success he has achieved, but also by reason of the straightforward business methods he has ever followed.

ROBERT E. BEITH.

Robert E. Beith, who is successfully engaged in farming and dairying in Campton township, Kane county, Illinois, was born in that township on the 8th of July, 1872, and is descended from a good old Setoch family. His paternal grandfather, William Beith, was born in the land of hills and heather and emigrated to the United States in the early '40s, becoming a resident of St. Charles, Illinois. Having previously learned the stone mason's trade, he turned his attention to that occupation in St. Charles and took many large contracts for stone work during the early years of his residence there. Later he secured a tract of government land and bought additional property until his estate comprised five hundred acres of the best land in Kane county, his remaining days being devoted to agricultural pursuits.

George A. Beith, the father of our subject, was born in St. Charles and possesses many of the sterling characteristics of the sturdy Scotch race from which he springs. He received his early training in the St. Charles schools and at the age of thirteen years began to aid his father in the operation of the home farm, whereon he has since resided. At the death of his father he purchased the interests of the other heirs in this property and has since made many useful and valuable improvements to the place, which make it one of the most attractive farms in this part of the state, in fact, the improvements alone cost forty thousand dollars. In 1871 George A. Beith was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda Richmond, who was born in Campton township, and they have become the parents of six children: Robert E., whose name heads this sketch; Elizabeth, the wife of John Muirhead, who is engaged in farming at Plato Center; Mary, the wife of Charley Muirhead, also a farmer of Plato Center; William A., a farmer living near Elburn, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Lucinda, deceased; and Rachel, at home.

Robert E. Beith obtained his primary education in the district schools and at the age of twenty took a commercial course at the Metropolitan Business College in Chicago, and on leaving that institution returned to his home near Elburn. He then aided his father in the operation of the farm and since 1898 they have carried on the business in partnership. In connection with general farming they do a large dairy business, keeping forty cows for that purpose, and they also raise stock for market, shipping two or three carloads annually.

Mr. Beith has been twice married, his first wife being Elsie Merrick, by whom he had one daughter, Eleanor, but both mother and child are now deceased. For his second wife he married Josephine Molenarr, who was born in Blue Island, Illinois. The family is one of prominence in the community where they reside. Mr. Beith is a supporter of the republican party and its principles and is a member of the Congregational church. Wherever known he is held in high regard and those who have known him from childhood are numbered among his warmest friends, which indicates an upright, honorable life.

COMFORD B. ATWOOD.

Among Aurora citizens who are prominent and well known is Comford B. Atwood, who is now living retired, although in former years his life was one of intense and well-directed activity. He has almost reached the seventy-third milestone on life's journey, for his birth occurred November 12, 1835. He is a native of Chemung county, New York, as was his father, Hector B. Atwood. The father was engaged in the lumber business in the East, and in 1855 removed westward to Kane county, Illinois. Here he engaged in farming for a time, but afterward took up his abode in La Salle county, where he died in 1897. His wife, Amelia Atwood, died in 1855. They were

parents of the following children: Charles, Comford, Sarah, Nelson, Leroy and Martha. Of this family three are yet living.

C. B. Atwood attended the district schools in his native state, and even before he had put aside his text books became associated with his father in the lumber business. With him he came to Kane county in 1855 and subsequently turned his attention to farming. In 1875 he settled near Montgomery, where he has lived continuously since. He has been quite successful in his business affairs, owns two good residences and has other investments. He is now living practically retired, but for a considerable period he figured as one of the representative business men in the county, carefully directing his labors so that he won gratifying prosperity as the reward of his undertakings. His business methods, too, were strictly honorable and straightforward, and gained for him the respect and confidence of those with whom he was associated.

In 1861 Mr. Atwood was married to Miss Cynthia Bennett, who was born in Schuyler county, New York. They traveled life's journey together for ten years and were then separated by the death of the wife in 1873. They had two children, the elder being Myron C., who lives in Aurora and is assistant superintendent of the Western Wheel Scraper Works; the daughter, Julia, is acting as housekeeper for her father.

In his political views Mr. Atwood has long been a democrat, and for eighteen years filled the position of alderman, while at the present writing he is commissioner of highways. He has always been deeply interested in whatever tends to promote the progress of the community along political and other lines, and his capability in public service has marked him as a favorable citizen. He belongs to Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., and to Argos Lodge, No. 514, I. O. O. F. A resident of the county for more than a half century, he is well known here, and has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

E. S. HOBBS.

The truth of the statement that success depends upon tireless and well-directed energy finds verification in the life record of E. S. Hobbs. His business advancement has depended not upon qualities which are in themselves rare, but which are notable in their harmonious union. He early came to place a correct valuation upon opportunity, realizing that the present and not the future moment is the one that contains an advantage which, if utilized, brings a broader outlook and a wider scope for successful achievement. He is today treasurer of an important cotton manufacturing industry which Aurora claims as one of its chief productive concerns. He was born that year practically brought to a close, although the terms of peace were in Saco, Maine, October 1, 1850.

His father, R. M. Hobbs, was a native of Falmouth, Maine, and a representative of an old and respected family of New England. His great-

grandfather, Jeremiah Hobbs, served in the Revolutionary war as a member of the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment and was mustered out in 1781 after an arduous campaign in which he served as corporal. Hostilities were in not perfected until about two years later. When his military service was over Jeremiah Hobbs settled at Falmouth, Massachusetts, where his son, Josiah Hobbs, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared. He became a farmer and lived at the place of his nativity until his later years, when with his family he removed to Yorkville, Illinois. There he engaged in farming until his death.

R. M. Hobbs in early manhood learned the cotton manufacturing business and became a prominent representative of that line of production at Biddeford, Maine. He died October 5, 1890, but for a number of years prior to his demise had acted as treasurer of the Aurora Cotton Mills Company. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary E. Cobb, was a native of Maine.

E. S. Hobbs pursued his education in Bowdoin College, in Brunswick, Maine, from which he was graduated in 1874. He then turned his attention to cotton manufacturing, seeming to inherit his father's ability in this line. Throughout his entire business career he has been connected with cotton manufacturing interests and today stands as a prominent representative of this undertaking, for it has constantly progressed in the methods of manufacture and in the service which the house renders to the public. In the first year after he left college he was appointed superintendent of cotton mills at Roxbury, Massachusetts, and in 1876 he went to Selma, Alabama, where for eight years he continued as superintendent of a cotton mill. On the 15th of March, 1884, he arrived in Aurora, well equipped by a comprehensive knowledge and broad experience to add to the success of the Aurora mills, and to his effort is due in large measure the wonderful growth and consequent prosperity of the undertaking. The business here was organized in 1883 by Mr. Hobbs and his two uncles, S. F. and N. R. Hobbs. All had practical experience in this line of business, were enterprising and far-sighted and they succeeded in interesting local capital and established the mill which has since been one of Aurora's most prosperous and prominent manufacturing concerns. E. S. Hobbs remained as superintendent of the factory until he succeeded to his present position—treasurer—following the death of his father, R. M. Hobbs. From the beginning the business has grown steadily and has more than doubled since its organization. The men who are at its head are citizens of high character, of business discrimination and resolute purpose. Mr. Hobbs is now bending his energies largely to organization, to constructive efforts and administrative direction. Possessing broad, enlightened and liberal-minded views, faith in himself and in the vast potentialities for development in manufacturing lines, his has been an active career in which he has accomplished important and far-reaching results, contributing in no small degree to the expansion and material growth of the city and from which he himself has also derived substantial benefits.

In 1883 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hobbs and Miss Mattie Dunklin, a native of Selma, Alabama. They have three children, Alice,

Virginia and Edward. They also lost their first born, Ernest, who died of typhoid fever in 1904, at the age of nineteen years while a student in Madison, Wisconsin.

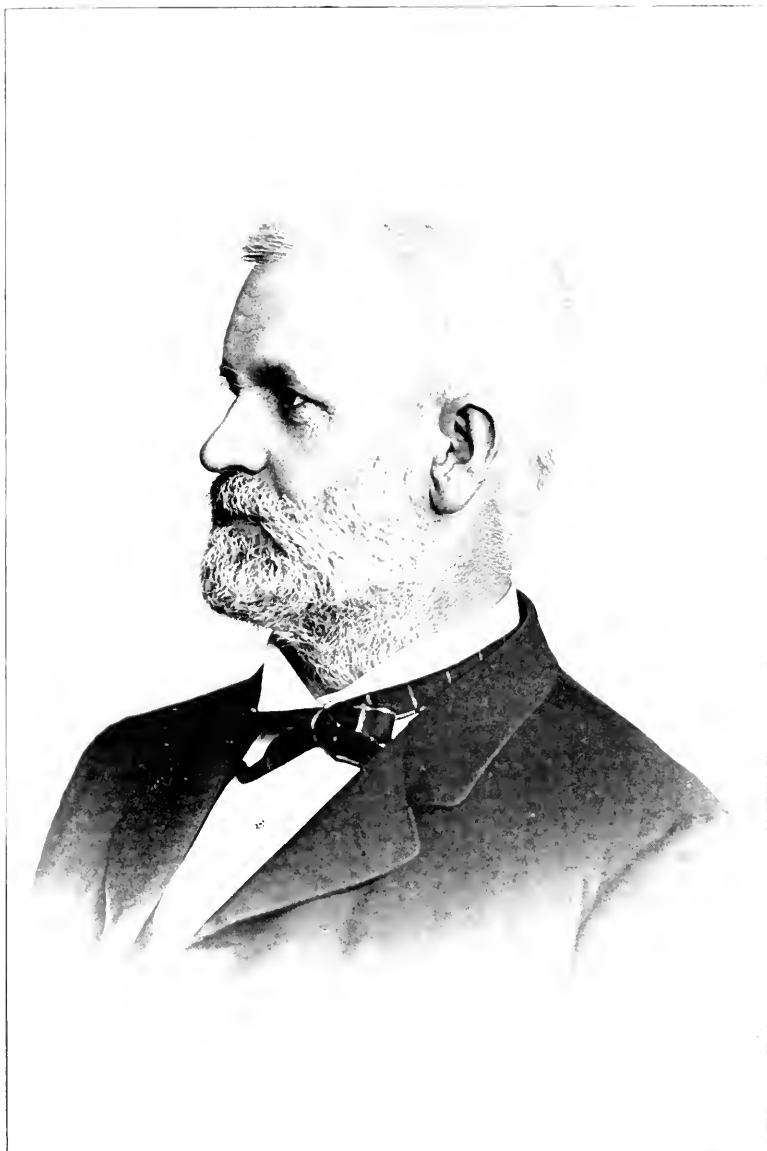
Mr. Hobbs was chairman of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce for two years and has been president of the Fox River Valley Manufacturers Association, in which connection he has done much to further the business interests of the city. He is also a member of the Congregational church. His advancement is due to the fact that he has carefully mastered every task assigned him and in an acquirement of a thorough knowledge of the business has qualified for the control of the efforts of others. The course he has always pursued has been such as to merit the confidence and good will not only of his colleagues but also of his associates and those who know aught of his career.

CAPTAIN DON CARLOS NEWTON.

Honored and respected by all, there has been no man in Kane county who has occupied a more enviable position in industrial and financial circles than Captain Don Carlos Newton, now deceased. This was due not alone to the success he achieved but also to the honorable, straightforward business policy which he ever followed. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but in controlling and enlarging this many a man of less resolute purpose would have failed. As the result of his clear judgment, experience, laudable ambition and untiring industry, Captain Newton successfully controlled the business which his father had established and the methods which he employed won for him the respect and confidence of all.

He was born in Wyoming county, New York, in the town of Alexander, between Attica and Batavia, August 26, 1832. His father, Levi Newton, was born in Darien, New York, April 12, 1810, and arrived in Batavia, Illinois, in September, 1854. Here he established the Newton Wagon Company and built up a mammoth concern, turning out four thousand wagons per year. He continued an active factor in the business life of the community until June 29, 1879, when his life's labors were ended in death. He married Rachel Cooley, a daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Hubbard) Cooley and a sister of the great jurist, Thomas Cooley. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Lemuel and Nancy (Taggart) Newton. The former, a soldier of the war of 1812, was born in 1778 and died in 1861, while the latter, born in 1784, died in 1859.

Captain Don Carlos Newton was educated at the Alexander Academy and at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania. He then went into business with his father in wagon manufacturing at Attica, New York, and in 1854 the plant there was destroyed by fire. On account of the large sales which the firm enjoyed in northern Illinois, especially in Kane county, they removed their business to Batavia and Captain Newton remained a factor in the control of this enterprise until his death, which occurred October 8, 1893.



DON CARLOS NEWTON

He was very successful in business and after his father's death succeeded to the presidency of the company, having previously been vice president for a number of years. In business affairs he displayed sound judgment and the ability to coordinate forces until he brought his interests to a successful completion.

At the time of the Civil war Captain Newton responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting in the Fifty-second Regiment of Geneva. He helped to form Company D, was elected lieutenant and in December of the same year was promoted to the captaincy. He then went to the front for three years and was mustered out in December, 1864, in Savannah, Georgia. He participated in many important battles, including the engagements at Chattanooga, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, the siege of Corinth and went from Chattanooga to Atlanta and on the march from Atlanta to the sea. At the close of the war he returned to Batavia and resumed his manufacturing interests.

On the 27th of October, 1853, Mr. Newton was married to Miss Mary M. Prindle, a daughter of Abijah L. and Caroline (Pearl) Prindle, of New York. In community affairs Captain Newton was always interested and active, doing much to promote the public welfare. In connection with Mr. Gammon he built and gave to the Methodist Episcopal society of Batavia a magnificent church building. It is constructed entirely of bowlders and is a beautiful specimen of architecture, attracting wide attention, not only from the townspeople but from visitors, who speak of it always in terms of praise. It will long stand as a monument to the donors. Captain Newton was a member of the Loyal Legion and was most prominent in the various movements for the upbuilding and progress of the community. When the First National Bank of Batavia was organized he became its president and so continued until his death. In business affairs his judgment was sound and he manifested the keenest sagacity as well as enterprise. The methods which he followed commended him to the confidence and respect of all and he was honored wherever known but most of all where best known.

HERMAN MILBACHER, M. D.

A fact to which due recognition is not usually given is found in the circumstance that the Austrian-American element has been a most important one in our citizenship. Investigation into the ranks of the successful business and professional men will show that a large majority are of Austrian birth or parentage. To this class belongs Dr. Herman Milbacher, one of the leading physicians of Aurora and a man of broad scholarship and marked intellectual attainment.

He was born in Roumania, October 13, 1850, a son of Dr. Valentine Milbacher, a native of Austria and a well-known physician of that country. His son, in the attainment of professional knowledge, studied in various parts of Europe but principally in Zurich, Switzerland and in Munich, where he was graduated upon the completion of a medical course in 1881. At-

tracted by the opportunities of the new world, he came to the United States in 1882 and for a time engaged in practice in New York, spending some time in a German hospital there. The same year he located in Aurora, and has been in practice here continuously since. A liberal patronage has been accorded him, for he is recognized as one of the leading physicians of the county. He has constantly promoted his efficiency by further research and investigation and keeps in touch with the advancement of the profession at all points.

In 1893 Dr. Milbacher was married to Miss Kate Vater, a native of Chicago. They now have two children: Louise, who was born May 31, 1896, and Walter, born December 11, 1901. Dr. Milbacher has never taken an active part in political work, but is interested in community affairs and the progress of Aurora, has served as a member of the library board and is an advocate of all interests which contribute to public prosperity and progress. He holds to high ideals in his profession and finds in the faithful performance of each day's duty inspiration and encouragement for the labors of the succeeding day.

MICHAEL THEN.

Michael Then, owning and operating two hundred and thirteen acres of highly improved and valuable land in Virgil township, was born in Bavaria, Germany, September 13, 1857, his parents being Alonis and Margaret (Geis) Then, both natives of Germany, the former born June 11, 1824, and the latter June 28, 1828. Their marriage was celebrated in November, 1852, and on the 1st of June, 1873, they landed in the United States, settling in DuPage county, Illinois, north of Wheaton, where the father resided until October 1, 1874. On that date he came to Kane county, settling in Virgil township, and has since continued to reside here. His wife passed away on the 10th of June, 1888, in Virgil township, her remains being interred in St. Peter's cemetery in Virgil. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Alonis Then were born four children. Catherine, whose birth occurred in Germany in 1854, became the wife of Nick Welter in June, 1874, and now resides in Virgil township. John M., born in Germany, March 6, 1856, married Miss Margaret Schomer, whose birth occurred in DuPage county, Illinois, in 1860. He is a farmer by occupation and resides in Virgil. Michael, of this review, was the next in order of birth. Margaret, who was born in Germany April 11, 1861, became the wife of Frank Halbmaier in February, 1882. He is a native of West Brooklyn, Lee county, Illinois, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Michael Then accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world in 1873, and worked at the tailor's trade for four years. On the expiration of that period he began farming in connection with his father, thus continuing until 1887, when he started out in agricultural lines on his own account, operating a rented tract of land for four years. He then

purchased one hundred and thirty acres from his father and has placed many improvements thereon, including a commodious and attractive residence and a good barn. By an additional purchase of eighty-three acres he has extended the boundaries of his farm and now owns two hundred and thirteen acres of rich and productive land, to the cultivation of which he devotes his time and energies. He has put in twenty-six thousand feet of tile, so that the land is well drained and under a high state of development, and he uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He likewise conducts an extensive dairy, owning thirty-three cows and shipping milk to Chicago. He also has full blooded Plymouth Rock poultry and fifty or more head of full blooded Duroc Jersey swine. He is now numbered among the substantial and enterprising citizens of the county and has, moreover, gained an enviable reputation as a man of unfaltering integrity and reliability in all the relations of life.

On the 21st of April, 1888, Mr. Then was united in marriage with Miss Martha M. Lanan, who was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, in 1856. She is a graduate of the Sycamore high school and engaged in teaching school for a number of years prior to her marriage. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Then were born five children, three of whom are deceased. Catherine M., born in Virgil, November 15, 1892, attended the public and parochial schools here. Mary M., whose birth occurred in Virgil, February 6, 1896, also attends school here.

In his political views Mr. Then is a stalwart democrat, and is a member of St. Peter's Catholic church in Virgil. Germany has furnished to the United States many bright, enterprising young men who have left the Fatherland to enter the business circles of this country with its more progressive methods, livelier competition and advancement more quickly secured. Among this number is Michael Then. He found the opportunity he sought in the freedom and appreciation of the growing country, and in the wise utilization of every advantage which has presented itself he has gained a degree of success that makes him a credit alike to the land of his birth and that of his adoption.

BENT OLSON.

Bent Olson, who successfully carries on agricultural pursuits in Virgil township, was born in Sweden, January 6, 1851, his parents being Ola and Beatta (Anderson) Olson, also natives of that country. The father served in the Swedish army, and passed away in his native land in 1873, while his wife's death had occurred in Sweden in 1863. Their family numbered five children: John, born in Sweden in 1849, now makes his home in this country; Bent, of this review, was the next in order of birth; Andrew, whose birth occurred in Sweden in 1853, is married and follows farming in South Dakota; Peter, born in Sweden in 1855, is married and is a shoemaker residing in his native land; Mattelda, who was born in Sweden in 1860, came

to the United States in 1883 and subsequently gave her hand in marriage to John Johnson. She made her home at Rockford, Illinois, until she was called to her final rest in 1904.

Bent Olson attended the schools of his native country until sixteen years of age, and in 1883 crossed the Atlantic to the new world. For two or three years he was engaged in ditching, but for the last twenty years has carried on farming on his own account. He has farmed on his present place of one hundred and twenty acres, known as the Noreen farm and situated four miles north of Maple Park, for the last three years. In addition to the work of the fields he is largely interested in the dairy business, owning twenty cows and shipping forty gallons of milk daily from Richardson to Chicago on the Chicago & Great Western Railroad. He likewise has two hundred chickens and is engaged in the raising of poultry. In the various branches of his business he has been successful, owing to his unremitting industry, untiring perseverance and capable management, and throughout the community he is recognized as a most enterprising and progressive citizen.

On the 15th of November, 1884, Mr. Olson was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Cramer, whose birth occurred in Denmark, October 1, 1861, and who received her education in that country. She came to America when twenty years of age, and by her marriage has become the mother of the following children: John Ola, born November 10, 1886, who died in infancy at Maple Park; Bena, born in De Kalb county, Illinois, January 29, 1889, who is the wife of Christ Larson, a farmer residing at Maple Park; Carl Oscar, whose birth occurred in De Kalb county, Illinois, August 5, 1892; Axel William, born in De Kalb county, Illinois, April 26, 1895, and Helen Mary, whose birth occurred in Kane county, Illinois, April 5, 1902.

In his political views Mr. Olson is independent, voting for the man whom he believes best qualified for office, without regard to party affiliation. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, and in religious faith he is a Lutheran. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized, for through the careful utilization of the broader business opportunities afforded in the United States he has gained a measure of success that entitles him to representation as a substantial resident of his community.

JACOB DICKES.

Jacob Dickes is conducting a prosperous business as a dealer in coal and wood and throughout his life has recognized the fact that close application, energy and unfaltering determination constitute the strong elements in success. He was born in the village of Hempstahl in Luxemburg, Germany, June 19, 1835, and his parents, John P. and Josephine (Kergen) Dickes, were also natives of that country. The father was a miller and served as a soldier of the Belgian army. In 1857 he came to America with his wife and several of their children and settled at Aurora, where he followed various

pursuits. He died in this city in 1876 at the age of seventy years, while his wife survived him and passed away in 1896 at the age of eighty-seven years. They were both consistent members of the German Catholic church. Their family numbered nine children, seven of whom reached adult age, while six are yet living: Catharine (called Kate), living in Aurora; Jacob, of this review; Peter, who likewise resides in this city; Mary, the wife of Chris Abel, of Aurora; Catharine, and Maggie, the wife of Andrew Klees, of Chicago.

Jacob Dickes, whose name introduces this record, was reared and educated in Germany. He worked on the home farm in his youth and in 1854 came to America, settling in Aurora, where various business interests claimed his time and attention. He spent one year in Michigan City, Indiana, in the grocery business and then returned to this city in 1867. In the succeeding autumn he established a coal yard and has since conducted business in this line, being now the oldest coal merchant of Aurora. He has, throughout the years, enjoyed an excellent trade, many of his patrons remaining with him throughout the entire time and the volume of his business now insures him a gratifying annual income.

Mr. Dickes was married in October, 1868, to Miss Mary Ann Lies, a daughter of John Lies, and they had one son, John L., who is a broker of Aurora of the firm of Battles & Dickes. The wife and mother died in 1870 and in 1887 Mr. Dickes wedded Mrs. Theressa Miner, the widow of P. M. Miner and a daughter of William and Catharine (Kohling) Kramer. There are two children of this second marriage, Cecelia and Loretta. Mr. and Mrs. Dickes are members of St. Nicholas Catholic church and his political allegiance is given to the democracy. He was a member of the city council for two terms, representing the fifth ward, and he has also served as school trustee and assistant supervisor. He is likewise a stockholder in the German-American National Bank and is known as a representative citizen and business man, whose cooperation in many measures of public good has constituted a strong element in the city's growth and progress.

EDWIN G. SABIN.

Edwin G. Sabin, deceased, was throughout his active business life connected with agricultural pursuits, but his last days were spent in ease and retirement in Elgin, where he passed away on the 4th of May, 1889. He was a native of Ohio, born in Geauga county, October 8, 1832, and was a son of Sylvester R. and Phoebe C. (Clapp) Sabin. The father also made farming his life occupation. An at early day he removed from Ohio to this state and was a resident of Barrington, Illinois, at the time of his death. He was born in the Buckeye state, October 7, 1797, and died September 30, 1875, while his wife was born on the 23d of July, 1803, and died November 21, 1860.

It was during his boyhood that Edwin G. Sabin accompanied his parents on their removal to this state, and his education, begun in the district schools

of Ohio, was completed here. Under his father's supervision he early became familiar with the work of the farm, and on leaving the parental roof he engaged in farming on his own account, meeting with success in his chosen work. At different times he was the owner of several farms but finally bought the old homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Barrington township, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies for a number of years. Having accumulated a comfortable competence, he finally laid aside all business cares and moved to Elgin in 1886 where he lived retired until his death, enjoying a well-earned rest. While engaged in farming he made a specialty of the dairy business, which he found quite profitable.

On the 3d of July, 1859, Mr. Sabin married Miss Anna M. Covey, a native of Greene county, New York, and a daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Bush) Covey, of Palatine, Illinois. Three children were born of this union. Willis E., now a resident of Elgin, married Pearlie Gallaway and they have two children, Edwin E. and Hazel Ruth. Addie A., born February 2, 1863, died on the 22d of the following June. Eugene E., born May 10, 1864, married Ida V. Monger and to them were born five children: Eva May; Eugene S.; Lester, who was born October 26, 1898, and died January 19, 1899; Grant C.; and Paul M.

Mr. Sabin was a staunch republican in politics and was deeply interested in public affairs, as every true American citizen should be. He was a member of the Episcopal church and was a man respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was always found true to any trust reposed in him and he well merited the high regard in which he was uniformly held. His widow, who is a most estimable lady, holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church in Elgin, in which city she resides.

GUSTAVUS AUCUTT.

Gustavus Aucutt, a member of the firm of Gus Aucutt's Sons, coal dealers of Aurora, was born in Oneida, New York, July 20, 1839. He is entitled to representation in this volume not only because of the fact that he is a successful and enterprising man, but also owing to the fact that he was a loyal soldier of the Civil war and is a progressive citizen whose cooperation can always be counted upon to further movements for the public good. His paternal grandfather was William Aucutt, a native of England and a resident of London, where he worked at the rope-maker's trade. When a young man, however, he sought a home and fortune in the new world and settled in New York city, where he engaged in rope manufacturing. He died in Oneida county, New York, when almost ninety years of age, while his wife, Mrs. Mary Ann (Jaycocks) Aucutt, has also passed away. The maternal grandfather of Gustavus Aucutt was a native of New York and spent most of his life in Oneida county, where both he and his wife passed away. His parents were Francis and Sarah Ann (Jaycocks) Aucutt, both of whom were

natives of the Empire state. The father was a carpenter and joiner through much of his business career but in early life followed the occupation of farming. He died of cholera in Peoria, Illinois, in the year 1842 and his wife passed away the year previous. Both were Methodists in religious faith and were people of the highest respectability. They had a family of six children: Francis, deceased; Lucinda, the widow of Charles Curtis and a resident of Nebraska; Mary Ann, who became the wife of William Williams but is now deceased; Gustavus, whose name introduces this review; Sarah, the wife of Peter Patten, a resident of Aurora, and Olive, the wife of Nathaniel Wallace.

Gustavus Aucutt resided in Oneida county, New York, to the age of fifteen years, spending his youth upon the home farm and early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He attended the district schools and in 1856 came to the west, settling in Aurora. For a year he was employed in a store and was afterward on a farm until 1862, when, with patriotic ardor, he responded to the country's call and joined the Union army as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served for nearly three years and was with Grant on the campaign around Holly Springs and was also at the siege of Vicksburg. He was the third man to go over the fort into Vicksburg, being at that time a member of the cornet band that led Grant's army into the siege. He was also in the Atlanta campaign and went with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea. His military service included participation in some hotly contested battles as well as in long, hard marches and the dreary waiting in winter camps, but he never faltered in the performance of duty, remaining ever a loyal defender of the old flag and the cause it represented.

After the war Mr. Aucutt returned to Aurora and resumed agricultural pursuits. He purchased a farm of eighty acres in Aurora township and sixty acres in Sugar Grove township and lived upon that farm for several years. On the expiration of that period he bought one hundred and seventy acres just west of Montgomery in the township of Aurora and lived thereon for fifteen years. He brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, added many substantial improvements and had a farm property which was very productive and valuable. In 1896 he removed to the city, selling his farm to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. In 1896 he engaged in the coal business, continuing active in its management until 1904, when he turned over the business to his sons. While he has largely left the active business affairs to others, Mr. Aucutt is still financially interested in various enterprises. When he came to Aurora he built a number of fine residences which he still owns and from which he derives a good annual income. He likewise owns his beautiful home at 84 North Lake street and he is interested in various commercial and industrial concerns, including the Streator (Ill.) Independent Telephone & Telegraph Company, of which he is the vice president; the Leavenworth (Kas.) Telephone & Telegraph Company, of which he is a director, and the old Second National Bank of Aurora, in which he is a stockholder. He is likewise a director in the new

Joliet rolling mills. His cooperation with various concerns has constituted an element in the business development of the various localities where they are located.

On the 7th of November, 1865, Mr. Aucutt was married to Miss Josephine Dennison, a daughter of Gilbert P. and Betsey (Andrews) Dennison. Mrs. Aucutt was born in Wayne county, New York, and by her marriage has become the mother of eight children, four sons and four daughters, as follows: Francis, who follows farming in Sugar Grove township and who wedded Elizabeth Myers, by whom he has a daughter, Sarah; Cora M., the wife of S. N. Cooper, of Aurora, by whom he has a daughter, Josephine; Gustavus, who is engaged in the grain and feed business in Aurora; Ruth, who died at the age of eight years; Charles M., who is engaged in the coal business in Aurora, and who wedded Mamie Keck, by whom he has two children, Florence and Lucille; Pearl E., the wife of Cyrus Stevens, a resident of Aurora; Harry S., who is engaged in the coal business in Aurora and who wedded Bertha Cromer; and Alta, who is with her parents.

In 1906 Mr. Aucutt, his wife and daughter Alta, were in San Francisco at the time of the great earthquake and fire, but all escaped uninjured, although forty-seven people were killed in the hotel in which they were guests. The parents are members of the People's church and Mr. Aucutt belongs to Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R., thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old army comrades, with whom he delights to recall the events which occurred upon the tented fields of the South. He is also connected with the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. Politically he has always been a republican and before leaving the farm he served as highway commissioner and assessor of Sugar Grove township. He has ever been loyal and progressive in citizenship and in business has made a creditable record. He is recognized as a man of sound judgment and keen discrimination, who, in his business affairs, carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. His methods, too, are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and altogether the life record of Gustavus Aucutt is one which commends him to the confidence and regard of his fellowmen and well entitles him to mention in this volume as a representative citizen of Aurora.

ALBERT BIELENBERG.

Albert Bielenberg has for a quarter of a century lived retired in Elgin. He was formerly identified with the barbering business here for a long period and few men of the city have a wider acquaintance or have more comprehensive knowledge of the lines of development and growth here. He was born in Holstein, Germany, July 29, 1832. His parents were Albert and Margaret (Thieman) Bielenberg, who spent their entire lives in Germany, where the father engaged in business as a shoemaker. There were three sons in the family, but Adolph and John are both deceased.



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Albert Bielenberg is the only one that ever came to America. In his native land he learned the barber's trade, which he followed there until he came to the new world in 1853 at the age of twenty-one years. He was induced to take this step by reason of the favorable reports which he heard concerning business opportunities in America. He worked in New York city for one year and then went to New Orleans and afterward to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There one winter was passed and he made trips up the river to St. Louis. Later, however, he returned to New York and in the year 1856 he journeyed westward to Chicago, where he worked for a short time. In November of that year he came to Elgin, where he owned and conducted a barber shop, carrying on the business until 1865, when he sold out and again went to Chicago. He was then proprietor of a barber shop in the Tremont House and on one morning he shaved four different governors. His business brought him into contact with many people of eminence and he relates interesting incidents of a number of them.

In 1866, however, he again came to Elgin, where he has since resided. He continued in business at this place until he was succeeded by his eldest son, who is now proprietor of a barber shop in the Elgin National Bank building. Mr. Bielenberg retired about twenty-five years ago with a comfortable competence that he had acquired through his well directed and earnest labor. He has been a great hunter, winning a reputation that has made him known all over this part of the country. He has hunted in Illinois and Wisconsin extensively, killing many deer and has many fine mounts. He has killed every animal native of this section and has many fine specimens of his prowess. He has hunted through the timber on the present site of Elgin and knew this section of the country when it was largely a wild and unimproved district. He is the owner of a good store on Fountain square and in 1859 he purchased a lot and built a shop and dwelling on the square, which is now the center of the city. At that time Elgin contained only about fifteen hundred population. Later Mr. Bielenberg purchased an adjoining lot and built the present store at No. 12 Fountain square in 1868. The building is twenty by one hundred feet and is a two-story brick structure with basement. Thus from his realty investments he is deriving a good income. He is also the owner of a pleasant home which he erected at No. 616 Brook street.

In 1857 Mr. Bielenberg was married to Miss Julia Schmidt, a native of Germany, who came to the United States in the year of her marriage. They traveled life's journey together for a half century and were separated by the death of Mrs. Bielenberg on the 27th of October, 1907, when she was in her seventy-fifth year. Their children were eight in number: Adolph, who died at the age of eight years; Louise, the wife of Albert Brookman, of Elgin; Fred, a barber of this city; Albert, who is with his father; Helena, who died in early girlhood; Herman, who died at the age of seventeen years; Annie, who died when but three years of age; and Paul, at home.

Few men have more intimate knowledge of this city and its history than has Albert Bielenberg, who has witnessed almost its entire growth and development. In 1858 he assisted in organizing the first German singing society here. While he is widely known in the city, he says that he has more acquaint-

ances in the cemetery today than he has downtown, for year by year the ranks of those with whom he was connected during his active business career are being decimated. However, he yet numbers many warm friends here and is widely known. He has crossed the Atlantic ocean thirteen different times, making the first voyage from Hamburg on a sailing ship which was six weeks in reaching New York. He has also made the trip from New York to New Orleans on a sailing ship and has traveled extensively, not only in America but over most of Europe. He is familiar with different parts of the old world and in his travels has gained that broad knowledge and culture which can be acquired in no other way. His mind is stored with many interesting reminiscences, not only of his journeys and his voyages but of events of an active business career. He has long lived in honorable retirement here, enjoying the rest which has come to him as the reward of earnest labor.

LAWRENCE ABRAHAM ROY OLESEN.

Lawrence Abraham Roy Olesen, owning and operating one hundred and twenty acres of well improved and valuable land in Kaneville township, was born in Denmark, May 8, 1883. His father, John Olesen, likewise a native of Denmark, served his country in the regular army for thirty-five years. He and his wife emigrated to America when our subject was a young lad of seven years, the family home being established near Kaneville, Kane county. They still reside in this county, and are devoted and faithful members of the Lutheran church. The brothers and sisters of Lawrence A. R. Olesen are as follows: Carrie, the wife of Thomas Thompson, who follows farming near Lily Lake; Ole, who also carries on agricultural pursuits near Lily Lake; Chris, deceased; Mary, the wife of Chris Nelson, a farmer residing near Lily Lake; Thorwald, who is engaged in farming near Elburn; Christina, also residing near Elburn, and Nelse, who has passed away.

Lawrence A. R. Olesen attended the country school until sixteen years of age during the winter seasons, while in the summer months he assisted his father in the work of the home farm. After leaving school he worked for his father for three years and then formed a partnership with his brother, but subsequently purchased his brother's interest and started out in business life for himself. He now owns a productive and well improved farm of one hundred and thirty acres two miles west of Elburn, and in the conduct of his agricultural interests is meeting with a most gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity. The place is beautifully situated and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the careful supervision and enterprising spirit of the owner. In addition to the work of general farming he also conducts a dairy, having thirty-one cows.

On the 11th of May, 1905, Mr. Olesen was united in marriage to Miss Lena Larsen, who was born at Geneva in 1887, her father being Jacob Larsen, who carries on farming near Kaneville. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Olesen have

been born two children, namely: Clarence, whose birth occurred April 18, 1906; and Clifford, born in January, 1908.

Politically Mr. Olesen is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. Although still a young man, he has already attained a good measure of success in his undertakings and his many friends prophesy for him a bright future.

CHARLES F. THEURER.

Charles F. Theurer, who is energetically and successfully carrying on agricultural interests in Aurora township, was born in this township on the 29th of July, 1874. His father, John Adam Theurer, was a native of Wurttemberg, Germany, and emigrated to America about 1863, settling in Kane county. In Aurora, in 1871, he wedded Miss Elizabeth White, of Baden, Germany. For twenty years he engaged in the operation of the John Spillard farm, situated two and a half miles west of Aurora on the Galena road and comprising one hundred and fifty acres of very fine land. In connection with his farming interests he also conducted a milk route in this county for twenty years, and is widely recognized as a progressive and enterprising citizen. Since 1906, however, he has been living retired in Aurora, enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil. In March, 1908, he celebrated his sixty-sixth birthday, while his wife had passed the sixty-third milestone on life's journey in April, 1908. Unto this worthy couple have been born three children, namely: Mary, the wife of James Mitchell, of Marinette, Wisconsin; Charles F., of this review; and Lydia, the wife of Mike Nenno, of Waynesville, Missouri.

Charles F. Theurer acquired a common-school education, mastering the branches of learning which equip one for the practical and responsible duties of life. When his father retired from active life in 1906, Charles F. Theurer leased the Spillard farm on his own account and has since been successfully operating the same, meeting with a gratifying and well-merited measure of success in the conduct of his farming interests. He is a man of laudable ambition, progressive spirit and unflinching determination and will doubtless soon acquire capital sufficient with which to purchase property of his own.

On the 17th of March, 1896, Mr. Theurer was united in marriage with Miss Bertha Lawyer, of Joliet, Illinois, a daughter of Adam and Magdalena (Emerick) Lawyer. The mother passed away in October, 1883, and in 1886 Adam Lawyer was again married, his second union being with Elnora Boltz. He was called to his final rest in February, 1908, and his widow now makes her home with her stepdaughter, Mrs. Theurer. Adam Lawyer had five children, as follows: William F., of Wyncote, Wyoming; Dessie, the wife of Nelson Macier, of Joliet, Illinois; Frank, deceased; Mrs. Theurer, and Grace, the wife of Jesse Spooner, of Chicago. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Theurer have been born the following children: Edna May, whose birth

occurred September 4, 1896; William Adam, born March 2, 1898, and Theodore Charles, whose natal day was June 19, 1905.

Mr. Theurer is independent in his political views, while fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen of America. A native son of this county, he is well and favorably known and has gained an extensive circle of friends by reason of his genuine personal worth and many sterling traits of character.

JACOB M. EBY.

No matter in how much fantastic theorizing one may indulge as to the causation of success, careful investigation will always bring to mind the fact that business advancement is attributable to two causes—industry and sound judgment. It is evident that these have constituted the basis of Mr. Eby's prosperity, making him one of the leading business men of Aurora, where he is now conducting a successful enterprise as the head of the Eby-Loser Company, wholesale confectioners and jobbers. He was born in Ontario, Canada, July 31, 1859, his parents being Moses and Marie (Miller) Eby, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a son of George Eby, also a native of the Keystone state, and of German lineage. His life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits and the maternal grandfather was also a farmer. He was born in Germany, and on coming from Saxony to the new world settled in Erie county, Pennsylvania. Moses Eby engaged in business as a contractor during the greater part of his life, and now resides in Berlin, Waterloo county, Canada, where he has made his home for many years. His wife died in 1902, at the age of seventy-six years and her many sterling traits of heart and mind made her loss one deeply regretted in the community. She held membership in the Mennonite church, of which Moses Eby is also a devoted member. Their family numbered ten children, nine sons and one daughter, but only four are now living: Isaac and George, who are residents of Ontario, Canada; and Jacob M. and Moses, of this city.

Jacob M. Eby was reared upon the home farm in Waterloo county, Ontario, and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. The district schools afforded him his early educational privileges and when he was about sixteen years of age he left home and learned the baker's trade, which he followed continuously until 1906. The year 1879 witnessed his removal across the border into the United States, at which time he settled in Detroit, Michigan. He afterward went to New York city and in 1884 came to Aurora, where for three years he was in the employ of J. B. Roberts. On the expiration of that period he formed a partnership with Reuben Johnson, and established a restaurant and bakery business. They were together for two years and in 1889 Mr. Eby withdrew and opened a business on his own account at No. 38 Downer place. Two years later he admitted Edward Hinman and Peter Michaels and the firm became Eby, Hinman & Co. Later Mr. Hinman sold his interest to his

partners and the firm became Eby & Michaels. Eventually, however, Mr. Eby purchased Mr. Michaels' interest and admitted Christe Loser, this partnership forming a stock company, which is known under the style of the Eby-Loser Company. The business was incorporated and the house, represented on the road by a number of traveling salesmen, has become well known and has a large trade. They manufacture confectionery and also do a jobbing business. The quality of their manufactured product is such as to insure a continuance of the liberal patronage which they now receive. They have always aimed at excellence in their output and have also adhered to a high standard of business in the personnel of their house and in the service which they have rendered to the public. Thus along legitimate lines of trade Mr. Eby has gained success and is now numbered among the prosperous business men of Aurora.

On the 22d of September, 1887, Mr. Eby was married to Miss Florence Clark, a daughter of Richard and Lucy (Cone) Clark. They have become the parents of five children, Irene, Clifford, Mildred, Laverne and George. Mrs. Eby is a member of the New England Congregational church, while Mr. Eby's membership relations extend to Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., to the Elks and the Woodmen. Politically he is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office do not prove alluring to him, as he has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business, and the evidence of his prosperity is found not only in his manufacturing interests but also in the property which he owns. This includes a beautiful home at No. 158 North Lake street and two good brick residences on West Park avenue. Throughout his life he has been energetic and determined, brooking no obstacle that could be overcome by persistent effort, and thus through the stages of orderly progression he has advanced to his present creditable place in the business world.

CHARLES HOPKINS BARRETT.

Charles Hopkins Barrett was born at Lenox, Massachusetts, October 16, 1850. His father, Sylvester Barrett, was also a native of Lenox, Massachusetts, where his birth occurred January 8, 1819. He was a stonemason by trade and in 1857 came to Illinois, locating at Geneva. At that place he enlisted in a volunteer company which was afterward called the Fox River Tigers. Sylvester Barrett bore the distinction of being the best snare-drummer under the division command. At Brainard, New York, in 1849, he had wedded Miss Carolina Adelia Hicks, and their children were as follows: Lottie E., the wife of Willis Richardson, an engineer of Lafox, Illinois; Frank, deceased; Anna Irene, a school teacher at Batavia; Frank E., who has also passed away, and Charles Hopkins, of this review.

The last named attended high school until sixteen years of age, and on putting aside his text-books secured employment as a farm hand. Carefully saving his earnings, he was at length enabled to purchase a farm of

one hundred and fifty acres near Lafox, which he has since sold. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has met with a most gratifying measure of prosperity and his success is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it has been gained entirely through his own efforts.

Politically Mr. Barrett is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. An heirloom which he now has in his possession and which has been in the family for four generations, is a combination bureau and secretary. He is well known throughout the community by reason of his long residence here and is widely recognized as a most public-spirited and progressive citizen.

EUGENE B. MIX.

"There is no royal road to wealth," is a statement which finds verification in the life record of Eugene B. Mix, who, though a successful representative of financial interests, has won his prosperity through close and unremitting application and keen discrimination in business affairs. For some years he was a factor in banking circles and is now handling investments and securities, gaining a liberal clientage in this line.

One of Aurora's native sons, he was born June 27, 1845, of the marriage of R. C. and Sophronia (Ewell) Mix, both of whom are now deceased. The father, a native of Vermont, came to this city in 1841. He was a millwright by trade and removed to the middle west for the purpose of building the Black Hawk mill at this place. Being pleased with the country he decided to remain permanently and brought his family to Aurora, where he continued to make his home until his demise, which occurred November 18, 1871. The growth of the city, attributable to the efforts of its public-spirited citizens, found an advocate in Mr. Mix, who cooperated in many measures for the public good. In 1856 he was appointed postmaster of Aurora and filled the position through two administrations, discharging the duties of the office in a most prompt and businesslike manner. In 1861 he established the bank of Mix & Miller, which was conducted until 1873, when the company sold out to the Second National Bank.

Eugene B. Mix at the usual age entered the public schools and passed through successive grades in the acquirement of a good practical English education. He commenced his business life in the postoffice, where he performed such humble duties as sweeping the floor and other odd jobs. He also went for the mail, which was received once a day. When his father entered the banking business Eugene B. Mix became associated with him and has since been prominently connected with the financial and banking circles of Aurora. When the Mix & Miller Bank was sold to the Second National Bank, Eugene B. Mix became connected with the First National Bank and remained with that institution until 1905 as clerk, bookkeeper, teller, assistant cashier, cashier and president. Thus through successive promotions he worked his way upward until he became the chief executive head of the institution and so con-

tinued from 1899 until 1905, when ill health forced his resignation. In order that he might benefit by more outdoor life, as he felt that close confinement was detrimental to him, he turned his attention to the placing of investments and securities and has handled much commercial paper. His long experience in banking had given him a comprehensive knowledge of its value and he has conducted the business with good success, having now a liberal clientele.

Mr. Mix was married in 1881 to Miss Fannie Woodworth, a native of Aurora, and they are widely and favorably known in the social circles of the city. While he does not seek to figure in political circles, he has been a prominent factor in other public connections. He served as treasurer of the Aurora Hospital Association, and he belongs to Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; Aurora Chapter, R. A. M.; and Aurora Council, R. & S. M. While he had the benefit of starting in business under his father's direction, he was made to realize that success depends upon individual effort, and, without placing dependence upon parental influence, he has worked his way upward, utilizing the means at hand and improving each opportunity as it has been presented until he stands today as a recognized and forceful factor in business circles.

CHARLES J. WATERHOUSE.

Charles J. Waterhouse, a popular and enterprising business man of Wasco, where he is employed as station agent and telegraph operator, was born in Holton, Kansas, December 9, 1869, the son of Robert J. and Martha A. (Spencer) Waterhouse. His father was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in the Twentieth Kansas Cavalry as second lieutenant. He was a prominent citizen of Jackson county, where he served as sheriff for ten consecutive years. Following his retirement from public life he engaged in the grocery business, in which he continued until the time of his death in 1905. In politics he was a democrat, and socially was a member of the Masonic order, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Knights of Pythias, and of several insurance orders. The mother was born in Upper Stillwater, Maine. Her father was for many years a sea captain. Two children were born to this union, but Edward J. left home at the age of fourteen years and has not been heard from since.

Charles J. Waterhouse received his early education in the public schools of Holton, Kansas, passing on through consecutive grades to the high school, spending his vacation periods in railroad construction work. From the high school he entered the Campbell Normal University, of Holton, where he took a two-years' course, and then entered upon the active duties of railroad life, with which he has since been connected. He has received a broad education in this work, gained through a vast experience in adapting himself to various positions. He was agent at Cambridge, Kansas; Shaw, Agricola, Holton, Mineral, Columbus, Junction City; Adair, Indian Territory; Savonburg, Kansas; Chanute, La Harpe, back to Chanute, Carl Junction, Missouri; Texar-

kana, Texas; Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Byron, Illinois; South Freeport, Illinois; Graf, Iowa; back to Byron, Illinois; thence to his present position in Wasco, where he has resided for the past three years.

While a resident of Shaw, Kansas, Mr. Waterhouse met and married Miss Sarah A. Allen, a native of that city. They have become the parents of two children: Paul Preston, born April 9, 1895; and Lillian, born July 5, 1905.

In his political views Mr. Waterhouse is a staunch republican, though he has never aspired to public office. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, of the Modern Woodmen of America, and of the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

MOSES WILLIAM HAWES.

Moses William Hawes was long well known in Elgin and was a factor in its business development and growth. He was a wide traveler and possessing an observing eye and retentive memory his mind was stored with many interesting reminiscences of his trips to foreign countries. He is still survived by his widow, who is yet an esteemed resident of Elgin. He was born September 2, 1814, at Watertown, New York. He acquired his early education there and later went to Baltimore, where he learned civil engineering. In 1837 he was sent to Point Conception, Chili, to build and put into operation the second flouring mill of that country. He was chosen for this position from among one hundred applicants. In the South American country he became prominent and for many years was in the employ of the government, doing contract work.

While in the south Mr. Hawes married a Spanish lady and unto them were born six children. Three reached years of maturity, but all are now deceased. Having lost his wife and being in poor health himself, Mr. Hawes went from Chili to China in 1859 and thence returned to the United States, having circumnavigated the globe. On the 12th of February, 1860, he was married to Miss Jennie R. Rosencrans, a native of New York, born near Hammondsport. Her parents were Asa and Jane (Cole) Rosencrans, natives of New Jersey, whence they removed to the Empire state, where the father owned a good farm on Crooked lake. He removed westward to Elgin with his family in 1837, Mrs. Hawes being at that time but four years of age. The family was prominent in pioneer days and aided in the early development and progress of Kane county.

Two sons of the family, Horace and Frazier Rosencrans, arrived in 1836 and entered a tract of land in Cook county near Elgin. The following year the father and other members of the family came to Kane county and with the work of pioneer development and progress were closely associated, aiding in extending the frontier which in due time took on all the evidences of a modern civilization. Another son, Garrett Rosencrans, served as assessor of Elgin township for many years and was city surveyor for a long period. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he was an active and



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prominent member of the Young Men's Christian Association. He was also a director in the Home National Bank for many years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rosencrans died here.

They were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, but Mrs. Hawes is the only one now living. The eldest, Horace, is now deceased. Frazier was drowned in the Fox river near Elgin in 1838. Mrs. Maria Scott Smith, the third of the family, is deceased. Dr. Halsey Rosencrans was a physician, located in Texas at the outbreak of the Civil war. Owing to his Union sentiments he was forced to leave that country and he became a surgeon in the northern army. He was very successful in his treatment of yellow fever patients, losing only two cases during a long epidemic. After the war he returned to Texas, where for many years he was a prominent physician, but lost his life in Indianola, Texas, during a cyclone in 1886. Garrett, the next of the family, was prominent in business and political life here. Elizabeth and Katherine are now deceased. Hiram D. resided in Elgin until 1852 and then went west to Utah, where he died. The youngest member of the family is Mrs. Hawes, who is also the only survivor.

On the 1st of August, 1860, Mr. and Mrs. Hawes sailed for Chili, where about seven years were passed, returning to the United States in the autumn of 1867. Mr. Hawes then engaged in the lumber business at Mendota, Illinois, but his health failed and he sold out, going to Europe in 1873 with his wife. Following his return home he was closely associated with other business interests. In 1877 he was called to serve as president of the Home National Bank of Elgin and remained as its chief executive officer until 1879, when he resigned. His remaining days were spent in honorable retirement in the enjoyment of well earned rest and he passed away November 22, 1894, respected and honored by all who knew him. Mr. Hawes was an able business man, diligent, active and reliable, his name being a most honored one in both commercial and financial circles. He reached the venerable age of eighty years and a life of usefulness and honor was terminated when he was called to his final rest.

SOLEMNUS DAY SEAMANS.

The history of Aurora's commercial development and upbuilding would be incomplete without mention of Solemnus Day Seamans, a prominent and successful representative of its commercial and industrial interests. With keen understanding in business situations and displaying at all times a thorough mastery of every problem which is presented, he has gained a place among the prosperous and able business men of the city, his career winning him the entire respect of his colleagues and the admiration of his contemporaries. He is now conducting a large trade as a dealer in lumber and building materials, and is also the president of the Aurora Corset Company.

A native of Richfield Springs, New York, Mr. Seamans was born October 11, 1848, his parents being Nelson and Lorinda A. (Day) Seamans. The

father was a plow maker when a young man in the Empire state. He lived principally in Herkimer county, New York, but in early manhood, attracted by the gold discoveries in California, he went to that state by way of the isthmus route, and was there engaged in mining and milling. Subsequently he went to Oregon and engaged in that trade at Port Orford, but the Indians becoming hostile to the white men he was killed by them in 1858, when about forty-eight years of age. His wife survived him until June, 1879, and died in Aurora, at about the age of sixty-five years. She had made her home here for a number of years, and had gained many friends in the community. She held membership in the Baptist church. They were the parents of three children: Solemnus D.; Charles D., of Los Angeles, California; and Cornelia, the wife of L. F. Gay, of Los Angeles, California.

Solemnus D. Seamans lived in New York to the age of twelve years, and in 1860 became a resident of Illinois. He remained upon the farm east of Aurora until April, 1861, when he took up his abode in the city and entered the public schools. He afterward attended Clark Seminary, and when his education was completed he accepted a position in the postoffice under George S. Bangs, there continuing for four years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to the production of strawberries and other fruits and one year raised three hundred bushels of strawberries. He continued in that business for a number of years, after which he owned a lumberyard in partnership with an old schoolmate, William Elliott, under the firm style of Seamans & Elliott. They were together for two years, after which Mr. Seamans purchased his partner's interest and admitted his cousin, Truman H. Day. They were together for a year, after which he bought out Mr. Day's interest and admitted John Loomis to a partnership. The latter was a practical lumberman and the firm of Loomis & Seamans continued for five years. Since the 1st of June, 1878, however, Mr. Seamans has conducted the business alone. He has enjoyed an excellent and constantly increasing trade and has furnished lumber and building materials for thousands of houses in Aurora. His business methods have ever been straightforward and reliable, and his earnest efforts to please his patrons have secured him the large measure of success which has crowned his efforts. He has also been the president of the Aurora Corset Company since its organization and is fourth owner of this enterprise, which is now one of the important productive industries of the city, employing about two hundred and forty people. A man of resourceful business ability, he has extended his efforts to many lines, and various enterprises have felt the stimulus of his commercial activity, his sound judgment and keen business discrimination. He is also a director in the Western United Gas & Electric Company, is also a director in the German American National Bank and has various interests outside of the city. He is now part owner in a large jewelry store in Los Angeles, California, in partnership with his brother-in-law, J. G. Donovan, under the firm style of J. G. Donovan & Company. He is likewise largely interested in the Hamilton Watch Company, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and is a stockholder in three banks in Los Angeles, California. His investments have been judiciously placed and return him a gratifying income.

On the 17th of August, 1882, Mr. Seamans was married to Miss Nellie C. Donovan, a daughter of Daniel and Eleanor (O'Connor) Donovan. There are three children of that union, Myrtle L., Ethel E. and Solemnus D., Jr. The daughters are graduates of the East Aurora high school. The parents attend the People's church and politically Mr. Seamans is independent. The family residence is at No. 42 South Fourth street, where he has built a modern dwelling, and he also owns other residence property in the city. He thoroughly enjoys home life and takes great pleasure in the society of his family and friends. He is always courteous, kindly and affable, and those who know him personally have for him warm regard. A man of great natural ability, his success in business from the beginning of his residence in Aurora has been uniform and rapid. As has been truly remarked, after all that may be done for a man in the way of giving him early opportunities for obtaining the requirements which are sought in schools and in books he must essentially formulate, determine and give shape to his own character; and this is what Mr. Seamans has done. He has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and has gained a most satisfactory reward. His life is exemplary in many respects, and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, or which are matters of civic virtue and civic pride.

FREDERICK HANSEN.

Frederick Hansen, a prosperous agriculturist residing in Burlington township, was born in the province of Pommern, Germany, on the 21st of June, 1865, and in the year 1883 emigrated to America. His marriage was celebrated in 1890 and for six years thereafter he resided in Plato, but for the past twelve years has made his home in Burlington. Throughout his active business career he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, first purchasing eighty acres known as the Festus Eaton farm and subsequently adding more land by additional purchase until his farm now comprises one hundred and eleven acres. He has brought the place under a high state of development and improvement, erected an attractive and commodious residence and remodeled many of the other buildings on the property. The fields annually return golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them, and in addition to the work of general farming he also conducts a dairy, owning twenty cows and shipping milk to Chicago. He raises about twenty head of young stock annually, his herd being composed largely of graded Holsteins, and also raises a few colts each year. Through the careful management of his interests he has gained a gratifying and well deserved measure of success and at the same time has won the regard and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact by reason of his straightforward and reliable business methods.

On the 31st of January, 1890, Mr. Hansen was united in marriage to Miss Mary Swift, whose birth occurred in St. Charles township, March 3,

1874. Their children are as follows: Minnie L., born May 18, 1891; John C., whose natal day was February 12, 1893; Willie C., who was born November 30, 1896; Fred J., May 13, 1899; Henry August, February 7, 1902; Charley A., August 4, 1904; and Mary A., September 28, 1906. All the children were born in Burlington township with the exception of Minnie L. and John C., whose place of nativity is Plato township.

Mr. Hansen gives stalwart allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a devoted member of the Lutheran church, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest. Leaving his native land when a young man of eighteen years with the hope of more rapidly attaining the goal of success in the new world, he has here worked earnestly and persistently as the years have passed by and is now numbered among the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the community.

FREDERICK WILLIAM WORST.

Frederick William Worst occupies a creditable and enviable position in the business circles of Aurora, where his ability as an architect is manifest in many of the substantial and attractive structures of the city. His life moreover proves that

"The man who wins is the man who works,
The man who toils while the next man shirks."

His birth occurred in Elkhart, Indiana, on the 11th of August, 1867, his parents being Charles H. and Nannie (Manning) Worst, the latter a native of Indiana and the former of Michigan. In the year 1869 they removed from Elkhart, Indiana, to Aurora, where the father followed the carpenter's trade, continuing in business here until his life's labors were ended in death in 1901.

Frederick William Worst was educated in the East Aurora public schools, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school with the class of 1887. He then commenced the study of architecture in the office of J. E. Minott, of Aurora, and one secret of his success undoubtedly lies in the fact that he has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose, concentrating his energies upon the profession which at the outset of his career he determined to make his life work. After qualifying for activity in this line he formed a partnership in 1894 with J. E. Minott under the firm style of Minott & Worst. The association was continued until January, 1898, after which Mr. Worst was alone until 1903, when he admitted R. S. Shepardson to a partnership and the firm style of Worst & Shepardson has since been well known in the business circles of Aurora. That Mr. Worst is a most competent architect is indicated in some of the finest buildings of Aurora, which have been designed and constructed by him. These include St. Mary's school, the Finch & McCulloch Printing Company, building the Marion Avenue Baptist church and the First Congregational church. That his fame as an architect has spread abroad is indicated by the fact that he was the archi-

tect and builder of the State Bank of Geneva, the Elburn Bank, the bank at Hinckley, the Faber Brothers Hotel of Mendota, the Congregational church at Princeton and many other substantial structures which constitute a pleasing feature in the landscape owing to their attractive style of architecture. Mr. Worst has worked on over six hundred important contracts, including many beautiful residences. He also built the Emanuel Lutheran church of Aurora and is most proficient in architectural lines, keeping in touch with the advancement of the profession through reading and research. He belongs to the Illinois Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and is an associate member of the main organization—the American Institute of Architects.

In 1906 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Worst and Miss Mary W. Grenelle, a native of Nebraska. They have many warm friends in Aurora, their sterling characteristics gaining for them high regard. Mr. Worst belongs to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Although not an office seeker, he is interested in the public welfare and has served as alderman from the fourth ward. He prefers, however, to do his public service as a private citizen, knowing that there are many opportunities whereby he may promote the general welfare, and his influence at all times upholds the political and legal status of the community and stands for those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

PRESTON A. KEEFE.

Numbered among the successful business men of Maple Park is Preston A. Keefe, who is conducting a livery barn and is also engaged in the real-estate business, handling Canada lands. He is a native son of this city, born September 7, 1889. His father, Cullen Keefe, was a native of Sackville, New Brunswick, born October 9, 1838. At the age of five years he was brought by his parents to Kane county, the family home being established on a farm in Virgil township, for which the father paid two dollars and a half per acre. Cullen Keefe acquired his education in the district schools of this county, and when the Civil war was inaugurated, offered his services to the government. On the 14th of August, 1862, he enlisted as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Infantry. He took part in the battle at Vicksburg, serving under Generals Grant and Sherman. He was taken ill with yellow fever, and for six weeks was confined in a hospital in that city. He was mustered out in Chicago, after which he returned to Virgil township and engaged in farming, which he followed for several years. He then disposed of his land and took up his abode in Maple Park, where for thirty-five years he was engaged in the grain, coal and live-stock business. He was a staunch republican and for five years filled the office of collector of Virgil township. His fraternal relations were with the Masons. He was united in marriage to Miss Ella J. White, who was born in West Casset, Maine, and the children born to this marriage were: Frank A. Keefe, who

for nine years filled the office of postmaster in Maple Park and took a very active part in the political life of that city, but is now deceased; Francis, who has also departed this life; and Ella Fern.

Preston A. Keefe was reared in Maple Park and attended the public schools to the age of seventeen years, when he entered the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago, continuing there for one year. He then returned to his home in Maple Park and assisted his father in the conduct of a grain, coal and live-stock business, in which they continued for many years, or until 1907, when they sold their business interests and Preston A. Keefe then engaged in the conduct of a livery, feed and sales barn. This is located one block from Main street and is well equipped, for he keeps on hand good horses and vehicles, which he hires to the public, and he also buys and sells horses, being an excellent judge of the noble steed. In connection with his barn he also conducts a bowling alley, his building being sixty by seventy-five feet and lighted by electricity. In addition to this he also does a real estate business, handling mostly Canada lands. He has made a close study of property values and is therefore meeting with good success in this undertaking.

Preston A. Keefe was married to Miss Lula Bennett, who was also born in Maple Park, and whose parents are now deceased, their remains being interred in the cemetery at this place. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Keefe has been blessed with two little sons: Cullen Wesley, who was born January 28, 1902; and Stanley A., born January 27, 1908.

Mr. Keefe has always given his support to the republican party, and for four years filled the office of collector of Virgil township. His fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has made good use of his opportunities and has prospered from year to year, conducting all business matters carefully and successfully, and today he finds a place among the prominent business men of this section of Kane county.

A. V. GREENMAN.

A. V. Greenman, superintendent of schools of Aurora, holds to a high standard in his profession, and under his guidance the system of public instruction here has been much improved in various ways. Von Humboldt said, "Whatever we want to see introduced into the life of a nation must first be introduced into the schools"; and Professor Greenman works right along that line, believing with Kant, that "the object of education is to train each individual to reach the highest perfection possible for him." Professor Greenman has devoted his entire life to educational work since ceasing to be a student and entering upon the task of providing for his own livelihood. He was born in Leonardsville, New York, July 3, 1852, a son of J. V. and Euretta G. (Esterbrook) Greenman. His father was a native of the Empire state, was of English lineage, and on leaving New York removed westward to Wisconsin in 1855, settling at Milton. There he remained until his death, which occurred in 1863.

Professor Greenman was but a lad of three summers at the time of the removal to Wisconsin, and was but eleven years of age at his father's death. He pursued his education in the public schools and in the college at Milton, after which he took up the profession of teaching in the district schools of Wisconsin. He afterward spent four years as a teacher at Davis Junction, Illinois, and four years in Creston, Illinois. He was also connected with the public schools of Rochelle, Illinois, for six years, and in 1890 came to Aurora as superintendent of the West Aurora schools. It will be seen that each change has been a forward step in his professional career. He is a man of wide experience and ability and under his guidance has brought the schools up to a high state of proficiency. The methods of instruction are practical and it is his aim always that the work done will be a preparation for the responsible duties of life that follow the work of the schoolroom. The growth of the schools is also indicated by the fact that when he came to Aurora there were but eighteen teachers, and today there are thirty-five, while the high school attendance has been increased from eighty to two hundred and sixty.

Professor Greenman was married to Miss Katherine Calkins, a native of the state of New York, and they have one daughter, Ella M. They hold membership in the Congregational church and occupy an enviable position in social circles. For a number of years Professor Greenman has been a member of the State Teachers Association, and has been honored with its presidency. He has always worked toward high ideals in his profession, and his ability in this direction and his personal characteristics have won for him the high respect and sincere regard of the great majority of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

LEONARD S. TAYLOR, M. D.

Prominent among the medical fraternity of Elgin was Dr. Leonard S. Taylor, whose success in his chosen calling was widely acknowledged, gaining for him an excellent practice. He was born in Elgin on the 7th of October, 1867, a son of James and Rachel Taylor, and during his boyhood cultivated a love for books which grew with the passing years. He was, however, always ready to take part in the pastimes and games of his associates. He attended the public schools of Elgin, where he studiously applied himself, and after his graduation entered the employ of the Elgin National Watch Company. During his evenings he generally assisted his father in the shoe store, of which the latter was proprietor.

Desiring to become a physician he worked with that end in view and took up the study of medicine, industriously applying himself when his work for the day was over. He saved his money and at length was able to enter Bennett Medical College, Chicago, in the fall of 1887. On the completion of the regular course he was graduated with honors in March, 1891, and was honored with an appointment as interne at Cook County Hospital. His work during the eighteen months of his connection with that hospital was highly

complimented by one who knew him at that time, and on the completion of his hospital course, October 1, 1892, he returned to Elgin, where he opened an office and continued in general practice until his death. He gained a wide reputation as a successful surgeon, giving special attention to abdominal work, surgical gynecology. He also performed many operations on the kidneys and met with most excellent results.

The Doctor took an active interest in medical societies, being a prominent member of the Elgin Physicians Club, the Fox River Valley and the Illinois State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. He was faithful in attendance at the meetings and contributed generously in scientific discussion.

In 1902 Dr. Taylor married Miss Ruth A. Leslie, who was born in Freeport, Illinois, and is a daughter of Philip and Amanda (Sheetz) Leslie, of Elgin. Three children blessed this union, namely: Helen, Jeanette and Laura.

In his fraternal relations Dr. Taylor was a prominent Mason. He was one of the leading and influential members of the English Lutheran church of Elgin, being chairman of the finance and building committees at the time the Holy Trinity church was built, so that this beautiful structure really stands as a monument to his untiring zeal and labor. He was liberal in his contributions to church and charitable work, and in his death, which occurred August 5, 1907, Elgin realized that it had lost a most valued and honored citizen.

F. A. RUSSELL.

F. A. Russell, conducting a prosperous insurance agency in Elgin, is one of Kane county's native sons. There is no surer proof of the attractiveness of this district as a place of residence than the fact that so many of the native sons have remained within the borders of the county, feeling that its opportunities and advantages were equal if not superior to those which could be secured elsewhere. Mr. Russell in his insurance business has secured a good clientage, writing a large amount of business annually, and previously he was closely identified with farming interests of the locality.

He was born on the 30th of August, 1861, his parents being Ira N. and Charlotte (Sherburne) Russell, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. He pursued his education in the Elgin Academy, from which he was graduated in 1881. He was reared upon a farm in Plato township and when not busy with his text-books worked in the fields, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He continued in farming until 1902 and as the years passed brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, carefully managing his business interests, his capable control and unfaltering enterprise bringing him a creditable success in that undertaking. He is still interested in farming, being the owner of two hundred acres of fine land in Plato township which he has rented to



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tenants. In 1902 he left the farm and removed to Elgin, where he established his insurance office. He represents the Old Connecticut of Hartford and the Queen Insurance Company of America. He also handles real estate to some extent and his business interests, carefully managed, have placed him with the men of affluence in the county.

On the 26th of September, 1882, Mr. Russell was united in marriage to Miss Lenora A. Lathrop, a native of Kane county, and unto them have been born three sons: Glen L., Ira N. and Harry L. In his fraternal relations Mr. Russell is connected with the Elks and the Woodmen, while politically his allegiance is given to the republican party. While he has never sought nor desired office for himself, he has always been public spirited in matters relating to the general welfare and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the community. He has, however, preferred to devote his energies to his private business affairs rather than to hold office and is widely known and respected for his enterprise and his reliability.

ARCHIE G. SYLVESTER.

Archie G. Sylvester, foreman of the coach department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops at Aurora, was born at Irving Park, a suburb of Chicago, March 20, 1874, his parents being Lewis and Celinda (Moreau) Sylvester, both of whom were natives of New York, the former born at White Hall and the latter at Plattsburgh. Lewis Sylvester was a son of Frank Sylvester, who was a native of Canada and was of French descent. The grandfather learned and followed the cabinet makers' trade, and in early life removed to Chicago. Soon afterward he came to Aurora and for many years was in the employ of the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. Later he worked for his son Lewis and died in Aurora when about seventy-four years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Harriet La Voy, died when past middle life. They had a family of two sons and one daughter.

The maternal grandfather of Archie G. Sylvester was Peter DuPlesy Moreau, likewise a native of Canada and of French lineage. He learned the shoemaker's trade and at an early day came to Aurora, being employed at Joseph Reising's place and afterward by Reising & Simmons for forty-seven years. He died in Aurora at an advanced age, while his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth (De Foe) Moreau, is still living at the age of seventy-nine years. They were the parents of fourteen children, including Celinda Moreau, who became the wife of Lewis Sylvester.

The latter is a contractor and builder who was reared to manhood in Aurora and in early life engaged in farming. When but fourteen years of age he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry at Sycamore. He served throughout the period of hostilities as a private, and was in all of the principal engagements under Sherman, whom he also accompanied on the celebrated march to the

sea. After the war he returned to Aurora, and has since been identified with the carpenter's trade and building interests to the present time. He has been a general contractor for over twenty years, erecting hundreds of important buildings of Aurora and the adjacent district, and throughout the entire period has maintained an unassailable reputation because of his fidelity to the terms of a contract, as well as his expert workmanship. He and his wife are members of the New England Congregational church. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. In matters of citizenship he has ever been progressive and as loyal to his country as when he followed the stars and stripes upon southern battlefields. Unto him and his wife have been born three sons, Edmund, Archie G. and Frank Moreau, all of Aurora.

Archie G. Sylvester was reared in this city and attended the public and high schools. After leaving school he started out to learn the carpenter's trade. In June, 1896, he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company in their shops at Aurora and has been rapidly promoted in recognition of his ability. In 1900 he was made foreman of the coach shops and has since continued in this position, the duties of which he discharges in a most capable manner. He is an expert workman, thoroughly understanding building interests in every department, and is thus well qualified to superintend the labors of those who serve under him.

On the 19th of February, 1901, Mr. Sylvester was married to Miss Anna Margaret Bauman, a daughter of August and Catharine (Weber) Bauman. Mrs. Sylvester was born and reared in Aurora, where her parents located about 1865. She is an elocutionist of much more than local note, having read before the public for a number of years in this and other cities. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children, Ellsworth Archie, Evelyn Anna and Marion Elizabeth.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester are members of the New England Congregational church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part, Mr. Sylvester belongs to Waubansie Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F., to Charle- of the church. Both he and his wife are prominently known socially, and the hospitality of their pleasant home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Sylvester belongs to Waubansie Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F., to Charle- magne Lodge, No. 245, K. P., the Yeomen of America, the Sons of Veterans and the Spanish War Veterans. He has always been interested in military affairs and prior to the Spanish-American war was captain of Battery B of the Light Artillery. He was also captain of the Sons of Veterans' Camp of Aurora, was first lieutenant of the Aurora Rifles. When war broke out with Spain he joined the American army as a member of Company D, Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with the rank of corporal. He served during General Miles' invasion of Porto Rico and after the return of the troops he was appointed captain of Company D, Third Illinois Infantry, which position he continued to fill until a recent date, when he resigned.

In politics Mr. Sylvester has always been a stalwart republican, is a prominent and active worker in the ranks of the party, and for the past six years has been a member of the county central committee. He is also super-

visor and is now serving for the second term. One of the salient characteristics in the life of Mr. Sylvester is his loyalty to the trust reposed in him. This has been manifest in civic office, in official positions, in military life, and in his business relations, and it has won for him the unqualified respect and regard of those who know him. He is a representative of an old family of Kane county, but it is his personal worth which has won him the enviable place which he now occupies in the opinion of his fellowmen, while his business capacity has gained him his present responsible position in industrial circles.

JOHN AUGUST JOHNSON.

John August Johnson, a successful farmer and dairyman of Virgil township, was born in Linköping, Sweden, July 15, 1835, and attended the schools of his native country until sixteen years of age. On putting aside his textbooks he started out in life for himself, having no financial resources but possessing good health and the determination to win success if it could be obtained by honorable effort. At that time the population of Sweden was much congested and as a result wages were exceedingly low. At the age of nineteen years Mr. Johnson was able to secure only twenty crowns (about fifteen dollars) as compensation for an entire year's work.

While waiting at Gothenberg for transportation to America he saw in course of construction the first railroad that was ever built in Sweden. The line was to connect Gothenberg with Stockholm. After a stormy ocean voyage of seven weeks our subject reached New York, and immediately made his way to Chicago, where he was employed at making hay for a few weeks in the suburbs of that city. Subsequently coming to Elburn, he was here engaged as a farm hand for five years. Having carefully saved his earnings, he was enabled, on the expiration of that period, to purchase one hundred and thirty-two acres of timber land.

He was married about this time, and the young couple experienced many of the hardships and trials of pioneer life. They found they could not successfully operate their farm with the small capital which they possessed, so Mr. Johnson once more worked as a hired hand in order to obtain the necessities of life. He continued in the employ of others for several years, gradually improving his farm as opportunity offered, and when he had accumulated enough capital to justify the step, he started out as an agriculturist on his own account. The large degree of prosperity which has attended his efforts is indicated by the fact that he has placed over five thousands dollars' worth of improvements on his place, expending four thousand dollars in tiling a portion of the land. The success which he now enjoys is but the merited reward of his unremitting toil and unwearied diligence, and his ideal home and model farming property now stand as monuments to his well directed labor and excellent business ability. He operates an extensive dairy in connection with his farming interests and is widely recognized as one of the prominent and successful men of the community.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Emma L. Munson, who was born in Sweden, March 2, 1843, and came to America in 1852. To this union were born the following children: John Oscar, a farmer residing near Elburn; Charlotte T., the wife of Albert Anderson, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits near Elburn; Frank W., who follows farming near Lafox; and Charles F., who resides at home and assists his father in the operation of the home farm.

In his political views, Mr. Johnson is a staunch republican, and has held some township offices, while for twenty years he has served as school director, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. He holds membership in the Lutheran church, in the work of which he is actively and helpfully interested. Leaving his native land in order that he might take advantage of the broader opportunities of the new world, he has here worked his way steadily upward, and now in the evening of life can look back over a well spent and honorable career. Having lived in this country for more than a half century, he is largely familiar with the various stages of its growth and development and relates in an interesting manner many incidents and experiences of pioneer days.

CARLTON E. STARRETT, M.D.

Dr. Carlton E. Starrett, who for twenty-two years was a representative of the medical fraternity in Elgin, was widely known as a successful practitioner and able educator, and at all times kept abreast with the profession in its progress toward that perfection for which the American medical fraternity is constantly striving.

The Doctor was born in Alna, Lincoln county, Maine, a son of David and Sarah (Chadwick) Starrett, and with his parents came to the middle west in early boyhood. He was reared and educated in Chicago and in Wheaton College, at Wheaton, Illinois, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Master of Arts in 1887. In 1884 he was graduated from the Bennett Medical College at Chicago and during the following year did editorial work on the Chicago Medical Times. In 1886 he located for practice in Elgin and soon won a liberal patronage here, for in his treatment of complex cases he displayed superior skill in solving the intricate problems that devolved upon him. He pursued a post-graduate course in Rush Medical College in Chicago and in 1893 was graduated therefrom with the degree of M. D. He did considerable work in educational lines, being assistant professor of physiology in Bennett Medical College in 1884, demonstrator of chemistry in 1885, and professor of materia medica and therapeutics in 1888-89. He was also professor of chemistry and therapeutics in Wheaton College in 1887 and likewise professor of physiology and special therapeutics in the Chicago College of Ophthalmology, in which he was a trustee. He was president of the Cook County Pathological Society, of which he was one of the organizers; a member of the National Association of Military Surgeons;

a fellow member of the American Academy; a member of the Chicago Press Club; and also identified through membership relations with various medical societies.

In 1890 Dr. Starrett saw active service in the southwest in the Indian warfare and after that was continuously connected with the National Guard, becoming major surgeon of the Third Regiment Illinois National Guard. During the Spanish-American war he served as assistant surgeon of the Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry and won distinction in the West Indies. On his return he was offered an appointment in the Philippine expedition but declined. He retained his connection with the Third Regiment and at the meeting of the Spanish veterans at Springfield in 1902 he was chosen surgeon general of Illinois. At three different times he was appointed by the governor of the state to represent the Illinois National Guard at the meetings of the national encampments. In 1895 Dr. Starrett spent several months with the British forces on the Nile river—an epoch in his life which was intensely interesting from the standpoint of travel and culture as well as professional advancement. His life was somewhat varied in its character beyond that of most physicians because of his association with military affairs, and his friends—and they were many—found him a social, entertaining and interesting gentleman.

Dr. Starrett's family consisted of his wife, who was Miss Jessie L. Whitford, a daughter of Dr. H. K. Whitford, of Elgin, one of the best known physicians of the state, and three children, Carl, Kathleen and David Starrett. The Doctor died May 1, 1908.

JOHN WIER.

John Wier belongs to that thrifty race which is noted for persistent industry and for achieving great results in every field of human endeavor. He was born in Germany, July 25, 1852, a son of Henry and Minnie (Lute) Wier, also natives of Germany and descended from long lines of ancestry resident in that country. The father was a farmer, but was devoted to his country and took part in the war of Germany against Denmark in 1848. He is still living in his native land, but his wife is dead. They had three children, John, Henry and Fred, all now farmers in Kane county.

John Wier went to school in Germany until he reached the age of fourteen, then worked on a farm two years. When he was sixteen he came to the United States and, choosing Illinois as his home, located at Elk Grove in Cook county. There he worked on farms until he arrived at twenty-five years of age. At that age he was married to Miss Minnie Bowman, who, like himself, is a native of Germany. They have had nine children, all but one of whom are living and still reside under the parental roof-tree. The children living are: Lena, Anna, Clara, John, Alma, Martha, Henry and Arthur; the one who died was named William.

After his marriage Mr. Wier rented a farm near Hampshire in this county, and on this farm he has had his home since the spring of 1907. The

farm contains one hundred and seventy acres. It is well cultivated in mixed crops and under Mr. Wier's skillful management is highly productive. In connection with his farming operations he carries on a flourishing dairy business, milking forty-two cows. In politics Mr. Wier is a republican, and in religion a Lutheran.

SAMUEL EUGENE MILLER.

Samuel Eugene Miller is president of the Miller-Bryant-Pierce Company, manufacturers of typewriter ribbons and supplies at Aurora. He was the founder and promoter of this enterprise, which has become a leading productive industry of the city and from which he himself has derived substantial benefits. There has been no esoteric phase in his career, his success being gained through close adherence to the rules which govern strict and unswerving integrity and unwearied diligence.

A native son of Illinois, Mr. Miller was born at Hinckley on the 12th of February, 1870. His father, Robert Miller, was a native of Indiana and came to Illinois with his father, Samuel Miller, in his infancy, the year of his arrival being 1834. Samuel Miller acquired the land on which the town of Hinckley now stands, and was one of the earliest residents of this part of the state. Only two years before had the Black Hawk war occurred and there was still many evidences of Indian occupancy in the state. The forests were uncut, the prairies uncultivated and the streams unbridged. In fact, there was little evidence of progressive development and it seemed that many years would pass before Illinois would be settled and become a center of learning and of industrial, commercial and agricultural progress. The Miller family, however, became factors in the early development. Robert Miller was reared to the occupation of farming and made that pursuit his life work, but in 1889 retired from the farm and took up his abode in Aurora, where he died in September, 1905, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Maria Coster, and was a native of New York, is now living in Aurora.

Samuel Eugene Miller pursued his education in the public schools of Hinckley, in Dixon College and in the Jennings Seminary of Aurora, pursuing shorthand and commercial courses in the two last named institutions. He was thus well qualified for a business career and he entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as private secretary to the general passenger agent. He afterward occupied a similar position with the division superintendent of the Pullman Company, but desirous of engaging in business for himself, he eagerly watched for available opportunities and at length feeling that there was a good opening for the manufacture of typewriter ribbons, carbon paper and other supplies, in 1896 he established business in this line under the name of the Miller & Carter Manufacturing Company, with plant and offices in Aurora. The partners had very little capital and their stock was a most modest one, for they had less than one thousand dollars at their command. The first year their receipts were extremely small but Mr. Miller

had confidence, ability and determination and the result shows that his confidence was well placed. The business has since enjoyed great growth and phenomenal success. He regarded the quality of his supplies as the best advertisement and utilized every available means to place his goods upon the market, knowing that when once introduced they would have a ready sale. In 1906 the business was incorporated as the Miller-Bryant-Pierce Company, but in a short time both Mr. Bryant and Mr. Pierce retired and now Mr. Miller owns virtually the entire stock of the company, the success of which is attributable in very large measure to his keen foresight and indefatigable energy. The trade is now very extensive, covering the entire United States, with branches in New York, St. Louis, Chicago and San Francisco. They also enjoy a large European trade and sell in India, Japan and Australia, and, in fact, wherever the typewriter is used. No week passes without many orders being shipped to foreign countries. At the beginning they employed only four or five operatives in the factory, but now they employ thirty-five or forty and use the most improved machinery in the manufacture of supplies. Each employe is today able to do as much under modern conditions and with the machinery now in use as twelve people could formerly do. The company also has a number of representatives on the road, both in this country and abroad.

In 1896 Mr. Miller was married to Miss Meda Jones, a native of Mendota, Illinois, and they have two children: Marjorie, born October 31, 1899; and Barbara, born February 9, 1904. Mr. Miller is recognized as one of the progressive young men of the city, of substantial qualities, of laudable ambition and firm purpose. He is a popular manufacturer and business man, having the esteem and good will of his colleagues and his associates. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 705.

NELS PETERSON.

Nels Peterson, a prosperous farmer and dairyman residing in Campton township, three miles northeast of Elburn, where he owns and operates a farm of one hundred and seventy acres, is a native of Sweden, born December 11, 1857, and from that country he emigrated to America in 1882.

He was born and reared on a farm and attended the district schools of his native land until at the age of nine years he was taken from school to aid his father in the work of the farm. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age, when he determined to seek his fortune in America, and booked his passage for this country. Arriving here he first located near Geneva, Illinois, and later removed to Wasco, where he worked as a farm hand for ten years, all this time saving his earnings as best he could with the ultimate object of buying a farm of his own. Eventually he was enabled to secure title to his present farm, and with renewed energy he undertook the work of establishing it on a paying basis and of paying his indebtedness. The investment proved a most fortunate one, as his crops yielded him good returns, so that he is now

entirely out of debt and derives an income from his property that has placed him in a position of independence. The place is well improved, has a fine orchard on it, and is well watered, the water showing strong indications of minerals, iron principally abounds and the well near the residence shows strong indications of sulphuretted hydrogen. About fifty acres of the land is rolling and covered with timber. Mr. Peterson now keeps a herd of forty cows and is engaged in the dairy business.

In 1887 occurred the marriage of Mr. Peterson and Miss Hannah Johnson, who is also a native of Sweden. Unto this union have been born three children: Edward, Albert T. and Anna E. All reside at home with their parents.

In politics Mr. Peterson supports the republican party, and religiously he is a member of the Lutheran church. He deserves the utmost credit for the success to which he has attained in life, as when he landed in America he had but five dollars and his success is entirely due to his own efforts and habits of thrift, industry and perseverance.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER YATES.

The first born of eight children in his father's family, and the son of an active practitioner of veterinary surgery in the early days when a man of that profession was in great demand and obliged to practice over a very wide extent of country, George Christopher Yates had many homes in his childhood and youth and became familiar with many different parts of this, his native state. He was born near Bloomington, Illinois, on October 12, 1862, and is the son of Christopher and Almira (Beals) Yates. Both were born in New York state, the father in Montgomery county, December 25, 1837, and the mother in Yates county, December 3, 1842. The father was a skillful and successful veterinary surgeon and his services as such were in great demand. The almost countless calls on him for professional work obliged him to keep on the move in his early life, and as he always took his family with him, they had for a time no settled abiding place. This accounts for the numerous birth-places of his children, who were: George Christopher; William Edward, who was born in Kendall county, this state, March 12, 1866, and is now farming in Edmunds county, South Dakota; Albert LeRoy, born in Livingston county, Illinois, March 21, 1868, and now a successful veterinarian at Dwight, in that county; Nellie M., who was born in Iroquois county, Illinois, March 29, 1872, and is now living on a farm in Sugar Grove township, this county, with her husband, John Perkins; Bert Q., born October 16, 1874, in Iroquois county, who now lives in Aurora; Harry, who was born in Kankakee county, Illinois, July 2, 1877, and is now deceased; Alice, who was born in Livingston county, August 27, 1879, and married William Neel, a farmer in Saline county, Nebraska, near the village of Tobias; and Lefa A., who was born October 9, 1881, in Livingston county, the wife of Fred Neel, and now living on the farm of her husband in the vicinity of Tobias, Nebraska. Christopher Yates,



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE C. YATES

the father of these children, died November 17, 1892, aged fifty-four years, ten months and seventeen days.

George C. Yates obtained a common school education of limited extent, owing to the circumstances and migrations of the family in his youth. At the age of twenty-one he hired himself out to work as a farm hand, first in Livingston county and afterward in Kane county, and ever since then he has been engaged in farming, although, like his father, he has been somewhat migratory, and followed his chosen pursuit in different places.

The important event of his marriage occurred on October 29, 1888, when he was united with Miss Candace Estella Breese, a daughter of Lysander C. and Susan H. (Wormley) Breese. She was born May 9, 1864, on the farm in Aurora township which is now the home of herself and her family. It has been in the Breese family for three-quarters of a century, and she is the representative of the fourth generation in direct descent from Samuel and Betsey Ann (Smith) Breese, its first possessors, in the ownership and occupancy of it. Her parents were married February 25, 1854. The father was born October 29, 1824, and when a child was brought to this farm by his mother. On it he grew to manhood and passed the remainder of his days, dying here April 29, 1893. He was widely and favorably known in Kane and Kendall counties, and enjoyed great popularity. Being a great lover of the horse, he made a study of this noble beast, and became an acknowledged authority on all subjects of interest connected with it, his judgment being universally deferred to. An upright and conscientious man, he was true and faithful in all the relations of life. He was also a shrewd and successful business man. Mrs. Lysander Breese was born June 23, 1830, at Painted Post, New York. She was the daughter of John and Deborah (Winans) Wormley, and went with her parents to Oswego, Kendall county, Illinois, in 1838. She and her husband became the parents of four children: Candace Estella, now Mrs. George Yates; Mary E., now Mrs. Robert Hadley, of Montgomery, this county; and Helen Edwina and Elsie, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates have had seven children: Florence A., who was born August 21, 1889, and Helen Irene, born November 25, 1890, both at home; Harry Breese, who was born July 27, 1892, and now assists his father in carrying on the farm; Susan Maud, born August 27, 1895; Gladys Irma, born May 15, 1900; Nellie May, born September 27, 1902; and William Cuthbert, who was born July 17, 1904, and died April 11, 1906. The older children were born in Kane county and the three youngest in South Dakota. Florence, the oldest daughter, has attended the East Aurora high school, and all the others are or will be well educated.

In 1899 Mr. Yates moved his family to Edmunds county, South Dakota, where he bought a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which he still owns. He remained in that state and farmed his land six years, but in the spring of 1905 returned to Kane county, and, after living a year in Montgomery, moved to the old homestead of the Breese family, which became the property of his wife at the death of her parents. This farm contains seventy-three acres of exceptionally fine land and is well improved. It is one of the most attractive and valuable country homes in Aurora township, and will

not suffer in appearance or condition under the management of Mr. Yates, who is conceded to be a skillful and judicious husbandman and is very industrious and intelligent in conducting his farming operations. He has followed farming all of his mature life, and during his residence in South Dakota also engaged in raising shorthorn cattle.

In politics Mr. Yates is a republican. He is earnest and zealous in his citizenship, accepting its duties with cordiality and performing all its obligations with intelligence and uprightness. He served ten years as school director and manifested great interest in the cause of public education and great energy in promoting it. Mrs. Yates is also a determined advocate of the cause. She is well educated herself and wishes all others to be. She began her education in the district schools, continued it at the East Aurora high school and completed it at Jennings Seminary, which she attended one year. The family are truly representative of the best American citizenship and well worthy of the high esteem in which they are held.

RALPH H. HARDY.

Ralph H. Hardy, who is the efficient manager of a general mercantile store in Kaneville, was born at Strafford, Vermont, August 9, 1869. His father, Hiram T. Hardy, is a native of North Groton, Grafton county, New Hampshire, where his birth occurred March 12, 1838. He received a common-school education in his native town and subsequently served an apprenticeship of one year at the shoemaker's trade. When about twenty-two years of age he became a student at the academy in Thetford, Vermont, and soon afterward began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. E. C. Worcester. The winter of 1861 he devoted to teaching school in Post Mills, Vermont, but in June, 1862, he volunteered in defense of the Union cause, enlisting in the Seventh Squadron, or what was known as "Sprague's Squadron of Rhode Island Cavalry," for three months. While in this command he participated in the Shenandoah Valley campaign and in the battle of Antietam. On the expiration of his first term of enlistment he returned to Thetford, renewed his medical studies, and in the fall of the following year attended a course of lectures at Dartmouth College. The war still continuing, he reenlisted in October, 1863, for three years, or during the war, in the Third Battery Vermont Light Artillery under the well-known Captain Stout. He served on detail a part of the time as hospital steward and also took part in the siege of Petersburg and the battle of the Wilderness. He participated in many of the engagements during the years 1863, 1864 and 1865, and was present at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. He was honorably discharged from service at the close of the war and was mustered out June 15, 1865. He then returned to Thetford and completed his studies at Dartmouth College, where he was graduated as a physician and surgeon, October 31, 1866, and soon afterward began practice at Strafford, Vermont. Here he remained until April, 1871, when he came to Illinois, sojourning, however,

but a short time, and finally located in Nebraska. He practiced there only until the spring of 1872 and then returned to Illinois, locating at Elgin. In October, 1873, he moved to Kaneville, where he has resided up to the present time, meeting with gratifying and well-merited success as a medical practitioner.

On the 12th of March, 1868, Dr. Hardy was married to Sophia E. Buzzell, a native of Strafford, Vermont, born January, 28, 1848. This union has been blessed with three children: Ralph H., of this review; Mabel, deceased; and Adra Genevieve. In politics Dr. Hardy is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He has served as school director in Kaneville for ten years and his fraternal relations connect him with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Mystic Workers, the Yeomen and the Royal Knights.

Ralph H. Hardy attended school in Kaneville until fifteen years of age and then entered the academy at Elgin, from which he was graduated in 1888. Returning to Kaneville, he has since made his home here and now has the management of the general mercantile establishment of J. W. Dauberman. He is a man of excellent business ability and unquestioned integrity and the success of the enterprise is due in large measure to his able control of its interests.

Mr. Hardy was joined in wedlock on the 12th of September, 1884, to Miss Bertha M. Eldredge, by whom he has two children: Hiram T., born September 18, 1896; and Irwin E., whose birth occurred July 5, 1902.

In his political views Mr. Hardy is a staunch republican, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and has gained an extensive circle of warm friends throughout the community during the long period of his residence here.

WILLIAM J. FOWLER.

William J. Fowler, secretary, treasurer and manager of the Aurora Silver Plate Manufacturing Company, is thus closely associated with the productive industries of Aurora. He is a man of marked strength of character, of clearly defined individuality, of laudable ambition and firm purpose and he stands today as one of the prominent residents of his adopted city.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York, April 8, 1854, being the youngest son of Edward Y. and Mary G. (Williamson) Fowler. His paternal grandparents were Weeden and Phoebe (Halsted) Fowler. The former, a native of New York, was a millwright by trade and came westward to Illinois with his parents, Gilbert and Martha (Keck) Fowler, who settled at Big Rock, where their remaining days were passed and where they were eventually laid to rest. Weeden Fowler bought land, improved and cultivated it and engaged in farming for many years, becoming recognized as one of the representative and leading agriculturists of his community. Both he and his wife died when well advanced in years.

In the maternal line William J. Fowler is a representative of an old New York family. His grandfather, William Williamson, was a native of the Empire state and a farmer by occupation. He died at Bedford, Westchester county, New York, at an old age. He was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Carpenter and the grandmother of our subject. They had a family of twelve children. For his second wife William Williamson wedded Phebe Park. His father was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and the English troops came onto their farm at the time of the battle of Tarrytown.

Edward Y. Fowler was born in Westchester county, New York, and has long been a prominent and well-known resident of Aurora. After his marriage he lived for a time in New York city, where he was engaged in the grocery business, but in 1854 came to Illinois, settling at Aurora, where he opened a grocery store on the old McClelland corner, where Hotel Arthur now stands. He died in 1863 at the age of forty-three years, while his wife survived him until 1900 and was more than seventy years of age at the time of her demise. She belonged to the Society of Friends, while Edward Y. Fowler was a Congregationalist in religious belief. He was always active in public affairs, aiding materially in the development and substantial upbuilding of the community in which he lived and his entire life was in harmony with the teachings of the Masonic fraternity, in which he held membership. Unto him and his wife were born four children who reached adult age. Josephine is the widow of John R. Little and was for many years a resident of Big Rock, but afterward removed to Fairmont, Nebraska, where her husband died. Josepha, twin sister of Josephine, is the widow of George W. King, who was an early settler of Big Rock. Edward Y. is a member of the firm of F. E. Royston & Co., wholesale grocers.

William J. Fowler, the youngest of the family, was reared in Aurora and attended the public schools. He then entered upon his business career, securing a clerkship in a grocery store, where he was employed until twenty years of age. He then began traveling for the Aurora Silver Plate Manufacturing Company and has been connected with the same line of business continuously since, much of the time being with the Aurora company. He was for a part of the time, however, with the Meriden Silver Plate Company, of Meriden, Connecticut. For the past ten years he has been with the Aurora Silver Plate Manufacturing Company and is now secretary, treasurer and manager. This company was organized in 1869 and is engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of silverware. The excellence of its output insures to the house a good trade and under the capable direction of Mr. Fowler the business is meeting with excellent success, for he is giving his attention to constructive efforts and administrative direction, possessing also excellent executive ability.

On the 8th of January, 1879, occurred the marriage of William J. Fowler and Miss Emma Quackenbush, a daughter of David and Anna (Beattie) Quackenbush. There are two children of this marriage: Ned Y., the elder, is deputy probate clerk at Geneva and married Miss Edna Corbin, a daughter of Daniel M. and Julia A. Corbin. William J. is superintendent of the Aurora Silver Manufacturing Company, with which he has been connected

for several years. He married Bertha Carnes, a daughter of Morris V. and Emma M. Carnes, and they have one son, Lewis Stanley Fowler, born in August, 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler attend the People's church and Mr. Fowler belongs to Aurora Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M.; to Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M.; to Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T., and to Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in Chicago. He is likewise connected with the Elks, while politically he is a pronounced republican and an able worker in the party ranks. He is now serving as a member of the county central committee, has been a delegate to the state conventions and has been a helpful factor in securing republican successes. He resides at No. 277 South Broadway in the old home which his father purchased many years before. In manner he is genial and courteous, possessing qualities which well fit him for political leadership, while his business discernment and enterprise are manifest in the fact that he has worked his way upward to a position of responsibility and prominence in industrial circles.

SETH S. SHERWOOD.

The stock industry has engaged the attention of many active and enterprising men in this country for many years and grows every year in magnitude and importance in all its departments. Among those who are successfully occupied with it in the department of breeding for the market, Seth S. Sherwood, of Plato township, is one of the leaders in this county. He was born in Plato township, May 25, 1884, and is the son of Charles S. and Luella (Meurhead) Sherwood, both natives of Plato township. The father is now a retired farmer and lives in Elgin, Illinois. The father is a republican and the mother a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Seth S. Sherwood began his education in the district school near his home, which he attended until he was fifteen years old. He was then a student for six years at Elgin Academy, and after that took a special course of instruction at Elgin Business College. On the completion of his studies he returned to the farm to engage actively in its duties and subsequently to take charge of it. He has now been in active control of all its operations since March, 1908, and has shown himself to be a farmer of capacity and judgment and a stock breeder of enterprise and breadth of view.

On January 1, 1907, he was married to Miss Hazel Samis, who was born in Burlington township, August 12, 1886. Her mother is living and makes her home with them. Mr. Sherwood controls one hundred and twenty acres of land and keeps for his own use ten good cows. He devotes his attention mainly to raising live stock for the market, to which the farm is well adapted, it being largely composed of good grazing ground and located only two miles from the railroad station. In political faith Mr. Sherwood is a republican and in fraternal life a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He pushes his undertakings with earnestness and zeal and is mak-

ing a pronounced success of them. He also devotes a good citizens' interest and care to the welfare of the township and takes his place and does his part in the promotion of every worthy enterprise for its advancement. One of the most successful of the younger farmers and stock breeders of his township, he is also one of its most esteemed citizens.

FRED FAUTH.

That Fred Fauth is now one of the popular, prominent and influential residents of Aurora is indicated by the fact that he has been repeatedly reelected alderman until his continuous service in the office covers ten years, while his entire service as a public official covers nineteen years. His devotion to the public good is unquestioned and he maintains an equally enviable reputation in business circles as a successful cigar manufacturer. He was born in La Salle county, Illinois, June 13, 1860.

His father, John Fauth, a native of Germany, came to the United States when twenty years of age, and in 1854 arrived in Chicago, where he remained for a short time. He then removed to La Salle, where he followed the cooper's trade. Before locating in La Salle, however, he spent a short time in Aurora in the early '60s, and was so favorably impressed with the city as a place of residence and business that he returned here in 1868 and was identified with coopering interests of the city until his death, which occurred in 1888, when he was fifty-seven years of age. His wife, Magdalena Schmidt, is also a native of Germany and is now living in Aurora at the age of eighty-four years. They reared a family of five sons and one daughter, all of whom reside in Aurora and are most highly respected citizens, namely: Albert, John, Gustavus A., Fred, Henry and Barbara, the last named the wife of Timothy Biever.

Fred Fauth was but eight years of age when his parents came to Aurora, and in the public schools he acquired his education, pursuing his studies to the age of fourteen years, when he began learning the cigarmaker's trade. He has since continued in this line of business and as the result of his industry, careful methods and keen discernment, has won success. His progress, too, is undoubtedly attributable in large measure to the fact that he has continued in the line in which he embarked as a young tradesman and, therefore, his proficiency and ability have constantly increased. In 1879 he began business on his own account, and has since been known as a cigar manufacturer of Aurora with a large trade, the quality of his goods and his reasonable prices insuring him a liberal patronage.

While Mr. Fauth has made a creditable record in business circles, he is, perhaps, even better known because of his activity in public affairs, and many tangible evidences are given of his loyalty to the general welfare. In 1889 he was elected to represent the fifth ward on the board of aldermen and from 1891 until 1897 he served as a member of the board of public works. The following year he was again elected alderman without opposition and the same condition existed in 1900, 1902, 1904, 1906 and 1908. A nomination is equivalent

to an election and it is certain that Mr. Fauth can have the nomination as long as he desires, for his fellow-citizens have come to recognize the fact that no one would more conscientiously and faithfully serve the public interests than Mr. Fauth. Since 1902 he has been chairman of the finance committee, and may well be termed the watch-dog of the treasury. While he believes in progress at all times, he does not believe in useless or extravagant expenditure. In politics, as in his business and private life, he is progressive and honest, with a clean record and enjoys the full confidence of all who know him.

HENRY W. ZIEGLER.

Henry W. Ziegler, who is engaged in the coal business in Maple Park, was born in Pierce, De Kalb county, Illinois, December 30, 1855. His father, Louis J. Ziegler, was born in Germany and at the age of twenty-one years emigrated to America, locating near Chicago. He was united in marriage to Catherine Schule, whose father was a farmer. Following his marriage, Louis J. Ziegler removed to Pierce, De Kalb county, where he purchased a tract of land, paying ten shillings per acre for the same. He improved this land and made his home thereon until his demise, which occurred in 1900, his remains being interred in East Pierce cemetery. In his family were nine children: Henry W.; Lizzie, the widow of John Hammond, who served in the Civil war and is now deceased, Mrs. Hammond now making her home in Hinckley; Louis, a miller of Maple Park; Amelia, the wife of Henry Haish, a retired farmer of Hinckley; Annie, the wife of Charles E. Emhk, a farmer of Iowa; Sapona, the wife of Edward Bloom, a blacksmith of Hinckley; Amanda, the wife of Frank Ramer, a farmer living near Pierce, Illinois; and Albert and Fred, who are also engaged in farming in Pierce.

Henry W. Ziegler, whose name introduces this review, was reared on the home farm in De Kalb county, assisting his father in the fields from the time he was old enough to handle a plow. In the winter months he pursued his studies in the district schools near his father's home. At the age of sixteen years he started out to make his own way in the world, being employed at farm labor for ten years. He operated a farm in Virgil township, Kane county, for some time, and in addition to carrying on general agricultural pursuits, also engaged in dairying, both branches of his business proving a profitable source of revenue to him. He is now engaged in the coal business in Maple Park. Mr. Ziegler has traveled quite extensively through the west and north and in 1903 purchased a farm in Colorado, which he sold in 1908, making a profit of forty-eight hundred dollars. He also owns property in Maple Park.

Mr. Ziegler has been twice married. He first wedded Lucy Garleach, who was born in De Kalb county, and whose parents now reside in Hinckley. This union was blessed with one daughter, Laura E. For his second wife Mr. Ziegler wedded Mary Newman, who was also a native of De Kalb county, and whose parents are now deceased, their remains being interred in the De Kalb

cemetery. By this union there is one daughter Olice C., who was born February 19, 1897, and is still at home.

Mr. Ziegler gives his political support to the republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen of America. Personally he is quiet and unassuming in manner, refusing political preferment and avoiding publicity. He possesses unusual will power and a high order of business talent, and in his undertakings is meeting with success, being numbered among the substantial citizens of Kane county.

THOMAS S. HUNTLEY.

Although one of the younger attorneys at law in Elgin, his years do not seem any bar to his professional success, and Thomas S. Huntley is already well known as a capable representative of the legal profession, whose clientage has connected him with much of the important work in the courts in recent years. He was born in the town of Huntley, this state, October 17, 1877, a son of Thomas S. and Annette E. (Brinkerhoff) Huntley, who were natives of the Empire state. In early life they came to Illinois and settled in Grafton, McHenry county. The father devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits and became quite prominent in his county, holding a number of local offices, while his opinions were an influencing factor in many affairs of public concern.

In his youthful days Thomas S. Huntley was a pupil in the village school and afterward attended the Beloit Academy of Beloit, Wisconsin. He qualified for his profession as a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, being graduated from the law department in the class of 1900. He then went to Europe and gained in his sojourn that broad culture and knowledge which only travel can bring. After several months' absence he returned and located in Elgin. Being admitted to the bar in 1901 he engaged in the practice of his chosen profession with the law firm of Botsford, Wayne & Botsford, with whom he remained for about five years. He afterward shared offices with John A. Russell, but is now practicing alone and has secured a large and distinctively representative clientage. In the legal profession, which embraces many of the most brilliant minds of the nation, it is difficult to win a name and a place of prominence. Many aspire but few attain. No assistance from friends can prove of avail, for each lawyer must commence at the initial point, must plead and win his first case and work his way upward by ability, gaining his reputation and success by merit. Mr. Huntley's experience has been that of most lawyers, but his earnest application, analytical mind and careful preparation of his cases has brought him a creditable measure of success.

On the 31st of December, 1902, occurred the marriage of Mr. Huntley and Miss Gertrude B. Kennedy, of Grand Marais, Michigan. They now have one son, Thomas S. Huntley, the third of the name in successive genera-



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tions. Mr. Huntley belongs to the Delta Chi, a legal fraternity, and is also connected with the Masonic Lodge and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. That he is prominent in republican circles is indicated by the fact that he is now president of the Young Men's Republican Club of Elgin; is also a member of the Hamilton Club of Chicago; and the Sons of the Revolution. He is now referee in bankruptcy for the district, comprising Kane, Dupage, Kendall and De Kalb counties. This is the only office that he has sought or filled, for he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties and is most loyal to the interests of his clients.

EBENEZER DENNEY.

For fifty-one years Ebenezer Denney was identified with the mercantile interests of Aurora. Now he is enjoying well-earned ease, having retired from commercial pursuits. His name has long figured in this city as a synonym of progressive business methods and of unfaltering honesty and his example may well serve as a source of emulation and encouragement to others. Mr. Denney was born in Yorkshire, England, August 15, 1840, and is a representative of old families of that country. His parents were Joseph and Jane (Woods) Denney, the former a cabinet-maker of England, whence he came to America in 1855, settling first in Aurora. In this country, however, he lived retired and passed away at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife died in 1859 at the age of sixty-five years. Both were earnest Christian people, holding membership in the Congregational church. Their family included six sons and a daughter, five of whom have been residents of Aurora: Thomas, who is still living; Joseph, William and Hallfield, all three deceased; and Ebenezer, of this review.

The last named was about fifteen years of age when he left the land of his birth and with his parents came to Aurora. Here he was reared to manhood and attended the public schools. After putting aside his text-books he joined his brothers, Joseph and William, who were engaged in the furniture business here, and continued with them until after the outbreak of the Civil war in 1861. His patriotic spirit being roused, he then joined the army, enlisting as a member of Company G, Seventy-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was commissioned second lieutenant and later first lieutenant, with which rank he was mustered out. He served until the fall of Vicksburg, when he was transferred to the Fiftieth United States Colored Troops, with which he was connected until the spring of 1866. He was then mustered out at Vicksburg and returned home with a most creditable military record. He had first enlisted as a private, but with the colored troops was quartermaster sergeant. He took part in the siege of Vicksburg from the beginning until the capitulation of the city, was also in the siege of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely and in innumerable skirmishes.

When the country no longer needed his aid Mr. Denney returned to Aurora, and again entered his brothers' store, this time becoming a partner

under the firm style of Denney Brothers. He bent his energies to the development of the business and to the extension of its trade relations, and became recognized as an enterprising and progressive merchant. In 1896 he became the senior partner of the house upon the retirement of his brothers, and continued in the business until January 7, 1906. During the last few years his nephew, Albert J. Denney, was associated with him. Altogether, he was in business here for fifty-one years and during most of the time was at one location at No. 27-29 Broadway. The house has always been noted for the large and well-selected line of furniture which has been carried, for its reasonable prices and for its honorable business methods. Mr. Denney figured as one of the leading merchants and trustworthy business men of the city, and continued active in the trade until 1906, since which time he has enjoyed a well-earned rest.

In September, 1861, was celebrated the marriage of Ebenezer Denney and Miss Mary Elliott, a daughter of W. T. and Rebecca (Pierce) Elliott. Mrs. Denney died, however, in the summer of 1862 and on the 7th of November, 1865, Mr. Denney wedded Miss Mary Alice Nix, a daughter of Leander and Margaret Miranda (Stewart) Nix. They have an adopted son, George Burton Denney. Mrs. Denney was born near Raymond, Mississippi, in Hinds county. Her mother was a native of the same county, while her father was a native of Tennessee. His death occurred when his daughter was but two weeks old and his wife survived for some years, passing away September 24, 1889, at the age of sixty-seven years. They were the parents of four children: Sarah and Rebecca, now deceased; Margaret Nix, of Aurora; and Mary Alice, now Mrs. Denney. The father was a farmer and was reared in Tennessee but married and removed to Mississippi. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Denney was William Stewart, who was of Scotch descent and lived in Mississippi during the latter part of his life. He devoted his time and energies to farming save for the period when he served his country as a soldier of the war of 1812. He lived to an advanced age, while his wife, Mrs. Sarah (Wilson) Stewart, had more than reached middle life when called to her final rest. Their family numbered ten children.

Mr. and Mrs. Denney are members of the First Congregational church, and enjoy the highest regard of all who know them. Mr. Denney is a member of Aurora Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., Ben Hur Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R. He is now serving as commander of this post, which has nearly two hundred members. He was also aid-de-camp on the staff of General Force and has always been much interested in military affairs. Politically he is a stalwart republican and was alderman for four terms, representing the old eleventh ward for two terms and the fourth ward for two terms. He was, likewise, city treasurer for two years, school treasurer for two years, and township treasurer, handling all the school money. While he is not active in business pursuits at the present time, he is a stockholder and director of the Aurora National Bank, and the president of the Aurora Home Building and Loan Association. He owns a beautiful residence at No. 104 South Broadway and owns three dwellings on Grant Place, two on La Salle and two on Lincoln avenue. Starting out in

his business career at the age of fifteen years, Mr. Denney has made steady progress, has utilized his opportunities to the best advantage and has proved his worth in his honorable dealings and his fidelity to every trust reposed in him. His name has become synonymous with commercial integrity and he has been an active moving force in the welfare and development of the city along commercial and many other lines. He has never failed to respond to a public call for assistance in community affairs and Aurora has profited by his energy, his business discernment and his active cooperation in matters upon which rests the public welfare.

GUSTAVUS A. FAUTH.

Gustavus A. Fauth, who has made his home in Aurora from the age of twelve years, is now cashier of the German-American National Bank and aided in its organization in 1890. He was born in LaSalle, January 17, 1858. His father, John Fauth, a native of Germany, came to the United States when twenty years of age and in 1854 he arrived in Chicago, where he remained for a short time. He then removed to LaSalle, where he followed the cooper's trade. Before locating in LaSalle, however, he spent a short time in Aurora in the early '60s and was so favorably impressed with the city as a place of residence and business that he returned here in 1869 and was identified with coopering interests of the city until his death, which occurred in 1888, when he was fifty-seven years of age. His wife, Magdalena Schmidt, is also a native of Germany and is now living in Aurora at the age of eighty-four years. They reared a family of five sons and one daughter, all of whom reside in Aurora and are most highly respected citizens, namely: Albert, John, Gustavus A., Fred, Henry and Barbara, the last named the wife of Timothy Biever.

Gustavus A. Fauth pursued his early education in parochial schools at Naperville and Aurora and entered upon his business career as an employe in the dry-goods house of Miller & Pease, his connection therewith dating from August 11, 1871. His mercantile career needs no further comment than the statement that for thirty-three years he was connected with the firm and its successor, the S. S. Sencenbaugh Company. He worked his way upward through successive stages of promotion, his ready adaptability, enterprise and irreproachable honesty gaining him the full confidence and trust of those whom he represented. During twenty years of that time, from 1883 until 1903, he was a partner of his brother, Fred, in the cigar manufacturing business. In 1890, in connection with other capitalists, he incorporated the German-American National Bank, of which he was made a director and in 1904 he became actively connected with the management of the bank as its cashier and still continues in this position.

In 1892 Mr. Fauth was married to Miss Amelia S. Obenauer, a native of Peru, Illinois, and in Aurora they have a wide and favorable acquaintance. Mr. Fauth is a very popular citizen. His long connection with the dry-goods

trade brought him a wide acquaintance and his unfailing courtesy and deference to the opinions of others gained for him the high regard and esteem of those with whom he was associated. It also brought to him a large knowledge of business methods and, constantly broadening in the scope of his activities and in his experience, he is today recognized as an able financier, well qualified to handle the funds of his fellow citizens, while his commercial integrity is above question.

ADOLPH SCHNEPF.

Adolph Schnepf, deceased, was a native of Germany, born July 10, 1855, and he was reared and educated in his native land, remaining there for some years after his marriage. It was in 1882 that he wedded Miss Mary Schaal, who was born in the fatherland and is a daughter of Gotlieb and Elizabeth (Mogler) Schnepf. Nine children were born of this union, as follows: Emil; Mina, who married William Jurs and has two children, Elmer and Ora; Paulina, who married Frank Parren and has one child, Leona; Albert, Adolph, Henry, William, Fred and Frank.

Believing that he would have a better opportunity to gain a home and competence for his family in the new world, Mr. Schnepf came to America in 1892 and first located on a farm in Iowa, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for three years. In 1895 he came to Illinois, but after spending a short time in Kane county, he went to Arkansas, where he lived for nine months. At the end of that time he returned to Elgin, but died soon afterward, passing away on the 20th of August, 1899, on a farm near this city. He made farming his life occupation and met with good success during his residence in the United States. Mr. Schnepf was an earnest and consistent member of St. Paul's Lutheran church and was an ardent republican in politics.

AUGUST WILLIAM BOWGREEN.

August William Bowgreen, a prosperous farmer and dairyman of Camp-ton township, was born in Westergotland, Sweden, November 23, 1868, the son of Carl G. and Louisa (Anderson) Bowgreen, both of whom are natives of Sweden, where their marriage was consummated and where they lived some years afterward before determining to seek their fortune in the new world. In 1888 the family removed to America, and eventually chose this county for their permanent home. Here they have done well, and of the nine children born to their union, Albert resides at Geneva, where he is employed in the gas works; Huldah S. is the wife of August Anderson, a farmer residing near St. Charles; Frank E. is a tailor, residing in Chicago; John A., Carl Adolf, Oscar E. and August William are all engaged in farming in Kane

county; Otto is employed in a piano factory and resides near Geneva; Fritz is employed in a screen factory at Geneva.

August William Bowgreen passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Sweden, and is indebted to the district schools of that country for his education. At the age of thirteen years he was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade, but finding the work too arduous and uncongenial he returned to the parental roof and aided his father in the work of the farm, remaining at home until sixteen years of age, at which time he came to America. Locating in Chicago he first secured employment as a laborer and afterward obtained employment on a farm. He also worked for a time in the shops of the United States Windmill Company at Batavia, Illinois. In 1903 he engaged in farming in his own behalf, renting land for this purpose, and has continued farming to the present time. He has also gradually built up a fine dairy business, and now has a herd of forty cows.

Mr. Bowgreen married Miss Amanda Skoyland, who was born in Sweden and came to America in 1886. To this union have been born five children, namely: Judith E., Norma N., Hazel I., Ruth H. and Alice E., all of whom are at home with their parents.

In politics Mr. Bowgreen is a republican. Religiously he is a member of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church. By his industry and strict attention to business he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, and is recognized as a valuable citizen of the community.

CHAMBERS DEWITT CALHOUN, M. D.

Dr. Chambers DeWitt Calhoun, engaged in the practice of medicine at Elburn, where his social as well as his professional qualities have won him high regard, was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1858, his parents being S. S. and Hannah Calhoun. The father organized a company of Federal troops just prior to the Civil war. He spent his entire life in Pennsylvania, and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married Hannah Sheridan, whose parents were farming people of that state. The death of Mr. Calhoun occurred at the age of seventy-two years. His family numbered the following children: Joseph P., who is field secretary of the Presbyterian society and resides at Chattanooga, Tennessee; John S., who is a Congregational minister at Indianapolis, Indiana; G. O., a practicing physician at Charleston, Illinois; William J., who is engaged in the practice of medicine at St. Charles, this state; and Herbert B., a resident farmer of Kane county.

Dr. Calhoun, the other member of the family, pursued a district school education to the age of seventeen years and afterward entered the Gladrun Academy at Dayton, Pennsylvania. When he had completed his literary course he took up the study of medicine in the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and completed the full course by graduation from that institution in the class of 1884.

Dr. Calhoun first located for practice in Earlville, Illinois, and while there residing married Miss Sophia Martin, who was born in Oneida county, New York, where her parents died when she was but a young girl. Dr. and Mrs. Calhoun have no children of their own but have reared a niece, Marian Webb, who is now seventeen years of age.

Dr. Calhoun, after living for a time in Earlville, removed to Troys Grove, Illinois, whence he came to Elburn, where he has now resided for nineteen years. Here he has successfully engaged in the practice of his profession, the public recognizing his ability to successfully cope with the intricate problems testing the powers of the physician. He is conscientious in the performance of all duty, and holds to a high standard of professional ethics. Moreover, he is loyal in his membership in the Congregational church, and the Masonic fraternity and the Modern Woodmen of America number him as a faithful representative.

JOHN L. WALKER.

John L. Walker is national secretary of the Yeomen, a fraternal insurance order. In recent years the number of fraternal insurance companies has greatly multiplied, as the people have come to recognize their worth and value, and at their head are men of well-known executive force and administrative ability, for the interests thereof are complex and intricate, demanding careful control on the part of officers of keen discrimination. Well qualified for this work, John L. Walker is making a most acceptable national secretary.

He was born in England, January 24, 1842, a son of William B. and Jane (Lathorp) Walker. The father came to the United States in 1854 and settled in Oswego, New York. He brought his family with him and they lived for thirteen years in the Empire state, coming to Aurora in 1867. Here William B. Walker was in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as a blacksmith for many years. He was a most trusted employe and a highly respected citizen and his life record, extending to 1907, covered the long period of eighty-six years. His widow, still surviving him, has reached the age of eighty-five years.

John L. Walker, reared in England and New York and educated in the schools of his native country and of the Empire state, joined the army when nineteen years of age, enlisting in August, 1861, at Oswego, as a member of the Eighty-first New York Volunteer Infantry. He saw active service with the Army of the Potomac and participated in many hotly contested engagements. His valor and loyalty were proven by the fact that he was promoted from the ranks through successive grades until he was mustered out as first lieutenant and honorably discharged in September, 1865. When the war was over he located at Palermo, New York, where he engaged in farming for about three years. In 1868, however, he sold his farm in the East and removed westward to DuPage county, Illinois, where he secured land and carried on general agricultural pursuits for nine years. In 1878 he came to

Aurora and has since been identified with the interests of the city. He joined the police force and his ability as an executive officer and one ever fearless in the performance of duty led to his appointment as chief of police, in which capacity he served for several years. He was also assistant superintendent of streets, while for eight years he filled the position of assistant postmaster. In 1905 he was appointed national secretary of the Yeomen of America and has since been a factor in control of the interests of this rapidly growing organization.

Immediately after his return from the army, in September, 1865, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Ellen L. Smith, a native of Oswego, New York, and they have one daughter, Luvilla F. Mr. Walker is not only a member of the Yeomen, but is also prominent in the Odd Fellows lodge of Aurora, in which he has filled all of the chairs. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and has filled all of the offices in Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R. He is naturally of a friendly disposition, courteous and cordial, and wherever he goes he wins the high respect of all with whom he is associated.

CHARLES D. AMES.

Charles D. Ames, a well-known and prominent citizen of Kaneville, is a native of Vermont, born at Clarendon Springs in Rutland county, on the 26th of August, 1857. The birth of his father, Avery Ames, also occurred in that county, July 6, 1827, and there he continued to reside for many years, his labors being devoted to farming. In 1859, however, he removed to Oswego county, New York, where he made his home until 1865, and then came with his family to this county, taking up his abode in Kaneville and living there until called to his final rest in 1906. During the Civil war he manifested his loyalty to the Union by two years' service with the boys in blue. In 1849 he was united in marriage to Miss Esther Davis and they became the parents of the following children: Fred A., who is now in the employ of the telephone company at Aurora; Edwin L., a farmer living near Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Eleanor, deceased; Jeanette, also deceased; Hiram, a farmer of Ellensburg, Washington; Annie, the wife of J. McDermott, a farmer living near Plato, Illinois; Katy, the wife of P. Stevens, a farmer of Ellensburg, Washington, and Charles D., of this review.

The subject of this sketch was only two years old when his parents left Vermont and removed to New York and at the age of eight years he became a resident of Kane county, Illinois. His education was mainly acquired in the district schools of Kaneville township and as soon as old enough to be of any assistance he began to aid in the operation of the home farm. Leaving the parental roof at the age of twenty-three, he accepted a position as driver of a stage coach in this county, and was thus employed for two years, since which time he has followed farming uninterruptedly, owning a good place of one hundred and sixty acres in Kaneville township and also a hotel in the

village, where he has made his home. Like most of the farmers of this county, he gives considerable attention to the dairy business, which he finds quite profitable.

On the 11th of February, 1883, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ames and Miss Lucy E. Annis, and to them were born three children: Anna, now deceased; Benjamin H., who is attending the State University at Champaign, Illinois, and Lota F., a student in the home school.

The republican party has always found in Mr. Ames a staunch supporter of its principles and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to fill offices of honor and trust. From 1897 to 1900 he served as highway commissioner and he was also elected supervisor for a four-years' term. The duties of these offices he has faithfully performed, winning the commendation and approval of all concerned. Fraternally Mr. Ames is an honored member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen.

ALBERT HERMAN KRETSCHMER.

In the history of those citizens who have passed away, but who during the years of an active life enjoyed to the fullest extent the confidence and good will of their fellow townsmen, mention should be made of Albert Herman Kretschmer, who on the 15th of January, 1908, was called to his final home. He was one of Illinois' native sons, his birth having occurred in Rodenburg, Illinois, April 14, 1877. He was therefore only thirty years of age at the time of his demise. His father was a farmer and he spent his early life amid rural surroundings. His education was acquired in the public schools of Rodenburg and Chicago. He came to Elgin at the age of sixteen years and was first employed by his brother Paul in a grocery store. He soon acquainted himself with the business in principle and detail and in 1899 was admitted to a partnership. The firm of Kretschmer Brothers conducted one of the most extensive and up-to-date grocery establishments in Elgin. They made a specialty of high-grade goods, catering to the best trade and securing an extensive patronage. Their prices were reasonable, their business methods at all times honorable and their very earnest efforts to please have secured an extensive and growing trade.

On the 17th of June, 1903, Mr. Kretschmer was married to Miss Tillie Meyers, a daughter of Henry and Engeline (Weichmann) Meyers of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Kretschmer occupied an enviable position in social circles, the hospitality of many of the best homes being freely accorded them. A republican in politics, he was active in support of the party, for he believed that its principles contained the best elements of good government. He was also a devoted member of the English Lutheran church, contributed liberally to its support, served as an usher at the Sunday school services and was active in all departments of the church. Throughout the community he was very popular and his tragic death was widely mourned. While crossing the tracks



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of the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Railway he was struck by a car which was running at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour and was instantly killed, and the funeral, which was held in the church, was most largely attended. His admirable social qualities and unfeigned cordiality have rendered him very popular and all were glad to number him as a friend. His business associates and colleagues entertained for him the warmest respect and wherever he was known he met with good will and kindly feeling because he gave the same in return.

LLOYD OCHSENSCHLAGER.

Lloyd Ochenschlager is a well-known representative of commercial interests in Aurora, where he is conducting a grocery and meat market. He was born in this city May 8, 1874, his parents being Michael and Kate (Markle) Ochenschlager, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was born near Chicago. The paternal grandfather, Adam Ochenschlager, is a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and in that country married, his wife being Mrs. Eve Ochenschlager. Michael Ochenschlager was a farmer by occupation in early manhood and also learned and followed the cooper's trade. He came to America in his boyhood days and took up his abode upon a farm at North Aurora. For twenty-eight years, however, he was engaged in the grocery business, conducting a well appointed store and securing a liberal patronage by reason of his well known business integrity, his earnest desire to please his patrons and also by reason of the excellent line of goods which he carried. He retired some twelve years ago. His political allegiance has long been given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have little attraction for him. His wife died in the fall of 1907, at the age of sixty-six years. Unto them were born five children: Irving, a grocer on State street; Scribner, who conducts a grocery and meat market on Blackhawk street; Lambert, a salesman representing the Cudahy Packing Company, of Chicago, and Josephine, the wife of C. L. Thomas, a resident of Aurora.

Lloyd Ochenschlager was reared in the city of his nativity and attended the public schools, passing through consecutive grades and later learning many valuable lessons in the school of experience. Entering business life he made his initial step as an employe in a cracker factory and also worked in a grocery store for a few years. In 1898, with the capital which he had acquired through his industry and economy, he purchased a grocery business at No. 342 South Lincoln avenue and added a meat market. Three years later he built a fine business block at No. 299 South Fourth street, where he is now conducting an extensive business, both departments securing for him a liberal patronage. His stores are neat and tastefully arranged and he carries a large line of staple and fancy groceries and good meats, for which he asks reasonable prices. His business methods have always been such as will bear close investigation and scrutiny and, prompted by a spirit of enterprise and progres-

siveness, he is winning a place among the prosperous young merchants of the city.

On the 3d of June, 1901, Mr. Ochenschlager was married to Miss Josephine Holslag, a daughter of Charles and Mary Holslag, and they now have three sons, Carl Michael, David William and Valen Earl. Mrs. Ochenschlager is a member of the Catholic church. Mr. Ochenschlager is a supporter of the republican party, but office does not lure him from the strict path of business, to which he prefers to devote his time and energies, desiring to make ample provision for his family. He has gained a creditable place in commercial circles and is now conducting an excellent establishment.

ETHELBERT BARNES.

Both Mr. Barnes and his wife are natives of Kane county and have lived in it all their lives. The former was born in Sugar Grove township on June 3, 1847, and the latter in or near Aurora. Their son and only child, Clarence Ethelbert Barnes, was also born and reared in the county, coming into the world on the farm which is now occupied by the third generation of the family, on October 1, 1879.

Mr. Barnes is a son of Ira and Eliza (Carnegie) Barnes, natives of Jefferson county, New York, where the father farmed a few years after reaching his maturity. They came to Kane county in 1845, and soon afterward the father purchased a farm of sixty acres four and one-half miles west of Aurora, which was, at that time, a little straggling village. The father built a house on his farm and there he lived until his death. The mother was descended from Scotch ancestry and not distantly related to Andrew Carnegie, the renowned manufacturer and philanthropist.

Their son, Ethelbert, attended the public schools and passed one year as a student at Reifsneider's Business College in Aurora. After the death of his father he purchased the home farm, which he has since enlarged by additional purchases until he now owns one hundred and forty-six acres of well improved and very productive land. He has lived on this farm ever since he bought it, except during one year, when he dwelt in Aurora. The other children born in the Barnes household numbered six: Bertha, who married Benjamin Westover, but both have died; Maria L., now the widow of John D. Randall, of Aurora; Andrew J., who died a number of years ago; Ira C., a retired farmer now living in Aurora; Alfred, who resides in Eureka, California, and Mary E., who married Daniel C. Sherman, but they also are deceased.

On November 24, 1870, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage with Miss Antoinette Sedgwick in the city of Aurora, where she had her home at the time. As has been noted, they have but one child, their son, Clarence Ethelbert, who is married and living on the paternal homestead, of which he now has entire charge. He and his family occupy the house built by his grandfather, his parents having erected a new modern dwelling on the farm for themselves. The son received a good education and has never desired any

other occupation in life but that of his forefathers. He has, therefore, passed his life on the farm with his parents, assisting in its labors until he took charge of it, and since then giving it his whole attention with profit to himself and benefit to the township.

Clarence Ethelbert Barnes was married on November 19, 1902, to Miss Mabel Banker, a daughter of Henry and Fredericka (Ziegler) Banker, prominent farming people of Sugar Grove township, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work, and a granddaughter of Michael Ziegler, one of the best known pioneers and successful business men of Kane county. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, the younger, have two children, their daughter, Maud Mildred, and their son, Clifford Henry.

The elder Mr. Barnes has been for many years an extensive breeder of standard strains of driving horses. He has made a study of this business and is an authority of every feature of it, his judgment being sought from all parts of the surrounding country and always received with high consideration. In politics he is a republican and in official life has served the township effectively and wisely as road commissioner for six years and also as school director for a long time. His son, Clarence, is now filling the latter position with energy and breadth of view.

The father is a man of much knowledge, a wide sweep of vision and firm convictions, but he is very tolerant of the opinions of others and welcomes good natured discussion for the light it gives on both sides of a question. He and his wife are very sociable and hospitable and number their friends by the score. They are members of the West Aurora Farmers' Club and take an active part in its proceedings. In all respects they are worthy of commendation and enjoy the general esteem of their friends, being truly representative of the best citizenship of the county.

HARRY R. HOLDEN.

Harry R. Holden, who, during an active and successful business career, has been identified with several interests of the city, is now vice president and secretary of the Miller-Bryant-Pierce Company, of Aurora, manufacturers of typewriter carbon, ribbons, and other supplies. A native son of the city, he was born November 19, 1865, a son of James L. and Sarah (Allen) Holden, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of New York.

Harry R. Holden at the usual age became a public-school student and eventually attended the East Aurora high school and later the Bryant & Stratton Business College. He entered upon his business career in connection with the hardware trade in Chicago, where he remained in that line for four years. He afterward took up the fire insurance business in that city, in which he also devoted four years, and on the expiration of that period he returned to Aurora, and engaged in the general insurance business. He made his start in a most unimportant and unpretentious way, but admitted N. W. Tomblin to a part-

nership and they worked up their business until it became the largest in the city, returning a gratifying annual income.

Mr. Holden retired from the firm in 1904 and became connected with the Miller-Bryant-Pierce Company as stockholder and secretary and is now vice-president of this company. The enterprise has become a profitable productive concern of the city, and Mr. Holden is now active in its management and control. He was the first secretary of the Improvement Building and Loan Association of Aurora, and is now a director.

On the 2d of November, 1892, occurred the marriage of Mr. Holden and Miss Marie Wheaton, a daughter of the late Judge Wheaton, of Aurora. Their union has been blessed with one child, Sarah.

Mr. Holden is a representative of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being the first secretary of the lodge in Aurora, which position he capably filled for four years. He is very prominent and popular in the organization and is also known as an enterprising and influential business man of his native city. He now owns and occupies a beautiful home on South Lincoln avenue, which is one of the visible evidences of his life of energy and prosperity.

ISAAC D. HARLEY.

Isaac D. Harley, a successful farmer of Campton township, and manager of the Garfield estate, comprising two hundred and seventy-three acres of Kane county's best land, is a native of Bourbon township, Marshall county, Indiana, and a son of Daniel and Annie (Kaufman) Harley. His father, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, is a veteran of the Civil war, having served for twelve months in the Sixty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He married Miss Annie Kauffman, now deceased, and unto this union were born seven children, namely: Isaac D.; Ellen, the wife of Fred Hickman, a farmer residing near Hartville, Ohio; Elizabeth, deceased; L. D., a hardware merchant of Plymouth, Indiana; Sarah, the wife of Milo Gill, a farmer residing in Bourbon township, Indiana; Abraham, also engaged in farming in Bourbon township, Indiana; and John, a farmer residing near Tippecanoe, Indiana.

Isaac D. Harley resided in his native township until he was twenty-one years of age, and received his education in the district school, which he attended regularly up to the time he was eighteen. He then left school and devoted his entire attention to his father's farming interests until, at the age of twenty-one, he branched out for himself, securing employment as a farm hand. He remained in this position for five years then, in 1895, came to Elburn, where he has since resided.

On December 6, 1899, occurred the marriage of Isaac D. Harley and Miss Minnie Z. Garfield, a native of Campton township. Her father, Jefferson Garfield, was a native of Vermont and came to Illinois at an early day, locating near Elburn, where he bought the property referred to in the opening of this sketch, which now belongs to the Garfield estate. He married Miss Harriett Snow, who survives him and now resides in California. Mr. and Mrs. Garfield

were the parents of five children: Wade, who resides in San Diego, California; Fenton, deceased; Jennie E., who makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Harley, the wife of our subject; and Mable F., a teacher in the schools of Kewanee, Illinois.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Harley have been born four children: Garfield, Raymond, Wendall and Harriett. Mrs. Garfield owns an undivided interest in the ideal country home where they reside, which is situated three and a half miles east of Elburn on the St. Charles and Elburn road. It is a most desirable property, being provided with bounteous shade, an excellent water supply, and a well-established orchard.

Mr. Harley gives his political support to the prohibition party. He is public spirited and progressive and gives his influence to every enterprise for public good. He and his wife occupy an enviable position in the best social circles of the community and their pleasant home is the abode of hospitality.

CHARLES D. ROSSETTER.

Charles D. Rossetter, a passenger conductor on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, with many friends in Aurora and also among the patrons of the road, was born in Chicago, November 18, 1852. His parents were Asher and Sophronia (Newton) Rossetter, natives of New York. The father was born at South Barre, Orleans county, and was a son of Asher W. Rossetter, likewise a native of the Empire state. He followed the teacher's profession and was a man of some means, accumulating through business interests a comfortable competency. He died at No. 62 Hester street in New York city, when more than seventy years of age, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Betsey Richards, and was born at Southeast, Putnam county, New York, in 1786, has also departed this life. They were the parents of ten children.

The ancestry of the Rossetter family can be traced back in this country to Edward Rossetter, who came from England with his family in 1630 on the ship Mary and John and landed at Nantasket, May 3, 1630. He began a settlement at Matapan, which they named Dorchester and which is now South Boston. In 1635 he removed to Windsor, Connecticut, and acted as assistant to Governor Winthrop, being chosen for the position in England previous to his embarkation to the new world. His son, Bray Bryan Rossetter, served as assistant governor of Connecticut when it was one of the English colonies, holding the office for eleven years. The maternal grandfather of Charles D. Rossetter was Henry Newton, a descendant of Sir Isaac Newton.

Asher Rossetter was a farmer boy in the Empire state and in 1833 or 1834 arrived in Chicago, but the city had not then been incorporated and presented the appearance of a straggling village stuck down in the swamp. He dug potatoes for his first night's meal and afterward assisted in taking the Indians to the reservations in Michigan. Later he returned to Chicago, where he remained until his death. He became one of the pioneer hotel proprietors of

that city, owning and conducting the American House. Later he purchased the Lake House, which stood on the north side, a two-story brick structure, which at the time was about the most imposing building that Chicago contained. He afterward added two stories and remodeled and rebuilt the hostelry, which was considered one of the finest in all of the west. He was also the pioneer woodenware manufacturer of the west, being senior partner in the firm of Rossetter, Pahlman & Smith. His business activity, his enterprise and his cooperation in civic affairs contributed in substantial measure to the early development and growth of Chicago and he left his impress upon the city in no uncertain way. He died in 1857, at the age of forty-three years, and his wife passed away in 1853. They were the parents of five sons and two daughters, as follows: Stephen Decatur; Charles Raymond; Henry Clay; George Washington; Charles Decatur, of this review; Mary Sophronia, deceased, who was the wife of Frank A Leavitt, of Gardner, Maine; and Julia, who died in infancy.

Charles D. Rossetter was reared in Chicago and attended the public schools. He was only five years of age when left an orphan and was early thrown upon his own resources. He worked in the commission house of George M. Allen and later was employed in a telegraph office, while subsequently he became a newsboy on the Northwestern Railroad. His next employment was as cabin boy on a steamship and eventually he became a steward. He was also at one time ticket agent and later had charge of the Hickson Grocery House of Chicago. He also learned the trade of brick-laying and studied architecture, while in 1877 he turned his attention to railroading. The following year he became freight conductor and for the past thirty years has been a passenger conductor on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He is one of its most efficient and trusted employes in the passenger service. He is always courteous and kindly to the patrons of the road and, at the same time, thoroughly loyal to the interests of the corporation which he represents. He has made his home in Aurora since 1877 and is widely known here.

On the 18th of November, 1878, Mr. Rossetter was married to Miss Ella Duncan, a daughter of Arad and Mercia Ann (Watles) Duncan. Her father was a native of Vermont and her mother of New York. He learned and followed the machinist's trade, and about 1860 removed from Detroit to Aurora, having formerly owned and cultivated a farm in Michigan. In Aurora he followed his trade in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops, and here he died in 1882, at the age of sixty-seven years, while his wife passed away in 1859, at the age of forty-five years. Their family numbered six children, of whom Mrs. Rossetter is one, the others being as follows: Louis, deceased; Libby, the wife of Samuel Emery, of Memphis, Tennessee; Lucy, the wife of Charles Hathaway, a resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Belle, the wife of Major Safford, of Detroit, that state; and Fred, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Rossetter was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1859, and by her marriage has become the mother of six children, namely: Frank Asher, system man with the Link Belt Machinery Company of Chicago, who married Maude

Leone Long, and by whom he has one son, Frank Paul, born May 22, 1908; Myrtle E., the wife of Albert G. Frost, of Aurora, by whom she has two children, Marion Wilson and Robert Rossetter Frost; Duncan Edgar, who is employed as assistant civil engineer by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, with headquarters at Drummond, Montana; Alice Marion, in school; and two who died when young.

The family residence is at No. 387 Linden avenue, and was erected by Mr. Rossetter in 1893. The family is well known in Aurora, where the members of the household have many friends. Mr. Rossetter has here resided for more than thirty years and his many good qualities have gained for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been associated. He is one of the oldest representatives in passenger service on the railroad and his fidelity to its interests have never been called in question.

CARL AUGUST BLOMQUIST.

Carl August Blomquist, who carries on agricultural pursuits in St. Charles township, was born in Jonkoping, Sweden, June 4, 1843, his parents being Carl Erickson and Maga Stina Bowman, both natives of that country, the former born in 1805 and the latter in 1812. The father of our subject passed away in Sweden in 1870, and the mother also died in the land of her nativity, being called to her final rest in 1858. The record of their children, in addition to the subject of this review, is as follows: Louisa, who was born in Sweden, married Gustaf Johnson, a shoemaker, and still resides in the country of her birth; Andrew Peter is deceased; Alexander M., who was born in Sweden in 1845, came to America in 1870 and now resides at Berwyn, Illinois.

Carl August Blomquist acquired his education in his native land and also served in the Swedish army for several years. In 1881 he emigrated to the United States, locating near St. Charles, Illinois, and has since been successfully engaged in general farming here. Seven years ago he purchased his present beautiful home, where he has since resided, the property being valued at five thousand dollars.

Mr. Blomquist was united in marriage in Sweden, in 1868, to Miss Caroline Peterson, whose birth occurred in that country on the 12th of April, 1839, and who passed away in Campton township, April 25, 1899, her remains being interred in St. Charles. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Blomquist were born five children. Franz August is deceased. Othelia Sophia was born in Sweden, November 22, 1869, and accompanied her parents on their emigration to America in 1881. She married Louie J. Johnson, a groceryman, and resides in St. Charles. John A., born in Sweden, February 4, 1872, attended school in that country and subsequently married Miss Josephine Axelson, of St. Charles. He is now a groceryman of St. Charles. Matildia Caroline, born in Sweden, October 19, 1873, makes her home in St. Charles with her father. Franz Albin is also deceased.

In his political views Mr. Blomquist is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Swedish Lutheran church.

Coming to the new world in order that he might take advantage of the broader business opportunities here offered, he has worked diligently and persistently as the years have passed by and has gained a gratifying and enviable measure of success.

EDWARD C. FINCH.

Edward C. Finch, one of the most prominent citizens of Aurora by reason of the extent and importance of his business interests and associations and his activity in municipal affairs, is now serving as chief executive officer of the city, having been elected in November, 1907. He is giving to the city a public-spirited and progressive administration, for he is opposed to anything like misrule in public affairs and stands as a stalwart defender of municipal virtue and substantial upbuilding. He was born in Woodstock, Illinois, September 14, 1869, a son of Luther E. and Ellen S. (Ford) Finch. The father was a native of Syracuse, New York, and in 1837 removed westward, settling in Woodstock, where he remained until 1870, when he brought his family to Aurora. The following year he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife. While living in Woodstock he had engaged in general farming but after coming to this city he lived in comparative retirement, enjoying a well earned rest up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1894.

Edward C. Finch acquired his education in the public schools of Aurora and after putting aside his text-books learned the printer's trade in the office of the Daily News and the office of the Aurora Beacon. He afterward spent one year in the employ of Rand, McNally & Company, of Chicago, but ambitious to engage in business on his own account, in 1903 he established a printing business under the style of Finch & McCulloch, printers, binders and stationers. From the beginning this has proven a profitable venture. His business has grown to extensive proportions and in November, 1907, they removed to their present line building, which is one of the best in the city. Here they are thoroughly equipped to do any kind of work in their line as printers, binders and stationers and the patronage of the house is steadily growing, making this one of the chief industrial concerns of the city. The business is thoroughly systematized and in all business affairs Mr. Finch has learned to discriminate between the essential and the non-essential, using the former in a continuance of business success and discarding the latter as detrimental to the furtherance of his interests.

In public affairs Mr. Finch has always been deeply interested and whether in office or out of it has labored earnestly to promote the best interests of the community. In politics he is a stalwart republican and an earnest champion of the party, and in 1907 he was elected to the mayoralty. He is now serving as chief executive officer and he brings to bear in the discharge of his official duties the same keen insight and reliability which characterize his private business interests.



E. C. FINCH

In 1905 Mr. Finch was married to Gertrude B. Grant, a native of Detroit, Michigan, and they are well known socially in the city, having an extensive circle of warm and admiring friends. Fraternally Mr. Finch is connected with the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and with the Knights of Pythias. He is well known in the city where almost his entire life has been passed and at no time has he ever been disloyal to its interests, but on the contrary has been an advocate of all that pertains to public progress.

CHARLES D. JUDD.

Charles D. Judd is holding the position of vice president in the national organization of Yeomen of America. He was born in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, Illinois, October 11, 1851, a son of Dexter C. Judd, who was a native of Warren county, New York, but in the early '40s came to this state and engaged in farming in Sugar Grove township. He also followed blacksmithing and manufactured axes, building the first shop in this section of the state outside of Aurora. His uncle, Thomas Judd, was one of the first settlers in Sugar Grove township and founded the town of Sugar Grove, where he built a school and otherwise contributed to the development and substantial progress of this part of the state. In community affairs Dexter C. Judd took an active and helpful part. He filled the office of supervisor and was also township clerk and in the discharge of his duties he proved most loyal and competent. He married Eliza Brown, a native of New York, and unto them were born five sons; A. T., S. B., S. L., C. D., and S. C. Of these the third and fifth are now deceased. The father, too, has passed away, his death occurring on the 28th of June, 1903.

Charles D. Judd is indebted to the public-school system of Kane county for the educational privileges accorded him. He was reared upon his father's farm, and the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist early became familiar to him and constituted a part of his life work. Desirous, however, of following other pursuits than the work of the fields, he left home and entered the employ of the Pullman Sleeping Car Company, with which he was connected for two and a half years. On the expiration of that period he came to Aurora and was engaged in the lumber business under the firm style of A. T. Judd & Company for four years. He then retired from the firm and joined the force of employes of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, which he represented in the operative department, being a conductor on the line for seventeen years. He proved a most courteous and capable official, always carefully looking after the interests of the patrons of the road and never neglecting the fidelity which he owed to the company which he represented. Upon his retirement he engaged in the grocery business for a short time and in June, 1898, he became one of the organizers of a fraternal insurance society known as the Yeomen of America, being associated in this with Charles E. Corlett, Charles M. Coates, William A. Colledge and Dr. Prichard. Mr. Judd was elected the vice president of the company and

has continued in the position to the present time. The success of the organization is attributable in no small degree to his methodical habits and his careful systemization of the duties that have devolved upon him in this connection.

On the 15th of October, 1873, C. D. Judd was married to Miss Sarah J. McDole, a native of Sugar Grove township, and a daughter of Rodney McDole, now deceased. Her father was one of the best known of the early pioneers of this part of the state and his eldest son, A. Gordon McDole, was the first white child born in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Judd now have one daughter, Abbie, the wife of Frank LaSner.

Mr. Judd belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Order of Railway Conductors, and other social and fraternal organizations. In matters of citizenship he is progressive, desiring the welfare and upbuilding of the community to the extent not only of endorsing public measures, but of cooperating in many movements for the general good.

PHILIP PETERSON.

Although of foreign parentage, Philip Peterson, of Campton township, is a native of Kane county, having been born at St. Charles, August 31, 1861. He is a son of Fred Peterson, now a retired farmer residing at St. Charles, who was born in Sweden and came to this county in 1851. He has always been a farmer, but is now enjoying well-earned rest at the age of 84. He was married in Sweden to Christina Nelson of that country, now deceased. He is the father of eight children: Philip; John, at present a resident of Wisconsin, and a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church; Oscar, a carpenter and contractor, who lives at St. Charles; Caleb A., who is also a resident of St. Charles and a farmer on the old homestead; Emma, a trained nurse, who now lives in Florida; Carrie, the wife of M. Bennett; Abbie, the wife of E. F. Goodell; and Clara, who is living with her father. The father is a republican in politics, and has long served the public as a school director.

Philip Peterson attended the district school at St. Charles until he reached the age of nineteen. When he left school he started out in life for himself, and after working by the month for one year, rented a farm which he began at once to work with vigor and energy. The farm he now controls contains three hundred and twenty-seven acres, and is devoted to mixed crops, principally corn, oats and barley. As a side issue to his farming industry, and growing out of it, Mr. Peterson keeps fifty Durham cows, which enables him to carry on a thriving and profitable dairy business, to which his farm is well adapted.

On June 19, 1884, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage with Miss Ida Reams, the daughter of a Kane county carpenter, now dead. They have five children, all living at home: Arthur, Maggie, Ruth, Ruby, and Martha. Politically the father is a republican, and fraternally he is a Free Mason, holding membership in several branches of the order. He belongs to Unity Lodge, No. 48, at St. Charles; Loyal L. Mumm, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 96;

and Bethel Commandery, No. 36, Knights Templar, the last two at Elgin, Illinois. He and his wife are also members of Eastern Star Chapter, No. 265, at St. Charles, and he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 737, at Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. Peterson is prosperous in his business because he deserves to be, conducting it with intelligence and earnestness, and giving all its details close and careful attention. He also stands well in the community because he is a good, useful, upright and progressive citizen.

JAMES O. MASON.

James O. Mason, the efficient treasurer of the Aurora Corset Company, is recognized in the city as a wide-awake, alert and enterprising business man of well formulated plans and of sufficient energy to carry them forward to successful completion. He was born in the town of Fort Ann in Washington county, New York, February 6, 1846. The Mason family, of which he is a representative, traces its ancestry back to Sampson Mason, who came from England to the new world in the seventeenth century and settled at Swansea, Massachusetts. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Shubal Mason, also a native of Fort Ann, New York, and a farmer by occupation. He reached an advanced age. He had a family of five children, two daughters and three sons, but only one is now living: Charles L. Mason, a lawyer by profession, who now resides at North Granville, New York, at the age of eighty-two years.

Orvin T. Mason, the father of our subject, was born at Fort Ann, New York, learned the wagon-maker's trade and followed that pursuit in his native town for half a century. He also owned a farm in the same locality. A few years prior to his death he removed to Truthville, Washington county, where he died in 1893 at the venerable age of eighty-five years. In early manhood he wedded Sarah A. Otis, also a native of Fort Ann, and her death occurred December 31, 1900, when she had reached the age of eighty-nine years. They were both consistent Christian people, holding membership in the Baptist church. Their family numbered five sons and three daughters: Rev. Warren Mason, deceased; Julius, who passed away in 1873; Ellen, the widow of R. D. Baker, of Aurora; Frances, the widow of Warner E. Wright, of Aurora; James O., of this review; Sarah A., deceased, who was the wife of L. F. Liscomb, of Hinsdale, New Hampshire; and Orvin T. and John T., both residents; of Aurora.

The maternal grandfather of Mr. Mason was also born at Fort Ann, New York, while his ancestors were from Nova Scotia. They settled in the United States, however, at an early day. Mr. Otis followed the blacksmith's trade and served as a soldier in the war of 1812. His death occurred in the Empire state when he had reached a venerable age. His family numbered five or six children.

James O. Mason was reared at Fort Ann, New York, and attended the common schools there. He worked in the fields through the summer months, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors incident to the tilling of the soil, and he also assisted his father in the wagon shop, so that he gained considerable skill in industrial lines. In 1868 he came to Aurora, where he has resided continuously since. He was at that time a young man of twenty-two years and, entering business circles, he secured a clerkship in the grocery store of Robert Pierpont, with whom he remained for three years, receiving only thirty dollars per month for the first year and a half. He then traveled upon the road as a commercial salesman for three years and was in the wholesale and retail bakery business in Aurora for twenty-seven years, or from 1874 until 1901. In 1897, however, the business was absorbed by the National Biscuit Company, but Mr. Mason remained in charge of the plant at this place for four years. The Aurora Corset Manufacturing Company was organized in 1895 and he has ever since been its treasurer. This is an important productive concern of the city and its interests are ably managed by Mr. Mason and his associates. He is likewise a director of the German-American National Bank, is also interested in what was then the Aurora Watch Company, but is now the Hamilton Watch Company, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and is widely known as a man of sound business judgment and keen discrimination, whose well-directed efforts have been attended with success. Since its organization he has been a director of the Western United Gas and Electric Company.

On the 30th of September, 1875, Mr. Mason was married to Miss Roma L. Adams, a daughter of Charles H. and Harriett L. (Coleman) Adams, of Fort Ann, New York, who arrived in Aurora in 1867 and spent their remaining days here. There is but one son of that marriage, Marquis Edgar Mason, who attended the public schools of Aurora and the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where he remained for two years prior to his matriculation in the Massachusetts School of Technology at Boston, from which he was graduated in 1904. He is now a well known chemist of that city. He married Laura E. Rice, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Rice, of Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. James O. Mason are now rearing the children of his brother, the Rev. Warren Mason, who died in February, 1906, in North Granville, New York, while his wife passed away a week later.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mason are sincere and valued members of the Baptist church. He also belongs to Waubonsie Lodge, I. O. O. F., while his political allegiance is given to the republican party and he served as city treasurer for two years. He is interested in all that pertains to the general welfare and was one of the first directors of the Young Men's Christian Association in Aurora, filling that position from 1870 to the present time. He is also treasurer of the building committee of that association, and they are now erecting one of the handsomest buildings in the state, Mr. Mason devoting much of his time to this interest. His wife is also actively identified with the Young Women's Christian Association, and they have contributed several thousand dollars to these organizations. Mrs. Mason is now president of the Aurora Young Women's Christian Association, and vice president of the Illinois State Association.

Mr. Mason is especially active in matters relating to the public welfare and his cooperation may always be counted upon to further any movement for the public good. A man of great natural ability, his success in business from the beginning of his residence in Aurora has been uniform and rapid. He has persevered in the pursuit of a persistent purpose and has gained a satisfactory reward for his labors. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the utmost commendation.

NICHOLAS C. PAULOS.

Nicholas C. Paulos has in his business career made that steady progress which results from experience and the fit utilization of one's opportunities and innate powers. He was born in Tripoli, Greece, December 6, 1873, but at the age of twenty years sought the advantages offered in the new world and by their improvement has come to be recognized as a representative and successful business man of Aurora and as the leader of the Greek population of the city. His father has always been an agriculturist and both parents are still living in Greece. There were seven sons and four daughters in their family, of whom Nicholas C. Paulos is the eldest. His brothers, Harry and Angelos, have charge of his store at No. 33 Broadway. Thomas is engaged in business in Elgin and Spiros in Chicago. Another brother is an officer in the Greek army on the king's staff.

Spending his boyhood and youth to the age of twenty years in his native land, Nicholas C. Paulos then sailed from Greece to America and spent the first few months after his arrival in this country at Paterson, New Jersey. He also remained for seven months in New York City and the following year secured employment in a confectionery establishment in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, while during the succeeding year he was at Little Falls, New York. Making his way westward to Des Moines, Iowa, he there attended Highland Park College for three and a half years and for two and a half years was a student in Drake University, from which institution he was graduated. He was very ambitious to receive a thorough English education as well as to acquaint himself with the manners, habits and customs of the American people, but not possessing the means to obtain the much-desired knowledge, he had almost given way to despair when a fortunate incident transpired and doubtless changed the whole course of his life. Following his arrival in Des Moines he sought a situation, for his financial condition rendered immediate employment a necessity. While sauntering on the street looking in the window of a stationery store, he was accosted by a gentleman who proved to be Mr. Gray, the superintendent of the dining hall at the Highland Park School in Des Moines. Mr. Gray was interested in the striking personal appearance and intelligence of the Greek youth and, becoming cognizant of the fact that he possessed a naturally bright mind and was eager for an education, Mr. Gray

invited him to the school, where he presented him to the principal, Professor Longwell, who manifested much interest in the boy, as did the other professors and teachers in the school. In order to assist him in meeting his needs while acquiring a knowledge of English, they gave him work at building furnace fires and doing errands and in this way he managed to work his way through school. He displayed keen appreciation of the kind treatment which he had received in his faithfulness to every task entrusted to him and his devotion to those whom he served.

When he had received his diploma from Drake University Mr. Paulos lectured in many towns in Iowa, taking for his subject "The Manners and Customs of the Greek People." Later he engaged in the confectionery business in Chicago for a year and a half and in 1900 he came to Aurora, possessing at that time the sum of sixteen dollars of his own. However, he borrowed from friends sufficient money to enable him to establish a small confectionery store on New York street, near the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy depot. From the beginning this venture proved successful and after six months he leased a large store on South Broadway, paying a rental of sixty-five dollars per month. After one year he renewed the lease for a period of five years, paying the sum of \$140 per month for the entire building, a portion of which he sublet. In May, 1905, the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Railroad Company leased the building on the corner of Broadway and Fox streets, now used as their transfer station, and the company sought Mr. Paulos to establish and conduct a confectionery store in the building. This he did in connection with his other store and has been very successful in the new undertaking, having at present the largest confectionery business in Aurora. For his privileges of conducting the restaurant and confectionery business in the transfer station he pays the sum of \$2,200 per annum. Two of his brothers are somewhat interested with him in this enterprise, having come to America at the suggestion of their brother, who sent them money to pay their passage. Nicholas Paulos also has a brother in Chicago and one in Elgin, whom he aided in a similar manner and he has also assisted each one in starting in business.

Mr. Paulos has not only been extremely kind and helpful to the members of his father's family but to his fellow countrymen as well, and is a recognized leader among the Greek residents of Aurora, who number seventy-five. Most of these are employed in mechanical lines and Mr. Paulos acts as interpreter and arbitrator between employer and employed. In October, 1907, the Greeks of Aurora organized Lyeurgus Lodge, which is of a charitable and literary nature. Every male Greek in Aurora is a member of this lodge, of which Mr. Paulos is president. During the winter months he instructs its members in the English language and in the manners and customs of the English-speaking people, and thus he is doing much to aid his fellow countrymen, not only in gaining material advancement but also in becoming good citizens, loyal in their support of their adopted land.

On the 31st of December, 1902, Mr. Paulos strengthened the ties which bind him to America by his marriage to Miss Edith M. Page, a native daughter of Illinois, born at Naperville, October 31, 1884. Her father, Al-

bert Page, residing at No. 424 Fifth street, Aurora, is engaged in cement work. Both Mr. and Mrs. Paulos are members of the Trinity Episcopal church, and his political allegiance is given the republican party. His position on political questions is not the result of chance or influence or of partiality but has come as the result of his thorough investigation into the political questions and conditions of his adopted land. He is actuated in all that he does by an American spirit. While feeling a deep attachment for the land of his nativity, he is thoroughly loyal to the land of his adoption and Aurora recognizes in him a representative and valued citizen.

HON. JOHN W. LINDEN.

Hon. John W. Linden belongs to that class of men that the world calls self-made and to whom the public instinctively pays deference because of the success to which they have attained, but it is not alone his prosperous business career that has made John W. Linden a representative citizen of Aurora. He has been a prominent factor in democratic circles for many years and has twice represented his district in the state legislature, leaving the impress of his individuality upon the laws enacted during that period. He was born in Luxemburg, Germany, January 26, 1859. His father, Peter Linden, was also a native of that place and in 1861 came to the United States. In the meantime, however, he had resided for fifteen years in Paris and was engaged in business as a wagon-maker. After crossing the Atlantic and establishing his home in Kane county, Illinois, he did not follow his trade but turned his attention to general farming in Big Woods, being thus identified with agricultural interests until he retired from active business. He then removed to Aurora, where he lived for some years in the enjoyment of well earned rest ere he passed from this life in 1884 at the age of sixty-two years.

John W. Linden was but two years old at the time of the emigration to the new world and has been, therefore, practically a lifelong resident of Kane county. He attended the public schools until the age of eleven years, when he entered upon an apprenticeship in Stolp's woolen mill, where he displayed such adaptability and enterprise that while yet a boy he was given charge of the carding and spinning department of the mill. Few men are forced to start out in life so early as he did and few, with no better equipment as offered by the public schools and other training, gain such a creditable measure of success. However, Mr. Linden has always advanced in intellectual as well as business lines, for reading, observation and experience have kept him well informed. As he passed on in his business career, his fidelity winning him promotion with increased salary, he at length acquired capital sufficient to enable him to engage in business on his own account. In 1885 he embarked in the wholesale liquor trade and is now owner of a very extensive wholesale liquor house. He makes shipments to various parts of the country and has a business which has constantly developed along substantial lines, bringing him a gratifying financial return.

Mr. Linden is well known as a worker and leader in democratic ranks. In 1891 he was elected alderman, being a member of the city council for sixteen consecutive years, and his fellow townsmen further showed their confidence in his ability and integrity in political lines by electing him to the legislature, where he served in the forty-third and forty-fourth general assemblies. He has been a close student of the political questions of the day, has worked earnestly in party ranks and has been chairman of the democratic senatorial committee. In recent years he has refused to become a candidate for office, preferring to devote his time to his business affairs, yet he is still actively interested in the party and its success and as a public-spirited citizen is loyal to all that he believes will conserve the best interests of his city and the commonwealth.

In 1885 Mr. Linden was married to Miss Katherine Winkle, of Aurora. He has never courted publicity yet the qualities he has displayed in his business and public career have called to him the attention of his fellow citizens and the nature of his service has gained for him their commendation and respect.

WILLIAM ANDERSON.

William Anderson, a successful farmer and dairyman of Kane county, was born near Kirkcudbright, in the southern part of Scotland, of the marriage of William Jane (Dixon) Anderson. The father followed general agricultural pursuits as a life work. His family numbered two sons, namely: William, of this review; and James, who resides in Scotland.

William Anderson was educated in the public schools of his native land, and in 1872 crossed the Atlantic to America, locating in Chicago, where for one year he was engaged in stone work and assisted in rebuilding the metropolis after the great fire of 1871. In 1873 he came to Elgin and for the three succeeding years was employed as manager of the farm which was conducted in connection with the insane asylum. Subsequently he removed to Kendall county, where he was employed for two years, on the expiration of which period he returned to Elgin, being employed as a farm hand in Elgin township for one year and for a similar period in Dundee township. In 1881 he took up his abode in Dundee township and was there successfully engaged in the operation of rented land for seven years, when he purchased sixty acres of land in Elgin township, where he has since made his home. He afterward added twelve acres to the tract, has a nice residence and good barns and is also the owner of from thirty-five to forty cows. He is now conducting an extensive dairy business, employing several men to assist him, and is recognized as one of the successful dairy farmers of the county. It is a widely acknowledged fact that the Scotch are the most successful dairymen in the world and Mr. Anderson is no exception to this rule, his carefully conducted interests having gained him a creditable and gratifying measure of prosperity.

On the 4th of April, 1878, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Emeline B. Redmond, a daughter of Thomas and Betsie (Thorn) Redmond,



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natives of Ireland and England, respectively. The parents came to this country when their daughter, Mrs. Anderson, was quite a little girl. Their family numbered eleven children, as follows: John, deceased; Charles, who has also passed away; Edward, formerly of Britt, Iowa, but now deceased; George, who lives in Whitewater, Wisconsin; Emily, the widow of W. A. Tamer; Emma J.; Emeline; D. L., of Kane county; Lavina; Orlando, who has departed this life; and Ida, the deceased wife of J. L. Fulton, of Whitewater, Wisconsin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been born two children: W. T., who wedded Mabel Kelly, a daughter of J. H. Kelly; and George E., who was united in marriage to Sadie Molton, daughter of Fred G. Molton.

The hope that led Mr. Anderson to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought,—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man,—and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Kane county.

MERTON ELLSWORTH WESTON.

Merton Ellsworth Weston, who successfully follows agricultural pursuits and also conducts an ideal dairy in Virgil township, was born in Kaneville, Kane county, November 28, 1872. His parents were Wirt Franklin and Mary Ann (Watson) Weston, the former a native of Rutland county, Vermont, and the latter born in Beatyestown, Warren county, New Jersey, June 26, 1852. In the early '50s the father came to Illinois with his parents, locating in Kane county, where for a number of years he was very active as a school teacher. He likewise took a prominent part in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally he was connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Weston still survives her husband and now makes her home in Hammond, Louisiana. The record of her children is as follows: Madian M., the wife of R. S. Harter, who is an undertaker of Maple Park; Charles M., a painter and paper hanger; Minnie I., the wife of J. J. Roman, an undertaker and furniture dealer of DeKalb, Illinois; J. Scott, who is a contractor of irrigation work and makes his home in Fallon, Nevada, and Robert L., deceased.

Merton Ellsworth Weston, the other member of the family, attended the district school in Kaneville until eighteen years of age and on putting aside his text books went to Chicago, where he learned the trade of a painter and paper hanger, which line of activity he followed for seven years. Subsequently he worked at his trade in DeKalb for a short time and afterward resided in Iowa for eleven months, but on the expiration of that period he returned to Kane county and has here since made his home. In addition to the work of general farming he conducts a model dairy, having thirty-five

cows. Both branches of his business yield him an excellent annual income and he is now numbered among the prosperous residents here.

Mr. Weston was joined in wedlock to Miss Emma Sophia Freeland, who was born near Kaneville, December 9, 1875. The children of this union are: Mildred A., who is attending school; Russell F. and Everett R., both of whom are deceased, and Evelyn L., at home.

In his political views Mr. Weston is a staunch democrat, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are widely known and highly esteemed throughout the community and the hospitality of their pleasant home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

CHARLES KAMMRAD.

A German by nativity, born in the historic city of Rouen, October 27, 1865, and having become a resident of Illinois when he was but fifteen, Charles Kammrاد has exemplified in his citizenship and achievements here the sturdy and sterling qualities of both the land of his birth and that of his adoption, combining the indomitable industry and persistency of the German with the enterprise, energy and activity of the American.

His father, Louis Kammrاد, brought the rest of his family to the United States in 1882, and hastening to the teeming interior of the country, took up his residence on a farm in Kane county, locating near Plato Center. He is still living on this farm, which he has greatly improved and to the value of which he has materially added by the skill and vigor with which he has handled it. His wife, whose maiden name was Minnie Kranke, was also born in Germany. They are members of the Lutheran church and in political affairs the father supports the republican party. They became the parents of seven children: Gussie, the wife of Charles Misner, who lives at Wasco in this county; Bertha, the wife of Henry Dittmar; Mattie, who is dead; Alvina, Plato township farmers, and Charles.

Charles Kammrاد went to school in his native land until he was fifteen years old, then came to the United States and took up his residence in Kane county. He was employed in various capacities until he reached his maturity, assisting his father on the farm and doing other things as he found them to do, and doing all he undertook with an upright and determined effort to secure the best results.

When he was twenty-seven years old he was married to Miss Margaret Reed, the marriage occurring on December 28, 1892. Four children have been born to them: Carl Louis, Walter William, Lily Charlotte and Harvey Samuel. The father is a republican politically, belongs to the Methodist church in religious affiliation and is a Modern Woodman of America fraternally. He is rendering the township valuable service as school director, taking a great interest in the cause of public education. The farm he works

contains two hundred and forty acres and is devoted to a variety of crops, much of the land being in grass for pasture and hay to feed the fifty cows which make up the basis of his large and remunerative dairy business. He has thriven in his efforts for advancement in this country, and he has repaid the opportunities it has given him by loyal and intelligent support of its institutions, exhibiting on all occasions and in reference to every local and general interest an elevated, intelligent and patriotic citizenship.

WILLIAM H. McCULLOUGH.

William H. McCullough is the junior member of the firm of Finch & McCullough, printers, binders and stationers of Aurora. In the prosecution of his business there has been manifest one of the sterling traits of his character—his desire to carry forward to the highest perfection attainable anything he undertakes. Not content with mediocrity in any line of life, he has given deep and earnest thought to the work of raising his business to a high standard, approaching the ideal in the character of its service to the public and in the methods employed in the prosecution of the work of the office.

Mr. McCullough is one of Aurora's native sons, his birth having here occurred September 6, 1866. His parents were William and Catharine (Irven) McCullough, the former a native of Liverpool, England, and the latter of the state of New York. The father came to America when six years of age. His parents died when he was very young and he was early thrown upon his own resources. He attained his majority in St. Louis years. Immediately after the close of the Civil war in 1865 he removed to Aurora. In his younger days he was a member of the navy and later and there learned the shoemaking business, which he has followed for many served as a soldier of the Confederate army, being captain of a company. He took part in many important engagements and after the close of hostilities between the north and the south he located in Aurora, where he engaged in the custom-made shoe business for many years. Since 1889 he has resided in Chicago and for eight years he was superintendent of the shoe department at Dunning, Illinois. Politically he is a stalwart republican, prominent in political circles of Chicago and has held several offices. Unto him and his wife have been born seven children, three sons and four daughters: William H., John Edward; Elizabeth, deceased; Mary; Nellie, the wife of M. W. Quinn, of Chicago; Catherine; and Henry Emmett.

William H. McCullough was reared in the city of his nativity and acquired his education through the medium of the public schools. When twelve years of age he went to work to learn the printer's trade and has followed that business continuously since. He was first connected with the Evening Post and afterwards became associated with the Aurora Beacon, with which he was connected for twenty-one years. He then formed a partnership with E. C. Finch, the present mayor of Aurora, and in November, 1903, estab-

lished the enterprise which they have since conducted. They began operations on a small scale but their business has rapidly developed owing to their unfaltering diligence and perseverance, their close application and thorough understanding of the trade. In May, 1907, they began the erection of a large and handsome building on the corner of La Salle and Benton streets, where they now employ forty-five workmen in the conduct of a printing, binding and stationery establishment. Their output is of such quality as to insure a continuance of the trade, which has increased with each passing year. Their office building is one of the finest business plants in Aurora and the firm is very popular with the general public, while the owners enjoy the full trust and respect of their employes. They have conducted their business on the principle that if they treat their employes fairly and with consideration they will receive good and faithful work in return and the years have proven the wisdom of this policy.

On the 23d of October, 1894, occurred the marriage of William H. McCullouch and Miss Catharine E. Garvey, a daughter of Thomas and Celia Garvey, who were natives of Ireland and came to America, settling at Batavia, Illinois, at an early day. They had seven children. There are three children of the union of Mr. and Mrs. William H. McCullouch: Florence Irene, Marion and William Leslie. The parents are consistent members of St. Mary's Catholic church and Mr. McCullouch belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He now resides at No. 151 Fourth street, where he erected an attractive residence in 1906, that stands as a monument to his business capacity and enterprise.

WILLIAM A. BEITH.

Among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Campton township is numbered William A. Beith, who was born in Campton, this county, September 1, 1878, and is a son of George A. and Lucinda (Richmond) Beith, of whom extended mention is made in the sketch of Robert E. Beith on another page of this volume. Upon the home farm our subject grew to manhood and he attended the Stewart district school until fifteen years of age. For three years he was a student in the Elburn high school, from which he was graduated and then entered Wheaton College, where he pursued a classical course, and was graduated from that institution in 1903, receiving the degree of A. B.

Sickness in the family of his brother then forced him to return home, and he has since devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits. He resides in a very beautiful country home, surrounded by fine shade trees, and there is a splendid spring upon the place which affords water the year round for his herds of stock. The farm is conveniently located three miles northeast of Elburn and is a part of the magnificent five hundred acre estate belonging to his father. He is interested in dairying and keeps thirty cows for that purpose.

In 1905 Mr. Beith was united in marriage to Miss Grace A. Sutor, who was born in Chicago and received her education in the public schools of that city. Her father, John F. Sutor, now resides in Clyde, Illinois, and is engaged in the real-estate business. Mr. Beith is a man of studious habits and is a great reader, being thoroughly familiar with the best literature. In politics he is a staunch prohibitionist, and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen he gives his support to every enterprise which he believes will advance the intellectual, moral and social welfare of the community in which he resides.

JOSEPH INGHAM.

Joseph Ingham was born in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, October 18, 1839, and was, therefore, a representative of one of the oldest families of this part of the state. Comparatively few settlements had been made in Kane county when his parents, Samuel S. and Nancy (Owens) Ingham, located here. The Black Hawk war had been successfully fought a few years before and established the supremacy of the white race in the central Mississippi valley, but much of the land was still in possession of the government and the population was exceedingly sparse when compared with the numbers that are today residing in Kane county. Through the period of his boyhood and youth Joseph Ingham experienced many of the hardships and trials incident to frontier life and as the years passed he won for himself a prominent place in the regard and respect of his fellowmen.

His paternal grandfather, Joseph Ingham, was a native of New York and died in 1853 at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. He was twice married, his first wife being Sallie Star, and their children included Samuel S. Ingham. The second wife bore the maiden name of Dollie Barnes.

Samuel S. Ingham was born in Oneida county, New York, May 24, 1801, was descended from English ancestry and was reared to manhood in his native village of Steuben. He served as a colonel in the New York state militia, and at forty years of age he wedded Miss Nancy Owens, who was of Welsh lineage. Her father died when his children were small, so that little is known concerning the history of the family. In the year 1839 Samuel S. Ingham started westward, reaching Sugar Grove township, Kane county, Illinois, on the 18th of June. There he took up a large tract of land, bidding in for a number of neighbors before the land sales. In the course of years, he improved a valuable farm of three hundred and forty acres, which is still undivided and is now the property of John Ingham and Mrs. Joseph Ingham, who inherited her husband's share. It was upon that farm that Samuel Ingham passed away March 17, 1864, at the age of sixty-three years. His wife was born in Steuben, Oneida county, New York, January 16, 1822, and passed away in Aurora, July 2, 1879, at the age of fifty-seven years. They were both Universalists in religious faith and were most earnest workers in the church. Their family numbered five

children who reached years of maturity: Joseph; Squire U.; John O.; Adaline C., the wife of Burt Spencer; and Hattie, who died when sixteen years of age.

Joseph Ingham, whose name introduces this record, was reared in Sugar Grove township upon the old home farm where his birth occurred. There he was married and died. He attended Lombard University at Galesburg, Illinois, and was a schoolmate of the Hon. Edward Conger, who was later minister to China during the Boxer uprising. In 1861 Mr. Ingham responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting in Company I, Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, while later he became a cavalryman. He served for four years and was wounded in camp by the accidental discharge of a revolver. He was commissary sergeant and at one time was aid to General Grant. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and in many of the important battles of the war, making a most creditable military record, his loyalty nor his valor never being called into question.

On his return from the war Mr. Ingham resumed the occupation of farming on the old homestead, his father having died in the previous March. On the 4th of November, 1869, Mr. Ingham was married to Miss Elizabeth Stickland, a daughter of George and Olive (Sheldon) Stickland. Her birth occurred in Aurora on the present site of the Hotel Evans, September 28, 1840, and she has been a resident of Kane county continuously since with the exception of a period of eleven years spent near Nashua, Iowa. Her father, George Stickland, was born in Bristol, England, in 1816, came to the United States in 1830 and learned the wagon-maker's trade at Skaneateles, New York. Her mother was born at Chambly in lower Canada and when a young lady, came to the United States with a married sister, settling in Illinois. Her parents arrived several years later and took up their abode in Chicago when it was a mere hamlet. In early manhood George Stickland removed westward to Chicago and early in 1839 came to Aurora, where he was married. Here he formed a partnership with John Hall for the manufacture of wagons and he afterward worked for the McCollums. In 1857 he went to Iowa and settled in Chickasaw county near Nashua, where he died in January, 1860, at the age of forty-four years. His wife survived him until 1883 and was sixty-five years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of nine children: Mrs. Ingham; Emeline, deceased, who was the wife of James Thurman; Edward A., of Preston, Iowa; Frances, who resides at Cedar Rapids and is the wife of James Thurman, whom she married after her sister's death; George A., of Moline, Illinois; Esther, the wife of George Griffin, of Creston, Iowa; Sarah, the wife of Henry Perry, residing near Creston, Iowa; Fanny, the wife of Clark Griffin, of Creston, Iowa; and Robert R. Stickland, of Juno, North Dakota. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ingham were Joseph and Mary (Fucker) Stickland, while the maternal grandparents were Charles and Sallie (Sawyer) Sheldon. The latter was a native of Vermont, while Mr. Sheldon was the first white child born in Oneida county, New York. He was a farmer by occupation and became an early resident of Aurora, where he once owned what is known as the Downer Place addition.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ingham was blessed with five children, but two died in infancy: Samuel S., the eldest married Charlotte Fischell and is farming his mother's share of the old homestead. Sarah is the wife of Myron J. Tarbel, of Aurora, and they have one son living, Herbert Tarbel. Mildred is a bookkeeper in Chicago. The death of the husband and father occurred September 6, 1907, when he was sixty-eight years of age and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, not only to his immediate family but also to many friends. He was active in politics and was assessor of his township for nine years. He was also the first recorder of deeds of the county and at one time was president of the Kane County Farmers' Institute. He belonged to Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R., and at all times was as loyal in his citizenship as when he followed the stars and stripes upon southern battlefields. His honesty of intent and purpose were never called into question and such was the appreciation for his sound judgment on the part of his fellowmen that his advice was frequently sought and was always freely given. He lived to see remarkable changes in the county as it emerged from pioneer conditions and took on all of the evidences of modern civilization. He aided in its development along agricultural lines and through the careful conduct of his business affairs won a goodly measure of success. His widow now resides in Aurora, and, like Mr. Ingham, is widely and favorably known in the county.

ERIC MARCUS ABRAHAMSON.

Eric Marcus Abrahamson, who has been engaged in the hardware business in Lily Lake since November 2, 1902, was born September 2, 1872, and is a son of Carl Jacob Abrahamson, who came to this country from his native land, Sweden, in 1883, bringing his family with him. He first located in Sycamore and turned his attention to farming, working for others until he familiarized himself with American methods. He later returned to St. Charles and he followed farming for some years with such success that he is now living retired. He is a republican in politics, and is a faithful and consistent member of the Lutheran church. He is the father of five children, namely: Carl A. and E. Matilda, deceased; Manda, the wife of William Andrews; Anna, who resides at home; and Eric Marcus, of this review.

Eric Marcus Abrahamson is indebted to the district schools of Plato township for his education. After completing his schooling he returned to the farm and assisted his father in its management for the next few years, or up to the time of his marriage, when he engaged in farming in his own interests. He followed this vocation until 1902, when he opened up the hardware business in Lily Lake. He handles a complete line of hardware, including pumps, windmills and plumbers' supplies, of which he makes a specialty.

On February 15, 1901, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Abrahamson and Miss Margarette H. Powers, who was born June 23, 1879. She was one of a large family, namely: Mary Ellen, the wife of James McCarthy, who

resides in Delta county; John, who is in the employ of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad; Catherine E., the wife of Fred. Durocher; Delia C., the wife of George Londis; Michael C., who is a railroad employe; Margarette H., the wife of our subject; Edward William; Florence, the wife of V. Sanders; Anna, the wife of Marshall Forest; Loretta, the wife of Gerald Gallagher; and Thomas, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Abrahamson have become the parents of one daughter, Irena M., born August 27, 1906.

In his political views Mr. Abrahamson is a stalwart republican. He is a public-spirited citizen, and his cooperation can be counted upon in every movement which tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community.

WILLIAM RAMSAY.

William Ramsay, a well known representative of the hotel interests of Elgin, is a self-made man, who has worked his way upward from a humble financial position to one of affluence and is now proprietor of the Burns Hotel and the Ramsay House, adjoining hotel properties, which have a liberal patronage. He was born in Dufftown, Scotland, in 1865, a son of Peter and Margaret (Stuart) Ramsay, both of whom were natives of Scotland. The father is a farmer, and is still living in the land of hills and heather, but the mother is now deceased.

The son acquired his education in the schools of his native town, and, entering business life, was employed in Edinburgh until twenty-two years of age. Ambitious for opportunities which would bring him success, he resolved to come to America, attracted by the favorable reports which he had heard concerning the business conditions and advantages of the new world. He landed at New York with only one hundred and forty dollars in his pocket, and part of this was expended in making the trip to Elgin, whither he came immediately, arriving in the spring of 1887. Although without capital, he possessed a resolute spirit and unflinching determination, nor was he afraid of work. He secured a situation with James Fitchie on a farm, where he remained for only a short time. He then returned to the city and entered the employ of Theodore F. Swan, with whom he continued until March, 1890. He then formed a partnership with Mr. Swan as a dealer in saddle horses and continued therein for two years, when he bought out Mr. Swan's interest and carried on the livery business for several years longer.

When he disposed of his interests in that line he had accumulated considerable capital, and embarked in the liquor business, with which he has now been connected for fourteen years. He has, however, not confined his attention to one line of trade, but has branched out into other fields and in April, 1898, he leased the Burns Hotel and three years later purchased the hotel, which contains fifty-two rooms. In 1905 he began the erection of the Ramsay House, which adjoins the Burns Hotel and which was completed in October, 1906. It contains thirty-five rooms and is three stories in height. The fact that Mr. Ramsay was enabled to purchase the Burns Hotel and to erect



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the Ramsay House is an indication that his business has been constantly growing and is very successful. He displays excellent executive ability in carrying on his interests and at the same time is a popular, genial host, who wins many friends among his patrons.

Mr. Ramsay was married to Miss Mary Alexander, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, whose father was a prominent citizen of Elgin for a number of years, but is now living in Chicago. Two children have been born of the marriage, Margaret Sadie and William. Mr. Ramsay is connected with the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, but has had little time for outside interests, as his energies have been concentrated entirely upon the upbuilding of the business, which has grown in volume and importance, making him one of the prosperous residents of his adopted city. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their improvement has gained a gratifying competence.

CLYDE C. SHAW.

Clyde C. Shaw, a prosperous and progressive farmer residing in Campton township, where he has charge of the family estate, was born in this county October 4, 1873, the son of Comfort H. and Lovina (Cain) Shaw. His father was a native of New York, where he was born in 1835 and where he passed the days of his youth and early manhood. In 1869 he came to Illinois and located in Campton township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres of land. This was the family home for twenty-seven years, or until 1898, during which year Mr. Shaw located in St. Charles, where he remained until the time of his death, which occurred in March, 1899. His wife still survives and spends most of her time with our subject. Three children were born of this union, namely: Clyde C.; Ida N., deceased; and Ella D., the wife of Ray Blackman, a resident of Chemung, Illinois, where he is superintendent of a condensed milk factory. In politics Mr. Shaw was a republican and religiously was a member of the Methodist church, as is his estimable wife.

Clyde C. Shaw attended school in his home district until he was ten years of age, when he entered the graded schools of St. Charles, graduating therefrom at the age of sixteen. He then entered the Oak street high school, of Aurora, from which he was graduated two years later and then returned to the parental roof, assuming the management of the farm and relieving his father of the active duties connected therewith. Under his successful management the place has developed into an ideal country home. It is most pleasantly situated on the St. Charles and De Kalb road, a route that was traversed by the tourists in their "round the world" automobile trip in 1908.

In March, 1898, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Shaw and Miss Allis Linington, who had been his schoolmate at the Aurora high school.

Mrs. Shaw is the daughter of George Linington, a carpenter and contractor of Aurora, in which city she was born August 24, 1874. Unto this union have been born three children, Glenn C., Oren L., and Lovina L.

Mr. Shaw is not identified with any particular political party but casts his ballot in favor of those candidates whom he believes best qualified to fill the office. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Court of Honor. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist church.

HARRY H. WHEELER.

Harry H. Wheeler, who is a successful farmer and breeder of registered stock, his farm being located on section 24, Virgil township, was born on the 25th of August, 1878. His parents are Hinton and Orrissa (Reed) Wheeler, the former born at Warrenville, Illinois, July 16, 1841, while the latter's birth occurred March 17, 1858, within sight of the present home of our subject. The father served for eighteen months in the Union army as a member of the Ninety-fifth Illinois Infantry, participating in the important engagements at Chickamauga and Nashville. After the cessation of hostilities he removed to Chicago, where for five years he conducted a hotel. Thence coming to Elburn, Illinois, he here operated a rented farm for a few years until he had accumulated capital sufficient to purchase a farm of one hundred and twelve acres, three and a half miles northwest of Elburn, subsequently giving his attention to its further cultivation and development. He is now, however, living retired and the old home farm is now owned and operated by his son, Harry H. Wheeler. The latter has two sisters: Olivia C., the wife of W. C. Drummond, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, who is now serving as county clerk, and Emma, the wife of E. R. Youmans, who resides in Chicago and is a locomotive engineer for the Northwestern Railroad.

Harry H. Wheeler attended the district school until fifteen years of age and then entered Dixon College at Dixon, Illinois, being graduated from the business department of that institution. He afterward learned the carpenter's trade in order that he might more profitably carry on the business of contracting and building, which he followed for four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to his father's farm, which he later purchased and on which he has made his home to the present time. He has gained an enviable and creditable measure of success in the raising of registered stock, having a large number of registered English Dorsetshire sheep, which were awarded the first prize at the Iowa State Fair and second prize at the Illinois State Fair. He also has an extensive breed of Chester White hogs, which have been exhibited at many county fairs and never failed to receive the blue ribbon. He also deals extensively in poultry, exhibiting his White Leghorn chickens, White Holland turkeys and White Embden geese at all county fairs and poultry shows. His motto is: "A thoroughbred eats less than a scrub and sells for much more." The success which he has achieved is but the merited

reward of his well-directed labor and enterprise and he is now widely recognized as a most prominent and prosperous agriculturist and stock breeder of the county.

On the 2nd of October, 1900, Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage with Miss Margaret M. Young, who was born in Kane county, but later removed with her mother to Chicago, completing her education in the public schools of that city. She is also a graduate of the Chicago Musical College. Like her husband, she is widely known throughout the community and has gained an extensive circle of warm friends here.

W. H. HEALY.

W. H. Healy, who, since January 1, 1891, has been numbered among the business men of Aurora, and is now senior partner of the firm of W. H. & A. N. Healy, undertakers, is a native of Massachusetts, his birth having occurred at Southbridge, that state, August 19, 1853. His father, W. H. Healy, was born in Worcester county, Massachusetts, and for many years engaged in the hotel business and in milling interests in the East, but feeling that the opportunities of the West were superior to those on the Atlantic coast, he made his way to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1854, influenced in his choice of a destination by the fact that he had a number of relatives living there. He remained west of the Mississippi for a year and in 1855 took up his abode in Kendall county, Illinois, where he purchased a tract of land and began farming. There he tilled the soil for about nine years, when, in 1864, he sold that property but purchased another farm in the same township. For twenty years he cultivated it, bringing the fields under a high state of improvement and development and annually gathering therefrom rich crops which, when placed upon the market, brought to him a gratifying return for his labor. In 1884, however, he put aside the plow and removed to Yorkville, where he resided in the enjoyment of well-earned rest until his death on the 1st of June, 1895, when he was seventy-five years of age. In early manhood he had wedded Diantha L. Lyon, a native of Lawrence, Massachusetts, and a cousin of General Lyon, of Civil war fame. Mrs. Healy passed away some years prior to her husband's death, dying on the 26th of October, 1867, at the age of forty-five years. In 1871 Mr. Healy was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Louisa Baker, of Massachusetts.

Brought to the Mississippi valley in his infancy, W. H. Healy was largely reared in Kendall county, where he pursued a district-school education. When not busy with his text books he worked in the fields, aiding in the plowing, planting and harvesting and when his education was completed he devoted several years to farm work. The opportunities in other business lines, however, proved alluring and he turned his attention to the agricultural implement business, working for one of the leading firms in that line. Naturally ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he saved his earnings until his diligence and careful expenditure brought him capital

sufficient to enable him to engage in the furniture and undertaking business in February, 1886, with Robert N. Newton. On January 1, 1891, he came to Aurora and here continued in the same line of trade, but in September, 1895, sold his interest in the furniture business to his partner, M. M. Pierce, while he purchased Mr. Pierce's interest in the undertaking business. He was then alone for about ten years, or until 1904, when his brother, A. N. Healy, joined him under the firm style of W. H. & A. N. Healy. They have been very successful, being leading undertakers of the city and widely recognized as enterprising business men.

On the 13th of February, 1879, Mr. Healy was married to Miss Elizabeth L. Palmer and their union has been blessed with a daughter, Ruth. Mr. Healy belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and many other fraternal orders, and is also connected with the Chamber of Commerce. He attends the First Baptist church and is a republican in politics. He is a man of resolute spirit, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and the prosperity he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own well-directed labor. He is well known in this part of the state, where almost his entire life has been passed and the qualities which have made him popular are such as win confidence and command esteem in every land and clime.

WILLIAM THOMAS OAKE, M. D.

Dr. William Thomas Oake is devoting his time and energies to the practice of medicine and surgery at Elburn and by constant study and research he keeps in touch with the onward march of the profession. He was born in Clinton county, Iowa, February 24, 1871. His parents emigrated to America in 1842 and settled in the county where Dr. Oake was born. The father served as a private in the Civil war, enlisting when but eighteen years of age. He was under command of Generals Sherman and Logan and was with the former on the celebrated march to the sea. Many times in the thickest of the fight, he was wounded at Fort Donelson and was captured and taken to Libby prison, where he remained for three months before he was exchanged. After the war he returned to the north and for many years has made his home in Iowa. He is now living at Sabula, that state, where he is engaged in the insurance business, and during the administration of President Harrison he served as postmaster of the town. He wedded Miss Mary Ann Barriek, whose father came from England in company with the elder Peacock, the prominent jeweler of Chicago, and purchased ten acres of land lying between what is now Halsted and Green streets. At length he sold his property there and removed with his family to Clinton county, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Oake were born the following named: Richard L., who engaged in the lumber business in the state of Washington and died February 6, 1908; George W., proprietor of a meat market at Prosser,

Washington; Frank R., who devotes his time to farming in Clinton county, Iowa, and Lottie May and Amy, who are deceased.

Dr. Oake acquired his education in the country schools and in the high school at Sabula. In preparation for a business career he entered the Northwestern School of Pharmacy, from which he graduated in 1892. He then engaged in the drug business for four years but thinking to find the practice of medicine more congenial and more profitable he matriculated in the medical department of the University of Illinois and was graduated from there in 1904. He has since practiced in Elburn and has gained a good patronage.

Dr. Oake was married in 1896 to Miss Isabella Robinson and they have one child, Willard W., who was born February 24, 1900. Dr. Oake belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Royal Neighbors, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. Although keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies on his business affairs, and in his practice he is meeting with that success which comes only in recognition of superior skill and merit.

FRANKLIN W. MOORE.

Franklin W. Moore, whose death in 1904 was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, lived for many years in Kane county, where he arrived in 1854. He was at different times connected with agricultural and mercantile pursuits and his last years were spent in honorable retirement. He possessed many excellent traits of character that gained for him a constantly increasing circle of friends. He was born in Wolcott, Wayne county, New York, in 1837.

His parents were Lucius and Anna (Cook) Moore, whose family numbered one son and five daughters, but only two are now living: Almeda, the wife of Albert Leach, of Lyons, New York, and Mrs. Malvina Crane, the wife of Fred Crane, of Long Beach, California. The father died in New York state in 1840 when his son, Franklin, was but three years of age. The mother afterward came west with her family and lived for a time on a farm near Wheatland. Subsequent to the Civil war she removed to Aurora, where she died at the age of sixty-eight years.

Franklin W. Moore was reared in Wolcott, New York, to the age of seventeen years and acquired his education in the public schools. Owing to his father's early death, however, it was necessary that the boy begin work when quite young in order to provide for his own support. In 1854 he came to the west and conducted the farm for his mother. When the war broke out he sold the property and offered his aid to the government, enlisting as a member of Company M, Thirty-sixth Illinois Cavalry, with which he remained until the cessation of hostilities. He was on scout duty most of the time and did not participate in any of the battles, yet his military service was often arduous and hazardous. After the war he settled in Aurora, where

he engaged in the coal business. He was thus identified with commercial pursuits in the city for a number of years and became recognized as a representative and reliable business man.

On the 2nd of November, 1869, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Cornelia Dunning, a daughter of Josiah D. and Eudoxea (Smith) Dunning. There was one child born of that marriage, Lucius Wright Moore, who died at the age of seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Moore began their domestic life in Aurora but in 1874 removed to Iowa, settling on a farm near Martelle, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits. There they lived for eleven years, after which they returned to this city in order to care for her parents, who were then well advanced in years. Mr. Moore afterward lived retired until his death, which occurred June 11, 1904. He died in a Chicago hospital, whither he had gone to submit to an operation, being at that time sixty-six years of age. His widow still survives him. She was born in Sodus, New York, and was four years of age when she came with her parents to Illinois in 1843.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Moore attended the People's church and he was a member of Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R. His political allegiance was given to the republican party for a long period, but later he supported Bryan and the democracy. He was ever a man who stood firm in support of his honest convictions, was devoted to the interests and upbuilding of his city, was faithful in friendship and in his home was a devoted husband.

CHARLES SCOTT WASHBURN.

Charles Scott Washburn, a representative farmer of Blackberry township, owns a beautiful place of one hundred and twenty acres. It is adorned with all modern equipments and accessories. The residence stands on an elevation of ground that commands an excellent view of the surrounding country. It sets somewhat back from the road and a well-kept drive leads up to the house. Everything about the place is attractive in appearance and indicates the careful supervision of the practical, progressive owner.

Mr. Washburn was born in Batavia, Illinois, October 23, 1865, his parents being Joseph S. and Harriett E. (Scott) Washburn, who came to Illinois in 1865 and settled in Elburn. They were natives of New York and spent their early lives in the Empire state. The father gave his political support to the Jeffersonian democracy.

Charles S. Washburn was the eldest child in his father's home and at a comparatively early age, the care and management of the home farm devolved upon him. When a young lad he was sent as a pupil to the district schools of Blackberry township where he continued his education until eighteen years of age. During that period, however, he worked upon the home farm during the summer months and early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of an agriculturist.

After completing his education he assisted his father in carrying on the home farm and there he remained up to the time of his marriage in 1888. He wedded Miss Louisa R. Johnston, a daughter of Nicholas Johnston, who was a farmer and carpenter. Both of her parents are now deceased. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Washburn has been blessed with three sons: C. Scott, Harry J., and Newton.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Washburn removed to the farm which he had purchased, and which has been his home continuously since, covering a period of twenty years. It is one of the attractive farm properties in Blackberry township. In addition to the comfortable and commodious residence, there are good barns and outbuildings, affording ample shelter to grain and stock. He also uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields, and that his labors are practical are indicated in the large harvests which he annually gathers. Mr. Washburn votes with the democratic party, and always keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, is able to support his position by intelligent argument. In his business life he is found to be thoroughly reliable, as well as enterprising, and his success is, therefore, well merited.

CHARLES JOHN ANDERSON.

Charles John Anderson, successfully engaged in farming and dairying in Virgil township, was born near Helsingborg, Sweden, June 26, 1874, his parents being Lett and Annie Anderson, the former a miner by occupation. Our subject has but one sister, Annie, the wife of Karl Christenson, who is engaged in farming.

Charles John Anderson attended the schools of his native country until he was thirteen years of age and subsequently worked as an assistant on a farm until he had attained the age of seventeen years. At that time he emigrated to America, taking up his abode in Chicago, where he secured employment as a plumber, following that trade for one year. On the expiration of that period he began work as a farm hand near Elburn and was thus engaged for four years, while subsequently he spent five years at the carpenter's trade. Afterward, however, he again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and has since been successfully connected with that line of activity, operating his father-in-law's farm in Virgil township. He has twenty cows and in addition to the work of general farming also conducts a dairy, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income. He likewise has a number of registered Jersey red hogs, and is recognized as an enterprising and representative business man.

Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Jennie A. Jacobson, who was born in Virgil township, her father being Andrew Jacobson, a native of Sweden. The latter resides with his wife near Lily Lake. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been born the following children: Lillie C., Charles C. and Andrew, who are attending school; and Herbert and Leslie, at home.

In his political views Mr. Anderson is a stalwart republican and has served for some time as school director, the cause of education finding in him a staunch champion. He attends the Lutheran church and is highly esteemed throughout the community for his many excellent traits of character. Coming to the new world with the hope of winning success in a land unhampered by caste or class, he has worked earnestly and persistently and is now numbered among the substantial citizens of his community.

MRS. HUNTOON SMITH.

Mrs. Huntoon Smith, now residing at No. 288 Galena street, Aurora, has long lived in this part of the state and is a most estimable lady, enjoying to the fullest extent the good will, friendship and high regard of those who know her. She was born in Littleton, New Hampshire, October 27, 1815, and has, therefore, passed the ninety-third milestone on life's journey. Her parents, Joel and Anna (Applebee) Wilder, were also natives of Littleton, New Hampshire. Their family numbered three daughters and two sons: Eliza, the eldest, died when eleven years of age; Anna became Mrs. Huntoon Smith; Jane, deceased, was the wife of George Lane; Luke and Warren came to Aurora in 1837 and were employed at various occupations during the early period of the county's development and upbuilding. They were alert, enterprising men and prospered in their undertakings. Luke Wilder afterward went to New Mexico, where his death occurred, while Warren Wilder went to St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1866. He owned a fruit ranch and made his home there for a quarter of a century, after which he returned to Aurora, where he lived until his death. At one time he owned considerable property. He passed away in April, 1908, at the age of eighty-seven years, leaving Mrs. Huntoon Smith as the only survivor of the family.

She was reared in Morristown, New York, on the St. Lawrence river, where her father conducted a hotel. He died there in 1834, when about forty-six years of age, having for some time survived his wife, who died in 1824, at the age of thirty-seven years. His father was also Joel Wilder, a native of Massachusetts and a farmer by occupation. He served his country as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and his death occurred at Antwerp, New York, as the result of a kick from a horse.

Mrs. Anna Huntoon Smith was reared to womanhood in the Empire state from the age of four years and was there married in 1836 to Elias Holbrook, who died in New York, leaving one child, a daughter, Belle, then but twenty-one months old. She is now the wife of Calvin Smith, resides in St. Joseph, Missouri, and is the mother of seven children: Nellie, Fred, Grace, Kittie, Harvey, Maude and May. Mr. Holbrook died in the east, and Mrs. Holbrook afterward became the wife of Edward D. Huntoon in Aurora. He had removed to the west from Massachusetts and had preempted land in 1836, only four years after the Black Hawk war occurred. He owned two quarter sections and was closely associated with the pioneer development of



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this part of the state. Mrs. Huntoon arrived in Illinois in 1840. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, Harvey, Josephine, Frank, Guy and Edward, but all are now deceased. Mr. Huntoon died in 1866, at the age of sixty-six years. He had figured prominently in business interests in Aurora during the middle part of the nineteenth century, and had built the old Huntoon Hotel in Aurora, located on Galena street and Middle avenue, now known as the Grand Hotel, but still termed the Huntoon Hotel by the old settlers and thousands of others who visited the city during an earlier day.

Following the loss of her second husband Mrs. Huntoon became the wife of James W. Smith, who died May 10, 1898, at the age of eighty-two years. He was engaged in buying cattle for the government at the time of the Civil war and he had two sons who were soldiers in the army. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smith conducted the hotel for ten years. They then purchased a comfortable home at No. 288 Galena street, where Mr. Smith died and his widow still owns and occupies the property. She has lived in this city for sixty-eight years and in addition to her present place of residence she owns four good business blocks on Galena street. Her son, Edward C. Huntoon, married Miss Alice Ruth, and died on the 18th of November, 1907, at the age of fifty-four years. His widow is living with his mother, Mrs. Huntoon Smith. She has resided in Aurora for a longer period than almost any of its residents and has witnessed its growth and development, so that she is familiar with the story of its progress and relates many interesting incidents of the early days. As the years have come and gone she has enjoyed the friendship of the great majority with whom she has come in contact and now receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded those of advanced years.

BOYD M. NASH.

Boyd M. Nash, a resident of Campton township, where he owns a fruit and stock farm consisting of thirty-four acres of land, three and one-half miles east of Elburn, was born in Kent county, Michigan, September 9, 1873, the son of James M. and Helen (Moffet) Nash. Both parents are natives of Ohio. While yet a young man Mr. Nash left his native state and located in Michigan, later going to North Dakota, where he is now residing. He is a republican in politics and now holds the office of justice of the peace. Religiously he is a member of the Presbyterian church and fraternally he belongs to the Masonic order. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nash have been born five children, as follows: Merton J., a farmer of North Dakota; Verner D., who resides at Muskegon, Michigan, where he conducts a feed store; Frances B., the wife of Milo Miller, a farmer of North Dakota; Arthur J., the cashier of a bank in North Dakota, and Boyd M.

Boyd M. Nash attended the district schools in Michigan until he was fourteen years of age, when he left school to aid his father in the work of the farm. He went with the family to Barton, North Dakota, at the time they

located there, and remained until he was twenty-one years of age. He then came to Illinois and located near La Fox. Here he met Miss Jennie C. Flower, who afterward became his wife. She was born in this township. Her father is now deceased and the mother makes her home with our subject. After his marriage Mr. Nash returned to North Dakota and remained for six years, when he again returned to Illinois and purchased his present farm, which he has converted into an ideal home which affords him a competence and freedom to exercise his talents for his future advancement, for Mr. Nash is yet a young man and unlimited opportunities await him. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nash have been born six children, namely: Vern T., Helen F., Mildred L., Ella M., Francis I. and Warren C.

In politics Mr. Nash votes the prohibition ticket, but he has never been an office seeker, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his farming interests. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

AUGUST F. LOHMANN.

A. F. Lohmann is conducting a prosperous commercial enterprise as a dealer in monuments at Aurora. He started out in business life when but twelve years of age, and although obstacles and difficulties have confronted him at various stages on his business career he has overcome these by determined and resolute purpose and is now enjoying a liberal patronage. His birth occurred May 9, 1874, in Chicago, although, as the name indicates, he is of German lineage. His parents, Henry and Caroline (Biegus) Lohmann, were both natives of the fatherland. The former came to the United States when young, settling in Chicago, where he still resides. He learned and for many years has followed the cabinet-maker's trade. His wife passed away in 1895.

A. F. Lohmann, pursuing his education in Chicago, started out in life on his own account when but twelve years of age. He was a young lad to provide for his own support, but he proved faithful in his different business positions and won promotion with its consequent increase in salary. On starting out he learned the reed and rattan business in Chicago and worked in that way for a few years. Seeing better opportunities in monument work and believing it to be a pursuit more congenial to his taste, he learned the stonecutting business in 1890, and was employed in that line in Chicago for six years. Then, in order to gain experience, he visited all sections of the country, being employed in different localities in the making of monuments. During that time he worked in Aurora for two years and in 1906 he acquired the monument business formerly conducted by T. Otto Fisk. His previous broad and practical experience, his close attention to business and his unfaltering perseverance and determination have constituted the elements which have made his ventures successful. Because of the excellent quality of his work and his reasonable prices he is securing a liberal patronage and a trade that is increasing year by year.

In 1904 Mr. Lohmann was married to Miss Minnie A. Frazier, of Aurora, and in this city their circle of friends is a most extensive one. Mr. Lohmann is now connected with the Modern Woodmen and also with the Yeomen of America. He enlisted in the Chicago Thirtieth United States Infantry, and went to the Philippine Islands, where he remained for fifteen months but was nineteen months in service. As the architect of his own fortunes he has builded wisely and well, and his life record is an excellent exemplification of the fact that opportunity is open to all and that the road of usefulness and unfaltering activity eventually leads to the goal of prosperity.

NELS HANSON.

Nels Hanson, a scientific farmer and dairyman of Campton township, was born in Sweden, May 27, 1852, the son of Hans and Hannah (Pearson) Hanson. Both parents were natives of Sweden, where the father engaged in farming. They had five children, four sons and one daughter: Nels; Jons, a farmer residing in Sweden; Betsey, the wife of John Julander, a cement worker near Elburn; Peter, who lives on a farm near Elburn; and Johan, who left home sixteen years ago and has not been heard of since. There is an estate awaiting him. The father was a member of the Lutheran church.

Nels Hanson attended school in Sweden until he was fourteen years of age, at which time he discontinued his studies to aid his father in the work of the farm. In early manhood he came to America and located in Chicago, where he secured employment in the construction department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, which was then being built. His fidelity to his duties and interest in the work gained him recognition from Mr. Hill, the division superintendent, and he was promoted to the position of foreman of the construction department on the four tracks between Minneapolis and St. Paul. While in this position he invented a dump car for removing dirt from the cuts which greatly expedited the work, inasmuch as before his car came to be used but ten or twelve men could be used in digging a twenty-four foot cut, and by its use any number could engage in the work. Mr. Hill, in appreciation of the services which he rendered the company, in 1883 gave him a round-trip ticket to Sweden, including the ocean passage. On his return from his old home he brought back eighteen families with him. Mr. Hanson was in the employ of the Chicago & St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railroads for a number of years, at the expiration of which time he engaged in farming, and has resided on the place where he now lives for the past twenty-six years. He operates one of the most modern dairy farms in Illinois, and, perhaps, in the United States. At present he milks fifty cows. The dairy barn is lighted with electric lights, the power being furnished from a four-horse gasoline engine. The floor is constructed of cement, as are also the mangers, which are built four inches above the floor, an arrangement that does away with the necessity of the cow having to bend the knees in order to reach her food. The stanchions are arranged in pairs, each pair being sep-

arated by a gas-pipe post, a necessary protection as by this means a cow, when rubbing, will not force another to step on the udder of the next cow. Ventilation and light are supplied by means of a small window behind each cow, and the barn is further supplied with flues by means of which the foul air is carried off in bad weather when the windows cannot be opened. Water is piped to the barn and the hydrants are so arranged that not only the floors but the mangers can be flooded. After the cows are fed the mangers are washed clean, not a particle of dust being left. All of these improvements were devised by Mr. Hanson. In the conduct of his business Mr. Hanson is aided by all the necessary modern machinery that has been invented for this purpose, among which may be mentioned a corn binder, corn shredder, corn sheller and grinder. The shredder and sheller are operated under the same roof.

Mr. Hanson's wife was Miss B. Christina Uerot, who was born in Sweden and came to America when she was twenty-one years of age. Unto this union have been born four children, of whom Hannah is deceased, and Helsing J., Ebba H., and Nelse F., reside at home with their parents.

Mr. Hanson casts his ballot with the republican party. Socially he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and also of the Royal Neighbors. Religiously he is a member of the Congregational church.

JOHN WAIT.

For many years John Wait was a well known and honored citizen of Kane county, his last days being spent in the city of Elgin, where he lived retired from active labor. His early home was in the east, for he was born in Oxford, Massachusetts, on the 10th of December, 1811, his parents being David and Fannie Lillie Wait. His father was a blacksmith by trade, but after coming west he never followed that occupation. He located on a farm in Lake county, Illinois, during the '40s and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, dying there in 1850.

Reared in his native state, John Wait was indebted to the public schools of Massachusetts for the educational privileges he enjoyed during his youth and he early acquired an excellent knowledge of the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for several years. Coming to Illinois in 1848, he located in St. Charles, Kane county, and for a time was in the employ of the Geneva Mercantile Company. During the gold excitement on the Pacific coast, he went to California in 1852 and for four years engaged in mining, meeting with good success in his search for the precious metal. At the end of that period he returned to Kane county.

Mr. Wait was married in St. Charles, October 16, 1847, to Miss Betsey Tallman Hammond, a daughter of Captain William and Lucy (Tallman) Hammond, who lived on a farm southeast of Elgin. Mr. and Mrs. Wait became the parents of four children, namely: William Tyler, married Luella Cornell, and had three children, Mabel, Clara, and Louise, who died October 27, 1907. Lucy E., born June 29, 1850, died April 12, 1907. She was

the wife of Judge Henry B. Willis, of Elgin, and had two children, Oliver P. and Meribah Tallman. Clara Bennett, born December 25, 1857, died February 20, 1862. Cora May, who holds a position in the county treasurer's office at Geneva, Kane county.

The republican party found in Mr. Wait a staunch supporter of its principles and he was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He possessed a charitable and benevolent disposition, giving liberally to all worthy causes, and his death, which occurred at Elgin, June 20, 1888, was widely and deeply mourned.

ALBERT H. LEIMBROOK.

Alfred H. Leimbrook, general agent for the International Harvester Company, with offices at No. 12 North River street, in Aurora, was born in St. Charles, Missouri, September 12, 1869, and is the eldest in a family of three sons and a daughter whose parents were Frank H. and Catharine (Risk) Leimbrook, who were also natives of Missouri. The former was a son of Frederick Leimbrook, who was born in Pennsylvania, but became one of the pioneers of Missouri, where he located in 1838. By trade he was a cabinet-maker. Both he and his wife, Mrs. Catharine Leimbrook, died of cholera in St. Louis in 1854. They were parents of three children: Frank H.; Louise, the widow of J. H. Wilker, of Nevada, Missouri; and Clara, the deceased wife of Henry H. Schnare.

Frank H. Leimbrook was reared in St. Louis county, Missouri, and during the greater part of his manhood followed merchandising in St. Charles, that state. He served as a soldier of the Civil war for three years, was under General Lyons at Wilson's Creek, was in the battle of Pittsburg Landing, and in many other hotly contested engagements, continuing throughout the term of his enlistment as a private whose loyalty to duty was never questioned. After the war he carried on merchandising in St. Charles until 1888, but is now living retired, making his home with his daughter in Dodge City, Kansas. In early manhood he wedded Catharine Risk, a daughter of J. H. and Elsie (Sudbrock) Risk. Her father was a native of Missouri and a farmer by occupation, who spent his entire life in St. Charles county, where he passed away at an advanced age. His wife lived to be about fifty-six years of age. They were the parents of four daughters and one son: Carrie, the wife of Rev. J. M. Rhode, of Baldwin, Missouri; Minnie, the wife of Rev. H. H. Hackman, of Nebraska; Joseph H. Risk, of St. Louis, Missouri; and Lizzie, the wife of S. J. Kleinschmidt, of Higginsville, Missouri. Of this family Mrs. Leimbrook died in 1898 when about fifty-two years of age. She was a member of the Methodist church, to which her husband still belongs. He has always been a staunch republican and fraternally is a Master Mason, while he also belongs to Dodge City Post, G. A. R. Unto him and his wife were born four children: Alfred H., of Aurora; Oscar H., of Hig-

ginsville, Missouri; Ella the wife of Frank Crouch, of Dodge City, Kansas; and Howard H., who resides in Minneola, Kansas.

Alfred H. Leimbrook, whose name introduces this review, was reared in St. Charles, Missouri, and acquired a common-school education here, after which he entered the Wesleyan University at Warrentown and was graduated with the class of 1887. He afterward began traveling as representative of the agricultural implement business and for several years remained upon the road, his territory covering several different states. He was first with the Altman-Miller Company, of Akron, Ohio, and later with the Warder-Bushnell & Glessner Company, of Springfield, Ohio, acting as general agent for that house from 1896 until 1903. At the organization of the International Harvester Company, which took over the business of many agricultural implement houses in the country, Mr. Leimbrook became general agent and has so continued to the present time. He established headquarters in Aurora in February, 1905, and has since remained here. His long connection with the agricultural implement business well qualifies him for the position of administrative director which he now fills. He displays excellent executive ability, keen foresight and the unfaltering energy which enables him to overcome all difficulties and obstacles and work his way steadily upward.

On the 26th of December, 1896, Mr. Leimbrook was married to Miss Clodien Albert, a daughter of Sebastian and Rose (Miles) Albert, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. They have three children: Marie, Irvin and Lillie. The parents are devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the hospitality of many of Aurora's best homes is extended to them, for they have made many warm friends in the city since locating here. Mr. Leimbrook is a member of Jerusalem Temple, No. 90, A. F. & A. M.; of Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M.; the Orient Consistory, of Des Moines, Iowa; Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T.; and Tebala Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His political endorsement is given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, in which he has met with signal and gratifying success.

CHARLES J. JOHNSON.

Charles J. Johnson, a well known farmer and ditch constructor of Campton township, was born in Jonkoping, Sweden, November 27, 1859, the son of Magnus and Marie (Hanson) Johnson. He is one of seven children, of whom Malcomb S. is a farmer residing in Oklahoma; Mary C. is the wife of Andrew Johnson, a farmer, also residing in Oklahoma; Peter G., is a farmer residing in Campton township; Alma A., is the wife of Robert Shulta, a resident of Chicago; Oscar M., resides at Lily Lake, this county, where he is engaged in farming; and Albert N., resides with his brother, Charles J., of this review.

Charles J. Johnson was reared in Sweden, where he attended the district school until he was fifteen years of age, at which time he discontinued his studies in order to take up the active duties of farm life. He remained with his father for the next four years, but the profits of the business did not justify his spending his time and energies in this way and, resolutely determining to better his condition in life, he borrowed the money to pay the price of his passage to America. In company with his brother, Malcomb, he came directly to Campton township and secured employment as a farm hand. He remained here for six years and then went to Chicago, where he secured employment in a wholesale liquor house, a position which he occupied for ten years, in the meantime saving as much of his earnings as was possible preparatory to bettering his condition in life. He is now the manager of his mother's farm in this township, which, under his control is yielding a substantial and lucrative income. The mother makes her home with him and, surrounded by friends and comrades of their native land, they feel well pleased with the country of their adoption and ever hopeful that the progress they have already made will be realized in a fuller measure with the passage of the years.

CHARLES M. VANDERVOLGAN.

Charles M. Vandervolgan, owning and operating one hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land in St. Charles township, was born in Root, Montgomery county, New York, May 6, 1838, his parents being Cornelius and Eliza (Champlain) Vandervolgan, also natives of Montgomery county, New York. The father, whose birth occurred in 1795, was a farmer by occupation and came to Illinois in 1855, settling near Warrenville, DuPage county. His demise occurred in 1860, and his remains were interred at Wheaton, Illinois. His wife, who was born in 1816, passed away in 1897, and also lies buried at Wheaton.

The record of the brothers and sisters of our subject is as follows: Sarah, who was born in New York in 1836, passed away in 1853 and was buried in the Empire state. Adreanna, a native of New York, married John Brook, a minister of the gospel, and died in 1880 at Tampico, Whiteside county, Illinois, her remains being interred there. Hallam C., who was born in New York, passed away in Bloomingdale, Illinois, in 1857 and lies buried at Wheaton, Illinois. Jay, whose birth occurred in New York in 1840, carries on agricultural pursuits in Batavia, Illinois. Mary, born in New York in 1846, died in Illinois in 1865 and was buried at Wheaton. John, who was born in New York in 1846, enlisted in the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry at the age of seventeen years and died while in the service at Marietta, Georgia, being buried at that place. Emma, whose birth occurred in New York in 1848, became the wife of Ben Howarth, a retired agriculturist, who passed away in March, 1908, at Batavia, where he was buried. His widow still resides at Batavia. Harriet, who was born in New York in 1850,

married David Smith, a farmer of Sugar Grove. Mr. Smith was a soldier in the Civil war and lost a hand while in the service. Amenzo W., born in New York in 1852, married Miss Belle Frydendall, of Batavia, Illinois. He engaged in well drilling throughout his active business career, and died in March, 1902, at Batavia, where he was buried.

Charles M. Vandervolgan attended school in his native state and also in Illinois, having resided in this state since the year 1855. For over thirty years he was engaged in well drilling, meeting with a well-merited measure of success in that line of activity. For seven years before purchasing his present farm he owned a tract of land east of Warrenville, and for the past seven years has resided on his present property, comprising one hundred and fifty acres of valuable land, located two and a half miles west of St. Charles on the old plank road. The farm is valued at \$20,000, being improved with good barns and outbuildings and all the accessories and conveniences of a model property of the twentieth century. Mr. Vandervolgan also owns some houses and lots in St. Charles, the value of his real-estate holdings being estimated at about \$10,000. He is widely recognized as one of the most prosperous and enterprising residents of the county and, moreover, has ever maintained an enviable reputation for business integrity and reliability.

On the 16th of August, 1863, in DuPage county, Illinois, Mr. Vandervolgan was united in marriage with Miss Helena Macauley, who was born in Albany, New York, August 8, 1847. They have one son, Frank K., whose birth occurred in DuPage county, Illinois, December 5, 1864, and who attended the high school in Batavia. He married Miss Hattie Clark, of Maple Park, and now resides in St. Charles, where he follows the plumbing business.

In his political views Mr. Vandervolgan is a staunch republican, and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

JOHN FREDERICK SCHNEIDER.

Belonging to one of the very earliest of the pioneer families of Kane county and inheriting from his vigorous and aggressive ancestry a love of conquest, incident and adventure, John F. Schneider, of Aurora township, has had a career of unusual interest and variety. He saw this part of the country in its state of primitive nature and helped to prune away its luxuriance of growth and blaze the way for the approaching host of occupation and development; and he sees it now in its state of high advancement and improvement, rich in the products of systematic industry and glowing with the promise of a still more glorious future. He also saw other parts of the country in their untamed condition and lent a hand to bring them also under subjection and fruitful cultivation.

Mr. Schneider was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1828, and is a son of John Peter and Christina (Wohrer) Schneider, natives



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of Germany, where the father was born in April, 1801. The number of children born to the parents was five, Mr. Schneider's brothers and sisters being: Henry L., who was born in 1836 on the homestead now occupied by his brother John, and who now lives in Tipton, Iowa; Mary Ann, born in 1838, now the wife of Elias Hughes and a resident of Elburn in Kane county; Charles, born in 1842 and now also a resident of Elburn, and Caroline, born in 1845 and now the wife of Charles Angell, of Aurora.

In 1832, when he was but four years old, John F. Schneider, the first born of the family, came with his parents to Naperville, Illinois, and one year later to Bristol, in Kendall county. In 1834 the father preempted a claim of three hundred acres of government land in Aurora township, Kane county, on a part of which the village of North Aurora has since been built. Here he settled his family and proceeded to break up and reduce to subjection the wild land that had so long been waiting for the persuasive hand of systematic cultivation. Ten years later the little log schoolhouse, that served the community for nearly two generations as its only seat of learning, was built on this land, and in it John F. Schneider and the other children of the family and the neighborhood for miles around obtained what education they were able to secure in an academic way.

In 1862 Mr. Schneider aided his father, who was a farmer, millwright and carpenter, to build a mill at what is now North Aurora on the Fox river. For a long time this was the largest and busiest mill on the river, being patronized by farmers and others throughout a very large extent of the surrounding country. The Schneiders operated it twelve years with profit to themselves and great benefit to the community. The mill has fallen in the march of progress and improvement and disappeared from the face of the earth, but the little old schoolhouse is still standing, a suggestive monument of the enterprise and breadth of view of the pioneers, although it has dropped from its high estate and is now used as a wagon shed on the Schneider farm.

It has been noted that Mr. Schneider, the immediate subject of this sketch, inherited from his parentage an adventurous disposition. In 1852, in company with George Regan, he determined to join the argonauts then flocking to California in search of gold. Having fitted up a prairie schooner, as the big wagons of the transcontinental voyagers were called, these two courageous and determined men set out to cross the trackless wilds and brave the countless perils that lay between them and their hopes. With their moving household drawn by one yoke of oxen, two yoke of steers and two yoke of cows, they joined a caravan of gold-seekers, and after a journey of many weeks and much adventure reached Salt Lake City. Here they exchanged their oxen for two span of mules, with which they continued their journey to Spanish camp in Nevada, where they arrived in October, after nearly six months of weary wandering in the wilderness, during the greater part of which they were in a party of twenty-five persons with about ten teams.

Mr. Schneider remained on the Pacific slope five years, then returned in 1857 to his former home, making the trip by way of the isthmus of Panama and the city of New York, but the longing for the mines and the taste for wild western life which it had ministered to, abode with him, and in

1879 he again started on a prospecting tour and passed one year in the Black Hills of South Dakota. He left his family behind him, however, and soon found that there was more enjoyment in domestic comfort than in expatriation from all he held dear, whatever the promise of speedy reward for endurance and privation. So he once more returned to Illinois and here he has passed the remainder of his days to this time.

On November 17, 1858, he married Miss Charlotte Denham, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Plucknett) Denham, natives of the Isle of Wight, England, where Mrs. Schneider was born on June 1, 1840, and where her father came into the world on February 14, 1816, and her mother on March 6, 1818. The mother came with her parents to Illinois when she was quite young and the family located near Batavia, Dupage county, where the future Mrs. Denham met Mr. Denham, their parents being neighboring farmers. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Schneider, who was the second child of her parents, were John, who was born March 6, 1838, and lives in Abilene, Kansas; George, who was born February 16, 1844, and lives in Lincoln, Nebraska; Robert, who was born December 23, 1846, and lives at Turret, Colorado; Elizabeth J., who was born August 31, 1847, and lives in Elgin, Illinois, with her husband, Josiah Harris; Mary A., who was born January 27, 1852, and became the wife of A. Horton, now deceased; Martha, wife of Emory Linn, who was born January 15, 1854, and died some years ago; Ella, wife of Edwin Jones, born May 15, 1859, and now living in Lawrence, Nebraska, and William, the sixth child in order of birth, who came into the world April 14, 1850, and has passed away.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Schneider number nine: George W., who was born September 24, 1859, and is now farming in Aurora township; Emma Louise, who was born June 24, 1862, and died in September, 1903; Celia Ann, who was born June 9, 1865, and died June 20, 1873; William Henry, who was born February 14, 1867, and died March 29, 1868; Eva Jane, the wife of Irwin Winter, who lives in Aurora township; Nellie Angeline, who was born October 17, 1871, and is now a stenographer in the First National Bank of Los Angeles, California; Isaac Edwin, who was born July 14, 1874, and is a professor of music at Fort Smith, Arkansas; Fanny Estelle, who was born April 6, 1877, and died April 5, 1883, and Harry Jason, who was born October 19, 1878, and died May 8, 1880.

In recent years, to lessen his cares and the burden of his toil and responsibility, Mr. Schneider has sold the greater part of the original homestead to his son, George, who has erected on his part of the farm some of the finest farm buildings in the county. The father still retains about seventy acres of fine land adjoining the village of North Aurora, where he and his wife are enjoying the fruits of their well-spent lives in a serene, cheerful and dignified old age, surrounded with the evidences of their industry and enterprise, attended by their dutiful children and grandchildren, and firmly established in the good will and veneration of the people of the whole township. Two of their daughters, Eva and Nellie, are graduates of the Aurora high school and also of a higher institution located at Valparaiso, Indiana. Their son, Isaac Edwin, is also a graduate of the Northern Indiana School of

Music at the same place. They have four grandchildren: Emeline, the daughter of their son, George, and Victor, Sidney and Eveline, the children of their daughter, Mrs. Irwin Winter. Mr. Schneider has been a republican from the foundation of the party, and his wife has been a member of the Congregational church at Batavia for forty years.

PETER PETIT.

Peter Petit, president of the North Aurora Creamery Company of North Aurora, Illinois, was born August 14, 1862, in the city of Aurora, unto the marriage of Michael and Catharine (De Villie) Petit, the former a native of Luxemburg, Germany, and the latter of Belgium. The paternal grandfather, Peter Petit, always wrote his name Pety, for it was originally French and that spelling indicated the French pronunciation. He married Catharine Molitor, and died in 1856, at the age of fifty-six years.

The family numbered seven children, including Michael Petit, who through his entire life followed the occupation of farming. He came to America in the summer of 1851, and established his home in what was known as "the big wood" in Aurora township. He was at that time seventeen years of age and had made the voyage to the United States in company with his parents, who purchased sixty acres of land and improved a farm there. Michael Petit remained at home until after his father's death. He was married in 1860, and then took charge of his father's farm. At that time he began buying land, adding to the original tract until it comprised ninety-five acres. He lived upon the farm from 1851 until 1894, after which he put aside the active and arduous work of the fields and took up his abode in Aurora, where both he and his wife are now living retired. They are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Petit gives his political support to the democratic party. Mrs. Petit was a daughter of Nicholas DeVille, a native of Luxemburg, Belgium, who on coming to America in 1854 settled at or near Osceola, Wisconsin, and about fourteen miles from Fond du Lac. Mrs. DeVille died very suddenly there in 1869, while Mr. DeVille passed away a number of years later at an old age. Their family numbered seven daughters.

Peter Petit, whose name introduces this record, has spent his entire life in Kane county, where he was reared as a farmer boy. He attended both the district and parochial schools and continued to assist his father in the work of the fields until twenty-four years of age, when he began farming on his own account. He now owns the old homestead, which comprises one hundred acres of rich and productive land, and it is still his place of residence. Throughout the greater part of his life he has paid considerable attention to dairying and in 1894 he became superintendent for the North Aurora Creamery Company which was organized that year, and of which he has since been manager. This company has conducted an extensive business under the direction of Mr. Petit, and the enterprise has proven not only valuable to the stockholders but also a concern of importance to the farming community as

well. On the 1st of April, 1908, the Kee & Chapell Dairy Company of Chicago bought out the North Aurora Creamery Company and continued the business here. The creamery uses daily seventeen thousand pounds of milk, and in the control of the business Mr. Petit displays keen discernment and excellent executive ability.

On the 10th of February, 1885, occurred the marriage of Mr. Petit and Miss Susan Lies, a daughter of John and Anna (Neu) Lies. There are three children of this marriage: Michael J., John F., and Catharine T. Both parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Petit belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Western Catholic Union. Politically he is a democrat, and has served as school trustee of Aurora township; but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, as he has found that his business affairs have made constant demand upon his time and attention.

LLEWELLYN SMITH RICHMOND.

Llewellyn Smith Richmond, who for the past twenty-three years has resided on his present farm which is pleasantly located on the St. Charles and Sycamore road, is a native of this county, having been born in Campton township, September 25, 1847, the son of Almon D. and Annie (Smith) Richmond. Both parents were natives of Vermont, the father having been born in Grafton, December 24, 1814. He came to Illinois in 1844 and located in Campton township, where he purchased land and engaged in farming. Here he remained until the time of his death. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: Llewellyn, of this review; Luthera, Elizabeth and Ernest, all of whom reside in Campton township; and Elsie, the wife of Edgar Bartlett, who also resides in Campton township.

Llewellyn Smith Richmond attended the district school in what is known as the "red schoolhouse" until he was twenty-one years of age, at which time he discontinued his studies to engage in the practical work of farming on his father's place. He broadened his education by a trip through the eastern states and later made a trip to Nebraska, where he purchased a farm, but he only remained there a short time when he returned to Illinois and purchased his present place, where he has since continued to reside. He formerly owned extensive dairy interests, but these he has disposed of and is now engaged in the buying and selling of stock. The farm yields generous returns, not only in hay and grain, but in a variety of small fruits, for which there is always a ready market at good prices. Mr. Richmond also makes a specialty of pure blooded Plymouth Rock and White Wyandotte chickens, upon which he is considered an authority.

In 1883 was celebrated the marriage of Llewellyn Smith Richmond and Miss Ella Flower, who was born in Pennsylvania. Unto this union have been born five children, two sons and three daughters: Pearl, Frank, Helen, Albert

and Maud. They all reside at home with their parents. As a staunch republican Mr. Richmond takes quite an interest in political affairs, and has held the office of commissioner of highways, the duties of which he most capably discharged.

JOHN LOSER.

The history of a community or city in succeeding generations centers about a few names which stand prominently forth on its annals because they who have borne the names have been the active factors in public progress as exemplified by fidelity and industry in office and by unfaltering energy and progressiveness in business circles. Such has been the record of John Loser, whose life constitutes one of the valuable assets in Aurora's development and upbuilding. He is among those adopted sons of America that the fatherland has furnished to the new world. His birth occurred in Luxemburg, Germany, June 24, 1846.

His father, Peter Loser, was a native of that country and in the year 1864 he brought his family to the United States, continuing his journey from the seaboard across the country to Aurora. Here he followed the stonemason's trade, which he had learned in his native country and which had there provided him with the means of livelihood. For a number of years prior to his death, however, he lived retired, having accumulated a capital that enabled him to supply the necessities and comforts of life for his family without further recourse to industrial interests. He was a good citizen and a loyal champion of all that he deemed would prove of benefit to his community. After a residence of about forty years in Aurora he passed away in 1904. His wife, Angeline Wengler Loser, was also a native of Germany.

John Loser spent the first eighteen years of his life in the fatherland, and then came with the family to the United States. Here he worked at the stonemason's trade for a number of years, but in 1874 turned his attention to the grocery and liquor business as senior partner of the firm of Loser & Eggerman. For a number of years the firm has been Loser & Dooling, his partner and associate being John Dooling, his son-in-law. Mr. Loser, however, has not confined his attention alone to mercantile interests, but has figured prominently in connection with other business concerns. He is now a director of the Merchants National Bank and was a member of the building committee which erected the magnificent new bank structure that is a most creditable example of Aurora's architecture.

Moreover, Mr. Loser has long figured prominently in community affairs, although the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. His qualifications, however, were recognized as fitting him for a place on the board of public works, of which he has been a member for eight years, while for some years of this term he has been chairman, acting in that capacity at the present time. During his term the reservoir has been built, also the air compressor, while at the present writing the board is building a more extensive

one at a cost of sixteen thousand dollars. The construction work is being done by a local concern, for Mr. Loser believes in patronizing home industries. He has shown talent for supervising and carrying out public works, is a practical man who labors while others theorize and who accomplishes results while others are formulating plans.

On the 6th of April, 1869, Mr. Loser was married to Miss Jennie Melchart, a native of Prussia. They have become the parents of four children: Mary, now the wife of Dr. France; Angeline, the wife of John Dooling; C. C. and L. L., at home.

Mr. Loser belongs to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. His friends know him as a modest, unassuming man who takes little credit for what he has accomplished either in business or public lines, but the consensus of opinion establishes his worth and his place in the community.

JACKSON A. MAPES.

All the possessions and achievements of this enterprising farmer of Plato township are the results of his own efforts and ability. He was thrown on his own resources early in life by the death of his mother, which broke up the parental home in a measure, and drove all the children who were old enough out to work for themselves.

He is a son of Peter and Felinda (Holden) Mapes, and one of the two survivors of their five children, the others being his twin brother Perry, who is dead, Nellie and William, also deceased, and Jennie, who is the wife of Bert Wilcox. The father was born in the state of New York and became a resident of Kane county when a young man, coming hither from his native state with his parents. The family located on Rock River, where the parents became acquainted and were married, the mother being a native of Burlington in this county.

Jackson A. Mapes obtained his education in the district school of Campton, which he attended until he reached the age of sixteen, meanwhile earning his own living as a hired hand on a farm much of the time. After the death of their mother, he and his brother, mere boys, erected out of their meager earnings a memorial stone to her memory because of the love they bore her.

On November 24, 1887, Mr. Mapes was married to Miss Ada Shaver, who was born in Plato township, this county, August 3, 1872. They have four children, Harold N., Ernest R., William H., and Marion G., all of whom are still dwelling with them, and those that are old enough assist in the work of the farm and the dairy, Mr. Mapes keeping twenty-seven fine cows on the farm for dairy purposes.

Politically Mr. Mapes is a republican; fraternally is a Modern Woodman of America, and in church connection is a Methodist Episcopalian. He farms one hundred and eleven acres of land, and cultivates it with vigor and good judgment. His cattle are mainly of the Holstein breed, and his other livestock is also of superior strains, for he is a great believer in keeping up the

standard of stock. He raises a variety of crops, including all that are suited to the land and latitude, and alternates them from year to year in a way to keep the land in order and secure the best results. He has himself earned every dollar he has in money and property, and his career furnishes a gratifying illustration of the power of industry, thrift and capacity in a country so wide and varied in its interests and so abundant in opportunities as this. His friends and neighbors esteem him highly and all classes of the people hold him in respect for his worth and the excellence of his citizenship.

EDWARD U. BANKER, M.D.

Dr. E. U. Banker, whose liberal practice is indicative of the confidence reposed in his professional skill by the general public, has been located in Aurora since 1905. He was born February 20, 1877. His father, Conrad Banker, first opened his eyes to the light of day on a farm in Sugar Grove township, this county. He was a son of Frank Banker, who was born in Germany, but when a young man came to the United States and resided for a time in the state of New York. He came to the middle west in pioneer days, however, and lived in a log cabin in Sugar Grove township when this was a frontier region. Much of the surrounding land was wild and uncultivated and the prairies had not been transformed into rich fields bringing forth large crops. For many years he developed his farm, being numbered among the energetic agriculturists of the community. He died in 1901 at the age of seventy-eight years.

Conrad Banker was born in the log cabin home, was reared to the occupation of farming and always followed that pursuit as a life work. He continued to operate the old home farm until 1881, when he went to Kansas, where he remained for seven years. He then returned to Aurora, where he is now living, being employed as car inspector in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Conrad Banker was married to Miss Eva M. Slaker, a native of North Aurora and the daughter of Joseph and Mary Slaker, who were natives of Germany, whence they came to North Aurora in pioneer days, the father following the occupation of farming.

Dr. Banker, born in North Aurora, was educated in the public schools of his native city, passing through successive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1895. He afterward learned the drug business in the employ of Staudt Brothers and in due time was graduated in pharmacy. He had determined, however, to become a member of the medical fraternity and for four years studied medicine, after which he was graduated from the Rush Medical College in 1904. He added practical training to his theoretical knowledge by fifteen months' experience as interne in the St. Charles hospital and then entered upon the private practice of medicine, in which he has since engaged, meeting with good success. He is a member of the Fox River Valley, the Illinois State and the American Medical Associations, and by

constant research and study he keeps in close touch with the progress that is continually being made in the profession.

In 1907 Dr. Banker was married to Miss Lucile Donaldson, a daughter of Swan Donaldson, a native of Norway and one of the early settlers of Aurora, who served as a veteran of the Civil war and was held as a prisoner at Libertyville.

Dr. Banker is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Jerusalem Temple Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M.; and Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Episcopal church. Although a young man he is meeting with good success in his practice, as he demonstrates his power to successfully cope with the intricate questions that continually confront the physician. He is a young man of strong intellectual force and keen discernment and fate seems to hold in store for him a bright future.

JOHN ASHE.

Descended from good Irish ancestry but themselves natives of this country, John Ashe and his wife, prominent farming people of Sugar Grove township, have exhibited in their productive and homemaking industry and thrift the sturdy attributes of their forefathers and the enterprise and progressiveness of America.

Mr. Ashe was born at Geneva, Wisconsin, June 26, 1858. His father, Gregory Ashe, came from his native Ireland to the United States in boyhood, and as he was reared and educated in this country, and here achieved the success that distinguished him, he may be said to have been almost wholly a product of our land and its institutions. His early life in America was passed in the state of Ohio, where he met and married his wife, who emigrated also from Ireland and settled in Ohio with her parents when she was a girl. Her maiden name was Mary Leary. Soon after his marriage, about fifty-five years ago, the elder Ashe took up his residence in Wisconsin. There he and his wife reared a family of four sons: Thomas, of Geneva Lake, Wisconsin; John; James, deceased, and Michael, of Geneva Lake, Wisconsin.

At the age of twenty John Ashe moved from his native state to Illinois and took up his residence in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, where he has since continuously resided. He worked as a farm hand for three years and during the next nineteen farmed for himself on rented land. By rigid economy he saved enough money to buy the farm of one hundred and twenty acres on which he now lives in section 31, Sugar Grove township. This place has been well developed and greatly improved under his energetic and skillful management and is now one of the choice farms in the township.

Mr. Ashe was married, May 10, 1881, at DeKalb, Illinois, to Miss Catharine Finley, who was born in Corning, New York, in 1855, and whose parents were natives of Ireland. One child has been born unto them, their daughter, Kathryn A., whose birth occurred February 9, 1882, and who was



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graduated from the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial school in 1901. She is living at home with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashe have won a substantial success in life wholly through their own efforts and proper living. Fortune has never smiled on them with any of her special benefactions but has left them to work out their own advancement in their own way. They are comfortably fixed on a good farm with all the elements of material enjoyment around them, and they stand well in the esteem of all who know them, being regarded as upright and true in all the relations of life and worthy of commendation for the sterling qualities of manhood and womanhood which they have displayed in all conditions and under all circumstances.

JOHN H. KELLY.

John H. Kelly, a retired agriculturist residing on section 15, Elgin township, was born in Rutland, Illinois, his parents being John and Eliza (Mansfield) Kelly, natives of Schenectady county, New York. They removed to Illinois in 1845, settling in Rutland township, Kane county, where the father purchased and entered land. He paid but a dollar and a quarter per acre for the land which he entered from the government, but the purchased land cost from eight to ten dollars per acre more. He was one of the early agriculturists of this county and was also a pioneer justice of the peace here. The Indians had left this part of the country, but there were still evidences of their former habitation in the trails which they left through the prairies. John Kelly departed this life in 1891 at the age of eighty-five years, while his wife passed away in 1884. Of the ten children born unto them, six grew to years of maturity: Alford, who makes his home in St. Charles; Sarah, the widow of Stiles Mansfield, residing in New Haven, Connecticut; Elizabeth, the widow of O. B. Weld, of Elgin; Leverett M., who is in the pension department at Washington, D. C.; Linn A., a practicing physician of Winona, Minnesota; and John H., of this review.

The last named acquired his preliminary education in the country schools and afterward attended Beloit College for two terms. After putting aside his text-books he returned home and engaged in farming under the direction of his father, which was the occupation to which he had been reared. The management of the home farm, however, devolved almost entirely upon him, for his father was a carpenter by trade and gave much of his time to that pursuit. John H. Kelly therefore successfully conducted the work of the place until his father's death, when he became the owner of the old homestead, purchasing the interest of the other heirs therein. The place comprises three hundred and sixty-one acres, originally purchased for the prices above mentioned, but owing to the improvements which had been placed upon it, was worth sixty-five dollars per acre at the time our subject bought it. He gained a creditable and gratifying measure of success in its cultivation and in addition to the work of tilling the soil also made a specialty of raising fine Hol-

stein cattle for many years. He likewise raised horses, and at one time made a specialty of thoroughbreds, besides other fine stock. In 1892 he retired from the farm and removed to Elgin, purchasing a lot of two acres, on which he and his wife erected a commodious and substantial residence. Here they are now enjoying the fruits of their former toil in well earned ease, being enabled to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. They are widely known and highly respected throughout the community and have gained the warm esteem and regard of an extensive circle of friends. Besides the property mentioned, Mr. Kelly owns two lots in Pingree Grove and a blacksmith shop there, three lots in Columbia Park, and two lots in Franklin Park, Chicago.

On the 18th of October, 1871, John H. Kelly was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. McLean, of Kane county, and a daughter of J. R. and Caroline (Hurd) McLean, natives of Dresden, New York. They came to this county in 1846, settling in Elgin township on the edge of the town of Elgin, the father being one of the earliest settlers here. He purchased one hundred acres from a Mr. Kimball at a dollar and a quarter per acre, and most of this land is still in the possession of the family. He served for many years as justice of the peace and highway commissioner and was also one of the founders of the board of trade of Elgin. He was likewise one of the originators of the Elgin butter industry and to his zeal the city of Elgin is much indebted for the development of its butter and milk industry, to which it owes a great deal of its wealth and prosperity. He was the first secretary of the Dairymen's Convention, the secretary of the first Elgin fair, and in many other ways contributed to the substantial upbuilding of the community, being one of the most public-spirited and enterprising citizens of this section of Kane county. He passed away in 1882 at the age of seventy-nine years, while his wife survived him until 1892, her demise occurring when she had attained the age of eighty-one. Their family numbered three children: Jennie, the widow of Darius Hewitt, who makes her home in Elgin; Mrs. Kelly; and John T., of Elgin township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have been born five children, namely: Howard, Lynn, Maud J. and Dwight, all residing in this county; and Mabel J., the wife of William Anderson, of Freeport.

Mr. Kelly is a member of the Mystic Workers of Elgin. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Kane county, and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

ALBERT SCHMITZ.

Albert Schmitz, deceased, was one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Elgin. He was born on the 6th of October, 1854, and was a boy of nine years when he came to America with his parents, Charles and Carolina (Weiscotten) Schmitz. Deciding to locate in the middle west, the father settled on a farm near Evansville, Indiana, where he made his home

throughout the remainder of his life, dying in 1869, at the age of sixty-one years. The mother passed away in 1888 at Germantown, seven miles from Evansville, at the age of seventy-two.

Upon the home farm in Indiana, Albert Schmitz grew to manhood and he continued to make his home in that state until his removal to Elgin in 1893. During the first year of his residence in this city he lost most of his capital in an air-brake manufacturing company, and was afterward employed in Ackerman's department store until his death, which occurred on the 7th of December, 1898.

Mr. Schmitz was married February 26, 1877, to Miss Louise Baeke, a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Sauerlinder) Baeke, of Germantown, Indiana. Of the eight children born of this union two died in infancy and Lizzie died August 10, 1897, at the age of twelve years and three months. Those still living are Caroline, now the wife of Julius Heyn, of Chicago; Herman, who married Ellen Moynat, and resides in Elgin; Martha, who is a graduate of the Elgin high school and is now at Milton College, Wisconsin; Albert, who is now employed in the tin shop of the Borden Condensed Milk Company; and Esther.

By his ballot Mr. Schmitz supported the men and measures of the republican party, and he took a very active and prominent part in church work as a member of the German Baptist denomination. He did much toward establishing that church in Elgin, now known as the First German Baptist, and while a resident of Indiana, his home was always the stopping place for the visiting ministers. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life he had the confidence and respect of the entire community in which he lived and he was a man honored and esteemed wherever known.

AUGUST RABE.

August Rabe, beginning to work out his own destiny at an early age, and fighting for every step of his advancement against odds but with persistent and determined spirit, is one of the prosperous and progressive farmers and dairymen of Plato township, Kane county. He has earned every dollar he has accumulated and all his achievements are the results of his own industry, frugality and ability.

He was born in Hanover, Germany, November 7, 1868, and is the son of Chris and Anna (Frecking) Rabe, also of German nativity, but now deceased. They died in Germany and never came to the United States. The other children born in the family are all living. They are: Frederick, Henry and William, farmers in Germany; Charles, a farmer in the state of New York; Louis, a farmer in DuPage county, Illinois; Herman, a farmer in Virgil township, this county; and Louisa, who married and lived in Germany but is now deceased.

August Rabe attended the state schools in Germany until he was fifteen years of age, then came alone to this country. His first Illinois residence was

in DuPage county, where he worked on a farm until he attained his majority. Soon after this he was married to Anna Weise, who was born in Germany and came to this country with her parents when she was twelve years old. They located in Kane county, where she has ever since lived. She and her husband have had seven children: Emma, Freddie, Herman, Huldah, Rosa and Walter, who are living and still at home; and Arthur, who has died. The father farms one hundred and sixty acres of land in mixed crops and keeps thirty cows to supply his active dairy business. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and a republican in politics. All who know him appreciate his industry and respect his character.

A. A. WILMARTH.

A. A. Wilmarth is the secretary of the Home Building & Loan Association, of Aurora, in which connection he has developed a business of large proportions, bringing to the stockholders gratifying dividends annually. He was born in Linden, Vermont, August 26, 1852, his parents being George H. and Rosline (Green) Wilmarth. He represents an old family of the Green Mountain state. His grandfather was a prominent citizen there and at one time served as a member of the Vermont legislature. He married Florinda Meigs and died in middle life, while his wife passed away when more than sixty years of age, her death occurring in Batavia. Their family numbered four children, including George H. Wilmarth, who was born in Linden, Vermont, and became a farmer by occupation. In 1854 he removed west to Wisconsin, settling in Janesville, where he engaged in the grain business at a time when grain was taken by wagon over the old plank road to the city market. After the outbreak of the Civil war he became a private of the Twelfth Wisconsin Battery and served until the close of hostilities, participating in many important engagements and also going with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea. After the war he settled in Aurora and was engaged in merchandising until 1870, when he removed to Batavia, where he also owned and conducted a store. He made good use of his opportunities and carefully directed his business affairs, while the qualities which he displayed in other relations of life were also such as gained for him the respect and confidence of those with whom he was associated. In early manhood he married Rosline Green, also a native of Linden, Vermont, and a daughter of Orrin Green, who was likewise born in that state. He was twice married and has five children by his first wife, who died in early womanhood. She was the grandmother of our subject. His death occurred when he had reached an advanced age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wilmarth were born five sons and a daughter, but only two are now living, the younger son being Frank C. Wilmarth, of St. Paul, Minnesota. The father died in Batavia and the mother survived him three or four years, passing away at the home of her son in Aurora. In religious faith they were Methodists and their lives were in harmony with their professions.

A. A. Wilmarth, whose name introduces this review, was about two years of age when the family removed to Wisconsin, and was a young man of eighteen when the family home was established in Batavia. He lived there for three years, but had largely acquired his education in the schools of Aurora while the family were residents of this city. He afterwards learned the machinist's trade, which he followed until 1890. In 1875 he removed from Kane county, Illinois, to Jackson county, Michigan, where he lived until 1881, when he returned to Kane county and settled in Aurora. He there worked in the locomotive works of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company until 1890, when he became connected with the Home Building & Loan Association as assistant secretary, and since 1896 has been its secretary. This change proved a most profitable one, for his business has been attended with a gratifying measure of success since he has entered his present field. He is careful in formulating plans, is determined in their execution, and displays keen foresight in managing the interests of the company.

In 1875 Mr. Wilmarth was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Winslow, a daughter of Robert Hoyt and Mercy (McDole) Winslow, who were early settlers of Kane county. Her father was born in Massachusetts and her mother in the state of New York. They had six children, four sons and two daughters, and all are now living except Jesse. Mrs. Wilmarth was born in Sugar Grove township, this county, November 21, 1853, and by her marriage has become the mother of five children: George Henry, an electrical engineer of Bloomington, Illinois, who married Miss Alma Warrick, by whom he has two children, Jeannie and Marion; Raymond Hoyt, Alice H. and Rosaline L., who are at home; and one that died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmarth hold membership in the Congregational church and are highly esteemed for their many good qualities, which have gained for them the regard and sincere friendship of many with whom they have come in contact. Mr. Wilmarth belongs to Ben Hur Lodge, I. O. O. F., and has been identified with the order for a quarter of a century. Much of his life has been spent in Aurora, and his fellow townsmen have learned to appreciate and value him as a citizen of genuine worth whose business record has at all times been creditable. Embracing his opportunities for judicious investment, he is now the owner of several pieces of city property.

MRS. HATTIE (MARSHALL) McINTYRE.

This lady occupies the unusual if not unique position for a woman of station agent at one of the busy stations of a railroad that crosses this county, the station of Bowes in Plato township, and that she performs the duties of the position well and wisely is attested by all who have knowledge of the facts in the case.

Mrs. McIntyre was born in Elgin, Illinois, April 6, 1887. Her father, William E. Marshall, was born in Kane county and is now sixty-one years old. He obtained his education in the public schools of Elgin. His wife,

whose maiden name was Agnes McKinnell, was born in Elgin. They are now residents of South Dakota, where they are engaged in farming, and where all of their six children, with the exception of Mrs. McIntyre, live. The five who have their homes in that state are: Charles H., who is a farmer; Jessie M., Lucy E., Mary and Willie C.

Mrs. McIntyre attended the district schools until she reached the age of fifteen. On March 22, 1904, when she was but seventeen, she was married to Ralph A. McIntyre, who was born in Canada and came with his parents to Illinois when he was six years old. He also obtained his education in the district schools, attending them until he was seventeen. The next year he started out in life for himself and some time afterward located at East Plato, where he has general charge of the railroad station and the interests of the road to which it belongs. Two children have been born in the McIntyre household: Hazel W. and Howard A. Mrs. McIntyre has resided in the neighborhood of her present home all her life. She is a resolute and resourceful woman, thoroughly self-reliant and capable of performing any duty or discharging any responsibility within the range of her faculties with credit to herself and benefit to the service in which she is occupied. She has so demeaned herself in her semi-public capacity and attended to her work therein as to win the approval and commendation of all who had business at the railroad station and the respect and high consideration of all classes of the people. They know that their interests are well cared for when she has charge of them, and would regret to see any change in the control of the office over which she presides with so much ability, diligence and fidelity.

WILLIAM T. NEEDHAM.

William T. Needham, a successful blacksmith and wagon manufacturer of Kaneville, was born at Lanark, Ontario, Canada, July 4, 1839. His parents, George and Mary (Tanner) Needham, were both natives of Ireland and emigrated to Canada about the year 1810. Their children were as follows: William T., of this review; Samuel J., who follows farming in Bruce, Ontario; James, an agriculturist of North Dakota; Richard, who is also engaged in farming in Bruce, Ontario; and Henry, a farmer of Lanark, Ontario.

William T. Needham attended the public schools until fifteen years of age and subsequently served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade. In 1870 he came to Illinois, locating in Kaneville, where in connection with the conduct of his blacksmith shop he is also engaged in the manufacture of wagons. His building is equipped with all the modern machinery and appliances necessary for the successful conduct of a wagon manufactory, including drills, etc., operated by a ten horsepower gasoline engine. He has met with a gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings and is widely recognized as one of the substantial and enterprising business men of the county.

In 1874 occurred the marriage of William T. Needham and Miss Martha Benton, whose demise occurred October 24, 1905. By this union there were born the following children: George H., a foreman blacksmith residing near Memphis, Tennessee; Frank W., who is a barber located at Sugar Grove; Warren J., who follows blacksmithing at Aurora, Illinois; Penn T., a blacksmith at Maple Park, Illinois; Mary B., at home; Charles S., who assists his father in business; Electa Belle, at home; and Fred B., Albert E. and Alice E., all of whom are attending school.

Politically Mr. Needham is a democrat and has served for two terms as collector of Kaneville township. His fraternal relations connect him with the Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America. Having for thirty-eight years been successfully connected with the industrial interests of Kane county, he is well known and highly esteemed among his business associates, and in social circles has also become popular by reason of his unfailing courtesy and genial disposition.

BENJAMIN F. CARNES.

Benjamin F. Carnes, well known as a representative of industrial interests in Aurora, being foreman of the American Woodworking Machinery Company, is a native of Massachusetts, his birth having occurred at Charlestown, December 27, 1845. His parents were Nathaniel W. and Nancy M. (Fry) Carnes, both of whom were natives of the old Bay State. The father was a cabinetmaker when a young man and in 1849 he went to California by way of New York, prospecting for gold on the Pacific coast. In 1857 he became a resident of Illinois, settling in Chicago and conducting a large sawmill on the Chicago river near Bridgeport. In 1858 he removed to Geneva and after the great flood he removed to Oswego, Illinois, where he again conducted a sawmill. In 1864 he became a resident of Aurora, where he conducted a cabinet shop, and about 1866 he secured a position as carpenter in the car shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. That he was most faithful and capable is indicated by the fact that he remained in that employ for about twenty-five years, or until he was taken ill. For two years he was in an invalid condition and in 1903 he passed away at the age of eighty-three years. His wife survived him for a short time and was about seventy-five years of age at the time of her demise. Their family numbered four children, two of whom reached manhood, the younger being Morris Washington Carnes, of Aurora.

Benjamin F. Carnes was a youth of eleven years when he came to this city with his parents. He was reared to manhood in Aurora and at the age of eighteen years enlisted in the Fourth Illinois Cavalry as a member of Company C, from Oswego. He served for a little more than two years and held the rank of corporal. He was wounded in the right hand in the battle of Granada, Tennessee, and he participated in a scouting expedition near Natchez. He was also in numerous skirmishes but in no regular pitched battles. After

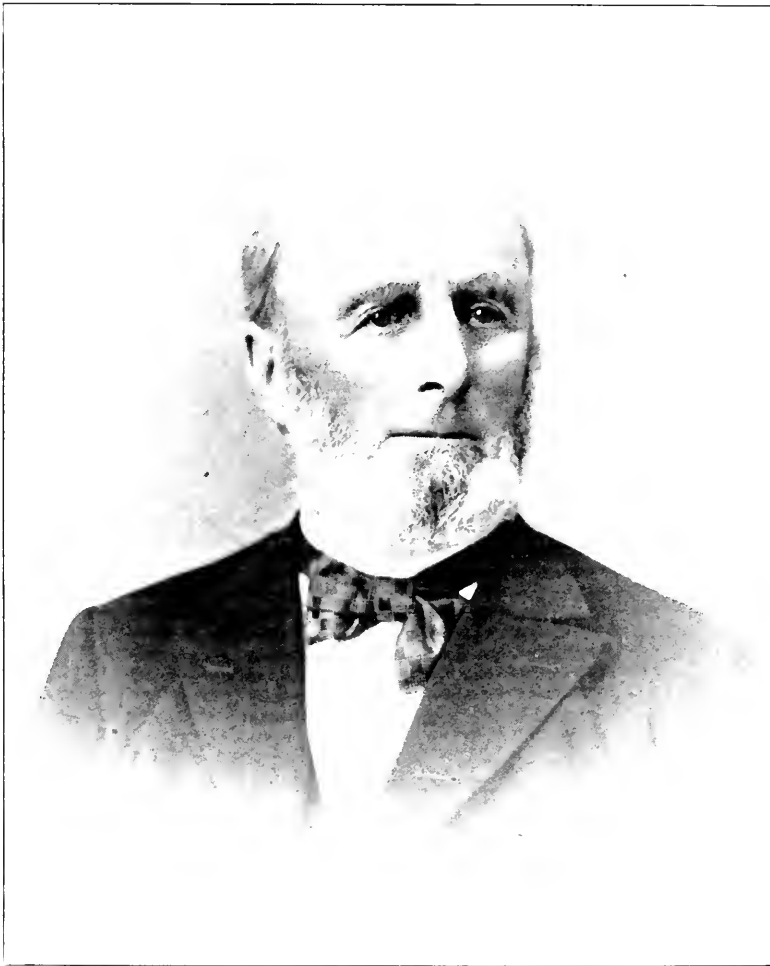
the war he returned home and for a time was in the employ of his father, while subsequently he went to work at car-building in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, where he remained for about seven years and during much of the time was engaged on coach work. On leaving that service he entered the grocery business, in which he continued for two years, and subsequently he devoted four years to carpenter work. On the expiration of that period he entered the employ of the Hoyt & Brother Company, a branch of the American Woodworking Machinery Company, has been the millwright there for twenty-seven years and is foreman of the carpenter department. He is an excellent mechanic, thoroughly familiar with all lines of woodwork, and is thus well qualified to take charge of the varied interests which come under his control.

On the 20th of May, 1869, Mr. Carnes was married to Miss Emma F. Messinger, a daughter of Fisher and Rebecca (Maxey) Messinger, who were natives of Massachusetts and came west to Illinois in 1858, in which year Mr. Messinger built the house that is now occupied by Mrs. Carnes. He was engaged in making carpets in the east and when he came to Aurora manufactured baskets, establishing one of the leading productive industries of the city and furnishing employment at one time to twenty-seven men. He died in 1881, at the age of seventy-three years, while his wife survived him until 1906 and was eighty-nine years of age at the time of her death. Their daughter, Mrs. Carnes, was born at Wrantham, Massachusetts, January 5, 1852, and by her marriage has become the mother of five sons and four daughters, but only three are now living: Charles Frederick, a manufacturer of Aurora of the Fowler-Carnes Company; Albert, who is engaged in mining at Rawhide, Nevada; and Caroline Marion, living at home.

Mr. Carnes belongs to Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R., and is a charter member of the Modern Woodmen Camp of that city. His wife is connected with the Woman's Relief Corps and they reside in a fine home at No. 505 Spring street. In politics Mr. Carnes is a republican, but while he has always kept well informed on the questions and the issues of the day and is thus able to support his position by intelligent argument, he has never sought nor desired office as a reward for party fealty, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, in which capable management have brought to him good success, as his ability has always enabled him to command lucrative positions.

ABEL D. GIFFORD.

On the list of Elgin's honored dead appears the name of Abel D. Gifford, a man whose intense and well directed activity won him success, while the honorable, straightforward business methods that he followed gained him the entire confidence, good will and respect of all with whom he was brought in contact. He left to his family not only a comfortable competence, but also the priceless heritage of an untarnished name, while his activity in community affairs proved so beneficial in lines of public progress that Elgin felt a distinct



A. D. GIFFORD

loss when he was called from this life. Mr. Gifford was born in Sherburne, New York, August 9, 1818, a son of Asa and Dinah (Talcott) Gifford, both of whom were natives of the Empire state, where they spent their entire lives.

Abel D. Gifford was reared under the parental roof and in 1837 came west to Illinois, settling on a farm. His entire life was devoted to general agricultural pursuits and in Cook county he owned about three hundred acres of rich and productive land, which he brought under a high state of cultivation, transforming the tract into a splendid farm, which was provided with all of the equipments and accessories of a model farm property. Here, in addition to tilling the soil, he engaged in dairying and made a specialty of sheep-raising, in which connection he became very widely known, having at one time one thousand head of sheep upon his place. He made a close study of the best breeds of stock for this climate and he was quite successful in all departments of his farm work, although his sheep-raising interests perhaps made him most widely known. He was also a director of the Home National Bank of Elgin for a number of years and his name was one which carried weight on commercial paper. He certainly deserved much credit for what he accomplished, for he was a largely self-educated as well as self-made man. He never went to school after he was fourteen years of age, but he realized the necessity and value of education and was always interested in providing good school facilities for the children of this part of the state.

Mr. Gifford was married in 1837 to Miss Harriett Root, a daughter of Dr. Anson Root, and they became the parents of one son, Frank, who died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away after fifteen years of happy married life and in August, 1855, Mr. Gifford was again married, his second union being with Julia Chappell, a daughter of Harvey M. and Mary Chappell of Elgin. There were three children born of this marriage, but the eldest died in infancy. Clara Louise became the wife of Charles L. Holden, a resident of Elgin, who engaged in business in St. Charles. They have two children: Hazel Harriett and Gifford Merrill. Charles Abel, the surviving son, was living upon the old homestead two and a half miles east of Elgin and is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. Gifford also reared an adopted son, Edward Gifford, who became a member of his household soon after his first marriage, and he died about 1870, leaving a widow, Mrs. Cora (Ottoway) Gifford and two children, Fred E. and Ada. C.; the daughter is not married, but the son married Della Ward, of St. Charles, and they have three children: Vera, Ruth and Edwin. On the 10th of July, 1893, Mr. Gifford was called upon to mourn the loss of his second wife. His third marriage was with Mrs. Clara F. Whitten, of Atlanta, Georgia, who now survives him.

Mr. Gifford long occupied a very prominent position in Elgin and left the impress of his individuality upon public progress and improvement here. His political support was given to the republican party, and while living upon his farm in Cook county he served as assessor and as sheriff one term. He also filled the positions of county judge and justice of the peace. He belonged to the Baptist church, was most generous in its support and on one occasion gave two thousand dollars to the church in Elgin in which he held membership. He was also in the early days a most helpful friend of the

Chicago University and established a scholarship in connection with that institution, which benefited many young men in the acquirement of an education and qualified them for starting in business. It was a great blow to him when the University ceased to exist, but he lived to see it regain its standing and become one of the greatest educational centers of the entire country. He not only assisted young men in gaining an education, but also liberally aided several in starting in the business world. Few men have realized so fully the duty and obligation which one owes to his fellowmen, or have more fully performed that duty. Whenever he felt that his services could benefit those with whom he came in contact, that service was cheerfully rendered, and with the strongest desire to aid in the promotion of Elgin's interests and the up-building of this part of the state he did everything in his power to further public progress. He lived on his farm for a long period, but in 1889 took up his abode in Elgin, where his remaining days were spent in the enjoyment of well earned rest, until he was called to his final home on the 5th of October, 1905. His public service was largely of a nature that brought to him no pecuniary reward, but he was rich in the respect and good will of his fellowmen and he always valued his own self-respect and the esteem of those with whom he was associated as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame or position.

LEWIS SYLVESTER.

Lewis Sylvester is numbered among the veterans of the Civil war and in days of peace has been loyal in his citizenship, giving to Aurora a faithful support in upholding those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He is and has been for many years engaged in contracting here and has contributed in substantial measure to the improvement of the city along architectural lines. He was born in Whitehall, Washington county, New York, June 12, 1847.

His father, Frank Sylvester, was a native of Quebec, Canada, and of French descent. He came to the United States when twenty-one years of age and settled in Whitehall, New York, where he engaged in business along mechanical lines. In 1849 he removed westward to Chicago, where he remained until 1851, when he returned to Whitehall, but in 1852 became a resident of Rockford, which was then a country village, giving little promise of rapid development and progress. There he followed his trade of cabinet making for two years, after which he removed to Iowa, where he resided until 1857. He then came to Aurora, where he lived for a short time, after which he went to the South, leaving his son Lewis in Aurora with an uncle, Samuel Lavoy, who had taken up his abode in this city in 1853. After the war the father, Frank Sylvester, returned to the North, settling in Chicago, and in 1872 he came to Aurora. Here he died in 1891 at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife bore the maiden name of Margaret Lavoy and was a native of Montreal. They were married in the Empire state and Mrs. Sylvester passed away in Chicago.

Lewis Sylvester attended the public schools of Aurora and afterward learned the wagon and carriage making trade in Tazewell county, where he continued until 1868. He went to work when little more than eleven years of age and whatever success he has achieved in life is attributable entirely to his own efforts. He early learned that there is no royal road to wealth but found that persistency of purpose and unwearied industry constitute an excellent foundation for the acquirement of a competence. He was but fifteen years of age when on the 13th of August, 1862, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry as a member of Company G at Sycamore. He served in Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia and was in all of the engagements with his command, numbering thirteen. These included the battles of Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Burnt Hickory, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Averysboro and others. He was mustered out at Chicago in 1865 and returned home with a most creditable military record, having gone through all of the experiences which are usually meted out to a soldier, taking part in the long, hard marches, the weary waiting at winter quarters and in the hotly contested battles where he faced the enemy's fire.

Returning to Aurora, Mr. Sylvester afterward spent several years on a farm in DeKalb county but in 1868 commenced the building and general contracting business. In 1874 he took up his abode in Aurora and has since been identified with building interests here. He commenced contracting on his own account in 1882 and has been very successful, the firm of L. Sylvester & Son being well and favorably known here. Many substantial structures of the city are proof of the skill and handiwork and the business ability and capable management of Mr. Sylvester. These include the smelting works and the building of the corset company. He also rebuilt and remodeled the Coulter building and put up the electric power building of the Challenge Manufacturing plant at Batavia and the Kane county poor farm buildings. He has had much work even outside of the state. He was an associate contractor for the Missouri Pacific car shops at Little Rock, Arkansas, with Israel Doan, of Aurora. Thoroughly familiar with all of the scientific principles that underlie building operations, as well as the practical work, he stands today as one of the successful contractors of the city and a liberal patronage is accorded him.

In 1869 Mr. Sylvester was married to Miss Celinda Moreau, a native of Plattsburg, New York, and a daughter of Peter Moreau, a native of Canada. He came to America in 1849 and engaged in the shoe business. His death occurred October 2, 1907, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-three years, while his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Defoe) Moreau, is still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester have been born six children: Edmund L., Archie G., Frank M., and three died in infancy. The eldest son is now junior partner of the firm of L. Sylvester & Son. He is a graduate of the Aurora public schools of the class of 1890 and pursued a course in civil engineering at the state university. He then followed his profession in various places, being for some time with the Armour Company on refrigerator work. In 1896 he commenced business with his father and in 1901 he became a member of the firm. On the 21st of March, 1906, he wedded Gretchen C. Roderich, a

daughter of Theodore Roderich, a trusted employe of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for many years.

Mr. Sylvester is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and both he and his son are members of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, while Edmund Sylvester is associated with the Sons of Veterans. The firm is a strong one in Aurora and their business methods are such as will always bear close investigation and scrutiny. Mr. Sylvester early learned that there is no excellence without labor and he has put forth strenuous effort, not only to win success but to give to his patrons full value in good workmanship and reliable materials.

GEORGE LAWSON.

George Lawson, a successful farmer and dairyman of Campton township, is a native of Denmark. He was born July 23, 1859, the son of Peter J. and Mary (Peterson) Lawson, both natives of Denmark and both now deceased. The father served three years in the Danish army. He was a member of the Lutheran church. Unto this union were born four children, namely: Christina, the wife of Jorgen Mortensen, a farmer of Denmark; Anna, the wife of Ford Nelson, the captain of a sailing vessel; Hans C., a farmer residing in Denmark; and George.

George Lawson attended the district schools of Denmark until he was fifteen years of age, receiving the rudiments of a good education. He then became a wage earner, working as a farm hand, with the exception of two years spent in the German army, until he was twenty-five years of age, when he came to America. He first located in Blackberry township, Kane county, where he secured work as a farm hand. He continued working by the month for two years, by which time he had saved enough of his earnings to rent a farm and operate it in his own interests. His progress from this time on has been steadily upward, and he now owns about three thousand dollars worth of personal property. In addition to his dairy interests, he raises hogs quite extensively, shipping on an average two carloads per year. His thrift, industry and good judgment insure that in the course of time he will be possessed of a competence that will enable him to spend his declining years in ease and comfort.

On June 17, 1884, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Lawson and Miss Helena Rasmussen, who had been his sweetheart from childhood. They came to America on the same boat and were married in Chicago immediately after their arrival in this country. Her father was Rasmus Rasmussen, a laborer, who was born in Denmark. Mrs. Lawson had five brothers and three sisters, namely: Nils, Andrew and Hans, who are engaged in farming in Kane county; Christina, the wife of Nels Christensen, a shoemaker of Elburn; George, a merchant of Elburn; Catrina, Rasmus and Mary, deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lawson have been born four sons and two daughters, of whom George J., Ellen and Hans C. reside at home with their parents; Peter J. is a farmer residing near Elburn; Lizzie is the wife of Jonathan C. Johnson, who resides near Bald Mound; and Robert is a farm hand of Virgil township.

Fraternally Mr. Lawson is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Court of Honor. He is recognized as an industrious, valuable member of the community and commands the respect of all with whom he has dealings.

FRANK S. MORRILL.

Among the men of Blackberry township who have contributed to the substantial upbuilding and development of this section of the state is numbered Frank S. Morrill, who has here lived for more than half a century. He now resides in Blackberry township, where he owns and cultivates a tract of land of sixty acres. He was born in Kaneville township, Kane county, Illinois, January 28, 1853.

His father, Frederick Stephen Morrill, was born in 1825 at Strafford, Vermont, and at an early period in the development of this part of the state he purchased five hundred acres of land from the government. Not a furrow had been turned, nor an improvement made upon the place when it came into his possession. He removed to Blackberry township in 1860 and became a prominent and influential resident of the community, not only by reason of his activity and success in agricultural lines, but also owing to the fact that he was a helper, doing valuable service in public lines. He served as justice of the peace and town clerk a number of years and filled the position of postmaster at Blackberry for forty years. During the period of the Civil war when a draft was issued, Mr. Morrill raised sixteen hundred dollars within a few days, with which he hired substitutes. This sum was raised by selling town bonds. He married Miss Lucinda Cleveland, a native of Pike, Allegany county, New York. She came to Illinois with her parents at the age of sixteen years, the family home being established in Kaneville township, Kane county. The death of Frederick S. Morrill occurred in 1897, but his widow still survives and is now living in Blackberry township at the age of eighty years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Morrill were born the following children: Stephen, deceased; Bessie B., who became the wife of E. M. Butler and after his death married H. N. Ross; Lucy A., the wife of Robert Ross, a resident of Bartlett, Illinois; Dell B., deceased; Blanche M., the wife of J. G. Norton, a resident of Crome, Illinois; and Frank S.

The last named attended the district schools until the age of eighteen years, and thinking to find another pursuit more profitable and congenial than that of farming, he began reading law with the firm of White & Garfield, attorneys. While living in the west he saw many buffaloes and also has seen wild pigeons in such droves that the sun was obscured. In the early days of his residence in this county there were still many evidences of pioneer life, but he has lived to see the county transformed into one of the leading counties of this great state. While in Nebraska Mr. Morrill engaged in the practice of law with Judge Lucas, but after three years spent in the west he returned to Illinois in 1876 and afterward began business as a contractor.

In 1875 Mr. Morrill was married to Miss Cora L. Shaw, who was born in Webster City, Iowa. Her parents now reside in Oklahoma, where her father is a retired capitalist. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Morrill have been born a daughter and son, Della E., wife of Jesse Omick, a resident of Denver, Colorado; and Ross R., at home.

In his political views Mr. Morrill has always been a staunch democrat. He is a liberal independent in his religious beliefs and has made practically a lifelong study of the subject. While Mr. Morrill is now numbered among the men of affluence, he did not reach his present financial condition without much hard work and persistent effort. Indeed he has labored most persistently, overcoming difficulties and obstacles by his diligence and perseverance, and at all times has followed those rules which govern strict and unswerving business integrity.

JOHN A. FREELAND.

With the farming and dairy interests of Kane county John A. Freeland has been closely identified for over forty years and is now the owner of a well improved and productive farm of eighty acres on section 25, Virgil township. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Jonkoping, Sweden, September 26, 1841, and in that country he spent the days of his boyhood and youth. His father, Carl Freeland, was a soldier in the regular army of Sweden for a number of years, but finally tiring of that monotonous life in times of peace, he resolved to try his fortune in America, having heard most favorable accounts of the resources of this country. Accordingly he crossed the Atlantic in 1869 and on the broad fertile prairies of Illinois he resolved to make his future home. For some time after locating here he worked by the day but was at length able to purchase a farm near Batavia, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his life. He died in 1903 in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which he was long a member, and he also held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife bore the maiden name of Christina Anderson and was born in Sweden, on the 24th of March, 1839. They were the parents of six children, namely: John A., of this review; Swin, now a resident of DeKalb, Illinois, being foreman of a barbwire factory in that city; and Christina, Gust, Eva and Justus, all deceased.

At the usual age John A. Freeland entered the district schools of his native land, where he continued his studies until thirteen, when he started to make his own way in the world by working as a farm hand, receiving for an entire year's service only a pair of boots and twenty crowns, a crown being worth about twenty-seven cents in our money. At the age of twenty-seven years he had saved enough of his earnings to pay his passage to America and he came to this country to see if he could better his financial condition. Coming to Kane county, Illinois, he soon found employment on a farm near Kaneville, and after working for one year he was able to send for his brothers and sisters, who joined him here. He next rented a farm and so satisfactory

were his relations with the owner that he remained thereon for thirty years. With the capital he managed to save in that time he purchased his present farm in 1905, and now owns a good farm of eighty acres, on which he has placed improvements to the value of six thousand dollars. His beautiful little home is situated three miles and a half northwest of Elburn on section 25, Virgil township, and the place is well supplied with fruit, including apples, peaches and pears, besides much small fruit. Here Mr. Freeland carries on general farming and is also extensively interested in the dairy business, keeping some thirty cows for that purpose. He is a very wide-awake, energetic business man and the success that has come to him is but the merited reward of unremitting labor.

At the age of twenty-nine years Mr. Freeland was married to Miss Augusta Nelson, who was also born in Sweden, May 7, 1847, and came to Illinois in 1869, and they became the parents of five daughters, namely: Edna, Mary and Clara, all now deceased; Annie, the wife of Myrt Weston, a farmer living near Elburn; and Mamie, the wife of Charles Johnson, who is employed in the electric power house at Elgin. They lost four daughters in three years, all dying of tuberculosis. Mr. Freeland traveled extensively with the last two who died recently in the hope of benefiting their health, spending much time in the west and south, but the change did not produce the desired results. He has always been a staunch supporter of the republican party and is an earnest and consistent member of the Lutheran church.

BARNEY HEISTEN.

Barney Heisten, who owns farming and dairy interests in Campton township, is of French descent, having been born in Sedan, France, October 23, 1868, the son of Michael and Maggie M. (Welbes) Heisten. His father was born in Luxemburg, Germany, to which place he returned from France when our subject was quite small, and engaged in farming. Here he passed the remainder of his days and is now resting by the side of his devoted wife in the Catholic cemetery. They were both communicants of the Catholic faith. They were the parents of four children, namely: Lewis, a merchant of Luxemburg; Lizzie, the wife of John Meder, a school teacher of Luxemburg; Anna, who married Nick Mangan, a farmer; and Barney.

Barney Heisten is indebted to the public schools of Luxemburg for his education. He attended regularly to the time he was thirteen years of age when, through force of circumstances, he was compelled to leave school and aid his father in the work of the farm. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years of age, when he emigrated to America, locating in Virgil township, Kane county. Here he secured employment as a farm hand and remained in the position for five years, saving his earnings with the ultimate object of engaging in farming for himself. This he was eventually enabled to do and his progress from that time on was much more rapid than it had been hitherto. He now keeps fifty cows for dairying purposes and owns

personal property to the value of not less than four thousand dollars—a record of which he may well be proud in consideration of the fact that at the outset of life he had no capital with which to begin excepting the innate forces that were bound up in his own nature, while adversity and hardship but served to develop and bring forth the strong qualities within him.

In 1895 occurred the marriage of Mr. Heisten and Miss Matilda Giger, who was born in Switzerland in 1870. Unto this union have been born nine children, namely: Ben J., Mary, Willie, John, Paul, Helen, Leonard, George and Nick, all of whom reside at home with their parents. In politics Mr. Heisten is a republican. Religiously he is a member of the Catholic church.

PHILIP JOHNS.

Coming to America at the age of seventeen years with life's opportunities before him, Philip Johns has made good use of the advantages with which he has been surrounded and through successive stages of development has worked his way upward until he is now manager of the Johns & Brown Company, manufacturers of sash, doors and blinds, and interior finish and fixture work. He was born in Bettendorf, Luxemburg, January 1, 1865. His paternal grandparents were Philip and Elizabeth Johns, the former a stonecutter, who died in Germany when about seventy years of age. Their son, John Johns, also became a stonecutter of Luxemburg and was married there to Miss Susan Hermes, a daughter of Anton Hermes, who died in Prussia when about sixty-four years of age. He was a tailor by trade. His wife was nearly ninety years of age at the time of her demise. Their family numbered four children: Nicholas, of Aurora; Michael, of Ottawa; Susan, of Aurora; and one who is living at Wallendorf in the Rhine province of Prussia. While Mrs. Johns still survives, her husband died in Luxemburg in 1876 at the age of forty-one years. She then came to America in 1882 and makes her home with her daughter, Margaret, in Aurora. She is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, of which John Johns was also a member. Their family numbered three children: Philip, now living in Aurora; Susan, the wife of Anton Zimmermann; and Margaret, the wife of Lawrence Kartheiser, of this city.

Philip Johns, whose name introduces this review, lived in Luxemburg until seventeen years of age, attended the common schools and also spent two years in college and one year in a normal school. In 1882 he came to America, settling in Aurora, where he worked for Hartsburg & Hawksley, remaining in their factory for eleven years, during which time he gained a comprehensive knowledge of the business and that broad practical experience which well qualified him for carrying on a similar undertaking on his own account. In 1893 he formed a partnership with Frank R. Braun and others and began the manufacture of sash, doors, blinds and interior finish of all kinds. They employ from twenty-five to thirty people, manufacture goods of a superior order and are enjoying constantly increasing business. Their plant is well equipped with the latest improved machinery and everything about the factory



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indicates a careful systematization and unflinching energy on the part of those in charge.

On the 11th of January, 1894, Mr. Johns was married to Miss Margaret Kirsch, a daughter of Nicholas and Eva Kirsch. They have four children: Margaret Eva, Edith Cecelia, Marion and Anna. The parents are both members of the St. Nicholas Catholic church and Mr. Johns belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Order of Foresters and other societies. His membership relations also connect him with St. Vincent's Society, the Knights and Ladies of Honor, the Elks Lodge, No. 705, the Germania Society and the Luxemburger Bruderbund. He speaks the French language fluently, as well as the German and English. He resides at No. 635 Indian avenue, and is well known in the city, where he has now lived for twenty-six years, and where his business enterprise and activity have brought him gratifying success.

LYSANDER HORD.

Lysander Hord, a leading and well known representative of the industrial interests of Kane county, is engaged in the grain and milling business at Montgomery and is also president of the Hord, Brodhead Company. He maintains his residence in Aurora and is well known in various sections of the county as a man whose enterprise will brook no obstacles that can be overcome by determination and energetic effort. He was born in Frankfort, Kentucky, August 21, 1847, a son of Lysander and Hannah A. (Price) Hord, both of whom were natives of Kentucky and lived at Frankfort, where Mrs. Hord was born and made her home until her death at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. Hord survived her until 1905 and died at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. His father was a native of Virginia and became one of the early settlers of Maysville, Kentucky, where he followed the occupation of farming. He served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812 and in early manhood he married Rebecca Benson. His death occurred when he was in middle life, but his wife reached the age of eighty-two years. The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Price, a native of Virginia and a large slave owner. Responding to the country's call for troops he enlisted as a captain in the war of 1812. He married Elizabeth La Faun and they became early settlers of Kentucky, living at Frankfort, where they spent their remaining days. Captain Price there died at the age of sixty, while his wife passed away at the age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters, including Hannah A. Price, who gave her hand in marriage to Lysander Hord, Sr. He was a graduate of Yale College and had studied law under the direction of Governor Morehead, of Kentucky. He then practiced law at the Frankfort bar for sixty years and gained distinction as one of the leading lawyers of Kentucky at a bar which has numbered many eminent representatives of the profession. He was also judge of the county court for fifteen or twenty years and was likewise chosen to aid in framing the laws of the commonwealth, twice representing Franklin county in the state legislature. His

last public service was as delegate to Washington under the Hayes' administration to secure an appropriation for the improvement of the Kentucky river, and it was through his efforts there that an appropriation was made whereby the river was made navigable to the Cumberland mountains. His public service was also of a character to promote general improvement and progress, looking beyond the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities and possibilities of the future. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, five sons and five daughters, of whom five are still living, namely: Bettie H., of Frankfort, Kentucky, who is the wife of Colonel Orlando Brown, who commanded a regiment in the Union army; Upshaw P., of Aurora; Lysander, of this review; Blandina, the wife of Thomas B. Monroe, now of Paris, Texas; and Hanna H., wife of David C. Hardin, of Bardstown, Kentucky.

Lysander Hord was born at Frankfort, Kentucky, and there lived to the age of nineteen years, acquiring his education largely in the public schools of the community. He came to Aurora on the 22d of February, 1867, and began clerking in the Montgomery mill, which he has owned for a number of years. He operated the mill for thirty-five years and is the oldest miller today on the Fox river. The flour mill has a capacity of two hundred and fifty barrels of flour per day and the feed mill a capacity of twenty tons per day. He has been a director of the Merchants National Bank for nine or ten years and is now a director in the Aurora Trust & Savings Bank. His attention, however, has chiefly been given to his milling interests, and his broad, practical experience has gained him a knowledge that has made him a most successful miller. His business interests, too, have been of a character that have contributed in a large measure to the development and prosperity of the community, and he certainly deserves much credit for the success which he has achieved.

On the 14th of October, 1874, Mr. Hord was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Gillispie, of Oswego, Kendall county, Illinois, a daughter of David and Letitia (Cooke) Gillispie. Mrs. Hord was born in Chicago and her father was a native of Ohio, while her mother was a native of England. They were married in Cleveland and her father belonged to that branch of the Gillispie family of Berks county, of which James G. Blaine and Judge Ewing were also members. David, who had traveled for many years, made his home in Cleveland the greater part of his life. There he died in 1857, leaving three children: Newton; Letitia, the wife of F. O. Hawley, of Aurora; and Mrs. Lysander Hord. The mother of these children long survived her first husband, passing away in 1888, at the age of sixty-six years. She had married again, her second husband being M. J. Richards, one of the old settlers of Kendall county, Illinois. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Hord was Richard E. Cooke, who was born in Worcestershire, England, and on coming to America settled in Cleveland, being noted among the capitalists of that city. He afterwards went to Chicago at an early day and was the owner of considerable property there. He died in Oswego, Illinois, at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife, Mrs. Esther (Bird) Cooke, was about seventy-four years of age at the time of her death. They were the parents of three children, Richard, Edward and Letitia. The mother of Richard E. Cooke was, prior to her marriage, a Miss

Hill and was a member of the eminent family of Sir Roland Hill, while the celebrated poetess, Eliza Cooke, was an own cousin of Richard E. Cooke.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hord was blessed with one child, Hardin G., who married Miss Edith Lawrence, and is a salesman of Chicago. Mr. Hord belongs to Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M. In politics he is a democrat, somewhat prominent in the local ranks of his party, and he served as treasurer of the city of Aurora for two years, while at one time he was assistant supervisor. For forty-one years he has been continuously engaged in the grain, flour and feed business in Kane county and has dealt with many of the pioneers of this locality, as well as with the more recent arrivals. Through his business associations he has become widely known and his many good qualities have gained for him the friendship of the majority of those with whom he has been brought in contact. He now owns several properties in Montgomery in addition to his mill, but he makes his home in Aurora.

CLARK C. BURR.

Clark C. Burr, a retired farmer residing in St. Charles township, was born March 1, 1842, his parents being James O. and Mary (Lee) Burr, the former born in Cazenovia, New York, May 20, 1818, and the latter in Binghamton, New York, October 20, 1822. The father came to Illinois in 1836, purchasing three hundred and forty-two acres of land from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre. In 1850 he offered to sell one hundred acres of this farm to J. W. Wilcox for seven and a half dollars per acre, but the latter declined to make the purchase. Thirty-six years later Mr. Wilcox bought this same one hundred acre tract at fifty dollars per acre. James O. Burr passed away at Dansville, New York, June 17, 1872, and his remains were interred in the Garfield cemetery at Campton. His wife, who had celebrated her marriage in 1841, died February 14, 1869, at St. Charles, Illinois, and was also buried in the Garfield cemetery at Campton. The record of their children, in addition to the subject of this review, is as follows: Grace I., who was born in St. Charles, August 18, 1844, was married in 1882 to Mr. Avery, a salesman of Minnesota. The latter passed away in 1884, and his widow now resides in Elgin. Algernon A., born in St. Charles, August 11, 1846, wedded Miss Cornelia L. Bartlett, of Connecticut, on the 30th of October, 1872. He was a farmer by occupation, and died April 23, 1903, at his home in St. Charles township, being buried in Campton cemetery. His widow still resides on the farm. Elma I., whose birth occurred in St. Charles township, April 9, 1848, became the wife of J. K. Lowry, of Aurora, Illinois. She makes her home at La Crosse, Wisconsin, where her husband is a painter foreman in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy shops.

With the exception of about two years spent on the Atwell Burr farm in Campton, Clark C. Burr has resided continuously on the place where he was born. The property consists of two hundred and forty acres of rich land which is beautifully located and well watered by two running streams, and

there is also plenty of timber. On the 17th of August, 1893, his barns were burned down and his hay destroyed, but he has since erected another commodious and substantial structure for the shelter of grain and stock. He keeps a fine herd of forty-five cows, also some young cattle and about one hundred and twenty-five Buff Rock chickens. His property is valued at thirty thousand dollars, and he is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and progressive residents of the county, whose success has come to him as the well merited reward of his indefatigable industry and excellent business ability.

On the 11th of January, 1871, in St. Charles township, Mr. Burr was united in marriage to Miss Ellen L. Bartlett, of Connecticut, whose birth occurred November 4, 1842. They have become the parents of two children, one of whom is deceased: James Henry, whose birth occurred in St. Charles township, January 31, 1874, is a graduate of the Elgin Academy and of the law school at Dixon, Illinois. On the 1st of January, 1908, he wedded Miss Nettie Kittell, of Chicago, and is now engaged in the practice of law in that city. Charles Clark, who was born in St. Charles, June 24, 1876, passed away January 6, 1894.

In his political views Mr. Burr is independent, supporting the best man regardless of party affiliation. His wife is a member of the Congregational church at St. Charles. Having resided in this county throughout his entire life, or for a period of sixty-six years, Mr. Burr is well and favorably known here, and has witnessed the remarkable transformation that has taken place in this part of the country as pioneer conditions and environments have given way before the onward march of civilization.

EBEN F. BEAUPRÉ.

Eben F. Beaupré, one of the leading citizens of Aurora, was born in Ottawa, Illinois, on the 12th of November, 1857, and is a son of Mathias Beaupré, of whom more extended mention is made in the sketch of W. S. Beaupré on another page of this volume. Our subject was educated in the public schools of Aurora and De Kalb. Returning to Aurora in 1875, he entered the office of the collector of internal revenue, where he remained until 1877. He then became chief clerk under D. C. Cooley, of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and when that gentleman left the service Mr. Beaupré entered the office of the auditor of expenditure of the same road at Chicago, which position he held until 1884. He then purchased the Aurora Daily News, which he sold in 1887, having won distinction through his editorial writing. In 1887 he became deputy county clerk at Geneva, holding that position until 1895, when he entered the employ of the Aurora Cotton Mills Company, of which he is now secretary.

On the 22d of March, 1887, Mr. Beaupré married Miss Ruth C. Shepard, a daughter of Jeremiah and Ellen Theodosia Shepard. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1896, and he had the distinction of being the first person in the second district appellate court to pass a perfect examination, having one hundred points to his credit. One of the Aurora papers said of him at the

time: "The unusual distinction won by Mr. Beaupré was not by accident. He has a gifted mind and is a close student and observer. In addition to his legal attainments, Mr. Beaupré is an expert accountant, is one of the best read men in the city, is an amateur horticulturist, with a rose garden which is the admiration of the entire neighborhood, and has won some success in literature. He probably has other accomplishments but he is a quiet man and keeps them to himself." The Chicago Inter Ocean also made some comment on his high standing.

Mr. Beaupré has served very efficiently for several years as a member of the park board in Aurora, and is still a member of the same. He has written many poems and bright sketches, and after one of the latter had been published, the following appeared in the Geneva Patrol:

"Eben F. Beaupré is known to the people of this county as deputy county clerk, and as competent, faithful and courteous a deputy as this or any other county ever had, but the time will come, we believe, when he will be widely known as one of the brightest sketch writers of Illinois. Some time ago the writer of this paragraph read an unpublished sketch from Mr. Beaupré's pen and showed the manuscript to the editor of the largest literary syndicate in the west, who immediately paid handsomely for it, notwithstanding the fact that the syndicate was full of manuscripts and accepting almost nothing. The sketch has since been published and has drawn the following appreciative notice from the pen of Illinois' greatest novelist, Mrs. Catherwood, author of 'The Romance of Dollard,' 'The Story of Tonti,' 'Stephen Guthrie' and other stories, which have made her an international reputation. She writes: 'Your little sketch of Lazarus, "The story of a yellow dog," is natural and human and full of nice appreciation. Some people affect an indiscriminate sympathy with animals bordering on untruthful sentimentality, but your sketch seemed a clear, nice little picture by a sensitive hand. Sincerely yours, Mary H. Catherwood.' It is but fair to Mr. Beaupré to say that he is entirely ignorant that Mrs. Catherwood's letter will go beyond the writer, but we know his other friends will be equally glad to know of his literary success, therefore we take the liberty to publish without his knowledge. We hope he will do much more writing."

FREDERICK E. WESTOVER.

Frederick E. Westover, engaged in business as a brick-mason of Aurora, is also numbered the veterans of the Civil war, and that he is prominent and popular with his old army comrades is indicated by the fact that he is now commander of the Grand Army Post at this city. A native of New York, he was born in Jefferson county, March 31, 1848, his parents being Stephen and Harriet (French) Westover, natives of Massachusetts and Vermont respectively. The former was a son of Abijah Westover, also a native of Massachusetts, who removed to Jefferson county, New York, in 1822 and died soon afterward in middle age. His wife lived to an advanced age and reared their

family of four sons and three daughters. The Westover family is of Holland Dutch descent and traces the ancestry back to 1640. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Vermont and a blacksmith by trade.

Stephen Westover came to Illinois from Jefferson county, New York, in 1854, taking up his abode in Aurora, and in 1856 he brought his family to this city. He was a brick-mason by trade and became a contractor here, but in the spring of 1869 went to Fort Scott, Kansas, where he worked at masonry for a time. Later he engaged in the grocery business in the west, but eventually returned to Aurora, where he died in 1894 at the age of seventy-six years. His wife survived him until the summer of 1907 and died when about eighty-seven years of age. Their family numbered seven children, four sons and three daughters, but only three are now living: Frederick E.; Frank C., of Aurora; and Henry B., who makes his home in Chicago. The others of the family were: Albert E., the eldest; Emma J., the second, who was the wife of J. H. Long; Sarah, who was the wife of Fred Long and was the fourth in order of birth; and Ida, the youngest, who was the wife of Charles Barker.

The first named was but eight years of age when the family came to Aurora, and here he has since made his home. He attended the public schools of this city and afterward worked on a farm by the month. In his youth he also worked at the mason's trade for a time. In 1865 at the last call for volunteers he enlisted as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Although but seventeen years of age, he did not hesitate in the performance of any duty, his valor and loyalty being equal to that of any man of twice his years. When the war was over he returned to Aurora and took up the mason's trade, which he has since followed, thus becoming closely identified with the building operations of the city.

On the 11th of August, 1869, Mr. Westover was married to Miss Margaret Kennedy, who was born in Oswego, Kane county, Illinois, February 21, 1848, and is the daughter of Damon and Maria (Ireland) Kennedy. Her father was a son of Elihu Kennedy, a native of New York and a farmer by occupation. He became one of the early settlers of Kendall county, Illinois, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for his death occurred soon after his arrival. His wife, Mrs. Ruth (Babcock) Kennedy, died when well advanced in years. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Westover was John Ireland, who lived and died in the state of New York and was buried near Troy. His wife, Mrs. Margaret (Traver) Ireland, also lived to an advanced age. Their family numbered three daughters. The parents of Mrs. Westover were natives of the Empire state and came from Albany county, New York, to Illinois early in the '40s, and took up government land. The father was a carpenter by trade and followed that business in the west. He lived in Oswego until a year prior to his death, when he removed to Aurora, where he died in 1894, when more than eighty years of age. He was a veteran of the Mexican war. His wife died in 1860 at the age of forty-one years. They had a family of five children: Lewis, who is living at Tecumseh, Oklahoma; Mary, the widow of George Hopkins and a resident of Chicago; Ruth, the wife of William Dunn, of Omaha, Nebraska; George, also living in Omaha; and Mrs. Westover. Of this family, Lewis Kennedy was a captain

of the Fifty-third Illinois Regiment during the Civil war, while George enlisted at the age of seventeen years and served throughout the period of hostilities. Later he joined the regular army, so that his military experience covered thirty years.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Westover has been blessed with five children: Fred S., who is married and is engaged in the newspaper business at Billings, Montana; Edna, the wife of Jesse M. Cockle, of Aurora, by whom she has three children, Clover, Lawrence and Margaret; Agnes Adele, the wife of C. L. Ludlow of Chicago; Ida, who is living in New York city; and Ella, who occupies a clerical position in the old Second National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Westover are well known in Aurora, where they have an extensive circle of friends. Politically he is a republican, unfaltering in support of the principles of the party, and he is now a member of the Grand Army Post, No. 20, of which he has served as commander. He has been faithful and reliable in business and as a citizen is a champion of every measure which promises to prove of benefit in promoting public progress and improvement.

JAMES POWELL, JR.

James Powell, Jr., member of the real-estate, loans and insurance firm of Powell & Reid, of Aurora, his native city, was born in 1875, being the fourth in order of birth among the five children of James and Melissa (Dent) Powell, who were natives of New York. The father was reared in the Empire state and lived in Roxbury, Delaware county, upon a farm. In 1865 he came to Illinois, settling in Aurora, where he engaged in the lumber business, but for the past twenty years he has been a representative of the insurance business and has enjoyed a liberal clientage in this connection. Both he and his wife are Congregationalists in religious faith and both are representatives of old families of New York. They became the parents of two sons and three daughters: George A., Ella M., Grace, James, Jr., and Mina.

James Powell, Jr., spending his boyhood days under the parental roof in the city of his nativity, was educated in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the East Aurora high school in 1894. He then engaged in clerking in a clothing store, where he remained for four years, after which he embarked in the real-estate business. In 1901 he retired from that field and for five years was manager of the Kane County Title & Trust Company, at Geneva. In 1903, however, he formed a partnership with Joseph Reid and they have since been together under the firm style of Powell & Reid, although Mr. Powell retained his position with the Kane County Title & Trust Company until 1906. He has made it his purpose to inform himself thoroughly concerning the property that is upon the market and is thus enabled to make judicious investments or purchases for his clients and to place loans so that they will be of advantage to all parties. He also writes considerable insurance each year and is rapidly forging to the front

in business circles, being now widely recognized as a young man of sound judgment, whose ability seems to promise increased success in the future. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. Admirable social qualities render him personally popular and he has an extensive circle of warm friends in this city.

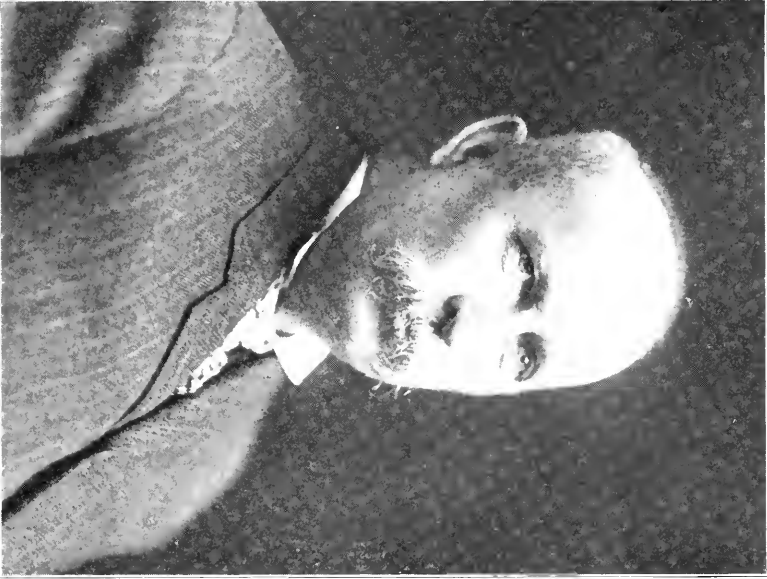
ROBERT SPENCER HADLEY.

Although Robert Spencer Hadley's dwelling is in Kendall county, just over the boundary line, the greater part of his fine and well-improved farm of seventy-three acres is in this county, in section 31 of Aurora township. The place is known as Pleasant View farm, and both in a material and a social way it well deserves the name. It is the seat of a refined and bounteous hospitality and a social life embodying every grace of advanced cultivation, the domestic atmosphere within the residence being in full accord with the beauties of nature without.

The proprietor is a native of Dutchess county, New York, where he was born November 14, 1849. His parents, Chauncey Dewey and Mary Elizabeth (Mead) Hadley, were also natives of Dutchess county, New York, and came to Kane county, Illinois, in 1854. The father was born November 20, 1812, and died in 1874. The mother's life began October 12, 1821, and ended August 17, 1899. When they came with their children to this county they located on Big Rock creek between the towns of Big Rock and Sugar Grove, where the father operated a sawmill for a number of years. Many of the buildings erected in Sugar Grove and Big Rock townships in the '50s were built of lumber sawed at his mill, which was an important industry during those early years and of great service to the people in the undeveloped state of the country at the time.

The father was also a farmer, and the son, as he approached the dawn of manhood, helped to break up the prairie with a plow specially designed for the purpose and drawn by two yoke of oxen. The farming operations were carried on in both Big Rock and Kaneville townships. It was a strenuous life the pioneers lived, and one that developed both strength of muscle and flexibility of function. It has oft been told in song and story but its interest is perpetual for it is a phase of American history and experience that has passed away forever. The days were full of arduous toil and the nights were frequently beset with peril. Wild beasts were still prowling in the forests and often threatened the home of the settlers, making night horrible with their howling and intended violence to the inmates, whose utmost watchfulness was required for safety.

Mr. Hadley's three sisters shared this life of labor and privation with him and their parents. They were: Susan Ann, the late wife of Myron Brackett, of Big Rock township, who died in December, 1906; Mary Elizabeth, the wife of Ira Jacobs, of Kaneville; and Lorinda, now the wife of Hanson Murphy, of Big Rock township. While the life was hard and laborious, it had its compensations in the self-reliance it begot in those who had to endure it,



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in the resourcefulness and independence it gave them, and in the sense of conquest and progress it engendered.

In his boyhood Mr. Hadley attended the country school near his home and those in Big Rock and Kaneville, and he made such use of his opportunities that he obtained a good common-school education. The exigencies of his situation did not, however, give him a chance for the more advanced courses, and the exactions of his later life have left him no leisure to pursue at greater length the studies in which he found entertainment and profit.

On March 11, 1874, he celebrated his first marriage, in which he was united with Miss Margaret Way, a native of Baden, Germany, born October 14, 1850. She died April 12, 1883, and on July 4, 1887, he was married to Miss Mary Dyer, who was born January 12, 1861, in New Jersey, and died May 2, 1895. On June 10, 1896, he took unto himself his third and present wife, Mrs. Mary Eliza Bailey, a daughter of Lysander C. and Susan K. (Wormley) Breese, and a sister-in-law of George Christopher Yates, in a sketch of whom on another page will be found the history of her family. She was born in Kane county, March 25, 1855, and married Mr. Bailey, a native of Steuben county, New York, who came to Kane county at the age of sixteen with his parents and grew to manhood on a farm adjoining that of Mr. Breese. He was born November 18, 1852, and died March 10, 1890.

With the exception of five years, during which he was farming in Iowa, Mr. Hadley has passed his life in Kane county. He has retired from the active management of his farm, having rented the greater part of it. But he still cares for a few fine Jersey cows and cultivates a few acres of ground in garden products, fruit and pasturage. He has a wide reputation as an excellent judge of horses and deals in them extensively, handling many superior draft horses which he sells in Chicago at fancy prices. He is a valued member of the order of Knights of the Globe, and Mrs. Hadley has deserved prominence in that of the Eminent Ladies of the Knights of the Globe. She is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Montgomery. Both are constant in good works for the benefit of the community in general and their neighbors, friends and acquaintances in particular. Their lives have been upright and serviceable, and the firm hold they have on the regard and good will of their community is not only fixed and lasting but well founded on demonstrated merit.

IDA MATILDA HENDRICKS.

Ida Matilda Hendricks, a resident of Elburn, is a representative of one of the early families of Kane county. She was born September 14, 1871, in Batavia, Illinois. Her father, John Henry Hendricks, was a native of Sweden, born November 10, 1850. He came to America in the early '40s and, as his financial resources were very limited, for some years he had a hard struggle to gain a place of substantial benefit in the business world.

As the years passed, however, he prospered in his undertakings until there came to him a gratifying measure of success as the reward of his persistent, earnest labor. He married Anna Johnson, who was born January 14, 1841, also a native of Sweden. She arrived in Batavia in 1869 and the following year gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Hendricks. Unto them were born four children: Edward, who is now a mail carrier in Chicago; Julia Augusta, the wife of William West, a farmer residing in Ontario, Canada; Emma L., the wife of Albin Johnson, of Wasco, Illinois, now deceased; and Ida M., of this review. The death of the father occurred in December, 1901, and was the cause of deep and widespread regret, for he had come to be known as one of the respected and representative citizens of Kane county, where for long years he had successfully followed the occupation of farming.

Reared in her father's home, Ida M. Hendricks pursued her education in the schools of Kaneville until sixteen years of age, when she returned to the paternal roof. She takes an active and helpful interest in all work for the progress of the community, and has been especially helpful in the various lines of church and temperance work. A stanch advocate of the cause of prohibition, she has labored earnestly and effectively to make Elburn a strictly temperance town. She belongs to the Methodist church and to the Epworth League, of which she was the first vice president. She is likewise a worker in the Ladies' Aid Society of the church and of the Royal Neighbors, of which she was a charter member. She is well known socially in Elburn, having many warm friends here.

FRED HENNINGSON.

Fred Henningson, who owns and operates a farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres in Campton township, was born in Sweden, July 4, 1868, the son of Henning and Johannah (Anderson) Johnson. Both of his parents are natives of Sweden, the father having been born at Fallshiping in 1833, while the mother's birth occurred in 1829. They now reside in America, having come to this country in 1906. They are the parents of five children, namely: Albert L., residing in St. Charles, Illinois, where he is employed in a milk condensing factory; Frank N., a farmer; Helya E., residing in Chicago; Fred; and Mary E., residing at home.

Fred Henningson attended the district schools of Sweden until he was fifteen years of age, when he discontinued his school life in order to aid his father in the work of the farm. He remained under the parental roof until he was nineteen years of age, and in 1887 he set forth to seek his fortune in the new world. The hope that led him to leave his native land has been more than realized, as he now not only owns a valuable farm but also has a dairy of seventy-two Holstein cows, which yields him a steady and substantial income. He possesses the energy, resolution and perseverance so characteristic of his nation and his activity in his chosen line of work has not only contributed to his

individual success, but has also been a factor in the industrial life of the community.

The maiden name of Mr. Henningson's wife was Hulda G. Carlson. She was born in Sweden in 1876. Five children have been born to their union, namely: Edward E., born August 6, 1892; Arthur E., born May 24, 1898; Ernest W., February 3, 1901; Gunner A., December 22, 1904; and Bertha W., March 26, 1906.

Politically Mr. Henningson is a republican but he has never made politics the ruling spirit of his life, preferring to give his entire time to his farming and dairy interests. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran church.

WILLIAM H. GOETTING.

In a history of business enterprise and progress whereby the interests of Elgin have been promoted along substantial lines, mention should be made of William H. Goetting, the president of the Elgin Steam Laundry Company. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, October 9, 1859, and since starting out in life on his own account he has manifested those sterling traits of industry and perseverance which constitutes the basis of all industrial, commercial or professional success. His parents were both natives of Germany, and on coming to America they settled in Addison, DuPage county, Illinois. The father, Charles Goetting, was a mason by trade, and from DuPage county removed to Cook county, this state, where both he and his wife passed away.

In the rural schools William H. Goetting acquired his education, and to the age of twenty years was engaged in farming, assisting largely in the work of the fields from the time that he was old enough to handle the plow. Starting out in life on his own account, he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until he turned his attention to the laundry business in 1886. For four years he was employed in what is now the Improved Method Steam Laundry, owned by L. M. Rose, and during that period his diligence and careful expenditure brought him capital sufficient to enable him in 1889 to purchase the laundry outright. He continued to manage this in the original plant until 1895, when he erected his present laundry, a large two story brick building, which he equipped with all of the latest and most improved methods and machinery, outfitting it at great expense and making one of the best laundry plants in this part of the state. In 1902 the business was incorporated as the Elgin Steam Laundry Company, with Mr. Goetting as president and manager. He also holds the majority of the stock, and the business is returning him a substantial annual income. He employs about forty men and women, and has met with gratifying prosperity in the undertaking. The work which he turns out is equal to that of any of the laundries in the larger cities, and his patronage is steadily increasing. He recently purchased a lot adjoining his laundry and is now sinking a well, so that he will have his own water plant as well as power, making it one of the finest laundries in the United States.

In June, 1886, occurred the marriage of Mr. Goetting and Miss Mary Borchert, of Elgin, and they have one child, Ida. They also lost two children. The parents are members of St. Paul's church, take an active and helpful interest in its work and contribute generously to its support. Mr. Goetting is now serving as superintendent of the Sunday school and does all in his power to promote its interests. He is a self-made man in every sense of the word, having worked his way upward to a position of prosperity, although he started out in life as a poor farmer boy. He has been energetic, determined and diligent, and has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. He has never figured prominently in political circles, preferring to devote his time outside of business hours to the enjoyment of the companionship in his own home.

SAMUEL BEALES.

Samuel Beales, a well known member of the police force of Aurora, was born in Lockport, Orleans county, New York, on the 4th of September, 1847, a son of James and Mary (Burk) Beales. His father was a native of Suffolk county, England, where he resided at Hegritt Hall, twenty-two miles from the city of London. His father was John Beales, who ran a tavern in England and who died there at an advanced age. His wife, Elizabeth Beales, lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years. Of this union there were born eight daughters and two sons.

James Beales, the father of our subject, was a miller by occupation and, seeking the larger opportunities which the new world afforded, came to America in 1836, settling in Troy, New York, for a time, after which he went to Canada, being attracted to that section through the fact of its being a province of his native land. There he met Miss Mary Burk, a recent arrival from Limerick, Ireland, to whom he was shortly after married, and he took his bride to Lockport, New York, where they lived continuously until 1860. In April, 1860, Mr. Beales brought his family to Rockford, Illinois, where his practical knowledge of the milling business easily gained him a position in the mill of Mr. Rodd, with whom he remained some years. In 1864 he bought a flour and grist mill in Ogle county, known as the Shirley Mills, which he sold in 1867, and then went to Oswego, Kane county, and ran a mill for Switzer Brothers for one year. He then came to Aurora, where he conducted the Black Hawk mill for Mr. Jameson, being there when the mill burned down, after which he secured a position at Montgomery, with Hord Brothers, and later conducted a mill at Plano, where he remained until the time of his death, which occurred October 9, 1887, when he was seventy years of age. His wife survived him, dying on the 21st of November, 1906, aged eighty-five years. Both were members of the Catholic church.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. James Beales were born twelve children, as follows: Ann, who died in infancy; Mary Ann, formerly the wife of William H. Tripp, now deceased, and at present the wife of Seymour Barker, of Rockford,

Illinois; Henry J., deceased; John, of Rock Falls, Illinois; Samuel, of this review; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Daniel Kipp, who was killed on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; Adelaide, wife of William Clancy, of Aurora; Alice, who died at the age of twelve years; Caroline, wife of John Doran, of Chicago; William, now a resident of Aurora; Jane Ann, wife of John Saxton, of Aurora; and Jeremiah, also a resident of Aurora. The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Burk, who died in Lockport, New York, in 1847, where he was a farm overseer for many years. His wife, Ann (O'Brien) Burk, was ninety-seven years of age at the time of her death.

Samuel Beales was but twelve years of age when his parents removed to Rockford, Illinois, and when a lad of only fourteen years he enlisted in Company C, Sixty-seventh Illinois Infantry, afterward reenlisting in Company M, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, known as the "Abolition Regiment," the name being given it, it is said, by Abraham Lincoln. He continued in the service for three years and four months, during which period he sustained severe injuries by a tree falling on him at Fairfax Court House, Virginia, while in winter quarters there. He was in many of the hard-fought battles of the Civil war, his regiment opening the battle of Gettysburg, the first shot being fired by Captain Jones, of Wheaton, Illinois, who belonged to Company E.

Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Beales on his return home went into the milling business, and as the occupation was one in which a person who understood it need never be idle, he did not confine his labors to any one locality, but investigated various sections of the country in search of a suitable home. This he ultimately found in Aurora, settling there in 1868, since which time he has made it his permanent residence.

On the 5th day of July, 1873, was celebrated the marriage of Samuel Beales and Miss Mary D. Robbins, of Rock Falls, Illinois. Unto them were born four children, three of whom died young. The only surviving child, Idella May, is now the wife of Richard Wood, of Aurora. Mrs. Beales was born in Wyanet, Bureau county, Illinois. Her parents were natives of Ohio, and her father, William E. Robbins, was a carpenter by trade. He came to Illinois about 1834 and settled in La Salle, going thence to Wyanet, where he engaged in farming. There he met and married Miss Chlora M. Hunt, whose father, Elisha Hunt, a veteran of the war of 1812, moved to Bureau county, Illinois, from Ohio, and was one of the pioneer settlers of that section. There he prospered and became quite wealthy, acquiring some seven hundred acres of land. At the time of his death, which occurred in Rock Falls when he was eighty-seven years of age, he bequeathed to each of his heirs—eight children and thirty-one grand-children—the sum of five thousand dollars. His wife died in 1880, several years prior to his death, at the age of fifty-nine years. Mrs. Beales' brothers and sisters were as follows: Helen, deceased, who was the wife of John Hall; Susan, the deceased wife of William Butcher, who died in Tama, Iowa; Charles and Henry, both deceased; Joanna, the wife of Joseph Applegate, of Pike county, Illinois; Samuel, a resident of McPherson, Kansas; and Ambrose, of Hannibal, Missouri.

Mr. Beales' political support is given to the republican party. He maintains pleasant relations with his former army comrades through his member-

ship in Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R., and he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Beales has ever taken an active interest in the civic affairs of the city of his adoption, and for the past fifteen years has been a member of the police force, discharging his duties in a faithful and acceptable manner.

JOSEPH BENNEY WALTER.

For a number of years Joseph B. Walter was identified with the business interests of Elgin, in which city he departed this life on the 7th of August, 1889. He was a native of Canada, born in Quebec, February 17, 1826, and was a son of Joseph Walter, who was interested in the Walter factory in Elgin, but practically lived retired during his residence here. The father died in August, 1873, at the ripe old age of eighty-one years, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Benney, passed away in January, 1873, at the same age.

Joseph B. Walker, of this review, was only two years old when the family removed to Albany, New York, and he acquired a good practical education in the Albany Academy. On leaving that city in 1845 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Elgin, and here began work in the employ of S. Newton Dexter in the woolen mills business, with which he was connected for eight years. He next conducted a tannery for B. W. Raymond for about ten years, at the end of which time the plant was sold to the Elgin National Watch Company and the site where it stood is now occupied by the Borden Condensed Milk Company. Mr. Walter then embarked in the butcher business on his own account in partnership with Benjamin Stanforth, under the firm name of Walter & Stanforth, located on the southeast corner of Douglas avenue and Milwaukee streets. This connection was continued for three years and was followed by the firm of Miller & Walter, which carried on business at the same location for four years. Mr. Walter was next employed by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company as bookkeeper at the east side depot and held that position until he retired from active business, to spend his last days in ease and quiet.

On the 24th of January, 1862, he married Miss Jane Smith, a daughter of Richard E. and Sarah (Small) Smith, and they became the parents of eleven children, as follows: Carrie L.; Edwin Forrest, who married Minnie Buxton and had one child, Carrie L., now deceased; Frank S., who is connected with the Elgin National Watch Company; Joseph E., a cooper of Elgin; Harry, also with the Elgin National Watch Company, who married Minnie Went and has three children, Harold John, Ruth Adeline and Lester Louis; Richard Walter, a lather of Elgin; George Benney, bookkeeper in a furniture store in Elgin, who married Elizabeth Anderson and has three children, Oliver Kenneth, Robert Edmund and George Edwin; Alice May, the wife of Edmund Glos, who is bookkeeper in the home savings department of the First National Bank of Elgin and by whom she has two children, Beatrice Irene and Harriet Eleanor; Spencer, who was graduated in July, 1908, from Barnes

School of Embalming, Chicago, and is now in Elgin; Harry, who was born in December, 1866, and died March 5, 1868; and Stella Maud, who was born July 21, 1883, and died March 23, 1885. Mr. Walter was twice married, his first wife being Amanda Fursman, who died in 1861, and there were three children born of that union: Louis Eck, who married Anna Lewis and is a salesman for Swift & Company; Charles Fursman, who was drowned in Fox river at the age of eight years; and Edwin, also deceased.

In politics Mr. Walter was first a republican but later endorsed the principles of the democracy, with which he continued to vote throughout the remainder of his life, taking a very active and prominent part in local politics. He served as alderman of the first ward, as constable of Elgin and as tax collector, discharging the various duties of these offices in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. He was an honored member of the Masonic order and was a popular, pleasing gentleman who had a host of warm friends.

AIE A. MARVIN.

Aie A. Marvin, who is prominent in the business circles of Kane county as a farmer and real-estate dealer, is a native son of the county, born on a farm in Virgil township, May 27, 1867. His father, George W. Marvin, was born in Madison county, New York, December 1, 1832, and came to Illinois with his parents in 1844, the family home being established at St. Charles, where the father worked as a blacksmith. George W. Marvin acquired his education in a select school at St. Charles, which he attended to the age of seventeen years, when he entered his father's blacksmith shop, learning the trades of a blacksmith and wagon maker. There he continued to work until he had reached the age of twenty-eight years, when he removed to Iowa, where he worked at his trade for four years. He then returned to his home city and engaged in business with his father. About that time he was united in marriage to Miss Robena Parker, who was born in Scotland. Following his marriage Mr. Marvin purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty acres situated in Virgil township, on which he took up his abode. He is still engaged in farming and also conducts an apiary, having one hundred and fifty stands of bees of the Italian variety and marketing from seven to ten tons of honey annually. Mr. Marvin has placed most of the improvements on his farm and it is now a valuable property, situated on the Maple Park and St. Charles road. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Marvin was blessed with one son and five daughters, as follows: Aie A., whose name introduces this review; Ella, the wife of L. O. Kilmer, a resident of DeKalb; Jennie J., the wife of O. M. Blood, also of DeKalb; Nettie N., the wife of W. F. Austin, who makes his home in that city; and Virginia and Minnie M., who have passed away.

Aie A. Marvin, whose name introduces this record, is the eldest child and only son of his father's family. He was reared on the home farm in Virgil township and attended the district schools until he had reached the age

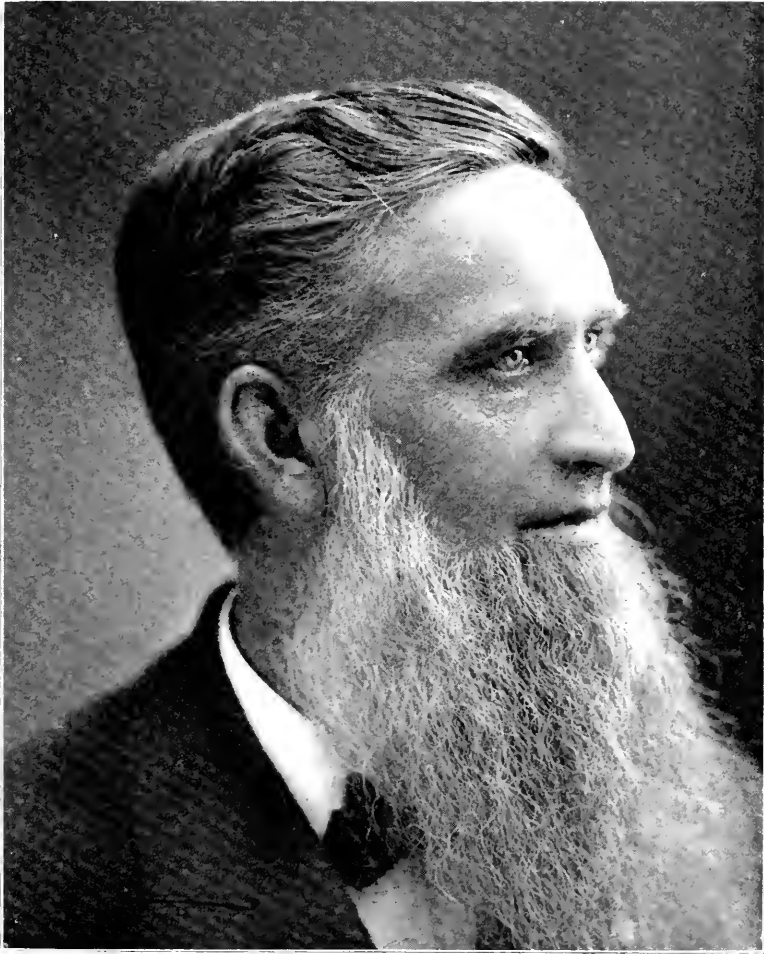
of seventeen years, when he entered the Sycamore high school, where he continued his studies for two years. Upon the completion of his education he returned to the home farm, where he has since continued, assisting his father in its management and care. He is also engaged in the real-estate business, having made a close study of land values, so that he is able to make judicious purchases and profitable sales for his patrons. In this connection he has traveled extensively, visiting Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, accompanying land seekers on these trips. At the present time he is associated with the Moody Land Company, who own two hundred thousand acres of land in western Texas. He is a lover of good horses and is part owner and keeper of a fine Percheron stallion, Keefer, which won first prize at the International Stock Show held in Minnesota and won second premium in the stock show of Iowa.

Mr. Marvin chose as a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Miss Lillian Davis, who was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and this union has been blessed with two children, Lawrence and Laurel. Mr. Marvin gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party, while his fraternal relations are with the Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of the Globe, in all of which he is popular with the brethren of these various orders. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is today his.

MARVIN QUACKENBUSH.

Marvin Quackenbush, who for many years was prominently associated with the educational interests of this section of the state and for five terms was elected county superintendent of schools, left the impress of his individuality upon the public-school system in that he instituted many improvements and held to a high standard of efficiency in the work done in the different grades. He was widely recognized as a man of scholarly attainments and one whose clear insight and sound judgment made his work of the utmost benefit to his fellow citizens along the specific lines of his labor. He was born at Hartwick, Otsego county, New York, November 25, 1842. His father, Abram Quackenbush, was also a native of the same county, born in 1801, and the grandfather, James Quackenbush, was likewise a native of the Empire state. The family, however, is of Holland descent and was established in New York in the seventeenth century. At that time two brothers came from Holland, one settling at Fort Orange, now Albany, New York, and the other in New York city. Professor Marvin Quackenbush of this review is a direct descendant of the Albany branch. The name, however, was originally Quackenbos.

James Quackenbush served his country as a soldier of the war of 1812 and afterward settled at Otsego, New York, where he followed the occupa-



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tion of farming. His son, Abram Quackenbush, was there reared and educated and after arriving to years of maturity he married Miss Delancy Wolf, a native of New York. He then took up agricultural pursuits in Otsego county, where he carried on business until 1850, when he came to Illinois, settling first in Kane county near St. Charles. There he purchased a tract of land and devoted a few years to its cultivation and improvement, but afterward removed to Laporte City, Iowa, where he spent his remaining days dying at the advanced age of eighty-four in the year 1885. His wife died in 1882.

Professor Marvin Quackenbush was but a lad of seven summers when brought to Kane county. Here he acquired his education in the public schools and in Jennings Seminary at Aurora. He also pursued a course in Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College at Chicago and at the outbreak of the Civil war he offered his services as a member of a regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was rejected on account of an injury which he had sustained in his foot. In November, 1864, however, he raised a company of forty men and joined the One Hundred and Fifty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he went to the front. He served in the paymaster's department until July 21, 1865, when he was discharged on account of disability. He proved a capable and loyal soldier and it was his deepest regret that he could not be with the army throughout the period of hostilities.

Mr. Quackenbush had taught three terms of school prior to the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south and upon his return from the war he resumed teaching, being first employed in the country schools, while afterward he was connected with the St. Charles schools for six years. Later he spent a year as a teacher at Geneva, this county, and eleven years in Dundee. He proved an excellent disciplinarian and had the ability to impart clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He became recognized as one of the able educators of this part of the state and was eventually elected superintendent of the county schools, wherein he discharged his duties so capably and satisfactorily that he was at once reelected without opposition. He did much to raise the standard of the schools and to promote the cause of public education in this part of the state and the work which he did still continues as a lasting monument to his memory in the public-school system of Kane county.

Mr. Quackenbush was married at Clintonville (now South Elgin), Illinois, in August, 1870, to Miss Eleanor Boynton, a native of Dundee, and they have one son, Edward, who is a practicing lawyer of the Aurora bar and is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Her grandfather was Brigadier General McClure, a soldier of the war of 1812 and one of the honored pioneers of the county, who died in Elgin in 1850.

Professor Quackenbush was a stalwart republican, inflexible in his allegiance to the party. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and also took the degrees of chapter, the commandery and the consistory. That he was one of the prominent representatives of the order is indicated by the fact that he filled all of the chairs in the local lodge and represented the organization in the grand lodge of the state and also the commandery and the grand

commandery of Illinois. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Congregational church, with which he remained identified up to the time of his death on the 18th of April, 1903. Almost his entire life was spent in this part of the state and his fellow townsmen find in him a man whose devotion to the public good was ever above question, whose loyalty in citizenship was most marked and who ever held friendship inviolable.

JOHN PLAIN.

Among the men whose depth of character, fidelity to principle and stalwart purpose in carrying out well defined plans have commanded for them the respect of their colleagues and the admiration of their contemporaries is numbered John Plain, the president of the German-American National Bank. In manner he is modest and unostentatious but the specific and distinctive province of biography is not to give voice to a man's estimate of himself and his accomplishments but rather to leave the record establishing his position through the consensus of public opinion.

Mr. Plain was born in Germany, January 17, 1830, and his parents, Peter and Elizabeth (Haubert) Plain, were also natives of that country. The father followed agricultural pursuits and John Plain was reared upon the home farm, his labors in the field being alternated with study in the public schools. In 1852 he determined to emigrate to the new world and, bidding adieu to friends and native land, he sailed for America, being at that time a young man of twenty-two years. After one year spent in Canada he removed to Aurora and worked for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company for six months, laying track from Aurora to Mendota. Early in life he manifested traits of character which have molded his destiny, chief among which were industry and adaptability. He was not only diligent but also economical and has never been afraid of work. At the end of six months in the railroad service he and his brother Jacob, who in the meantime had come from Germany and joined him in Aurora, purchased twenty-five acres of timber land in Big Woods and with youthful energy and unfaltering purpose began to clear away the trees and cultivate the fields. They sold the timber, burned the brush and grubbed up the stumps. As the result of hard work and exposure to inclement weather, John Plain contracted fever and ague, which was very prevalent in the county before the days of drainage. He then determined to remove to town and selling his interest in the land to his brother Jacob, he came to Aurora, where he invested his small capital in a stock of groceries and began business as a merchant on the west side. There he remained until 1857, when he sold out and came to the east side. At the new location he conducted a store for twenty years, carrying it on most successfully. He not only built up a reputation for an excellent line of goods and reasonable prices but also for irreproachable commercial integrity. As the years passed he advanced in business lines and his labors brought to him a very gratifying remuneration. After twenty years spent in the grocery trade on the east side

he turned his attention to the real-estate business, as he felt that he was entitled to at least a period of partial rest and desired to get away from the close confinement and strenuous labor necessary in mercantile lines. He had accumulated considerable money and in 1890 became associated with a number of other substantial citizens in organizing the German-American National Bank, of which he was the first vice-president. In 1893 he was elected to the presidency, which office he has since filled. The bank has had a most successful existence and is regarded as one of the solid financial institutions of this part of the state. Its prosperity is due in no small degree to the personal popularity, the good management, the executive ability and the administrative direction of Mr. Plain.

While always a public-spirited man, Mr. Plain has never been an office seeker but has done what he could for the welfare of the community and its development along substantial lines. Many instances of his active interest in the city might be mentioned but perhaps one will suffice. In early days he, with a number of others, realizing the need of a cemetery, found a suitable place, bought the land and improved it and remained in control until it was placed on a paying basis, when they turned it over to the city. It is today a beautiful cemetery, handsomely adorned with trees and flowers and well kept grass, and Mr. Plain is still serving on the board of directors. As his financial resources have increased he has invested from time to time in real-estate and now owns considerable property, but devotes most of his time to banking interests.

In 1857, in Aurora, occurred the marriage of Mr. Plain and Miss Susanna Lies, a native of Germany and a daughter of Nicholas Lies, who came from that country and purchased two hundred and ten acres of land in what is now the heart of Aurora, paying for the property with German gold. The tract is bounded by Claim, Ohio and Union streets and First avenue. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Plain were born twelve children.

Mr. Plain belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a man of charitable spirit and kindly disposition, whose loyalty to his friends is one of his strong characteristics, while in his life he also manifests many of the sterling traits of his German ancestry. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in America, for here he has found and improved good opportunities and has made steady progress in business lines, while he has constantly advanced in the respect and esteem entertained for him by those who know him.

ROY WILLIAM YOUNGS.

Living on a well improved and highly productive farm of two hundred and five acres at the edge of East Plato, which belongs to his father, and cultivating that and two hundred and thirty-five acres of additional land in partnership with one of his brothers, Roy William Youngs, has plenty to occupy his

time, engage all his energies and furnish him opportunity to contribute essentially to the development and improvement of the country around him.

He was born in Elgin township, Kane county, December 1, 1879. His father, William Henry Youngs, is a native of the state of New York, where he was educated and reared to the age of fifteen years, when he came with his parents to this county, and here he has ever since resided. He married Miss E. A. Webster, a native of New York, who came to Illinois with her parents. William H. Youngs is a cattle dealer in Elgin. Their son Roy has two brothers and one sister: Walter Charles, who is living on this farm; Grace, who is the wife of Mert Wahl; and Eddie W., who is also still a member of the parental household.

Roy William Youngs attended the district school near his home until he was sixteen, then returned to the farm and became for some years one of its regular workers. Since taking charge of it in connection with his brother, he has enlarged his operations by the addition of an active and enterprising dairy business which is supplied by the yield of his forty-five excellent Holstein cows. The brothers have seventy-five acres in corn, the same quantity in oats, and the rest of their land is devoted to hay and pasturage. The farm is in fine condition, with plenty of water and fruit, and under the skillful management of these brothers has become one of high value.

ALFRED JOHNSON.

Alfred Johnson, an enterprising farmer and dairyman of Campton township, where he owns and operates fifty-three acres of land, was born in Sweden, December 23, 1865, the son of John and Mary (Hanson) Anderson. Both parents were natives of Sweden, where the father served two years in the regular army and afterwards followed agricultural pursuits. He is now deceased. Religiously he was a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Johnson has one sister, Josephine, the wife of John Anderson, a carpenter, residing in Sweden.

Alfred Johnson attended the district schools of Sweden until he was fourteen years of age, receiving the rudiments of a good education. He then left school to aid his father in the work of gaining a livelihood from the farm, remaining under the parental roof until he was twenty-two years of age, when he emigrated to America, where he secured work as a farm hand near Elburn. He followed this line of work for fourteen years, or up to the time of his marriage, when he rented a farm near Lily Lake, which he operated for eight years in succession. From his profits he was then able to purchase his present place, which is ideally situated only a few rods from Lily Lake and is one of the most attractive places in Kane county. It is well watered, and Mr. Johnson has set out a splendid young orchard, which will doubtless yield him a substantial income in the course of a few years. Mr. Johnson is now adding to the improvements a modern, nine-room cottage with cement basement and furnace heat which will greatly add to the attractiveness and utility of the place. The

success which has come to him has been well merited, resulting from his thrift and industry. In 1904 he visited his native land, remaining with his parents three months.

In 1901 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Hulda Hansen, who was born in Sweden, April 12, 1863, and came to America with her brother. Her parents still reside in Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have become the parents of two children, of whom Ruth is deceased. Leonard was born May 15, 1899. In politics Mr. Johnson is a republican. Religiously he is a faithful and consistent member of the Lutheran church.

HENRY B. DOUGLAS.

Henry B. Douglas, as the name would indicate, is of Scotch descent, his father having emigrated to this country from Dumfries, Scotland, in 1834, as did six of his brothers and their father, who came to America and settled on a farm in Jackson county, Wisconsin, where he lived to be nearly ninety years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Dalrymple, died in Scotland. His son John, the father of our subject, was educated for a physician in London, England. On coming to America he first settled at Constantine, Michigan, whence he came to Aurora in 1836. Quick to discern the resources of the fertile soil of this section he engaged in farming in Aurora township, two miles south of the city, where he acquired four hundred acres of land, which he improved and brought to a high state of cultivation. Here he remained until the time of his death, which occurred in 1852, when he was but forty-two years of age. In 1836 he wedded Caroline M. Bryan, of Geneseo county, New York, and two children were born of this union: Charles T., who died in 1890 from the effects of wounds received in the Civil war; and Henry B., of this review. Their mother died in 1887 at the age of sixty-eight years. Both parents were members of the Congregational church and the father was supervisor and highway commissioner in the early days. John Bryan, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a contractor and builder. While living at Ypsilanti, Michigan, he secured the contract for building the old state house in Detroit. He finally settled in Michigan, and died there at an advanced age.

Henry B. Douglas was born in Aurora, Illinois, February 16, 1840. Deprived of the advantages of an early education, he was fourteen years of age when he first entered the public schools of Aurora, but that he then made up for lost time is evidenced by the fact that at the age of nineteen he successfully passed an examination for a teacher's certificate and entered upon the work of teaching school, having previously spent two years in Oberlin College. On leaving school he spent one summer in the office of a newspaper at Detroit, known as the Michigan Farmer, his duties being that of proof-reader and mailing clerk. He taught school the following winter at Big Rock, Illinois.

The year 1861 witnessed the outbreak of hostilities between the north and south and Mr. Douglas was among the first to rush to the defense of

the Union, enlisting in Company A Cavalry, attached to the Thirty-sixth Illinois Infantry. He served in the Union army for two years and three months, attaining to the rank of sergeant. He was in the Missouri campaign, including the battle of Pea Ridge, and made the famous march of over a thousand miles through Arkansas and Missouri and then went by boat up to the Tennessee river to Hamburg Landing, thence to Corinth, Tennessee. On the 19th of September, 1862, he participated in the battle of luka and was left in charge of the battlefield by General Rosencrans with instructions to bury the dead and gather up the government property. In October he engaged in the battle of Corinth, where he was on duty with the medical director of General Rosencrans' army and wrote up the official records of both battles. He was then detailed on duty at General Grant's headquarters in the engineering department. While at General Grant's headquarters he was captured and made a prisoner of war, but was paroled the same day—December 2, 1862—being sent by General Grant to Chicago, there to await an exchange of prisoners, the order written and signed by General Grant reading as follows:

"Headquarters Dept. of the Tennessee.

"Holly Springs, Miss., Dec. 2, 1862.

"Sgt. Douglas of Independent Cavalry attached to the 36th Regiment of Ill. Vols., a paroled prisoner of war, is authorized to go to Chicago to await his exchange, reporting by letter to the commanding officer at Benton Barracks, Missouri.

"U.S. Grant,

"Maj. Gen."

In February, 1863, he was ordered by General Stanton, secretary of war, to go to Benton Barracks, Missouri, where he was made postmaster of the barracks and later made sergeant major of the barracks under Colonel B. L. E. Bonneville, one of the famous generals of the Indian wars. In August 1863, he rejoined his company at Port Hudson, Louisiana, and thence to New Orleans, where he was discharged for disability caused by injury from the fall of his horse. Early in 1864 he reentered the employ of the government in the engineering forces in New York harbor and was engaged in rebuilding the forts at Sandy Hook until the fall of 1866. Throughout the whole of his active career at this period of his life his thoughts ever recurred to the peace and tranquillity of his father's old homestead, and here he returned in the fall of 1866 and took up his permanent abode, dividing his time between his old home and the city of Aurora, but a short distance away.

His marriage occurred on the 11th day of March, 1873, when he wedded Miss Mary L. Brockway, daughter of Luri and Harriet (Stewart) Brockway, who died in 1900. In 1903 Mr. Douglas was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Brockway. Both are members of the People's church.

Mr. Douglas has ever taken an active interest in civic affairs, having served one term as highway commissioner and for fifteen consecutive years was township assessor. In 1896 he removed from his country place to Aurora, his business interests being such as to require his presence there.

Here he was elected president of the Aurora Silver Plate Manufacturing Company, which office he still retains. The political support of Mr. Douglas has ever been given to the republican party, he having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln for his second term as president of the United States. In 1905 he was elected mayor of Aurora, serving in this capacity for the regular term of two years. That his judgment has ever been well balanced has been proven by the success of his business ventures, and while naturally reserved, he is thoroughly appreciated by those who have been intimately associated with him as a warm hearted, dependable friend and one whose counsel is well worth heeding.

ARCHER BYRON PHELPS.

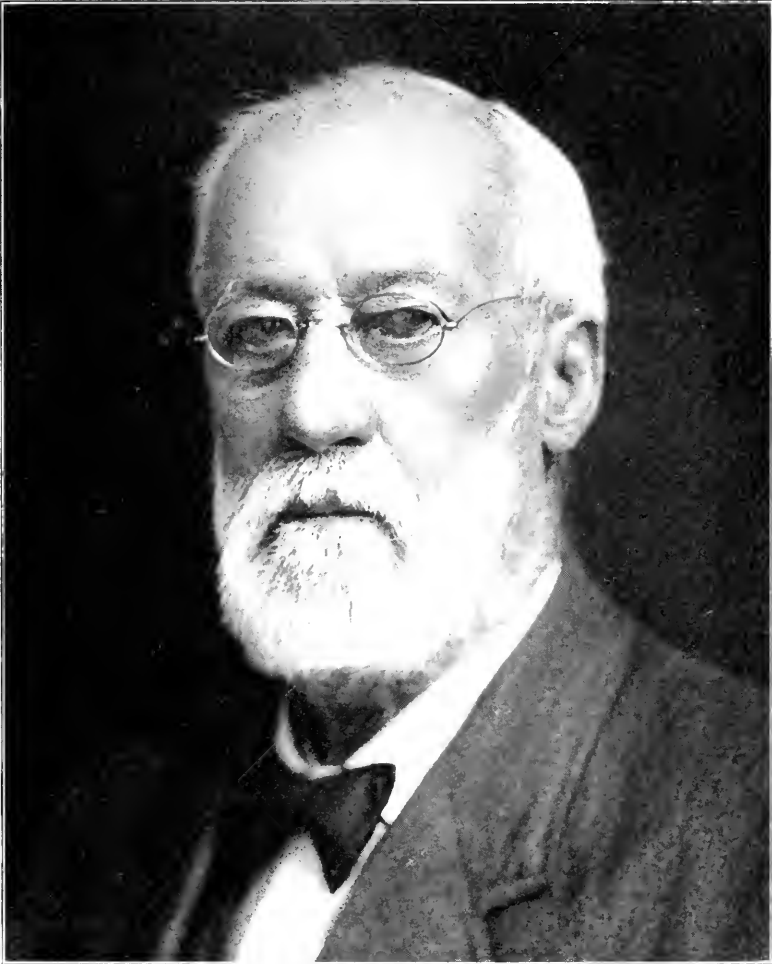
Throughout his active business life Archer B. Phelps has been identified with agricultural pursuits and now owns and operates a fine farm in Kaneville township. He is a native of the Empire state, born on the 11th of February, 1845, in Chenango county, New York, which was also the birth-place of his father, Pliny M. Phelps. In 1861 the latter brought his family to Illinois and located near Kaneville in Kane county, where he purchased two hundred and eighty acres of land, making his home thereon until his death, which occurred in 1868. He made farming his life occupation. In early manhood he married Miss Almira White, who was born and reared in the same locality as her husband, and she still survives him, living with a son in Geneva, Illinois, at the advanced age of ninety years. To this worthy couple were born eight children, namely: Arthur B., of this review; Herbert, Lyman and Estella, all deceased; Agnes, the wife of Charles Dodd, who is engaged in farming in Kaneville township; George P., a resident of Chicago, where he is employed in a machine shop; John G., who holds a government position in Geneva, Illinois; and Ella, the wife of F. W. Godding, who is American consul at Australia.

Arthur B. Phelps began his education in the district schools of New York and after the removal of the family to this state he continued his studies in the schools of Kane county until twenty years of age. In the meantime he also became familiar with all the duties and labors which fall to the lot of the farmer, so that on starting out in life for himself he was well qualified to engage in agricultural pursuits. At the age of twenty-four years he assumed the management of the home farm and successfully engaged in its operation for a few years. He is now the owner of an excellent farm of two hundred and thirty acres, which he has converted into an ideal stock farm, well equipped with all the accessories needed for that business. It has an abundance of shade trees, is well watered and improved with good and substantial buildings. Everything about the place denotes the thrift and enterprise of the owner, who is recognized as one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of his community. He is interested in dairying and also fattens two carloads of steers and three carloads of hogs for market annually.

In 1869 Mr. Phelps married Miss Maria E. Hartwell, who was also born in New York and came to Illinois in the early '40s, settling near Kaneville, and they have become the parents of the following children: P. L., who follows farming in Kaneville township; A. Lee, deceased; Jennie, the wife of George Dauberman, a farmer living near Kaneville; Alice, the wife of Irvin Wickizer, who is also a farmer of Kaneville township; Earl W., at home with his parents, and Clinton, who is a farmer of Sugar Grove township. The family is one of prominence in the community where they reside, and in politics Mr. Phelps is an ardent republican, taking a commendable interest in public affairs.

JOHN HENRY PEASE.

There are a few names which constitute a centralizing point, around which are gathered the facts that form the early history of Kane county. In those days when the county was in the period of its formative development Anson Pease and his family became residents of this section of the state. His son, John H. Pease, was born in Ohio, August 8, 1834, but during his infancy was taken to Herkimer county, New York, by his parents, Anson and Sarah Ann (Johnson) Pease. Their sojourn in New York was of very brief duration, and thence they came to Illinois, making the journey from Detroit by wagon. The pioneer home of the family was a log cabin, situated between Aurora and North Aurora. The father operated a sawmill at what was called Schneyders Den, and later the family lived in a frame house where the American Wells Works now stand. The site of the Burlington shops was then a marsh, and Mr. Pease, of this review, often shot ducks from a boat where is now seen the Spring street viaduct. The father continued a resident of Kane county until his death, which occurred some years ago, when he had reached the age of fifty years. His wife survived him and died at the age of ninety-six. When the Pease family arrived, the McCartys were, perhaps, the only family living here. The Indians, however, were numerous and among them was old Shabbona, the chief for whom settlers frequently took up collections, thus giving him considerable sums of money. The old Indian burying-ground was located at the west side of the river near the Bishop farm. Early visitors to the town patronized a hotel conducted by Mr. Huntoon. Dr. Eastman administered to the sick, Mr. Plum supplied the townsmen with merchandise, and Mr. Day was among the first to try law cases here. At one time in the early '40s the county was infested with horse thieves, but the law-abiding citizens took matters into their own hands and soon the district was rid of its lawbreakers. The old Frink & Walker stage coaches made trips from Chicago to Galena, and at Aurora forded the river near Benton street. It was sometime afterward that the first bridge was built at Main street. When the Pease family wished to go to Chicago they drove to the town and it required an entire day to make the journey. In his boyhood John H. Pease frequently skated over districts that are now



JOHN H. PEASE

built up with fine homes. His education was acquired in the public schools. The first school was situated on the Lincoln Park site, and the school teacher was Mrs. Fay. When he had mastered the branches of learning taught in the district schools he entered upon his business career, being employed as clerk in a grocery store. Later he served the same employer in a dry goods store, and finally became his partner, investing a capital of six hundred dollars. This business was conducted in an old wooden building, which stood where the Aurora National Bank is now seen, at the corner of Broadway and Main streets. Later Mr. Pease became vice-president of the First National bank, and for twenty years was one of its stockholders. In the early days of his merchandising experience he carried a general line of goods but afterward confined his attention exclusively to dry goods. The partnership continued for twenty years and the store was situated at No. 24 South Broadway. Mr. Pease long figured as one of the most prominent, enterprising and progressive merchants of the city, and has always been a business man in whom the general public has manifested the utmost confidence. He was connected with the first electric light works in the world and he is still a large stockholder in the Richards Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of house and barn door hangers, and small devices made of iron. In business affairs he has always had keen judgment and excellent executive ability, and the success that he has accomplished is well merited.

On the 1st of January, 1866, Mr. Pease was married to Miss Helen Mar Forsyth. They became the parents of three children: Charles Henry, who was born September, 1867, but is now deceased; Grace P., born December 3, 1871; and Edwin A., who married Clara Dunlap, of Galesburg, Illinois, and is now a resident of Aurora.

Mr. Pease belongs to Jerusalem Temple Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., with which he has been connected from the age of twenty-one years. He has also taken the degree in the chapter and commandery, and throughout his entire life has been loyal to the teachings of Masonry. Though not a member of any church he has been a large contributor thereto and is a man of most charitable and philanthropical purpose. Spending practically his entire life in Kane county, his history is as an open book which all may read. His life has been most honorable and upright in its varied relations, and his fellow citizens instinctively pay deference to him because of what he has accomplished and the principles which have governed his conduct in every relation.

LEWIS WILDER.

Lewis Wilder was born August 28, 1843, on what has since been known as the Wilder homestead, situated on North Lake street in Aurora. The father, Clark Wilder, was a native of St. Lawrence county, New York, where his birth occurred October 4, 1801. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hammah Spencer Lord, was born in Lynn, New London county, Connecticut, October 17, 1810, and in 1830 removed to New York, where she gave her

hand in marriage to Clark Wilder in February, 1833. The parents came west in 1837, bringing with them their two sons and a daughter, George, Bert and Mary, and making the journey from New York to Kane county, Illinois, in a covered wagon. Mrs. Clark Wilder had lived near the banks of the Connecticut river and saw the first steamboat that ever went up that stream. In order to make their westward journey, she and her husband and three children first crossed the St. Lawrence river to Brockville, Canada, traveled through that country by wagon and crossed by boat to Michigan. Thence they came by wagon to Chicago and on to Aurora, the trip consuming four weeks. Their furniture had been shipped by boat around the lakes and was two weeks longer in reaching the destination than they were. At that time there were only three families on the west side of the river—those of 'Squire King, a blacksmith, Theodore Lake and Mr. Palmer. Lake and Galena streets were then country roads leading from the village. There were twelve or fifteen families on the east side of the river, among whom were those of Isaac Marlett, who conducted a hotel near where the Burlington depot now stands; Samuel McCarty, who then conducted a flour and sawmill, and Mr. Stolp, who was running a carding machine. The families of George McCollum and R. W. Gates came in the following August, and the next year the town grew considerably. The claim to the land was sold several times before Clark Wilder purchased one hundred and ninety acres at a cost of \$2,000. The Indians had just at that time been removed by the government to Iowa, old Chief Shabbona and his family, who were permitted to remain on account of their friendliness to the whites, being about the only redskins left. Missionaries occasionally held service and preached in a shanty on the east side of the river. After a few years the Methodists and Congregationalists built small churches, and several years later the Episcopalians built the first church on the west side. For a few years Mr. Wilder did his trading in Chicago, going to the city with a load of grain or pork or sometimes both, and bringing back provisions. The trip usually took three days. The railroad to Aurora was not finished until 1850 and the following year it was extended southwest, which was the first evidence that the town had experienced an active and permanent growth. On arriving in this county, Clark Wilder purchased from Isaac Marlett a farm of one hundred and sixty acres located on the west bank of the Fox river, where he built a log cabin and, possessing the sturdy characteristics of the pioneer, resolutely took up his farming interests. Subsequently he bought an additional tract of thirty acres on the opposite side of the river and in 1848 erected a fine stone house, into which he moved his family. This residence has eleven rooms and was built of stone quarried on his farm, the lime used in laying the stone being made from cobblestones which he gathered and burned. At the time of the erection of this house it was considered to be the finest in Kane county. Clark Wilder was a man of much force of character and an honored citizen of the community in which he lived, being highly esteemed by his neighbors for his great benevolence and many other excellent traits of heart and mind. His wife passed away on the 12th of March, 1901, just six days before the demise of her daughter, Emeline. Hers had been a long and useful career and, like

her husband, she had won the regard and friendship of all with whom she was associated.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wilder were born the following children: George, born December 14, 1833, who is now county surveyor of Kane county, making his home in Aurora; Bert, who was born July 26, 1835, and now lives in Perry, Iowa; Mary, whose birth occurred March 3, 1837, and who is now the widow of Peter Lossing, occupying the old stone mansion which was so long the home of her parents; Joel, who passed away when but eleven months old; Emeline, born March 29, 1840, who became the wife of Fred Hotz and passed away March 8, 1901; Wallace, born October 21, 1841, who served in the Civil war for three years and died in Baltimore in 1865, from the effects of disease contracted in Andersonville prison; Lewis, of this review; Joel M., whose natal day was March 7, 1846, and who is an agriculturist of Yates Center, Kansas; Amelia, whose demise occurred when she was eighteen months old, and Frank C., born May 23, 1850, who was killed in a runaway accident when in his twentieth year. These children attended school in a little frame building on North Lake street, where Mrs. Allaire now resides, and later became students in the Oak street school.

Lewis Wilder enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Regiment, and was honorably discharged on the 21st of September, 1865. He was formerly actively and successfully connected with agricultural interests but is now living retired in a commodious and attractive residence at the intersection of North Lake street and Illinois avenue, standing upon a part of the old Wilder homestead. Here he owns ten acres of very desirable residence property, valued at \$1,500 per acre. It has a large frontage on the Aurora & Elgin electric line. He also owns another tract of very valuable land of seventeen and a half acres, a portion of which is located in the West Aurora Driving Park.

On the 21st of December, 1870, Mr. Wilder was united in marriage to Miss Flora M. Slater, whose birth occurred in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, July 5, 1852. Her parents were Isaac B. and Harriet (Horton) Slater. The father was born in Slaterville, Tompkins county, New York, October 15, 1820, and when sixteen years of age came from Cortland, New York, to Kane county. The mother, whose birth occurred in Pennsylvania, February 25, 1828, came to Kane county when quite young, and on the 28th of January, 1847, gave her hand in marriage to Isaac B. Slater. The latter was a carpenter by occupation and also carried on farming for a few years prior to his death, which occurred December 28, 1889, his wife having passed away April 26, 1865. Their children, in addition to Mrs. Wilder, were Arthur B., Edgar L. and Arthur, all of whom are now deceased. The wife of our subject was educated in the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial School. By her marriage she has become the mother of two daughters, namely: May E., born January 1, 1875, who is a graduate of the West Aurora high school; and Edith, whose birth occurred May 11, 1883, and who is the wife of George Chalker of Aurora.

In his political views Mr. Wilder is a republican, but is not actively interested in politics, being of a retiring disposition and preferring a quiet

home life to the glamor of publicity. He and his wife are highly esteemed throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives and are numbered among its most prosperous and best known residents.

GRANBY S. CASE.

Granby S. Case is a native of New York, having been born at Delhi, Delaware county, on the 20th day of March, 1842, and was sixteen years of age when his parents removed to Illinois. His father, David B. Case, was a merchant in Delhi, New York, for a number of years. In 1850 he moved to Stamford, New York, where he engaged in the hotel business. In 1858 he came to Illinois and settled on a farm in Oswego township, Kendall county, where he lived for several years, removing thence to Chebanse, Iroquois county, where he died in 1873, aged nearly seventy years. His wife was Anzolette (Frisbee) Case. Seven children were born of this union, six sons and one daughter, Anzolette, who was named after her mother and who is now the wife of G. H. Teller, of Denver, Colorado. The parents were members of the Congregational church. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Roger Case, who served in the Revolutionary war and was a native of Connecticut. He removed to New York and lived retired most of the time, being at one time sheriff of Delaware county. He lived to a ripe old age and was the father of a number of children. The Frisbee family trace their ancestry back to the first settlers of the new world, the name of Edward Frisbee (who spelled his name Frisbie) being on the list of names entered for lots at Branford, Connecticut, under date of December 15, 1645. Gideon Frisbee, the maternal grandfather of our subject and a direct descendant of Edward Frisbie, was born December 3, 1783, and died April 25, 1857, aged over seventy-three years. He married Freelove Fisk, who was born in 1780, and died October 26, 1857. They had six children: Angeline Marilla; Anzolette Emeline, the mother of our subject; George Milton; Milton; Porter, and Philip.

Granby S. Case derived his early education from the public schools of Delhi. He came west with his parents in 1858 and lived on the farm in Oswego township, Kendall county, Illinois, until in August, 1862, when he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served as private for a little over two years. He was in the first attack on Vicksburg, in the battles of Arkansas Post, the siege and assault of Vicksburg, the battles of Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Dallas and many smaller engagements. On the 27th day of June, 1864, while participating in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, he was severely wounded, a ball striking him in the left arm and passing through his body. Because of this wound he was honorably discharged from the service and returned to Aurora, where he has lived ever since. For many years, and indeed until quite recently, he was employed in the building department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops.

On the 2d day of November, 1865, was celebrated the marriage of Granby S. Case and Miss Lida E. Thomas, daughter of Josiah S. and Miriam M. (Randall) Thomas. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Case was Samuel Thomas, a native of Sandgate, Vermont, where he resided on a farm. Mr. Thomas was of Welsh descent. His wife was Miriam (Sherman) Thomas. The maternal grandfather was Walter Randall, also a native of Vermont, and his wife was Eunice (Sherman) Randall. They had six children, namely: Flora Sophia, Evi Sherman, Miriam Maria, Rhoda Ann, Murray Nichols and Walter Beach. Josiah S. Thomas, the father of Mrs. Case, brought his family from Manchester, Vermont, to Illinois in 1861, and settled in Aurora, the present home having been in the family for nearly fifty years. In December, 1861, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died shortly after his arrival here. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were born four daughters: Rosalie, who died at the age of thirteen years; Lida E., wife of our subject; Clarissa A., wife of William B. Wilson, of Vallejo, California; and Nettie, who died at the age of four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Granby S. Case have become the parents of five children, namely: Nettie M., Clara A., Charles F., J. Sherman and George S. Nettie M. died at the age of fifteen years, seven months and twenty-six days. Clara A. became the wife of B. J. Watkins, a resident of Malone, New York, and they have three children, Ortensia S., Clara and Bert. Charles F., employed in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, married Etta M. Cornell, who died May 5, 1907. There were four children born to this union, Harry S., Etta M., Nettie A. and Charles G. On the 10th day of June, 1908, Charles F. married for his second wife Miss Mabel E. Wade. J. Sherman died at the age of fourteen months and seventeen days. George S. is also an employe in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. His wife was Miss May Gable.

The political support of Granby S. Case has ever been given to the republican party, the principles of which have found in him a strong advocate. Fraternally he belongs to the Grand Army Post, No. 20, over which organization he presided as commander in 1907.

ERNEST HANSON.

Ernest Hanson, a successful farmer and stock-raiser of Kaneville township, was born in Smoland, Sweden, July 12, 1873, the son of Hans and Alice (Carlson) Hanson. He is one of five children, of whom Selma is married; Albert resides in Sweden, and Jennie and Ellen reside at home with their parents. Both parents are natives of Sweden, where the father served the prescribed time in the regular army. After his retirement from army service he engaged in farming. The mother came to America in 1878 and remained three years, then returned to Sweden, where she and her husband still reside. The father is a member of the Lutheran church.

Ernest Hanson attended the district schools in Sweden until he was thirteen years of age, after which time he aided his father in the work of the farm until he was twenty. In 1893 he came to America and located at Sugar Grove, where he secured a position as farm hand. Here he remained for ten years, then located in Chicago, where he secured employment in the machine shops for a time but his inclinations ever favored the country and he again returned to the farm near Kaneville and resumed his former duties as farm hand. He saved his earnings with the ultimate object of engaging in farming in his own interests, and this he was eventually enabled to do. In addition to general farming he also raises stock and ships on an average about three carloads of hogs annually.

In 1904 was celebrated the marriage of Ernest Hanson and Miss Anna Johnson, who was born in Sweden, September 9, 1881, and came to America when she was twenty years of age. They have become the parents of one daughter, Thelma E.

In politics Mr. Hanson is a republican. Socially he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Hanson has never regretted his emigration to America, as he appreciates the fact that the opportunities for advancement here are almost unlimited, and the excellent start he has already attained in life bids fair to place him in a position of independence and comfort in the course of a few years' time.

E. W. THOMPSON.

The history of a country is no longer a record of wars and conquests, for its annals contain the story of conquest over mind and matter and not over man. Those who figure prominently in the community are the men who control its business affairs and in this connection E. W. Thompson is well known, being president of the Thompson Transfer & Storage Company, which he organized in 1896.

Mr. Thompson was born in Dorset, Vermont, June 7, 1845, a son of John and Julia Ann (Colson) Thompson, both of whom were natives of the Green Mountain state. The mother was born in Dorset, but the father's birth occurred in Grafton in 1814. He remained in Vermont through the period of his youth and until after his marriage and in 1845 he brought his family to the Middle West, settling in Kane county, Illinois, upon a farm in Sugar Grove township. There he purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, to which he added until the place comprised one hundred and fifty-five acres. Year after year he cultivated the property, bringing it under a high state of development and thus his time passed in the active and honorable pursuits of the farm until he was called to his final rest in 1892. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he rendered to it stalwart aid and unflinching allegiance. For twenty-five years he was justice of the peace and his decisions were strictly fair and impartial. He was also highway

commissioner, township collector and assessor, serving in the different positions for several terms and at all times proving most loyal to the trust reposed in him. He was a delegate to various county conventions and his efforts in behalf of his party were far-reaching and effective. His life was in harmony with his professions as a member of the Methodist church and at all times he enjoyed and merited the confidence and good will of those with whom he was associated. Unto him and his wife were born five sons and one daughter, but three of the number died in infancy. The brother of our subject is B. H. Thompson, who is now a resident of Aurora.

E. W. Thompson was educated in the common schools of Sugar Grove township and in Bryant & Stratton Business College, where he pursued a commercial course. During the summer months and other periods of vacation Mr. Thompson worked upon the home farm and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. After completing his education he operated the home farm for his father on shares, living at that time in the town of Sugar Grove, where he resided for several years, conducting a coal and lumber business there. In 1890 he removed to Aurora, where he engaged in the livery business and in 1892 his success was so great as to justify his branching out in other lines. He therefore took up the drayage business and it was but a logical step to the storage business, with which he became associated in 1894. He, at that time, secured a vacant blacksmith shop and started out in the line designated but he did not receive the patronage he had hoped to secure and was obliged to give it up. He afterward rented another building, tried again and was successful and his present extensive storage business is the result. In 1896 he organized the Thompson Transfer & Storage Company, which has since conducted an extensive business. They have erected large buildings on the west side and the enterprise is proving quite profitable. Mr. Thompson is a very active and energetic business man, who is constantly watchful of opportunities pointing to success, while the methods he has followed in all of his business transactions have commended him to the confidence and support of the general public. His son, Clarence, and his brother, B. H. Thompson, are associated with him in business.

In 1866 Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Mary E. Paull, a daughter of Stephen G. Paull, who came from Ohio and settled in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, Illinois, in 1842. That the country was then largely wild and undeveloped is indicated by the fact that he purchased his home farm of four hundred acres from the government. Not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made upon the place, but with characteristic energy he began its development and soon transformed it into rich fields that annually brought forth bounteous harvests.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been born two children: Clarence S., who is now associated with his father in business; and John Paull, who was born in 1874 and died in 1895. He was a very popular and promising young man and his death was the occasion of the deepest regret to all who knew him.

Mr. Thompson is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen of America. He also belongs to the People's church and is interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual, political and moral welfare of the community. He has never been an office seeker and, in fact, has always refused to accept positions of political preferment, desiring rather to concentrate his energies in undivided manner upon his business pursuits, whereby he is rapidly forging his way to the front as one of the prosperous residents of Aurora.

STEWART G. WILKINSON.

This gentleman, who is now a prosperous tiller of the soil, with a well-improved farm of fifty-eight acres in section 10, Sugar Grove township, is an apt illustration of the versatility of the American mind and the adaptability to various occupations of the American citizen. He passed the early years of his manhood as a mechanic, making a good record and winning a high reputation in that capacity, and he is now equally successful and prosperous as a farmer.

Mr. Wilkinson was born on a farm near Yankton, South Dakota, January 30, 1871, a son of Josiah and Josephine (Goodroad) Wilkinson, the former a native of Kane county, Illinois, born near Elburn in 1842, and the latter a native of Michigan. They were married in 1869 and immediately moved to the vicinity of Yankton, South Dakota, where they took up a government claim of one hundred and sixty acres. The father died in Aurora in 1894, leaving his widow with a family of eleven children to rear and educate. She entered upon her duty in this respect with fortitude and resolute determination, and she performed it with great credit to herself and benefit to her children. Those who are living are: Sherman A., a resident of Aurora, Illinois; Stewart G., the subject of this sketch; Malinda, wife of Robert Briggs, who is also a resident of Aurora; Nettie, the wife of Edward Newton, of Madison, South Dakota; Eva M., the wife of John Ellis, of Madison, South Dakota; and Lewis S.; Clara, the wife of Bert Cole; and Floyd, all residents of Madison, South Dakota. Another daughter named Clara died at the age of three years, and one named Adeline died when she was twelve. Their mother is still living on the South Dakota farm and has her daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Mr. Newton, living with her.

The paternal grandfather of these children, Robert Wilkinson, was born and reared in Newcastle, Pennsylvania, and came to Kane county, Illinois, in the early '50s. Here he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1897. He was an esteemed pioneer in this county and wrought with earnestness and zeal in helping to conquer the wilderness and lay the foundations of the future in the early days of trial and privation.

When Stewart G. Wilkinson was three years old his parents moved to Boonville, Iowa, where his father was a section boss for four years on the



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Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. At the end of the period named the family moved to Bald Mound in this county, where the father worked three years in a cheese factory. He then secured employment as a machinist in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Aurora, and the family found a home in that city, the father continuing in the employ of the railroad company until his death in 1894. He was a soldier during three years and a half of the Civil war, being enrolled as a member of the Sixty-fifth Illinois Volunteers.

The son began his education in the public schools and finished it at the Brady school in Aurora, which he attended six years. After leaving school he learned the tinner's trade and passed three years in journeyman work for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, then two years in the same capacity in the shop of Henry Ryan, a hardware dealer, and the next eight in a similar employment under F. B. Rice, who had a hardware store on the island. In the autumn of 1894 he bought the farm of fifty-eight acres on which he now lives.

On June 29, 1893, Mr. Wilkinson was married to Miss Clara Matter, of Aurora, where her father, Isaac Matter, is still living. They have one child, Lester Ray, who was born January 1, 1898, and now attends school and assists his father on the farm. His mother died February 14, 1901, and on January 3, 1902, the father married Miss Jennie Cole, of Petersburg, Michigan, who died January 14, 1905. Politically Mr. Wilkinson is a republican. In religious faith he is a Methodist, being a member and regular attendant of the Galena street Methodist church in Aurora. He has had many troubles, trials and bereavements, but he has met them all with a manly spirit and a courage that knows no defeat. He is a good citizen and well worthy of the high esteem in which he is held.

EDMUND W. THATCHER.

Throughout his entire life Edmund W. Thatcher was closely identified with agricultural pursuits and for many years owned and operated a fine farm of two hundred acres in Virgil township, Kane county. His early home was in the east, for he was born near Ithaca, in Enfield, Tompkins county, New York, April 1, 1818, being of the third generation born in the same house. There occurred the birth of his grandfather, Edmund Thatcher, on the 3d of April, 1762, and his father, Daniel Thatcher, was born there September 26, 1797. All made farming their occupation. The grandfather married Gertrude Hull, who was born in June, 1767, and they became the parents of Daniel Thatcher, who spent his entire life in New York. His wife bore the maiden name of Eunice Mellen and was born on the 29th of March, 1800. They had a family of nine children.

Of this number our subject was the only one to come west. It was about 1854 that he became a resident of Kane county, Illinois, and purchased a farm in Virgil township, on which he continued to make his home through-

out the remainder of his life. He carried on general farming with marked success.

On the 17th of January, 1843, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Thatcher and Miss Adelia Van Vlack, of Ithaca, Tompkins county, New York, and to them were born the following children: Delphine, who is now the wife of Charles Coburn, of Elgin, and has four children, Lois May, Roy, Jennie and Golda Lucy; Mary Helen, who was born January 17, 1846, and died September 4, 1848; Frank, a resident of Virgil township, who married Anna Snook and has three children, Ada Winnifred, Edmund L. and Clara L.; Elbert, who wedded Mary E. Wright and lives in Elgin; Jennie, now the wife of Frank Downing, of Maple Park; Almon Homer, who was born July 11, 1855, and died at the age of fourteen months; Daniel Homer, of Elgin, who married Minnie McCarthy and has one child, Helen; Cora Irene, a resident of Elgin; and Dewitt, of St. Charles, who married Mabel Powers and has one child, Dewitt W. The family now have a pleasant home on Ryerson avenue, Elgin.

Mr. Thatcher died on the old home farm in Virgil township, August 26, 1890, and thus passed away one of the honored and highly esteemed citizens of the community, for he was widely and favorably known, and those who knew him best were numbered among his warmest friends. He was called upon to fill many offices of trust in his locality, and as school trustee and director did much to advance the educational interests. The republican party found in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he ever took a deep interest in public affairs.

JOHN C. NELSON.

John C. Nelson, who owns extensive farming and dairy interests in Campton township, was born in Denmark, September 20, 1873, the son of Nels Christian and Johanna M. (Christensen) Nelson, both of whom were born in his native land, where the mother still resides, the father having been called to his eternal rest. He was a farmer by occupation, and religiously was a member of the Lutheran church. Three children were born to their union, namely: Nels, a carpenter, residing in Denmark; Christian, who resides in the fatherland; and John C., of this review.

John C. Nelson attended the district school of Denmark until fourteen years of age, at which time he quit school in order to devote his entire time to the work of his father's farm. He remained under the parental roof until nineteen years of age, when he came to America, locating first in Chicago, where he obtained employment in a cement factory. Leaving Chicago he located in Elburn, where he secured a position as a farm hand, an occupation which he continued to follow for the next three years, during which time he had saved a sufficient amount to engage in farming in his own interests. He at first rented a place which he operated for some time with marked success, and later realized his ambition in securing title to his present beautiful

home, consisting of one hundred seventy-eight and a half acres, located two miles north of Lily Lake. The farm is splendidly arranged for the conduct of the dairy business, fifty-three and a half acres of it being devoted to pasturage, while this year Mr. Nelson planted eighty acres of it in corn; thirty in oats, and fifteen in hay. The estimated value of the improvements on the place is about six thousand dollars. The dairy herd consists of forty cows.

On the 23d of February, 1896, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Nelson and Miss Mary Oleson, who was born in Denmark, June 21, 1878. They have become the parents of five children, namely: Johanna Mary, born May 24, 1897; Jensen Christina, born August 18, 1899; Nels C., born January 9, 1902; Jens M., born November 28, 1905; and Demi V., born February 4, 1908.

Politically Mr. Nelson is a republican but he has never made politics the ruling spirit of his life, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his farming interests. The cause of education finds in him a warm champion, and he is now school director in his district, serving in the capacity of president of the board. The school is located about half a mile from his residence. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church.

JOHN ALBERT VOLSTORFF.

John Albert Volstorff, a retired agriculturist residing in Elburn, was born in the province of Pommern, Germany, December 1, 1849. When sixteen years of age he made his way to the new world, locating at Elgin, Illinois, where for five years he was employed as a farm hand. He subsequently removed to Edwards county, Kansas, but in December, 1888, returned to Elburn. By dint of close economy and careful expenditure he was at length enabled to purchase two hundred and eighty acres of land, which he brought under a high state of cultivation and improvement and which still returns to him a gratifying annual income. He bought the place from L. R. Reed and has in his possession the deed which was issued to that gentleman by James K. Polk and J. Knox Walker. The prosperity that now enables him to live retired is entirely the result of his own well-directed labor and unremitting diligence, for he had no outside aid when he began the struggle for a livelihood in a new country amid strange surroundings.

Mr. Volstorff was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Holtz, also a native of the province of Pommern. The record of their children is as follows: Marie, deceased; August, a tea and coffee salesman of Aurora; Anna, the wife of George Bartlett, an agriculturist of Elburn; John, who is proprietor of a grocery and meat market in Elburn; Heinrich, who follows farming in Elburn; Wilhelmina, who resides with her brother on a farm near Elburn; Henrietta, who likewise makes her home at Elburn, Illinois; and Carl, who has passed away.

In his political views Mr. Volstorff is a republican, and is a very prominent and active member of the Lutheran church, in the work of which he is helpfully interested. He is thoroughly honest and it is a widely recognized fact that his word is as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man—and making the best of these he has steadily worked his way upward. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Kane county.

JACOB SALFISBERG.

Jacob Salfisberg, a retired business man of Aurora, was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, March 25, 1834, the son of Johannes and Mary (Salfisberg) Salfisberg. His paternal grandfather was John Salfisberg, a farmer in Switzerland, who died there at an advanced age. He was the father of three sons. His maternal grandfather was Hans Salfisberg, also a farmer of Switzerland, who lived to be over seventy years of age. Johannes Salfisberg, the father of our subject, was a soldier in Switzerland in 1845. In 1854 he brought his family to America and settled at Oswego, Kendall county, Illinois, where he died, at the age of fifty years. His wife survived him, living to be seventy-six years of age. Both were members of the Presbyterian church. They were the parents of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, six of whom are now living, namely: Jacob, of this review; Anna, wife of Thomas Hunt, of DuPage county, Illinois; Samuel and Rudolph, of Aurora; Adam, of Kendall county; and Mary, widow of Hugh Kennedy, now living in Montgomery.

Jacob Salfisberg was reared in Switzerland and received his education there. At the age of seventeen years he began learning the miller's trade, and, coming to America with his father at the age of twenty years, he continued to follow this trade at Oswego, Illinois, for the succeeding five years. In 1860 he removed to Aurora and went into the lime business, remaining here for eight years, when he removed to Naperville and bought a stone quarry, which he ran for nearly twenty-three years. He then sold out and returned to Aurora in 1890, since which time he has lived retired.

In 1859 was celebrated the marriage of Jacob Salfisberg and Miss Anna Salfisberg, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Ramon) Salfisberg. Mrs. Salfisberg was born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, and came to America with her mother in 1852, her father having come to this country about 1850. They first settled in Oswego, Illinois, but afterward removed to Long Grove, near Yorkville, where they spent the remainder of their days. Mrs. Salfisberg's paternal grandfather was John Salfisberg, and her maternal grandfather was John Ramon. They died at an old age.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Salfsberg were born ten children, five sons and five daughters, namely: Emma, Amanda, Charles A., Eda, Anna, Jacob E., Edwin A., Frank O., Maude M., and Frederick, who was the first born and died in early childhood. Emma married John Nicholas and is deceased. They had two sons, John and Frank. Amanda married William C. Daniels, a resident of Oak Park, Chicago, and they have one daughter, Viola May. Charles A., a resident of Aurora, married Clara Bell Hair and they have six children living, Le Roy, Grace, Nellie, Robert, Philip and Clara. Eda married Thomas H. Harding, of Aurora, and they have one son, Donald J. Anna married Richard W. Hair, and two children were born of this union, Ralph and Flossie Fern. Anna's second husband is Frank Miles. Jacob E. is a contractor, married Evalyn Callinan, and they have one son, Jack Elmer. He belongs to Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; Aurora Chapter 22, R. A. M.; Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T., and Medinah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Elks, the Eagles and the T. P. A.

While never a politician in the sense of office seeking, Mr. Salfsberg has ever taken an active interest in local affairs wherever he has been a resident, and at one time was an alderman in Naperville. He is at the present time a stockholder in the Aurora National Bank and can always be relied upon to sanction any movement that is designed for the public welfare and public safety. Fraternally he belongs to Jerusalem Temple Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., and also the chapter and is a member of Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T.

GEORGE A. BROPHY.

George A. Brophy, who is pleasantly located on a well improved, productive farm situated two miles north from Lily Lake and twelve miles southwest from Elgin, is a native of Kane county, having been born in Elgin, October 17, 1851, the son of William and Amelia (Cleveland) Brophy. The paternal grandfather emigrated from Ireland to Canada, where the father of our subject, William Brophy, was born in 1818. He learned the carpenter trade, and in 1843 went to Chicago, where he worked at his trade for three years. Discontinuing this work he then engaged in operating boats on the Illinois canal, putting in two years at this work. He was then seized with the gold fever and in 1852 he went to California, where he followed gold mining for four years, meeting with unusual success in this venture, so that on his return to the "states" he was able to purchase the farm in Kane county now occupied by our subject, consisting of one hundred and seventy-six acres of Kane county's choicest land. He continued to operate this farm until 1882 when he purchased a farm of six hundred and twenty acres in Minnesota and located on same, remaining there for eight years. He then settled in Chicago, where he lived retired, but later removed to Fox Lake, Illinois, where he resided until the time of his death, in 1891. Mrs. Brophy was born

in Henningford, Canada, where her father was engaged in the manufacture of lumber, sash and doors. She was a third cousin of ex-President Grover Cleveland. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brophy were born six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Charles A., residing in Hinsdale, Illinois, and engaged in the manufacture of cotton belt; Truman W., a dentist, of Chicago; R. Cleveland, who has his residence in Elgin, while his business is located in Chicago; Emeretta A., the wife of Charles Snell, treasurer of Becker county (Detroit) Minnesota; and Harriett A., who resides with her brother, George A., of this review. The mother now lies at rest by the side of her husband in Rosehill cemetery, Chicago.

George A. Brophy received his early education in the district schools of Campton township, afterward entering the Elgin Academy where he remained for three years. He then entered the employ of the McCormick Company, of Chicago, with whom he was employed as an expert on improvements in machinery for the following four years. He next engaged in the sale of agricultural implements, Minnesota being the field of operations which he chose. He continued in this line of work for ten years, when he returned to Chicago and accepted a position as traveling salesman, which he filled most successfully for two years, but tiring of being on the road so much, he eventually discontinued this work and removed to Fox Lake, where he was engaged as superintendent of a large stock farm, raising and breeding trotting horses. From this occupation he returned to Elgin, where he engaged in the manufacture of dental supplies, which business he ultimately sold and removed to his present farm, where he now enjoys peace and prosperity. The farm is highly cultivated and improved, the residence being strictly modern in its construction and situated on a hill where it commands a view of the surrounding country.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Brophy has voted the republican ticket, as did his father before him. He is not connected with any fraternal organizations, although his father was a thirty-second degree Mason. It will be seen from the foregoing sketch that Mr. Brophy has broad ideas in regard to business matters, having adapted himself with ease to various industrial lines, each one of which he has carried forward to successful completion.

IRA C. COPLEY.

The spirit of enterprise which enables one to grasp and utilize opportunities finds notable exemplification in the life of Ira C. Copley, one of the foremost business men of Kane county and northern Illinois, and now the president of the Western Gas & Electric Company, which is operating in many of the towns and cities of this part of the state. Ira C. Copley was born at Walnut Grove, Knox county, Illinois, October 25, 1864, and was three years of age when brought by his parents to Aurora. Passing through consecutive grades in the public schools he eventually completed his education in Jennings Seminary and in Yale College, being graduated from the latter with the class

of 1887. In preparation for the bar he then attended the Union College at Law, in Chicago, completing the course by graduation with the class of 1889. Throughout his entire business career he has manifested executive force and ability for administrative direction. In the year in which he completed his law course he became manager of the Aurora Gaslight Company, and began to develop the property. He has noted with remarkable clearness and correctness the opportunities for advancement in the business, and has constantly broadened the scope of his activity. In 1890 the same interest controlling the Aurora Gaslight Company purchased the property and franchises of the Aurora Electric & Power Company, and in 1902 the interests were consolidated. With the expansion of the business Mr. Copley secured franchises for gas in Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles and laid the mains in those towns. The business of the company was reorganized under the name of the Fox River Light, Heat & Power Company, which also incorporated the gas and electric light interests. In 1894, with others, Mr. Copley purchased the Joliet Gaslight Company and has rapidly developed the business until it has reached extensive and important proportions. In 1900 he built a gas plant at La Grange, Illinois, under the name of the La Grange Gas Company, and extended its mains to La Grange Park, the Grossdales, Western Springs and Hinsdale. The business is now being conducted under the name of the Western Gas & Electric Company, of which Mr. Copley is the president.

While he has become widely recognized as a man of clear business discernment, unflinching enterprise and ready adaptation, he has also gained more than local distinction in political circles, and from 1894 to 1898 was a member of the executive committee of the republican state central committee and was chairman of the finance committee from 1896 to 1898. He has also been president of the Illinois State League of Republican Clubs and has been a prominent factor in organizing and controlling the working forces of the republican party in the state.

Equally efficient in his efforts in behalf of community interests, Mr. Copley has been a member of the library board and the park board of Aurora, and a trustee of the Jennings Seminary for a number of years. In 1892 he married Miss Edith Strohm, of Los Angeles, California.

WILLARD S. WHITE.

Willard S. White, engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in Aurora, claims New York as the state of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Rushford, Allegany county, New York, July 21, 1860. His father, Washington White, was a representative of an old New England family. His birth occurred in Vermont and on arriving at years of maturity he married Abigail Willard, who was born at Brattleboro, Vermont. When a young man Washington White removed to the Empire state, where he conducted mercantile interests throughout his entire business career, making his home for some time at Rushford. He died in 1889 at the age of sixty-nine

years, while his widow still survives and has reached the very advanced age of ninety years.

Willard S. White was educated in the public and high schools of New York, spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, where he was also early trained to habits of industry and economy. He was then engaged in merchandising for a number of years and in 1883 sought a home in the middle west. He devoted several years to traveling as representative of various lines of business, but at length determined to give up his position as commercial traveler and turn his attention to the real-estate and insurance business. He then located in Aurora where he has remained for a number of years. He has negotiated many important realty transactions, has written considerable insurance and has gained a good clientage in both departments of his business. He now occupies fine offices in the Merchants' National Bank building and is well qualified to take care of the interests of his patrons. He keeps thoroughly informed concerning realty values and the property that is on the market, and is always anxious to do the best possible for his clients, while at the same time he is gaining substantial benefits as the reward of his unwearied industry.

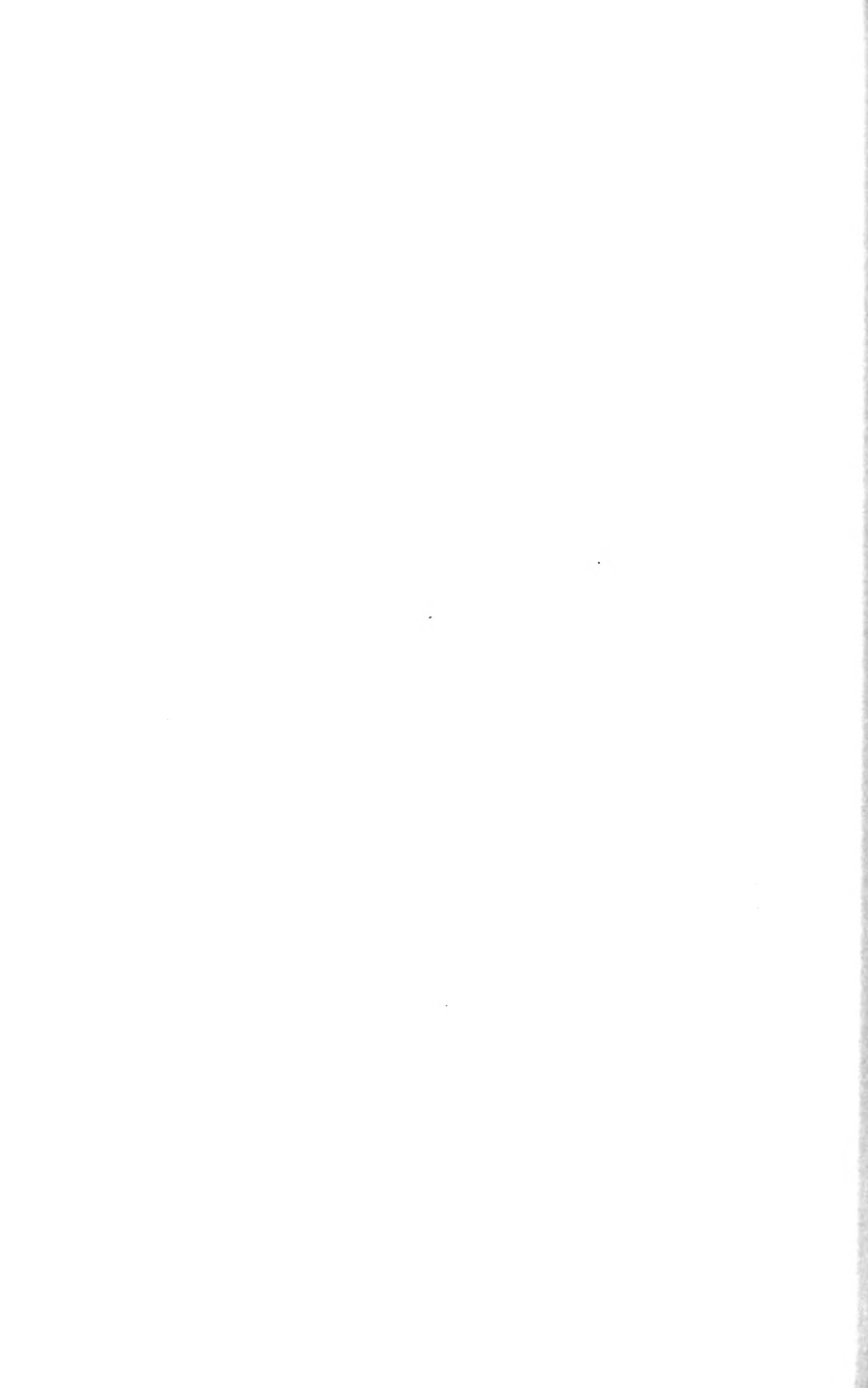
ARTHUR GRANT WORMWOOD.

Arthur Grant Wormwood, whose history is that of orderly progression in the business world, brought about by constantly expanding powers resulting from the faithful performance of each day's duty, which brings strength and inspiration for the labors of the succeeding day, is now senior partner of the firm of Wormwood & Pease, book and job printers of Aurora. He was born in Sandwich, Illinois, January 20, 1862, the youngest of three children born unto Orlando and Harriet (Bartlett) Wormwood. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Wormwood, was a native of Vermont and in 1849 made a trip to California by boat, attracted by the discoveries of gold on the Pacific slope. After mining there for a time, he started on the return voyage, but died from the administration of poison by one who wanted his money. His widow long survived him, living to an old age. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a native farmer of Vermont and both he and his wife died in the east when well advanced in years.

Orlando Wormwood was a native of Waterbury, Vermont, and in early life learned the millwright's trade, which he followed for a number of years. About 1853 he came to Illinois, settling in Sandwich, where he embarked in the grain business, which he followed until he was burned out in 1864. Then he removed to Aurora, where he engaged in the millwright's trade for a time, and subsequently was employed for a number of years as finisher in the Pullman shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. For the past quarter of a century he has been a traveling salesman and is well known and popular among his many patrons on the road. His wife died in March, 1904, at the age of seventy-four years. They were formerly Presbyterian in relig-



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ious faith, but some years ago united with the Methodist church. The elder son of the family is Willis A. Wormwood, now living in Berwyn, a suburb of Chicago, while the daughter, Ina M., is the wife of L. D. Barney, a resident of Chicago.

Arthur G. Wormwood has lived in Aurora from the age of two years and acquired his education in the public schools, but at the age of fourteen put aside his text-books and began learning the printer's trade with the firm of Burton & Shaw, in the office of the Aurora Herald. He was thus engaged for eight years, during which time he gained comprehensive knowledge of the printing business in all its departments. He was afterward employed in various offices, including that of the Aurora Blade, under C. W. Putnam, and about 1890 he established a job printing business of his own at No. 27 North Broadway, conducting the business until 1898, when he admitted Herbert G. Berry to a partnership. This association was maintained until Mr. Berry's death in 1905, after which Mr. Wormwood was alone in business for a year and then admitted a Mr. LaSuer. After a brief period he was succeeded by W. H. Pease and the business has since been conducted under the firm name of Wormwood & Pease. They have a large plant, splendidly equipped, and are conducting an extensive job printing business.

On the 20th of September, 1897, Mr. Wormwood was married to Miss Nannie L. Miller, and they occupy a pleasant home at No. 423 Galena street, which he erected in 1902. Fraternally he is connected with Jerusalem Temple, No. 90, A. F. & A. M.; with Ben Hur Lodge, No. 870, I. O. O. F., and with the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. At least, they have never been strong enough to lure him from the field of business wherein he has elected to direct his energies. He has made constant progress in this line, keeping in touch with the modern methods which are revolutionizing the old processes of printing, and promoting many styles of work which show that he is thoroughly conversant with the trade and its demands.

ERNEST HOMUTH.

This prosperous and progressive farmer and dairyman of Plato township, Kane county, is a native of Germany, where he was born June 28, 1857. His parents were Fred and Anna (Schluter) Homuth, both born and reared in Germany, where they were engaged in farming. The mother died when her son, Ernest, was a very young man, and the father has also been dead a number of years, both passing away in their native land. Their children were: Louise, the wife of Louis Huneka, of Germany; Mary, the wife of B. Ruppert, of Germany; Minnie and Lena, of Brooklyn, New York; and Ernest. Another son named Fred has died.

Ernest Homuth attended the public schools in his native land until he reached the age of fourteen. He served three years in the German army and

was honorably discharged. He came to the United States in 1886, and after a short residence in Brooklyn, New York, moved to Chicago. From there he came to Kane county, twenty-one years ago, and located at Plato Center. He was a mason by trade and five years ago became a farmer. He has been on this farm four years. He is actively engaged in farming and has a dairy comprising fifty good cows, the yield from which enables him to carry on a brisk and thriving dairying business and adds to both his duties and his revenues in a substantial manner.

On October 20, 1887, he was married to Miss Anna Oetikir, who was born in Switzerland and came to this country when she was a young woman, locating in Illinois. They have had five children, William, Frederick, Charles and Walter, who are living and at home, and Ernest, the oldest, who died some years ago. They are also rearing as a child of their own, Mr. Homuth's nephew, Edward H. Homuth, who has his home with them. Mr. Homuth is a republican and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He stands well in the community.

REV. GEORGE L. S. STUFF.

Rev. George L. S. Stuff, deceased, devoted his whole life to the work of the ministry as a member of the Rock River conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and the results of his teaching will go on forever. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 21st of April, 1822, the only child of poor parents, and was left an orphan in infancy. In early life he united with the Methodist Episcopal church and on coming to Illinois, in May, 1840, began preaching. The following year he was admitted on trial to the Rock River conference and was stationed at Savanna, Illinois, for one year, after which he was at Green Bay, Wisconsin, for two years.

In 1843 Rev. Stuff was ordained a deacon at Dubuque, Iowa, by Bishop Andrews, and two years later was ordained an elder at Peoria, Illinois, by Bishop Morris. In 1844 he had charge of a church at Racine, Wisconsin; was at Elgin in 1845 and 1846; at Mt. Morris in 1847 and 1848; at Elizabeth in 1849; at Rock Island in 1850 and 1851; at Ottawa in 1852; La Salle in 1853; and filled other pastorates, including the Court Street church at Rockford and churches at Elgin and Kankakee. During the Civil war he served as a chaplain for three years with the Forty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, receiving his appointment from Governor Yates, and after his return home in 1864 was assigned to the church at Dixon. On account of ill health he was then given supernumerary relations but in 1866 resumed his ministerial duties as pastor of the church at Woodstock, where he remained for two years. He was next at Roscoe, Warren and Palatine and was later in charge of the Fulton Street Methodist Episcopal church of Chicago. This was followed by one year of superannuated relations and he was subsequently pastor of churches at Poplar Grove, Capron, Round Prairie, Cherry Valley, Blackberry, Albany, Ashton and Franklin Grove, his last charge being the Broadway church of

Sterling. For five years prior to his death he was quite helpless from a stroke of paralysis, during which time the family lived in a home given to the church by Mrs. Henry Sherman, of Elgin, and in this city he died on the 11th of May, 1893. Thus passed away one who for half a century had been connected with the Rock River conference and during that time had been the loved pastor of many a church, where he worked earnestly and untiringly to spread the gospel of Christ and bring the wanderers into the fold. He was widely known and universally respected and esteemed, not only by his own congregations but by other denominations as well.

Mr. Stuff left six children, one of whom is Rev. F. A. Stuff, a professor in the University of Nebraska, and his last wife, Miss Addie Bowman, also survived him. They were married October 8, 1878, Mrs. Stuff being a daughter of Elijah and Hannah (Emery) Bowman, of Blaine, Boone county, Illinois. All were life-long Methodists.

EARL RAY MINER.

Earl Ray Miner, successfully engaged in farming in Blackberry township, was born in Kaneville township, Kane county, July 3, 1884, his parents being Wesley and Mary (Hartnest) Miner, likewise natives of this county. The father is a farmer by occupation and now follows that pursuit in Wayne, Nebraska. He is an active and helpful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The members of his family, in addition to our subject, are as follows: Amanda R., the wife of Lewis Owens, an agriculturist of Wayne, Nebraska; Elmer, who is a physician of Independence, Kansas; and Harvey, who likewise carries on agricultural pursuits at Wayne, Nebraska.

Earl Ray Miner attended school in the place of his nativity until fourteen years of age and then entered St. Albin's Academy at Knoxville, Illinois, leaving that institution at the age of sixteen years. He then returned to the home farm and in connection with his brother, Harvey, carried on the work of the fields for five years. On the expiration of that period he was married and subsequently took up his abode on his present farm in Blackberry township, where he has now made his home for a year and a half. In connection with the work of general farming he operates a dairy, owning thirty-three cows. The herd is well graded and includes many Jerseys. He likewise has a few registered hogs, having just begun activities in this line.

Mr. Miner was united in marriage to Miss Myrtie May Gaunt, whose birth occurred March 29, 1883, at Kaneville township, near Elburn, Illinois. Her parents, Frank and Louisa Grace (Tupper) Gaunt, are likewise natives of Kane county and now reside at Elburn, Illinois. Mrs. Miner had one sister and one brother: Millie G., of Elburn, Illinois; and Henry W., who has passed away, his remains being interred in the Elburn cemetery. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miner has been born one son, Marcus Wesley Gaunt, his natal day being January 19, 1908.

Fraternally Mr. Miner is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, and is highly esteemed throughout the community as a prosperous and enterprising citizen and business man. Although young in years, he has already attained a gratifying measure of success and, moreover, has won the regard of all with whom he has come in contact by reason of his upright and honorable methods in all the varied relations of life.

WALTER S. FRAZIER.

No history of Aurora and its development would be complete without specific and somewhat extended mention of Walter S. Frazier, who was prominent among the business men of the city as a representative of one of its most important productive industries. He was born in Fabius, Onondaga county, New York, August 31, 1835, a son of William J. and Matilda (Winegar) Frazier, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. The father conducted business there for many years as a clothing merchant and on coming to the west with his family settled in Batavia, Kane county.

Walter S. Frazier spent his boyhood and youth in the place of his nativity and was educated in the public schools of Onondaga county and in Homer Academy. At the age of eighteen years he made his initial step in the business world by becoming a salesman in a dry goods store in Syracuse, New York, where he remained for five years and then accepted a position as bookkeeper. The year 1857 witnessed his arrival in the middle west, in which year he made his way to Chicago, where he entered the office of the city comptroller. He was soon made chief clerk, and acted in that capacity for five years, after which he was appointed by the city board of public works as clerk of special assessments. In the meantime his labors and activity in political circles were winning him recognition as a valued member of the party, and in 1863 he received the republican nomination for the office of clerk of the recorder's court. He thus served for about two years, and in 1865 went to Springfield, having been elected clerk of the house of representatives. He proved most capable in his new office, being recognized as the most efficient clerk that had ever held the position. Such was the regard entertained for his ability and fidelity that at the close of the session he was presented with a gold watch and chain by the members of the house and the presentation speech by Judge Platt, of Jo Daviess county, appears in the house journal of that session.

In 1866, being apprehensive of his health, Mr. Frazier determined to try the benefits of outdoor life, and to this end purchased a farm in Kane county between Geneva and Batavia, and after making improvements upon the house he removed his family to the new location. There he remained for about four years, when in 1870 he sold the property and took up his abode in Aurora. There he was elected and served for one term as a member of the board of education. In his public career he always manifested the sentiment expressed by Grover Cleveland that "a public office is a public trust"—and no trust reposed in Mr. Frazier was ever betrayed in the slightest degree.

For several years he was in no active business save that he bred and raised fine roadsters and trotting horses, for he was always a lover of fine stock. He sold one of his horses, the noted Brother Jonathan, with a record of 2:20, for twelve thousand dollars.

While thus engaged in raising fine trotting stock, one of his drivers represented to him the necessity of a cart to be used in breaking and driving young maturing stock, and suggested where one could be purchased. On investigating this Mr. Frazier believed that he could build a better one, and after experimenting produced rather a heavy two-wheeled vehicle. Imperfect as it was, it was destined to go into history as the forerunner of the afterward famous "Frazier road cart." It created a great interest among horsemen everywhere, being superior to anything previously produced. This impressed Mr. Frazier with the importance of his invention and he began developing and improving it, and so perfected it that he secured letters patent and named the new vehicle the Road Cart. In 1881 he began the manufacture of this cart on a small scale in a building on Water street in Aurora between Fox and Main streets. The business grew rapidly, however, and in 1881 he leased the large four-story stone building on Downer Place which had formerly been used as a wagon shop but had been idle for years. Still the business kept increasing beyond its productive power, and when the lease on the stone building expired Mr. Frazier purchased the extensive grounds and the buildings and added a story to the principal building. Still the demand grew, and as the business further developed other styles of vehicles were added, and the enterprise became one of the most important manufacturing interests of Aurora. Mr. Frazier demanded that perfection should be attained in every department, secured first class materials and excellent workmanship, and the Frazier company became noted throughout the country for its output. In 1885 he admitted his two sons, Walter S. and Edward S., to a partnership under the firm style of W. S. Frazier & Company. In recent years the factory has been greatly enlarged and is equipped with the most modern machinery for the conduct of the business.

While every successful business adds to the development of a city, Mr. Frazier, aside from his manufacture of vehicles, did much to promote the substantial interests of Aurora. In 1885 he erected a three-story store and office building at the corner of Downer Place and River street, and in 1886 he built a block of stores on Downer Place. He was also a director of the Merchants National Bank of Aurora, and he assisted in many movements from which he derived no personal benefit but in which the public was a large direct beneficiary.

In 1855 Mr. Frazier was married in Syracuse, New York, to Miss Mary Stevens, a daughter of J. V. Stevens. Her death occurred in 1880, and Mr. Frazier passed away in 1904. For several years he was chairman of the republican congressional district committee for the district comprising Kane, De Kalb, Lake, McHenry and Boone counties, and he was always a helpful adviser of his party but never an office seeker. He was a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment and his executive ability and excellent management brought to the concern which he instituted and conducted a large

degree of success. He possessed the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy, and industry that never flags, and, moreover, he was a representative of that class of American citizens who promote the general prosperity while advancing individual interests.

FREDERICK W. HARTSBURG.

Frederick W. Hartsburg is numbered among the native sons of Kane county and has made a creditable name in business and professional circles. He is now successfully practicing law, with office in the Siegmund building at Aurora. He is a representative of one of the old families of this part of the state and was born in North Aurora, June 19, 1877. His parents, William A. and Helena (Simons) Hartsburg, are mentioned elsewhere in this volume. His grandfather, William Hartsburg, a native of Germany, came to America about 1845, settling at Roxbury, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston. He was a very skilled machine and tool maker and received as much as twenty dollars per day for his services. He came to Kane county in 1846, settling in Aurora, where he followed his trade for a time, and then made the overland trip to California in 1849 in search of gold. He often walked as much as sixty miles in a day and even in his old age was noted as a pedestrian. Following his return to Illinois he resided in Aurora, Batavia and other points, and died at North Aurora, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, Mrs. Christina Hartsburg, is still living, and is now about eighty-four years of age.

William A. Hartsburg, father of our subject, was born in Massachusetts, and when nine or ten years of age became a resident of Montgomery, Kane county, Illinois, where he was reared. Through many years, first as an employe and later as a manufacturer, he has been connected with the business of manufacturing sash, doors and blinds, doing general mill work. In 1890 the business was incorporated under the style of the Hartsburg & Hawksley Company. William A. Hartsburg wedded Helena Simons, an estimable lady and a devoted member of the Congregational church. They became parents of five children: Mamie, the wife of J. E. Lowell, of Seattle, Washington; Daisy A.; Frederick W., of this review; Florence Maude, attending the State University of Colorado; and Frances M., of North Aurora.

Frederick W. Hartsburg was reared in North Aurora and attended the public schools there, while later he was graduated from the West Aurora high school in 1897, completing a four years' course in three years. He then entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated from the law department of that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1900. The same year he was admitted to the bar. He then entered the firm of Bangs, Wood & Bangs in Chicago, and was with them for a year and a half, after which he formed a partnership with Fred R. Reid, the present states attorney of Kane county. They practiced at De Kalb for a short time and then removed to Aurora, where Mr. Hartsburg has since continued in

the general practice of law. He was also secretary of the Hartsburg & Hawksley Company until a few years ago, but his attention is now fully occupied by the demands of a professional career and he has a large and growing clientage.

On the 15th of November, 1905, Frederick W. Hartsburg was married to Miss Grace Reynolds Owens, a daughter of Evan and Minnie (Reynolds) Owens. Mr. Hartsburg is a member of Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; and Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M. When in college he became a member of a Greek letter fraternity called the Phi Delta Theta. He is also a member of Aurora Lodge, No. 705, B. P. O. E., the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his loyalty thereto is never called into question. His native intellectual force has been developed through study and research along professional lines and through wide reading embracing all topics of general interest. What he has accomplished in his profession and the characteristics he has displayed in social relations have made him an esteemed and representative citizen of the county.

ARTHUR M. HAINES.

Arthur M. Haines of Plato Center is engaged in managing a creamery, one of those useful modern institutions which minister in substantial measure to the comfort and well being of the communities around them and add greatly to the prosperity of the people. He was born at Charter Grove, DeKalb county, Illinois, March 23, 1882, and is a son of John and Mary E. (Hoskins) Haines, the former of whom was born in Ohio and came to Illinois with his parents when he was six years old. He has been engaged in farming during the greater part of his life. The mother was born at Charter Grove. Her parents have been dead a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Haines have had eight children: Arthur M.; May, who is the wife of William Barker; Cora, who is the wife of Frank Read; Vernon H., who is living at home; Harry D., who is in the United States Army; and Flora, who is also living at home. John and Emma, the other two children, have died. The father was a soldier in the Civil war and saw active service in the great contest. His company was commanded by Captain Wilcox, and the department of the army to which it was assigned by General Grant. Mr. Haines took part in the battle of Shiloh, the operations connected with the siege and capture of Vicksburg, and many other important engagements. He is a republican in politics, and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Arthur M. Haines was educated at the graded school in Hampshire, which he attended eleven years. He returned to the farm in 1903, and during the last three years has been the manager of the creamery. This is one of the best in this part of the country in its equipment. It is provided with

modern machinery of the most approved pattern, and has capacity to handle twenty-one thousand pounds of milk a day.

On May 2, 1903, Mr. Haines was united in marriage with Miss Sadie Hunt, who was born at Sycamore, Illinois, June 27, 1887. Her parents still live at Sycamore, where his father is a well borer. They have one other child, a daughter Ada, who is the wife of Cecil Wyman. Mrs. Haines was educated in a country school and at the Sycamore high school, and both she and Mr. Haines are firm advocates of public education. They have lived acceptably among the people around them and enjoy, in a high degree, the esteem that comes to modest merit and faithful performance of duty.

IRVING J. BUDLONG.

Irving J. Budlong is manager for the Hoyt & Brother Company, at Aurora, a branch of the American Woodworking Machinery Company, in which connection his mechanical ingenuity, his business enterprise and his keen foresight are continually brought into play. He was born in Oswego, Kane county, Illinois, September 7, 1868, his parents being Joseph Jerome and Kezia (Babcock) Budlong, both of whom were natives of Oneida county, New York. The former was a son of Joseph Budlong, also a native of the Empire state. He followed farming much of his life, but also engaged in merchandising, and died in Oneida county, New York, at a venerable age. He was a son of a Revolutionary soldier. The maternal grandfather of our subject was also a farmer, a native son of the state of New York, and lived at Babcock Hill, Oneida county. Both he and his wife lived to an advanced age and reared a family of two sons and three daughters, one of whom, Kezia Babcock, became the wife of Joseph J. Budlong. He was a farmer by occupation and in 1867 came to Illinois, settling in Oswego township, Kane county, where he purchased a little more than three hundred acres of land. This he improved, bringing his farm under a high state of cultivation, and upon the place made his home until 1880, when he removed to Aurora, where he engaged in the manufacture of the Budlong disc pulverizers and disc corn cultivators. He continued in that business until his health failed and he died in 1889, at the age of fifty-nine years. His wife died November 5, 1906, at the age of seventy-two years. They were the parents of four children, a son and three daughters: Jennie L., the wife of Willis Hoyt, of New York city; Florence, the wife of Charles A. Doud, of Winona, Minnesota; Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. F. W. Lester, whose home is in Aurora, Illinois; and Irving J., of this review.

The last named lived on the home farm until twelve years of age and attended the district schools. He then came to Aurora with his parents and was reared to manhood here, passing through consecutive grades in the public schools until he became a student in the West Aurora high school. When eighteen years of age he entered upon his business career as an employe of Hoyt & Brother, learning draughting and designing of machinery for wood



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work. He served a four years' apprenticeship, and at the end of that time entered the railway mail service, with which he was connected for about three years. He afterwards spent three years in mining in the San Juan country in Colorado, and then returned to Aurora to again enter the employ of the American Woodworking Machinery Company, at its branch in this city, for in the fall of 1897 that company had purchased the business of Hoyt & Brother Company and tendered Mr. Budlong the position of superintendent. In 1903 he was appointed manager, which position he still retains. The Aurora branch makes a specialty of planing mill machinery and is the largest producer of hardwood flooring machinery in the world. This branch was established in Aurora by the Hoyt brothers in 1864 and employs from two hundred to two hundred and fifty men, so that Mr. Budlong's position as manager is one of large responsibility. The American Woodworking Machinery Company owns and operates six large plants in important cities of the United States. Mr. Budlong is well qualified by his comprehensive knowledge and long experience for the responsible duties that devolve upon him, and it was in recognition of his marked ability that his present position was offered him.

On the 18th of September, 1890, Mr. Budlong was married to Miss Ada N. Titus, a daughter of Haven and Ann (Denney) Titus. Three daughters have been born of this union, but they lost their second child, Anna, who died at the age of seven years. The surviving daughters are Irene M. and Doris A. Mr. Budlong is a member of Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., and Commandery, No. 22, K. T. He is also connected through membership relations with the Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Hoo Hoos, an association of lumbermen and machinery men. Politically, Mr. Budlong is a republican, giving stalwart support to the party. He now lives at No. 232 Walnut street, where he owns a good home, which is one of the visible evidences of his life of thrift, enterprise and success.

WILLIAM INGALS LYE.

William Ingals Lye, who is one of the most enterprising citizens of Kanerville township, his time and attention being now devoted to agricultural pursuits, was born in Plano, Kendall county, Illinois, on the 19th of October, 1871. His father, Alva Lewis Lye, was a native of the same county, his birth occurring in Little Rock township, where he engaged in farming after reaching man's estate. He married Miss Frances Robbins, who was also born in Kendall county and is now deceased, dying in April, 1898. Their children besides our subject were Mattie, the wife of E. C. Kinney, a farmer of Sugar Grove township; George, also a farmer of Sugar Grove township; Carrie, who makes her home in the same township; and Nellie, the wife of William Johnson, who is engaged in the coal and lumber business in Sugar Grove.

William Ingals Lye received his first instruction in the district school, which he attended until nine years of age, and then entered the graded schools of Plano, where he spent the following two years. He was next a student at the academy at Sugar Grove for six years, and after graduating from that institution he entered the Valparaiso Normal School, pursuing the teachers' and scientific course. He then engaged in teaching school, being principal at Kaneville for three years, and as an educator he met with splendid success, being able to readily impart the knowledge that he had acquired to his pupils, so that the school advanced rapidly under his management. On his retirement from that position he made an extended tour throughout the east, visiting most of the principal cities on the Atlantic coast. For the past seven years he has followed farming and, being thoroughly up-to-date and progressive in his methods, he has met with success in this occupation. In 1907 he purchased his present well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Kaneville township, lying a mile and a half south of the village of Kaneville.

In 1902 Mr. Lye married Miss Bertha Dauberman, a native of Kaneville, who is a representative of one of the oldest and best known families of this county. Three children bless this union, namely: Francis M., Mabel I. and Everett D.

JOHN JOHNSON.

John Johnson, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Plato township, was born in Sweden, February 24, 1859, a son of J. A. and Christine (Anderson) Johnson, also natives of Sweden, whence the father brought his family to this country in 1871. His first location in America was at Elgin, Illinois, where he remained until 1888. In that year he removed to Iowa and bought a farm, on which he is still living. He and his wife became the parents of three sons, Frank, Andrew and John. Frank and Andrew are farmers in Iowa. The father is a republican in political allegiance and a member of the Swedish Lutheran church in religious affiliation. He also has prospered in this country and is well esteemed.

The son, John Johnson, attended school in his native land until he left it for America at the age of twelve years, and after his arrival in this country completed his education in one of the public schools of Elgin. From the time he left school until he attained his majority he was employed as a hired hand on a farm. At that age he was married to Miss Christine Larson, who is, like himself, a native of Sweden, and who came to America with her parents when she was but five years old, the family locating in Elgin, this state.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have five children: Albert E., Mabel, John W., and Amanda, who are living at home; and Victor M., who is the second in the order of birth, and is employed on a street car line in Elgin. The parents are great believers in education and have given each of their children a thorough high school training.

Mr. Johnson was engaged in farming in Kane county until 1889, when he moved to Nebraska, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land. This tract he improved and reduced to cultivation, living on it several years. He then sold it and returned to Kane county. Taking up his residence in Plato township, he rented two hundred and thirty-seven acres of as fine land as can be found in the county, and on this he has since been diligently and extensively occupied in farming and raising livestock for the market. He ships on an average of four carloads of cattle and one of hogs every year, and as his stock is well cared for and properly prepared for sale, it has a high rank in the market and is always sold at a good price. His preference in cattle for feeding is the Hereford breed.

Mr. Johnson's children, except one, are all living with him and assisting him in his work on the farm. Through his own good management and their aid and that of his wife, he has been very prosperous and is now reckoned among the substantial and well-to-do men of his township. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious affiliation with the Congregational church. In fraternal relations he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In his church he is a trustee and deacon, and in his lodge he has occupied all the principal offices. Occupying a place among the leading citizens of the township, with a voice of influence in behalf of every worthy project for the improvement of the community, he is justly entitled to the high respect he enjoys.

MRS. MARY A. HUGHES.

Mrs. Mary A. Hughes, one of the highly esteemed ladies of Elburn, was born in Aurora, Illinois, April 15, 1838, and is a representative of an old and honored family of this county, being a daughter of John P. and Sophia Christina (Wohrer) Snyder, both natives of Germany. The father was born July 27, 1781, and was reared and educated in his native land. Believing that the new world offered better opportunities for advancement, he crossed the broad Atlantic and landed in Philadelphia, where he was married in 1826. At an early day in the development of Kane county they came west and took up their residence in Aurora. In their family were the following children: John F., a farmer residing in Aurora; Henry, a farmer of Tipton, Iowa; Charles, a farmer of Elburn, Illinois; Carolina, the wife of Charles Angell, who is also a farmer of Aurora; Elizabeth, deceased; and Mary A., of this review.

Reared in this county, Mrs. Hughes is indebted to its public schools for the educational advantages she enjoyed in her youth, and after leaving school at the age of seventeen years she remained under the parental roof until her marriage. It was in 1868 that she became the wife of Elias Hughes, and four children blessed their union: Emerit E., a farmer residing near Elburn; Ernest D., who is a mail carrier of Chicago; Caroline S., a resident of Elburn; and Mary A., who is teaching school in Grundy county, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes began their married life in De Kalb county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming, but subsequently removed to a farm in Kaneville township, this county, and later still he purchased three hundred and forty acres in Blackberry township. He was a soldier of the Civil war from 1861 to 1865, being a member of the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He participated in many important engagements, was under General Sherman in the Atlanta campaign, but during the last two years of his service was connected with the commissary department. He was a faithful soldier, always found at his post of duty and when hostilities ceased and his services were no longer required he was honorably discharged and returned north. He died July 6, 1877, in Kaneville. Mrs. Hughes now has in her possession a piece of the flagstaff taken from Fort Sumter, bearing date December 25, 1863. She remembers when this region was but sparsely settled and can relate many interesting incidents of early days. During the great flood of 1857 she saw the wagon bridge which spanned Fox river swept away. Her long residence in this county has gained her many friends and she is held in the highest regard by all who know her.

EDWARD C. COOLEY.

Edward C. Cooley, who has extensive farming and dairy interests one-half mile east of Lily Lake, where he owns and operates a farm of one hundred and ninety-seven acres, and conducts a dairy of forty cows, principally of the Holstein breed, is a native of Kane county, having been born at Elburn, May 24, 1862, the son of Calvin C. and Charlotte (Ruple) Cooley. His father was born December 27, 1830, in Chautauqua county, New York, whence he came to Illinois in 1856, locating in Elburn. Here he engaged in the boot and shoe business, following this line of work for the succeeding eight years. He then purchased a farm near Elburn, known as the "Old Hacket" farm, which he operated for the next sixteen years, when he sold it and returned to Elburn and resided for seven years. His inclinations ever drew him towards the farm, however, with the result that in 1887 he purchased the beautiful farm on which our subject now resides, located on the Lily Lake and St. Charles road. Here he resided the remainder of his days, passing away July 9, 1907, as the result of a paralytic stroke. He lies at rest in the Elburn cemetery. In politics he was ever an ardent republican, and fraternally was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The mother was born in the Allegheny mountains, in Pennsylvania, April 9, 1829. Four sons were born to this union, of whom Charles H. and James are deceased; Francis A., in the coal business in Aurora; and Edward C.

Edward C. Cooley is indebted to the district school of Campton township for his education, regularly attending through the winter months what is known as the "old red schoolhouse," and assisting his father in the work of the farm during the farming period. He was ever his fathers' mainstay in the conduct of the place, residing with him on the farm to the time of his

death. The place has prospered under his able management, and he now owns one of the finest dairy herds in Kane county. He engages in diversified farming, in 1908 having seventy-seven acres of the place seeded to corn, thirty-seven acres in oats, thirty-seven in meadow, and the balance, with the exception of the ground occupied by the feed lots, orchard and garden, in pasturage.

On October 2, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cooley and Miss Cora E. Westgarth, who was born in Campton township, May 8, 1863. Her father was a stonemason by trade. Both of her parents are now deceased and lie buried in the cemetery at Geneva. Mr. and Mrs. Cooley have become the parents of two daughters, Maud C., born January 27, 1890, and Madeline C., born July 20, 1892. Both of these young ladies led their classes last year, Miss Maud at the Wheaton high school, and Miss Madeline at the St. Charles high school. Both, too, are accomplished pianists.

Mr. Cooley casts his ballot with the republican party and has been elected to minor offices. He served as highway commissioner, and held the office of school director for twelve years. He takes an active interest in educational affairs and during his directorship built up a splendid school, and was mainly responsible for the district's engaging two teachers, instead of one, as formerly. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of the Globe.

JOHN J. SCHMITZ.

Although of German parentage, John J. Schmitz, one of the active and energetic farmers of Plato township, is a native of Kane county, and was born almost in sight of where he now lives. His life began at Plato Center, February 8, 1877. His father, Joseph Schmitz, was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1836, and came to the United States in 1857, at the age of twenty-one. His parents died when he was a small child. His first location in this country was in Chicago, where he was employed in the Kirk soap factory, and afterward he carried brick for seventy-five cents a day. Later he worked in a rolling mill at one dollar a day, and, leaving Chicago, was for a short time at Beloit, Wisconsin. After coming to Plato Center he worked as a farm hand for eight dollars per month through the summer months, working for his board in the winter. When the war began he enlisted in 1861, and was a faithful soldier. He cooked for eighty soldiers for seven months, and at the close of the war in 1865 he returned to Plato Center and bought eighty acres of land. In 1866 he was married to Elizabeth Riebel, a native of Hesse, Germany, being then twenty-four years of age. They became the parents of five children, four daughters and one son, John J. Marie, the first child, was born in a log cabin and is the wife of Adolph G. Schreim, a steward of the Elgin National House, employed by the Elgin Watch Factory Company; Elizabeth, the wife of G. A. Leiseberg, a druggist at Dundee; Katherine, the wife of G. C. Fischer, a farmer at Pingree Grove; Huldah, the wife of Adolph G. Muller, a farmer at Plato Center. John J., the son, is a prosperous

farmer living at the old homestead. He took possession of the farm in 1900, and the father, Joseph Schmitz, retired and built a home for himself and wife at Plato Center, one mile west of the old homestead, and resided there until March 19, 1905, when death claimed him, and he was buried at Plato Center. In 1890 he had bought another eighty acres, making a farm of one hundred and sixty acres.

John J. Schmitz, who was the only son born to his parents, attended a district school until he was fourteen years old, and was employed by his father until he was married. December 7, 1899, he was joined in marriage with Miss Mamie Behrens, who was born in Cook county, Illinois, October 20, 1881. They have two daughters, Erma D. E., and Velda C., both of whom still abide with them.

Mr. Schmitz carries on an active and energetic farming industry, cultivating his land with skill and judgment and securing good results. He is also engaged in the livestock business on an increasing scale, feeding at this time (1908) twenty-five cattle and some eighty hogs. He has forty acres of land in corn, forty in oats, and the rest in meadow for hay and pasturage. Politically he is a republican and in church membership a Lutheran. He is regarded as a valued citizen, with progressive ideas of public improvement, and earnest interest in all that tends to elevate and advance his township or its people; and he stands well in the respect and good will of the whole community in which he lives and wherever else he is known.

JOHN FRANCIS THOMAS.

John Francis Thomas, a well known farmer and dairyman of Kaneville township, was born in Wales on the 14th of May, 1874, and was only six months old when brought to America by his parents, George and Annie J. (Davis) Thomas, who were also natives of Wales, in which country they were reared and married. In early life the father followed the sea for thirteen years prior to his emigration to the United States, but in this country he made farming his occupation, the family home being at Big Rock in Kane county, Illinois. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Congregational church and was also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. In his family were the following children: David H. and Joel G., both farmers of Big Rock; Jane, the wife of John Willis, a farmer of Blackberry township; William M. and James, both at home; Eva M., the wife of Ralph Boyce, a farmer of Sugar Grove township; Maud W., Venus B., and Alma R., all at home; and John F., of this review.

Brought to this county in infancy, John F. Thomas was here reared and his education was mainly acquired in the Bracket school house at Big Rock, where he continued his studies until eighteen years of age. Prior to this time he began to assist his father in the labors of the farm, and after completing his education devoted his entire time to its cultivation and improvement for three years. At the age of twenty-one he started out in life for num-

self, working by the month on a farm until twenty-four years of age, and then commenced operating land on his own account. He is now engaged in farming on quite an extensive scale and also keeps twenty cows for dairy purposes.

Mr. Thomas married on the 22d of February, 1899, Miss Blanche I. Wells, who was born in Kaneville township, February 26, 1879, and three children blessed their union, namely: Dorothy W., Edith M. and Francis H. Mrs. Thomas' father is Horace A. Wells, who was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and came with his parents to Illinois, the family locating near Kaneville, where he grew to manhood and married Miss Elna Graves. The children born to them were Harlow R., deceased; Emma L., the wife of Charley Dreese; Penn, an engineer; Martha, deceased; Lettie H., the wife of David H. Thomas, a brother of our subject; Nellie M., deceased; Elna M., the wife of Charles Harshberger; Pearl K., and H. Adelbert, both deceased; and Blanche I., wife of our subject.

Fraternally Mr. Thomas is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and he is one of the honored and highly esteemed citizens of his community. In business affairs he is upright and reliable, and the success that has come to him is but the just reward of honorable labor.

JAMES WILBUR SNOOK.

James Wilbur Snook, deceased, was for many years prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Blackberry township, his home being on section 26, where his widow now resides. He was born in Ontario county, New York, September 20, 1829, and was a son of John and Matilda (Bosley) Snook. He was sixteen years of age when, in company with his brother Sela Snook he came to Illinois, the journey to this state being made by wagon. They located on the present farm of Mrs. Snook, which place is conveniently situated one mile south of Bald Mound and four miles south of LaFox. Two years later the brother died and our subject was thus left with the entire management of the farm, owning it conjointly with his brother's widow, whose share he purchased at the end of two years. It is now one of the finest places in Kane county, consisting of one hundred and seventy-one acres of rich and arable land, on which is a fine grove of maple trees, and improvements valued at ten thousand dollars, all put there by Mr. Snook, who was regarded as one of the most progressive and successful farmers of Blackberry township.

On the 8th of April, 1860, Mr. Snook was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth George, and they began their domestic life on the farm, where she still continues to reside. Her father was Milo George, who was born in Strafford, Vermont, and on leaving the east came to Illinois in 1853, locating on a farm of ninety-eight acres of land one mile south of Bald Mound in Blackberry township, Kane county. He is now deceased, but Mrs. Snook's mother is still living, and, although eighty-six years of age, her mind is still very active and she readily recalls all the important events in the early

history of this county. While age is creeping on her, she yet possesses a constitution which enables her to perform various household tasks, putting to shame many girls of today in the art of bread-baking, sewing and other domestic duties. She is still very energetic and industrious and carries well her load of four score years and six. She has many heirlooms which have been in the family for several generations. Her father, Adam Boyle, served with distinction and honor in the war of 1812. Mrs. Snook has two sisters living: Caroline, the wife of George Catlin, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Creston, Iowa; and Alice May, the wife of Fred Humiston, who follows farming near Big Rock, Kane county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Snook was born one daughter, Mattie C., who was married December 2, 1886, to Frank W. Seavey, who was born in Sugar Grove township, and was educated in the Sugar Grove high school. They have a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth Seavey, who was born June 9, 1891, and was graduated in 1907 from the Sugar Grove high school. She is now a member of the junior class at the State Normal of De Kalb, Illinois, where she is taking the teacher's course and is carrying off the honors of her class.

Mr. Snook assisted materially in rebuilding the county almshouse, and was prominently identified with the early development and upbuilding of this section of the state. He and his wife experienced many of the hardships and trials which fall to the lot of the pioneer. As a prominent and influential citizen, Mr. Snook took a very active part in public affairs and held the office of county supervisor for eighteen years. In politics he was a republican. He was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, and also held membership in the Universalist church. After a useful and well spent life, he passed away on the 6th of May, 1898, and was laid to rest in the Sugar Grove cemetery.

LYSANDER BEVERLY.

Lysander Beverly, whose demise on the 1st of February, 1874, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret throughout the community in which he resided, was for many years a successful agriculturist of Kane county. He was born in New York, December 4, 1818, his parents being Asa and Sally (Curtis) Beverly. He made his way westward to this county in the year 1840 and from that time until his death was prominently connected with farming interests here. He owned a valuable tract of land of several hundred acres near Elgin, meeting with a large and well merited measure of prosperity in the cultivation of his fields. He was a well educated man and his opinions, which were often sought, were an influencing factor on all matters of general interest in the community.

On the 12th of March, 1865, Mr. Beverly was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Tracy, a daughter of Ira and Cornelia (Chase) Tracy, the former of York state and the latter a native of Massachusetts. The members of the Chase family were very pious and devoted church members in Elgin.



LYSANDER BEVERLY

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beverly were born five children, namely: Charles E., Louie L., Alice J., Amy D. and Tracy B.

In his political views Mr. Beverly was a democrat and served as school trustee for a number of years. Fraternally he was a Mason and in his life exemplified the teachings of that craft. During his residence here of more than a third of a century he gained an extensive circle of admiring friends and when he was called to his final rest the county mourned the loss of one of its prominent, progressive and most highly respected citizens.

JONATHAN TEFFT.

Jonathan Tefft won for himself a place among the prominent farmers and stock raisers of Kane county and his opinions upon any matter relating to the farm were largely received as authority. He was born in Lebanon, Madison county, New York, January 23, 1817, his parents being Jonathan and Elizabeth (Collins) Tefft. The family came to Illinois in 1835, before the land was surveyed, and a log cabin was erected east of Elgin in what is now Hanover township, Cook county. Three years before the white race had contested for the supremacy of this state with the red men, and only here and there had a little clearing been made to show that the former were victorious and were planting the seeds of civilization in Illinois soil. The home of the Tefft family comprised a claim of two hundred and ten acres, on which they resided until 1837, when they removed to what has since been designated as the old homestead farm, comprising two hundred and sixty acres. For more than thirty years Mr. Tefft remained a resident of the county and passed away January 26, 1866, in the city of Elgin, while his wife died August 24, 1856, on their farm in Elgin township.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Jonathan Tefft in his boyhood and youth. He was a lad of eighteen years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to the west, and here he became familiar with all of the incidents of pioneer life. His educational privileges were limited to the opportunities offered by the district schools. After coming to the west he assisted his father in farm work until 1839, when he and his brother purchased a claim of two hundred and fifty acres from their father and after dividing this with his brother Jonathan Tefft sold his portion—one hundred and eight acres—to Smith Harford in about 1844. He and his brother afterward carried on a meat market in Elgin from 1846 until 1850, and in the latter year Jonathan Tefft purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land, a part of which was across the boundary line of Cook county. To this he added thirty-six acres on the 14th of January, 1865. Soon afterward he sold the property to his brother, and on the 2d of March, 1865, purchased his father's homestead of two hundred and sixty acres, of which two hundred and eight acres lie in Cook county and fifty-two on section 36, Elgin township. He afterward added forty-seven acres to the tract and upon the farm made his home, being engaged extensively and

successfully in sheep raising, having at one time over six hundred head. In later years he turned his attention to dairying, milking sixty cows, his herd consisting of nearly one hundred head of full blooded and high grade Holsteins. He brought his farm under a high state of cultivation, equipped it with the best improvements and made it a model property. It is well drained and watered and Mr. Tefft added to it every modern accessory. In its midst he erected a large brick residence in attractive, modern style of architecture; also put up four barns, including a dairy barn thirty-six by ninety-eight feet, with eighteen-foot posts and basement. He also built another barn forty feet square, and a third one for hay, and likewise built a large tool house. He also built a carriage house, twenty-two by thirty feet, and everything was constructed in good style. The many improvements upon the place indicate clearly the thrift, enterprise and progressive spirit of the owner, who stood as one of the most progressive and prominent farmers of the county.

Mr. Tefft was married on the 8th of April, 1841, to Miss Delinda West, a native of New York and a daughter of Isaac West, of Kane county. They became the parents of five children, but three of the number died in infancy, while the others are Jennie and Frank, the latter a well known veterinary surgeon and business man of Elgin.

In community affairs Mr. Tefft took an active and helpful part, withholding his support from no movement or measure that he believed would prove of public benefit. He was for three years assistant supervisor, and for fifteen years occupied the position of highway commissioner. For a long period he was connected with the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Clintonville Lodge, No. 511, while later he affiliated with Elgin Lodge, No. 117, A. F. & A. M.; Monitor Chapter, R. A. M.; and Bethel Commandery, K. T. He was a member of the Board of Trade and of the Illinois Holstein Breeders' Association. Politically he was a stalwart republican, unswerving in his allegiance to the party. The success which he achieved in the business world was attributable to no fortunate combination of circumstances but resulted from energy and industry carefully directed. His investments were judiciously placed and he knew when and where and how to act, so that his labors resulted in bringing to him gratifying success. When he passed away, May 26, 1903, the county mourned the loss of one of its respected and honored citizens. Viewed thus, the work of Jonathan Tefft is not yet done, for out of the past his memory rises and stands as an example and incentive to the youth of the generations that are yet to come.

JAMES W. COLE.

James W. Cole, who began life for himself with nothing but his clear head, strong arm and determined spirit as weapons for the battle, has risen through his own efforts and capacity to a position of esteem in his community, of substantial comfort in a worldly way, and of influence in the

public affairs of his township. He is a native of Illinois, and was born at Winfield, DuPage county, September 21, 1879.

His father, James H. Cole, is a farmer and butter-maker, and lives at Plato Center. He was born in the state of New York and became a resident of Kane county when he was twenty-five. Here he was married to Miss May Etta Harvey, a native of the county and the daughter of one of its enterprising tillers of the soil. They became the parents of six children: James W.; Mabel, who married Frank McConnel, a farmer of Burlington township; Eldora, who is dead; Helen, who married James McEwan, also a Burlington township farmer; Ellen, who is living at home; and Myrtle, who is also deceased.

James H. Cole was educated in a country school which he attended until he was fifteen. He then secured work as a hired hand on a farm, and stuck to this engagement until he was married to Miss M. E. Martin, whose mother is dead and whose father is living in Batavia, where the remains of his wife rest. Mr. Cole's farming operations are vigorous and successful. He has this year (1908) thirty-five acres of his farm in corn, thirty in oats, eight in barley, and the rest of the one hundred and forty he farms is devoted to pasturage and hay. He keeps twenty-two cows and has other livestock in abundance for his needs. He belongs to the republican party and the Methodist Episcopal church.

MERTON H. BOWNE.

Merton H. Bowne, residing on his valuable farm of two hundred and ten acres, situated two miles east of Lily Lake on the Sycamore and St. Charles road, has demonstrated to his entire satisfaction that no vocation in life is so certain in its results, nor warrants such freedom and independence of action as does farm life. He was born in Campton township, May 17, 1876, the son of David and Nancy V. (Murphy) Bowne. He is of Holland Dutch descent through his paternal grandmother. His father was born in Tompkins county, New York, February 12, 1820. He was a blacksmith by trade, and hearing of advantageous openings for this line of work in the middle west, in 1840 he came to Illinois to personally investigate the matter, with the result that after a few months' residence here he located near St. Charles and opened up a blacksmith shop, conducting an extensive and prosperous business. His work was of a nature to bring him in contact with farmers principally and doubtless it was by reason of the friendships thus formed, as well as a recognition on his part of the value of the farming land of the community, that he was ultimately led to dispose of his blacksmith business and invest in the farm upon which our subject now resides. That he never regretted the change is evidenced by the fact that he remained on this farm throughout the remainder of his life. He was twice married, his first wife being Cynthia Emery. After her death he was again married, his second union being with Miss Nancy V. Murphy, whose father came to Illinois from Virginia. Unto

this union were born four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: William D., a farmer residing at Lily Lake; Leo H., who lives in St. Charles; Edna A., residing in Elgin; and Merton H., of this review. The father now lies buried in the Whitney cemetery, at Wasco.

Merton H. Browne is indebted to the district school in Campton township for his early education. He attended school regularly up to the time he was sixteen years of age, at which time he discontinued his studies to aid his father in the work of the farm, remaining under the parental roof up to the time of his marriage. On starting out for himself he first tried farming, which he later discontinued to accept a position as motorman on an electric car, and it is safe to assume that he then received his first lesson in the value of the independence of farm life, inasmuch as he gave up his position to return to agricultural pursuits, which he has followed diligently up to the present time, with the exception of one lengthened vacation he has allowed himself during which time he took an extensive trip through the eastern states.

On January 24, 1900, was celebrated the marriage of Merton H. Bowne and Miss Rosemonde Secombe, who was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, February 26, 1879. Her father was employed in a shoe factory there. Mr. and Mrs. Bowne have become the parents of four sons, namely: David, born September 6, 1902; Lauraine W., born December 21, 1903; Leroy H., born December 12, 1904, and Robert S., born May 12, 1906. In politics Mr. Bowne is a staunch republican; fraternally is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and religiously is a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JEREMIAH SHEPARD.

Jeremiah Shepard, deceased, was for many years one of the prominent and honored citizens of Aurora and at his home here on Fox street, he passed away May 30, 1898. He was born in Salem, Massachusetts, on the 1st of January, 1817, and was a son of Jeremiah and Ruth (Chever) Shepard. He was descended from a good old New England family, tracing his paternal ancestry back through Jeremiah, Jeremiah, Thomas, Nathaniel, Jeremiah and Thomas Shepard. The last named, a clergyman, was born in Towcester, England, November 5, 1605, and died in Cambridge, Massachusetts, August 25, 1649. He was graduated, with a high reputation for scholarship, from Emanuel College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, in 1625, and received his degree of Master of Arts in 1627. He was ordained in the established church, and in 1630 silenced for non-conformity. He was a vigorous and popular writer. In 1632 he married a cousin of Sir Richard Darley, Knight, and in company with his wife and child, came to America on the ship Defence, landing October 3, 1635, after an eleven weeks' passage. The following February the first parish was formed and he was ordained as pastor at Cambridge, Massachusetts. One writer calls him:

"That gracious, sweete, Havenly minded and soule-ravishing minister, Mr. Thomas Shepard, in whose soule the Lord shed abroad his love so abundantly." Cotton Mather says: "Let the reader go with me and I will show him one of the happiest men that ever we saw; as great a converter of souls as has ordinarily been known in our days." And once more he says: "It was with a respect unto the enlightening and powerful ministry of Mr. Shepard that when the foundation of a college was laid, Cambridge, rather than any other place was pitched upon to be the seat of that happy seminary." Thomas Shepard's son, Jeremiah, was educated at Harvard College and thoroughly prepared for the ministry. He is spoken of as having "native gifts and superior talents." Further reference is made to the ancestry of our subject in Edward Johnson's Massachusetts Historical Collection, XVII, 27; Cotton Mather's Magnalia and his lives of Chief Fathers of New England; Appleton's American Encyclopedia of Biography, and the History of Rowley and Lynn, Massachusetts.

Our subject's father, who also bore the name of Jeremiah Shepard, was commander of a privateer during the war of 1812, and his uncle, James Chever, Jr., commanded the famous and successful private armed ship, America, of Salem, Massachusetts. His grandfather, James Chever, "won distinction on both land and sea" during the Revolutionary war. (Washington War Records.)

Jeremiah Shephard, of this review, received his education in the historic old town of Salem, Massachusetts, and after a course in navigation made three trips on merchant vessels, twice around Cape Good Hope to Calcutta, Bombay and the East Indies and once to Antwerp. In 1835 he came west and joined his brother-in-law, John L. Clarke, who had located in Kendall county, Illinois. He bought a farm and soon his other brothers and sisters followed him, each purchasing farms in that vicinity. He was always active in all good works, being one of the first to establish and maintain good schools and always acting as school director. He was postmaster of Aurora for nine years, having removed to this city December 14, 1867, to educate his children. He held many other offices of trust and always capably and satisfactorily performed any duty that devolved upon him.

On the 20th of April, 1841, Mr. Shepard married Miss Ellen Theodosia Browne, a daughter of John and Cecilia (Le Sturgeon) Browne. She was born in Liverpool, England, January 15, 1820, and her parents dying before she was six years old she spent part of her early life in London with her aunt and part in Cambridge with her grandfather Le Sturgeon, with whom she came to America in 1838 and settled on a farm near Bristol, Illinois. Her grandfather passed away a few months after arriving in this country. She is now a woman of eighty-eight years, with a keen intellect, high spiritual attainments and a charm of manner which draws everyone to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepard had six children, three of whom survive:

Cecilia Shepard, born May 18, 1842, married Edmund S. Satterly, a prominent farmer of Kendall county, Illinois, who died in 1905. She now resides in Aurora with her two daughters, Cecilia May and Theodosia Ellen.

Charles Clarke Shepard, born in Kendall county, December 14, 1858, removed to Aurora in 1867, was educated in the East Aurora schools, entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, holding the positions of chief clerk of Master Mechanic Chalander, chief clerk of General Manager T. J. Potter, and secretary to the superintendent of locomotive power. He went to Buda, Illinois, about 1880 to take charge of the Buda Foundry & Manufacturing Company. This plant was moved to Harvey, a suburb of Chicago, about 1890, and greatly enlarged under Mr. Shepard's skillful management, until it included the manufacture of all kinds of structural iron work and all railroad supplies. Mr. Shepard sold his interest in 1904 and retired from active business. He makes his home at the Chicago Beach Hotel in winter and Alexandria, Minnesota, in summer. He and his family have traveled extensively, and he has large interests in Arizona, Florida and the island of Cuba. He was married in November, 1882, to Virginia Hard, a daughter of Dr. Abner Hard, of Aurora, and has one son, Charles Clarke, Jr., born in July, 1894, who is now a student in the University high school, Chicago. Ruth Chever Shepard, born August 28, 1861, in Kendall county, was educated in the East Aurora schools. She married Eben F. Beaupré, March 22, 1887. She is a prominent member of the Aurora Woman's Club, has been its president and has represented the club in the county and state federations.

Jeremiah Shepard, born in Kendall county, May 27, 1865, died in Helena, Montana, December 4, 1891, and was buried in Spring Lake Cemetery, Aurora. He was educated in East Aurora schools, entered the master mechanic's office of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; was transferred to auditor of expenditure's office in Chicago and became traveling auditor, with headquarters at St. Paul. He was married in that city in 1890, his wife dying February 13, 1900. He had one son, Charles Frederic (Fred), who makes his home in Aurora with Mr. and Mrs. Beaupré. Fred graduated in 1908 from the East Aurora schools with high honors, being chosen orator and valedictorian of his class. He entered Dartmouth College in the fall of 1908.

LEWIS PARQUETTE.

Lewis Parquette, who is successfully engaged in farming in St. Charles township, was born in Keeseville, New York, February 10, 1856, his parents being Nelson and Mary Parquette, who were born in 1815 and 1812 respectively. They came from Keeseville to St. Charles, Illinois, where the father passed away June 5, 1892. He had been a mason by trade. His wife died September 11, 1883, her remains being interred at Kankakee, Illinois. The record of the brothers and sisters of our subject is as follows: Mitchell, who was born in Canada, wedded Miss Carrie Perkins, of St. Charles, where he now carries on agricultural pursuits. Peter, a native of Canada, is a retired soldier residing in St. Charles, having married Miss Kate Daily,

of this place. Matilda and Alice, who were also born in Canada, are both now deceased. Nancy, also a native of Canada, married Frank Wickins, of Kankakee, Illinois, where she makes her home. Joe, whose birth likewise occurred in Canada, passed away on the 7th of July, 1895.

Lewis Parquette was but an infant when brought by his parents from Keeseville, New York, to St. Charles. Subsequently he went to Kankakee, but in 1884 returned to St. Charles, purchasing the farm of fifty-one acres on which he has since made his home. In addition to the work of general farming he conducts a dairy, having eleven head of cows, and takes his milk to Wasco. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he is meeting with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity and is well known as one of the progressive and enterprising residents of the community.

On the 10th of November, 1892, in St. Charles, occurred the marriage of Mr. Parquette and Miss Elvira Eaton, who was born in Burlington, Illinois, March 28, 1873. They have one daughter, Bessie Edna, whose birth occurred in St. Charles township, February 27, 1894, and who now attends school in Wasco, Illinois.

Mr. Parquette is independent in his political views, taking into consideration the capability and general fitness of the candidate for office rather than his party affiliation. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church of St. Charles, and he is a public-spirited citizen, giving his cooperation to every movement which tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community.

JOHN C. MOCK.

During all the years of his youth and manhood that have passed John C. Mock, an energetic and successful farmer of Plato township, has been engaged in the cultivation of the soil in the section which is now the scene of his enterprising and fruitful labors. He was born in Plato township, December 27, 1867, and is the son of James and Mary (Pickering) Mock, natives of England, but long residents of Kane county.

The father became a resident of Kane county, Illinois, immediately after his arrival in this country in 1853, and remained in the county until his death, September 2, 1905. His remains rest at Plato Center. The mother was brought to America by her parents in her childhood, and they came direct to this county, where they, also, passed the remainder of their lives. For seven years after his arrival in this part of the world the father worked as a hired hand on a farm. He then bought a farm of eighty acres, which he increased by subsequent purchases to one hundred and ninety. His political alliance was with the republican party and his church connection with the Anglican, or Protestant Episcopal, sect. He and his wife became the parents of five children, John's sisters and one brother being: Minnie, who is the wife of William Mock, a South Dakota grain merchant; Agnes,

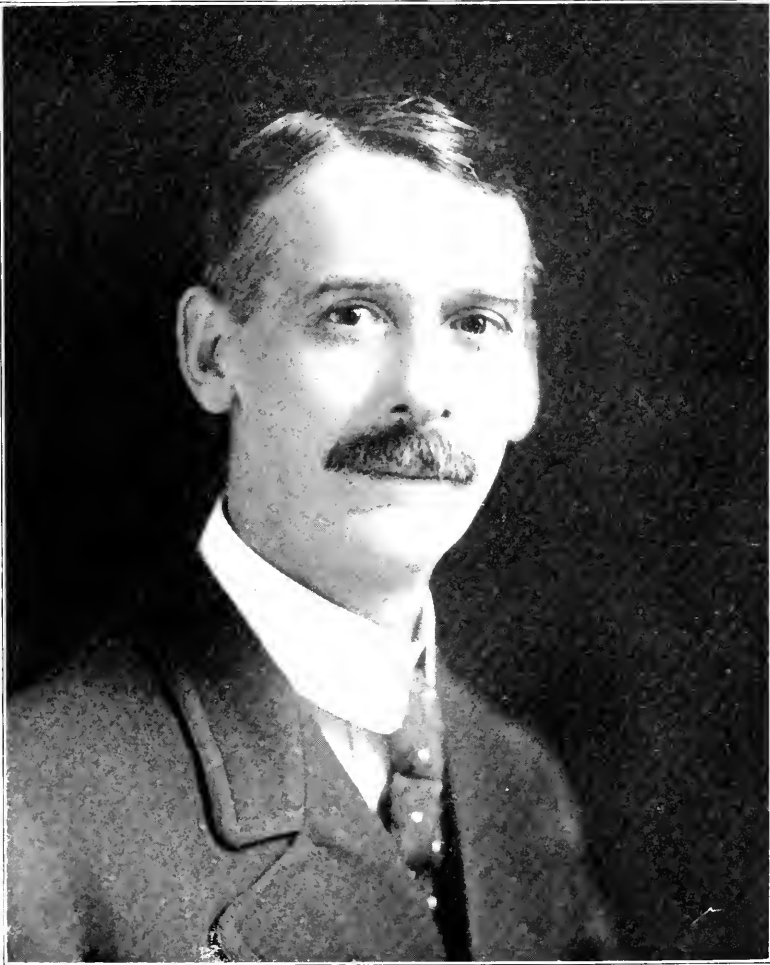
who lives at Plato Center; J. William, who is a farmer and dwells near Plato Center, and Annie, who passed away a number of years ago.

John C. Mock obtained his education in a district school, attending as he could until he reached the age of seventeen. After leaving school he became his father's regular assistant on the farm, remaining at home until his marriage June 15, 1896, to Miss Mabel Walker, of Campton township, when he bought his present farm and started farming on his own account. He and his wife have two children, Lulu and Charles, both still under the parental roof-tree.

Mr. Mock's farm comprises one hundred and thirty-five acres. It is well watered, abundantly supplied with fruit, yields generously to the skillful husbandry he bestows upon it, and is enriched with good improvements. It is one mile from a schoolhouse and three-fourths of a mile from the railroad station. Mr. Mock cultivates it with vigor and good judgment and secures excellent returns for his industry. He also carries on a brisk and profitable dairy business, keeping fourteen good cows for the purpose. His political attachment is to the republican party, but in local affairs he looks mainly to the good of the township and seeks to promote its best interests, as he does in every other way, being a progressive and public-spirited man. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people, whom he has served for years as school director, and is regarded as one of the township's most useful and representative citizens.

JACOB EUGENE FISHER.

Among the enterprises which constitute an element in the commercial prosperity and progress of Aurora is the wholesale and retail confectionery and bakery establishment owned by Jacob E. Fisher, an enterprising business man whose labors have made him one of the leading representatives of trade interests in this city. He was born in Seneca Falls, New York, March 15, 1861, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Schneck) Fisher, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, John Fisher, was also born in the Keystone state and became a farmer, devoting his entire life to agricultural pursuits. He married Anna Hinterleiter and died at Seneca, New York, at an advanced age, while his wife was about eighty-eight years of age at the time of her death. They had five sons and four daughters, John, Jacob, Daniel, Isaac, Joshua, Esther, Mary, Sarah and Frances. Of this family Jacob Fisher was the father of our subject. He was born in Pennsylvania, was reared to the occupation of farming and in early manhood wedded Elizabeth Schneck. She was a native of Pennsylvania, as were her parents. Jacob Fisher died at a comparatively early age, passing away in February, 1861, when about thirty-five years of age. His wife survived him for only two years. They were members of the German Reformed church and were worthy people, who enjoyed the high regard of all who knew them. Their family numbered three sons and two daughters, namely: Nellie, the deceased wife of



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Fred Jones; Susie, the wife of Edward C. Spencer, of Aurora; Adam H. and William F., both deceased; and Jacob Eugene.

The youngest of the family, Jacob Eugene Fisher, was left an orphan at a very early age, for his father died before the son was born and he was only two years old when his mother passed away. His boyhood days were spent near Geneva, New York, and he attended the district schools, after which he started in life on his own account, securing a clerkship in a general store, where he was employed for two years. He then attended the public schools of Geneva, eight miles away, going on the train in the morning but walking back in the evening. Few people would have attempted to obtain an education under such circumstances, but realizing the value of intellectual training and discipline as a preparation for life's work Mr. Fisher was willing to make this sacrifice. At length he received a regent's certificate entitling him to teach school and he followed the profession for three terms. In 1883 Mr. Fisher came to Illinois and settled at Aurora, accepting a position in Mason Brothers bakery, where he remained for seventeen years. He then bought his present business in 1900, his previous long experience in this line well qualifying him for the work that devolved upon him when he took charge of an enterprise of his own. He started in business on a small scale, but his trade rapidly increased and enabled him to establish a wholesale branch. In addition to the wholesale and retail confectionery and bakery business he also added a restaurant and ice cream parlor, and all branches of his business are now proving successful.

On the 13th of July, 1886, Mr. Fisher was married to Miss Charlotte Clute, a daughter of Jacob and Clarissa (Myers) Clute. They have now become parents of three sons, Paul Paisley, Edward Eugene and Wilfred Balliet. The parents are members of the First Congregational church, and Mr. Fisher belongs to Ben Hur Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and other fraternal societies, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He certainly deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for he is a self-educated as well as a self-made man. Starting out in life empty-handed he has gradually worked his way upward, achieving that success which comes from well developed powers and from ability intelligently applied. He now receives the respect of his associates and the admiration of his colleagues in the business circles of Aurora.

JOHN JACOB NIER.

John Jacob Nier is busily engaged in general agricultural pursuits in Kaneville township, operating a well-improved farm of eighty acres. He was born at Burr Oak, Indiana, October 1, 1876. His father, Henry Nier, was born in Ohio, and was taken to Indiana by his parents when quite young and there he engaged in truck farming after he had reached mature years. He was united in marriage to Miss Salome Friley, who was born near Ply-

mouth, Indiana, and their union was blessed with four children, three sons and one daughter, John Jacob being one of the number. The others are: Jeanette, who is the wife of Frank Smith, a mail carrier of South Bend, Indiana; Harry, an engineer in the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad Company, with headquarters in Los Angeles, California, and George, who is engaged in farming at Burr Oak, Indiana.

John Jacob Nier, whose name introduces this review, was reared on the farm in Indiana, assisting his father during the summer months, while in the winter seasons he pursued his studies in the schools of Marshall county. At the early age of fifteen he laid aside his text-books and sought and secured employment as a farm hand, being thus engaged for some time, while later he made his way to Illinois, where he was employed in a similar manner for five years. He then returned to the old home in Indiana, remaining in that state during the succeeding three years, after which he once more came to Kane county, where he has since made his home. He is now operating a tract of land comprising eighty acres, forty acres of which he has planted to corn and eighteen acres to oats, while the balance of the acreage is in grass.

Mr. Nier was married on the 25th of February, 1908, to Miss Abbey M. Miner, who was born in Kaneville, Illinois, and comes of one of the prominent pioneer families of that section of the state. Her mother still lives on a farm near that city. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Nier are as follows: Glen E., who is engaged in farming; Amos and George L., who have charge of the homestead property for their mother; Ava D., the wife of Clarence Gusler, who follows farming near Kaneville; Roy and Rose, who are at home. Her father, Malcom A. Miner, passed away February 12, 1907, his remains being interred in the Kaneville cemetery.

Mr. Nier gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party, but has never been active as an office seeker. He is working his way up to success and he and his estimable wife are prominent among a large circle of friends.

CARL MILLER.

Being left fatherless when he was but eight years old, and one of five children left by this bereavement for the mother to support, rear and educate, Carl Miller, of Plato township, was obliged to begin the battle of life for himself at an early age, and has ever since made his way by his own unassisted efforts. But he has never faltered in the fight, and can now feel the gratification of having won a substantial competence for himself and his family which places all beyond the reach of want except through some calamity or disaster.

Mr. Miller was born March 24, 1851, at New Lonschfütz, Germany, and is the son of Carl and Mollie (Miller) Miller, also natives of that country. The father served three years in the German army, as is the custom of

young men there, and as the law requires. He was married to Miss Mollie Miller of the same part of the fatherland as himself, and they had four children: Carl; Lena, who is the wife of Fred Krohn; Mollie, who is dead; and Morris, who is a farmer in Kane county. There was also in the family a half-brother of these children, Frank Bolwahan, a son of the mother by a former marriage. The father died in 1859, and in 1886 the mother came to the United States and found a new home in Kane county, taking up her residence in Plato township. She died in 1905.

Carl Miller was reared and educated in his native land, where he was married to Miss Emma Halm, also a native of Germany. He then worked seven years in a brush and broom factory in Germany, and at the end of that period emigrated to the United States. He hastened immediately to the rapidly growing interior and became a resident of Kane county, locating first at Plato Center. Here he worked as a day laborer for eighteen years, but he was frugal and economical, and out of his small wages managed to save enough to start his present home, which he has steadily made more comfortable and enjoyable.

Mr. Miller farms a considerable body of land and keeps twenty-five cows, from the product of which he conducts a flourishing dairy business, from which he realizes good returns. His farming is general and includes all the crops usual in the neighborhood, and the land is handled with vigor and skill. Four of his seven children are still living with him and assist in the labors of the farm and the dairy. They are Henry, May, Lena and Albertine. The older children, who are no longer members of the parental household, are: Minnie, the wife of R. Daviss; Louie L., who lives in Wayne, Illinois; and Lizzie, the wife of Arthur Hill.

Mr. Miller is prosperous and he well deserves his prosperity, for it is the result of his own assiduous and continued labor and frugal living. Fortune never smiled on him with her favors and he never courted her smiles except through the channel of honest, determined and continuous industry. As he has known how to care for his own interests, so he has been diligent and serviceable in helping to care for those of the community, giving his support to every worthy enterprise, and declaring always, by voice and assistance, for every undertaking in which he thought the welfare of his township was involved. His fellow citizens know his worth and appreciate it.

JOHN THOMAS MCGOWAN.

John Thomas McGowan, who has extensive farming and dairy interests in Campton township, was born here January 20, 1866, the son of Lawrence and Sarah H. (Hyre) McGowan. His father was a native of Syracuse, New York, but in early manhood he left that section and came to Illinois, locating in Campton township, where he made his home for the remainder of his days. He was a veteran of the Civil war, being a member of the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was with Sherman on his

celebrated march to the sea. Politically he was identified with the republican party. He was an active worker for his party's interests and held the office of school director for a number of years, also served as township collector. Religiously he was a faithful and consistent member of the Methodist church. He wedded Sarah H. Hyre, a native of Kane county, whose father was a noted and prosperous farmer. Four children were born to this union, of whom Charley and Anna are deceased. Hattie is the wife of Elmer Heath, a resident of South Elgin, who is in the employ of a large packing company of that place.

John Thomas McGowan received his education in the old stone school-house of his home district, which he attended regularly throughout the winter months up to the time he was eighteen years of age when, ambitious to make a start in life for himself, he secured employment as a farm hand. He followed this line of work for seven years, ever keeping in mind the end which he desired, that of having a farm of his own. Following his marriage he rented a place, from which time on his progress was more rapid, and the experience he had gained in working for others was turned to good account for himself. He has resided on his present place the last ten years, and has it systematically divided into various tracts in order to utilize it to the best advantage for his farming and dairy interests. Eighteen acres he has established in meadow and in 1908 he seeded twelve acres to barley, fifty to corn, eighteen to oats, and the balance, with the exception of the grounds occupied by the residence, orchard, garden and feed lots, is devoted to pasturage. His dairy herd consists of thirty-eight cows.

On March 22, 1893, occurred the marriage of Mr. McGowan and Miss Lena Hummel, who is a native of Chicago. Her father was a file cutter by trade, and removed with his family to California while she was an infant. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan have become the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Harriet Josephine, born June 5, 1896; Lawrence John, born August 2, 1898; Harold Edward, born November 8, 1901, and Marion, born July 6, 1906.

Mr. McGowan is yet a young man and the advancement he has already made in life bids fair to continue under the same good management, thrift and industry which he has displayed in the past. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

MRS. EMMA J. RAYMOND.

Mrs. Emma J. Raymond, who is now successfully engaged in the millinery business in Elburn, has spent her life in Kane county, St. Charles being her birthplace and her natal day October 25, 1867. Her father, Richard Cook, was a native of England, born December 26, 1836, and he was, therefore, about fourteen years of age when, in 1850, he came to the United States and located in St. Charles, where he secured employment in the construction of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. By living economically he was at

length able to purchase a farm and throughout the remainder of his life devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1861 he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Marshall, who was also born in England, March 5, 1844, and came to America in 1848, settling in St. Charles, Illinois, where their wedding was celebrated. Their children were Adella, who is the wife of H. C. Reed, a farmer of Elburn; Charles, deceased; Franklin, a farmer of Elburn; Addie, also a resident of Elburn; Fletcher, deceased; May S., the wife of W. C. Gee, a contractor and builder residing in Elburn; Walter M.; and Emma J., whose name introduces this sketch.

During the first seventeen years of her life, Mrs. Raymond attended school the greater part of the time, and she remained with her parents until she was married at Lily Lake, October 17, 1894, to George A. Raymond. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1857, and on coming to Elburn, Illinois, made his home with M. C. Gates for fifteen years. While residing at that place he served as city marshal for a time and later conducted a meat market, but on account of ill health he returned to Pennsylvania, where he passed away on the 9th of June, 1895.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Raymond again became a resident of Elburn. Feeling the need of a business education, she subsequently entered a commercial college at Elgin, where she pursued her studies in the evenings, while during the day she worked in the watch factory, thus earning the money to pay her expenses. On completing the course there, she took charge of her millinery establishment in Elburn and today has a well-equipped store and enjoys a good trade which is constantly increasing. She is a woman of good business and executive ability and usually carries forward to successful completion whatever she undertakes. She is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is held in the highest regard by all who know her.

ALBERT FAYETTE WADE.

Aurora was the home of Albert Fayette Wade for many years and he was recognized as one of the leading citizens, being prominently identified with public affairs. He was a native of New York, born in Newark Valley, Tioga county, on the 20th of July, 1834, and a son of Lewis and Harriet (Bowen) Wade, who were from Rhode Island and of English descent. The father, who was a soldier of the war of 1812, died in Newark Valley, Tioga county, New York, in 1862.

In the county of his nativity Albert F. Wade was reared and educated and he remained in the east until coming to Aurora, Illinois, in 1857. Later he went to Janesville, Wisconsin, where he was located when the Civil war broke out, and he enlisted in Company D, Second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He entered the service as orderly sergeant but was later promoted to first lieutenant of his company. On account of disability he was discharged March 19, 1862, and returned to Aurora, which city continued to

be his home throughout the remainder of his life. In 1873 he was elected superintendent of streets and so acceptably did he fill that position that each year he was reelected and continued to serve in that capacity until 1890. The following year he was made highway commissioner and was reelected to that office in 1894, serving as such at the time of his death, which occurred at Aurora, February 20, 1896.

Mr. Wade was married on the 29th of March, 1864, to Miss Elizabeth Postle, a daughter of William and Sarah (Gandy) Postle, of DeKalb county, Illinois. Of the six children born of this union, two died in infancy, those still living being Nellie E., now the wife of Oscar Gustason, of Elgin, by whom she has one son, Charles Wade, born September 8, 1908; Asa V., of Elgin, who married Hannah Helgeson and has three children, Albert F., Bernice and Ruth; Myrtle E., who married Edward Manning, living on a farm between Willow Hill and Newton, Illinois, and by whom she has three children, Lewis Fayette, Nellie E., and Mabel E.; and Mabel E., the wife of Charles Case, who is in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad at Aurora. In 1900 Mrs. Wade removed to Elgin, where she now makes her home, surrounded by many friends.

In his social relations Mr. Wade was an honored member of Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; Royal Arch Chapter, No. 22, and Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R. He served as president of the benevolent society connected with the last named organization and was commander of the Aurora branch of the Legion of Honor. He was very popular in social as well as business circles, exerting a wide and beneficial influence among his associates, and his circle of friends was almost coextensive with his circle of acquaintances. Religiously he was a member of the People's church.

BENJAMIN F. LAKE.

Benjamin F. Lake has ever been identified with the agricultural interests of Kane county, where he was born in Campton township March 21, 1846, the son of Ansel and Christine (Bonham) Lake. His father was a native of Orleans county, New York, and in his early days, long before the government surveys were run, he came to Illinois and entered one hundred and sixty acres of public land, on which he resided throughout the remainder of his life. He now lies at rest in the Wasco cemetery. He wedded Christine Bonham, who was a native of Canada. Seven children were born to this union, three sons and four daughters, namely: Aurela, the wife of George G. Hawley; Zylpha, the widow of Jefferson Garfield; David and George Lake, both of whom are deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Walter Phelps, a resident of Malta, Illinois; Alvira, the wife of F. Elliott, a farmer of Nevada, Iowa; and Benjamin F., of this review.

Benjamin F. Lake received his education in the Gray Willow school, which he attended regularly throughout the school year while in the pri-

mary grades, but later when he reached an age to be of assistance to his father on the farm his attendance was necessarily somewhat irregular, being confined to those months of the year when farming operations were suspended. He made the most of his opportunities, however, and persisted in his school attendance until nineteen years of age, during which time he received a good, practical education which served as a ground-work for his success in later years. At the age of nineteen he began renting farms and operating them in his own interest and the spirit of independence and self-reliance which he displayed at that early age have been manifested throughout his busy life and have been the prime elements of his success. He now conducts a dairy of eighty-six cows and in addition to his farming and dairy interests he also makes a specialty of dealing in milk cows, buying and selling them for the market and dairy purposes. He is recognized as an authority on the quality and grade of dairy stock.

Mr. Lake wedded Phylantha Vanderhoof and three children have been born to their union, namely: Frank B., who resides at home; Fred B., who married Jane Crystal; and Zylpha, the wife of B. Brown, a prosperous farmer residing near Wasco.

Politically Mr. Lake is identified with the republican party. He has held the office of school trustee for a number of years and is at present supervisor of his township, an office which he is most creditably and satisfactorily filling. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

IRBIN R. GRAMLy.

With the farming and dairy interests of Kaneville township Irbin R. Gramly has been identified since reaching man's estate. He was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, on the 12th of May, 1871, a son of B. F. and Margaret (Spangler) Gramly. The mother is now deceased. Their other children were: Abner, also deceased; Uriah, who is now engaged in the fruit business in California; Charles, a farmer of Kaneville township; Ira, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Kansas; Dinah, the wife of Jerry Lutz, a farmer of Kaneville township; and Katy, the wife of Thomas Fuller, of the same township.

Irbin R. Gramly was quite young when brought by his parents to this county and he obtained his education in the Flanders district school, in which district he still resides. He attended school during the winter months until twenty years of age, while throughout the summer he assisted in the work of the home farm.

In 1891 Mr. Gramly was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Coryell, a native of Illinois, whose mother is now deceased, but her father is still living and makes his home in Kaneville township. Mr. and Mrs. Gramly have two children: Howard U. and Merritt M., both at home.

After his marriage Mr. Gramly entered a farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres from his father. This farm consists of some of the best land

found in this section of the state, is well watered and highly improved, and is pleasantly located two and a quarter miles west of the village of Kaneville. Mr. Granly makes a specialty of stock raising. He annually ships two or three carloads of stock to Chicago and keeps twenty cows for dairy purposes. He is a very energetic and enterprising farmer and is meeting with well-deserved success in his labors as he thoroughly understands the occupation he has chosen as a life work. He is an honored member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Mystic Workers and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church, while his political support is given the democratic party.

FRANK R. BRAUN.

Frank R. Braun, president of the Johns & Braun Company, manufacturers of sash, doors and blinds, is a self-made man who has gained his present standing in the business world by his close application and unflinching diligence. He was born in Luxemburg, Germany, November 10th, 1857, the son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Reinhardt) Braun. The father was engaged in garden farming and was also a veterinary in Germany. He came to America with his family in 1871 and settled in Aurora, where for many years he lived retired. He continued a resident of this city until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-two years of age. His wife survived him and died in the '90s, when she was seventy-three years of age. Both were members of the German Catholic church. Their family numbered ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom six are yet living, namely: Anna, the wife of Joseph Kellar, of Liebern, Belgium; Susan, the wife of Martin Schleater, a lumber merchant of Chicago; Elizabeth, the wife of Barney Welter, a tobacco merchant of Chicago; Frank, who is living in Aurora, Illinois; Frank R., of this review; and Harry, of Aurora.

Frank R. Braun was fourteen years of age when he came with his parents to the United States. He acquired a common-school education in Germany and worked in the furniture store of Bevier & Eggermann, with whom he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which he followed until they sold out. He then went to house building for a time and afterwards worked in the coach and building department of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad shops for twelve years, but ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunity that offered for advancement in the business world and each successive forward step brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunity. In 1893 he formed a partnership with Philip Johns, W. N. Schuler and others, under the name of the Johns & Braun Company, for the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, store and bank fixtures and interior finishings of all kinds. The enterprise proved profitable from the beginning, and they now employ from twenty-five to thirty men in the conduct of the business, which is bringing to them a good return.



FRANK R. BRAUN

Mr. Braun was married in 1880 to Miss Susan Dillenburg, a daughter of Frank and Margaret (Knivler) Dillenburg. Mr. and Mrs. Braun became the parents of three children, who are yet living: Frank M., John N. and William F. The parents are members of St. Nicholas Catholic church and Mr. Braun belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters, to the Knights and Ladies of Honor and to the Luxemburg Club. Politically he is independent, voting for men and measures rather than for party. For several years he has served as judge of elections. He lives at No. 275 Jefferson avenue, where he has erected a substantial home. As the architect of his own fortunes he has also built up a substantial structure and is now numbered among the representative residents of Aurora, controlling a business that is constantly growing in volume and importance.

MR. AND MRS. J. D. DUNNING.

Josiah D. Dunning, who died March 1, 1889, was of old New England stock. On the ancient records of what is now the First Church of Bridgeport, Connecticut, may still be read the entry of the baptism, in 1703, of Benjamin and John Dunning, who were themselves probably grandsons of a Jonathan Dunning who was living in Killingworth, Connecticut, as early as 1664. The subject of this sketch was descended from the above Benjamin Dunning, who was one of the first settlers of Newton, Fairfield county, Connecticut, about 1710. His sixth son, Michael, born in 1730, moved with his family in 1762 to Pownal, the southwest corner town of Vermont, and during the Revolution was an active patriot and one of the organizers of the force of militia with which Ethan Allen took Ticonderoga. His second son, Josiah, born in 1755, was a member of that command and was in the service after this force was disbanded, at Bennington and Saratoga, and later received a pension for his services, an interesting record of which is now on file in Washington.

The first son of the above Josiah, was Allen, born in 1778, who married at the age of nineteen and a little later settled in what was then a wilderness, near Ticonderoga, New York, where he raised fifteen sons and daughters, the eldest son being Josiah D. Dunning, late of this place, who was born in Ticonderoga, February 25, 1803. The great family growing up about him made the lot of the eldest brother a hard one, and if necessity had not prevented, there were in the vicinity only the rudest facilities for education. When nearly arrived at manhood, however, Josiah D. Dunning, by his own exertion, succeeded in getting a few months' schooling at Castleton Academy, Vermont, a school then of some reputation, where, besides the elementary branches, he seems to have received little instruction except in the elements of surveying. He had an acute mind, however, and his knowledge of what he had studied was more thorough than most men of his opportunities ever attain, and for some time he was a teacher of schools, chiefly in western

New York, and a successful one. He also became much interested in the work of education and impressed with its value.

In 1832 he married Eudoxea Smith, of Orwell, Vermont, and about that time engaged in business in Sodus, Wayne county, New York, thirty miles east of Rochester, where he soon became a prominent man in the community, serving as postmaster under Jackson's or Van Buren's administration, and as lieutenant and captain in the New York state militia. In the early days of the Washingtonian temperance movement he was one of its active followers. He was prosperous in business until some time after the panic of 1837, but was finally brought down with the rest, and in 1843 began life anew with his wife and four little children on a prairie farm in Big Rock, thirteen miles west of Aurora, where, for years, the struggle for existence was most severe. The labors of a pioneer, however, did not absorb all his energies. He was always interested in public affairs. The public school in his district being miles away from his house, he instituted a regular system of home instruction for his children, who recited regular lessons to him throughout the winter for many years. To help in giving instruction in geography he drew on the kitchen wall of the house (now occupied by Mr. William Hodgman) a large outline map of the United States, with the states colored. The house was on a great thoroughfare, over which, for one hundred and fifty miles, farmers hauled their wheat to Chicago and hundreds of them stopped there for water, etc., and among them the house became known as "the house with the map on the wall." There probably still survives here and there an old pioneer between Princeton or Dixon, and Chicago, who will remember this map. This is mentioned to show the great interest which he took in the education of his children who, until they were grown, was truly his first care. It must be nearly forty years ago, as he was pitching hay in the field that he said to a neighbor: "I would rather leave my children an education than money. They might lose the money; the education can't be taken from them." During one winter, when nearly fifty, he served as teacher of the schools in this district and had among his pupils John J. Davis, now of Aurora; Zachariah Squires, Jr., and Charles Squires, of Chicago, and D. M. Shonts, of Plano, besides his own children.

Having some knowledge of legal methods, and there being no lawyer near by, while living at Big Rock he was often called in by his neighbors to act as counsel for them in justice courts and to draw up legal papers and had very considerable success even when opposed to regular members of the bar. The acuteness of his intellect would doubtless have made him a great lawyer if he had had the requisite training, but under the circumstances it is probable that this practice and his success in it were really a misfortune for him.

When township organization was first adopted in Kane county, Mr. Dunning took very great interest in town affairs. He was the first supervisor of Big Rock, and though a democrat in a whig town, was reelected year after year nearly until his removal to Aurora in 1856, and he was one of the most active and useful members of the board. At that time, though only fifty-three, the severe labors in his first years of farming had worn away

his strength and vigor. The only considerable occupation he had after this time was the building of the block of stores at the foot of Galena street and the unsuccessful struggles to free himself from the debts incurred in this enterprise, which swallowed up the little capital he had brought from his farm. He indeed lived to a good old age, but for many years he had been very feeble. He came of a long-lived race. His father was eighty-three when he died, his grandfather eighty-seven and his great-grandfather eighty-one.

Eudoxea Smith, for fifty-five years the wife of the above J. D. Dunning, and who survived him only three hours, was the daughter of a well-to-do farmer of Orwell, Vermont. She had been the mother of ten children, only four of whom survived infancy. Before marriage she was a teacher and from about 1838 to 1853 she was an invalid, often dangerously ill, and no one supposed that she would live long enough to be called old, notwithstanding which she lacked less than two months of the age of eighty-four when she died, and for thirty years, though always feeble, she enjoyed as good health as most people of her age and preserved her mental faculties unimpaired to the end. Her ill health in middle life made her life more quiet even than that of most domestic women. She rarely left her home and consequently her circle of acquaintances was small. This was a misfortune for the community in which she lived, for hers was a nature gentle and refined, whose simple presence checked coarseness and made the rough tender and courteous. She was a most faithful wife, a devoted mother and an earnest Christian of deeply religious nature, and she has gone to her reward.

WALLACE E. MUNDY.

Among the prosperous farmers of Kaneville township who owe their success in life entirely to their own unaided efforts is numbered Wallace E. Mundy, who has been dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood since the age of eleven years. He is a native of Illinois, born in Champaign county, September 15, 1862, and is a son of Stephen Mundy, whose birth occurred in Ontario county, New York. He was attacked with the gold fever which broke out on the discovery of the precious metal in California in 1848, and going to the Pacific slope he spent nine years in mining. On his return to New York he married Miss Jane Burrell, who was born near Dansville, that state, and later they removed to Illinois, locating near Champaign. He was an ardent republican in politics and was a prominent Mason, having taken the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. In his family were six children, namely: Frank M., a farmer of South Dakota; Thomas M., who was killed in a railroad accident while serving as conductor on a passenger train; Samuel B., who was also killed in a railroad wreck; Stephen E., now a farmer of Oklahoma; William P., a cigarmaker of St. Louis; and Wallace E., whose name heads this sketch.

Wallace E. Mundy was only eleven years of age when his father died and he was forced to begin the battle of life for himself. He attended the district schools a part of the time until fifteen and since then has devoted his entire time and attention to the acquirement of a home and competence. He first secured employment as a farm hand, working by the month until twenty years of age, and the following year worked with his brother.

Mr. Mundy was then married to Miss Stella Young, who was born in Bristol, Illinois, and they became the parents of five children, namely: Lottie A., now the wife of Rolland Bateman; Thomas B., who is employed in a cement factory in Kaneville; and Napoleon B. Eva M. and Ivan, all three at home.

After his marriage Mr. Mundy rented a farm, being able to engage in agricultural pursuits on his own account. He had received only \$125 from his father's estate, but managed to save some money from his wages while working as a farm hand. He continued to operate rented land until thirty-two years of age and by untiring industry and careful management he was then able to purchase eighty-acres of land near Little Rock, on which he lived for five years. In the meantime he prospered as the time went by and then bought the farm in Kaneville township, where he now resides. Here he owns two hundred and seven acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings. The place is well watered and supplied with a fine variety of fruit. It is conveniently situated two miles west of Kaneville on the Kaneville and Hinckley road and the air of thrift which pervades the place indicates the owner to be one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers of this county. He is quite a chicken fancier, preferring the Rhode Island Reds, and he also gives considerable attention to the raising of stock, shipping about three carloads of cattle and hogs yearly to Chicago. Politically he proudly follows the footsteps of his father, unswerving in his support of the republican party. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church and socially is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. He stands foremost in his community as one of its leading and influential citizens and is a man honored and esteemed wherever known.

C. EUGENE MORRILL.

C. Eugene Morrill, the efficient city clerk of Elburn, was born in Kaneville township, Kane county, Illinois, on the 18th of May, 1850, his parents being Samuel M. and Emily (Stearns) Morrill. The father made his way to Illinois in 1845, taking up his abode near Elburn. The record of his children is as follows: George S., who is employed as an engineer in Chicago; J. S., an employe of the Bowman Dairy Company, in Elburn; Mabel M., who is the wife of Andrew Peterson and resides in Elburn; and Emma D., who has passed away.

C. Eugene Morrill, the other member of the family, attended school until eighteen years of age and subsequently followed the profession of teaching for a period of eight years. In 1879 he was elected cashier of the Bank of Elburn, continuously remaining in that position until the institution sold out in 1898. He was then elected city clerk of Elburn and has capably filled the office to the present time. In addition to his official duties he has been employed as bookkeeper by the Crown Electric Company, of St. Charles, since 1903, and is widely recognized as a most public-spirited and enterprising citizen.

On the 7th of April, 1883, Mr. Morrill was united in marriage to Miss Anna S. Hughes, whose birth occurred in Lemon, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1861. Their children are: Miranda M., the wife of Robert L. Perry, an electrician of Chicago; William S., at home; and Bernice C., who is engaged in teaching in Kaneville township, having graduated from the Elburn high school in 1906.

Politically Mr. Morrill is a staunch republican and takes an active and helpful interest in the local work of the organization, having served as clerk of Blackberry township for twenty-five years and as justice of the peace for two terms. Fraternaly he is a Knight Templar Mason and is likewise connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he is acting clerk. Having lived in Kane county throughout his entire life, he has witnessed much of its growth and development and has become widely known as one of its most progressive and esteemed residents.

KARL DANNER.

Landing in Elgin, Illinois, sixteen years ago with but fifty cents as the sum of his worldly wealth, and now one of the substantial and successful farmers of Kane county, Karl Danner is a striking type of the resourceful and self-reliant man of thrifty habits, who only needs the opportunities this country affords to forge ahead in the race of life and win his way over all obstacles.

Mr. Danner was born in Germany, July 20, 1866, and is a son of L. and Barbara (Deitz) Danner, also natives of that great country. The father was a soldier in the German army four years, and afterward a farmer, and also connected with the wine industry. Three children were born to him and his wife: Jacob, who is a wine merchant in Germany; Caroline, who is the wife of Mr. Fischer and lives in Germany, where her husband is engaged in farming; and Karl.

Karl Danner went to school in his native land until he reached the age of fifteen, then, after working some years in the wine trade, turned his attention to farming. He came to the United States in 1892 and located in Elgin, Illinois. For a time after his arrival in this county he farmed for others on shares, then began the same occupation on his own account. He has prospered in all his undertakings, and it is due to himself that he has. For

he has been industrious, knowing and economical, making every day of his time and every dollar of capital, as he acquired it, tell to his advantage.

His first marriage was with Miss Carrie Wiess, who was born in Germany and is now dead. Her remains were buried in Elgin. They had five children: Richard, who is working by month away from home; Charles, who is farming in Kane county; Lena, who is also at home; Hazel, who is a resident of South Dakota; and Fanny, who is a resident of Elgin. Mr. Danner's second marriage was with Miss Lena Baulinger, also a native of Germany, who came to this country when she was a small girl, and settled with her parents in Elgin. By the second marriage Mr. Danner has four children: Emma, Carrie, Frankie and Mary, all of whom are at home.

In addition to his general farming operations, which are extensive and carried on with vigor and good judgment, Mr. Danner has a flourishing dairy business with twenty to thirty cows as its basis of supplies. While pushing his own interests with unflinching diligence and energy, he has not been unmindful of those of the community around him, but has given his aid willingly and readily to every worthy cause for the promotion of the welfare of his township and its people. He is devoted to the institutions of his adopted country and cheerfully bears his portion of the burden of supporting them and augmenting their usefulness.

HERMAN J. WIESE.

Herman J. Wiese, a successful farmer and dairyman of Plato township, where he operates a farm of one hundred and ten acres and conducts a dairy, was born in Kentucky, November 24, 1882, the son of Fred J. and Dora (Frebbeine) Wiese. His father is a native of Germany, where he was educated in the common schools. He came to America in 1882, accompanied by his wife and located in Kentucky, where, however, he only remained for a short time, going from there to Chicago and later removed to Hampshire, where he engaged in farming operations, an occupation in which he has continued to the present time. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wiese have been born nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: Anna, the wife of August Rabe; Henry, a motorman of Elgin, Illinois; Minnie, the wife of Herman Rabe; William, deceased; Alvina, the wife of George Lasemann; Fred, at home; August, who resides in Hampshire township; Johnnie, residing with his parents; and Herman J., of this review.

Herman J. Wiese received his education in the district school of Plato township, which he attended regularly throughout the school year while in the primary grades, but when he reached an age to be of assistance to his father on the farm his attendance was necessarily somewhat irregular, being confined to those months of the year when farming operations were suspended. He received, however, a good practical education. He learned to be a butter-maker, and followed this occupation for three years. His ambition, however, was to conduct a farm of his own, and he did not cease in

his efforts in this direction until his aim was accomplished. He is now well established with all the necessary farm animals and implements for the conduct of his business and feels that the road to success and prosperity stretches straight before him, and that in the future he has only to continue on the same lines that he has followed in the past in order to attain a competency.

On April 6, 1904, in Elgin, occurred the marriage of Mr. Wiese and Miss Emma Werrbach, whose parents, Andrew and Catherine Werrbach, are living in Plato Center. They were born in Germany and were brought to America when three and four years of age, respectively. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Wiese are: John and Frank, both of whom are carpenters, the former residing in Elgin, and the latter in Plato; Samuel and Edward, both of whom are farmers of this township; Annie, who resides at Plato Center; Minnie, the wife of Bert Rash; Lydia, who is a clerk in Elgin, and George, who resides at home with his parents; two died in childhood.

Politically Mr. Wiese is identified with the republican party, in whose interests he is an active worker. Religiously he is a faithful and consistent member of the Lutheran church.

COLONEL EDWARD S. JOSLYN.

Colonel Edward S. Joslyn was born in New York state in 1827, and came to Illinois with his father about 1837. In the '50s he came to Elgin and by 1860 was well established as a rising lawyer and public speaker. When the war of the Rebellion arose he was captain of a militia company known as the Washington Continentals because of the Revolutionary uniforms they had adopted. Northern Illinois possessed no other company as well equipped and drilled at that time. Colonel Ellsworth, then of Chicago, frequently visited the Continentals and drilled them. When hostilities began in 1861 this company was the first to enlist on the call for troops and was enrolled as Company A of the Seventh Regiment. It was enlisted for three months and did valiant service. At the end of that period most of the company reenlisted in the Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteers, of which Colonel Joslyn was made lieutenant colonel, in which position he continued until his retirement on account of sickness induced by the southern climate.

During his large experience at the Kane county bar, no man was held in higher esteem for eloquence, legal ability and integrity. His word once given was inviolate. He was elected states attorney in the early '70s, and few deserving punishment escaped. As a criminal lawyer he was widely known and was employed to prosecute or defend nearly every important case during his activity. The celebrated Bailey case tried at Wheaton is still recalled, and the speech made by Colonel Joslyn in defense of the man who shot the invader of his home is mentioned as an eloquent and powerful an appeal as its auditors ever listened to. It acquitted the prisoner.

In 1871-73 Colonel Joslyn was employed by the Chisholm family to try the celebrated Emma mine case. This mine was located in Utah and Colonel Joslyn went to that state and lived there nearly three years preparing for the case, which involved property worth several million dollars. He lived the life of a miner in order to gather evidence and made speeches to the Mormons on the Fourth of July and other occasions to become acquainted with the people. The case came to trial, and after a speech occupying four days, during which the sympathizers on both sides sat in the courtroom with pistols at hand, he won the verdict.

As an orator Colonel Joslyn was known throughout Illinois, which he "stumped" during every campaign until the '80s. He was twice mayor of Elgin, and from 1855 to 1878 was continuously a member of the common council and as much as any citizen then active, aided in giving direction to the development of the then new city. It is said of him that frequently while seeking office, when the papers were opposed to him, he would get on a dry-goods box on Fountain Square and proclaim to the people his policy and the fallibility of all newspapers.

He was a man of great intelligence and independence of character. He died October 5, 1885, at the age of fifty-nine years. A monument was placed at his grave in the cemetery in Elgin by the Kane County Bar Association as a token of the esteem in which he was held by his associates.

His widow, Jane (Padelford) Joslyn, is still living and resides with her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Goodrow, at Oak Park, Illinois. Their children were: Edward F., Fred M., Frank Wilber, Mary G., now Mrs. H. L. Goodrow, of Oak Park, Illinois; George, who died in childhood; Rodolphus Waite; Lorenzo D., now of Oklahoma; Florence and Isadore, who died in youth; and Harriet L., now Mrs. M. D. Hendrickson, of Elgin, Illinois.

REV. FATHER JOHN F. SCHMITT.

Rev. Father John F. Schmitt, pastor of St. Joseph's parish in Aurora, was born in McHenry county, Illinois, July 18, 1865. He was one of the eleven children of John F. and Maria (Schmitt) Schmitt and worked on the farm until nineteen years of age, when he went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He spent nine years in St. Francis Seminary of that place, pursuing classical and special courses, and in 1894 was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Katzer of Milwaukee.

He was then assistant at Rochelle, Illinois, for three years and subsequently was assistant in St. Nicholas church of Aurora for a similar period. On the 17th of July, 1898, the first meeting for the purpose of founding St. Joseph's parish was held in a schoolhouse, and St. Joseph's church was temporarily placed under Father Schmitt's charge. They purchased ten lots, fifty by one hundred and fifty feet, and funds were collected with which to commence building in the fall of 1898. Negotiations were also begun for the opening up of High and Root streets to the city limits. On the 1st of February, 1899,



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Father Schmitt was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's parish by Archbishop Feehan, and on the 1st of October, 1899, the first mass was celebrated in the new church edifice. The school opened with two hundred and twenty-five pupils and this number has been increased until two hundred and eighty-two students are now enrolled on its membership list. There are three hundred and twenty-five families under Father Schmitt's charge and, although all of them are working people with limited financial resources, he has accomplished a great and good work in the upbuilding of the parish, which is located in one of the poorest districts of the city. He likewise lectures for the different societies affiliated with the church. From February 13, 1906, until October 12, 1906, he was assisted by Father Edward Berthold, afterward by Francis Cichozki and now by Charles Nix. He has worked zealously and earnestly for the advancement of Catholicism here and his labors have been an important element in the moral development of Aurora.

OSCAR A. NELSON, G.D.

Oscar A. Nelson, G. D., is the proprietor of the Nelson Institute of Elgin, and the Norman Institute in Chicago, and although a resident of America for but a brief period, has already gained wide reputation in the treatment of disease through Swedish massage, medical gymnastics, physical culture and electrical, mineral water and incandescent light baths. He came to America well equipped for the work which he proposed to undertake.

He was born in Stockholm, Sweden, June 24, 1882, attended the public schools of that city and was graduated in Wegart Medico Gymnastic Institute at Stockholm in 1894. He had come to America prior to his graduation and after the completion of his course in his native land he located in Elgin, Illinois, where he has built up a very extensive practice. His place in Chicago is the largest of its kind in the city and in his work he is assisted only by Swedish graduate masseuses, giving Swedish massage, medical and orthapatic gymnastics, physical culture and electrical, mineral water and incandescent light baths. There is a special department for ladies and the institute has received a liberal patronage. The medical profession is thoroughly in sympathy with Mr. Nelson's system and almost daily patients are sent to his institute by medical practitioners. Both his institutes are equipped with the most modern appliances and there are new, clean and sanitary rooms for private treatment, with gymnasium and medical bath departments, private dressing rooms and rest rooms. Although Mr. Nelson has only been established in this country for a little more than four years he has become very widely and favorably known and his system is rapidly winning its way to public favor.

In his art Mr. Nelson follows the methods of Peter Henry Ling, the Swedish originator of the gymnastic system. This form of treatment, however, is almost as old as civilization. It was used by the ancient Greeks and Romans long before the Christian era, being employed in connection with

their famous baths. Men whose names have come down to us as those of prominent representatives of their time are known to have taken such treatments for headaches, fevers and other disorders. However, it remained to Ling to put the work into a system and bring it before the public. Although the system has been in practice for many years in Sweden it is comparatively new in America, but the beneficial results to be derived therefrom are securing for it many patrons in the new world.

Dr. Nelson was married on the 13th of July, 1907, to Miss E. G. Stiles, of Elgin, and they make their home in this city. He is meeting with a measure of success that proves the wisdom of his choice of a location and makes him well content with his sojourn in America.

CHARLES ALLAN PRATT.

Charles Allan Pratt, a well-known Illinois journalist, who is at present editor and publisher of the Elburn Herald, is a native of Pennsylvania. His ancestors were of English origin, coming to this country in the early part of the seventeenth century, and settling originally in New York. One branch of the family moved to western Pennsylvania in pioneer days, and an uncle now owns the original homestead in Greene county, Pennsylvania, on which a military post was situated during the Revolutionary war. This place has been in possession of the family continuously for one hundred and forty years. The members of another branch of the family were pioneers of Kentucky and one of them, James Garard, served as governor of the state from 1802 to 1804.

Charles Allan Pratt came to Illinois with his grandparents when a little lad of eight years, and was educated in the public schools of Princeville, Peoria county. He early developed a taste for literature and newspaper work and published his first paper at Princeville when nineteen years of age. At the age of twenty-one years he became associate editor of the Peoria Daily Democrat, later the Transcript, and with the exception of four years' service as postmaster of Buda, Illinois, has been continuously engaged in the newspaper business to the present time. He has devoted much time to literary work aside from his newspaper duties, has been a frequent contributor to the metropolitan press and magazines and is the author of the political novel, "John Rutledge, Jr." which attracted much attention at the time of its publication. He early developed marked ability as an orator and public speaker and his services have been in popular demand on such occasions as the 4th of July and Decoration Day. His Memorial Day address, delivered at Waukegan, Illinois, was published in pamphlet form and met with an extensive sale. After one of his lectures, entitled "Patriotism; or What We Owe to the Soldier," the Nunda Herald published the following: "Mr. Pratt is a classical and finished orator and held his audience almost breathless, as with the skill of a master he painted word scenes that entranced every hearer with their beauty. Taking as his illustrious example the sacred man

of Galilee, whose voice centuries ago stilled the waves of the sea, he rapidly touched upon the great events of history down to the present time, leading to the certain conclusion that patriotism and love of country is the only sure and safe salvation of a nation. Few speakers ever heard in Nunda have condensed more thought or beauty of language in so short a time." Mr. Pratt is at present editor and publisher of the Elburn Herald, which he established in March, 1908, and which is meeting with gratifying success.

Mr. Pratt has always taken an active interest in political and public affairs, using his influence for the betterment of the community in which he lives. At the age of twenty-two he began delivering temperance lectures throughout central Illinois, and his labors in this cause have been far-reaching and beneficial. At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing him to be a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in his individuality, he never lacks the courage of his convictions but there are as dominating elements in this individuality a lively human sympathy and an abiding charity, which, as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally gained to him the respect and confidence of men.

JUDGE MARCUS O. SOUTHWORTH.

Judge Marcus O. Southworth, a prominent and successful lawyer of Aurora, was born on his father's farm at Mission Point, La Salle county, Illinois, April 1, 1841, his parents being George A. and Cornelia (Bowen) Southworth. The former was born at Bridgewater, Oneida county, New York, April 14, 1808, and in the spring of 1835 came to Illinois, settling near Aurora. He afterward removed to Chicago, and, being a well-educated man, taught school in the metropolis. Subsequently, however, he located on a farm in La Salle county, residing there until 1870, when he came to Aurora, his demise there occurring July 2, 1871. He had been a stalwart republican since the organization of the party and was a political leader, prominent in his district. His wife, who was a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Cole) Bowen, of New York, died in July, 1906, when ninety-two years of age. Unto this worthy couple were born two children: Marcus O., of this review, and Mary J., whose demise occurred in March, 1908. The latter had been the wife of A. D. Southworth, a banker of Wabasha and Northfield, Minnesota.

Marcus O. Southworth acquired his preliminary education in the district schools of his native county and subsequently spent a year at Batavia Institute, studying Latin and Greek. Afterward he entered a preparatory school at Beloit and was graduated from Beloit College in 1863. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work, he entered the office of DeWolf & Pinkney, at Dixon, Illinois, where he remained about a year. During the succeeding four years, however, he assisted in the work of the home farm, owing to

his father's ill health. Subsequently becoming a student in the University of Michigan, he was graduated from the law department of that institution in 1871, and from that time to the present has successfully followed his profession in Aurora. He served for three terms as city attorney, and in 1894 was elected judge of the county court of Kane county, serving for twelve years. The legal profession demands not only a high order of ability but a rare combination of talent, learning, tact, patience and industry. The successful lawyer and the competent judge must be a man of well-balanced intellect, thoroughly familiar with the law and practice, of comprehensive general information, possessed of an analytical mind and a self-control that will enable him to lose his individuality, his personal feelings, his prejudices and his peculiarities of disposition in the dignity, impartiality and equity of the office to which life, property, right and liberty must look for protection. Possessing these qualities, Judge Southworth justly merited the high honor which was conferred upon him by his election to the bench. Since retiring from that office he has given his attention to his law practice and has an extensive and profitable clientage. He is likewise the vice president and was one of the organizers of the Aurora National Bank, and is widely known as an influential and representative citizen.

On the 26th of September, 1866, Judge Southworth was united in marriage to Miss Gabrielle Mills, of Lockport, Illinois, and a daughter of Joel and Eliza (Hale) Mills, of Genesee county, New York.

Like his father, Judge Southworth is a supporter of the republican party and has served on the Aurora school board for twenty-five years, acting as its president for eight years. He is active in the work of the Congregational church, and resides at No. 34 South Fourth street. For more than a third of a century he has now been identified with the legal interests of this county and has gained an enviable reputation in the line of his chosen calling.

GUY PHILLIPS.

Although actually born in another state, this leading farmer and influential citizen is practically wholly a product of Kane county. His father, Albert Phillips, was born on a farm in this county in 1841. His paternal great-grandfather, John Phillips, was a soldier in the Revolution, an officer in one of the most active divisions of the Continental army, and displayed his valor on many a hard-fought field in that momentous contest.

Guy Phillips attended the district schools until he was about sixteen years of age, then took a two-years' course of study at Jennings Seminary in Aurora. In 1888 he was married to Miss Gertrude L. Boyce, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1865, and came to Illinois with her parents in 1868. Five children have brightened and cheered the Phillips household, all of them sons. They are Roy, Albert, Floyd, Arthur and Charles. These are the particular care of their parents, who are deeply interested in their growth and development, and are sparing no effort to make of them

the best men they can. It is their purpose to have each of the sons pursue a full course of study at the State Agricultural College, and secure thereby the best practical education available to him.

The father has advanced ideas on the centralization of schools and is a strong advocate of the graded-school system. He is also deeply interested in agriculture in both theory and practice. He is treasurer of the Kane County Farmers' Institute, of which he served as secretary two years, and has for years been active in the maintenance of farmers' clubs, making addresses to them on all desired subjects connected with farming at suitable times, and helping them along in many and various ways. He owns one hundred and ninety acres of excellent land, which he has in a high state of cultivation, and he is considered one of the best farmers in the county. Dwelling in peace and comfort on the farm, with all the elements of prosperity and happiness around them, he and his estimable wife thoroughly enjoy country life. Mrs. Phillips has an ancestral record worthy of the just pride she feels in it. She is descended from a valiant soldier of the war for independence, making her eligible to membership in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and her grandfather was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Mr. Phillips is a republican in political affiliation, and in fraternal relations he belongs to the Modern Woodmen. He is highly esteemed as a citizen and fully deserves the respect and good will in which he is held. His life has been useful, clean and inspiring, a credit to himself and his community, and an incitement to others through the force of a worthy example. He has prospered in a worldly way, has faithfully served his community according to his opportunities, has won the respect of all who know him, and during the years of productive activity which are yet apparently before him will go on expanding his usefulness and employing his powers for still more extended good to his fellowmen.

FRANK F. WASHBURN.

Frank F. Washburn, of the firm of Washburn Brothers, is closely identified with the farming interests of Kane county, owning and cultivating two hundred and forty-one acres of rich and productive land about two miles from Lafox. He is a native of the state of New York, his birth having there occurred in 1861. His parents were Prosper P. and Eliza (Wood) Washburn. The former was a native of New York and a farmer by occupation. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and was elected to the office of road commissioner. Both he and his wife are now deceased. Their family numbered the following named: S. H., who resides at Lafox, where he is engaged in general merchandising; Julia, the wife of Truman Eldred, whose home is near Elburn, Illinois; James M., a farmer living near Geneva, Illinois; Frank F., of this review; and Frederick, who also follows farming in this county with our subject.

Frank F. Washburn spent his boyhood and youth in his parents' home and early learned lessons concerning industry, perseverance and economy that he has never forgotten and which have proved of much value to him in his business career. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Anna Corrigan, a native of Ireland, and they now have one daughter, Eliza Belle, who at the age of seventeen years, is attending school. Mrs. Washburn is a daughter of Patrick and Anna (Wall) Corrigan, both of whom are now residing in Queen county, Ireland, the former at the age of eighty-six years and the latter at the age of seventy-five. Mrs. Washburn came to America in early girlhood, arriving in this country in 1884, at which time she took up her abode at Lafox.

Mr. Washburn has devoted his entire life to farming. He completed his education at the age of eighteen years and then returned to the old homestead, where he has continued to reside, giving his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. He is now busily employed with his brother in the cultivation of a tract of land of two hundred and forty-one acres about two miles from Lafox and its neat and well-kept appearance indicates their careful supervision. His labor is bringing to him its merited reward in large crops, for which he finds a ready sale on the market. His political support is given to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him.

WILSON HYATT DOE.

Wilson Hyatt Doe has for many years been prominently identified with the banking interests of Elgin and is now cashier of both the Home National Bank and the Home Savings Bank of this city. He was born just across the line in Janesville, Wisconsin, February 2, 1858, a son of Joseph Bodwell and Anna (Marcher) Doe. It was in 1841 that his father located in Janesville and soon afterward established a private bank there, which was later converted into the First National Bank, he acting as cashier of the same until his death in 1890.

Wilson H. Doe attended Church school at Janesville and at the age of fourteen years was prepared to enter the sophomore class in college except for Greek, but a position in the First National Bank of Janesville being offered him he gave up all thoughts of further education and entered upon his business career. He remained with that bank until April, 1881, when, not being satisfied with his prospects there, he resigned and accepted a position in the ticket office of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway at Milwaukee, which he held until February, 1882. He then became bookkeeper in the Home National Bank of Elgin, was made assistant cashier in 1886 and cashier in 1891, serving in the latter capacity up to the present time. In 1892 when the Home Savings Bank was organized he was chosen cashier of that corporation and has since served it as such. He has also served as president of the Elgin Loan & Homestead Association since 1897 and

has become a recognized leader in banking circles in this city. He is a man of keen discernment and sound judgment and his executive ability and excellent management have brought to the institutions with which he is connected a large degree of success.

On the 2d of September, 1882, Mr. Doe was married in Chicago to Miss Maude Palmer, of that city, and to them have been born two daughters: Ethelyn Anna, now attending the University of Wisconsin, at Madison; and Doris, a pupil in the public schools of Elgin.

For five years Mr. Doe was a member of the Wisconsin National Guard and has always been very fond of athletics, formerly taking an active part in baseball, cricket, handball and tenpins, but golf is now the outdoor sport in which he is principally interested. He also plays billiards and whist and is very fond of those games. The democratic party always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles until the question of free silver became the dominant issue, since which time he has affiliated with the republicans, thinking it preferable to voting for Bryan and his doctrines. He has never cared for political honors, preferring to devote his entire time, energy and talents to his business interests. In 1882 he became a charter member of Lochiel Lodge, No. 105, K. P., and has served as master of exchequer continuously for nearly twenty-five years. For many years he has held membership in the church of the Redeemer. He has always been found loyal and faithful to his friends, who recognize his true worth, and he is held in high regard by his social as well as his business associates.

NIELS ANDRESSEN.

Niels Andressen, successfully engaged in farming and dairying in Virgil township, was born in Denmark, on the 20th of August, 1857. His brothers and sisters are as follows: John, deceased; Peter, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Wisconsin; Anne, the wife of John Matson; Christina, who is the wife of Nels Olsen; and Elsie, who makes her home in Utah.

It was in the year 1880 that Niels Andressen emigrated to the United States, taking up his abode near Plano, Illinois, where he secured employment in the Plano Manufacturing Company. Subsequently he made his way to Chicago, thence to West Pullman and afterward to Elburn, Illinois, where he has since been engaged in farming and in the dairy business. He has a model dairy of twenty-five cows, which he has operated for three years with good success. Both branches of his business return to him a gratifying annual income and he is well known as one of the prosperous and enterprising residents of the community.

Mr. Andressen was united in marriage to Miss Antonia Johnson, likewise a native of Denmark, and unto them have been born the following children; Niels, who met death through an accident; Chris; Tillie; Carl; and Johnie and Marie, both of whom have passed away.

Politically Mr. Andressen is a republican and he holds membership in the Church of Christ. Realizing that the new world offered better opportunities for business advancement than could be obtained in the land of his nativity, he came to the United States as a young man, and by unremitting labor and unwearied diligence has worked his way steadily upward until he is now numbered among the substantial citizens of his locality.

THE JOSLYN FAMILY.

The Joslyn family is one of the oldest of which record has been kept. A castle in the north of France, the "Chateau de Josceline," marks the original seat of the family. It is surmised that the early French kings invited Saxon chieftains to settle in France, among whom was the ancestor of the Joscelines, the names being originally of Angle-Saxon origin. The Joscelines were prominent in the time of Charlemagne, 800, A. D., the earliest member of the family to come into public notice having married the great-granddaughter of Charlemagne. It is asserted by the genealogists that the Josceline family is more directly descended from Charlemagne than were the Bourbons of the family of Orleans, who still lay claim to the throne of France.

When William the Conqueror in 1066 A. D., overcame the English at the battle of Hastings, Geoffrey de Josceline commanded one branch of his army, being then a nobleman of France. He was afterward given a large tract of land near what afterward became Lincolnshire and remained in England. This was the origin of the family in England, where it has since continuously resided and held prominent position,—the present Earl of Roden being a descendant of this family. The wife of King Henry II was a Josceline, as was Gilbert de Josceline, prominent in the early English Catholic church, who after his death became St. Gilbert.

The Joslyns in America are all descended from one of two individuals who came from England to New England in 1634-35. Thomas Josselyn, who landed at Hingham, Massachusetts (about ten miles south of what is now Boston) in 1635; and Henry Josselyn, who came to America in 1634, as the first governor of what was then the territory of Massachusetts and Maine, and dwelt at Scituate. A controversy exists as to which one of these men was the father of a certain Henry Joslyn, who was the father of twenty children, from whom a large portion of the family descended. Evidence seems to indicate that these two men may have been half-brothers, sons of Sir Thomas Josselyn. The later opinion seems to be that Thomas Josselyn was the original ancestor of the American family, and that Henry Josselyn, Esq., had no children. This Thomas Josselyn had a son, Abraham, who had a son named Henry, who, among twenty children, had a son named Jabez, who moved to Berkshire county, Massachusetts. This Joslyn had a son, Jabez, who had a son named Lindsey, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary army and after the war moved to Poultney, Vermont. He had a son named Lindsey, who was born at Sheffield, Berkshire county, Massachusetts,

who as a young man, moved to New York state, settling in Cayuga county, and in 1837 came west to McHenry county, Illinois, and settled near what is now Nunda. From this Lindsey Joslyn, the Joslyns of Kane and McHenry counties were descended. He reared a large family of children, eight boys and one girl. He, himself, removed to Elgin in the '50s, and died there, October 10, 1862. His monument may be seen in the new Bluff City cemetery, where his remains were removed about 1905. He married Polly Waite, of Granville, New York, who died in 1854, and is buried at Elgin, Illinois. Her mother was Ann Waldo and her father Benjamin Waite, of New York state. The children were Waite, Zara, Chauncey, Adoniram Judson, Frederick Daniel, Merritt L., Edward S., Mary and Waity Brinkerhoff.

WALTER J. BAKER.

Walter J. Baker, of Burlington township, is a native of this county, having been born in Virgil towuship, August 29, 1867; and, having passed the whole of his life here, engaged in the productive activities which employ and distinguish the people, he is fitly taken as a representative man and a useful citizen of the county. He and his wife were also educated in the schools of the state, and they are, therefore, direct products of its soil and its institutions.

Mr. Baker is the son of George William and Carrie (Lawrence) Baker, both born in England, whence the father came to this country before the war of 1812. When that contest began he cast his lot with the country of his adoption and joined its army. In one of the severe battles of the strife he was wounded in the hand, and so carried the mark of his service until his death, which occurred when he was ninety-six years old.

The son was one of eleven children born to his parents, his brothers and sisters being: William, Mary, Jane, Elizabeth, Anna, Eliza and Thomas, all deceased; Sarah, the wife of John Cobb, of England; Charlotte, the wife of J. Johnson; and George, a retired farmer living in Kane county. The two last named live within easy reach of him and are able to restore in some small measure, on convenient occasions, the shattered family circle.

On February 5, 1902, Mr. Baker was married to Miss Carrie Stringfellow, who was born at Sycamore, DeKalb county, October 21, 1875. Mrs. Baker is a daughter of Berry F. and May H. (Barton) Stringfellow, the former of whom was a farmer in Pennsylvania and came to Illinois at the age of twenty-eight, locating in DeKalb county. He was also an ardent republican. The remains of himself and his wife were buried at Charter Grove in DeKalb county. Their offspring numbered eight, all of whom are living. Benjamin, Elizabeth and John A. live in Sycamore, where the last named is employed as a dairyman; Harry is a farmer in Iowa; Annie is the wife of H. B. Morrison, who is a blacksmith and resides in California; May married John O'Brien, a farmer; Mabel is the wife of C. B. Anderson, a molder; and Carrie is the wife of Mr. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker have three children: Mary E., who was born December 23, 1902; George E., who was born July 1, 1905; and Harold D., who was born January 28, 1908. Their mother had good school advantages, attending the high school in Sycamore until she was seventeen years of age. She has borne her part well in the domestic duties of the household and is a great help to her husband in his extensive operations, which includes the cultivation of his farm of one hundred and seventy acres, and the management of his dairy of thirty-five cows.

In his farming operations Mr. Baker alternates his crops and puts in a variety each year. At the time of this writing (1908) he has thirty-five acres in corn, fifteen in oats, five in barley, ten in wheat and ten in good meadow bottom. In political allegiance he is an unyielding republican, and in church affiliation a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Conducting the affairs of a large and productive farm, carrying on an active dairy business, and giving attention to the progress and development of the township, Mr. Baker has been of signal service to the section of the county in which he lives, and is well worthy of the general regard of the people, which he enjoys, and the respect of all classes, which is freely bestowed on him and his family.

THOMAS McBRIDE.

Among those who have been factors in the business circles of Elgin but have been called from their labors is numbered Thomas McBride, who for some years was connected with the coal and wood trade in this city. A native of Ireland, he was born in the year 1861, and in early boyhood was brought to the new world by his parents, Henry and Margaret (Adams) McBride, who on crossing the Atlantic to the United States established their home in Elgin, where Henry McBride engaged in business as a dealer in coal and wood.

Thomas McBride spent his early boyhood under the parental roof and at the usual age began his education in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades as he mastered the work assigned him year after year. His life was quietly passed, but in the faithful performance of each day's duty he won the respect and confidence of those with whom he was associated. After leaving school he joined his father in business as a dealer in coal and wood and continued in that line of merchandise up to the time of his demise. He never sought to take advantage of the interests of another in a business transaction, but gained his success through the legitimate channels of trade and secured his patrons by honorable dealing and prompt and efficient service.

On the 8th of November, 1888, Mr. McBride was united in marriage to Miss Martha Heath, a daughter of Aaron and Mary (Fisher) Heath, of Elgin. The marriage was blessed with three children: Waneta Margaret, who died December 2, 1903, at the age of fourteen years, only a few months after the demise of her father; Walter Henry, who was born August 22,



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1896; and Stanley Edmund, born July 21, 1899. The death of the husband and father occurred July 8, 1903, and thus was terminated a happy married life covering about fifteen years. He was devoted to the welfare and comfort of his wife and children and counted no personal sacrifice on his part too great that would promote their happiness.

His political support was given to the republican party and his life was in harmony with his professions as a member of the Congregational church. His associates prized his friendship, while those who knew him well entertained for him the respect which is everywhere accorded honorable, upright manhood.

JERRY D. PUTNAM.

Although he was the only child of his parents, Jerry D. Putnam, a prominent dairy farmer of Aurora township, did not experience the favors of fortune which are supposed to be the lot of such children. He lost his father by death when he, the son, was but five years old. His birth occurred June 10, 1867, on a farm about two miles west of Aurora, on which his parents, Jeremiah Page and Nancy (Downes) Putnam, were then living. His recollections of his father are not vivid or extensive, for he died when the son was very young, as has been stated. But he knows that Claremont, New Hampshire, was the place of nativity of the parent, and that his mother was born and reared near Montreal, Canada, coming into the world on June 9, 1823, and was a daughter of Abel G. and Lucinda (Loomer) Downer. She was educated in the common schools of her native land and came with her parents to Kane county, Illinois, when she was seventeen years old. The family located on a farm near Aurora, where she lived until her marriage to Mr. Putnam.

After that event they took up their residence on a farm about two miles north of Aurora, which they occupied for four years. They then moved to another farm two miles west of the city, which the father cultivated until his death, five years later, in August, 1872. The mother continued to live in the neighborhood until her death. This was the father's second marriage, his first wife having died many years previously. She also was the mother of one child, Mrs. Lucretia Angell, who now lives in Aurora and is the widow of the late David Angell of that city.

Jerry D. Putnam, notwithstanding his early orphanage, obtained a good common-school education and also attended the Oak street school in Aurora two years. He has been a tiller of the soil all his life and is now settled on a farm of sixty-one acres two miles west of Aurora on the Galena road. Here he carries on dairy farming extensively, keeping usually about twenty cows, and making the business profitable by giving it close and critical attention and taking every precaution to prevent every kind of loss or trouble. He has good and completely-equipped buildings for his enterprise, erected and furnished according to the most exacting sanitary requirements, and he overlooks with careful inspection every feature of the work he has laid out

for himself. With plenty of grain and hay growing annually on his farm and extensive silos for the preservation of green food, he is well prepared to care well for his cattle and thereby secure the largest returns for his outlay in connection with them.

Mr. Putnam also makes a specialty of breeding superior Holstein cattle and has some of the finest specimens of the breed to be found anywhere. That he is an enterprising and skillful farmer and stock breeder will be manifest to any one who may have the pleasure of a visit to his farm and a sight of his stock, with the produce of both and the manner in which it is handled and disposed of.

On July 15, 1891, Mr. Putnam was married to Miss Ida May Barnes, a daughter of Ira Crowell Barnes, who is now a resident of Aurora. She was born on her father's farm in Sugar Grove township and has passed the whole of her life so far in Kane county. She and her husband have one child, Ira J. Putnam, who was born on August 1, 1892, and lives at home, assisting his father in the farm work in the intervals between the sessions of the West Aurora high school, at which he is a student.

Mr. Putnam is a republican, but not an active partisan, although he has taken an active and extended part in the official life of the township, having served as school director during the last fifteen years. He and his wife are members of the West Aurora Farmers Club, of which he is vice president and she is secretary. They are also members of the Twentieth Century and the Sugar Grove Farmers Club; and he is a member and one of the board of managers of the Aurora Horse Protective Association. This organization has for its object the protection of farmers against horse-stealing, and pays for every horse that is stolen from a member two-thirds of the value of the animal up to a maximum of \$150. The association has a large membership and is in a flourishing condition, doing an extensive business and giving great satisfaction to its beneficiaries and those who have dealings with it.

Grandfather Downer, as he was familiarly called, owned at the time of his death two hundred and fifty acres of land in small parcels around the town of Aurora, as it was then. The city has grown over much of this land and made it very valuable. Twenty acres of what belonged to him is now the finest residence portion of the expanding municipality, and Downer Place, which was named in his honor, is conceded to be its finest residence street.

DELL BLANCHARD MORRILL.

Dell Blanchard Morrill is identified with both agricultural and industrial interests in Kane county, where he is now engaged in carpentering and farming. He was born in this county, July 18, 1857, and has spent much of his life here, now making his home in Blackberry township. His father, Frederick Stephen Morrill, was born in Strafford, Vermont, in 1825, and became one of the pioneer settlers of the northern portion of the state, purchasing five hundred acres of land from the government when this district

was largely an unimproved and unsettled region. His land was entirely destitute of improvements when it came into his possession, but with characteristic energy he began converting it into rich and productive fields. In 1862 he removed to Blackberry township and became a prominent and influential resident of the community, not only by reason of his activity and success in agricultural lines, but also owing to the fact that he did valuable service for the public. He filled the offices of justice of the peace and town clerk for a number of years, and for forty years acted as postmaster at Blackberry. When the draft was proclaimed at the time of the Civil war Mr. Morrill within a few days raised sixteen hundred dollars, with which he hired substitutes, securing the money by selling town bonds.

In early manhood he wedded Miss Lucinda Cleveland, who was born in Pike, Allegany county, New York, and at the age of sixteen years was brought to Illinois by her parents, who settled in Kaneville township, Kane county. Mr. and Mrs. Morrill became the parents of six children: Stephen, deceased; Bessie B., who married E. M. Butler, and after his death became the wife of H. N. Ross; Lucy A., the wife of Robert Ross, of Bartlett, Illinois; Dell B., of this review; Blanche M., the wife of J. G. Norton, a resident of Macomb, Illinois; and Frank S., who is well known as a farmer of Blackberry township. The father died in 1897, but the mother still survives at the age of eighty years and is yet living in Blackberry township.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Dell B. Morrill in his boyhood and youth. He attended the graded schools until eighteen years of age, and thus acquired a good, practical English education. He then went to the west, where he remained for three years as a cowboy. He learned much of that section of the country, met many thrilling experiences and did much hard labor. He also secured many Indian relics and, indeed, has quite a valuable collection, which he has gathered from various fields on his travels. Since his return he has taken up the trade of carpentering and is showing good ability in industrial lines, being a capable artisan, whose work is proving highly satisfactory to those who employ him. He is well known as a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the county and has for half a century been a witness of its development and improvement.

JONATHAN FOWLER.

Jonathan Fowler, attorney-at-law, although he is not engaged actively in practice at the present time, was born in Mission township, La Salle county, Illinois, July 2, 1850, his birthplace being at Mission Point. He is one of the five children of Jonathan and Sarah E. (Phillips) Fowler and is of English lineage. The ancestry of the family in America is traced back to Philip Fowler, an early resident of New England, who was probably born in Marlborough, Wiltshire, England, about 1590. He embarked with his family on the *Mary* and *John*, of London, Robert Sayers, master, and ar-

rived in New England in May, 1634. He received a grant of land at Ipswich, Essex county, Massachusetts, the same year, settled thereon and made the place his home until his death. It has since remained in possession of the family and is still occupied by one of his descendants.

Thomas Fowler, grandfather of Jonathan Fowler, was a native of New Hampshire and became a farmer and Baptist minister, though not regularly ordained. Removing westward to Illinois about 1845, he settled in La Salle county, where he purchased a tract of land and followed farming until old age prevented his further efforts in that direction. He died March 16, 1872, at the very venerable age of eighty-six years, having long survived his wife, Mrs. Olive (Hale) Fowler, who was born July 14, 1790, and died April 10, 1850. They were the parents of three children: Olive B., born in 1812; Thomas Milton, in 1814, and Jonathan, in 1817.

The last named was born and reared in New Hampshire and followed agricultural pursuits as a life work. He arrived in this state in the '40s and purchased government land in Mission township, La Salle county. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place but with characteristic energy he began its development and transformed it into a productive farm. He wedded Sarah E. Phillips, a native of New Hampshire, where also occurred the birth of her parents, Ebenezer and Hannah (Eager) Phillips. Both of her parents died in the east, her father at the age of seventy-five years and her mother when eighty-one years of age. His birth occurring August 11, 1766, and his death on the 14th of April, 1851, while Mrs. Phillips was born June 9, 1778, and died December 16, 1859. They were the parents of seven children, all now deceased. Mr. Phillips devoted his life to farming and served his country as a soldier of the war of 1812. He, too, was of English lineage.

The married life of Jonathan Fowler and Sarah E. Phillips was of comparatively short duration, for the former died in 1850 when about thirty-three years of age. He was a man of considerable local prominence and influence and held various township offices, including that of justice of the peace, in which position he served for several years. His decisions were strictly fair and impartial and he won the respect and honor of all with whom he came in contact. His widow survived him, remaining upon the old home farm, and later she became the wife of Edmund S. Fowler, who, though of the same family name, was not a relative of her first husband. She died November 4, 1896, at the age of seventy-nine years and two months. Her second husband passed away in Florida. There were no children by that union, but by her first marriage she had five children, all sons, of whom three are now living: Chase N., a lawyer of Ottawa, Illinois; Albert J., a farmer residing near Sheridan; and Jonathan, of Aurora.

The last named was reared upon the old homestead farm in La Salle county and after acquainting himself with the primary branches of learning he attended the Fowler Institute at Newark, Illinois, and subsequently was graduated from the old Battle Ground Collegiate Institute, of Battle Ground, Indiana. Later he engaged in teaching in various places for about eight years and in the meantime was devoting his leisure hours to the study of law,

finishing his reading in Ottawa. He was then admitted to the bar there in 1880 and practiced for a short time in that city, whence he removed to Nebraska, becoming a member of the bar of Dakota county. There he continued in active practice until 1899, when he returned to Illinois and made his home in Aurora, although he had no office here, for a few years. He afterward engaged in practice at Ottawa until 1906, when he returned to Aurora, but on account of ill health did not open an office.

On the 24th of March, 1891, Mr. Fowler was married to Miss Mary E. Barnard, a daughter of Joseph and Maria (Gerrish) Barnard and a native of Hopkinton, New Hampshire. Her parents were also natives of that state. Her paternal grandfather was born at Hopkinton, May 6, 1795, and always resided there. He became noted for his enterprise in the cultivation of improved cattle and sheep and was also an extensive owner of real estate. In community affairs he took an active and helpful part, serving as selectman of his town in 1837-38, while in 1839 and 1840 he was a representative to the general court. In June, 1816, he married Miss Miriam Jackman, a daughter of William Eastman and Phoebe (Elliot) Jackman, of Concord. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard had five children. The father died March 15, 1870, while his wife passed away September 17, 1869.

In the maternal line Mrs. Fowler traces her ancestry back to Hon. Abiel Foster, who was her great-great-grandfather. He was a resident of Canterbury, New Hampshire, and represented his district in the first, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh congresses of the United States, being a member of the national law-making body for the greater part of the time during twenty-one years. He died in 1806. Abiel Foster Gerrish, the grandfather of Mrs. Fowler, was born at Boscawen, New Hampshire, March 7, 1806, and died at West Creek, Indiana, June 10, 1884. He was married January 18, 1830, to Eliza Dodge, who was born in Boscawen, January 12, 1806, and passed away in Salina, Illinois, September 19, 1881. He lived at West Creek, Lake county, Indiana, from 1856 until the time of his death. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gerrish were born five children, all of whom came to the West to live except Mrs. Maria Barnard, who remained in the East. She traced her ancestry back to John Rogers, the first Christian martyr, who was burned at the stake at Smithfield, England, February 14, 1555, in Queen Mary's reign.

Joseph Barnard, the father of Mrs. Fowler, was born at Hopkinton, New Hampshire, and always resided there with the exception of a period of three years spent in Massachusetts. He learned the stone cutter's trade there, after which he returned to his old home and engaged in clerking in a store for several years. He afterward turned his attention to the lumber business, which he followed in Hopkinton and also carried on farming for a number of years. For a considerable period he resided in Contoocook, where he was for a time associated in business with Abram Brown and John Burnham. After the death of his father he resided on the old Barnard homestead, which he greatly improved. As an agriculturist he was much interested in raising cattle, keeping a herd of Guernsey cattle that had been bred upon the place for more than forty years. He was also building agent of the Contoocook Valley Railroad from Contoocook to Hillsboro. During the open-

ing year of the Civil war he served as enrolling officer of the twentieth district of New Hampshire and in 1870-71 was representative to the general court, in 1882 was appointed commissioner of forestry of Merrimack county and in 1889 was elected a member of the constitutional convention of his state. On the 26th of October, 1849, he married Maria Gerrish, of Bosca-wen, and unto them were born nine children. His death occurred upon a farm in Hopkinton. Both his father and his grandfather bore the name of Joseph Barnard and the latter married the widow of Captain John Hale, who fought throughout the Revolutionary war.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fowler has been blessed with one daughter, Marion Edna. The mother is a member of the First Congregational church, while Mr. Fowler believes more strongly in the Methodist faith. His political allegiance is given the democracy but he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is well known in Aurora, where he now makes his home and has an extensive circle of warm friends here.

ASHEL T. JUDD.

Ashel T. Judd, one of the progressive and successful farmers of Kane county, was born March 21, 1844, in Warren county, New York, on the shore of the most beautiful sheet of water in this country—historic Lake George—on which and around which have waged some of "the big wars that make ambition virtue." And although he left the region in his childhood, it is by no means too remote an inference that what he saw of it while he was under the witchery of its beauty and suggestiveness, and what he read of it afterward, made a deep and lasting impression on his mind, and did something to determine his subsequent course in life. He came to Illinois with his parents in 1850, when he was six years of age, and grew to manhood in this state, obtaining his education in its public schools. He is the son of Dexter C. and Eliza (Brown) Judd, also natives of the state of New York. In 1851 the father settled on land in section 21, Sugar Grove township, Kane county, building a house which is still standing, although since remodeled and improved.

When Ashel T. Judd grew to manhood, or near it, he yielded to the call of President Lincoln for volunteers to save the Union from armed resistance which threatened its continuance, and enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Infantry. He went through the great civil conflict without injury, and was mustered out of the service on September 11, 1865, having been on active duty more than three years, and faced death on many a hard-fought and gory field. He was in the siege of Vicksburg and many other important engagements, and bore himself ever, even in the front of unrolling columns, with a gallantry consistent with his lineage and the lessons of his birthplace. The memories of the war have abided with him, and he has kept them alive by active membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Post No. 20 at Aurora. He has also

been a member of the Masonic order since 1865, and in politics has been a lifelong and zealous republican. He has acceptably served as school commissioner.

In 1868 Mr. Judd was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Reynolds, who was born in a log cabin which her father built when he settled in this county in 1835. They have one child, Ira Judd, who is now a resident of Aurora. Ever since the Civil war Mr. Judd has been a successful farmer, and for a number of years he was an extensive feeder of live stock. In all his undertakings he has prospered, now owning a fine farm of five hundred and twenty-five acres and by his upright life, elevated citizenship and fair dealing with all men, as well as by his earnest and serviceable interest in public affairs and intelligent cooperation in every undertaking for the improvement of his community, he has firmly established himself in the regard and good will of his fellowmen. The evening of life is approaching for him and his estimable wife, and it is their good fortune to welcome it amid the scenes and the people which have surrounded them from childhood, and where they have not only all the material comforts of existence, but are universally respected and esteemed.

E. H. ABBOTT, M.D.

In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit Dr. E. H. Abbott is making consecutive progress, and the liberal patronage accorded him is indicative of the confidence reposed in him by the general public. A resident of Elgin, he was here born on the 6th of November, 1866, and through the period of his boyhood attended the public schools, while during the vacations he worked in the Elgin watch factory, beginning there when about ten years of age, at which time he was the youngest employe of the company. Before he reached his fifteenth year he left the high school to take his father's place in the factory. His determination to secure an education, however, led him to devote his evenings to study, and he not only completed the high-school course, but also pursued several additional branches. Throughout his entire life he has remained a student, constantly broadening his knowledge in general as well as professional lines. In the meantime he acted as correspondent for the Elgin Every Saturday, a society and local paper, but having determined to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery as a life work, he labored toward this end and in the spring of 1892 entered the Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he received his degree in 1895. Dr. Abbott then located for practice in his native city and the subsequent years have proven that his choice of a profession was a wise one. His record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for in the city which has always been his home Dr. Abbott has gained recognition as an able physician of wide and accurate learning and of skill and ability in practice. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he was largely instrumental

in organizing a provisional regiment, which, however, was not called to the front. In recognition of his service he now holds a complimentary commission as surgeon from the state legislature, as well as a letter from the governor, stating that he probably did more than any other Illinois physician toward raising troops. He also holds a commission in the Illinois National Guard as major and surgeon unassigned.

Dr. Abbott, since his graduation, has kept in touch with the advance of the profession and through investigation and research is continually broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency. He is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Illinois State Medical Society, the Fox River Valley Medical Society and the Elgin Physicians' Club. In more specifically social and fraternal lines he is connected with the Royal Arch Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Maccabees, the Mystic Workers, the Sons of Veterans, the Sons of the Revolution, and the Archæan Union, of which he has been and still holds the office of supreme medical director.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Dr. Abbott was married in 1901 to Miss Ethelyn M. Wells, of Corning, Arkansas, and they have two sons and one daughter, namely: Cyril Edward, Gordon Wells, and Eunice. The Doctor has just moved into an elegant and thoroughly modern home at No. 24 South Liberty street. It is one of Elgin's finest residences, being a pressed-brick structure, located in a most select neighborhood. For the past six years he has been a member of Elgin's school board, and for the past two years has been president of the building and grounds committee.

TERENCE E. RYAN.

One of the most prominent lawyers practicing at the bar of Kane county is Terence E. Ryan, of St. Charles, who was born on a farm near the city of Limerick, Ireland, June 22, 1846, a son of Terence and Honora (McCarthy) Ryan, also natives of the Emerald isle. Deciding to try his fortune in the United States, the father, in company with his family, crossed the Atlantic in 1848 and came at once to Kane county, Illinois, locating on a farm two and a half miles northeast of Elgin. In 1852 he became a resident of Elgin, but a year later removed to Virgil township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until his removal to St. Charles in 1856. The latter city continued to be his home throughout the remainder of his life, and he passed away there in 1887 in the eighty-third year of his age. His wife survived him until 1895, dying at the age of eighty-four years.

Terence E. Ryan of this review acquired his early education in the public schools of Kane county and was graduated from the west side school of St. Charles in 1866. Later he attended the Elgin Academy for two years, graduating in 1868. In the meantime, however, he had served his country during the Civil war, enlisting in 1864, when only seventeen years of age, as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Forty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served as corporal until the close of the war. Returning home



T. E. RYAN

he resumed his education and after his graduation from the Elgin Academy he taught school on the east side of South Elgin for two years, resigning that position to enter the law office of Hon. William D. Barry at St. Charles. Passing the required examination, he was admitted to the bar in October, 1871, and has since engaged in the practice of his chosen profession and has met with marked success.

On the 14th of May, 1874, Mr. Ryan was united in marriage to Miss Emily Millington, who was born in St. Charles in 1853, and is the second daughter of Darwin and Miranda (Boardman) Millington, early settlers of St. Charles. Her father was born in 1815 and died in 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan became the parents of six children, but two are now deceased: George S., who was born July 23, 1877, and died October 16, 1886; and Mary Ella, who was born October 28, 1878, and died April 28, 1879. Those still living are Minerva, who was married November 5, 1902, to Dr. James H. Dalbey, of Elgin; Harriette Frances, who after graduating from the St. Charles high school attended Oberlin (Ohio) College, where she was graduated June 25, 1908; Frank Millington, now a junior at Harvard College; and Terence E., a senior at St. Charles high school. Mrs. Ryan and the children are all members of the Congregational church.

Fraternally Mr. Ryan is a Knight Templar Mason, a member of Bethel Commandery, No. 36, at Elgin, and he also belongs to St. Charles Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., and to the Modern Woodmen of America, and to the Grand Army of the Republic. At the breaking out of the Rebellion the four sons in the Ryan family were among the first to join the Union army. One was killed at Kenesaw Mountain, another was wounded at Gettysburg; but the two others returned home uninjured. Since attaining his majority T. E. Ryan has always affiliated with the republican party, and has taken quite an influential part in local politics. He was a member of the county central committee for sixteen years, and for a great portion of the time was its secretary. He is chairman of the advisory council of the Legislative Voters' League of the State of Illinois for the fourteenth senatorial district. In November, 1880, he was elected states attorney and most acceptably filled that office for four years, but has never cared for political honors outside of his profession, though he served as alderman for five years. In the spring of 1908 he took charge of the campaign under the local option law, and it was largely through his efforts that the town voted all saloons out. He has been the local attorney for the Chicago Great Western Railway since 1886. His reputation as a lawyer has been won through earnest, honest labor, and his standing at the bar is a merited tribute to his ability.

The St. Charles Chronicle of March 2, 1900, paid the following tribute to Mr. Ryan: "It is a fact that all will be willing to concede that this man is and has been a leader ever since his name first became associated with the business interests of St. Charles. A hard worker, a close student, of indomitable courage and perseverance in everything he undertook, it is but natural that he should have made a high place for himself in the business and professional world. He has never tired in his efforts to promote public enterprises, and his property investments in St. Charles are many, representing thousands of

dollars. He was president of the St. Charles Land Association, formed in 1893, and the principal owner of it. He was the man that brought the Moline Malleable Iron Works to St. Charles, which cost him over thirty thousand dollars—but for the panic of 1893 other large plants would have been located in St. Charles at that time. Mr. Ryan owns one of the most beautiful homes in the city, built in 1891, and also owns the store building occupied by the post-office and the two buildings adjoining it on the east. He platted the Ryan addition, which has proved valuable to the city. These numerous property holdings prove the interest that Mr. Ryan feels in St. Charles and its future. He has spent much money here and expects to spend a great deal more.”

IRA CROWELL BARNES.

This highly esteemed citizen of Kane county, who for thirty-seven years was one of its most successful farmers and is now living retired from active pursuits in Aurora, was born in Jefferson county, New York, May 3, 1835, and when he was ten years of age accompanied his parents and the rest of the family to Illinois, locating with them in Kane county. He completed in the public schools of this county the education he had begun in those of his birthplace, and, in the intervals between the sessions, helped to break the virgin soil of the farm on which the family lived and render it fruitful in the products of civilized life.

The long and trying journey from the county of his nativity to that of his present residence was an event of great interest in the early life of Mr. Barnes, and he has a vivid recollection of all its incidents. It occupied three weeks, owing to delays in making boat connections and other mishaps, and led him through regions which were, in the main, just awakening to new life and productiveness under the impulse of advancing civilization. The family started at Goose Bay on Lake Ontario and came over the lakes to Chicago, then a crude and straggling town floundering in the mud and quicksands of the lake shore, and giving no sign of the marvelous vitality that was to make it what it is today. It had as yet no railroad and but few of even the comforts of modern days.

From Chicago the trip was continued overland by teams through an almost trackless wilderness until Kane county was reached, and here a home was made of the farm in Sugar Grove township on which now lives Mr. Barnes' brother Ethelbert, in the sketch of whom, found on another page of this history, will be seen a full record of the family in detail. On this farm Ira Barnes grew to manhood, acquiring stature and strength in its useful labors and completing his education at the nearby district school.

In 1864, on August 11, he was married to Miss Henrietta M. Simmons, a daughter of Charles and Janette (Winton) Simmons, also natives of New York state. The father came to Kane county in 1835 and took up a farm in Sugar Grove township, which is a part of section 24. Two years later he returned to his native state and brought his wife to this county, and on the

farm which they had previously selected they lived together until 1855, when Mrs. Simmons died. In 1864 her husband moved to Humboldt county, Iowa, and located in Dakotah City. He died in Sugar Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes became the parents of four children: Della, the wife of James Nance, of Aurora; Ida May, also a resident of Aurora and the wife of Jerry D. Putnam of that city, whose life story is recorded elsewhere in this volume; Eliza J., who married Portus P. Benton and lives in Sugar Grove township; and Edward Andrew, who was born June 17, 1872, and died October 3, 1905. He married Anna May Benjamin, March 14, 1904, and she now makes her home with Mr. Barnes. She was born at Big Rock in this county, the daughter of James and Marguerite Benjamin.

Mrs. Ira Barnes was born April 6, 1845, and lived with her parents until her marriage. She was one of eleven children, the others being: Ruth, the wife of Edward Snook, who lives at Dakotah City, Iowa; Rachel A., whose residence is the same, and who is the wife of William C. Rowley; Solomon, who lives at Forest City, Iowa; Sarah, the wife of David Thomas of Humboldt, Iowa; Frank, also a resident of Humboldt, Iowa; Mrs. Adeline Brooks, now deceased; Charles G., whose home is at Humboldt, Iowa; Julia E., the wife of John M. Thomas, of Humboldt, Iowa; and twins who died in infancy. The family lived for a time in Sangamon county, Illinois, before settling on the Kane county farm, and the father was intimately acquainted with Abraham Lincoln. He was fond of repeating stories and anecdotes told by that illustrious man and martyred president.

Mr. Barnes is a republican in politics, but he has never had any taste or desire for public office. Although often solicited to become a candidate for important places, he has nearly always declined. To one appeal of this kind, however, he yielded, consenting to serve Sugar Grove township as collector for one year, and making an excellent record in the office by his fidelity to duty and the breadth of view with which he performed it. He and his wife are members of the West Aurora Farmers Club and give it the benefit of their intelligent activity in its behalf and their valued contributions to its proceedings. All who know them respect them highly and their influence for good is everywhere felt throughout the townships in which they have lived.

CLARENCE S. GREEN.

A resident of Kane county from the time when he was sixteen years of age, and having grown to manhood and begun the battle of life for himself here, Clarence S. Green, of Blackberry township, is almost wholly a product of the county, as he is a typical representative of its people. He was born in Dutchess county, New York, May 27, 1857, one of three children of Duncan C. and Cynthia A. (Pierce) Green, both natives of Dutchess county. The father was a man of celebrity in his native county, where he served sixteen years as a justice of the peace. He brought his family to Kane county, this state, in 1869, and located on a farm in Blackberry township. He was a

Methodist in religious faith and a staunch republican in politics. Believing fully in the principles and tenets of his party, he fortified his convictions by a special study of the protective tariff theory in all its bearings. He served the township two years faithfully and wisely as supervisor, but after the death of his wife he went back to the state of New York and took up his residence in Brooklyn. In 1905 he returned to this county, where he passed the remainder of his days, and at his death was laid to rest by the side of his wife in Sugar Grove cemetery. Mrs. Green, the mother of our subject, died at five o'clock in the morning, just three hours before completing the forty-ninth year of married life. She was a member of the celebrated Pierce family which has won distinction in many parts of the country and in various lines of useful and dignified activity, and could trace her ancestry back in an unbroken line to 1600. Their offspring numbered two besides their son Clarence, another son, Pierce, a prosperous farmer of Blackberry township in this county, and a daughter named Stasia, who died a number of years ago.

The advantages of education in the schools were not available to Clarence S. Green. It was necessary for him to help in supporting the family, and he was able to go to school but three months of each year until he came to Illinois. The rest of his education was secured from that hard but impressive task master, experience, and that he profited by the lessons is proven by his record. When he reached man's estate he joined a cousin in the purchase of a farm, which for three years the two worked in partnership. At the end of that period he bought the farm on which he now lives and on which he has made his home from the time of his purchase. It was the first claim taken up in Blackberry township and the house and barn were built in 1839, being the first erected in this township. When Mr. Green acquired the ownership of this property there was scarcely any improvement on it, but he has since developed it into an excellent and productive farm and enriched and adorned it with imposing buildings and all the necessary additions required for a country home of good quality in this land and age of the world. He has expended over six thousand dollars in these improvements, and they are well worth the money, as well as creditable to his taste and judgment in their structure and arrangement. He owns one hundred and ninety acres in one tract and six acres of woodland in addition. The home farm has been a thing of pride with him, and in addition to his commodious dwelling, barns and outhouses, he has well arranged grounds and accessories for pleasure, among them a fine croquet park. The farm is four miles south of Elburn on Rural Free Delivery route No. 1, four miles from Lafox and seven miles from Batavia.

Mr. Green is a firm and active republican in political faith. He takes a leading part in public affairs, has served many years as school director, and is now in his third term and fourth year as assessor. In 1884 he was united in marriage with Miss Augusta Gorham, whose parents live at St. Charles. Her father is a retired farmer. Mrs. Green has many pieces of fine needlework which had been handed down in the family as souvenirs through several generations. One made in 1791 and one in 1809. Mr. and Mrs. Green have one child, Stanley, who is living at home. Mr. Green is a self-made man and

the job was well done. He is a sterling, upright and conscientious citizen, true to a lofty ideal of manhood in all the relations of life and eminently worthy of the high esteem in which he is held.

ROBERT ALFRED WINDETT, M.D.

Aurora with its pulsing industrial and commercial interests is continually drawing to her men who are capable and successful in the professions. This number includes Dr. Robert Alfred Windett, now a well known physician and surgeon. He was born in Bristol, Illinois, October 5, 1860, his parents being Alfred and Electa (Ford) Windett, the former a native of England, and the latter of Fort Miller, New York. The paternal grandparents were John and Eliza (Austin) Windett, natives of England. They came to America in 1836, and the same year settled in Kendall county, Illinois, where John Windett continued to make his home until called to his final rest at an advanced age. His wife reached the very venerable age of eighty-four years, and her death was then occasioned by a broken hip. Previous to that accident she would walk three or four miles on visits to her children.

This number included Alfred Windett, who throughout his entire life followed the occupation of farming. He came to Illinois when a young man in 1836 with his parents, and the family home was established on Rob Roy creek in Kendall county. There the grandfather took up government land and owned a considerable tract, which he improved and developed. His son Alfred grew to manhood on that farm and later bought land of his own, having two hundred and fifty acres, which he cultivated throughout his remaining days. He wedded Miss Electa A. Ford, a daughter of Lyman Ford, who was a native of New York and was of Holland Dutch descent. He became steamboat captain on the Hudson, but in pioneer days removed to the west and for a time lived in Kendall county. Later he took up his abode in Missouri and eventually went to Omaha, where he died at an advanced age. In the west he followed farming. His wife also reached an old age. They reared a large family, including Mrs. Alfred Windett who, surviving her husband, died in 1904, at the age of sixty-three years. Both were Methodists in religious faith. Their family numbered three children: Robert Alfred; John F., of Bristol; and James F., of Montgomery, Illinois.

Dr. Windett was reared in Kendall county on his father's farm, and after attending the district school continued his education in the Sugar Grove Normal and in Jennings Seminary at Aurora. When he had decided upon the practice of medicine as a life work he entered Rush Medical College of Chicago and was graduated in 1887, after which he located for practice in Aurora, where he has remained continuously since, or for a period of twenty-one years. The public have learned to know and recognize him as one of the capable representatives of the medical fraternity here. His ability has been such as to enable him to cope with many intricate problems that have been presented in various phases of diseases and he is always careful in the

diagnosis of a case, while his judgment is rarely if ever at fault in foreseeing the outcome of disease.

In 1886 Dr. Windett was married to Miss Evelyn S. West, a daughter of Elijah West. They traveled life's journey together for about nineteen years and were then separated by the death of Mrs. Windett in 1905, when she was forty-five years of age. On the 29th of June, 1907, Dr. Windett wedded Miss Cora A. Hester, daughter of George Hester.

They are both consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Dr. Windett is a prominent Mason, belonging to Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M.; Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T.; and the Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Chicago. He is likewise connected with the Oriental Consistory of Chicago, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he belongs likewise to Waubonsie Lodge, I. O. O. F.; to the Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is a republican.

His residence is at No. 111 View street, where he owns a good home, and he also has several city lots in Aurora, and one hundred and sixty acres of land in Alberta county, Canada. He has thus made investments of his income which has been derived from a good practice, and which has constantly grown as the years have passed by and he has demonstrated his power to check the ravages of disease and promote the restoration of health. He belongs to the Fox River Valley Medical Association, to the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and thus keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession in its continuous onward march toward that perfection which is the goal of all conscientious physicians. He is a man of strong individuality and keen discernment, bringing these forces to bear in the discharge of his professional duties, while those who know him socially find him a genial gentleman, always courteous and manifesting that deference for the opinions of others which ever wins good will and regard in any land or clime.

QUINCY G. SHELDON.

Quincy G. Sheldon, engaged in the livery business at Elburn, was born June 12, 1863, in this county, where his father, Samuel R. Sheldon, located in pioneer times, arriving in the year 1848. He was a millwright by trade, and constructed a large sawmill near the present site of the Campton town house. He formed a company for the purpose of constructing a plank road from this point to Chicago. They began work and built a piece of road east of Lily Lake, Illinois, when because of a financial stringency they were forced to abandon the project. Mr. Sheldon afterward purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, for which he paid five hundred dollars, earning the money to pay for it in one year by working at the carpenter's trade. This tract of land lies two and one-half miles southwest of Elburn. When he made

the purchase there were indications of Indian wigwams on the place, and not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made that indicated the civilization of the white race. Mr. Sheldon continued to reside on the farm until 1868, brought the land under a high state of cultivation and carried on the work of improvement until the property yielded him a very gratifying financial income. He met all of the trials of the frontier in his efforts to make a home on the border of civilization, when it was difficult to obtain supplies owing to the distance from town and to the condition of the roads, as well as the financial resources of the individual. Mr. Sheldon, however, came to be known as a prosperous farmer and enjoyed the full respect of all with whom he came in contact. He married Miss Malintha M. Churchill in Vermont, both riding the same horse to the parsonage. They were devoted members of the Christian church, and when he was called to his final rest his remains were interred in the Elburn cemetery. He had a brother, Joseph Sheldon, who at one time was a partner of Jay Gould in his railroad projects. He was afterward one of the main promoters of the Erie canal, and it was largely through his genius that the work was carried forward to successful completion.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Sheldon were born the following named: Eber L., who for twenty years practiced medicine in Kansas City, but is now deceased; Amelia, who became the wife of Warren Bebee, with whom she removed to Hamilton, Iowa, in 1865, and now boasts of thirty living grandchildren; Sarah M., the widow of A. S. Wilkerson; Emma J., who was a school teacher and was killed in a cyclone in Irving, Kansas; and Celia I., wife of Charles Markle, who was once a partner of Quincy G. Sheldon in the livery business.

In the graded schools of Elburn, Q. G. Sheldon pursued his education, putting aside his text-books at the age of seventeen years, after which he engaged in the manufacture of cooperage products. He followed that business for a number of years, making considerable money in the undertaking, after which he engaged in general merchandise at Rockford, Freeport and Elburn, Illinois. He has added much to the value of cement by a certain patent which he has perfected for a fence post. At the present time he is engaged in the livery business, his being the only barn in Elburn. He has a number of fine carriages and other vehicles, good horses and enjoys a profitable patronage.

In 1885 occurred the marriage of Mr. Sheldon and Miss Catherine M. Schilts, a daughter of John P. Schilts, a Civil war veteran, who died in Chicago in 1898. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon have been born six children: Josephine Ella, a school teacher and instructor in music, who is a graduate of the Elburn high school; Eber M., who was graduated from the high school with the valedictorian honors of his class and afterward entered the bank at Elburn, later accepting a position with the Continental National Bank of Chicago, and is now associated with the Swan Creek Mining Company of Centerville, Tennessee; Ida Irene, a graduate of Elburn high school, who died in 1907 and is buried in the Elburn cemetery; Hazel P. and Mary L., both attending school; June Belle, who is two years of age and completes the family.

Mr. Sheldon is one of the old-time citizens of this part of the county, having spent his entire life here, so that he has witnessed much of its growth and development; but he went to Salem, Oregon, in September, 1908, in company with some other men expecting to make a home for himself and family in the land of sunshine and flowers.

JOHN HERMAN JOHNSON.

John Herman Johnson, who owns and operates a valuable farm in Virgil township, was born in Sweden on the 22d of August, 1851, his parents being Andrew and Johanna (Valentine) Johnson. The father's birth occurred in Sweden, September 21, 1821, and in 1852 he emigrated to the United States, locating near Elburn, Illinois, where he purchased sixty-two acres of land. This farm remained his place of residence until the time of his demise, and it is also still the home of our subject. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson were born the following children: John Herman, of this review; Matilda Charlotte, whose natal day was September 17, 1853; Augusta Josephine, born November 24, 1855, who resides with her brother, John H.; Charles August, who has passed away; Anna, who is also deceased; Frank, born December 28, 1861, who is now studying the Chinese language at New Orleans preparatory to becoming a missionary in China; Emma Louisa, whose birth occurred September 18, 1863, and who makes her home in Chicago; and Albert, deceased. The mother of these children died when they were still young and the duties of the household therefore devolved upon the daughters of the family.

John Herman Johnson now resides with his sister Augusta on the old homestead farm, which is situated two and a half miles from Elburn. The improvements on the place are worth about five thousand dollars, and in the cultivation of the fields Mr. Johnson is meeting with a gratifying measure of success, being well known as an enterprising and progressive agriculturist.

Politically Mr. Johnson is a staunch republican. He has lived in this county for more than a half century and has gained an extensive circle of warm friends who esteem him for his genuine personal worth and upright, honorable career.

PRESTON B. SWANEY.

Preston B. Swaney, successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits in Kaneville township, was born in Putnam county, Illinois, February 26, 1857, his parents being Barnett and Albertine Swaney. The father, a farmer by occupation, now resides in La Salle county, Illinois. He served throughout the Civil war as a member of the Fourteenth Illinois Cavalry, and was imprisoned at Andersonville and in Libby. He was one of only two men that

survived out of a company of sixty. The brothers and sisters of our subject are as follows: Alice, the wife of John Jakes; Edward, who is a painter and makes his home in Washington; Etta, the wife of John Jakes, foreman of the De Kalb Cooper Works of De Kalb, Illinois; Jennie, the wife of Harry Turner, an agriculturist of Oregon; John and William, both of whom follow farming in La Salle county, Illinois; Grant, who is engaged in farming in Nebraska; and Ruth, at home.

Preston B. Swaney attended a graded school in Putnam county until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he followed farming for two years in connection with his father, and afterward removed to Kane county, where he rented a farm and has continually since resided here. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he is meeting with a gratifying measure of prosperity and is recognized as an enterprising and progressive citizen of his community.

Mr. Swaney was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Smith, a native of Kane county, her father being now the oldest settler in the county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Swaney have been born two children, namely: Edna Ethel, whose birth occurred February 27, 1890; and Edith Albertine, born August 26, 1893.

A republican in his political views, Mr. Swaney gives stanch allegiance to the party and his support can always be counted upon in any movement or measure instituted for the general welfare.

FRANCIS J. KEEGAN.

The subject of this brief memoir, who is one of the enterprising farmers and dairymen of Burlington township, was born September 24, 1879. He is the son of Patrick and Mary Keegan, whose maiden name was O'Bryan, both of whom were born in Ireland. The father came to America at the age of twenty-one and located in Bureau county, Illinois, where he was employed as a hired man on a farm during the next eight years. He then married and began farming for himself.

He and his wife became the parents of eight children, the brothers and sisters of Francis J. being: Maggie, who was married to John Ryan; James, who is dead; John, who resides in Rockford, Illinois; Lizzie, who is the wife of M. J. Dugan, a resident of Chicago, where he is employed as a shipping clerk for the Illinois Central Railroad Company; Allie, the wife of N. Harry, a locomotive engineer; Thomas, a retired farmer now living in Chicago; and Eddie, who left home in 1905 and was last heard of as a resident of Nebraska.

Francis J. Keegan obtained his education in the Ellithorpe school in Burlington township, which he attended during the winter months until he was seventeen, meanwhile assisting his father on the farm. At the age mentioned he left school finally and turned his attention to farming, the occupation which he has followed ever since. He now owns a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, which is well improved and stocked with a dairy of thirty cows,

nearly all Holsteins, nine horses of superior breeds and other livestock, including hogs and poultry in abundance. It is also provided with all the necessary farming implements of modern types and kept in good condition.

Mr. Keegan's marriage, which occurred November 19, 1907, was with Miss Mary Rudenger, who was born in Burlington township, this county, March 2, 1888, and whose father, George Rudenger, was a prosperous farmer in that township for a period of thirty years or more. He was well known in all parts of the township as an enterprising man and good citizen.

Mr. Keegan is a Catholic in religion and always votes the democratic ticket. He enjoys the confidence and respect of the people and has served them as school director for many years. In reference to all matters of public improvement he is wide-awake and progressive, always giving his voice, influence and aid in behalf of worthy objects and undertakings in which the welfare of the township and its citizens is involved. He is a good farmer and his dairy business is active and up-to-date in every respect.

ADONIRAM JUDSON JOSLYN.

Adoniram Judson Joslyn died October 9, 1868, at the age of forty-nine years, at Elgin, Illinois, to which place he came from his father's farm at Nunda, McHenry county, as early as 1840, and during his residence in the then growing city was an active factor in religion, politics, journalism, and the general advancement of the village. Until his early death he was continuously active in promoting the good of the community. He is remembered by the few still living who knew him as a man of remarkable intellectual force, infinite patience and perseverance, rare tact and judgment of men and of untiring energy.

In association with Dr. Joseph Tefft and others he aided in the establishment of the Elgin Academy in 1855 and was one of its first directors. He was appointed to raise the funds necessary, and the building of the school in 1855 proves the efficiency of his efforts. In 1865 he was one of the prime movers in securing the location here of the Elgin Watch Works, and in 1867 was one of the committee who succeeded in having the Insane Asylum built here. He was the second pastor of the First Baptist church, then located on the northeast corner of DuPage and Geneva streets. His sermons are still remembered as of great power and thought. He was early an abolitionist and lost no opportunity in pronouncing his convictions. He was named as secretary of the first meeting to organize the republican party held at Geneva, August 4, 1854, and is credited with having been a large influence in changing Kane county from the democratic to the republican party.

He established the Western Christian, the first newspaper published in Elgin, and was afterward associated with the Gazette. He was postmaster of Elgin for a time.

He afterward became pastor of the Union Park church, Chicago, where he continued many years. During that period he aided in the establishment



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of the first Chicago University, which became the present University of Chicago.

His children were Ada and Gertrude. Ada Joslyn was a teacher in the public schools before her death in the '60s. Gertrude is now Mrs. John W. Farnum, of Elgin, Illinois.

FRED C. KOTHE.

Fred C. Kothe belongs to that class of American citizens who, though of foreign birth, are most loyal to the interests of their adopted land, recognizing the fact that through its opportunities and business conditions they have been enabled to secure success by the exercise of perseverance and diligence. He is now well known in Elgin, where he has long resided.

His birth occurred in the city of Kassel, Prussia, on the 8th of December, 1834, and he was twenty years of age when, in 1854, he crossed the Atlantic to New York. He had heard of America as a land of promise and possibilities and therefore embarked in a sailing vessel, which after a voyage of six weeks reached the eastern metropolis. There were at that time some steamboats upon the water, but only comparatively few, and travel was yet largely done in sailing vessels. In his native land he had attended school to the age of fourteen years and was well educated in music. After ceasing to be a public-school student, he took up the study of bookkeeping and was employed as a bookkeeper in his native country. He had been in New York three weeks when he saw an advertisement, "Laborers wanted," and, applying to this agency for work, he was sent to Albany by boat, by train to Buffalo, by way of the lakes to Detroit, and thence to Chicago. He remained in the latter city for six weeks, when, hearing from a piano manufacturer that a piano teacher was wanted at Lord's Seminary at the corner of Center and Chicago streets in Elgin, he made his way to this city.

In April, 1855, Mr. Kothe became an employe of L. H. Yarwood & Company, druggists. Thus he took his place on Chicago street as a merchant when its business establishments were very few. He continued in that employ for two years and then went to St. Louis. This was the beginning of a successful career in the drug business. In course of time he became proprietor of an establishment of this character and built up a good trade, his success being attributable to his unfaltering perseverance, his unabating industry and energy that never flags. The name of Kothe has long stood as a synonym for activity and progressiveness in business circles in Elgin.

On the 21st of August, 1861, Mr. Kothe was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Straussel, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Straussel. She was born in Chicago, November 16, 1841, and came to Elgin in 1850. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kothe, namely: Katharine, the wife of George Hoelscher, of the Elgin watch factory; Emil C., who is mentioned below; Louise, the wife of John O'Connar, agent for the Chicago & North-

western Railway Company at Harvard, Illinois; and John F., of the Elgin watch factory.

Mr. Kothe has taken a prominent part in public affairs, serving as constable from 1861 to 1865; city marshal and tax collector in 1862; justice of the peace in 1903 and 1904; and notary public since 1885. He was a member of the old volunteer fire department, belonging to Ed Joselyn Hose Company, and was also a member of the Elgin Union Band and the Third Illinois Infantry Band.

In 1855 Mr. Kothe helped to organize what became known as the Elgin Brass Band, having seven pieces, an E flat clarinet, two B flat cornets, two altos, one tenor and one tuba; and after three months a bass drum was added. The band was first engaged to play at a sleight of hand performance at the Sherman Hall. In the early days Mr. Kothe was closely associated with the musical interests of the city, and did not a little to promote a taste in this direction. That band was then the only one in Elgin, and it was composed of men who, busily employed in the days in various lines of activity, were glad to give expression to their love of music in this manner.

EMIL C. KOTHE.

Emil C. Kothe, a pharmacist of Elgin, is one of the oldest representatives of the drug trade here, having from his boyhood days been associated therewith. He was born in this city, September 2, 1864, was educated in the public schools and pursued the junior course in pharmacy in 1887. He has, however, been continuously connected with the drug business since 1883.

Mr. Kothe is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He was married in 1893 to Miss Ella V. Keenan, of Elburn, Illinois. His father was one of the pioneer druggists of the city and, following in his footsteps, Emil C. Kothe has gained an enviable reputation and place in business circles, his course at all times being actuated by principles that are in close conformity to a high standard of mercantile ethics.

WILLIAM OWEN.

William Owen, of Elgin, Illinois, is remembered as one of the ablest and fairest justices of the peace Elgin ever had. He held the office many years and, while the guilty seldom escaped, the unfortunate were dealt with leniently and the innocent dismissed. In 1859, five years after the organization of the city, William Owen was elected as a member of the city council. A. J. Waldron was then mayor and the city had but four wards and eight aldermen.

William Owen was born at Whitesborough, Oswego county, New York, July 17, 1815, and died in Elgin, Illinois, August 31, 1887, at the age of seventy-two years. He came to Elgin in February, 1853, and until 1860 con-

ducted a jewelry store in connection with Henry Sherman's drug store, which stood where the Schultz drug store now is. He was of Welsh-Huguenot stock.

October 9, 1845, he married Elizabeth M. Campbell, of Cherry Valley, New York. He left four children: Ella, who is now Mrs. W. J. S. Hyde, of Chicago; Walter, who died September 25, 1888; Hattie, now Mrs. Frederick P. Campbell, of Elgin, Illinois; and Frank, who died October 29, 1903.

ADOLPH G. MILLER.

Enterprising and successful as a farmer and stock-feeder and prominent in the school affairs of his township, in which connection he has done able and faithful service as school treasurer for a number of years, Adolph G. Miller is now comfortably situated in life and represents a sturdy and progressive type of American citizenship. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, August 29, 1863, and has passed the greater part of his life to this time in or near the locality of his nativity.

Mr. Miller is a son of Gustav and Augusta (Brehm) Miller, natives of Saxony, Germany, but married in this country. The father was born December 16, 1828, and remained a resident of his native land until the age of twenty-three years, acquiring his education in the common schools while, in accordance with the custom of the country, he also rendered military service to the nation and was for two months a soldier in the Revolution of 1848. Attracted by the broader business opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic in 1851 and spent two months at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, near which point he worked in the hay and harvest fields for six dollars per month. He also worked for a time on the plank road which was then being built, receiving seventy-five cents a day for his labor. He was for a brief period a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, where for four months he drove a four-horse coal wagon. For six months he was employed on a steamboat on the Mississippi river, and for a short time occupied a similar position on an Ohio river boat. Necessity with him rendered employment imperative, and he gladly availed himself of every opportunity that would place him in a position that would bring him an honorable living. He worked at haying for six weeks in Iowa for one dollar per day and then, longing to see his native country, returned to Germany. He had, however, become imbued with a love for the new world and in 1855 he returned to the United States, securing a position in a hotel in Chicago. He afterwards bought a half interest in a hotel, and, as his cash capital consisted of but fifty dollars, he borrowed two hundred dollars to consummate the purchase. For three years he conducted this hotel, meeting with fair success, and during that time his father came to the United States with his youngest son, wishing to visit the country and note its possibilities and advantages. That he was pleased with the prospects here offered is indicated by the fact that he returned to Germany, disposed of his property there, and the same year bought a farm near Rodenburg.

in Cook county, Illinois. There his sons assisted him in carrying on general agricultural interests, but in 1864 they sold out, and Gustav F. Miller purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Plato township, Kane county, on which his son, Adolph G., now resides. It is still, however, the property of the father and is a visible evidence of his life of well directed effort and industry. It is a well improved farm, all of the buildings having been erected by the Miller family, while various modern improvements are there seen. Year after year Gustav F. Miller carried on the work of tilling the soil, meeting with success in his undertakings, and eventually, in 1896, retired to private life and took up his abode in Elgin, where he now has a beautiful home in which to enjoy the comforts and luxuries of life that have been secured to him through his former diligence and capable business management. He certainly merits the prosperity which is now his, for in all business affairs he has been honorable and upright, as well as energetic and industrious. A life-long member of the German Lutheran church, he is now a communicant of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church, in Elgin. Since becoming a naturalized American citizen he has given loyal and unfaltering support to the republican party, for he believes that it best conserves good government. His fellow townsmen have several times called him to local office, and for two years he filled the position of supervisor, for nine years was school director, and for nine years road commissioner. In those positions he labored effectively for the welfare and progress of the community, and that his friends appreciated his services is indicated by the fact that he was long continued in office.

In 1857, in Chicago, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Brehm, who was born in Germany, March 19, 1835. They traveled life's journey happily together for about forty-five years, and were then separated by the death of the wife March 1, 1902. They were the parents of nine children: Anna, who died in infancy; Hulda, the wife of Chris Fischer, a retired farmer living in Elgin; Matilda, the wife of F. E. Lemon, also a retired farmer residing in Elgin; Adolph G., who is residing on the home farm; Gustav, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Ida, the wife of James LeGate, an employe of the Elgin watch factory; Frances, the wife of Henry E. McBride, a coal merchant of Elgin; Emma K., who is now a teacher in the Elgin high school and lives with her father; and one who died in infancy.

Adolph G. Miller attended the district schools at such times as opportunity afforded until he was fifteen years of age, when he took his place on his father's farm as one of the regular farm hands, and has since been engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He made one trip to Texas, where he spent the winter, but with the exception of that brief period has continuously remained in this locality. The farm which he now occupies and cultivates is the property of his father, and contains one hundred and sixty acres. It is well improved and well watered, and the best machinery is used in its systematic cultivation. In addition to raising cereals best adapted to the soil and climate, Adolph G. Miller is now also engaged in buying and shipping

stock, and for the past two years has shipped at least one carload of cattle and one of hogs annually.

Mr. Miller's marriage occurred October 23, 1895, Miss Hulda Schmitz, a native of Kane county, becoming his wife. They are the parents of three daughters and a son: Jeannette, Bernice, Adolph and Elizabeth. The parents are members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, and Adolph G. Miller supports the republican party and enjoys the confidence of its electorate. He has been township school treasurer of Plato township, Kane county, for six years, and is looked upon as an excellent official, a wise and progressive citizen, and an important factor in the public life of the township.

CHARLES LESTER BOLSTER.

Born, reared and educated in Kane county and having passed all his days here, Charles L. Bolster is devoted to the county and the welfare of its people, and is fully imbued with the spirit of enterprise and elevated citizenship which characterizes them. His life began October 3, 1855, on the farm on which he now lives, on section 18, Sugar Grove township. The farm originally belonged to his grandfather, Artemus Bolster, who secured a portion of it by patent from the government, the patent being signed by Thompson Campbell, then governor of the state.

Mr. Bolster's parents were Albert S. and Rhoda A. (Rounds) Bolster. The father was born in the state of New York, January 8, 1829, and the mother in the village of Sempronius in the same state, February 25, 1832. At the age of seven she accompanied her parents from their New York home to the wilds of Wisconsin, locating in the town of Eureka, where her father engaged in merchandising. In this frontier settlement, then a struggling hamlet, crude in appearance and surrounded with all the dangers, as well as the picturesqueness of the wilderness, she grew to womanhood, assisting her father in his store when she was not in school. Her recollection of those early and trying days are vivid, and her narratives of the incidents and adventures they brought her sparkle with interest. The Indians, from the reservation across the river, were frequent customers at the store, and she very often waited on them. While they were in the main peaceful, they sometimes showed signs of violence, but, inured to the life of the pioneers and accustomed to look peril in the face, she seldom feared them and never showed that she did. On January 8, 1851, she was united in marriage to Mr. Bolster, theirs being the first wedding in Winnebago county, Wisconsin. It excited universal interest and was dignified with all the pomp and circumstance the frontier could furnish. In 1858, with her husband, she moved to this state and took up her residence on the farm owned by her father-in-law. Here her husband died, June 20, 1899, and here she is still living in company with one of her daughters. In the family were three daughters: Florence, the wife of George Edmunds, of Aurora, who died in June, 1908; Effie, the wife of Bert

Gould, also a resident of Aurora; and Ina, the wife of Ira Calkins, who is living with her mother on the old homestead.

Charles L. Bolster, the immediate subject of this writing, obtained his early education in the district school near his home, supplementing its training with a four-years' course at the Oak street school in Aurora, and subsequently pursuing a course of special instruction at Jennings' Seminary in that city, at that time the pride of northern Illinois as an educational institution and renowned in many of the neighboring states for the excellence of its discipline and teaching. After leaving that school he went to work on the farm and in time acquired the ownership of a portion of it. He now owns one hundred and forty-seven acres of superior land, well improved with good buildings and provided with all the necessary equipment of a first-class farm in this day of progress and rapid development.

Mr. Bolster was married January 2, 1890, to Miss Margaret Potter, of La Salle county, this state. She was born near Hennepin in Putnam county, and at the age of ten years moved with her parents to the neighborhood of Peru, where her father labored industriously and prospered as a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Bolster have had two children: Ralph, who was born in 1892 and died in infancy; and Clarence Lyle, who was born February 3, 1896, and is now the joy and hope of the household.

Mr. Bolster has been very successful in general farming and has also been for years an extensive breeder of choice strains of hogs. He is a genial, diligent and obliging gentleman, performing his whole duty in service to his fellowmen and doing all he can to aid in making everybody around him happy. He is now filling the office of justice of the peace in a most creditable manner.

WILLIAM A. TREADWELL.

William A. Treadwell, engaged in the milling business at Elburn, represents one of the pioneer families of Kane county. His grandfather, William Treadwell, was a native of Almyr, Ontario, Canada, born July 22, 1823. He came to the west in 1840 and afterward purchased land on section 10, Elgin township, where he carried on farming for many years. His parents were Anson and Nancy (Somers) Treadwell, natives of Canada and New York respectively. William Treadwell married Miss Martha A. Adams, a daughter of Edward and Abigail (Padelford) Adams. There were three children born of this marriage.

William E. Treadwell, the eldest of the three children and the father of our subject, was born in Elgin, Illinois, March 15, 1851, and there lived during his boyhood, attending the common schools. He was afterward graduated from the Bryant & Stratton Commercial School, in Chicago, and when he had devoted a brief time to merchandizing he began a course of reading under the direction of Dr. H. K. Whitford, of Chicago. For three years he was a student of the Bennett Medical College of that city, from which institution he was graduated. He further supplemented his study by the

broad experience gained in work in Cook County Hospital and in the Bennett Hospital. Following his graduation he practiced in Chicago for a time, and then removed to Maple Park, in 1872. He married Miss Ida May, daughter of B. F. Webster, of Chicago. They became parents of three children: William A., of this review; George B., and John E.

William A. Treadwell spent his boyhood and youth in his father's home. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1874, and attended the public schools of Maple Park until seventeen years of age, when he left home and went to Dixon, Illinois, where he attended the School of Telegraphy. After completing this course, he served as station agent with the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, and on leaving that employ went to DeKalb, Illinois. There he was engaged in the coal business, and subsequently he was located in Chicago in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway for four years. He next came to Elburn, Illinois, where he is now engaged in the milling business, having a plant which was erected at the approximate cost of ten thousand dollars. It is the only grist and feed mill in the city and is well equipped, while the output is most satisfactory and finds a ready sale on the market.

Mr. Treadwell was married in 1898 to Miss Pearle Kennedy, whose parents are now deceased. Her father was at one time a practitioner of law at Maple Park. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Treadwell have been born two children: W. Hale, who is now attending school; and Gerald K., who is in his second year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Treadwell are widely known in Elburn and have many friends here. His political support is given the republican party, and in fraternal relations he is a Mason. He represents one of the old families of this part of the state—a family widely and favorably known because of the helpful parts which its members have taken in the work of general development and progress.

FRANK LORANG.

This well known farmer and esteemed citizen of Blackberry township was born in Germany, in the province of Luxemburg, August 9, 1876, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Lenert) Lorang, natives of the same country as himself, and descended from long lines of ancestors native to the soil there. The family emigrated to the United States in 1890 and took up its residence in Kane county, Illinois, locating at Aurora. There the father died in 1896. He was a stone-cutter and worked industriously at his trade during the whole of his mature life. In church membership he was a Catholic, but as he was never naturalized in this country, he belonged to no political party here. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, the six brothers and sisters of Frank being: Joseph, a well-to-do farmer in South Dakota; Annie, the wife of J. Binsfield, who is in the employ of the McCormick Harvester Company; Nicholas, who lives in Aurora and is employed in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; Matthew, an enterprising Minnesota farmer; and Elizabeth, the wife of Matthew Weber, who is a painter in Chicago.

Frank Lorang passed six years in school in his native land, and after his arrival in this country attended a graded school in Aurora. After leaving school he worked for some years by the month on a farm. Believing that he could do better if working for himself, he rented a farm for four years, and found his venture profitable, bringing him in good returns for his labor and enabling him to accumulate some \$3,500 worth of personal property, which he now owns.

In 1903 Mr. Lorang was married to Miss Rose R. Bertrang. They have two children: John P., who was born February 19, 1904, and Nicholas M., whose life began June 16, 1906. Mr. Lorang has lived in Kane county continuously since he first located here with his parents and has endeared himself to his friends and neighbors, and won the esteem of the people in general by his sterling integrity, enterprising spirit and fidelity to every duty. No undertaking involving the improvement or advancement of the community, or the welfare, comfort and convenience of its people, fails to command his ready and helpful support, and no claim that may justly rest on a good citizen is ever unrecognized or undischarged by him. He is a Catholic in religion and an active member of St. Joseph's Society in his church. His political faith is with the republican party, in whose campaigns he stands loyally by his convictions although never seeking honor or place for himself.

MRS. ANTOINETTE E. HARDY.

When the husband of this resolute and resourceful lady died October 18, 1896, leaving her with a family of children to rear and educate and a farm that required active and vigorous management to look after, she accepted her responsibilities with resignation and fortitude, and that she has met them with courage and capacity all who know her and the circumstances will cheerfully bear witness.

Mrs. Hardy was born at Honeoye Falls, near Rochester, New York, May 7, 1843, a daughter of Rev. Oliver and Melinda (Griffin) Barr, the former born in Connecticut, July 13, 1800, and the latter in Seneca county, New York, April 6, 1803. They were married about 1822, and in the fall of 1844 came to Kane county and bought a farm three and one-half miles southeast of Aurora, on which they lived for one year. The father was an ordained clergyman of the Christian church and preached many years in the state of New York. He was widely known to the early residents of Kane county as a forceful and earnest preacher of the gospel and a good man who practiced what he preached. When he became a resident of this county the settlement of this part of the state was sparse and the places for religious worship were few and widely separated. He was obliged to travel long distances to meet his appointments and was therefore not only absent from his home a large portion of the time, but also much exposed to the rigor of the seasons. But he never faltered in the discharge of his duty and rendered great service to the people in his ministrations.



SANFORD HARDY

In 1848, in obedience to the commands of the church authorities, he took charge of an appointment in the city of New York and moved his family there, remaining three years actively engaged in the work of the ministry. In 1851 he returned to Aurora with his family, but soon afterward took up the work of the Biblical School of Antioch, Ohio, of which Horace Mann was then president. In the interest of this institution he traveled far and wide and displayed great energy and zeal, but the duties brought him to an untimely death in the midst of his usefulness. He was killed in a railroad accident at Norwalk, Connecticut, May 6, 1853, the train in which he was riding plunging off a bridge into the river. His remains were brought to this county and buried in the West Aurora cemetery. His widow died May 6, 1871, and all that was mortal of her was laid to rest in a grave by the side of his. Rev. Mr. Barr's parents were John and Mary Barr, the father a native of Scotland and the mother of Connecticut, where both passed to their final rest after long years of usefulness.

Mrs. Hardy had three sisters and one brother. The sisters were: Mary V., who became the wife of Marshall Sherwin, both of whom have been dead a number of years; Adaline, who married James Miller, and they also have died; and Abbie, now the widow of George Lindsey and living in Aurora. Her husband was a valiant soldier in the Civil war. The one son born in the family was James Griffin Barr, for many years one of the leading lawyers of Kane county. He was born in New York state, July 8, 1825, and died in Aurora, January 30, 1871. *

Mrs. Hardy acquired a good education in the East Aurora schools. On May 7, 1868, she was married to Sanford Hardy, who was then a teacher at Montgomery, this county. In 1870 he embarked in the coal business in Aurora, but seven years later he sought a more congenial occupation and, selling his business, he bought the farm of fifty acres in section 25, Sugar Grove township, on which his widow now resides. He was born at Contoocook, New Hampshire, July 13, 1836, and became a resident of Kane county in 1857. School teaching was his profession, and he devoted nearly all his time to it until the beginning of the Civil war. He then enlisted in defense of the Union as a member of the Sixty-fifth Illinois Volunteers. Mr. Hardy was a devout Christian, holding active membership in the Methodist Episcopal church in Aurora. In company with Charles Douglas he founded and started on its career of usefulness the Aurora branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. His parents were Ozias and Lavina Hardy, natives of New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy became the parents of six children: Edna E., now the wife of H. J. Goodale, of Aurora; Bertha, who died at the age of one year; Louis E., who is now managing the home farm; Anna M., the wife of Charles Voss, of Ekalaka, Montana; Elwyn B., who is living in Aurora; and Charles, who is engaged in farming near that city.

The mother is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Aurora. She and those of her sons who are living at home are members of the Twentieth Century Farmers Club, and she also belongs to the Neighborly Improvement Circle, which she, with six other ladies, organized twelve years

ago for purposes of social and literary entertainment. The circle holds fortnightly meetings and at the close of every year gives an elaborate banquet, to which the husbands, sons and brothers of the members are invited. Mr. Hardy was a republican in politics, and a member of Aurora Post No. 20, Grand Army of the Republic.

JOHN C. MURPHY.

In the history of the legal profession in Aurora it is imperative that specific consideration be paid John C. Murphy, because of the prominence which he has attained as a member of the Kane county bar, and also by reason of his activity in public affairs bearing upon the welfare and upbuilding of the city. He was born in Grundy county, Illinois, February 27, 1858. His father, James Murphy, was a native of Ireland and when eleven years of age accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in Utica, New York. He arrived in Illinois in 1849, settling first in Grundy county, where he lived for about fifteen years, and then in 1864 came to Aurora, where his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in 1900, when he was seventy-seven years of age. He was a most highly respected man and an active republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the party and its interests. He married Anne Corlett, who was born on the Isle of Man and came to the United States during her girlhood days. She was married to Mr. Murphy in Utica, New York.

John C. Murphy pursued his education in the public schools of Aurora and was graduated from the high school. He afterward took up the study of law with M. O. Southworth as his preceptor and in 1882, after passing the required examination, was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in this city. Two years later he was appointed assistant United States attorney in Dakota and shortly afterward was appointed United States attorney, remaining in Dakota in that capacity until 1890. He then returned to Aurora and here entered into partnership with Samuel Alschuler, under the firm style of Alschuler & Murphy. In 1900 the senior member of the firm removed to Chicago and was succeeded by his brother, B. P. Alschuler, the firm now being Murphy & Alschuler. Mr. Murphy has continued in the practice of law in Aurora since 1890 and is recognized as an attorney of brilliant mind, of keen perception and logical deductions. He is careful and thorough in the preparation of his cases, and in the presentation of his cause presents his points with due relative importance.

Mr. Murphy is not alone known in legal circles, for he has gained wide recognition as a progressive and public-spirited citizen. He was elected mayor of the city in 1893 and served for a term of two years, during which period much work of the nature of public improvements was carried on. His administration was altogether businesslike, practical and progressive. He

put in seventy-three miles of sewers in that time at a cost of \$360,000 and he made other necessary improvements which have benefited the city.

In 1891 occurred the marriage of Mr. Murphy and Miss Jessie McArthur, a daughter of Dr. Robert M. McArthur, of Ottawa, Illinois. Mr. Murphy belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite. He is also connected with the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen. He is a past master of Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., and a past commander of Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T. Such, in brief, is the life history of one of the ablest lawyers of the Kane county bar, a man who is true to his ideals, firm in support of his honest convictions and stalwart in his championship in all that he believes to be right or for the interests of the community at large.

H. A. BOWLES.

H. A. Bowles, a prominent farmer and dairyman of Elgin township, was born in Dewitt county, Illinois, October 5, 1870, his parents being Robert and Martha (Welch) Bowles, of English and Irish parentage respectively. Representatives of the Bowles family emigrated from England to Virginia at a very early day, afterward located in Kentucky and subsequently settled in Dewitt county, Illinois, among its earliest residents. Anderson Bowles, the grandfather of H. A. Bowles, was the first of the name who took up his abode in this state, making the journey from Kentucky with ox-teams. During the trip the family carried fire with them from one camping place to another until they finally located in Dewitt county and for thirty years this fire was kept going, as it was prior to the time when matches came into general use. Anderson Bowles reared a family of fourteen children, including the father of our subject, Robert Bowles, who, in his younger days, was also a farmer and stockdealer. In 1888 he located in Chicago, where he is still engaged in the live stock commission business under the firm name of Clark, Bowles & Company. He and his wife reared a family of six children, namely: Ethel; Stella, the wife of Rev. J. H. Odgers, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church at Joliet; Herman A.; Enid; Charles, who wedded Etta Barnes of Chicago; and Bertie, who has passed away. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bowles reside in the metropolis, the former having for a long period been actively connected with its business interests.

H. A. Bowles attended the common schools of Clinton and Bloomington, Illinois, until the age of fourteen or fifteen years, and then pursued a course in a business college at Bloomington. At the age of eighteen years he started out in life for himself, and remained in Montana and Wyoming between the years 1892 and 1899, working each year during a season of nine months. In 1899, however, he returned to Chicago and thence came almost immediately to Elgin, settling on the farm of two hundred and fifty-

four acres, on which he has since resided and which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. He is a lover of fine stock and makes a specialty of breeding high grade cows and horses. He is recognized as a substantial and enterprising agriculturist and dairyman of the county and has met with a creditable and gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his business interests.

In 1899 Mr. Bowles was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Kirby, of Chicago, a daughter of T. B. and Annie E. (Anderson) Kirby. Her father is engaged in the railway supply business, and she is one of a family of three children, the others being: Daisy, the wife of W. W. Teal, of Oak Park; and Charlotte. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bowles has been born one son, Thomas K. They are people of genuine personal worth and sterling traits of character and have gained an extensive circle of friends during the period of their residence in this county.

CHARLES B. ATKYNS.

A market gardener of pronounced skill and success and a musician of eminent capacity and merit, Charles B. Atkyns, of Aurora township, has at his command two sources of high enjoyment not given to many men, and he makes good use of both. He is successful in his gardening because to his natural taste and bent for the business he adds the information gained from a reflective study of the thoughts of others and that acquired in his own careful and intelligent investigations, and he is eminent in his musical abilities largely for the same reasons.

Mr. Atkyns was born at Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 12, 1868, the son of Reuben and Eliza (Polton) Atkyns, both natives of England, the former of Coventry and the latter of Lenington. The mother came to the United States in 1857 and the father in 1858. The mother crossed the plains to the new Zion with an emigrant train in 1858, while the father was following in her wake with all his worldly goods bestowed in a push-cart, which, with heroic patience and prodigious labor, he urged through the trackless wilds of that day toward the altar of his glowing faith. They met in Salt Lake City and were married there on Christmas day, 1859. Later, making their way east as far as Illinois, they located at Plano, Kendall county, where the father plied his trade as a shoemaker and the mother kept his house and made his home. She had early in life learned the trade of a milliner in London and acquired great skill in it. She knew every step of the craft, from weaving the hat or bonnet from the straw to trimming it in the most tasteful and artistic style. To aid her husband in providing for the needs of the family she worked at her trade in this state, and with such success that she became known far and wide as the "London milliner," and to have a head covered from her shop was the ambition of every lady in the communities in which she worked. She died at Sandwich, DeKalb county, at the age of sixty-three years. The father, who was born December 20, 1832, now makes

his home with his son Charles. The grandfather of Charles Atkyns was also named Charles, and his great-grandfather was known as "Cocker" Atkyns, so called of his extensive breeding of fighting cocks. Mr. Atkyns has two brothers: Reuben, who lives at Independence, Missouri; and Henry J., who is a photographer in Aurora.

At the age of eight years Charles Atkyns removed with his parents to Sandwich, Illinois, where he obtained a good education. When he was twenty-two he took up his residence in Aurora and there worked as a machinist for three years. Impressed by the rapidity of Aurora's growth, he conceived the idea of starting a market garden in the neighborhood, and to this end purchased six acres of land south of the city. This tract he has improved with the necessary equipment for the enterprise, enriching the soil with good fertilizing material and cultivating it with studious care, until he now has the best garden and fruit farm in Kane county. Being both a practical and a scientific gardener he has achieved unusual success. He studies the needs of the soil and supplies it with what it requires for his purposes, and having a good knowledge of chemistry, he knows just what chemicals to use to make the ground responsive to his utmost wishes. He has also made a scientific study of the injuries wrought upon fruits and vegetables by various insects and found many preparations to prevent or remedy the damage done in this way. Many years' experience in the use of hand tools has given him great control of them and skill in working with them. Through this capacity he has been able to make a number of unusual implements for use in his gardening and thus acquire an advantage of moment over other persons in the business who do not possess this facility. This enabled him also to do most of the work in building his own house, whereby he was able to construct it exactly as he wished. His farm is in section 33, Aurora township, one mile and three-quarters from the city.

On New Year's day, 1894, Mr. Atkyns was married to Miss Alma J. Larson, who was born in Chicago, September 16, 1870. Her father, Lars Larson, was born and reared in Norway, and her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Hansen, was a native of Sweden. They were married in the old country and came to the United States in 1869. The father was killed in a well in 1878. The mother is still living and has her home in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkyns have two children: May M., who was born July 30, 1895, and Alfred C., who was born February 5, 1897. Both are now students at a school in Montgomery. The father is a republican and takes an active part in public affairs. He is also wide-awake and resourceful with reference to anything that he thinks will benefit the township. In 1904 he made successful efforts to have Rural Free Delivery Route No. 4 established, and found his activity in this regard justified in 1908 when it was disclosed that this route was handling more mail matter than any other out of Aurora. For a number of years he solicited subscriptions for the Aurora Daily Beacon. In this work he was successful, as he has been in everything else he has turned his hand to, largely increasing the circulation of the paper. Mr. Atkyns is also an accomplished musician, playing the double bass violin with great skill and expression. His services in this line are in continual demand, and he is

always connected with some good orchestra. In his religious affiliation he is connected with the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints. The sect has a church edifice at Plano. Mr. Atkyns is a regular attendant of the services and is prominent in the work of the church. He is faithful in all his duties as a citizen and wields a forceful influence in his community, in all parts of which he is highly respected.

EDWARD VOGLE.

Successful and prosperous as a farmer and energetic and progressive as a dairyman, Edward Vogle, of Burlington township, Kane county, has demonstrated and is demonstrating the worth of thrift, energy and attention to business in this country of great possibilities and swiftly advancing development. He is of French nativity, having been born in June, 1870, in Alsace, before that unhappy province was torn from his native land by Germany as a part of the spoils of war.

His parents, George and Adaline (Derrick) Vogle, were also Alsatians by birth. The father served a number of years in the French army, but after the Franco-German war, which changed the allegiance of his native province to the German empire, he determined to seek a new home in the new world and came to the United States, arriving in Illinois with his family in 1873. He had been a very prosperous farmer in his old home, and turned to the same occupation soon after coming to this country, for which his wife also had a longing, as she was a farmer's daughter. For one year after coming to this state he was employed in railroad construction work. At the end of that period he moved to the vicinity of Burlington in this county, and again became a farmer.

He and his wife were the parents of seven children, those besides Edward being: Clara, now the wife of Clarence Haskins, a retired farmer of Madison county, Nebraska; George, a carpenter living in Burlington; Ernest, who died some years ago; May, the wife of E. R. Allen, a resident of Burlington; Frank, who is employed on a cattle farm; and Josephine, who is the wife of L. W. Allen and resides on a farm in Virgil township. The father died on his farm in Burlington township in 1905, and since then the mother has been living in Burlington. She, like her late husband, was reared in the Catholic faith and still holds to that church.

Edward Vogle was but three years old when he came with his parents to this country. His education was begun in the district school kept in Smith's schoolhouse in Burlington township. He worked during the summer and attended school in winter until he reached the age of eighteen, then returned to the paternal homestead and assisted his father on the farm for ten years.

At the age of twenty-eight Mr. Vogle was married to Miss Fannie Solomon, who is a native of Kane county, born in Virgil township. Her father, who was a farmer, is now deceased. The mother survives and makes her home in Burlington. After his marriage Mr. Vogle began farming on

his own account, renting land for the purpose. He is still living on a rented farm; but has a dairy of twenty-five cows which reward the care and attention he bestows on them with good returns. His farming operations are also profitable, for he is a prudent and judicious farmer and conducts the business with great industry and enterprise. Unto him and his wife have been born three children: Earl, who is living at home; Gracia, now deceased; and Irene, who is also still a member of the household.

In religion Mr. Vogle is a Catholic and in politics a democrat. Although born abroad he may almost be said to be wholly an American. He grew from childhood to manhood under the benign institutions of this country and is devoted to them. He drew his stature and his strength from American soil, his mental pabulum from American schools, and his domestic environment from American social life. And he is generally respected as a worthy representative of American citizenship of the sturdy class.

RANDALL CASSEM.

Randall Cassem, member of the Kane county bar with offices in Aurora and also one of the most extensive landowners of this part of the state, was born on his father's farm in Fox township, Kendall county, Illinois, January 2, 1852, his parents being Nels O. and Margaret (Fritz) Cassem, of Kendall county. The paternal grandfather, Ole Cassem, was a native of Norway, where he died when about seventy-seven years of age, having devoted his life to fishing and tilling the soil. Unto him and his wife Rachel was born a son June 29, 1829, his birth occurring about seven miles east of the city of Stavanger, Norway. He was called Nels O. Cassem, and in his native land he was reared to the age of about twenty years when, on the 22d of April, 1849, he sailed for America, reaching his destination nine weeks later, on the 24th of June. Soon afterward he became a resident of Fox township, Kendall county, Illinois, and on the 15th of March, 1851, he married Margaret Fritz, of that county. Her father was known in Norway as Aslek Fritz, but after coming to America changed his given name to Oscar. He took up his abode in Kendall county, Illinois, in 1870, and there spent his remaining days. He was a painter and decorator, and died at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife reached the advanced age of ninety-two years. They had a large family, including Margaret Fritz, who, as stated, became the wife of Nels O. Cassem.

When Nels O. Cassem first came to this state he worked on the old tow-path of the Illinois & Michigan canal at fifty cents per day. He always made it his purpose to save something of his earnings, and this resolve formed in early life constituted the foundation for his success. By safe and wise investments, fortunate loans and other profitable business transactions, and also through integrity, application and ability, his fortune steadily increased. He early realized that there is no royal road to wealth, but that industry and

common-sense application are elements in prosperity. He never entered the field of speculation, but as opportunity offered he made judicious investments in property and became the owner of extensive realty holdings. He regarded Illinois as the best state in the Union and Kendall county as the best part of the state, and he believed that he might win success through his farming operations and his investments, owing to his favorable location. He managed and directed his farming and other business enterprises within fifty-five miles of the greatest and best grain and stock market in the world—Chicago. His success may well be attributed to about five causes: He always had a strong body and possessed great power of physical endurance; secondly, as assistant to his father in Norway he formed industrious habits, knew how to work, was ambitious and earnest in his undertakings and his life was full of action. He stood for the life of effort and not for the life of ease. As money came to him slowly in his childhood and only by hard work, he learned the value of a dollar, and this constituted another element in his success. Then, too, he was always courageous. His ambition and firm self-reliance were apparent in his business transactions. He dared to attempt in the business world what others were afraid to take up, and though his gains were small, they were properly managed and when the time was ripe were invested in such a prudent manner as to produce a still greater yield. He gave minute attention to the most trivial things which could affect his business, and he also settled his bills as he went along, saying, "Thus I have always kept my business before me instead of allowing it to drive me." The fifth reason of his success was that he practiced self-denial and rigid economy. It took perseverance and tenacity of purpose, combined with honesty, good principle and a clean character for him to succeed. One principle that demanded notice was the one which guided him in never striving after extravagant profits in any of his undertakings. Moreover, he was unquestionably honest, and viewed in any light his character affords one of the most perfect models. He was a firm believer in the Bible, and his life was largely in harmony with the teachings of Him who came to the world to present to mankind the Christian religion. He died Saturday afternoon, August 20, 1904, about 3:30 o'clock, when driving home. Through an accident he was thrown from the buggy upon the road and death resulted immediately. His funeral services were held at the old homestead in a large tent on a bright, sunny Wednesday, August 24, 1904, and were conducted by the Rev. William H. Buss, of Aurora, Illinois, and Rev. A. O. Mortvedt, of Newark, Illinois, the former preaching in English and the latter in Norwegian. His pallbearers were his farm tenants, and the funeral was one of the largest ever held in Kendall county, for he was followed to the grave by a host of friends when his remains were laid to rest in the old cemetery west of Helmar. His was indeed a most active, useful and honorable life. Few men without better advantages at the outset of their careers attain the measure of prosperity which came to Mr. Cassem, nor through it all enjoy the unassailable reputation for business honesty and integrity.

His wife was a most devoted companion to him on life's journey, and was a most faithful and loving mother. She possessed all the womanly vir-

tues, and these endeared her to those with whom she came in contact. She died August 28, 1872, aged forty-five years, eight months and five days. As she lay upon her deathbed she quoted the words:

“Exalt with me mightily,
Praise ye the Lord,
Our God and Master’s
Holy name!
I sought Him in prayer,
He heard my petition.
His almighty power
The danger averted,
And brought from the tempest
To haven secure.
O glorious salvation
From gravest oppression!
My heart nor my tongue
Shall never forget.”

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cassem were born two sons and three daughters who are yet living: Randall, who resides in Aurora; Mrs. Olive J. Osmondson, of Seward township, Kendall county; Oscar E., of Mitchell, South Dakota; Mrs. Margaret Olson, of Aurora; and Mrs. Anna O. Rood, of Chicago. One daughter, Emily, was born in 1855 and died in 1877.

The eldest, Randall Cassem, was reared to manhood on his father’s farm and attended the public schools of Kendall county. He was a country school teacher for a time, and later he acquired a good academic education at Newark, Illinois. He then pursued a professional career and was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in the spring of 1874. In the fall of that year he was admitted to the bar and began practice at Yorkville, where he remained until 1887, when he removed to Aurora and has since been connected with the local courts in the conduct of much important litigation. He is an able lawyer who prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care, and is very accurate in his application of legal principles to the points at issue. He also buys and sells real estate and is the owner of large farms of valuable land in Kendall county and valuable lands in the states of Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota, all of which is well improved. He likewise has a number of store buildings and business blocks in Aurora and Chicago, from which he derives a gratifying annual income.

On the 11th of April, 1882, Mr. Cassem was married to Miss Maggie Casler, a daughter of Robert and Jeannette (Eldridge) Casler. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cassem are members of the People’s church. Politically he is a republican, and for two terms served as city attorney of Yorkville, but otherwise he has never sought nor desired office. He is a man of strong intellectual force and of marked individuality, who has been a worthy exemplar of his father’s teachings in that he has made good use of his opportunities and has gained advancement in business circles through his close application and well

directed energy. His business methods, too, are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, and the work of his life has been crowned with success owing to the strong purpose and keen discernment which he has always displayed.

J. J. LUCK.

J. J. Luck is well known as a representative of real-estate and insurance interests in Aurora and furthermore is numbered among the valued citizens here because of the active and helpful part which he has taken in securing the location of factories here and in otherwise promoting the growth and development of the city. A native of Germany, he was born in Brandeburg on the 8th of June, 1850. His paternal grandfather was a Von Vadel—a noble German family. His paternal great-grandfather was a noted soldier of the Prussian army who distinguished himself at Waterloo and on many other occasions. He was reputed to be one of the most accomplished swordsmen of his day and taught the art of fencing to Emperor William First. Many honors were conferred upon him, and he received the iron cross for distinguished bravery, together with other decorations.

August Luck, father of J. J. Luck, was a native of Pommern, Germany, and came to the United States in 1866, settling at Buffalo, New York, where he engaged in business as a contractor and builder. After a few years he removed westward to Wisconsin, where he remained until his death. He married Wilhelmina Felt, a daughter of the burgomaster of the town in which she was born.

J. J. Luck was educated in public and private schools of his native land, and was a youth of sixteen years when he accompanied his parents to the new world. In Wisconsin he learned the tanner's trade, and then established a factory for the manufacture of leather goods of all kinds. He was meeting with well merited and gratifying prosperity when a destructive fire robbed him of all his possessions. At that time the Northern Pacific Railroad was being built and he entered the employ of the company as land agent, having charge of land west of the Missouri river. In 1880 he organized the Northwestern colony, which settled Park City, Montana, on that road. In 1882 he extended his efforts to other fields of activity by organizing a German colony of eighty-one families, founding the town of New Salem, North Dakota. In the sale of land and the development of the place he won success, and left as a monument to his enterprise and ability one of the flourishing towns of the new West. He was also a prominent and influential factor in political circles there, being a recognized leader in republican ranks. He was connected with the state central committee, and his opinions carried weight in party councils and constituted an element in shaping the party policy. For three years he was chairman of the county commissioners of Morton county, and during his term of office he saved the county thousands of dollars. In 1886, after that part of the country had had three successive crop failures and every farmer



J. J. LUCK

was ready to leave the new colony on account of this, he arranged with the officers of the Northern Pacific Railroad to advance enough wheat for seed to tide the farmers over for another season, and thereby he practically saved that part of the country for the company. In December, 1882, Mr. Luck, with a party of four men, was caught in a terrible blizzard on the plains of North Dakota, and for three days and nights was cut off from the world, but through his intimate knowledge of the country he succeeded in bringing them all back to the settlement.

In 1889 Mr. Luck came to Aurora to engage in the real-estate business and also for the purpose of giving his children better educational facilities than could be secured in the new Dakota town. He has built up an excellent clientele, both in real-estate and insurance lines, has negotiated many property transfers and done much for the development of the city. Through his efforts unsightly vacancies have been transformed into attractive residence districts. He laid out Luck's addition to the city, and he has also been most actively and helpfully interested in a movement toward the location of factories here, and has labored untiringly for the benefit of the town. Mr. Luck has recently completed and patented a cement post and post mold, through the use of which each farmer is able to make his own fence posts, to take the place of the old wooden fence post now used by the farmers all over the country. It is fully as cheap as the old one and will last a lifetime, and will undoubtedly result in a decided change for the better in the appearance of the farms. It is now being placed on the market and has received the endorsement of the best critics.

In 1872 Mr. Luck was married to Miss Ernestine Exner, a native of Germany, who was reared in Australia. They have four children: Mrs. Clara Hoover, Rose, Edward A., and Ottmar. Mr. Luck is connected with the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and admirable social qualities render him popular in the order and in the city. A charming personality and unfeigned cordiality have gained him many friends, while unflinching determination has promoted his business success.

OSCAR BOWGREN.

Oscar Bowgren, a successful farmer and dairyman of Campton township, is a native of Sweden, where he was born September 4, 1880, the son of Charles and Louisa (Anderson) Bowgren. Both parents were natives of Sweden, the father having been born there in 1841 and the mother in 1846. In 1891 they came to America and located at Geneva, Illinois, where they have since continued to reside. They became the parents of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, namely: Albert, who works in a factory in Geneva; August, a farmer of Campton township; Hulda, the wife of August Anderson, residing near St. Charles; Emil F., who is a tailor by trade and resides in Chicago; Jonathan A., a farmer residing near Elburn; Adolph C., who conducts farming operations near St. Charles; Otto S. and Fritz E.,

residing in Geneva, where the latter works in a factory; and Esther E., deceased.

Oscar Bowgren attended the district schools in Sweden until he was eleven years of age, when he came with his parents to America, and entered the schools of Geneva, passing on through the consecutive grades to the high school. He then sought employment in a piano factory, where he was engaged as a polisher for four years. He left this position to engage in farming, an occupation which he has now been following for the last three years. He has been quite successful in his work, having already accumulated something over two thousand dollars worth of personal property. He operates rented land and is engaged in general farming and dairying. His business is now established on a paying basis and the future holds excellent promise for his continued advancement.

On May 19, 1904, Mr. Bowgren was married to Miss Ida Shogland, who was born in Sweden in 1878 and came to America in 1886. Two children have been born to this union, Verna L., born July 2, 1905, and Gordon, born January 16, 1907.

Politically, Mr. Bowgren is identified with the republican party.

PETER PETERSON.

Peter Peterson, who is engaged in the dairy business on a well improved farm in Virgil township, Kane county, is one of the worthy citizens that Sweden has furnished to this state. He was born in that country, April 14, 1851. His father served for two years in the Swedish army and spent his entire life in that country. His family numbered five children, but three of the number, Johannah, Bertilla and Anna, are deceased. Elna is the wife of Swan Pearson, and still makes her home in Sweden.

Peter Peterson, the other member of the family, was reared in his native country and acquired his education in the district schools, attending to the age of fourteen years. He then began work as a farm hand by the year, being thus employed until he had reached the age of twenty-nine years. He then established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Inger Larson, who is likewise a native of Sweden. Two years later, however, believing that the new world offered good opportunities to the ambitious young man, Mr. Peterson decided to emigrate to America and accordingly crossed the Atlantic to the United States. He made his way at once to Kane county, Illinois, locating near Maple Park. He was first employed in construction work by the Northwestern Railroad Company, serving in that capacity for ten years. Through his energy, economy and well directed labors during that time he saved a sum of money sufficient to enable him to purchase a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Minnesota. He now rents a well-improved property comprising one hundred and seventy-six acres in Virgil township, this county. He is here engaged in the dairy business, keeping for this purpose twenty-five cows, while the products of his farm find a ready

sale on the market. He is careful and systematic in his methods and he follows the most straightforward principles in his dealings with his fellowmen.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson has been blessed with three children, a son and two daughters, namely: Olaf J., a farmer, residing in Minnesota; and Elmer and Ethel, at home. Mr. Peterson is a member of the Lutheran church, while his fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen of America. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized, for here he has found the opportunities he sought and through determined purpose has worked his way upward to success.

ALPHA J. JOHNSON.

Responsibility educates rapidly and experience is an admirable teacher, even though a severe one. Alpha J. Johnson, one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Sugar Grove township, began the battle of life for himself at an early age, and has exhibited throughout his career the self-reliance and resourcefulness which come from dependence on one's own energies and faculties for advancement in the world.

Mr. Johnson is a native of the township in which he lives, having been born opposite the Jericho church, February 8, 1873. He is a son of Rufus F. and Harriet (King) Johnson, and a brother of William A. Johnson, of Sugar Grove township, in the sketch of whom, to be found on another page of this volume, the full family history is given from the time of the arrival of the paternal grandfather, Reuben Bingham Johnson, in Kane county in 1836.

Alpha J. Johnson had but limited opportunities for an education, attending the district school in the neighborhood of his home for only a few years during the winter months, and the school at Sugar Grove two years. At the age of ten he hired himself to a neighbor to work on the farm and was put to plowing corn at twenty-five cents a day, a sum which, meager as it was, seemed bountiful to him and gave him at once a feeling of manliness and independence. He has earned many larger compensations since and has made money in his business operations on varying scales of magnitude, but it is doubtful if he has ever received, for work or business transactions, any sum that gave him half the pleasure he received from his first small earnings in the great world of enterprise and effort.

On February 19, 1901, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Alice Roberts, who was born in Chicago, April 5, 1880, and a year later was brought by her parents, with the rest of the family, to Kane county. The parents located at Sugar Grove, where the father was station agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for a number of years. Mrs. Johnson was educated at the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial school, from which she was graduated in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children: Helen, who was born on March 8, 1902; and Ralph, who came into the world November 20, 1905.

Mr. Johnson has been farming on his own account since 1901. He has a good farm, well improved and wisely cultivated, and it is steadily increasing in value and attractiveness. He devotes his whole attention to its cultivation and improvement, and his labors and intelligence in connection with it are bringing him the due recompense of honest industry and skill. He is not, however, so completely absorbed in his own affairs that he has no time or energy to bestow on those of public import. On the contrary, he takes an earnest interest and an active part in the politics of the county as a republican, in its fraternal life as a Modern Woodman, and in its general weal as a progressive, broad minded and far seeing citizen, and his influence and example are potent in their effect since they are always given to the right cause. He is known throughout the county and everywhere is highly esteemed.

SAMUEL McVICKER.

The versatility and adaptiveness of the Irish race to circumstances, and its ability to turn even obstacles into servitors for its advancement, is well illustrated in the career of Samuel McVicker, who is one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of Aurora township, with two hundred and thirty acres of fine land under his skillful cultivation and vigorous management.

Mr. McVicker was born in County Antrim, Ireland, February 2, 1877, and is the son of Robert and Ann (McHatten) McVicker, natives of the same county as himself, where their ancestors lived for generations engaged in tilling the soil. In 1882 the parents brought their young family to this country and took up their residence on a farm near Oswego in Kendall county, Illinois. Here their son, Samuel, attended the country school and assisted his father on the farm until he reached the age of sixteen. The family then moved to another farm in the same county, on which it dwelt and flourished for eight years.

At the end of that period Mr. McVicker, being about twenty-four years old, began to make arrangements for a home and industry of his own, and for one year he farmed rented land on his own account. During the next three years he was employed by the National Biscuit Company in Aurora, but mercantile life was not to his taste. The farm still called to him in pleading terms and the farming interests seemed most promising to his hopes as well as most suited to his desires, and he yielded to the call. On February 16, 1905, he leased the Whittemore farm two miles and a half west of Aurora, which he now occupies and on which he has shown himself to be a thoroughly practical, resourceful and up-to-date farmer. He devotes his whole time and energy to his work, applying assiduous industry and careful management to all his farming operations and using good judgment with reference to every detail of his undertaking; and his success in results is in full accordance with his diligence and intelligence in planning for them and working toward them.

Mrs. McVicker, his mother, died on a farm near Aurora on June 11, 1897, and the father of the family is now living near Batavia. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom are living. Samuel's brothers and sisters are: Maggie, wife of Andrew Spritzer, of Aurora; John, also a resident of Aurora; Jane, who married Daniel W. Robinson, of Aurora, and is living in that city; Robert, of Aurora township; Martha, wife of C. J. Lyons of Batavia; and Henry, an esteemed citizen of Aurora.

On January 9, 1902, Mr. McVicker was united in marriage with Miss Selina Eleanor Boyer, who was born in Aurora, May 20, 1882, and is a daughter of Alfred and Emily (Defoe) Boyer, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. McVicker are Catholics in religion and belong to Holy Angels church of that sect in Aurora. The husband is a democrat in politics and a Modern Woodman in fraternal life. He is averse to official station and has never sought nor desired a public office of any kind. He finds enough to fully occupy his time and energies in looking after his farm and pushing it to the highest development and productiveness. At the same time, he is not indifferent to the welfare of the township, but does all he can to promote it and foster every movement for the advancement of the community and the greater comfort, convenience and enjoyment of its people. He is accounted an excellent and representative citizen and is highly esteemed as such.

GEORGE E. HANKES.

George E. Hankes, who for almost a quarter of a century has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 27, Blackberry township, was born in Sugar Grove, Kane county, Illinois, June 1, 1860. His parents were Michel and Margaret (Dicks) Hankes, natives of Holland and Luxemburg, Germany, respectively. The father's birth occurred in 1836 and in the year 1848 he emigrated to America, locating in Aurora, Illinois, where he resided for one year. On the expiration of that period he removed to Sugar Grove, purchased land from the government, and there carried on farming throughout his active business career. Coming to this country with limited financial resources, it was only by dint of untiring perseverance and unremitting energy that he gained the prosperity which crowned his efforts in later years. During the progress of the Civil war he was twice drafted for service but each time purchased his exemption. In politics he was a democrat, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Catholic church. His demise occurred in 1880 and his remains were interred in St. Nicholas cemetery on the east side of Aurora. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Pierce M., who follows farming near Anrora; Katie, the wife of Con B. Birong, a traveling salesman residing in Madison, Wisconsin; Henry, of Aurora, Illinois, who is employed by the American Well Boring Company; Elizabeth, the wife of Theodore Weydert, foreman for the American Well works; Margaret, the wife of Charles

Duckendorf, a retired agriculturist; and Nicholas, a farmer of Blackberry township.

George E. Hanks, the other member of the family, attended school until fourteen years of age and subsequently assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm until he had attained the age of twenty-six years. Being married at that time, he commenced farming on his own account and has now for twenty-three years been most successfully connected with this line of activity in Blackberry township. He, likewise, owns some registered Chester White hogs, and is widely recognized as one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the community.

Mr. Hanks was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Kohley, who was born December 15, 1866, a daughter of John Kohley. The latter still survives at the advanced age of eighty-two years, making his home in Aurora, but his wife was called to her final rest in 1880. The members of their family, in addition to Mrs. Hanks, were as follows: Catherine, the wife of Henry H. Patterman, a painter of Aurora; Charles, a farmer of Kane county; Margaret, of Aurora; Mary, who likewise makes her home in Aurora; Jacob, who follows agricultural pursuits in Naperville; Agnes, the wife of William Sachen, of Aurora; Anna, who became the wife of Charles Plain and lives in Streator, Illinois; and John, a miller of Aurora. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hanks are: Margaret, Charles, Jacob, Pierce and Henry, all at home.

Politically Mr. Hanks is a republican, while in religious belief he is a Catholic. A native son of Kane county, where he has now resided for almost a half century, he is well and favorably known here and has gained an extensive circle of warm friends.

CHARLES P. EKSTROM.

Charles P. Ekstrom, residing in Campton township, this county, where he is engaged in farming, dairying and stockraising, was born near Helsingborg, Sweden, September 26, 1872, the son of P. and Johanna (Johnson) Ekstrom. Both parents are natives of Sweden, the father having been born there, April 16, 1840, and the mother, July 19, 1849. The father served his regular time in the Swedish army and is now engaged in farming in the land of his birth. He is a faithful and consistent member of the Lutheran church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrom have been born eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, namely: Gustaf, born November 6, 1867, a farmer residing in Sweden; Charles P., of this review; August, who was born June 3, 1871, and died in America in 1891; Hilda, who was born June 3, 1874, and died September 12, 1890; John E., born September 20, 1875, a farmer residing in Sweden; Emma S., who was born October 9, 1877, and was married in 1895 to John August Fritz, a grocer of Rockford, Illinois; Otto, who was born December 7, 1879, and died in Sweden, June 6, 1884; Fred, born July 26, 1882, a carpenter residing with Charles P., of this review; Otto A., born January 25, 1885, a farmer residing in Campton township;

Frida, deceased, who was born October 18, 1887; and Joseph, who was born March 24, 1890, and resides at home with his parents and aids his father in the work of the farm.

Charles P. Ekstrom attended the district schools in his native land until fourteen years of age, at which time he discontinued his school work in order to devote his entire time to his father's farming interests. At the age of twenty he emigrated to America and located in Kane county, Illinois. He was naturally of a thrifty, industrious disposition and was quick to take advantage of any opportunities that presented themselves for his individual advancement. He knew more of farming than of any other industry and, naturally, it was to this work that he turned his attention, ever keeping in mind the ambition he entertained in coming to America, which was that of conducting a farm of his own. His ambition has long since been realized, and the advancement he has already made bids fair to continue under the excellent judgment he displays in the management of his business. In addition to the raising of hay and grain he is engaged in the dairy business, keeping thirty cows for that purpose, and engages extensively in the raising of Berkshire hogs, of which he makes a specialty. He now estimates the value of his personal property at about two thousand dollars.

On August 21, 1897, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ekstrom and Miss Emma Lovis Anderson, who was born in Campton township, October 28, 1876. They have become the parents of two children, namely: Esther Olive, who was born August 10, 1899, and died January 6, 1900; and Carl Elmer, born December 8, 1901. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrom are faithful and consistent members of the Lutheran church, and in politics he is a republican.

Mrs. Ekstrom is a daughter of Gustaf and Anna Christina (Johnson) Anderson, both natives of Westergotland, Sweden, the former born February 25, 1835, and the latter December 23, 1838. For forty years they have now made their home in America, and throughout his active business life the father has followed farming. He is a republican in politics, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church. In their family were four daughters: Augusta, born May 31, 1864; Amanda Josefina, who was born in Sweden, December 15, 1868, and died in America in 1870; Emma, who was born in this country, December 22, 1871, and died in August, 1872; and Mrs. Ekstrom, who is the youngest of the family.

BENJAMIN P. ALSCHULER.

The name of Alschuler has ever figured prominently in the legal circles of Aurora and has come to be regarded almost as a synonym for success in the trial of cases before the bar. B. P. Alschuler sustains the reputation borne by his brother, Samuel Alschuler, who formerly practiced here, and is now successfully practicing as a member of the firm of Murphy & Alschuler. He was born in Aurora, November 8, 1876, his parents being Jacob and Caroline (Steifel) Alschuler, both of whom were natives of Germany.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for B. P. Alschuler in his boyhood and youth. His time was divided between the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground, as he pursued his education in the public schools of Aurora, eventually being graduated from the east side high school. He determined upon the practice of law as a life work and to this end he became a student in the law office of Alschuler & Murphy, of Aurora, the senior partner being his brother, Samuel Alschuler. After thorough preliminary study he passed the required examination admitting him to the bar in 1899. Since 1900 he has been a partner of the firm of Murphy & Alschuler, succeeding his brother upon his retirement preparatory to his removal to Chicago, where he is now practicing law. The firm is a prominent one in the Kane county courts. Mr. Alschuler seems to possess a natural discrimination as to legal ethics. He never fails to recognize the main point at issue and never neglects to give a thorough preparation. His pleas have been characterized by a terse and decisive logic and a lucid presentation.

In March, 1900, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Alschuler and Miss Lillian Reinheimer, of Delavan, Illinois, a daughter of S. M. Reinheimer, one of the old settlers of this state. They now have two children, Jacob Edward and Corinne. Mr. Alschuler is a member of the Masonic lodge of Aurora, of the Royal Arch chapter, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and other organizations. He is an active democrat, stands high in the councils of his party and at the last election was the democratic nominee for congress. While he works earnestly for his party his chief attention is given to his professional duties and his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial.

JACOB WACKERLIN.

The industry, frugality and thrift of the Swiss people are well known all over the world, as are, also, their ardent devotion to their country, their unyielding bravery in battle and their lofty ideals of government and personal freedom. The little mountain democracy of Europe has given the whole earth valuable lessons in the administration of public affairs and the matter of internal improvements. And when its people have gone abroad into other lands, they have carried with them the lessons learned at home and put them into practice for the benefit of the country of their adoption.

Jacob Wackerlin, one of the leading farmers of Sugar Grove township, belongs to this sturdy race and is a fine example of all its practical virtues and useful elements of character. He was born in the canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, March 1, 1870, and lived there, attending school and assisting his parents on the home farm, until he reached the age of eighteen years. At that time he came to the United States and took up his residence in New York, where, for three years he worked as a hired hand on a farm. But he had higher aspirations for himself, and the great west held out opportunities for their realization. In 1891 he became a resident of DuPage county, Illinois.

There he passed two years again as a farm hand, still looking ahead and working zealously toward his destined goal.

At the end of the period mentioned Mr. Wackerlin felt that he was in a position to undertake the operation of a farm of his own and found a home. Accordingly, November 23, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Kuebler, who was one of his schoolmates in his native land, and who was born there March 11, 1870. When her future husband left their ancestral mountains to seek the realization of his hopes in the new world there seems to have been no thought of their possible marriage in his mind or in hers. She bade him good-by with cheerfulness and encouragement, saying in substance that he was going to wonderful America, where he would become a rich gentleman, and she never expected to see him again. Mrs. Wackerlin's parents were farmers, and like her husband, she acquired in her rural home and under the tuition of her good father and mother strong elements of character and formed habits of industry and frugality. She came to this country in 1891, and after passing two years in New Jersey, moved to Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Wackerlin have four children: Jacob Washington, whose birth occurred February 22, 1895; Nellie Edna, who was born April 15, 1896; Mabel Gladys, who was born May 10, 1900, and Elmer Leroy, who is now six years old, having been born on June 10, 1902. The parents are firm believers in the value of mental training and intend to give their children the best school privileges and advantages available to them. The oldest son, now thirteen, is a student at the Sugar Grove Industrial School.

In 1899 Mr. Wackerlin purchased the farm of one hundred and seventeen acres in section 31, Sugar Grove township, on which he now lives. Soon after he bought the place the dwelling on it was destroyed by fire, and he thereupon erected a substantial and commodious farm house, which is well arranged and provided with modern conveniences. He has brought his land to a high state of productiveness and made for himself and his family a very comfortable, attractive and profitable country home. In connection with his farming operations he always feeds a large number of cattle in winter for the market, and as he gives them good attention and feeds them with judgment he never fails to realize handsomely on the enterprise. He and his wife are not members of any church, but the children are regular attendants of a Sunday school at Sugar Grove.

Although far from their native land, and cut off from all its scenes and associations, except in memory, these worthy people are not without kindred in this country. Mr. Wackerlin has two brothers and a sister within easy reach of him. His brother, George, lives in Aurora and his brother, John, in Montgomery, Kane county, and his sister, Mrs. Cecilia Shultz, is a resident of Star City, Indiana. Another brother and sister are still living in Switzerland. Mrs. Wackerlin has a brother in Virginia and a brother and sister in Zurich, Switzerland.

The years of their residence in Kane county have been fruitful to Mr. and Mrs. Wackerlin in more ways than one. They have prospered in a worldly way, and they have earned their prosperity. They have also grown strong in public esteem and the cordial regard and good will of their friends

and neighbors, and this result is also based on merit. They have lived acceptably, usefully and progressively, showing proper consideration for others and performing with fidelity and cheerfulness their whole duty toward all with whom they have mingled or had dealings.

JOHN WILKS MARSHALL.

The subject of this sketch was one of Aurora's older citizens. He was born at Trenton Falls, Oneida county, New York, October 28, 1821. He was the son of Romeo Winchell and Harriet (Van Antwerp) Marshall, being one of a family of eleven brothers and sisters. Being naturally of a studious disposition and possessing a retentive mind, at the age of sixteen years he successfully passed the examination for a teacher's certificate and entered upon the work of this profession. Becoming interested in surveying, he took a course of study in this line, engaging in this pursuit through the summer seasons and following the occupation of teaching in the winter months. At the time of his majority, in October, 1842, he came to Aurora, Illinois, and during one year conducted a private school on the west side of the river in the old schoolhouse situated near what is now the Dr. Allaire place on North Lake street. Many prominent citizens of Aurora in later years were numbered among his pupils, among whom may be mentioned George Wilder, R. W. Gates, Mrs. D. B. Waterman, Mrs. Charles Kennedy, Isabelle Holbrook, Lucius Hoyt, Delos Lake and a number of others. The next year he taught in Joliet and afterward went to Galena, entering the employ of Messrs. Corwith & Brother. These gentlemen were pleased with Mr. Marshall and in the fall of 1846 aided him to start a mercantile business in the town of Millville on Apple river, about twenty miles from Galena. On August 8 of the same year he was married to Ellen P., daughter of Alpheus H. and Mercy (Wilkie) Hinds, at the home of her parents in Sugar Grove. To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were born five children, four sons and one daughter, as follows: Frank A., who died in infancy at Millville; Kate E., who for the past eight years has been connected with the Aurora Public Library as reference librarian; Fred C., a dentist of Chicago, who died April 29, 1892, leaving a widow, Mrs. Ivy B. (Curtis) Marshall, and two children, Fred Curtis and John Wilks, Jr.; Don E., who died in early childhood; and Clare W., a dentist who died in Toledo, Ohio, in September, 1903, and who is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie A. (McCleary) Marshall.

For nine years Mr. Marshall did a flourishing business at Millville but, wishing a wider field for his activities, decided to return to Aurora, where a few years previous he had purchased twelve acres of land, extending from South Lake street west to what is now Highland avenue. This land was later platted as Marshall's addition to Aurora. Upon the Lake street side of this property, during the summer of 1855, he built a commodious brick house, it being at that time one of the largest and best residences on the west side of the river, and is still the home of his daughter. The "city fathers" expressed



RESIDENCE OF JOHN W. MARSHALL.

their pleasure in this addition to their growing city by building a board walk from downtown up to the place. In the early fall of the same year Mr. Marshall commenced business with a stock of dry goods, groceries and hardware in the store now occupied by Dorchester & Wilcox at 27 River street. While in this building the reviving of the Beacon began in the rooms above, under the editorship of the late O. B. Knickerbocker, who in speaking of those times said: "Our purse in those days was very light, our capital consisting almost entirely in hope; and we have cause to remember with much gratitude the many favors extended us by our kind-hearted neighbor." In 1858 Mr. Marshall removed his stock to the new building he had erected on River street upon the site now occupied by the J. B. Bishop block, where on Christmas night of the same year he had the misfortune to lose both building and stock by fire, without insurance on either. This misfortune, with the added one of continued ill health, compelled him to leave business. Through his integrity in his business life and close attention to the needs and desires of his patrons he had built up a large and steadily increasing trade and when for a few years he was able to take his place behind the counter in the store of Daniel Volentine his trade went with him. After long years of patient suffering with asthmatic consumption, he passed away in his fifty-third year on Saturday, May 3, 1873. His wife survived him for twelve years, her demise occurring on Monday, April 6, 1885. Mr. Marshall was a man of excellent social qualities and won and kept his personal friends. Those who saw him in his last years found him still the courteous Christian gentleman, bearing his trials with patience and still hopeful and persistent. He left behind him the memory of a character which money cannot build and cannot buy. He died rich in the affection of all who knew him and were worthy of his acquaintance.

ANNAS HATHAWAY.

Annas Hathaway, deceased, who, for many years, was a well known, leading and honored citizen of Elgin, Illinois, was born on the 13th of October, 1827, in Steuben county, New York, his parents being Joel and Anna (Babbitt) Hathaway, natives of Massachusetts. The paternal grandfather of our subject, who was also a native of the Bay state, was of English parentage and a farmer by occupation. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill. His family numbered seven sons and three daughters, and he passed away at the advanced age of one hundred years. The maternal grandfather, Edward Rabbitt, also born in Massachusetts, died in middle life, leaving a family of three sons and three daughters.

During his early life Joel Hathaway worked at the stonemason's trade, but later turned his attention to farming. Coming west in 1850, he and his wife made their home with their eldest son, E. T. Hathaway, in Wayne, DuPage county, Illinois. The father was captain of a company during the war of 1812, and while living in Steuben county, New York, he served as

supervisor and also as county superintendent of the poor for some years. His death occurred in 1870 when he had attained the age of eighty-six years, while his wife, who survived him for five years, died at the age of eighty-one. Both were Universalists in religious belief and were held in high regard by all who knew them. They had a family of five children, all of whom are now deceased.

Annas Hathaway obtained his education in an old log schoolhouse near his boyhood's home, and at the age of fourteen years left the parental roof, entering upon his business career as a clerk in a store, where he was employed for four years. On the 4th of May, 1845, he first set foot in Elgin, Illinois, stopping here to visit friends while on his way to St. Louis, Missouri. After spending eighteen months in Elgin he proceeded to St. Louis, where he made his home for four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Elgin, Illinois, and in partnership with W. C. Kimball opened a store in Union, McHenry county, Illinois. On selling out after two years, he removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he engaged in merchandising, while a year later he went to Chicago and gave his attention to bookkeeping. Subsequently he went to Pike's Peak in 1849 and afterward to California, where he engaged in mining. Returning to Chicago in 1860, he remained in the western metropolis until 1861, and then went south, being connected with mercantile interests until 1866. Once more returning to Chicago, he was engaged in the commission business for one year, and then became interested in railroading on the 1st of September, 1869, having charge of the freight department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad for four years. From July, 1873, until October, 1876, he was ticket and freight agent for the Chicago & Pacific Railroad, and later had charge of the outgoing freight for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad for six years. On the 1st of February, 1882, he became connected with the pool line under George H. Daniels, but after its dissolution he came, on the 14th of November, 1882, to Elgin, Illinois, where for eight years he served as freight and ticket agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. Going to Tacoma, Washington, on the 31st of March, 1890, he became manager for the Tacoma Trading Company, furnishing coal and building supplies. In December, 1890, he once more returned to Elgin, Illinois. On the 1st of April, 1893, he was appointed chief clerk and secretary of the Northern Illinois Hospital for the Insane at Elgin, Illinois, by John P. Atgeld, governor of Illinois, and held the office until April 2, 1897.

On the 22d of February, 1853, at Elgin, Illinois, Mr. Hathaway was united in marriage to Miss Sylvira M. Bartlett, whose birth occurred in Genesee county, New York, on the 7th of October, 1830, being the eldest daughter of Edmund and Naomi (Babcock) Bartlett. Her parents located in Kane county, Illinois, as early as 1834, making their home upon a farm near Wayne, Illinois, for nearly fifty years. The father died upon that place in January, 1883, while his wife's death occurred in Elgin, Illinois, May 10, 1891. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway were born two children. Carrie is now the wife of Professor D. Webster George, of Jacksonville, Illinois, and has two children. Herbert Annas Hathaway, who has been employed by the Elgin

National Watch Company for the past twenty years, was married to Miss Bertha Dresssaunt on the 9th of March, 1898. She is the only daughter of French parents, who came from Paris, France, in 1854.

Mr. Hathaway was a thirty-second degree Mason, having first joined that order in St. Charles on the 20th of September, 1852. He was a member of Loyal L. Munn Chapter, R. A. M.; Bethel Commandery, No. 36, K. T., of Elgin, Illinois; Oriental Consistory and Medinah Temple, of Chicago. His demise occurred in Elgin, Illinois, on the 19th of August, 1898, and the county mourned the loss of one of its honored pioneers and highly respected and valued citizens. Mrs. Hathaway, who still resides at her home at No. 645 North Spring street, has been a resident of Kane county, Illinois, for seventy-three years and is, therefore, largely familiar with its annals from a very early period down to the present time, being well known and highly esteemed as one of the venerable pioneer ladies of this part of the state.

WELFORD A. READ.

Welford A. Read, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Virgil township, was born on the farm where he now resides, November 17, 1859, his parents being Richmond and Miranda W. (Sweet) Read, the former born in Nova Scotia, May 21, 1821, and the latter in Onondaga county, New York, February 26, 1835. The father came to Illinois in 1838 and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land from the government at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. In Virgil township, in December, 1851, he wedded Miss Miranda W. Sweet, and his demise occurred May 16, 1890, on the home farm of his son, Welford A. His wife still survives him, making her home at Sycamore.

Welford A. Read attended the common schools until sixteen years of age, and throughout his entire life has continued to reside on the farm on section 12, Virgil township, on which his birth occurred. The property comprises two hundred and fifty acres of highly improved and productive land and is equipped with all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century. The buildings on the place, including a commodious and attractive residence, are all in good condition and the farm, in its neat and thrifty appearance, indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. He owns fifty cows and conducts an extensive dairy, shipping one hundred and twenty gallons of milk daily from Lily Lake to Chicago. He likewise has thirty Poland China hogs, eleven head of horses and a fine lot of Plymouth Rock poultry, and owns various kinds of improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. In the different branches of his business he has met with a well merited and enviable degree of success and is a well known and prosperous resident of his native county.

On the 21st of November, 1882, Mr. Read was united in marriage to Miss Cora B. Walker, of Virgil, by whom he has the following children: Stella May, born December 29, 1883, who attended the high school at Sycamore; Ernest O., born August 4, 1885, who attended business college at

Elgin and is now engaged in farming; Maude Blanche, born March 10, 1887, who attended the St. Charles high school and also taught for one year; Floyd S., born June 4, 1888, who attended business college at Elgin and is also now engaged in agricultural pursuits; Richmond R., whose birth occurred July 16, 1890, and who attended the common schools, while at the present time he follows farming; Arthur H., whose natal day was December 2, 1894; Florence C., born April 28, 1897; and Maurice W., whose birth occurred June 30, 1899. All of these children are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Read gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of the Globe. He is also a Mason, belonging to Blackberry Lodge, No. 359, A. F. & A. M., at Elburn; Sycamore Chapter, R. A. M., and Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, K. T. Having been a resident of this county for almost a half century, he has been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred and which have transformed the pioneer region into one of the rich agricultural districts of the Union.

PATRICK TRACEY O'FLAHERTY.

Patrick T. O'Flaherty, deceased, was for many years a well-known citizen of Elgin. His early home, however, was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Clare Tuam, County Galway, Ireland, March 12, 1824. He grew to manhood in his native land and was there married on the 10th of April, 1846, to Miss Elizabeth Liddy. With his bride he sailed for the new world the same year and made his first stop in Canada, remaining there only a short time, however. He then located in New York state and in 1850 came to Illinois, taking up his abode in Elgin, where for some time he worked at his trade of shoemaking in the capacity of cutter and foreman for the firm of Clark & Watson.

In 1852 Mr. O'Flaherty was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 1st of November of that year. There were four children born of that union, namely: Thomas B., who was born July 22, 1847, and died August 9, 1847; Maria J., who was born October 6, 1848, and died November 1, 1880; Sara F., who was born February 17, 1851, and is now the only one living; and Teresa, who was born October 24, 1852, and died November 19, 1852. Mr. O'Flaherty was again married May 11, 1853, his second union being with Miss Eliza F. Mann, who was born in West Meath, Ireland, October 17, 1820, a daughter of John Lowe and Cecelia (Feery) Mann. Coming to America in 1845, she was a resident of New York state for four years, and in 1840 located in Elgin. Six children were born of Mr. O'Flaherty's second marriage: Edward J., Frank M., Cecelia E., Thomas P., Catherine and Leo F., all of whom are still living.

When his adopted country became involved in Civil war, Mr. O'Flaherty espoused the cause of the Union and on the 6th of September, 1862, en-

listed in Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served until the close of the war and was mustered out as corporal June 5, 1865. He was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea and participated in the following battles: Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Black Bayou, Champion Hills, Big Black River, the assault on Vicksburg, the siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, the pursuit of Longstreet, the siege of Knoxville, Resaca, Dallas, Ackworth, New Hope Church and Big Shanty.

After his return from the war Mr. O'Flaherty engaged in the boot and shoe business, dealing in custom made shoes, but he finally sold out his business in 1883. The following year he was appointed one of the original five letter carriers by Postmaster W. F. Hunter at the age of sixty years and acted in that capacity until September, 1892. He then lived retired until called to his final rest on the 16th of August, 1907. His second wife died January 24, 1905. Both were devout members of the Catholic church and were held in the highest esteem by all who knew them. In politics Mr. O'Flaherty was an ardent republican and was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Although born across the water and still retaining a love for his native land, he became a very patriotic citizen as was shown by his service in the Civil war and he was willing to lay down his life for the stars and stripes if need be.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

Working with sedulous industry through obstacles and difficulties, and making every hour of their time and every dollar of their earnings count to their advantage for years, Thomas Wright and his good wife have at length reached the goal of their ambition in a competence for life and a firm and well founded hold on the regard and good will of the people among whom they live.

They were born and reared in England, the former in Buckinghamshire and the latter in Herefordshire, and immediately after their marriage in 1871 emigrated to the United States and took up their residence in New Jersey, the husband working four years in an iron mill at Boonton, that state. In 1876 they came west and settled in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, Illinois, where they have ever since resided.

Mr. Wright was born August 10, 1853, and is a son of James and Sarah (Perrins) Wright, natives of Buckinghamshire, England, where the father died in 1875 after a long life of usefulness as a farmer. Mr. Wright has two sisters: Eliza, the wife of William Cuttle, of Brooklyn, New York; and Anna, the wife of William Sheesby, of Yorkshire, England. The family was in very moderate circumstances and the advantages of educational training for the son were meager and irregular. He succeeded, however, in acquiring a good knowledge of the fundamental branches, and on this he has since enlarged and amplified by his own efforts devoted to careful read-

ing, reflection and study. The early experiences of his wife, whose maiden name was Helen Arnett, were much the same, and her subsequent course has been like unto his.

For two years after their arrival in this county Mr. Wright worked as a farm hand for S. L. Gillette and then rented land of James Gordon, which he farmed two years. During the next twelve years he expended his efforts on a farm which he rented of Mrs. Ruth Harkinson. Having by this time accumulated a goodly sum of money by practicing the most rigid economy and the most persistent industry, he determined to secure a farm and home of his own. Accordingly, in 1893, he purchased a small but well-improved farm of thirty acres in section 30 Aurora township, which he still owns and occupies, and which has been his dwelling place ever since. This little farm is now popularly estimated at a value of \$9,000, and the estimate is not extravagant when it is considered that it is one of the neatest, most attractive and most productive in the township. The house is fronted by a beautifully kept lawn, adorned with a profusion of choice flowers, all pleasing to the observer and creditable to the taste and enterprise of the owners. The land is cultivated to the limit of energy and skill, and the farm is equipped with everything required for the purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright recall many hardships during the early years of their residence in this country. They were total strangers in the land, very young, and unaccustomed to the conditions and habits of the people. The requirements of their situation were all new to them, and they had nothing but their own energies to depend on. But they did not give up or even grow discouraged. They worked their way steadily forward, losing no ground and omitting no effort that seemed likely to win them progress. They have won their fight and now they cheerfully enjoy the victory and do not regret the thorny path which led to it.

SAMUEL G. CONNER.

Samuel G. Conner, residing in Plato township, is devoting his time and energies to that pursuit which George Washington said is "the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." He was born in Kane county, Illinois, August 5, 1845. His father, Samuel Conner, was born in Vermont in 1811, and spent a portion of his early life in Cattaraugus county, New York. He wedded Miss Eunice Colby, of New York, and with his wife and three children came to Illinois in 1842, settling in Plato township, where he purchased fifty acres of land from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre. He successfully carried on agricultural interests and added to his original tract until his farm comprised ninety acres. His wife, whose birth occurred in 1814, was called to her final rest in January, 1906, her remains being interred at Wasco.

Their family numbered eight children. Susanna, a native of New York, became the wife of Norman Billington, a farmer by occupation. She lived

in Illinois for several years after marriage and then removed to Dakota, where she passed away in 1899. Jerushia L. married Leander Collins, a farmer by occupation. She made her home in Elgin until the time of her demise in 1904. Julia, whose birth occurred in New York in 1842, became the wife of Jackson Hillts, a retired agriculturist, and now resides at Milbank, South Dakota. Samuel G., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Welford, born in Plato, Illinois, August 20, 1848, is married and follows gardening near Denver, Colorado. Merritt D., who was born at Bartlett Station, Cook county, Illinois, in 1851, married Miss Matilda Kramer and is a watchmaker of Elgin. Ethan A., whose birth occurred in Plato in 1854, wedded Miss Mary Miller and is engaged in the real-estate business in Elgin. Viola, born in Plato in 1857, became the wife of Dell Pease and makes her home in Elgin.

In 1878 Mr. Conner purchased his present farm of forty-six acres situated three miles southwest of Plato Center. He paid eighteen dollars per acre for the land, but, owing to its present high state of development and also by reason of the many substantial improvements he has placed thereon, it is now worth five thousand dollars.

On the 11th of September, 1870, Mr. Conner was united in marriage to Miss Ann E. Hawley, whose birth occurred in Illinois, February 29, 1852. They have three children: Lettie, born in Elgin, April 5, 1875, is the wife of John R. Tucker, fireman at the Boys Home in St. Charles; Cora, who was born in Plato, in October, 1882, is the wife of Albert Hinkle, an agriculturist residing in Jonesville, Michigan; and Samuel T., whose birth occurred in Plato, June 1, 1887, is still at home.

In his political views Mr. Conner is a democrat and takes an active and helpful interest in local politics, having served as constable for the last nine years, as school director for twenty-four years and as town collector for one year. Having spent his entire life in this county, he is familiar with its annals from a pioneer period down to the present time and is widely known as a prosperous and public-spirited citizen.

COIT SPALDING.

In every community there are certain names which are synonymous with the growth, development and improvement of the locality. The name of Coit Spalding is associated with all that has been progressive in Elburn, where he is well known as a retired farmer and merchant. In the office of county supervisor he has also gained a wide acquaintance and favorable regard as one whose fidelity and trustworthiness are above question.

He was born in Washtenaw county, Michigan, November 12, 1836, his parents being Colwell H. and Beulah (Lyon) Spalding, who were married in June, 1834. Both were natives of the state of New York. The father was born in Onondaga county, March 30, 1800, and became a contractor and builder. He took a contract and constructed the turnpike railroad between

Utica and Syracuse, New York, a distance of one hundred and forty-four miles. In 1844 he became a resident of Kane county, Illinois, settling in Blackberry township, where he purchased land from the government. He was a man of unquestioned integrity, of sound business qualifications, and of honesty of purpose. In early life he gave his political support to the democratic party and voted for James K. Polk, but became a staunch republican on the organization of the latter party and did all in his power to secure the adoption of its principles. For many years he was a justice of the peace, held other offices and was very active in political affairs. He long held membership in the Christian church and was most loyal to its teachings. His death occurred November 28, 1888, while his wife, who was born in 1804, survived him until February, 1891. She, too, was a faithful Christian and held membership in the Baptist church. Her parents were Mathias and Roda Lyon. In the paternal line the ancestry of the family can be traced back to 1670, and in the record Edward Spalding figures prominently. The coat of arms of the family is a shield, having in the center a cross, while around this is an inscription "*Hinc Mihi Salus.*" In the family of Colwell and Beulah Spalding are three children, who yet survive: Gilbert, a resident farmer of Greenwood county, Kansas; Coit, of this review; and Louisa J., the wife of Charles Eckley, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Reared on the home farm in Blackberry township, Coit Spalding was a pupil in the district school until he entered the Academy at Warrenville, where he remained for a year. After putting aside his text-books he assisted his father on the home farm for a time, afterward engaged in railroad work for a year and subsequently clerked in a store. But his attention was largely given to general farming until he began business on his own account in Elburn in August, 1891. He formed a partnership with M. S. Cline for the conduct of a general store and for a considerable period he was prominent in the mercantile circles of the town. In all of his business affairs he has manifested energy, determination and reliability.

On the 1st of January, 1863, Mr. Spalding married Miss Helen M. Barker, a daughter of Jabez and Sarah Barker. Her mother died in November, 1903, and her father the following year, and both were buried in the Elburn cemetery. He was a native of Massachusetts and a pioneer of Kane county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Spalding were born three sons: James, who married Nettie Reeves and is a lumber merchant of Elburn; Lester, a liveryman of Elburn; and Warren, also of Elburn.

In his social relations Mr. Spalding is a Mason, belonging to Blackberry Lodge, No. 359, A. F. & A. M.; Fox River Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M.; and Sycamore Commandery, K. T. He is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. The republican party of Kane county numbers him among its most prominent and well-known representatives. For twenty years he has continuously filled the office of supervisor, and in that time has materially reduced the cost of providing for the county poor. He has served continuously as school treasurer since October 14, 1878, and his official duties have been discharged in the most commendable, energetic and capable manner, winning him the commendation of all concerned.

Mr. Spalding now occupies an elegant residence in Elburn, which he erected at a cost of eight thousand dollars. It contains a most interesting heirloom in the shape of a clock that is over two hundred years old. It stands over eight feet high and has a dial in two divisions, the upper part showing the faces of the moon, and the lower, the time. The workmanship is perfect, and the clock has always been in such good running condition that it has become an epigram with Mr. Spalding that "There is nothing so reliable as the old clock." He also has a copy of an old will, bearing date May 13, 1666, which reads: "I, Edward Spalding, of Chelmsford, in the city of Middlesex, New England, being of perfect memory and understanding, do declare this my last will and testament. I bequeath my soul into the hands of the Almighty God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and my body to the earth till the day of Resurrection." The Spalding home is a most hospitable one, and is always open for the reception of the many friends of the family. Mr. Spalding is one of the best known citizens of this part of the county, and there is none who has more friends or more justly deserves the good will and respect which are uniformly accorded him.

N. W. TOMBLIN.

N. W. Tomblin is conducting the largest insurance business in Aurora and is also connected with real-estate interests, while of the Improvement Building & Loan Association he is the secretary. His birth occurred in Plano, Illinois, November 16, 1858. His father, Levi N. Tomblin, was a native of Chautauqua county, New York, and became one of the pioneers of Illinois, arriving in Kendall county in 1836, in which year he located on a farm north of Plano. He made the journey westward with his father, Sheldon Tomblin, who purchased the land from the government. Not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made on the place, but with characteristic energy the grandfather began its development and as the years passed his son, Levi, became a factor in the cultivation and improvement of the property. The latter is now living retired in Plano at the age of eighty-one years. He has seen the country develop from a wilderness into a thickly settled and richly improved district, supplied with all the evidences of a modern and progressive civilization. He recalls many interesting incidents of the early days when many of the homes were log cabins, heated by fireplace and lighted by tallow candle. In early manhood he wedded Miss Elizabeth Cook, a native of New Jersey, who is now seventy-five years of age.

N. W. Tomblin, their only child, was educated in the common and high schools, and was early trained to the work of the farm, assisting in its development for a number of years. He afterward engaged in farming on his own account for a considerable period and then thinking to find other pursuits more congenial and profitable, he turned his attention to the real-estate and insurance business in Plano, where he continued until 1895, when he came to Aurora as special agent for the Berkshire Life Insurance Company. After a

few years he formed a partnership with H. R. Holden in general insurance and for nine years they did a very extensive business. Mr. Holden then retired from the firm, Mr. Tomblin purchasing his interest, and since 1904 he has conducted the business alone. He still occupies the same suite of rooms in the Staudt building, of which he was the first occupant. The business is now conducted under the firm style of N. W. Tomblin & Company, insurance and real-estate agents. No other representative of insurance has such a large clientage or writes such an extensive amount of business annually. He makes a specialty of fire insurance, and among his patrons have been many of the large local firms. He has written more factory fire insurance than all the other insurance brokers in Aurora combined, and he is also a licensed Chicago broker. He is a member of the State League of Fire Insurance, and at the time of the San Francisco fire, when the Traders Insurance Company failed, which company he represented in Aurora, he reinsured all of his patrons at considerable expense to himself in other companies. He accomplished this in less than three hours after the failure of the Traders Insurance Company, and this act was much appreciated by all of his patrons. Mr. Tomblin likewise engages in real-estate operations and is also the secretary of the Improvement Building & Loan Association.

In 1881 Mr. Tomblin was married to Miss Katie B. Wheeler, a native of Plano, Kendall county, Illinois, and they have one daughter, Beulah. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, together with other fraternal organizations, and is deservedly popular and respected. The Greek philosopher, Epicarmis, ages ago voiced the adage: "Earn thy reward; the gods give naught to sloth"; and realizing the truth of this, Mr. Tomblin has put forth effective and unremitting effort in the acquirement of success which is the just crown of his labor.

FRANCIS W. WRIGHT.

Francis W. Wright, deceased, was born in Lancaster, New Hampshire, July 12, 1823, his parents being Wineol F. and Mary (Worcester) Wright, the latter a niece of the compiler of Worcester's dictionary. The father followed the occupation of farming as a life work.

Francis W. Wright learned the trade of a millwright in his early manhood and in 1844 came to Elgin, being here connected for some time with A. Hadlock, the pioneer manufacturer of threshing machines in the locality. In 1862 he purchased a farm of two hundred acres just outside of Elgin, part of which now lies within the city limits, and successfully carried on his agricultural interests until 1892, when he disposed of the property. He then lived retired on the farm for six years and in 1898 took up his abode in Elgin, here making his home until he was called to his final rest on the 5th of June, 1901. He was well known and widely recognized as a worthy pioneer and substantial citizen of the community, and his death was deeply mourned not only by his immediate family but also by a host of friends.



FRANCIS W. WRIGHT

On the 24th of February, 1847, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Asintha L. Lester, a daughter of Edward and Hannah (Newton) Lester. Her father removed to DuPage county, Illinois, in 1835, locating on a farm, which he successfully operated until the time of his retirement from active business life, subsequently making his home in Elgin. At the time of his demise he still owned the farm which he had purchased in 1835. His wife died in 1846. Mrs. Wright attended school at Elgin between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years and was afterward engaged in teaching in this city.

In his political views Mr. Wright was a staunch republican but neither sought nor desired office, preferring to devote his attention to his private interests. He and his wife were formerly identified with the Methodist Episcopal church but during the last few years of his life he attended the Universalist church. He was a resident of this county for fifty-seven years and throughout the entire period had ever maintained an unassailable reputation as a man of unflinching integrity and honesty, whose word was as good as his bond. Generous and public-spirited, his aid and influence were ever given on the side of right, truth and progress, and his cooperation could always be counted upon to further any movement instituted for the general welfare.

WILLIAM BOSSELER.

Among the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Kane county is numbered William Bosseler, who was born in Luxemburg, on the 12th of March, 1873. He remained in his native land until he attained his majority and was a student in the public schools until twelve years of age. He then began earning his own living by working as a farm hand at \$2 per month, but his wages were gradually increased until, at the age of twenty-one, he received \$5 per month. He still has two sisters living in Luxemburg; Barbara, the wife of John Altman, who is manager of a distillery; and Mary, the wife of John Decker, a forest commissioner.

Hoping to improve his financial condition, Mr. Bosseler came to America in 1894 and finally landed in Aurora, Illinois. His cash capital at that time consisted of but ten dollars, and immediate employment being a necessity he soon found work as a farm hand, in which capacity he continued for nine years. During that time he saved his earnings and was at length enabled to engage in farming on his own account. Industrious and economical, he has since saved and by judicious investments has accumulated over \$3,000 worth of personal property. For seven years he has now resided upon his present farm on section 27, Blackberry township, and is meeting with good success in its cultivation.

Mr. Bosseler was married in 1900 to Miss Angeline Konen, who was born in Sugar Grove township, May 1, 1875, a daughter of Philip and Susan Konen, now residents of Aurora. Her father was also a native of Luxemburg, Germany, and it was in 1865 that he emigrated to the new world. For

many years he engaged in farming with good success and has accumulated considerable property. He is now serving as road commissioner in West Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Bosseler have two interesting children: Lena Jennie, who was born March 9, 1901, and is now attending school in the home district; and William Phillip, born March 2, 1906.

NELSON B. COOLEY.

For a period of thirty years this now prosperous and progressive farmer accepted the hazards and enjoyed the excitement of life as a locomotive fireman and engineer in the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. When he had his fill of this, and desired a more settled and quiet life, he retired to the farm on which he now lives and to which he has since devoted his attention and energies.

Mr. Cooley was born November 14, 1839, in Chemung county, New York, and is a son of Hiram and Hannah (Corey) Cooley, the former a native of Tioga county, New York, and the latter of Rutland county, Vermont. They were the parents of six children, all but two of whom, Nelson and his brother Jerome, of Aurora, are dead. Those who died were: Minerva, the late wife of Walter Seavey; Floretta, the late wife of Washington Fuller; Floyd and White.

Nelson B. Cooley attended the public schools until he was twenty years of age. Then, starting out to make his own way in the world, he secured employment as a clerk in a hotel at Painted Post, Steuben county, New York, a position which he filled acceptably for five years. In March, 1866, he came to Kane county, Illinois, and entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as a fireman, from which post he rose to that of engineer on one of the busy locomotives of that busy company. While he was thus engaged his family lived on a farm in Aurora township, which he rented to his brother Floyd for ten years.

In 1876 he bought a farm of one hundred and forty acres in section 26, Sugar Grove township. After conducting the operations of this farm for eleven years, he rented it and moved his family to Aurora, and during the next seventeen years he was again employed as an engineer by the railroad company. In the spring of 1904 he once more returned to the farm, and he and his son have ever since been active and enterprising in the management and cultivation of it. It now contains one hundred and ninety acres, and is one of the best farms in Sugar Grove township.

Mr. Cooley was married December 31, 1867, being united with Miss Phoebe Bailey, a daughter of Squire Bailey, of Steuben county, New York, where she was born and reared. They have one child, Francis Edward, who was born December 15, 1868. Like his father, he had a taste for railroading, and for eleven years was employed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, as an engineer in charge of one of its locomotives. He is now, however, connected with his father in the management of the farm.

On May 21, 1897, his son married Miss Nellie Cadogan, a native of Van Buren county, Michigan, where she was born in 1868, and a daughter of Walter and Lavina (Bradshaw) Cadogan. At the age of sixteen she came with her parents to Chicago, where a few years later she became acquainted with and married Francis Edward Cooley. They have one child, Letha Marguerite, who was born February 17, 1905.

Mr. Cooley and his son are republicans in political allegiance, and fraternally the father is a Modern Woodman. He and his wife are members of Park Place Baptist church in Aurora, and they also belong to the Sugar Grove Farmers Club. He served as school trustee of the township three years, and in other ways has rendered his fellow citizens good service in the promotion of their best interests and those of the township. His friends and acquaintances esteem him and his family as among their best citizens.

JOHN FRANKLIN GARVER.

John Franklin Garver, chief engineer for the Bowman Dairy Company of Elburn, Illinois, was born in Marshall county, Indiana, December 22, 1862, and the family is widely and prominently known throughout the Hoosier state. His brothers and sisters are as follows: Charles, an agriculturist of Plymouth, Indiana; Edward, residing in Blue Island, Illinois, who is a railroad employe; H. Walter, likewise a railroad employe, who makes his home at Dixon, Illinois; Warren, also of Blue Island, Illinois, who is likewise employed by the railroad company; Marietta, the wife of J. Overlesse, of Elkhart, Indiana.

When three years of age John Franklin Garver accompanied his parents on their removal to Dixon, Illinois, and subsequently the family home was established in Marion, Iowa, where our subject mastered the various branches of learning taught in the public schools. At the age of twenty years he went to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in railroad work, subsequently returning to Elburn, Illinois. Since 1891 he has here held the position of chief engineer for the Bowman Dairy Company, his long retention in the position being incontrovertible proof of his capability and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties. Thrown upon his own resources in early childhood, he has worked perseveringly and persistently and has gained the success which is always the reward of well-directed and untiring effort.

At Elburn, Illinois, on the 22d of May, 1892, Mr. Garver was united in marriage to Miss Anna Amelia Hull, who was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, May 2, 1868. There is one son by this union, Homer H., whose birth occurred March 9, 1894.

During the years 1897 and 1898 Mr. Garver served as city marshal of Elburn, and is widely recognized as a public-spirited citizen whose aid and influence are ever given on the side of right, truth and progress. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Mystic Workers of America and the Foresters, holding the office of court deputy in the last-

named fraternity. His wife is a member of the Methodist church, is connected with the Ladies' Aid Society and also belongs to the Mystic Workers of America. Both Mr. and Mrs. Garver are highly esteemed throughout the community as people of genuine personal worth and sterling traits of character and the circle of their friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

ALFRED BOYER.

Having worked in the employment of one railroad company for a continuous period of twenty-seven years, and during that time having never missed receiving his pay check, which means that he lost no time and gave his employer no cause for complaint, Alfred Boyer, of Aurora, has a record of fidelity to duty to his credit that can not be surpassed and is seldom equaled.

Mr. Boyer is a native of Kane county, born on a farm four miles north-east of Aurora, August 24, 1857, and is a son of Anthony and Elenor (Paradise) Boyer, who were born in Montreal, Canada, and came to Kane county about 1850. Here the mother died on December 28, 1887, and the father on March 11, 1888. They became the parents of twelve children, but only three are now living, namely: Alfred, Anthony and Dennis B. Boyer. Anthony is engaged in farming near Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Dennis lives in Aurora.

At the age of four years Alfred Boyer moved with his parents to the state of New York, where his father farmed for six years on the shore of Lake Champlain. The family then returned to Illinois and located in Aurora. There the son attended the public schools until he reached the age of fourteen, then wishing to begin making his own way in the world, he hired out as a farm hand and continued working in that capacity until he attained his majority.

On August 11, 1878, he was married to Miss Emily DeFoe, a native of Kane county. The young couple passed the first year of their married life in Aurora, and the next two on a farm in DeKalb county. Returning to Aurora at the end of the third year after his marriage, he accepted employment for a short time as a roundhouse hand for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. His skill and fidelity in the performance of the work assigned to him soon won him promotion to the position of hostler in the engine house, and this position he still occupies.

Mr. Boyer has given the company excellent service and won high commendation from the officials of the company. He is capable and knowing, and conscientiously attentive to every requirement. His long tenure of the same position for twenty-seven years, and the fact that in all that period he never missed receiving his pay check on time, embody a high tribute to his worth as an employe. But this is not all. His worth has been recognized by those for whom he works, and set down in the records of the company, where it will ever stand to his advantage.

Mr. Boyer suffered the great bereavement of his life in the death of his wife on January 11, 1900. They were the parents of three children: Alfred Anthony, who is now a railroad engineer and lives in Aurora; Selina Elenor McVicker, wife of Samuel McVicker, who resides on a farm near Aurora, and a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume, and Mary Elenor Boyer, who has taken her mother's place in the domestic establishment and keeps house for her father. There is also one grandchild in the family, Cornelius Alfred Boyer, who was born on August 14, 1907.

In politics Mr. Boyer adheres to the democratic party. In religious affiliation he belongs to the Holy Angels Catholic church of Aurora. Fraternally he is a member of the Burlington Relief association. His father and his grandfather were soldiers in the Canadian revolution and, although his life has been passed in peaceful pursuits, he is not without the martial spirit of his ancestors and would go to war in defense of his country if he were not too old for service.

DEWITT C. WAITE.

When the pioneers of the western part of the great state of New York and the central part too, had reduced nature to subjection in those regions, and tamed and fructified the wilderness there, they or their descendants began to look out toward the setting sun for new realms to conquer, and they found them in this and the adjoining states. Numbers of them settled in Kane county, bringing with them the enterprise, fortitude and adaptability to circumstances and conditions through which they had made their own state great and prosperous, and put those qualities in service here to work out the same results. Among these early arrivals from the Empire state were the parents of Dewitt C. Waite, one of the substantial and progressive farmers of Big Rock township.

They were Hiram and Lucy (Bishop) Waite, natives of New York and farmers in that state. Their son Dewitt was born there, December 1, 1850, and when he was but four years old accompanied his parents to Michigan, where they lived and farmed for six years. At the age of ten he accompanied them to DeKalb county, Illinois, and located with them on a farm near Waterman, on which he lived seven years, attending the country school near at hand and obtaining in it all the education of the kind he ever received, going to school in the winter months and assisting on the farm at all times. But he was diligent at his studies, as he was at his work, and both were of advantage to him as training for a career of usefulness and prosperity.

When Mr. Waite reached the age of twenty-three he hired himself out as a farm hand and continued as such for a few years, but he had other and better things in view for himself and longed to be working on his own account instead of for others. In obedience to this longing he rented land and established a home of his own. In most respects he found his venture a good one

and he continued it twenty years with profit to himself and benefit to the township.

On November 17, 1873, Mr. Waite was joined in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Houston, who was born in Brantford, province of Ontario, Canada, March 16, 1852, and after her removal to Illinois lived at Aurora a number of years. She obtained her education in the public schools and at Jennings Seminary. Her parents were of Scotch ancestry on the father's side and on the mother's they were Pennsylvania Dutch. Mr. and Mrs. Waite have one child, Paull, who attends the district school and helps his father on the farm.

Mr. Waite bought the farm on which he now lives in 1893, when his son was but two years old, the latter having been born on June 30, 1891. This farm is in section 25, Big Rock township. It is well improved, well stocked and well cultivated, and is generally considered one of the most productive and valuable of its size in the township. Mr. Waite is careful and judicious in managing it and gets good returns for the time and labor he devotes to its cultivation. His aged mother, Mrs. Lucy Waite, who was born in 1830, makes her home with him, while Mrs. Hannah Houston, mother of his wife, lives at 208 South Broadway, Aurora, the town in which she has made her home ever since she came to Kane county from her birthplace in Canada in 1854. She is now eighty years old. Mr. Waite belongs to the republican party, and gives earnest attention to local and general politics for the common good.

JEREMIAH CUMMINGS HALL.

Jeremiah Cummings Hall, deceased, was born in Orford, New Hampshire, on the 4th of January, 1833, his parents being Alvah and Clarissa (Cummings) Hall, who came west to Udina, Kane county, Illinois, in 1845. They located on a farm and there spent the remainder of their lives.

Jeremiah Cummings Hall accompanied his parents on their removal westward and acquired his education in the country schools. He then carried on agricultural pursuits on the home farm in connection with his father until the outbreak of the Civil war, when in 1861 he enlisted as a member of Company A, Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted to the rank of corporal and served for three years, during which time he participated in many important and hotly contested engagements, including the battle of Gettysburg. After the close of hostilities he returned home and once more took up the work of the farm, being thus successfully engaged until he retired to Elgin a few months before his demise, which occurred on the 12th of March, 1900. He had for many years been connected with the agricultural interests of this county and was well known and widely recognized as a substantial and enterprising citizen.

Mr. Hall was twice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Sedate Harger, who passed away in 1884 and by whom he had two children, Eva and Mimie. On the 11th of May, 1885, he wedded Miss Katherine A.

Dougherty, a daughter of Michael and Mary (McKee) Dougherty, of Udina, the former born September 27, 1810, and the latter on the 28th of March, 1808. The father, who was an agriculturist by occupation, operated a farm near Udina. He was a republican in his political views and served for several terms as county supervisor. His demise occurred on the 30th of April, 1886, while his wife was called to her final rest May 23, 1896.

In his political views Mr. Hall was a staunch republican, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. His widow now resides in Elgin and is held in high esteem and regard throughout the community in which she has so long made her home.

MATT FREELAND.

Norway has furnished to the United States many enterprising men who have left their native land to enter the business circles of this country, with its more progressive methods and excellent advantages. Mr. Freeland is now engaged as a farmer and dairyman, buying a fine farm property of two hundred and twenty-six acres, located in Virgil township. He was born in Norway, January 16, 1865, a son of Mads Freeland, who was likewise a native of Norway, where he served in the regular army. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He wedded Ele J. Nerem, likewise a native of that country, now living with our subject, and to their union were born the following named children: Volborg M., the wife of Thomas Nelson, a farmer of Kendall county, Illinois; Bertha, the wife of Christopher Malde, a salesman of Norway; Matt, of this review; Martha, the wife of Gunder Frette, who is a farmer residing in Ford county, Illinois; Johanna, deceased; Omund, who is engaged in farming in Minnesota; Bronla, the wife of Peter Oxland, also of Minnesota; Lois, who lives near Maple Park, Illinois; and Stine, who resides in Chicago.

Matt Freeland was educated in the schools of his native country, pursuing his studies to the age of fourteen years. He then began work as a farm hand, being employed in this manner until he had reached the age of twenty-two. Foreseeing that Norway offered no future for him and having heard a great deal about the freedom and the opportunity for advancement in this country, he then decided to emigrate to the United States. He accordingly set sail for America and upon reaching its shores made his way at once to Grundy county, Illinois, where he was employed as a farm hand for two years. He then located in Aurora, where he learned the molder's trade, which he followed for ten years. He then disposed of his effects and removed to Alabama, where he was engaged in farming during the succeeding two years. The south not proving congenial to him, he once more returned to Illinois and resumed the work of a molder, working at the same in DeKalb for five years. On the expiration of that period he took up farming, operating rented land for five years. During the time that passed he lived frugally and economically, acquiring a competence that enabled him to

invest in land, becoming owner of two hundred and sixty-six acres, situated in Virgil township. The land is slightly rolling, giving it proper drainage, and with the exception of forty acres of pasturage the entire tract has been placed under a high state of cultivation. On the farm stands a fine country residence, supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories, and conveniently situated near the school and two churches. In addition to general farming Mr. Freeland is also engaged in dairying, and in this branch of business is meeting with good success.

Mr. Freeland was married to Carrie Peterson Male, who was likewise born in Norway, and by her marriage has become the mother of six children: Martha R.; and Marcus, Emma, Jessie, Peter and Mary, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Freeland gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party. He is a man of excellent business ability and sound judgment, and no foreign born citizen of Kane county is more highly respected than is Mr. Freeland.

AUGUST HEITSCHMIDT.

Among those who have left the fatherland to identify themselves with American life and institutions, who have pushed their way to the front and who are a credit alike to the land of their birth and that of their adoption is August Heitschmidt, now living retired in Elburn, Blackberry township. He was born in Pries, Province of Pomerania, Germany, June 8, 1836, his parents being Carl H. and Anna (Schmid) Heitschmidt, also natives of that country, the former born in 1793 and the latter in 1802. The father of our subject, who was a shipper, came to America to see his son and died on his way to Chicago. His wife died in Cook county, Illinois. In their family were nine children but only two are now living: August, of this review; and Carl, a resident of Minnesota. Those deceased are Martin, Johann, Johanna, Fredericka, Christoph, Mary and William H.

August Heitschmidt had the advantage of a good common-school education in his native land, and after leaving school at the age of fourteen years he served a five years' apprenticeship to the miller's trade. In company with a brother and sister he then came to the United States and first located in Chicago, where for twenty years he conducted a flour and feed store but during the great fire which swept over that city in October, 1871, he lost all his property, and only by the greatest exertion was he able to save his family, consisting of six children, from the flames. At length they managed to reach Laporte, Indiana, where they had friends living who furnished them temporary relief. The railroad company out of Chicago provided Mr. Heitschmidt with passes for his family, as they did all the stricken ones, and Cook county voted seventy-five dollars to each property owner with which to purchase timber that they might begin anew. With this sum he again secured a start but in 1873 he traded his Chicago property for four hundred

acres of land near Woodstock, Illinois. Through the failure of crops he was forced to sell his entire farm in order to secure feed for the large amount of stock he owned at that time and as the price of stock remained very low he was forced into bankruptcy. Nothing daunted, however, he returned to Chicago and secured work as a laborer and in this way accumulated a sum sufficient to again embark in farming. He then purchased two hundred and forty acres of land near Elburn in Kaneville township and in the cultivation of that property he met with excellent success, so that he is now able to live retired, enjoying the fruits of his former labor.

Mr. Heitschmidt was married in Chicago, October 26, 1863, to Miss Julia Clamann, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 20th of August, 1841, and this union was blessed with the following children: Henry, born February 2, 1864, is now a resident of Milford, Indiana; August, born January 28, 1865, is a contractor and miller living in Michigan City, Indiana; Matilda, born October 14, 1866, is the wife of Martin Hanson, a farmer of Elburn; Charles, born October 22, 1870, is a farmer of California; John, born December 30, 1872, is a farmer of Sycamore, Illinois; Julius, born August 25, 1880, is a farmer of Elburn; and Annie, born April 17, 1884, is the wife of Charles Lauer, a cartoonist, of Chicago. Mrs. Heitschmidt has in her possession many interesting curios and heirlooms, including a pair of gold earrings which belonged to her great-great-grandmother and are at least two hundred and twenty-five years old.

By his ballot Mr. Heitschmidt supports the men and measures of the democracy, and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Lutheran church. Although he has met with misfortunes since coming to this country, he has steadily overcome all the obstacles in his path and is today enjoying a comfortable competence, which has been secured through his own unaided efforts, and he well deserves the property that has come to him, for his life has been an honorable, industrious and useful one.

FRANK E. MARLEY.

One of the best known editors of this part of the state is Frank E. Marley, proprietor of the Batavia Herald. He was born at Marley's Mills in Randolph county, North Carolina, and is a worthy representative of a good old southern family. Since boyhood he has been identified with newspaper work and he stands high in the esteem of his professional brethren. As a writer he is bright, versatile and very original, as well as progressive, and he not only conducts his own paper with marked success but is also a correspondent for Chicago and other dailies.

As a boy Mr. Marley was apprenticed in the office of the Red Oak (Iowa) Express, where he worked at his trade with the same energy that has characterized him in the journalistic profession, and within a short time became a capable printer. He began his editorial labors in connection with the news at Plano, Illinois, and from the start met with success. Finally selling out to

his brother he removed to Sandwich, becoming editor and proprietor of the Sandwich Free Press, which at that time was in a sad condition. Before long, however, a marvelous change became apparent, and the paper, which was once dull and profitless became bright and interesting, as well as profitable. On disposing of that sheet, Mr. Marley came to Batavia, where he established one of the best equipped offices in this locality, and the Herald has become one of the leading publications of the county.

Mr. Marley is a great lover of fine horses and good dogs, and can frequently be seen out for a canter on his Kentucky thoroughbred—Billy M., which is a famous saddle horse of magnificent action, using four gaits with equal facility.

Among the most notable social events of Batavia are the annual southern banquets given by Mr. Marley, who has been instrumental in bringing to the city the most prominent men ever entertained here, including governors, senators and congressmen, who have been very influential in public affairs. These gatherings have proven most delightful events, southern hospitality reigning supreme, and those who have once been a guest never refuse a second invitation if it is possible for them to be present.

JAMES DICKERSON FOX.

While the practice of law and real-estate interests have at different times claimed his attention and his energies, James Dickerson Fox is now devoting his time largely to literary pursuits. A native of New York, he was born in Pitcher, Chenango county, on the 26th of November, 1837. The common schools afforded him his preliminary education, while later he studied in the New York Central College, a well known institution of learning at that day conducted under the auspices of Gerritt Smith in Cortland county, New York.

Mr. Fox was a young man of twenty years when, attracted by the opportunities of the West, he came to Illinois in 1857 and engaged in teaching school in North Aurora. He regarded this, however, merely as an initial step to other professional labor and soon after began reading law with the late C. J. Metzner as his preceptor. He thus studied until June, 1863, when he was appointed second lieutenant of Company H of the Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry. He then remained on duty until January 3, 1864, when his command was overwhelmed by superior numbers and with his comrades he was captured at Jonesville, Virginia, after an all day's fight. He then remained in the Confederate prisons until February 27, 1865, being confined a part of the time in Libby, also in a stockade at Mason and at different times in Savannah, Georgia; Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina, and several other places, undergoing all of the experiences of the southern prisons. Previous to this time he had met all of the experiences which come when in the line of battle or in the execution of marching orders.

After his parole Mr. Fox resumed his law studies and was admitted to the bar on the 19th of June, 1865. For a number of years he was connected



JAMES D. FOX

with the profession and enjoyed a good clientage, but of later years he has engaged in the real-estate business and is now devoting much of his time to literary pursuits. He has become well known as a writer for papers and possesses a fluent, easy, attractive and entertaining style. His sketches of the early history of Aurora, Kane county and Illinois are most interesting and have been much sought by the general press. He has also written a partial history of the Civil war and possesses considerable ability in poetic lines, many of his verses being most attractive. Those who know him, and his friends are many, find him a most entertaining and congenial companion and he well deserves representation in this volume as a well known and leading citizen of Aurora.

In 1868 Mr. Fox was united in marriage to Miss Julia Coy, and after her death he was again married, in July, 1890, to Miss Helen Hart, a daughter of Hon. Joseph Hart, deceased, who was a member of the constitutional convention in 1870 and was also a representative in the Illinois legislature.

While an officer in the Civil war Mr. Fox became thoroughly acquainted with the lot of a soldier and has written many interesting poems along that line, the following being written shortly after the Spanish-American war:

"PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TO MEN."

The swain with plowman's speed
 Supplants the bounding steed,
 While stirring files of serried warriors yield
 To Ceres' nobler reign
 The strong contested plain
 With all its waste of life and battered field.

From cheery vantage ground
 See fruitful fields abound,
 And cast exultingly a circling glance
 On joyful prospects grand;
 O'er all the beauteous land
 Let peace prevail throughout the wide expanse.

No blare of beastly fray
 Nor clang of martial sway;
 The venging blade now sleeps within its sheath;
 The swelling stream of fight
 Has ceased its work of might
 And stainless Vesta wears her smiling wreath.

No more the crimson flood
 Of patriotic blood
 Invites the vulture or supplies the sod
 With fertilizing dead
 To crown one only head
 Or make of mortal man a demi-god.

O, wealth of golden rule;
 O, joy of hearth and school;
 The artsman's voice and halcyon call of bell
 Now aids to shield the land
 From war's relentless hand,
 Where plenteous peace and sweet contentment dwell.

WILLIAM H. ELLITHORPE.

Owning and farming his parental homestead of three hundred and twenty acres in Burlington township, on which he was born May 31, 1848, and having eighty acres additional three miles and a half from Burlington, both well improved, William H. Ellithorpe is one of the prosperous men in the township and one of its leading citizens. He is the son of Stephen R. and Emily C. (Smith) Ellithorpe, the former a native of Franklin county, Vermont, born near St. Albans, April 19, 1819, while the latter was born at Colwells Manor. While yet a mere boy Stephen R. Ellithorpe secured employment as a clerk in a store. At the age of twelve he left his home and got a position as a cabin boy on a ship trading between New Orleans and the West Indies. This service continued until he reached the age of nineteen, when he became a pilot on a Mississippi river boat, a capacity in which he worked faithfully and to advantage for seven years.

Having by this time become desirous of a more quiet and settled life, he returned to Vermont and married Miss Smith, whose father was a carpenter. Soon after their marriage the young couple became residents of the west, locating on a farm in Burlington township, Kane county. Here their six children were born and all but one were reared, those in addition to their son William being: Benjamin F., who is deceased; Marion R., a farmer in the province of Alberta, Canada; Phoebe E., the wife of John Reser, who is a farmer in Kansas; Antoinette M., who became the wife of Alva Ashcroft and lives in Madison, Wisconsin; and Nathan S., a real-estate agent in Alberta, Canada. On this farm the parents died and their remains were buried in Baker cemetery in Campton township. The father was a Universalist in religion and a democrat in politics.

William H. Ellithorpe's career has been an eventful one. His education was begun in the district school near his Burlington township home, which he attended during the winter months, working on the farm in summer until he was eighteen. At that age he began a course of special instruction in the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College in Chicago, from which he was graduated in March, 1865. During the next nine years he taught school in De Kalb county, finally retiring to the old home on which he has ever since lived.

He has always taken an active interest in public affairs and has rendered his township valued service in several official stations of importance. He was township school treasurer for eighteen years, township trustee of school for

six years, and township school clerk for a similar period. He also served as township supervisor for a number of years. Many of the improvements of which the township is proud were made under his supervision, and the school system is indebted largely to his vigor for its present high standing and development.

On October 15, 1875, Mr. Ellithorpe was married to Miss Martha J. Worden, a native of DeKalb county, who died March 10, 1882, and was buried in DeKalb cemetery. They had two children, Benjamin F. and Stephen R., both of whom are living at home with their father and helping him in the management of the farm. This farm is well watered from its own artesian well, has very productive orchards and is highly cultivated. The improvements on it cost twelve thousand dollars. It is on the Burlington Center road about half way between Burlington and Virgil Center, and has a schoolhouse just across the road from one of its corners. The eighty-acre farm owned by Mr. Ellithorpe also is supplied with water by an artesian well which yields an abundant supply for all necessary purposes.

One of the cherished heirlooms belonging to Mr. Ellithorpe is an old family Bible which has been in the possession of the family for many years. Building his fortunes with assiduous industry in youth and early manhood, and preparing himself with diligent study and observation for the higher duties of life to which he might be called, this useful and influential citizen has made much of his opportunities, and that his worth has been appreciated is proven by the long tenure of office he has had and the continued confidence of the public in his ability and integrity which is involved therein. He has served his day and generation well and wisely, winning and retaining the esteem of the people, who look upon him as one of their best and most useful citizens and public servants.

CHARLES H. DARLING.

Charles H. Darling was born in Aurora, March 4, 1872. His father, Duane S. Darling, was a native of Illinois and was one of the pioneer engineers in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He served during the Civil war as a member of the Forty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, giving valuable aid to the country in its struggle to preserve the Union intact. While he never figured in public life, he was a man of industry whose sterling worth gave him the respect of his associates. He married Clara Shibley, who was born in Aurora and was a daughter of Ralph Shibley, who came to this city during the formative period of its development. He was well known and held in the highest respect by those with whom business or social relations brought him in contact. His daughter, Mrs. Darling, died in 1885, and Duane S. Darling, the father of our subject, passed away in 1908.

Charles H. Darling, after acquiring his education in the public schools, began preparation for the legal profession. He read alone for a time and afterward entered the office of Captain A. C. Little, who directed his studies

until he was qualified for admission to the bar in 1906. He then engaged in practice in his native city for a short time, but is now located in South Bend, Indiana, in order to fill the position of United States commissioner, to which he was appointed by President Roosevelt in May, 1908. In the practice of law Mr. Darling has been very successful, having charge of a number of important cases. He is thorough and painstaking in the preparation of his cases, is strong in argument and logical in his deductions and if earnest effort and devotion to his client's interests will win success, Charles H. Darling will become a successful man.

In 1901 Mr. Darling was married to Miss Louise Hotopp, a native of Kendall county, Illinois, and they now have three children: Charles, Irene and Duane.

EDMUND B. PHILLIPS.

With quickness of apprehension to see and alertness to seize upon an opportunity for his advancement in life, Edmund B. Phillips has built up on his twenty-acre farm three-quarters of a mile west of Montgomery an industry which engages all his faculties and from which he is reaping a golden harvest of prosperity. As he has carried on other business undertakings in company with one or another of his brothers, so in this he is associated with his brother Charles Floyd Phillips, the business being the extensive raising of asparagus for the Chicago market, and, in connection with this, large operations in baling hay and handling threshing machines.

Mr. Phillips is a native of Kendall county, Illinois, and was born near Oswego January 14, 1872. His parents are Albert A. and Amelia Phillips, who now live in Aurora. He attended the Montgomery graded school for nine years and obtained a good common-school education. The father was at that time a farmer, and when the son was nine years old located on a farm one-half a mile west of Montgomery. Leaving school at the age of eighteen and desiring to begin a career for himself, the son secured a position as clerk in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy freight office in Aurora. Later he became bookkeeper for J. T. Rawleigh, a commission merchant of Chicago.

He exhibited industry and capacity in this work and practiced economy in living, and so saved money from his salary, always looking forward to better things for himself and preparing to get them whenever the chance should come. In company with his brothers, Clarence A. and Charles F. Phillips, he bought a laundry in Chicago, and this occupied the faculties and time of all three for two years. Succeeding in this venture, the brothers were all ready for a more promising and extensive undertaking which was soon available. They purchased a grocery and conducted the business profitably for two years, this also being in Chicago.

During the next five years Mr. Phillips was a conductor on an electric street railway line in Chicago. In August, 1901, he bought the farm of twenty acres three-fourths of a mile west of Montgomery, Kane county, on which he now lives. Soon afterward he was impressed with the great demand for

asparagus in Chicago and started raising it on a scale which has steadily expanded until now he and his brother, Charles F. Phillips, who is associated with him in the business, are the largest shippers of this product in Kane county, their shipments frequently amounting to one hundred and thirty crates in one day. As has been stated, they also carry on an extensive business in the sale of threshing machinery and in baling and selling hay.

Mr. Phillips has six brothers: Guy A., a prosperous Aurora township farmer; Frank L., a cement merchant and contractor in Aurora; Clarence A., a dealer in real-estate in Chicago; Charles F., a resident of Aurora; Harold E., who is engaged in farming at Culross, Manitoba; and Fay E., who is also farming at Culross, Manitoba. All are prosperous and esteemed as strong factors in the public and social life of the communities in which they live. The marriage of Edmund B. Phillips occurred August 1, 1901, at which time he was united with Miss Hattie Warren, a native of Menominee, Michigan, born May 5, 1874, and a daughter of Thomas and Mary Warren. She is also one of seven children, having three sisters and three brothers, but two sisters are now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are the parents of one child, Ruth Josephine, who was born July 6, 1904. In politics Mr. Phillips is a republican, but he is not an active partisan and has never sought nor desired an office of any kind, being content to serve his country and his fellowmen from the honorable post of a private station. He is a zealous member of the Sugar Grove Farmers Club and one of its most energetic workers. He also manifests an intelligent and serviceable interest in all movements for the good of the county and the welfare of its people, doing always a good citizen's share of the work in connection with such undertakings and bearing a good citizen's portion of the burdens incident to their successful realization. In business he is enterprising, alert and energetic. In all the other relations of life he is upright and true, and well deserving of the good opinion his friends, neighbors and acquaintances have of him.

DANIEL G. SMITH.

Daniel G. Smith was for many years actively identified with the business interests of Elgin, where he was making his home at the time he was called to his final rest. He was a native of New York, born on the 5th of January, 1849, and in early life followed the occupation of farming, but after his removal to Elgin he turned his attention to the teaming business and also took contracts in concrete work. He was an upright, reliable business man and had the respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact.

On the 24th of December, 1879, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hennigan, a daughter of John and Mary (Holmes) Hennigan, of Elgin, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Harry Eugene; Alberta; Fred, who died in infancy; Lewis Walter; May; John Franklin; and Alfred, who died in infancy.

The republican party found in Mr. Smith a staunch supporter of its principles and he took an active and commendable interest in public affairs, filling several town offices in New York prior to his removal to this state. After a useful and well spent life he passed away on the 17th of April, 1891, honored and respected by all who knew him.

FRANK McCANNON.

Both this estimable citizen and his wife were thrown on their own resources early in life, and the success they have achieved is wholly the result of their own native force of character and their industry and frugality in living. Mr. McCannon was born at Essex, Vermont, June 13, 1857, the son of Thomas and Sarah (Hennessy) McCannon, the former also a native of Vermont and of Scotch ancestry, and the latter born in the same state, but of parents who came to this country from Ireland.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. McCannon, Barney McCannon, emigrated from Scotland to this country in the early days, and took up his residence in the Green Mountain state, where he and his son after him were actively engaged in farming. His grandson, Frank, lost his parents while he was but a boy, and after their death he lived and grew to manhood in the home of his grandfather, attending the district school in the neighborhood and assisting in the work on the farm. He remained with his grandfather until he was fourteen years of age and then worked on farms in Vermont until 1878, when he decided to seek a new home in the west, coming to Kane county, Illinois. Here he worked as a farm hand for two years, earning but fifteen dollars a month but saving the greater part of it. He was an only child and is now the last survivor of his line in this country except his own descendants.

In 1880 the golden thread of sentiment drew him into new relations and changed the current of his life. In that year he was united in marriage with Miss Ella Parker, who was born in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, March 9, 1866, and is a daughter of Perry and Mary (Russell) Parker, natives of Connecticut. Her parents came to Kane county many years ago and, for a considerable time farmed in Sugar Grove township with success. About the year 1888 they retired from active pursuits and took up their residence in Aurora, where they still live. They were zealous for the education of their daughter and she received good scholastic training in schools at Plainfield and Sugar Grove. Mrs. McCannon has two sisters: Mrs. Carrie Sibley, of Mount Vernon, South Dakota; and Miss Kate Parker, a school teacher in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. McCannon have seven children: May, who was born April 26, 1881, and is now the wife of James Fleming, of Naperville, Illinois; Maud, who was born January 1, 1883, and is now the wife of Edward Converse, of Champaign, Illinois; Mattie, who was born September 8, 1884, and is now engaged in teaching school in Sugar Grove township; Benjamin G.,

born September 9, 1886, who assists his father in operating the farm; and Minnie B., born October 12, 1888; Nellie, born on December 24, 1890; and Grace, born on July 5, 1892, all three of whom are living at home. There are also five grandchildren in the family.

Mr. McCannon has taken a good citizen's part in the affairs of his township and county and contributed his share to the development and improvement of the country around him. He has served as school director to the advantage of the district and his own credit. In fraternal relations he is a Modern Woodman and in political faith a zealous republican. He and his wife are members of the Twentieth Century Club and all his children living at home belong to the None Such Club. This club meets once a month at the home of one of its members and passes the evening in rendering a musical, literary and social programme for the entertainment of its members and guests. All of the McCannon children have attended the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial school, and Maud, Mattie, Benjamin, Minnie and Nellie are graduates of that institution. Nellie is secretary of its Alumni Association.

Thus from small earnings at first and larger ones later, through the thorny path of self-denial and great economy, yet looking ever to better times and a more generous fortune, toward which they were steadily working their way, these thrifty and worthy people have risen to substantial comfort in a worldly way, and to an elevated place in the regard and good will of their friends, neighbors and acquaintances. They have done well their part in helping to build up the township and advance the best interests of its people, and they have their reward in their present enjoyment of all home comforts and general public esteem.

MRS. BRIDGET CONWAY.

Mrs. Bridget Conway, residing on section 21, Blackberry township, has spent her entire life in Kane county, her birth occurring in Kaneville township, on the 5th of August, 1864. Her father was Michael Keenan, who was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and in early life came to the new world. Deciding to make this county his home, he located on the farm in Kaneville township where his daughter was born. He endured all the hardships peculiar to pioneer life and ever made the most of his opportunities. As time passed he prospered in his undertakings and eventually became the owner of a large amount of land. His widow is still living and now makes her home in Maple Park. In their family were the following children: Frank, a farmer residing in Maple Park; Kitty, the wife of J. F. Wilcox, a retired farmer living in Sycamore, Illinois; William, a retired farmer of Maple Park; Charles, who also makes his home in Maple Park; Mary, the wife of P. H. Boyle, an employe of the Northwestern Railroad at Sycamore; Rose, deceased; Maggie, the wife of M. E. Loftus, a barber at Maple Park; Hannah, the wife of L. C. Clyne, of Maple Park; Michael, a farmer living at the same place; and Bridget, of this review.

During her girlhood Mrs. Conway attended the country schools until seventeen years of age and acquired an excellent knowledge of household affairs while assisting her mother in the duties of the home. On the 26th of February, 1889, she gave her hand in marriage to Thomas M. Conway, who was born in this county on the 29th of January, 1855. They began their domestic life upon the farm in Blackberry township where she still lives. Here she owns one hundred and fifty acres of well improved land under excellent cultivation and upon the place is a good two-story brick residence of nine rooms and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. The farm is conveniently located four and a half miles south of Elburn, and in its management Mrs. Conway has displayed good business and executive ability. She is a lady of more than ordinary ability and is a devout member of the Catholic church.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conway have been born four children, namely: David, deceased; William J., who is attending school at Peru, Illinois; and Thomas A. and Joseph, who are pursuing their studies in the district school near home.

FRANK J. ANDERSON.

Frank J. Anderson, who is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and in dairying on a farm in Virgil township, was born in Chicago, July 4, 1866. His father, G. Anderson, was born in Sweden and came as a young man of twenty-one to America. He enlisted as a member of the Sixth Illinois Infantry in the Civil war and served for fourteen months. He was twice wounded and came near losing his life on the field of battle. Following the close of hostilities between the north and the south he made a trip to California, locating on a fruit farm. He engaged in fruit-raising for twelve years on the Pacific coast, but not being pleased with that climate he then returned to Chicago, where he engaged in the clothing business. It was prior to his emigration to this country that Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Selma Lawrence. After residing in this country for many years the father returned to his native land, where he spent his last years, passing away there when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-six years. He was a Mason and a member of the Lutheran church. His family numbered six children, three sons and three daughters, as follows: Charles O., who is a fruit dealer of California; Augusta, who married George Roehmueller, an engineer of Los Angeles, California; Gust L., who is a traveling salesman for the American Steel & Wire Company and makes his home in DeKalb, Illinois; Sophia, the wife of Charles Larson, a druggist of Stockholm, Sweden; Otto L., who follows farming in Sweden; and Frank J.

Frank J. Anderson, whose name introduces this record, began his education in the district schools of Sweden and was a lad of thirteen years when he came to the United States alone and settled in Chicago. There he continued his studies in the public schools to the age of seventeen years. At that age he began life on his own account, going to DeKalb county, where he

secured work as a farm hand. He was thus employed for six years, when he went to Aurora, where he remained for two years, during which time he was engaged in the dairy business. He then returned to Chicago and was salesman for mineral water for fourteen years. At the end of that time he settled in DeKalb county and began farming. For the past two years he has resided on his present farm on section 1, Virgil township, Kane county, where he rents two hundred and forty acres of land and is engaged in general farming and dairying.

Mr. Anderson chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Selma Steel, a native of Sweden. Their children are Mabel Esther, Rudolph J., Hannah O. and William F., all under the parental roof.

Mr. Anderson gives his political support to the republican party, and for several years has served as a school director. He is a devoted member of the Lutheran church. He is a man of perseverance, energy and determination and it is these sterling qualities which have gained him success in life and made him one of the substantial and valued citizens of Virgil township.

EDWARD E. BECKER.

Edward E. Becker, cashier of the First State Bank of Maple Park, is numbered among its enterprising and progressive citizens. Mr. Becker is a native son of Illinois, his birth having occurred in South Grove, DeKalb county, on the 22d of April, 1877. The Becker family was established in this state by the paternal grandfather, who, on coming from the east, located on a farm in DeKalb county. The father, John T. Becker, was born in Roxbury, Delaware county, New York, and at the age of thirteen years accompanied his parents on their removal to DeKalb county, where the son acquired his education in the district schools. He later engaged in teaching but when twenty-three years of age enlisted for service in the Civil war as sergeant in Company G, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry. He participated in many of the important engagements of the war, was on Sherman's celebrated march to the sea, and was wounded at the battle of Aversboro, Georgia. He was mustered out as first lieutenant of his company and at the close of the war returned to the home farm in DeKalb county, where he continued until 1890, when he was elected on the republican ticket treasurer of DeKalb county, in which capacity he served for four years. He is now retired and living in Sycamore. He was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Belt, who was born at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Their children are: Grace, the wife of Orton L. Bell, a farmer of South Grove, Illinois; C. Luella and Jessie, at home; and John R., an attorney of Lewiston, Idaho.

The other member of the family, Edward E. Becker, acquired his early education in district school No. 2, South Grove township, his father, mother and eldest sister having taught in this school in former years. At the age of thirteen years he removed with his parents to Sycamore, graduating from the high school there in 1895. He then took a course in stenography in the

Rockford (Ill.) Business College, and from 1896 until 1901 he was employed as deputy county clerk of DeKalb county. He then entered the Sycamore National Bank as bookkeeper, in which capacity he served for two years, at the end of which time, in the fall of 1903, he was elected as cashier of the First State Bank of Maple Park, in which office he has served to the present time. The bank was organized March 3, 1903, with M. Simons as president, and P. M. Alden vice president, while in the fall of the same year Mr. Becker was elected its cashier. The bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars, with a surplus of five thousand dollars. Business is being conducted in a modern structure, situated on Main street. The men who are at the head of this institution follow the most conservative methods in the conduct of the enterprise, in which the people of Maple Park feel a just pride. Its success is due in no small degree to the efforts of Mr. Becker, the efficient and courteous cashier, for he is a man who possesses excellent business ability and sound judgment and his connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome for the same.

Mr. Becker chose as a companion and helpmate Miss Sadie J. White, to whom he was married October 26, 1899. Mrs. Becker was born in Earlville, Illinois, September 21, 1878, a daughter of Ellis T. White, who served in the Civil war, enlisting from Wisconsin, which state was at that time his home. In his younger years he engaged in farming but later was engaged in business in Earlville. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Becker has been blessed with one son, Donald E., who was born March 17, 1903.

Mr. Becker is a Mason, belonging to Sycamore Lodge, No. 134, A. F. & A. M.; Sycamore Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M.; and Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, K. T., of which commandery he served as eminent commander in 1906. His political views accord with the principles and policy of the republican party.

FRED H. RAYMOND.

Fred H. Raymond, residing in Elgin, is practicing law at the Chicago bar and is gaining well merited distinction among the representatives of the courts of that city. Prompted at all times by laudable ambition, his labors characterized by unfaltering diligence and perseverance—qualities which are just as essential in professional as in commercial or industrial pursuits—he now has a large clientage connecting him with much important legal work in the metropolis.

Mr. Raymond was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1867. Having lost his father when but six months old, he was afterward brought to Elgin by his mother, who later became the wife of Joseph Losee, of Woodstock, Illinois. At the latter place Fred H. Raymond spent his boyhood days. His interests and environments were those of the farm and the public schools afforded him his early educational advantages. In the spring of 1884 he



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went to Wichita, Kansas, and his limited financial circumstances rendered it imperative that he seek and obtain immediate employment. He therefore entered the service of a contractor and builder and was engaged in that line of labor until the fall of 1884, when he entered the employ of the Osage Cattle Company with headquarters at Wichita, Kansas, as assistant manager. In this capacity he was engaged in rounding up the various large herds of cattle and also assisted in branding and shipping. While thus employed he was compelled to travel through Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado upon a pony. Night often overtook him far from any habitation and he would use his saddle for a pillow and his blanket for covering, while above him there was no roof and only such shelter as he could provide by knotting the top of the sage brush together.

Mr. Raymond visited the mines of Arizona and Utah in the summer of 1885 and in the fall of that year returned to Wichita, where he became collector for the Wichita Merchants' Association. The following summer he again came to Elgin and though it was his intention merely to visit here, he procured a situation in the watch factory and was thus employed until the spring of 1893. He then resigned in order to engage in the oil business in this city and in the course of time secured an extensive and lucrative trade, which he eventually sold to Mr. Jencks. In the meantime his ambition was aroused for the acquirement of further education that would enable him to direct his energies in professional fields and in 1893-94 he attended a night school. Toward the close of the latter year he located at Woodstock and began traveling for a piano house, but in 1895 returned to Elgin and continued upon the road until the winter, when he resumed his studies. In 1896 he became a law student in the office of Frank W. Joslyn and thus made the initial step leading to his present successful professional career. He is an accomplished musician and was probably at that time as well known in musical circles in Elgin as any one. Nature had endowed him with considerable talent in that direction, which he had developed as the years passed by, and he became the cornetist in the old Elgin Military Band and was also proficient on the string bass. He engaged with several of the best orchestras in the city and by this means was enabled to pursue his studies as a law student.

Following his admission to the bar in 1899, Mr. Raymond became a member of the firm of Joslyn, Schultz & Raymond, while later he was associated alone with his former preceptor under the style of Joslyn & Raymond and acted as assistant state's attorney of Kane county, while his partner held the superior office. In May, 1902, the firm opened an office in Chicago and at the same time maintained active connection with the bar of Elgin. In May, 1903, however, their partnership was dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Raymond continuing in Chicago, where he has built up an extensive practice. He is widely known as a most successful and able trial lawyer in both the federal and state courts and this also required his admission to practice in the United States circuit and district courts, in the United States court of appeals and in the United States supreme court. In the United States court of appeals Mr. Raymond enjoys the distinction of successfully conducting the defense of a criminal case under the lottery laws wherein the indictment in the case

was quashed direct in this court without remanding to the lower court, there being but three such cases reported in the United States Federal Reporter.

Mr. Raymond still continues in active practice in Chicago, being now associated with Francis W. Walker, with offices in the Marquette building. He is financially interested in the Tom Murray Shirt Manufacturing interests and is attorney for the company, which owns the controlling interest of the J. B. Roach Shirt Company of Elgin, Illinois, which interest is largely in charge of Mr. Raymond.

On the 6th of December, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Fred H. Raymond and Miss Mary B. McQueeny, of Elgin, and they now have three sons. Mr. Raymond is a charter member of the Elgin Lodge of Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler and for two years he was treasurer of the state association of Elks. His life record is most creditable in its various phases. He is an illustrious type of the American man who finds in his environment adequate opportunity for the exercise of his energies or else branches out into other fields where he can use his natural talents and powers to the best advantage. His devotion to his clients' interests has ever been proverbial and his prominence has come to him as the reward of earnest endeavor, fidelity to trust and recognized ability.

JOHN C. RAMM.

John C. Ramm, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Burlington township, was born near Berlin, Germany, September 11, 1862, his parents being Fred and Dorothy (Fos) Ramm, both natives of Germany, the former born March 17, 1838, and the latter in 1837. Their marriage was celebrated in February, 1861, and in 1865 they emigrated to America, settling in Dundee, Illinois, where they remained for two years, on the expiration of which period they located on the farm now occupied by their son, John C. Fred Ramm lived on the place as a renter for six years and then bought the farm at thirty-five dollars per acre. It consisted originally of one hundred and sixty acres but has been added to by additional purchase until it now comprises one hundred and eighty-six and two-thirds acres. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ramm were born the following children: John C., of this review, was the first born. Fredrica, whose birth occurred in Germany in 1864, is now the wife of Charles Warford, a farmer residing a mile and a half east of Lily Lake. Mary, born in Illinois in 1866, married Charles Yurs, an agriculturist residing at East Plato. Carrie, who was born in Kane county, Illinois, in 1870, became the wife of Will Allen, a merchant. They resided in St. Charles until her death, which occurred in 1891. Minnie, born in Kane county, Illinois, in 1873, resides with her mother in Elgin. Fred L., whose birth occurred in this state in 1876, is a cattle buyer, making his home with his mother in Elgin. Frank M., born in Illinois in 1880, married Miss Hattie Wilkie, of Hampshire, and they reside at Elgin.

John C. Ramm accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States in August, 1865, and for the past eighteen years has resided on his present farm six miles southeast of Burlington. He is a progressive and up-to-date agriculturist, using the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He has put in about five hundred rods of tiling and otherwise improved his land, which annually responds to his careful supervision in golden harvests. He owns thirty cows and conducts an extensive dairy, shipping on an average of sixty-four gallons of milk from Virgil to Chicago daily. He also has a twenty-acre wood-lot and raises enough fruit for his own use. The farm with its improvements is well worth twenty thousand dollars, and Mr. Ramm is well known and highly esteemed as one of the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the county.

On the 31st of January, 1889, Mr. Ramm was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Stevens, of Wasco, Illinois. Their children, all of whom were born in Burlington township, are as follows: Devalois, born March 15, 1890, who attended Elgin Academy for one year and is now engaged in farming; John M., born May 20, 1891; Claude L., whose birth occurred September 9, 1893; Leola S., who was born January 21, 1896; Dorothy M., January 28, 1905; and Maurice S., who was born January 9, 1907.

Politically Mr. Ramm is a democrat, while fraternally he is connected with the Knights of the Globe. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and his wife is a member of the Baptist church. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of highest commendation.

BRADFORD G. RICHMOND.

Bradford G. Richmond, cashier of the Kane County Bank, was born on a farm in Campton township, Kane county, Illinois, April 19, 1850. The Richmond family had its origin in Brittany, France, and trace their ancestors by old records back to the year 1040. John Richmond, the ancestor of the American branch of the family, was born at Ashton-Keynes, England, in 1594. He came to America in 1635, and purchased land at Taunton, Massachusetts, in 1637, passing away there on the 20th of March, 1664. The genealogy of the American branch of the family is very complete, containing over eighteen thousand names and giving historical events of the pre-American branch of the family back to the thirteenth century. The parents of our subject, Moses C. and Susan H. Richmond, were natives of Vermont, the former born July 12, 1818, and the latter October 26, 1826. The father came to Illinois in 1840, purchasing a farm in Campton township. He was married at the old Garfield homestead in Campton, Illinois, October 26, 1843, and resided on his farm until April, 1872.

Bradford G. Richmond acquired his education in the common schools in Campton township, Illinois, and resided on his father's farm until 1881,

with the exception of two years spent in business in DeKalb, Illinois. In March, 1881, he removed to Los Angeles, California, where he remained until July, 1884. In February, 1884, he removed to Elburn, Illinois, and in association with G. W. Robinson purchased the warehouse business of Willis & Swain, conducting the enterprise under the name of Richmond & Robinson until April, 1889. In June, 1890, in connection with M. W. Willis and John Warne of Elburn, Illinois, he established the Kane County Bank, of which he has since served as the efficient and popular cashier.

On the 6th of March, 1872, Mr. Richmond was united in marriage to Miss Lily Maie Robinson, at her home in Virgil township, Illinois. They have three children: Nellie M., born May 18, 1874, became the wife of J. R. Anderson on the 27th of September, 1898, and they reside at Elburn, Illinois, where the husband is engaged in the hardware and furniture business. They have two children: Miriam, born January 31, 1901; and Margaret, whose birth occurred February 18, 1906. Maud M., born June 19, 1878, became the wife of E. L. Harris, of Elburn, Illinois, on the 10th of June, 1902, her husband being Swift & Company's credit man at Boston, Massachusetts. They reside at Arlington, Massachusetts, and have one child, Edward R., whose birth occurred November 4, 1903. George B. Richmond was born June 13, 1890.

Mr. Richmond favors the principles of the republican party but does not support that ticket indiscriminately and often casts his ballot for candidates of the opposition if he considers them better qualified for the office in question. He has himself held a number of village and town offices, ever discharging his official duties in prompt and capable manner. Fraternally he has been connected with the Masons for about twenty-three years. The terms progress and patriotism might be considered the keynote of his character, for throughout his career he has labored for the improvement of every line of business or public interest with which he has been associated and at all times he has been actuated by a fidelity to his country and her welfare. He is well known and highly esteemed as a worthy representative of the financial interests of his native county, and by reason of his social, genial nature has gained a host of friends.

CHARLES E. SISSON, M.D.

Dr. Charles E. Sisson, a successful medical practitioner of Elgin, was born at Mindoro, Wisconsin, June 6, 1874, his parents being Olonzo S. and Mary Sisson, the latter a native of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. He supplemented his public-school education by a course in the West Salem high school and afterward entered the Oshkosh Normal School. Determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he took the prescribed course in the College of Physicians & Surgeons, of Chicago, and was graduated from that institution in 1899. Entering upon hospital practice, he remained in the Hospital for the Insane at Mendota, Wisconsin, until June, 1900, and

subsequently became connected with the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane at Elgin, Illinois. In 1904 he commenced general practice in Elgin and has here since remained, having met with a gratifying and well merited measure of success in the prosecution of his profession.

Dr. Sisson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Maude Whitcomb, a daughter of Augustus and Laura Rachel (Tyng) Whitcomb. Her father was a son of George and Lois (Taylor) Whitcomb and was born in New York in 1838, while throughout his active business career he was engaged in the hardware business at Columbus, Wisconsin. In January, 1858, he wedded Miss Laura R. Tyng, a daughter of Dudley and Sarah Tyng. His death occurred at Columbus, Wisconsin, in May, 1876, while his wife, surviving him for a number of years, passed away March 31, 1908. Their family numbered four children, namely: Ernest C., who married Miss Nellie Thompson; Herbert, who died in infancy; Inez, the wife of Henry B. Perry, of Oconto, Wisconsin; and Emma Maud, who became Mrs. Sisson.

FRED WRIGHT.

Going out into the world at the age of thirteen to begin the battle of life for himself and work out his own destiny according to his aspirations and opportunities, Fred Wright, one of the prominent and progressive farmers of Sugar Grove township, has never halted or hesitated in pushing steadily toward the goal of prosperity and success. He was born at Cedar Creek, Barry county, Michigan, November 25, 1859, a son of Ruloff and Huldah (Polley) Wright, both natives of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. Mr. Wright has a brother, Henry Wright, living at Ogden, Tennessee, and another, Frank Wright, who is a resident of Honor, Benzie county, Michigan.

Mr. Wright enjoyed only limited advantages in the way of education. He had for a very few years during the winter months the slender opportunities for schooling which are the lot of poor boys in the remote country districts, and even these were available to him in but an uncertain and irregular degree. When he was thirteen years of age he removed to St. Joseph county, Michigan, to accept a position as a hired hand on a farm, and in this humble and unremunerative occupation he was employed six years. But with the approaching dawn of manhood he determined to do better for himself, and accordingly he came to Illinois and began farming on his own account in Kendall county. He continued his activity in this line and location until 1904, when he bought the farm on which he now lives in Sugar Grove township, Kane county. This farm comprises one hundred and twenty acres and is one of the most desirable for its size, for it is highly productive, and Mr. Wright has made the most of its fertility and responsiveness, working it with skill and good judgment and improving it with all the resources at his command.

On September 20, 1887, he was married to Mrs. Louisa (Wheeler) Graham, the widow of James Graham, and at that time the mother of two

children, her daughters Jennie Graham and the present wife of Oscar Jetter, of Plano, Illinois. Her parents were Jacob and Louise Wheeler, who were born and reared in New York. She was born in March, 1861, and has long been a resident of this state. She and her present husband are the parents of four children: Clarence Eugene, aged twenty; Fred Lester, aged seventeen; Frances Inez, aged fifteen; and Glen Howard, aged six. The oldest son, Clarence Eugene, assists his father in operating the farm. Fred Lester is a clerk and salesman in the store of Mr. Keck at Sugar Grove; and the other two are students at the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial School.

In politics Mr. Wright affiliates and works with the democratic party, but he is not an office seeker and does not allow his party bias to interfere with his general duties as a citizen or his pleasant relations with his fellow-men of all parties and creeds. His wife is a zealous member of the Baptist church at Yorkville. Both are determined advocates and promoters of whatever seems likely to advance the welfare of the township, and both are held in high esteem by all who know them. They have demonstrated their worth and the people around them appreciate it and show that they do.

FRED C. SWIFT.

Fred C. Swift, who is conducting a dairy farm in Virgil township, is a native son of Kane county, his birth having occurred in Dundee, February 26, 1880. His parents, John and Hannah (Hopp) Swift, were both natives of Germany and emigrated to America in 1871, the family home being established in Dundee, Kane county. He was a republican in his political allegiance and a Lutheran in religious faith. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Swift was blessed with six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Will, who makes his home in Elgin and is employed by D. C. Cook of that city; Charley, who is a carpenter and makes his home in Elgin; Mary, the wife of Fred Hanson, a resident farmer of Burlington township; John, who lives in Chicago; Emma, who has departed this life; and Fred C., of this review. The mother still survives and makes her home in Burlington township.

The last named acquired his education in the district schools of Plato township but his advantages in this direction were very meager, for his services were needed on the home farm, and he was compelled to abandon his studies at a very early age. He assisted in the operation of the home property until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he started out upon an independent venture, being employed as a farm hand for a few months. He was then married, the lady of his choice being Miss Tresa Phelan, who was born in Plato township, in August, 1877, and whose parents were farming people of that district. Both are now deceased.

Following his marriage Mr. Swift took up his abode upon a tract of rented land, which has since been his home. He is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and also keeps eighteen cows for dairy purposes. His success is the result of his own well directed energy, labor and perseverance,

and he is justly classed among the representative agriculturists of this community.

Mr. Swift's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give hearty support to the republican party but he has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to do his duty as a private citizen. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church. Starting out in life empty-handed he has steadily worked his way upward to success and no citizen of this community is held in higher esteem and respect than is Mr. Swift.

JOSEPH CHRYSTAL.

Comfortable now in all the ways of life, and having earned his comfort by earnest, honest labor, with struggles through privations and difficulties from his youth to his well matured manhood, Joseph Chrystal, a retired farmer of Burlington township and one of its most substantial and influential citizens, can look back with pleasure over the obstacles that opposed his progress and tried his nerve, for they were turned by his determined spirit into means for his advancement and became sources of inspiration and instruction.

Mr. Chrystal was born at Hemingsford, Canada, April 19, 1845, and is a son of George and Ann (Barren) Chrystal, the former a native of London, England, and the latter of Canada. The father was a farmer's son, and for a few years after leaving school worked as a farm hand in the neighborhood of his native city, but wages were low, crops were often scanty and times were hard. The aspiring youth worked with a will and did his best to get along. He soon learned, however, that he could not hope to ever win such a success as he longed for if he remained in that country. He was still a young man and had no one to provide for but himself, and the new world beckoned him with persuasive hand to more promising opportunities. Many of his associates were in the same condition, and some could scarcely keep the wolf from the door. A company of them were preparing to emigrate to Canada and he determined to join the party. Obtaining a reluctant consent from his parents, he made the trip, arriving in due time at Hemingsford, where he decided to locate for a time and went to work at manual labor for a daily wage. He toiled steadily and faithfully, and the hopes which had quickened his fancy soon began to take on more tangible shapes, for he made better progress than he had at home.

Soon after his arrival in Canada he was married to Miss Mary Barren, and a few years after this event he brought his young family to Illinois, choosing Kane county as his residence and locating on a farm in Virgil township. Six children were born in the household, the sisters and one brother of Joseph being: Elizabeth, who is now the wife of Walter Rice, of Iowa; Louisa, who became the wife of Clarence Elliott, a farmer, and now lives in Sycamore, Illinois; Frances, the wife of Irwin Conner, a farmer now living at Richardson, Illinois; Mary, the wife of John Fathergill, a Burlington

township farmer; and William, who is conducting a profitable poultry business in Iowa. Hannah became the wife of Dennis Crips but both are dead. The father was a Catholic, the mother a member of the Church of England. Both are deceased and their remains were buried in High Grove cemetery.

Their son Joseph received his instruction in the rudimentary branches of book learning in a little country school in Burlington township. The school was primitive and the terms were short. As soon as spring opened the help of every hand was needed on the farms in those early days and all the children had to go to work. In addition to these deficiencies in educational advantages, Mr. Chrystal was able to attend the school but a few years, becoming by force of circumstances a regular hand on his father's farm at an early age. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years old, when he was married to Miss Prudence Frink, who was born in the state of New York. They have no children.

After his marriage Mr. Chrystal moved to the farm of eighty acres which he now owns, and it was here that his real battle of life began and his lessons in endurance and self-denial showed their usefulness and power. He had many trials and difficult struggles but he persevered steadily, encouraged by the knowledge that he was moving forward. When his father died he also took charge of the home farm, which went to a younger brother.

Mr. Chrystal and his wife are members of the Free Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics he is a staunch republican. Both are sturdy and reliable in their citizenship and faithful in the performance of public and private duties. They have worked arduously throughout their lives and all they have achieved is the result of their own systematic and persevering industry. Their own struggles have taught them how to appreciate the difficulties of others, and their kindness to all around them has endeared them to many and won them the respect of all.

JOHN WILLIAM BARTELT.

John William Bartelt, a well known and successful farmer of Blackberry township, is one of Kane county's native sons, his birth occurring in Batavia township, December 2, 1866, and he is a worthy representative of an old and honored family of this region. His father, Carl Bartelt, was born in Germany in 1831 and passed his boyhood and youth in that country. It was in 1856 that he emigrated to the new world and took up his residence in Batavia township, Kane county, Illinois, where he secured a tract of land and engaged in farming. He was married at Batavia, December 2, 1861, to Miss Caroline Schimmelpfenig, who was also a native of Germany, born in 1841, and they have become the parents of the following children: Emma, now the wife of J. Schimmelpfenig, a farmer of Batavia township; Amanda, the wife of G. T. Alberding, a bookkeeper residing in Chicago; Edith, the wife of J. Branbury, a farmer of Kane county; Charles, a farmer living near Batavia; Mary, deceased; Willis, who is clerking in Chicago; Lenna, who is

at home with her parents; George, a farmer of Batavia township; Clara, the wife of L. Hubbard, professor of music, residing in Chicago; Edward, who is also clerking in Chicago; and Irma, at home.

John W. Bartelt acquired his education in the public schools of this county, which he attended until seventeen years of age and when not busy with his text-books he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, remaining under the parental roof until 1890. He then secured employment in the Batavia paper mills, where he worked for five years, and at the end of that period rented a farm adjoining his father's, which he operated quite successfully until 1902, when he was able to purchase his present farm, consisting of two hundred acres of rich and arable land in Blackberry township. He is a very progressive and enterprising farmer and his place is thoroughly up-to-date in its appointments.

In 1896 Mr. Bartelt was united in marriage to Miss Lina Alexander, who was born in Elburn, Illinois, November 3, 1873, and they now have three children: Margaret, born October 14, 1898; Dorothy, born January 23, 1900; and Spencer M., born September 12, 1904. Mrs. Bartelt's mother, Mrs. Mary L. (Miner) Alexander, resides with them. She has the distinction of being the first white child born in Kaneville township, her birth occurring November 27, 1837.

Among his cherished possessions Mr. Bartelt has an old chair that has rocked six generations of his family. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his social relations he is connected with the Mystic Workers. The republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles and he has efficiently served as school director in his district for several years. He is one of the representative and prominent citizens of his community and is widely and favorably known throughout the county which has always been his home.

HARVEY OAKES.

Harvey Oakes, deceased, was born in New York in 1850, his parents being Asa and Sarah (Carlton) Oakes. The father was one of the very earliest settlers of Marengo, to which place he had journeyed overland by wagon. He located on a farm and was widely recognized as a prominent and enterprising citizen, taking an active part in the early development of this section of the state. Both he and his wife passed away in Elgin. Their children were Horace, Charles, George, Harvey, Mrs. Hattie St. John, Mrs. Mary Williams and Mrs. Delia Buck. They also had several grandchildren but the daughter of Harvey is the only one bearing the name of Oakes.

Harvey Oakes acquired his education in the public schools of Marengo, and subsequently learned the tinner's trade, which he successfully followed for a number of years. During the latter part of his life, however, he was employed in the Elgin National Watch Company's factory.

On the 1st of May, 1900, Mr. Oakes was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Chamberlain Gray, a daughter of Nathaniel and Abbie (Thayer) Gray, who were representatives of old families of Maine. The father was of Scotch lineage but the family had been represented in the United States for three generations on the paternal side and for four generations in the maternal line. Nathaniel Gray was a farmer by occupation, but during the last ten years of his life was engaged in the agricultural implement business. His birth had occurred in 1825, and he was called to his final rest in the year 1903, his demise occurring in Maine. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Oakes was born one child, Clarissa Carlton.

In his political views Mr. Oakes was a stalwart republican and took an active part in the local work of the party. Fraternally he was a Mason, being a worthy exemplar of the teachings of the craft. His death occurred in Elgin on the 9th of January, 1904, and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had gained a host of friends in this city by reason of his genial, social nature and upright, honorable career.

CHRISTIAN SOLFISBURG.

Although Christian Solfisburg has passed from the scene of earthly activities, being no longer a factor in the commercial and manufacturing interests of Aurora, the influence of his life and labors remains and his example is a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do. He was the promoter of one of the leading business concerns of the city and left behind a record of irreproachable integrity in business affairs. His natal place was Berne, Switzerland, and the date of his birth the 12th of January, 1832. His parents were John and Mary Ann Solfisburg, who were also natives of the land of the Alps.

Christian Solfisburg was reared in Switzerland to the age of twenty years, when in 1852 he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the United States. He did not tarry on the eastern coast, but came to Illinois, and after spending a few years in Kendall county removed to Kane county in 1856. Here he made his first independent business venture, having previously been in the employ of others. He here began dealing in wood at the town of Aurora, at which period cut timber constituted the universal fuel of the great middle West and of other parts of the country as well. He prospered in this undertaking, and in 1860 he utilized his increased capital in establishing a brick, lime and building material manufacturing business. The gradual expansion of his trade under his careful management and capable guidance made this one of the largest business ventures of the kind in the state. It is still a factor in the commercial life of the county, being conducted by his two sons, Albert C. and A. Lincoln. Mr. Solfisburg was one of the organizers of the Aurora National Bank, and was also a director until the time of his death.

Mr. Solfisburg was a man of splendid characteristics, of high ideals and lofty purposes. His social, genial nature made him popular, while his



CHRISTIAN SOLFISBURG

unwearied industry and unflinching perseverance gained him success. In politics he was ever a stalwart republican, who rejoiced in the adoption of the party principles, yet he never desired office as a reward for party fealty. However, he served for over twenty years as highway commissioner, and was for some time alderman, although this was an unsought honor. In fact, the position sought him, for his fellow townsmen recognized his loyalty to the public good and knew that he would be true to all public trusts. He held friendship inviolable and his home ties as a sacred trust, and was never happier than when he was promoting the welfare and interests of his wife and children.

On the 13th of January, 1859, Mr. Solfisburg was married to Miss Elizabeth Love, whose parents, Robert and Margaret (Lander) Love, were natives of Toronto, Canada. Mr. Love came to Aurora in 1852, and was long one of its honored and prominent citizens. He served the Union as a soldier of the Civil war, and was always progressive in his citizenship. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Solfisburg were born eleven children, all of whom yet survive: Clara, the wife of John Kerr, now living retired; Albert C.; A. Lincoln; Lillian, the wife of H. H. Werner, manager in the shoe department of the Fox River Supply Company; Edwin L., financial clerk in the postoffice; Addie B., the wife of Dr. William B. Sherman; Lydia A., at home; Charlotte, the wife of Van B. Eyerly, a resident of Canton, Illinois; Roy J., a practicing attorney of Aurora; Flora E., at home; and Christian H., a student in the State University at Champaign, Illinois. The sons Albert C. and A. Lincoln are successors of their father in business and are conducting the trade along the same reliable yet progressive lines instituted by their father.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Solfisburg were members of the People's church, and their salient traits of character commended them to the confidence and good will of all. Mr. Solfisburg died July 17, 1905, after a residence in Illinois of over half a century. Coming to the new world without capital, the place which he made for himself in business circles and in the regard of his fellow citizens was most commendable.

GEORGE C. EDMUNDS.

George C. Edmunds, engaged in contracting and building in Aurora, is by the consensus of public opinion accounted one of the representative residents of the city. He was born in Pembroke, New Hampshire, September 3, 1845, and his parents, William and Cynthia (Marden) Edmunds, were also natives of that state. The former was the only child of Moses and Hannah (Knox) Edmunds. The grandfather died when a young man, while his wife was almost a centenarian at the time of her demise.

William Edmunds learned the shoemaker's trade in early manhood and later became a carpenter. He lived for many years in Pembroke, New Hampshire, but died in Manchester, that state, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was a soldier of the Union army in the Civil war, serving

with the Second Regiment of Burdan's Sharpshooters for about nine months. After the war he returned to his home and resumed work at the carpenter's trade. He held membership in the Congregational church, to which his wife also belonged. She died when about seventy-six years of age. Her father was Newell Marden, a native of New Hampshire, who had quite a large family—four sons and four daughters. Three of the number are now living: Mrs. Sophronia Knox, of Manchester, New Hampshire; Nathan Marden, of Weymouth, Massachusetts; and Amanda, the wife of Isaac Fife, of Pembroke, New Hampshire. Unto William and Cynthia (Marden) Edmunds were born six children, three of whom survive: George C., now of Aurora; Albianna, the wife of Charles Warner, of Manchester, New Hampshire; and Hattie, the wife of William Colby, of Somerville, Massachusetts.

George C. Edmunds was reared in the city of his nativity and after attending the public schools continued his studies in the Pembroke Academy. He afterward began work in a brickyard, where he remained for two or three summers and then followed various pursuits. In 1864, when nineteen years of age, he enlisted for service in the navy on the United States ship *Vandalia*, with which he was connected for a year. After the war he came west to Illinois in 1865, settling at Sandwich, where he made his home for a quarter of a century. There he followed the carpenter's trade, being closely associated with the building interests of the community. Later he removed to Sugar Grove and in 1890 he returned to the east, spending the succeeding decade in Manchester, New Hampshire. In 1900 he came to Aurora, where he has lived continuously since. He has been doing contract work nearly all of the time and has erected a number of the handsome residences of the city.

Mr. Edmunds was married to Mrs. Mary A. Edmunds, the widow of Moses Edmunds and a daughter of Stephen O. Gould. They became the parents of three daughters and a son. Nellie F., the eldest, is the wife of Charles Morey, a resident of Manchester, New Hampshire, and they have three children: Irene, Wendell and Pearl. Edgar E. is a printer, who married Flora Lancaster, and they have one son, George L. Pauline is the wife of John Regner, of Lynn, Massachusetts, and has one son, Ernest. Hattie died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away December 9, 1896, and on the 13th of February, 1900, Mr. Edmunds married Mrs. Florence B. Hall, the widow of Frasmus Ward Hall and a daughter of A. S. and Rhoda Ann (Rounds) Bolster. Mrs. Edmunds was born in Eureka, Wisconsin. Her mother was the first white American child born in Winnebago county, Wisconsin. Her father was a native of the state of New York and became a pioneer settler of Sugar Grove township, Kane county, Illinois. He came to this locality with his parents, who took up government land and were among the earliest settlers of the community. The grandfather of Mrs. Edmunds was the owner of a large farm in Sugar Grove township and there died when about seventy years of age. His wife was Mary (Curtis) Bolster, who survived him for many years and was nearly eighty years of age at the time of her death. Their family numbered three sons, including Albert S. Bolster, the father of Mrs. Edmunds. He was long

identified with agricultural pursuits in this county and witnessed it emerge from pioneer environments to take a place with the leading counties of this great commonwealth. He died in 1899 at the age of seventy years and six months, and his wife passed away June 1, 1908, on the old home place. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Edmunds was Lester Rounds, a native of Vermont, who in his business career largely followed general merchandising. He was one of seven brothers who came to the west from the Green Mountain state and settled in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, becoming founders of the town of Eureka. There were fourteen children in that family, all of whom reached years of maturity. Lester Rounds married Aurilla Parker and died at the very venerable age of ninety-four years, while his wife reached the age of seventy-two years. They were the parents of five children. Mr. and Mrs. Bolster had five children: Mrs. Edmunds; Charles Bolster, who is living at Sugar Grove, Illinois; Effie M., the wife of Burt Gould, of Aurora; Ina G., the wife of Clarence Calkins, of Sugar Grove township; and Edward, who died in infancy. By her former marriage Mrs. Edmunds had two children, Edith Nola and Sidney Ward Hall. The latter is at home with his mother. The daughter became the wife of Ralph Merritt Andrews and after his death she married Sherman S. Slick, an employe in the census department at Washington, D. C.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds attend the People's church and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Manchester, New Hampshire. He is also a comrade of Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R., and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in all matters of citizenship he is progressive and loyal. Both Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds are well known in Aurora and have an extensive circle of warm friends, who esteem them highly for their many excellent traits of character. Mr. Edmunds has made steady progress in his business career and, placing his dependence upon the safe, substantial qualities of diligence and perseverance, has gained a goodly measure of success and moreover has won a most honored name.

EDWIN E. CRAFT.

A native of Burlington township and reared and educated among its people, whom he has served with credit in various public positions, Edwin E. Craft has been closely connected with the history of the section and is both a product and a representative of its citizenship. His birth occurred September 16, 1860, and he is the son of Charles T. and Catherine (McKellar) Craft, the father a native of Pennsylvania and both, at the time of the marriage, residents of Plato township in this county.

The father was born November 1, 1828, and obtained his education in the country schools of his native state. His first occupation, after leaving school, was as a driver of a canal team on the Erie canal, and this lasted two years. At the end of that period he came to Illinois in company with a

brother-in-law and his family, making the trip with ox-teams and experiencing the usual hardships and privations incident to such a journey in that day. The new arrivals located near Plato, Kane county, and Mr. Craft secured employment on the Galena division of the Fox River Valley Railroad. A short time afterward, in company with his brother John, he rented a farm, which the brothers worked together for four years. In 1850 he was married and settled down on a home of his own. The children born to him and his wife were: Charles E., now a merchant in Chicago; Katie E., now the wife of H. E. McDonough, also a resident of Chicago and a traveling salesman out of that city; Sarah E., the wife of Thomas Haygreen, a farmer and dairyman of Plato township; George A., a lumber merchant in Rockford, Illinois; Daniel, a farmer in Campton township; and Edwin E.

The last named was educated in the Burlington township public schools, attending until he was eighteen, and at Elgin Academy, which he attended three years. After leaving school he devoted eight years to making cheese and butter. The farther west had allurements for him at the end of that period, and, after passing a year in Minnesota, he went on to South Dakota, where he entered three hundred and twenty acres of land, on which he resided six years. He found Illinois and Kane county more suited to his taste, however, and returning to this county, he bought the farm of one hundred and twenty acres on which he now resides. Of this farm he has eighty acres under cultivation and the rest in pasture land. The farm is on the Burlington road, two miles from a railroad station and one hundred rods from a schoolhouse.

Mr. Craft's wife was Miss Effie S. Cripps, a native of Burlington township, and their marriage occurred October 2, 1884. They have had two children, their daughter Cora, deceased, and their son, Glen, who is living at home. The father is a democrat, a member of the Masonic order and a Modern Woodman of America. He served four years as supervisor and eight years as assessor of Burlington township, and has also been a school director for a number of years. His interest in the welfare of the township is plainly manifest and cordially appreciated, and his place in the esteem and good will of his fellow citizens is firmly established. His father is still living in Plato township. The mother died some years ago and her remains were buried in Read cemetery at Lily Lake.

PHILLIP BROCKNER.

Phillip Brockner, who has extensive farming and dairy interests in Rutland township, is a native of Germany, where he was born December 22, 1872, the son of Adam and Katherine (Leonhard) Brockner. His father was a soldier in the Franco-German war, and after his return to civic life engaged in farming. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brockner were born seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Margarete and Eva, who reside at home; Adam, deceased; Mary, the wife of Charles Shutz; Anna and Katy, both of

whom are happily married and settled in homes of their own; and Phillip, of this review.

Phillip Brockner attended the district schools of Germany until he was sixteen years of age, receiving a good practical education. He then worked in a factory in his home city in Germany for three years, after which he spent one year with his parents. When twenty years of age he came to the United States and located in Elgin, where he secured employment as helper to a stone-mason. It was impossible, however, that after settling in this locality he should not become interested in the rich agricultural resources of the section, and it was only a question of time until he engaged in farming operations in his own behalf. He has found the occupation quite lucrative and has branched out in the business until he now operates two hundred and thirty-eight acres of land, and keeps a dairy of forty-six cows, principally of the Holstein and Durham brand. In addition to raising the hay and grain which is consumed by his own live stock, Mr. Brockner ships a carload of hay and a carload of oats to the city market annually.

Mr. Brockner married Miss Elizabeth Kadel, and they have become the parents of nine children, namely: Amanda, Willie, Phillip, Felix, Arnold, Eva, Roscoe, Hazel and Bernice, all of whom reside at home with their parents.

In politics, Mr. Brockner is a staunch republican, though he has never aspired to political honors, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his farming interests. He possesses the energy, resolution and perseverance so characteristic of his nationality, and he has every reason to feel proud of the success to which he has already attained, as at the outset of his career he had no capital excepting the innate forces that were bound up in his own nature.

JAMES P. FERNALD.

James P. Fernald, the deceased, was a well known citizen of St. Charles, prominent in municipal affairs, active in church work and enterprising in business. His salient traits of character were such as commended him to the confidence and good will of all who knew him and caused his death to be deeply regretted when he passed away. He was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, about 1820. His father, Samuel Fernald, was a weaver by trade and removed to New York city. Still later he became a resident of Troy, New York. After his children were grown and married he went to live with a son, Francis, in New York city, and there passed away. He was twice married.

James P. Fernald was the eldest of three children, his sister being Mrs. Martha Keep, and Francis, who died in New York city. He acquired his education in the public schools and became self-supporting when about twelve or fourteen years of age. In early life he learned the tailor business, serving for seven years in mastering the trade and becoming an expert workman. When a young man he went south and was married in Kentucky to Miss Phoebe Caroline Hayworth, a native of North Carolina. A few years after

with his wife and two children he went to New York city and later took up his abode at Attica, New York, where he followed his trade until about 1844, when he came to Illinois by way of the lakes, landing at Chicago. He thence proceeded to Kane county and settled in St. Charles when it was a little hamlet containing only a few houses. Here he opened up a tailor shop and carried on a business until his death, which occurred in 1882. He received a liberal patronage and was one of the leading merchant tailors of this part of the county. In all of his business relations he was strictly fair and honorable and his reasonable prices and enterprising methods gained for him a fair measure of prosperity.

Mr. Fernald was married three times. His first wife died in Attica, New York, and in that city he wedded Miss Sarah Chadwick, whose death occurred in St. Charles. Subsequently he wedded her sister, Hannah Chadwick. There were three children by the first marriage: Emily, the eldest, born in Eddyville, Kentucky, was brought to Illinois at the age of ten years and now resides in St. Charles. Edwin, born in Eddyville, Kentucky, enlisted in the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served from the beginning to the close of the civil war. He never married and died in Kentucky in 1902. Katherine A., born in New York city, was four years of age when they came to the west in 1845. She became the wife of Edward Chapman, a hardware merchant of St. Charles, who died here, leaving one child, Carrie E., now deceased. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Chapman became the wife of D. B. Moore, who was a blacksmith by trade, but at the time of his death, which occurred in April, 1906, was engaged in the tea and coffee business in St. Charles. The children of James Fernald's second marriage were Sarah, deceased, and George, who is living in Iowa. There were three children by the father's third marriage, but Fred, a resident of California, is the only one who survived.

Mr. Fernald assisted in organizing the Congregational church in St. Charles, contributing generously toward its erection and was always liberal in its support. He served as a deacon in the church for many years and took a helpful part in all of the church activity. His life was in harmony with his professions and all who knew him esteemed him for his many good qualities and now cherish his memory. His daughters, Mrs. Moore and Miss Fernald, who reside together in St. Charles, have always been active and helpful workers in the church and their influence is always on the side of right, justice, truth and progress.

ROBERT J. WING.

Robert J. Wing, who is practicing law at Aurora, with the firm of Hopkins, Peffers & Hopkins, is continually calling into requisition the legal powers which he developed in his student days and which are now constantly expanding through the varied experience of a general law practice. He was born in Aurora, January 14, 1880, his parents being William M. and

Ida (Kinley) Wing, the former a native of Washington county, New York, and the latter of Will county, Illinois. The father was a son of Osburn Wing, a farmer by occupation, who settled in Kane county, Illinois, in the early '70s, taking up his abode on a farm southeast of Aurora. After following general agricultural pursuits for a long period he lived retired in the city until called to his final rest. His wife, Mrs. Abigail (Moncrief) Wing, is of Quaker lineage and still survives her husband, being now eighty-four years of age.

They had a large family, including William M. Wing, who remained a resident of Washington county, New York, until sixteen years of age. He then came west with his parents and lived with them upon the farm southeast of Aurora. Here he continued his education as a student in Jennings Seminary for about four years and upon the death of his father, which occurred in 1871, he began teaching school in the old Keck district west of Montgomery. He was there engaged in teaching for several years, proving an excellent disciplinarian as well as instructor. He afterward entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as a brakeman and a little later became connected with the Hoyt Brothers Company as a molder. A year afterward he went to Sycamore, Illinois, to work in a like capacity and became foreman of a foundry there, but the Hoyt Brothers, appreciating the value of his services, induced him to return and placed him in charge of their foundry in this city. Following the financial panic of 1893 the Hoyt Brothers became a constituent of the American Wood Working Machinery Company and William Wing was made superintendent of their foundry department, in which capacity he is still serving. He is an expert workman in this line and therefore well able to direct the labors of the men who are employed under him. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Wing was a daughter of Abner and Mary Kinley, and in the paternal line is descended from ancestors from the Isle of Man.

Robert J. Wing is the elder of two children, his sister Mabel being the wife of William Given, of Aurora. He was reared in this city and passing through consecutive grades of the public schools was graduated from the East Aurora high school in 1898. He then took up the study of shorthand and secured a position in the law office of John Kelley. While thus engaged he began the study of law but later spent a year in commercial life. He then resumed preparation for the bar as a law student in the office of and under the direction of Senator Hopkins, and in due course of time was admitted to the bar in 1893, since which time he has been associated with the firm of Hopkins, Peffers & Hopkins. He is yet a young man but his ability is becoming recognized and in course of time he will have established for himself a place in the leading ranks of the legal fraternity in his native city.

On the 28th of June, 1905, Mr. Wing was united in marriage to Miss Corda Ellen Clark, a daughter of Jerome B. and Delia (Luther) Clark. Politically Mr. Wing is a republican but while keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day has never sought nor desired office. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church and are prominent

socially, enjoying the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city. They reside at No. 234 South avenue, where Mr. Wing erected an attractive residence in 1902 and he also owns several other residence and city properties here, from which he derives a substantial annual income.

JAMES P. GORDON.

The pen of the biographer has seldom, if ever, a more engaging theme than the life story of a good man who is able to enjoy the sunset and the milder glories of the late evening of his life surrounded by the riches of a prosperous country he has helped to redeem from the waste and develop and improve, ministered to by affectionate kindred and friends, enjoying every comfort and reveling in the strength and beneficence of valued public institutions he has aided materially to found and build up to a widely useful maturity. Such as this is the life story of James P. Gordon, one of the venerable pioneers of Kane county and one of its most successful farmers, whose years of life now number eighty-four, and who is well preserved in a hale, vigorous, serene and cheerful old age.

Mr. Gordon's useful and productive life began in Oneida county, New York, September 29, 1824. When he was two years of age his parents removed to the Oneida Indian reservation in the same state, and there the father built a sawmill, which he operated until death ended his labors. After the death of his father the son took charge of the mill and controlled it for a period of twenty-five years.

In 1868 Mr. Gordon became a resident of Kane county, settling on the farm in section 21, Sugar Grove township, which has ever since been his home. He has added to his first purchase until he now owns three hundred and eighty acres of excellent land, all under skillful cultivation and well improved with good buildings and other necessary structures, and also well furnished with all the appliances required for its proper cultivation. Mr. Gordon's parents were born and reared in New Hampshire. He inherited from them the natural shrewdness and indomitable energy of the New Englander along with other traits of character, which united to make him successful in all his undertakings and a model citizen in all the relations of life.

On January 14, 1850, Mr. Gordon was married to Miss Sarah E. Foster, a schoolmate of his boyhood and youth, and this venerable couple, whose lives flowed in companion channels in their early days, are now passing their declining years together, in the full enjoyment of their beautiful country home half a mile south of Sugar Grove, and in the midst of their children and friends. They have had six children, five of whom are living: Anna, widow of Cornelius Hanson, who died in 1904, and she is living with her parents; Meroe S. and Minnie D., who are also living at home; Daniel J., who resides in another house on his father's farm and helps to cultivate and manage it; and William F., a farmer living half a mile north of Sugar Grove. Nellie, another

daughter and the late wife of Mr. Humiston, died some years ago and her daughter, Nellie G. Humiston, is a part of the household of her grandparents.

Mr. Gordon is a firm republican in politics and a devout member of the Sugar Grove Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his wife. He donated the land on which the church edifice was built and twelve hundred dollars toward its erection; and from the beginning of its history he has been one of its main supports, not only in material substance, but also in moral force and Christian influence.

This venerated patriarch is the last survivor of his father's family. He had two brothers and three sisters, all of whom have passed away. They were: Mary Jane, the wife of Asa McDole; Eliza Ann, the wife of Roswell Cooper; Daniel B. Gordon; and Dolly Dole and Samuel Gordon. Although he is eighty-four years old, Mr. Gordon is still hale, hearty and very active. All his physical and mental powers are vigorous and he is even now as energetic as many a man of fifty. He has always lived a strenuous and busy life, and he is not content now unless he is doing something useful and laborious. He still works in the fields with the other men on the farm, and only last spring (1908), with four horses, plowed many acres of the corn ground.

What a lesson is here for the youth of our country who shrink from hardship and privation as almost the worst of evils, among whom self-denial is often a lost virtue, and who see no dignity and no loftiness in useful labor. It should rebuke all such and recall them to the manliness of our earlier days, when men of mold hewed out their opportunities and made of their very obstacles and difficulties wings and weapons for their own advancement. On the other class of young Americans, those who are in their time and way exemplars of the noble traits which distinguish this "Father in Israel," the lesson will not be lost. It will be a stimulus and an incitement to them, and they will realize that a man who can leave such a record to posterity has rendered his country, his time and his race a service above price.

GEORGE C. WEST.

George C. West, who has recently sold out with the intention of moving to California, formerly operated a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres in Blackberry township, where he was also extensively engaged in stock-raising. He was born in Chenango county, New York, May 9, 1841, his parents being David and Rachel (Stoddard) West, both of whom were reared at Winsted, Connecticut. In the early '40s David West came to Illinois, taking up his abode near Kaneville and undergoing all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. In the early days his home was the stopping place of many of the stockmen who were enroute to Chicago, and he was also quite friendly with the Indians, thus saving the settlers much annoyance by the red men. It was because of his friendship for the Indian chief, Shabbona, that the latter prevented a massacre of the whites. Unto Mr. and Mrs. David West were born the following children: George C., of

this review; F. J., who lives in Dakotah, Iowa; Theron W., who is engaged in carpentering in California; and Helen E., the wife of R. Reeves, an engineer residing in Houston, Texas.

George C. West attended the district school until fifteen years of age, and then entered Wheaton College, which he attended for one year. Returning to the old homestead farm, he successfully engaged in the cultivation of the fields and in the raising of stock. The place comprised one hundred and sixty-five acres of well improved and valuable land, and Mr. West owned two hundred and twenty head of hogs. His prosperity is well deserved, for he has worked earnestly and persistently year by year, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by determined and honorable effort. In 1864 he raised a company of soldiers for service in the Union army but, owing to the cessation of hostilities shortly afterward, it was not called into action.

On the 5th of March, 1864, Mr. West was united in marriage to Miss Nancy D. McDole, by whom he had the following children: Carrie, the wife of William Philips; Bruce E., a stenographer; Wallace, who is engaged in farming; Earl D., who follows agricultural pursuits near Aurora; and Erma M.

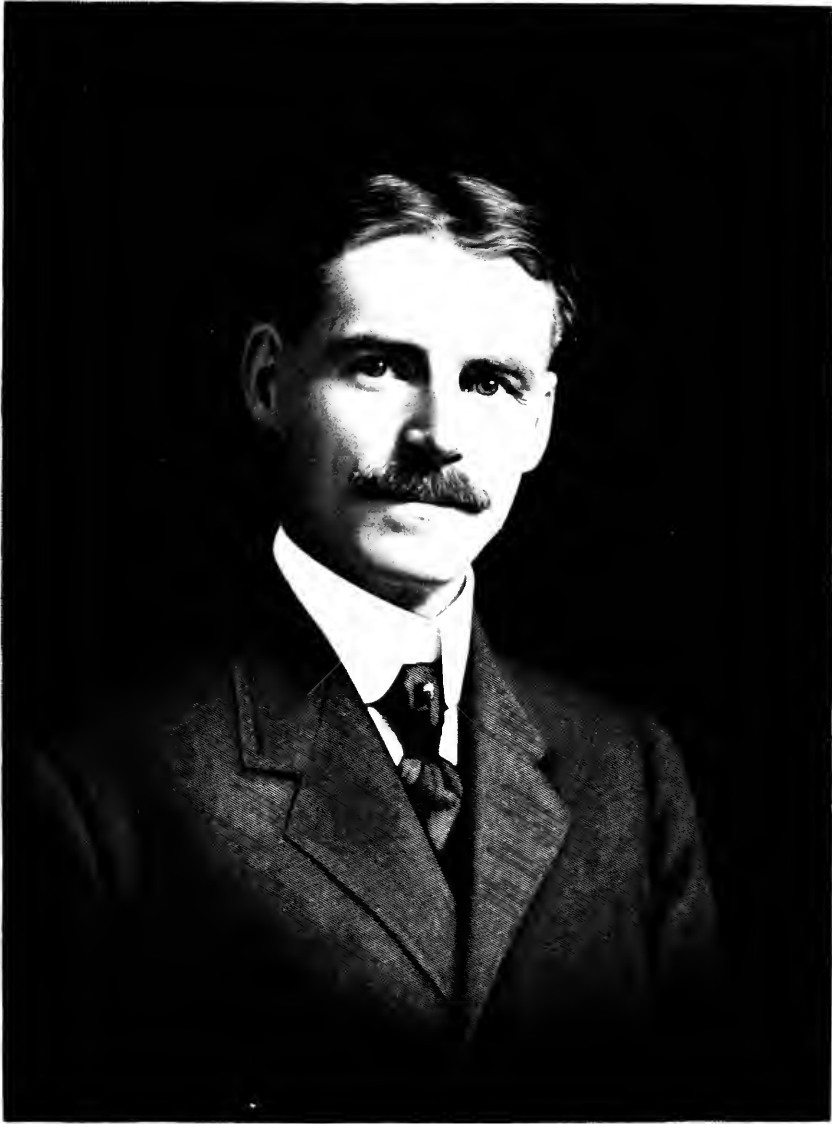
In his political views Mr. West is a stalwart republican and takes an active interest in the local work of the party, having served for ten years as a school director and for a number of years as road commissioner. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors. He has in his possession some furniture which was used by his great-great-grandfather. He is well known as a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family and has gained the regard and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact by reason of his well spent and upright life.

T. B. STEWART.

Among the energetic and successful business men of Aurora is Thomas B. Stewart, president of the First National Bank, who was born in Campton township, Kane county, in 1858. He is the only son of the Hon. John Stewart and Martha (Thomas) Stewart, the former a native of New Brunswick and the latter of Pennsylvania.

Thomas B. Stewart pursued his education in the high schools of Elburn and Geneva. He spent his early life on the homestead farm in Campton township and in 1899, in company with his father and E. F. Goodell, he bought the banking house of Bowman, Warne & Stewart, changing the firm name to John Stewart & Company. In 1900 Mr. Stewart removed to Aurora and in 1905 was elected president of the First National Bank of Aurora, being now at the head of that institution, which was organized in 1863 and is one of the oldest in the state. He is also still connected with the John Stewart Bank at St. Charles.

Mr. Stewart was married in 1884 to Abbie A. Van Derhoof, a daughter of Levi and Esther (Terry) Van Derhoof, and they have two children:



T. B. Stewart

Esther, now a student at Wellesley College, and John, who is attending the Wisconsin University, at Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Stewart belongs to the Masonic lodge at Elburn; to Geneva chapter, R. A. M.; and to Sycamore commandery, K. T. He has always been a consistent republican and interested in the success of his party, serving for twenty years as member of the Kane county republican central committee. There came to him an expression of public trust in his ability and loyal citizenship in his election on the 3d of November, 1908, to the state senate. The consensus of public opinion accords him prominence in both political and business lines.

HERMAN RABE.

Herman Rabe, who is doing a profitable and thriving business as a farmer and dairyman in Virgil township, is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Kane county, his birth having occurred in the fatherland on the 9th of January, 1866. His parents, Christian and Annie (Freking) Rabe, were likewise natives of that country, the father dying when our subject was quite young. The other members of the family are as follows: Fred, a prosperous farmer of Germany; Henry and William, who are also engaged in farming there; Charles, who is employed in a factory in New York; Louis, a farmer of Du Page county, Illinois; August, who also follows farming in Plato township, Kane county; and Louise, who died in Germany.

Herman Rabe, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the schools of Germany but was obliged to abandon his studies at the early age of fourteen years, for, as above stated, he lost his father when he was but a young lad and it was, therefore, necessary that he provide for his own support at an early age. He sought and secured work as a farm hand, being thus engaged for some time. At the age of nineteen, having heard favorable reports concerning the advantages and opportunities to be enjoyed in the new world, he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the United States. Upon reaching American shores he at once made his way to Du Page county, Illinois, where for three years he was employed at farm labor.

On the expiration of that period Mr. Rabe was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Minnie Wiese, who was also born in Germany and by her marriage has become the mother of six children: Freddie, Herman, Hellen, Edna, Bernhardt and Matilda, all of whom are still under the parental roof.

Following his marriage Mr. Rabe took his bride to Chicago, where they began their domestic life. He worked in that city as a teamster for fifteen years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings in the hope that some day he might engage in business on his own account. He then purchased teams, farm implements, and every facility necessary for the conduct of agricultural pursuits and came to Kane county, where he rented a farm, which he has cultivated for the past five years. He is also engaged in dairying, keeping thirty cows on his place. He is meeting with success in his

undertakings, for he follows the most modern methods of agriculture and the products of his farm find a ready sale on the market. His personal property is valued at five thousand dollars, all of which has been acquired through his own labor, industry and economy.

Mr. Rabe's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give hearty support to the men and measures of democracy. He is a member of the Lutheran church. He has never regretted his determination to seek a home in America, for in this country he has found the opportunities he sought and making the best of his advantages has worked his way up until he is today numbered among the prosperous and progressive citizens of this section of the state.

HARRY L. BAKER.

Harry L. Baker, president of the Cooperative Laundry Company, was born in Townville, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1884. He is one of the younger among the enterprising business men of Aurora, but is rapidly forging to the front, and his ability and energy are enabling him to outdistance many competitors. His paternal grandfather, Lewis Baker, lived in Townville, Pennsylvania, the greater part of his life, there following the occupation of carpentering, and it was in the Keystone state that Albert Baker, the father of our subject, was born and reared. He, too, learned and followed the carpenter's trade and he now makes his home at Waverly, New York. He married Malvina Myers, likewise a native of Pennsylvania, as were her parents, John G. and Emeline Myers. Her father was a farmer by occupation and died in Warren county, Ohio, when about seventy years of age. His wife survived him until 1907 and died at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Myers was a soldier of the Civil war, doing faithful duty in the ranks in defense of the Union. His daughter, Malvina, became the wife of Albert Baker and to them have been born two sons and three daughters: Adda, the wife of B. H. Pearson of Aurora; Gertrude, the wife of Frank W. Shook, of Warren, Ohio; Jessie E., the wife of Ord D. Gilliland, of Aurora; Harry L., also of this city; and Charles, who died in infancy. The parents are now living at Waverly, New York, and are Presbyterians in religious faith.

Harry L. Baker was largely reared in Ohio and attended the public schools of Warren. He became connected with the laundry business in the employ of his uncles, F. A. and J. D. Myers, of Warren, with whom he continued for four years. Removing to Aurora in 1903, he formed a partnership with O. D. Gilliland and purchased the laundry which he is now operating. The business has been incorporated under the name of the Cooperative Laundry Company, with Mr. Baker as president, and twenty people are now employed in the conduct of the business, which is constantly growing in volume and in importance. The latest improved machinery is used, skilled workmen are secured and high grade work is turned out, so that the company is deserving of the success which it is now enjoying.

Mr. Baker married Miss Agnes Dow, and they are pleasantly located at No. 114 North View street, while in the city where they reside the hospitality of many of the best homes is freely accorded them. Politically, Mr. Baker is a republican, and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

DAVID A. WELCH.

The agricultural interests of Kane county are well represented by David A. Welch, who operates a farm of sixty acres, situated in Virgil township. He was born on a farm near Lewisburg, West Virginia, December 19, 1846, a son of William and Catherine (Shafer) Welch, who were likewise natives of West Virginia. The father followed farming as a life work. He removed from his native state to Illinois in 1856, locating on a farm near St. Charles. He is now deceased and his remains lie buried in Whitney cemetery, near Wasco, Illinois. The children of Mr. and Mrs. William Welch are as follows: Rebecca, the widow of Samuel Whanger, who followed farming near Fulton, Missouri; Mary, who became the wife of Thomas Rich, a resident of Hampshire, Illinois, but who is now deceased; Belle, the wife of L. Garvin, a farmer residing near Charter Grove, Kane county; Sarah, the wife of George Hall, a resident of Elgin, where he works as a stone-mason; Martha, the wife of Everett Hall, residing in Elgin; Margaret, the wife of C. Bradford, a farmer of Kingston, this state; George, who follows farming in Iowa; Columbus, who lives in Burlington township; and Charles, who is engaged in farming at Sycamore, Illinois.

David A. Welch, the other member of the family, was a lad of ten years at the time of the removal of the parents from West Virginia to Kane county. He was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, assisting in the operation of the home place during the summer seasons, while in the winter months he attended the Stone district school, completing his education at the age of seventeen. This was during the period of the Civil war and, his patriotic spirit being aroused, he offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company K, One Hundred and Forty-first Illinois Infantry, with which he served for one year. During this time he did mostly garrison duty under Colonel Brewster, holding the fort at Columbus, Kentucky. Upon the expiration of his term of service he was mustered out at Chicago, having made a creditable military record.

Upon his return from the war Mr. Welch made his way to Kane county, where he has been engaged in farming to the present time. He is now operating a well improved tract, comprising sixty acres, and in addition to carrying on general agricultural pursuits he is also doing a dairy business, keeping a number of cows for this purpose. He is a man of good business ability and in his farming pursuits is meeting with excellent success.

Mr. Welch chose as a companion and helpmate on life's journey Miss Annie Taylor, who was born in Madison county, New York, November 29, 1849, and came to Kane county with her parents, who were farming people,

when a little maiden of six years. This union has been blessed with a daughter and son: Pearl, the wife of E. W. Percy, a farmer residing at Burlington; and W. Ray, who is still under the parental roof.

Mr. Welch gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party but has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to do his duty as a private citizen. He is a member of the Baptist church, while his wife is a member of the United Brethren church, though they now attend the Methodist Episcopal church. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of Kane county.

EDWIN ARTHUR POULEY.

Residing on a model farm of two hundred acres in Blackberry township, on which his father was born, and which his grandfather purchased of the government, and conducting in connection with his farming an extensive dairying business with fifty cows as the source of its supplies, Edwin Arthur Pouley occupies an enviable position and would seem to be almost beyond the reach of adverse fortune.

He is a native of Illinois, born at Wheaton, August 29, 1880, and the son of Samuel Edwin and Emma J. (Humphrey) Pouley, the former a native of Kane county, as has been noted, and the latter of the state of New York, whence she came to Illinois in her childhood. The father, who has departed this life and whose remains are buried in the Elburn cemetery, was an active member of the Baptist church and always voted the republican ticket. Being the son of a pioneer and growing from infancy to manhood in the early days of civilization in this part of the country, he suffered all the hardships and privations and enjoyed all the excitement and adventure incident to frontier life, and it must be said that in the strenuous life of that period he bore a man's part and assumed a man's responsibilities, even before he reached the age of maturity. The mother, who is now living retired in her beautiful home at Elburn, having turned the ancestral farm over to her son Edwin, who represents the third generation of the family to occupy it, also encountered the dangers, endured the sufferings and grew strong in the responsibilities of the pioneer days and proved herself equal to all the requirements of the period.

Mr. Pouley is one of a family of seven children, his sisters and brothers being: Edna, now the wife of Roy Merrick, a prosperous lawyer in Chicago; Avis, who teaches school in one of the country districts of Kane county; May J., who is the principal of the Lily Lake public school, also in this county; and Verna A., Vida, Edith and Marjorie, all of whom are living at Elburn with their mother.

Edwin A. Pouley attended the public schools and was graduated from the Elburn high school. He then worked as a clerk and salesman in a dry-goods store two years, after which he pursued a three years' course of instruction at Wheaton College. But scholastic attainments and the pursuits which

ordinarily grow out of them were not the prime attractions in life for him. He was essentially a son of the soil and it called to him with a voice of masterful persuasion, and from college he returned to his father's farm, on which he has ever since resided. The farm has prospered and grown to a high state of development and improvement under the master hands of his forefathers and himself, and it is now one of the best in the county. For his part he has added to its other industries and sources of profit an excellent and extensive dairy business, milking fifty cows and turning their yield into marketable products for the enjoyment of the community and his own advantage.

In 1905 he was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Sharp, who was born and reared in Kane county. They have one child, Ross Edwin, who is living at home with his parents. Mr. Pouley is an active and serviceable member of the Congregational church, giving it his earnest and intelligent support in all its laudable undertakings, and exemplifying in an eminent degree the virtues of elevated Christian citizenship. In political faith he is a republican, and while not a seeker of public office for himself, always takes a leading and helpful part in the campaigns of his party as a matter of duty to his fellowmen. Representing an honored name and a family highly esteemed in this county, he has upheld the former and done credit to the latter in a manner worthy of his lineage and is now regarded as one of the most useful, upright and representative men in the county, meeting all the claims of duty with manly independence and self reliance, and giving an exalted and forceful example to all around him.

JOHN HETTINGER.

After fighting for years the strenuous battle of life, in which he has been engaged from his youth, and fighting it always with courage and fortitude, John Hettinger is now enjoying the fruits of his industry on his ten thousand dollar farm in Aurora township, with abundant means of comfort around him and the gratification of knowing that all he possesses is the result of his and his late wife's own industry, frugality and business capacity.

Mr. Hettinger was born on a farm two miles and a half northeast of Aurora, October 20, 1863. His parents, Peter and Anna (Kirsch) Hettinger, were natives of what is now the German Empire, the former born in the duchy of Luxemburg, March 4, 1837, and the latter in the kingdom of Prussia, in 1829. The father came to America with his parents, Christian and Katharine Hettinger, in 1854. The grandfather was a mason and worked at his trade several years in the state of New York. Learning of the great opportunities for thrift and enterprise in the golden west, he moved his family to Kane county, and here he was successful in his undertakings but lived a retired life for many years, dying in 1888. His son Peter farmed about seven years near Aurora, then bought a farm in the vicinity of North Aurora and on the east bank of the Fox river, on which he has ever since resided. Since the death of his wife in 1877 he has made his home with his children and his youngest son, Peter J., now manages the farm.

The brothers and sisters of our subject are: Anna, the wife of Mathias Kramer, of North Aurora; Katharine, the wife of Bernard Rausch, of Aurora township; Emma Katharine, who lives in Chicago; Peter J., who operates the home farm; and Annie, the wife of Michael Siren, of Batavia township in this county.

John Hettinger acquired a good education and after reaching the age of twenty-one years he was employed in the smelting works at North Aurora for two years. He then rented land for thirteen years in Batavia township. In 1900 he sold his farming equipment and went to Rochester, New York. But liking neither the shop work nor the farming methods of that section of the country, he returned to Kane county and in 1901 bought the farm on which he now lives. It comprises fifty acres of as good land as can be found in this part of the world, or anywhere else, and is highly improved and energetically cultivated.

Mr. Hettinger was married January 24, 1893, uniting with Miss Elizabeth Kinnen, the marriage ceremony being performed in Rochester, New York. Mrs. Hettinger was born on May 5, 1861, and is a daughter of Paul and Mary Ann (Gerstner) Kinnen, natives of Germany, who came to America about 1854 and settled in Rochester, New York, where they still live. Mr. and Mrs. Hettinger have had one child, Herbert, who was born on March 26, 1895, and died on April 29, 1899.

They are members of St. Nicholas church in Aurora, and in politics Mr. Hettinger is a democrat. But he is a patriot more than a partisan and a good and useful citizen without regard to political or other considerations. He has not only improved his own property and brought it to a very high state of advancement, but he has helped to develop and foster every public interest of the township and augment all its moral, mental and material forces, giving time and attention freely to whatever seemed good to him, and allowing no commendable movement to languish for want of the stimulus he could apply to it. His friends know and appreciate his value and esteem him highly.

A. W. LOOMIS.

A. W. Loomis, a prominent and well known farmer and stockraiser of Elgin township, was born at Plato Center, Kane county, December 25, 1865, his parents being Amasa A. and Julia A. (Morgan) Loomis. In 1845 the father removed from Oneida county, New York, to Lake county, Illinois, and took up a claim but returned to the Empire state in 1849. There he worked until 1850, when he went to California and engaged in mining. In 1853 he returned to Illinois, sold his farm in Lake county and bought two hundred and forty acres in Cook county, where he lived for ten years. In 1864 he sold out and went to Plato township, Kane county, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres, on which he lived until 1882, when he sold and came to Elgin township, where he purchased one hundred and ninety acres in section 20. In 1893 the improvements on this farm—house, barns and in

fact everything except a few horses and some household goods—were destroyed by fire. Mr. Loomis remained on the place until his death, which occurred in 1901, when he had attained the age of eighty-two years. His wife, who passed away June 23, 1908, was a daughter of Judge Joshua Morgan, a native of Ohio, who came to this state in a very early day. He served as county judge of Tazewell county for many years. Prior to her marriage to Mr. Loomis on the 18th of October, 1859, Mrs. Loomis was joined in wedlock to William Jones, and of the four children born to this union but one survives, James F., of Port Huron, Michigan, superintendent of the terminal of the Grand Trunk Railroad. By her second marriage she had six children, four of whom died in infancy, the others being: A. W., of this review; and Benjamin F., of Huntington, Indiana.

A. W. Loomis was educated in the public schools of his native county and grew to manhood on his father's farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He has always followed the pursuit to which he was reared and has gained a creditable and gratifying measure of success in his farming and stock-raising interests by reason of his excellent business ability and well directed energy.

On the 20th of January, 1891, Mr. Loomis was united in marriage to Miss Rose Emery, of St. Louis, Missouri, a daughter of Joseph H. and Nettie Emery, both now deceased. They removed to St. Louis from Kentucky, and the record of their children is as follows: Amanda, the deceased wife of John Fray, of Kentucky; Eliza, the wife of Hiram Holomon; Sarah, the wife of J. F. Jones, of Port Huron; Susan, the widow of G. W. Murrell, of St. Louis, Missouri; Hannah, the widow of Chores Knight; Jennie, the deceased wife of George Abshir; Mrs. Loomis; Dennis and William, both of whom have passed away; and Stephen, of Kansas City, Missouri. Unto Mr and Mrs. Loomis have been born two children, Edna B. and Lillian J.

Having spent his entire life in this county, Mr. Loomis is widely and favorably known here and has gained the warm esteem and regard of all with whom he has come in contact by reason of his upright and honorable career.

WILLIAM F. GRAHAM.

The son of sturdy Scotch and German parents, and inured from his childhood to self-denial and earnest, exacting industry, William F. Graham, who owns and operates one of the best farms in Sugar Grove township, has developed force of character and independence through his discipline and made excellent use of the traits he inherited from his father and mother. He was born in Naperville, DuPage county, Illinois, October 13, 1865, and two years later was brought with the rest of the family to the township in Kane county, in which he now lives.

His parents were William and Catherine (Schmidt) Graham, both of whom were born in Europe and came to this country with their parents in childhood. The father was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, born in 1812,

and was brought to this continent when he was eleven years old, the family locating in Canada. A few years later they moved to Illinois and found a home in DuPage county, living there until about 1834. In that year William Graham took up a piece of government land near Naperville, and on this land his son, William F. Graham, was born. The mother, Catherine Schmidt, was born in Baden Baden, Germany, and left her native land in company with her parents when she was thirteen. They made the trip in a sailing vessel and had a stormy voyage, consuming six weeks between the two shores. The future Mrs. Graham lived a few years at York, Pennsylvania, then came west and took up her residence at Naperville. In 1863 she was married to Mr. Graham. They began farming at once and eighteen months after their marriage moved to the farm on which their son now resides. This comprises one hundred and twenty-three acres and is conceded to be one of the best of its size in the county. The buildings and other improvements are modern, the land is well cultivated and very productive, and everything about the place furnishes convincing evidence that the proprietor is a thrifty man, an excellent farmer and enterprising, well-to-do citizen, with pride in his home and an abiding interest in the welfare and good name of his township.

Mr. Graham has two sisters and one brother: Mary, the wife of Harry Reynolds, of North Aurora; Lizzie L., the wife of Arthur Barrows, of Sandwich, DeKalb county; and James A. Graham, who is a successful farmer in Aurora township, Kane county. It will be seen that they all live within easy reach of him, and the family circle, which so long dignified and adorned the parental home, although broken can readily be renewed on convenient occasions.

On the 2d of October, 1889, Mr. Graham was united in marriage to Miss Agnes M. Favreau, who was born in Naperville, Illinois, January 31, 1869, of French ancestry, her parents being John Baptiste and Philemon La Clair Favreau, who were married November 23, 1856. In early life her father followed farming near Montreal, Canada, but the year of his marriage removed to Illinois, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits. He died June 14, 1903, and his widow now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Graham, at the age of sixty-eight years. They were the parents of five children: Alfred J., who died in 1902, leaving a widow and one child; Carrie A., the wife of J. Hughes; Edward Jefferson, who died in 1900; Agnes M., the wife of our subject; and Alexander, who is now superintendent of the Third Rail Railroad at Wheaton, Illinois.

Mrs. Graham is a graduate of Jennings Seminary and for ten years was a school teacher in DuPage and Kane counties. She and her husband are the parents of three children: Leroy William, aged fifteen years; Ray Favreau, aged eight; and Paul Gerald, aged four. The oldest son is a student at the West Aurora high school. He drives to and from the school every day, ten miles distant from his home, and during three years in which he has attended has never missed a day or once been late.

When he was eleven years old Mr. Graham lost his father by death, the latter passing away on September 2, 1876. He was a man of intelligence and breadth of view, but quiet and retiring in disposition. He was, however,

well known and highly esteemed throughout the county. Although thus deprived of paternal advice and guidance at an early age, Mr. Graham has never lagged in the race of human endeavor, or been untrue to his duty toward his country or his fellowmen. He has given the people of the township good service as collector and township trustee, and in respect to all matters of public progress and improvement has borne his full share of the burden and supplied his due portion of the motive power. He has served as school director and trustee for twenty-two years. In politics he is a republican and in religious affiliation he and his wife are members of the Galena Street Methodist Episcopal church in Aurora. He was for seven years president of the West Aurora Farmers Club, is a charter member of the local camp of Modern Woodmen and a zealous Mason, holding membership in Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., in Aurora. Earnestly interested in the cause of education and feeling the lack of it in himself, it is his settled purpose to give each of his children the benefit of the best school advantages he can command for them. He is knowing, energetic and progressive, and steadily maintains his well merited rank as a good, useful and thoroughly representative citizen of the county.

FREDERICK W. MIDDLETON.

Born, reared, educated and well established on the farm of three hundred acres in Burlington township which he has helped to cultivate from his boyhood, Frederick W. Middleton is wholly a product of the locality in which his present activities are employed and his prosperity is expanding. He was born in Burlington township on September 3, 1868, and is a son of John and Eleanor (Varty) Middleton, an account of whose lives will be found in the sketch of his brother, Robert E. Middleton, which appears in this volume. His scholastic training was obtained in one of the district schools of his native township known as "Brush School," which he attended, with many interruptions, until he was twenty years old, the work on the farm requiring his aid much of the time.

At the age of twenty-one, in association with his brother Ernest, he assumed the management of the home farm, the brothers working it on shares. The partnership continued fifteen years and at the end of that time was dissolved by the marriage of the brother, who then left and took another farm for himself. Since then Frederick has managed it alone and has kept up the skillful and judicious cultivation of it which he and his brother had carried on together.

On August 24, 1904, Mr. Middleton was married to Miss Stella M. Baker. They have two children: their daughter, Gladys May, who was born on November 12, 1906, and their son, Earl Laurence, who was born March 5, 1908. The farm on which the family resides is well located on the Elgin and Sycamore road, about twenty rods distant from the neighboring school-house, and with all the surroundings commanding attention because of their

value as conveniences or their attractiveness as picturesque features of the landscape. Mr. Middleton's mother makes her home with him.

In addition to his extensive farming operations Mr. Middleton is also extensively engaged in raising live-stock for the market, shipping on an average of two carloads of cattle and two of hogs every year. Now in the prime of life, with all his faculties in full vigor and energetic action, with his business flourishing and expanding, with employments entirely suited to his tastes and furnishing requirements for the exercise of both mind and body and standing well in the regard and good will of his fellowmen, it is easy to predict for him a future of prominence and influence in the community.

EUGENE TANNER.

With two hundred and forty-eight acres of as good farming land as can be found anywhere, which he owns and cultivates, with a fine dwelling on it, which is completely and elaborately furnished, and with a harmonious and agreeable domestic circle around his hearthstone, Eugene Tanner is not only comfortably situated in life, but would seem to be above the reach of adverse fortune.

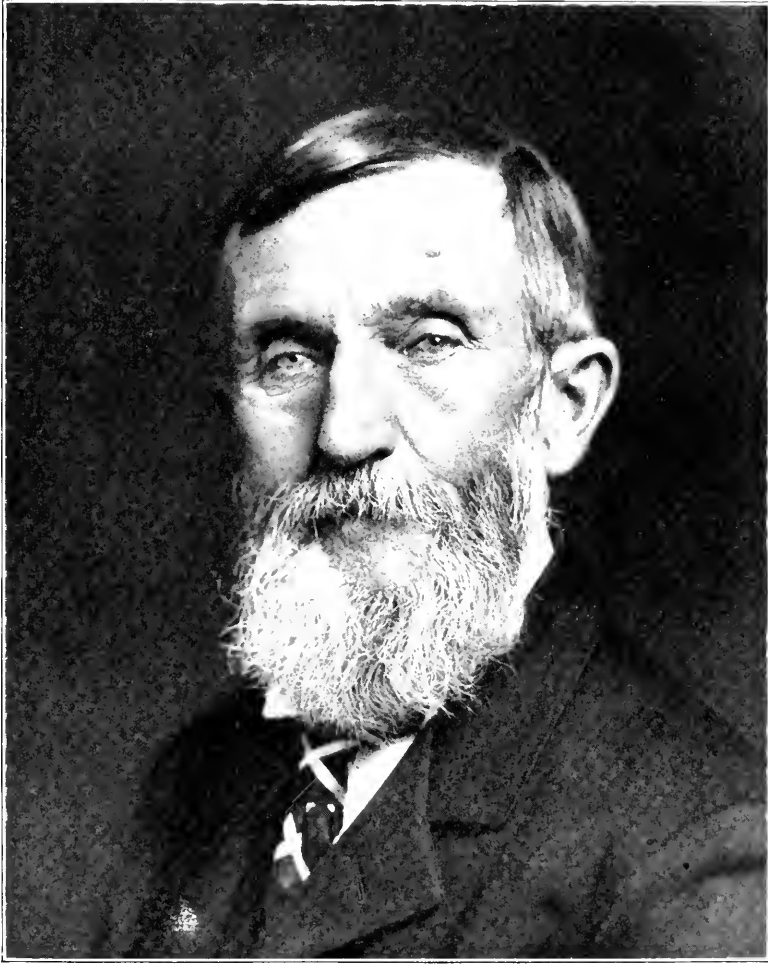
Mr. Tanner was born in Aurora township, in which he now lives, May 9, 1841. Here he grew to manhood, received his education and made his choice of a companion for life. He has passed all his days in the township so far and has no inclination to leave it hereafter while his life lasts. He is therefore essentially one of its people and his own history and activity have been closely interwoven with its record and progress.

His father, William A. Tanner, was a native of Jefferson county, New York, and became a resident of Illinois in 1835, making his home for a time in Chicago, where he taught school, clerked in stores, helped to make surveys, and performed other useful and important duties. He and his wife were the parents of nine children: Eugene; Henry R., a resident of Aurora; Florence, the wife of James Patterson, of Chicago; Amy, the wife of John Johnson, of Naperville, Illinois; Imogene, who lives in Aurora; Marion, who became the wife of Frank Simpson and died in 1905, leaving a family of four children; Martha, the wife of Rev. Charles Thornton, of Park Ridge, Illinois; Mary, the wife of Clark H. Hopkins, of Kansas City, Kansas; and George, who has his home in Sugar Grove.

Eugene Tanner obtained his early education in the district school near his home and supplemented the training he received there with a course of higher instruction at Jennings Seminary in Aurora. When he was fifteen years of age his parents moved to Aurora and he resided there with them for a number of years. On February 5, 1867, he married Miss Elizabeth Stilwell, a native of Jefferson county, New York, and ever since his marriage he has lived on the home farm on section 6, Aurora township, except during the first six years of his wedded life, when he occupied the old Jones farm one mile north of Aurora. He and his wife have had four children: Henry



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Eugene, who died in infancy; Anna M., who is still a member of the household; Clarence G., an enterprising business man of Batavia in this state; and Edna, who died at the age of eighteen. The last named was a very lovable young lady and an accomplished musician. The father of Mrs. Tanner was William Stilwell, a native of New York city but during the greater part of his life a resident and farmer in New York state. A few months before his death in 1888 he came to Kane county and passed the remainder of his days at the home of his son John at North Aurora.

In politics Mr. Tanner trains with the republican party. He is not in any sense a narrow partisan but his faith in the principles and policies of his party is strong and he gives it his earnest and effective support. Although not desirous of public life or the honors or emoluments of office, he at times consented to fill local positions of importance for the benefit of the township and the good of its people, particularly the office of road commissioner, which he filled with great credit and acceptability. He and his wife are members of the Galena Street Baptist church in Aurora, and also of the West Aurora Farmers' Club, and Mrs. Tanner is in addition an active member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Woman's Domestic Science Club and the Woman's Relief Corps, and an ardent worker in all.

The Tanner farm is at the junction of three townships, Aurora, Blackberry and Sugar Grove. The location is a choice one for many reasons and the high state of development to which the farm has been raised through the judicious and energetic management of its owner, together with its substantial, attractive and comfortable improvements, makes it an ideal rural home. It is widely known for its generous hospitality and its genial social atmosphere, and is therefore a popular resort for the hosts of friends of the family. The country around it and the whole county present to the eye and observation of the visitor a very different scene from that to which Mr. Tanner was accustomed in his boyhood, when night was made hideous and alarming by the howling of the prairie wolves on many occasions, which frequently became so annoying that the elder Tanner was obliged to mount his horse and drive them back into the woods.

GEORGE F. ARVEDSON.

George F. Arvedson was born at Algonquin, Illinois, April 26, 1855. He is one of the twelve children of Rev. Peter Arvedson and Hannah A. (Cornish) Arvedson, the latter's grandfather, Dr. Andrew Cornish, having been one of the first to settle at Algonquin, at which place he established a ferry across the river, which gave to the place its first name, "Cornish Ferry." At the age of fourteen the subject of this sketch began his business career as a clerk in a general store at Dundee, Illinois, where he continued for six years, since which time his home has been at Carpentersville, where he was married April 22, 1875, to Lillian Eugenia Buck, born at Carpentersville, Illinois, June 15, 1854, and whose mother was the daughter of Charles V. Carpenter and the sister of Julius A. Carpenter.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Arvedson: Irene Esther, born May 13, 1876; Arthur Eugene, born July 2, 1877; Alice Eugenia, born February 25, 1879; and Raymond Peter, born August 31, 1889. Irene died July 5, 1891. The others are now living at Carpentersville.

G. F. Arvedson is now engaged in the lumber, coal and feed business, under the firm name of G. F. Arvedson & Company. He has been member and president of the board of trustees of the village and is now serving his sixth term as a member of the board of education. His chief interest, however, has always centered on the work of the parish of St. James' Episcopal Church, Dundee, Illinois, and which parish he has served in various capacities for many years, being now senior warden and lay reader.

HENRY BERKES.

Henry Berkes, who is successfully engaged in farming in Virgil township, was born in Prussia on the Rhine, September 29, 1839, his parents being Jacob and Rosie (Raush) Berkes, also natives of that country, both the father and mother having been born in 1800. Jacob Berkes, who was a laborer, did military duty as a soldier, and in 1856 emigrated with his family to America, locating in DuPage county, Illinois. He passed away January 10, 1886, and his wife survived him only until the 5th of July of that year, their remains being interred at Winfield, DuPage county, Illinois. Their family numbered three children. Elizabeth, who was born in Prussia in 1827, married Nick Fachsen, a farmer of that country, who died in DuPage county, Illinois, in 1889. His widow makes her home at Winfield, DuPage county. Nick whose birth occurred in Prussia in 1830, served his country as a soldier for three years. He came to America in 1854, and in 1860 wedded Miss Barbara Daeleiden, a native of Prussia, who now resides at Winfield, her husband having passed away there on the 18th of March, 1900. He is buried at Wheaton, Illinois.

Henry Berkes, the youngest member of the family, emigrated to America in 1856, settling in DuPage county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming, this line of activity having claimed his attention to the present time. He now rents a tract of two hundred acres known as the E. W. Thatcher farm, located three miles northeast of Maple Park. He conducts an extensive dairy, owning thirty cows and delivering on an average of fifty-six gallons of milk daily to the Maple Park creamery. His cows are mostly of the Holstein breed and he also has some Jersey Red hogs and stock from registered sires. He is also largely interested in poultry raising, having three hundred Plymouth Rock chickens, and in the different branches of his business has gained a most gratifying and creditable measure of prosperity.

Mr. Berkes has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Magdaline Riehm, who was born in Prussia in 1845, and died and was buried at Winfield, Illinois, in 1875. By this union were born four children. Nick, whose birth occurred December 29, 1868, wedded Marie Schneider, of Virgil, and

is a steelworker residing at Joliet, Illinois. Theresa, who was born in Winfield, Illinois, September 29, 1870, married Chris Enders, a stonemason of Winfield. Barbara and Otto are both deceased. Following the death of his first wife Mr. Berkes was again married, his second union being with Miss Margaret Deutsch, who was born in Prussia, May 23, 1851, a daughter of John and Margaret (Packer) Deutsch, the former born in Prussia in 1817 and the latter in 1819. John Deutsch was a laborer, celebrated his marriage in 1841 and passed away in Virgil township in 1888. His wife's death had occurred in Prussia in 1857. Their family numbered six children. Nick Deutsch, who was born in 1844, is a farmer residing in Chickasaw county, Iowa. Valentine, who was born in 1846, was a French soldier for three years and for a year and a half participated in the Franco-Prussian war, being wounded at San Quintin. He now follows farming in Prussia. George, whose birth occurred in Prussia in 1848, is engaged in farming near Elburn, Illinois. Magdalena, born in Prussia in 1850, now makes her home in Ellensburg, Washington. Mrs. Berkes is the next in order of birth. Anthon, born in Prussia in 1853, died and was buried at West Chicago. The marriage of Henry Berkes and Margaret Deutsch was celebrated in Winfield, November 30, 1877, and has been blessed with the following children: Antony H., who was born in Winfield, Illinois, January 24, 1879, and is a carpenter by trade; John, born April 30, 1880, who passed away August 11, 1880; Juliana, who was born July 27, 1881, and is also deceased; George J., whose birth occurred February 6, 1883, and who is a carpenter by trade; Marie M., whose natal day was May 25, 1884; Jacob V., born February 28, 1886, who is now serving as school director; Katherine, whose birth occurred June 22, 1887, and who died on the 30th of July of the same year; Anna Marie, born March 13, 1889; Magdalena M., who was born February 11, 1891; and John A., born November 20, 1893. The surviving children are all yet under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. Berkes is a staunch democrat, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Catholic church. His sons are members of the Catholic Order of Foresters. A highly prized and valuable heirloom in the family is a French soldier's certificate issued to Valentine Deutsch, Mrs. Berkes' grandfather, by Napoleon I. Mr. Deutsch was at Waterloo with Napoleon and served in the French wars for sixteen years.

DAVID J. PEFFERS, JR.

The professional ranks in Aurora find a worthy representative in David J. Peffers, Jr., who in the practice of law has displayed a thorough familiarity with legal principles and precedence, while his logical discrimination has enabled him to apply with accuracy to the points of litigation those points in the law which are applicable thereto. His life record began in Scotland, on the 11th of January, 1873. His father, David J. Peffers, came to the

United States in 1879, bringing with him his family. He settled in Kane county, Illinois, and here entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as bookkeeper. He has now been a representative of the company for twenty-eight years and is one of its most trustworthy as well as efficient employes. He is also numbered among the respected citizens of Aurora, and his personal traits of character have won him a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. He married Catherine Guild, a native of Scotland.

Their son, David J. Peffers, is indebted to the public schools of Aurora for the early educational privileges he enjoyed and in the preparation of a legal career he entered the office of A. J. Hopkins in 1896, pursuing his studies under the direction of that well known and prominent attorney until 1899, also acting as his private secretary, while Mr. Hopkins represented the state of Illinois in the United States senate. Continuing his law studies he was graduated from the Columbia Law School at Washington, D. C., in 1900, and in 1902 he began practice in Aurora as a member of the firm of Hopkins, Peffers & Hopkins. He has since been connected with the bar of this city and has enjoyed a most enviable reputation. His experience in Washington proved invaluable and in Aurora he has shown the ability to ably cope with the intricate questions that are involved in an extensive clientage. The business of the firm largely rests upon him as the senior partner spends most of his time in the capital city, while J. F. Hopkins looks after the Chicago business, the firm having offices in the metropolis as well.

Mr. Peffers was married in 1903 to Miss Fannie Hopkins, daughter of Senator A. J. Hopkins, and they now have one son, Hopkins Peffers, born June 22, 1905.

Mr. Peffers is a member of the Masonic lodge of Aurora, and is well known in this city, where he has spent the greater part of his life. His record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, for in this city where he was reared and where his life history is known to all his fellow townsmen he has gained distinction as an able and conscientious lawyer, who is faithful in the work of the courts, careful in the preparation of his cases and clear and forceful in their presentation. His ability is evidenced by the large number of verdicts which he wins that are favorable to his clients' interests and by the high respect entertained for him by his fellow members of the profession.

HENRY BANKER.

Henry Banker, who is one of the prominent and successful farmers of Sugar Grove township, is a native of Kane county, and has passed the whole of his industrious life within its boundaries, engaged, for the most part, in tilling its fertile and productive soil. He was born in Aurora township, May 15, 1856, on a farm owned and operated by his parents,

Frank and Mary (Barthel) Banker, and obtained a good common-school education at the district school in the vicinity.

Mr. Banker's grandfather, Andrew Banker, who was a native of Germany, brought his family to the United States when his son, Frank, was a young man, and located near Aurora in this county. The family consisted of the parents and four children, and from their rather humble home in the new world the father went forth to provide for them by working as a hired hand on a neighboring farm. He was industrious and economical, and in a few years had accumulated a few hundred dollars beyond the needs of the household. With this he bought a small farm on which Ludwig Schaub is now living. His son Frank, when not attending school, assisted him on the farm, remaining at home until he attained his majority, when he began life on his own account by getting married and renting a farm as a home for himself and his bride. A few years later he moved to Blackberry township, buying and taking up his residence on the farm now owned by Charles Levy. A few years afterward he sold this farm and bought the one on section 1, now owned by his son, Julius Banker. His first purchase at this location was a small tract, but he gradually enlarged his holdings by additional purchases of adjacent lands, until he acquired one hundred and eighty-eight acres, all of which he owned at his death, August 22, 1901. His wife died December 19, 1874. Three of their children are living, Henry and his brothers Conrad and Julius, both of whom are residents of Aurora.

Henry Banker was married October 14, 1879, to Miss Fredaricka Ziegler at her home in Aurora. They have ever since lived on the farm they now occupy, which is one of the choice country homes of Kane county. The land is generous and responsive, and, as it is wisely and thoroughly cultivated, its yield is large. The improvements are far above the average of farm buildings in this section of the country, and the whole place bespeaks enterprise, thrift, and good judgment on the part of its proprietor. Mr. and Mrs. Banker are the parents of five children: Barnes, who is a resident of Sugar Grove township; and Frank G., Clara, Agnes and Mildred, all of whom are living at home. Mr. Banker is a republican in politics and he and his wife are members of the German Methodist church of Aurora.

Michael Ziegler, the father of Mrs. Banker, was a resident of Kane county for nearly fifty years, and was active and prominent as a citizen, holding high rank as a mechanic and taking an active part in all matters pertaining to the welfare of his community. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 31, 1827. Before the dawn of his manhood he acquired the trade of a locksmith, at which he worked for a few years in his native land. In 1854 he emigrated to the United States and found his first home in this country in New Jersey. There he was married to Miss Mary M. Schoeberlein, whom he brought to Aurora as a bride. For a few years after his arrival in this county he worked as a blacksmith, being employed in the old wagon shop at the west bridge on the Fox river owned by Mr. Woodward. He soon, however, returned to his original line and found employment for several years as a locksmith for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. While thus engaged he invented a car seat lock, which proved to be of

great value. It was soon afterward adopted for use by a number of the principal railroads in the United States, all of which paid him royalties on it. A little while after this he started in business for himself, opening a shop on Fox street in Aurora, in an old wooden store building on the site where the imposing new brick block which bears his name now stands. This was built by him in 1896.

Mr. Ziegler was a charter member of the German Methodist church in Aurora and for forty-four years was one of its main supporters and leading workers. At his death in 1903 he left a widow and ten children as his survivors. His widow followed him to the grave a few months later, dying on September 18, 1903. Their children are: Mrs. Rosa Keck, of Chicago; Mrs. Mary Schaub, of Sugar Grove township; John, Edward and William, all of Elgin, Illinois; Charles and George of Aurora, who are engaged in the plumbing business in a part of the building erected by their father; Mrs. Lydia Haffner, of Oak Park, Illinois; and Mrs. Clara Knuth, of Aurora. At the time of their demise Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler had thirty-four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mr. Ziegler was one of the solid men of Kane county. He had great industry, great energy and sterling integrity, and by his capacity and good management he amassed a large fortune. His advice was often sought on all kinds of business and public matters, and always had weight. About a year ago a fine photograph was taken of a reunion of the Ziegler family. Seventy persons were present, nearly all of whom were descendants of Michael Ziegler.

SMITH YOUNGES.

One of the most prominent stockdealers of northern Illinois is Smith Younges, of Elgin township, Kane county, where he has made his home throughout the greater part of his life. He is a native of the Empire state, being born in Scholharie county, New York, on the 17th of October, 1852, but was only eight years old when brought to this country by his parents, Charles and Magdalen Younges. He acquired his education in the public schools of this locality and, being reared on a farm in Plato township, he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits so that on starting out in life for himself he was well qualified to take up farming as a life work.

On leaving the parental roof at the age of twenty years, Mr. Younges worked for his brother-in-law, W. W. McDonald for a year and a half, and then rented one-half of the old homestead, known as the Edson Kimball place, for three years. At the end of that time he purchased the farm and as his financial resources have increased he has added to his property from time to time until he is now the owner of four hundred and seventy acres of as valuable farming land as is to be found anywhere in Kane county. He has made many improvements on the place, and in connection with general farming has paid particular attention to the raising of stock, dealing extensively in horses, mules and cattle. He makes a specialty of Holstein cattle.

which he ships largely to Mexico, and he has become widely known as one of the leading horsemen of Kane county. For the past ten years he has done an extensive business as a stockdealer, and has steadily prospered in his undertakings, becoming quite well-to-do. In 1897, in connection with his brother-in-law W. W. McDonald, he opened a general store at East Plato, which they conducted together until the death of Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Younges then carried on the business alone until the store was destroyed by fire.

On the 24th of December, 1874, Mr. Younges was married at St. Charles to Miss Carrie Ferson, and unto them were born four children, namely: Clyde, who is associated with his father in handling stock, married Miss Maggie Gadke, a daughter of George Gadke, and they have two sons, Smith Parker Younges and Kenneth George. Nellie is now the wife of George Slimpin, of Houston, Texas. Maude is the wife of Jesse Murphy, a farmer of St. Charles township. Elizabeth E. is at home with her parents.

Mr. Younges served as postmaster of Youngsdale from the establishment of the office in 1889 until it was discontinued in 1904. He also filled the office of school director, but has never cared for political honors, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his extensive business interests. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, his word is considered as good as his bond, and he has the entire confidence and respect of those with whom he comes in contact either in business or social affairs. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order and Elks, and his life has ever been guided by its principles and teachings.

JOHN PHILPOTT.

John Philpott, deceased, was born in Virgil township, Kane county, Illinois, November 18, 1860, his parents being Thomas and Rachel (Russell) Philpott. The father, a native of Ireland, came to the United States about a half century ago, making his way direct to Illinois. Locating near Maple Park, he there successfully carried on agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life.

John Philpott attended the district schools in his boyhood and subsequently became a student in Elgin Academy, later entering Wheaton College. On putting aside his text-books he assisted his father in the operation of the old homestead farm, but subsequently purchased a place of his own. In addition to the conduct of his agricultural interests he was also engaged as traveling salesman for the Estey & Camp Piano Company of Chicago, and in both undertakings met with success, being an excellent farmer as well as business man. About two years prior to his death he took up his abode in Maple Park and there passed away on the 30th of June, 1898.

On the 4th of May, 1885, Mr. Philpott was united in marriage to Miss Etta Palmer, a daughter of Isaac and Laura Ann (Gay) Palmer, of New York. The father died in the east and the mother died in Elgin, Illinois.

February 8, 1905. Unto our subject and his wife were born five children, namely: Chester Arthur, born August 5, 1886, whose demise occurred January 23, 1887; Frank Esmond, of Elgin; one who died in infancy; John Ezra and Myrtle Naomi, of Elgin.

Politically Mr. Philpott was a staunch republican and served on the school board for three years, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. He attended the Methodist Episcopal church and was a man of unfaltering integrity and upright character, who won a host of friends. Having made his home in this locality throughout his entire life, he was well and favorably known here, gaining the esteem and regard of all with whom he came in contact. A year and a half after her husband's demise Mrs. Philpott removed to Elgin, where she has since made her home and where she has gained an extensive circle of warm friends.

PROFESSOR GEORGE N. SLEIGHT.

Professor George N. Sleight is dean of the Elgin Academy and in his life work has embodied the spirit of Kant, who said: "The object of education is to train each individual to reach the highest perfection possible for him." For ten years he has remained at the head of this institution and under his guidance the school has made substantial and creditable advance, for in his efforts in its behalf Professor Sleight has held to high ideals and that his labors have been successful is manifest in many tangible ways.

A native of Newark, New York, Professor Sleight was born October 17, 1869, of the marriage of George A. and Mary E. (Moule) Sleight, who were also natives of the Empire state. The father was a farmer by occupation and died in early manhood, but the mother still resides in Newark, New York. George N. Sleight, an only child by the father's second marriage, was reared in the village of Newark, attended the public schools and afterward matriculated in Williams College at Williamstown, Massachusetts, where he was graduated in 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He afterward attended the Albany (New York) State Normal College, where he won the degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy. He taught for two years as principal of the high school at Andes, New York, and subsequently devoted three years to post-graduate work in the University of Chicago.

Mr. Sleight came to Elgin in 1898 as principal of the Elgin Academy and has occupied the position for ten years. In 1899 the title of dean was given to the head of the institution and he has thus since been known. The academy is one of the oldest educational institutions in Kane county and has greatly prospered under Professor Sleight's management, having now an attendance of about two hundred students in the care of twelve teachers. All branches below collegiate work are taught. The work is carefully systematized and the faculty are constantly aiming toward securing the best possible results in a given time. Professor Sleight belongs to the epoch-makers in educational lines, following out new and advanced ideas. He has



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spent a longer period as the head of the Elgin Academy than any other principal except Professor Sears and has found many problems to solve. He came here imbued with ardor, zeal and enthusiasm, resolved to know nothing but the academy and its interests and that resolution has since been a dominant factor in his life. It has been the province of Professor Sleight to guide, to guard and to watch, to develop ideas for improvement or to reject plans unsuited to existing conditions. With unwearied effort he has sought to secure every needed aid for the higher education which is pursued under his direction and to enlarge and emphasize every opportunity by which the academy has reached its present enviable position as a successful institution of learning.

Professor Sleight is a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He was married in July, 1894, to Miss Eda N. Collins, of Chicago, and they have two sons: Alfred C., born in 1895; and Virgil George, born January 31, 1903. It would be tautological in this connection to enter into any series of statements as showing Professor Sleight to be a man of broad scholarly attainments, for this has been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. He is moreover a man of wide sympathy and while his ideals of life are high, he is charitable in his opinions of others and always has a hand outreaching to aid those who desire his assistance.

T. CASS ELLITHORPE.

T. Cass Ellithorpe is classed among the wide-awake and progressive agriculturists of Virgil township, owning and operating a well improved and valuable farm of fifty acres conveniently situated within three miles of Virgil station. Mr. Ellithorpe is a native son of Kane county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Burlington township, October 12, 1847.

His parents, Timothy C. and Emily B. (Sells) Ellithorpe, were both natives of Canada. In 1835 they emigrated to the United States, the family home being established first in Chicago, where the father worked for two years at the printer's trade. He then removed with his family to Kane county, entering one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, this tract constituting a portion of that which is now owned by the son. Many Indians were still to be found in this district and were a source of constant annoyance to the white settlers. The father cleared and developed his farm and made it a valuable property, continuing to make his home thereon until the time of his death, which occurred May 1, 1861, his remains being buried in Lily Lake cemetery. He was a republican in his political views, while his religious faith was that of the Universalist church. His family numbered three sons and three daughters, namely: T. Cass, of this review; Myron W., who is engaged in farming in Minnesota; Louis C., a retired merchant of New Lebanon, Illinois; Emma, the wife of T. Watson, who resides in the state of Washington; Clara, deceased; and Etta R., the wife of Charles Roland, a farmer also of the state of Washington.

At the usual age T. Cass Ellithorpe entered the district schools, acquiring his education in the Union school, which he attended during the winter seasons, while in the summer months he assisted in the operation of the home farm. At the age of twenty years he completed his education and then took charge of the homestead property, managing the same for two years.

At the end of that time he was married to Miss Bell Mitchel, a resident of Plato township, where her father was engaged in farming. After his marriage Mr. Ellithorpe continued on the home farm until twenty years ago. He is now the owner of a farm of fifty acres in Virgil township. He has set out a large orchard, erected a good residence and outbuildings, and has placed many improvements thereon, these amounting to about four thousand dollars, so that he now has a model property, within three miles of Virgil station, on the Sycamore and St. Charles road. His land has all been placed under a high state of cultivation and he annually harvests good crops as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon the fields. In addition to raising grain, including corn, oats and barley, Mr. Ellithorpe also gives much time and attention to dairying, keeping a number of cows for this purpose.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellithorpe has been blessed with a son and daughter: Walter C., a motorman on a street car in Saginaw, Michigan; and Flora, the wife of D. C. Croft, a farmer of Plato township.

Following in the political footsteps of his father, Mr. Ellithorpe has always voted for the men and measures of the republican party. In everything he is eminently practical and this has been manifest, not only in his business undertakings, but also in social and private life, and he and his estimable wife enjoy the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends.

WILLIAM PATTERSON.

The life of an honest, industrious and capable farmer working his own land is in many ways one of the most independent and agreeable on earth, and especially is this the case in this land of boundless opportunity, wise laws and healthy public sentiment. William Patterson, living near Elburn in this county, is engaged in that agreeable occupation on a farm of his own, embracing two hundred and twenty-seven acres of as good agricultural land as can be found in the county.

He is a native of this state, born at Bristol, May 18, 1844, and a son of Matthew and Jane (Connell) Patterson, both natives of Scotland, the former born in Dumfriesshire and the latter near Glasgow. The father was a farmer and an active member of the Baptist church. He emigrated to America and located near Bristol, Illinois, arriving in that section of the state the same year the Indians were removed from it. He entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land, and on this he resided until his death, which occurred in 1900. He and his wife were the parents of seven children: Janetta, who married Simon Dixon, a farmer, and lives near Bristol, Illinois; Alexander, a farmer, who also lives near Bristol; Mary, who married

Charles Cashman and resides in Brown county, Nebraska; Jane, who is the wife of George Eccles; John, who is city marshal of Plain City, Illinois; Margaret, who married J. J. Miller, and has her home at Bristol; and William, the subject of this sketch.

The last named attended the public schools until he reached the age of sixteen years. He then worked on the farm with his father until he was twenty-two, when he began working for himself, obtaining employment as a farm hand. He continued this until he reached the age of twenty-eight, and then he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Casselman and settled on a farm of his own. Unto them were born five children: Clifford and Charles, who live in Kane county and are engaged in farming; Jennie, who resides with Warren, living on a farm in Blackberry township; and Madison, who has his home at Aurora, Illinois, and is an enterprising and successful manufacturer of shirt waists.

The father is a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in politics is a staunch republican, giving earnest and efficient aid to his party in all its struggles, but seeking none of its honors or emoluments for himself. In all the relations of life he has proven himself a man worthy of the highest confidence and esteem, taking an active and serviceable interest in every commendable undertaking for the progress and improvement of his county and the comfort and convenience of its people, and bearing cheerfully his share of the burdens incident to elevated and representative citizenship in the county, state and nation.

BERT C. VAN DUSEN.

The scenes of his present activities were the scenes of the childhood and youth of Bert C. Van Dusen, except as those scenes have been changed by the flight of time and the progress and improvement that have been wrought. He was born in Burlington township, November 1, 1877, and now, at the age of thirty-one, with all his faculties in full vigor and all his hopes expanding, he is carrying on a flourishing farming and dairying enterprise, which is the acquisition of his own industry, frugality and business capacity, aided by the same qualities in his wife.

Mr. Van Dusen is the son of Orlando and Ellen (Angel) Van Dusen, the former of whom was born in Burlington township in 1852, and the latter on the stormy bosom of the Atlantic while her parents were crossing it in their quest of better opportunities and more comfortable fortunes in this country than they had found possible in their native England. The father attended the country schools in Burlington township until he reached his maturity, with such interruptions as were incident to his circumstances. He and his wife became the parents of five children: Benjamin, now a farmer in Burlington township; Frank, who is an employe on a street-car line in Green Bay, Wisconsin; William, another of the wide-awake farmers of Burlington township; Louis, a farmer now residing in Burlington; and Bert.

The last named grew to manhood and obtained his education in his native township, attending the public schools until he reached the age of twelve, but going only in the winter months as his help was needed on the farm at other times. After leaving school he remained with his parents eleven years, or until his marriage in Sycamore in February, 1900, when he was united with Miss Gertie Whitcome, who was born in Nebraska in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Van Dusen have three children, Verne, Verva and Viola, all of whom are at home and attending school.

After his marriage Mr. Van Dusen worked by the month for three months, and at the end of that period rented a farm of which he is still the proprietor, but he returned to Sycamore to live and has continued to reside there ever since. On the farm he has a herd of seventeen cows, nearly all Holsteins, and with these he conducts a dairy business which engages most of his time and attention. His political alliance is with the republican party and in church membership he is a Catholic. Beginning with nothing he is now a man of substance with increasing prosperity, and he owes all his acquisitions to his own efforts and the assistance of his wife. The energy and thrift which have characterized him in his own affairs have also governed him in reference to public matters, in which he has taken an earnest and helpful interest, giving his support to every undertaking tending to advance the welfare of the township and losing no chance to aid in promoting every worthy cause.

HENRY C. KRUMM.

Henry C. Krumm, a prominent resident of McQueen, Illinois, where for the last fifteen years he has been engaged in the manufacture of tile and brick, was born in Germany, August 3, 1844, the son of Joseph Krumm, who came with his family to America in 1856 and located in Wisconsin. Prior to his coming to the United States he engaged in farming in Germany.

Our subject attended the district schools of Germany until he was sixteen years of age, receiving a good, practical education. He then returned home and contributed his energies to the general advancement of the family interests until he was twenty-four years of age, at which time he came to America and located in Michigan. There he engaged in brickmaking for a time, until he became quite skillful at the work. He left Michigan and located at Dundee, Illinois, where he followed the occupation of brickmaking for nine years, and from there went to Gilbert where he continued in this work for nine years longer. At the expiration of this time he was in a position to go into business for himself, and as he had the courage of his convictions he opened a brick and tile factory at McQueen, which has done a prosperous business from the first. The factory is fitted up with modern machinery throughout, the water power being supplied by means of a steam pump. The output is ten thousand bricks daily and it is now running at full capacity, the services of ten men being required to operate it.

In 1870 occurred the wedding of Mr. Krumm and Miss Lena Hager, who was born in Germany and came to America when twenty-two years of age. Six children have been born to this union, three sons and three daughters, namely: Matilda, the wife of Richard Ludwig, a brick merchant of Elgin; Emma, the wife of William Lorenge, also a resident of Elgin; Clara, the wife of Gus Peasler, a carpenter of Elgin; Adolph and Rupert, both of whom reside at home; and Henry, who is employed in Elgin.

Mr. Krumm is a republican in politics. Religiously, he is a faithful and consistent member of the German Lutheran church. The qualities of good citizenship, of reliability in business and faithfulness in friendship have ever been manifested in his character and the success which has come to him has been well merited.

GEORGE M. HOLBROOK.

We live in a land and an age of changes and mutations. The man who begins his career in this day and country with one occupation will very likely be found sometime later in life engaged in a very different one, for opportunity is many-sided here, and the demand for usefulness presents itself in almost countless phases. These conditions, together with our flexible systems of education, prepare our youth for almost any duty and emphasize the necessity for such general preparation. George M. Holbrook, of Elburn, Kane county, has tried his hand at several lines of serviceable labor and has made good in all.

He was born at Newport, Maine, September 30, 1860, the son of William and Caroline (Bowlen) Holbrook, both of whom are now deceased and have been laid to rest in the soil that was hallowed by their labors. The father was also a native of Newport, Maine, where he was born in 1816 and where he passed the whole of his life, dying there in 1881. He was a millwright and wrought long and industriously at his trade. In religious faith he was a Universalist, and in politics an unwavering republican. Seven children were born to William and Caroline Holbrook: Anna C., who married with W. N. Norwood and has her home in Bangor, Maine; Viola D., who became the wife of Charles Foster, an esteemed citizen of Summerville, Massachusetts; Eudora, who married Melvin Cooley and has since died; William E., who is a resident of Helena, Montana, where he is engaged in the livery business; Carrie, wife of Charles F. Cooley, a prosperous carpenter of Fort Benton, Montana; Fred P., an enterprising and successful boot and shoe merchant of Butte, Montana; and George M.

The last named attended the public schools until he was about sixteen years old and then worked for two years on the farm with his father. When he was eighteen he was apprenticed to a blacksmith and after completing his apprenticeship moved to Boston and later to Wintthrop, Maine. But from his early youth the great west presented attractions to him, and the time came when he could no longer resist the temptation to cast his lot with that enterprising and

progressive section of the country. He, accordingly, came to Illinois and located at DeKalb, where he worked at his trade sixteen months. At the end of that time he changed both his residence and his occupation, moving to Freeport, this state, and taking charge of a hotel, which he kept for seven years. From Freeport he moved to Elburn, where he has lived during the last ten years, operating what is now the best equipped and most complete blacksmith and wheelwright shop in Kane county. Parts of the equipment are a gasoline motor machine for sharpening lawn mowers and other tools, a pulverizer lathe and emory wheels, rip-saws, powerdrills and a machine for rubber tiring, and in the use of these and other weapons of industry he is a thorough master, as he is of all features and details of his craft.

As a good citizen should, Mr. Holbrook takes an active and helpful interest in public affairs and has borne his part in the government of the communities in which he has lived. He was for two years a member of the city council of Freeport and served one year on the police force there; and everywhere he has been particularly zealous in local and general politics, attending conventions as a delegate and working hard at primary and general elections. His party affiliation is with the republicans, and he believes in his party with all the force of earnest conviction. Fraternaly he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and the National Protective Legion.

Mr. Holbrook has been married twice. His first union was with Miss Anna Robkar, who departed this life after a few years of domestic happiness and usefulness. The second marriage was with Miss Ida Vansickle, a native of Virgil, this county, whose parents are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook have no children of their own, but they have an adopted son now six years old to whom they are tenderly attached and who rewards their devotion and care with obedience, appreciation and the promise of a serviceable and creditable career in life. In his course of continuous and productive industry Mr. Holbrook has well exemplified the best traits of self-reliant and resourceful American citizenship, and has thereby contributed to the development and progress of the county, state and country of his home, both by his own work and by the forces he has set in motion through his influence and example. Such men as he have helped to make this country great and are still expanding its greatness.

GEORGE ROBERT WEISEL.

In spite of our colossal manufacturing industries, our almost boundless local and our enormous foreign commerce, and our gigantic business enterprises of all kinds, our agricultural interests and their products are, after all, the great source and basis of the wealth and power of our country; and the men managing those interests and fostering and augmenting them, are among the most useful and productive of our people. George R. Weisel of Kane county, is one of the number and may fully be taken as a good representative of the class. He lives on a farm of his own, comprising

one hundred and fifty-three acres of excellent land in Blackberry township, lying half-way between LaFox and Elburn, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation by his thrift, intelligence and industry, making of it a model country home.

Mr. Weisel acquired his land by purchase, paying for it out of his savings while working by the month as a machinist, and he is entitled to all the greater credit because he has built up his estate and present prosperity entirely by his own efforts and business capacity, unaided by adventitious circumstances or the favors of fortune. This excellent farmer has used his faculties to good purposes and made the most of his opportunities, as his present condition of comfort and high standing in the community attests.

Mr. Weisel was born at St. Charles, Illinois, Septemebr 4, 1857, and is a son of John Andrew and Isabella (Berth) Weisel, the former a native of Weissenburg, Germany, and the latter of Scotland. The father came to the United States at the age of twenty and wrought at his trade as a stonemason until his death in 1907. The mother died in 1888, having lived in this country from the time when she was but twelve years old. The head of the house was a zealous member of the Congregational church, and was prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Five children were born in the family, George's brothers and sisters being: Ella, now deceased; Maggie, the wife of Alexander Sill, a watchmaker and jeweler of Elgin, Illinois; Jennie, who lives with George R., and is his housekeeper; and Charles, also deceased.

George R. Weisel attended the public school at St. Charles until he was sixteen and was then apprenticed to the machinist's trade. After completing his apprenticeship he moved to South Dakota and there entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land. But the new country to which he had migrated did not suit him, and, yielding to his longing for the older state of his nativity, he returned to Illinois and rented land for farming purposes for a period of twenty years in Kane county. He then bought the farm he now owns, paying for it, as has been noted, from his savings while working by the month. To this farm he has since given his whole attention, and with excellent results, making it one of the best in his township and raising it to a value beyond all promise by the diligent and skillful manner in which he has handled it. In all his undertakings and labors he has been zealously and effectively aided by his sister, Jennie, who has been all the while his housekeeper and homemaker, for he has never married.

Some years ago he started a dairy in connection with his farming operations, and this he has built up and expanded until now he has thirty-five cows which yield large returns for the care and intelligence he gives to them and add considerably to his revenues, while, at the same time, helping him to contribute essentially and substantially to the comfort, health and general welfare of the community around him.

Mr. Weisel is a Congregationalist in religious affiliation and ardently supports the church of his choice. He also takes an earnest and serviceable interest in public affairs, although not a strictly partisan in politics, and

is ever ready to do all he can to promote every worthy project for public improvement and the good of the people. His life has been unostentatious but useful. The daily duties found ever at his hand are never neglected, and the louder calls to general service have his prompt and willing response. Everybody who knows him esteems him as an upright man and a first-class citizen, whose example has been potential for good in his community, and whose advice is always deemed worthy of earnest and careful consideration. There are millions like him in the land, and each one of them does his part faithfully toward every interest of his country and his race.

WILLIAM STURGES.

A well developed and highly improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, situated in Virgil township, is the home of William Sturges, who deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in the business world, for all that he today possesses has been gained through his own labors. He was born on a farm near Sycamore, Illinois, June 5, 1869, of English parentage. His father, Edmund Sturges, was born in 1826, in Lincolnshire, England, where his boyhood days were spent and where he also acquired his education. During his early youth he heard much of the opportunities to be enjoyed in the new world and after much deliberation and planning, at the age of twenty-five, bidding adieu to his native land, he joined a party of friends and sailed for the new world. After reaching America he traveled around in search of a location and finally settled in DeKalb county, Illinois, where he secured employment as a farm hand, being thus engaged for five years. During this time he managed to save a sum of money sufficient to enable him to engage in farming on his own account, and at the age of thirty years he rented a farm and established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Margaret Sharkey. Their union was blessed with the following named children: Mary, the wife of Samuel Allen, a teamster, residing at Lily Lake; Annie, the wife of John Willett, a real-estate dealer of Hoopeston, Illinois; Sadie, who makes her home in Fulton, this state; Maggie, the wife of George Eaton, a resident farmer of Plato Center; Susie, the wife of Ernest Richmond, a farmer of Campton township; James, a farmer, making his home near Aurora; and Carrie, who is still at home as housekeeper for her brother.

The other member of the family, William Sturges, entered the district schools of Virgil township, wherein he completed his education. During the summer seasons he assisted his father in plowing, planting and harvesting, being thus engaged until the age of seventeen years, when he started out in life on his own account, working as a farm hand for several years. He was energetic and economical, and thus managed to save from his earnings a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase a small tract of land, situated east of Lily Lake. He took up his abode thereon and continued the operation of the place for twelve years, when, believing that the northwest offered

better advantages for the farmer, he disposed of his farming interests in this state and removed to South Dakota, where he purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres. He was engaged in farming there during the succeeding three years, but not being satisfied with that country, on the expiration of that period he returned once more to Kane county and has since made his home here. He now operates a well-improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, situated in Virgil township. He has divided the place into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, has erected good and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and now has a valuable property. He has fifty acres planted to corn, twenty-five to oats, has a meadow of twenty-two acres, while the rest of his farm is used for pasturage, for he keeps a large herd of Durham cows for dairy purposes. He is a man of good business ability and is meeting with success in his undertakings.

Mr. Sturges is a staunch advocate of the republican party, but has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to give his undivided time and attention to his private business affairs. He deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in the business world, for, starting out in life at an early age in the humble capacity of a farm hand, he has steadily worked his way upward until today he is numbered among the prosperous and substantial agriculturists of Kane county.

NELS JOHNSON.

Nels Johnson, who is successfully engaged in farming in St. Charles township, was born in Helsingborg, Sweden, November 3, 1862, his parents being Jens and Anna (Thurson) Johnson, also natives of Sweden. The father, who was born in 1808, was a carpenter by trade and passed away in the land of his birth in 1893. His wife, whose birth occurred in 1818, still makes her home in Sweden. The brothers and sisters of our subject are as follows: Pete, a stonemason by trade, who died in Chicago in 1892; Christine, who was born in Sweden in 1845 and now resides in Pennsylvania, being the wife of Mr. Benson; Hannah, who was born in Sweden in 1847 and still resides in that country, being the wife of Andrea Mongerson, a coal miner; Andrew, born in Sweden in 1852, who married Louise Westberg, and is a carpenter residing in California; and Matilda, born in 1857, who is the wife of Mr. Bergland and lives in Sweden, where her birth occurred.

The year 1882 witnessed the emigration of Nels Johnson to America, and for fifteen years he made his home in Chicago, being for a number of years employed by the McCormick Harvester Company of that city. For the past three years, however, he has carried on agricultural pursuits, his farm being located two miles west of St. Charles. In addition to the work of general farming he operates an extensive dairy, having twenty-five cows and taking milk to the St. Charles creamery. In the conduct of his business interests he has met with a gratifying and well-merited measure of prosperity.

the success which has crowned his efforts being entirely the result of his own well-directed energy and unflinching perseverance.

In this country Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Larson, a native of Sweden, where her birth occurred January 4, 1867. Their children are two in number, namely: Agnar Alton, whose birth occurred in Chicago, July 23, 1895; and Alice Louella, who was born in Chicago, September 7, 1897.

Mr. Johnson gives his political allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party, and he is a member of the North American Insurance Company. Through the utilization of the broader opportunities offered for advancement in the new world he has gained a creditable degree of prosperity and is now numbered among the progressive and enterprising citizens of his community.

GRANVILLE JOHNSTON.

Granville Johnston is now living retired in Aurora in the enjoyment of success which was worthily achieved. He was born in Selby township, Bureau county, Illinois, December 10, 1855, and is descended from one of seven brothers who emigrated from Scotland and settled in Virginia when this country was still numbered among the colonial possessions of Great Britain. After a time the brothers separated, some going to the New England states and others to New York and Pennsylvania. General Bradley T. Johnston and General Joseph E. Johnston, of Confederate fame, were descended from the same ancestry. The paternal grandmother of Mr. Johnston was a Quaker who bore the maiden name of Jones and was a relative of the famous Lynch family of Lynch's Ferry, Virginia, which is now the city of Lynchburg. In the old Quaker cemetery four miles from that place are buried many generations of the Jones and Lynch families.

Henry M. Johnston, father of our subject, was born in Campbell county, Virginia, December 18, 1814, and there spent his boyhood and youth. In early manhood he started out to make his own way in the world, traveling on foot across the Blue Ridge mountains to the Ohio river and covering on the journey a distance of forty miles per day. At Guyandotte he took passage on an Ohio river boat for Cincinnati and thence made his way to Xenia, Ohio, where he resided for four years. During that period he married Miss Margaret Long, a native of Greene county and a daughter of Henry H. and Mary (Walden) Long. The marriage was celebrated in January, 1841, and the following year Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, with their little child, made an overland journey with team to Bureau county, Illinois, and established their home upon a tract of wild land of thirty-six acres in Selby township. Mr. Johnston had but twenty dollars at the time of his arrival but he possessed resolute purpose and unflinching diligence and in the effort to achieve success moved steadily forward. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and his financial rating at the time of his death was fifty thousand dollars or more.



GRANVILLE JOHNSTON



MRS. GRANVILLE JOHNSTON

In 1880 he removed to Morrison, Iowa, where he lived for five years and then returned to Princeton, Illinois, but later he and his wife made their home with their son Granville. The father was a man of retiring disposition but strictly honorable in all his business transactions and merited and received the high esteem of those with whom he came in contact. He died June 30, 1894, while his wife passed away February 28, 1898. Their children were: Francis M., residing in Lansing, Michigan; Joseph Z., who is living in Princeton, Illinois; and James H., who died at the age of twenty-seven years.

Granville Johnston has practically spent his entire life in this state. He was reared to farm life, dividing his time in his boyhood between the public schools and the work of the fields. After attaining his majority he made preparations for having a home of his own by his marriage on the 8th of September, 1880, to Miss Sarah L. Ellis, who was born July 2, 1862, and is a daughter of Miletus W. and Mary (Coleman) Ellis. Her father, a native of Dover township, Bureau county, Illinois, was a son of Abbott Ellis, a native of Albemarle county, Virginia. Mrs. Johnston was born in the same house in which her father's birth occurred. He died October 27, 1881, in Castle Rock, Colorado, and his widow is now residing in Boulder, that state. They were the parents of five children but four of the number are now deceased.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Johnston became residents of Grundy county, Iowa, where he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land at twenty dollars an acre. There he engaged in farming and was one of the progressive agriculturists of the community, introducing there the first steam thresher taken into the county. After ten years he disposed of his land in Iowa at a good profit and returned to Princeton, Illinois. He then bought a farm in the vicinity of that city and in connection with the management of his agricultural interests he also engaged in the real-estate business. He bought and sold many tracts of land on his own account and negotiated various realty transfers for others. In April, 1891, he removed with his family to Aurora, where he has also been well known as a prominent and successful real-estate dealer. His own holdings comprise two fine farms, one of two hundred and twenty-eight acres near Kaneville and the other three hundred and twenty-four acres in Blackberry township. It is his intention, however, to retire from active business life and he is now remodeling a fine stone residence which he recently purchased near Batavia. This house was built in 1844 from stone out of the first quarry opened near Batavia. It is situated on the Aurora & Elgin electric car line and overlooks the beautiful Fox river. It was for many years the home of Judge Samuel D. Lockwood, a former judge of the Illinois supreme court, who granted Abraham Lincoln permission to practice at the Illinois bar. The Johnston home, recently completed, is one of the finest and most substantial dwellings in Kane county and there Mr. Johnston expects to find pleasure in his well earned rest from further labor.

Following the removal of the family to Aurora their children became students in the schools of that city. The daughter, Viola, was born July 30, 1885, and after attending the Aurora high school completed a course of training in the Chicago School of Domestic Arts and Sciences and also a

course of music in the Columbia Conservatory of Music in Aurora. She likewise studied bookkeeping in the Allen Business College, of Aurora, and she is now prominent in the social circles of the city, holding membership in the Galena Street Methodist Episcopal church and the T. H. E. Club. The son, Henry E., born November 11, 1886, was graduated from the West Aurora high school in June, 1906, and is now traveling salesman for the Olds Motor Works, of Lansing, Michigan, with office in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and their daughter are members of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Aurora, and Mr. Johnston has attained the Knight Templar degree in Masonry, belonging to Temple Commandery, No. 20, of Princeton. He has been an able and successful business man and financier, is a public-spirited citizen and in every sense of the word is a gentleman, occupying an enviable position in the social circles where intelligence is a necessary attribute to agreeableness. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are lovers of social enjoyments and their home is always open for the reception of their many friends.

ANDREW MAGNUS.

Andrew Magnus, a leading contractor and builder of Elgin, who is also extensively engaged in quarrying cut stone, was born in Sweden on the 9th of November, 1839, his parents being Andrew and Aina (Britta) Magnus, whom he accompanied on their emigration to the United States in 1852. The father was a farmer by occupation. Our subject first attended the public schools of his native country and continued his education in the academy of Elgin.

On putting aside his text-books he was apprenticed to E. F. Reeves, a mason contractor, with whom he continued until twenty-one years of age. In 1861 he went to California and there worked at his trade, but in 1865 returned to Elgin and took charge of Mr. Reeves' work on some large buildings for a year and a half. Subsequently he worked in Rockford and Chicago and also resided on a farm which he had purchased, for one year. Again returning to Elgin in 1874, he here established himself in business as a mason contractor and since that time has been prominently and successfully connected with the building interests of this city. He put up the greater number of the structures here and practically all of the important contracts were awarded him, including the erection of the Opera House block, Borden's Condensed Milk factory, the Fosgate Hotel, seven large school houses, etc., all of which were completed before the year 1890. During this time he was also engaged in the stonecutting business and in the coal and ice business but sold the latter enterprise to the Knickerbocker Ice Company in 1904. He likewise managed the South Elgin Stone Company and is still interested in the concern. Six or seven years ago he admitted his son-in-law, John S. Russell, to a partnership in the stonecutting business, and likewise became a partner of W. F. Hagel in the conduct of the South Elgin quarry. He now devotes his time to the business of quarrying cut stone and contracting, and is at

present engaged on the construction of a large Catholic church at Decatur, Illinois. At the time of the erection of the First Baptist church in Elgin, in 1871, he acted as foreman, and from that early period to the present time has been continuously connected with the county's upbuilding and development along the most substantial lines.

On the 30th of May, 1871, Mr. Magnus was united in marriage to Miss Carrie G. Samuelson, a daughter of Charles and Inga Marie Samuelson, of Elgin. Their family numbers six children, as follows: Andrew Victor, who wedded Elizabeth McGraw, by whom he has two children, Harold and Orville; Anna, who is the wife of John S. Russell and has one son, Paul; Maud; Clarence; Ethel, the wife of Fred Adkins; and Harold.

Mr. Magnus gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the English Lutheran church. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen. He is widely recognized as one of Kane county's most substantial and prosperous citizens and few, if any, residents of the community are held in higher respect and esteem than Andrew Magnus.

CHARLES FLOYD PHILLIPS.

During the last sixteen years this enterprising and resourceful market gardener and general farmer has been profitably engaged in the interesting industry of raising asparagus for the Chicago markets. He owns and cultivates nineteen acres of very fertile and productive land in sections 31 and 32, Aurora township, the greater part of which is devoted to this toothsome aristocrat of the menu, and the yield is not only great in quantity, but also superior in quality, the output of the Phillips' gardens having a place in the first rank wherever it is known.

Mr. Phillips is a native son of Illinois, having been born near Oswego in Kendall county, on a farm then managed by his parents, whose history is given in the sketch of his brother, Edmund B. Phillips, elsewhere in this volume. When he was seven years old Mr. Phillips moved with the rest of the family to a farm half a mile west of Montgomery in this county, and this enabled him to attend the graded schools in Montgomery, which he did from 1881 to 1892.

On leaving school he at once began the industry which now occupies him and which he has followed ever since, although during 1896 and 1897 he was also associated with his brothers Edmund and Clarence in a laundry business in Chicago. In April, 1898, he enlisted at Springfield for the Spanish-American war, in which his whole company, Company B, Third Illinois National Guard, engaged. The command was ordered to Porto Rico, where it continued in active service until January 22, 1899, when it was mustered out. Mr. Phillips returned to his home and again resumed his place in the business which his brother had managed in his absence. In addition to the culture of asparagus on a large scale, the Phillips brothers carry on extensive

operations in the sale of threshing machinery and in baling and selling hay. They are successful in all lines of their business and are among the most enterprising men in the county.

At Aurora, May 9, 1900, Charles F. Phillips was married to Miss Mayme E. Stanton, the daughter of James and Ellen (Morrisey) Stanton, the former a native of Michigan and the latter of County Waterford, Ireland. The mother came to this country at the age of eighteen, and in 1873 was married to Mr. Stanton at Elkhart, Indiana. Their daughter, Mayme, now Mrs. Phillips, was born at Elkhart, November 25, 1875, and when she was but five years old moved to Kane county with her parents, who are now living in Aurora. The father has been employed for many years in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in that city.

In politics Mr. Phillips is a republican, and, although not an officeseeker, he takes an earnest and helpful interest in the affairs of his party. During the war in which he fought he was corporal of Company D, and he now keeps alive the memories and associations of the contest and his military life by membership in the Spanish-American War Veterans Association, being regular in attendance at the meetings and cordial in his interest in the proceedings of the organization. His wife is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Aurora. She was well educated, being graduated from the East Aurora high school in the class of 1893. They have three children: Mildred Evelyn, born March 7, 1901; Marjorie Catherine, born April 20, 1902; and Donald James, born December 14, 1906. There are no better or more sterling citizens in Kane county than Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, and few, if any, are held in higher regard by the general public.

CARL AUGUST ANDERSON.

The Swedish people have done great things for every land in which they have colonized or settled extensively. In their own country the bounties of nature have been given stingingly, and what there are must be made the most of. Accordingly the inhabitants are taught, by both circumstances and training, the necessity for industry, frugality and thrift, beginning their lessons in this regard almost in their cradles. When they go abroad the national traits, which have characterized the race for centuries, are found to be the most valuable assets in the business of life, and they always bring excellent results. In this blessed land of ours, where nature is most prodigal and rewards every honest courtesy paid to her grace with lavish benefactions, Swedish industry and thrift have found at all times both a ready and a plentiful recompense, and in turn have shown themselves worthy in what they have done for the development and improvement of the region to which they have been applied. Carl August Anderson and his career in this country make up a case in point.

He was born in Sweden, September 7, 1875, the son of Nicholas and Enge Augusta Anderson, who were actively and successfully engaged in farming in that country. The father was a zealous member of the Lutheran

church and after a long life of usefulness surrendered his trust a few years ago at the behest of the great Disposer. The mother is still living in her native land crowned with the respect and good will of all who have the pleasure of knowing her. They were the parents of five children: Anton, who lives in Sweden; Carl A.; Lotta, who is the wife of Martin Carlson, a farmer; Hilda, married to John Enorkson, also a farmer; and Caroline, who is living with her mother.

Carl A. Anderson received his early education at the public schools and at the age of fourteen went to work for himself, serving as a farm hand for four years. When he was eighteen he emigrated to the United States and located at Elburn, in this county, where he has ever since had his home. He worked as a hired hand until 1905, when he purchased a dairy outfit comprising thirty-five cows with the money he had saved from his earnings. He is living on a rented farm, but is carrying on a profitable and agreeable business, and is also keeping the farm in good condition and making it more and more productive year by year. He has occupied this farm for two years, and it already shows marked improvement under his careful and skillful management, while his cows are far above the average in quality and appearance. Many of his neighbors, who are also engaged in dairying, use milking machines, but Mr. Anderson sticks to first principles, using hand milking yet, as he believes he can get better results and take better care of his stock by that process.

He gives due and intelligent attention to public affairs, voting the republican ticket on all occasions and doing his part to help the cause of his party and its candidates along, although seeking nothing in the way of public office for himself. In fraternal relations he belongs to the Masonic order, being a devout and loyal Master Mason, and in religious faith he is a Lutheran. He meets all the requirements of his daily life with a serene and constant spirit, performing every duty with fidelity and discharging every obligation in full measure.

MRS. HILDA LIND.

This estimable, enterprising and self-reliant lady, the widow of the late Charles J. Lind, owns and lives on a farm of two hundred and thirty-seven acres of excellent land in Sugar Grove township, which is farmed by her two sons under her direction. The farm was purchased by her husband in 1901, and he at once took possession of it, moving his family from Bureau county, Illinois, and establishing them on it. He has been actively engaged in farming in Bureau county for a number of years and had been successful in his undertaking. His advent into Kane county was, therefore, warmly welcomed by the people and looked upon as an event of importance and benefit to the township in which he settled. But the year after his location on this farm he died, leaving his widow with four children to care for and rear.

The two sons, Conrad F. and Arthur C., are now grown to man's estate, and carry on the farm in conjunction with their mother. The two daughters, Agnes J. and Esther C., are also living at home. The latter was grad-

uated from the West Aurora high school in June, 1907. While the other children in the family did not have the opportunity to complete the high-school course, all obtained a good common-school education, and the sons attended a business college. They give credit to the community in which they live by their intelligence and mental development.

Mr. Lind, their father, was a public-spirited man and gave close and careful attention to public affairs. He voted the republican ticket, but, although devoted to the success of his party, and doing his share of the work necessary to secure that, in business and the other relations of life he considered neither party nor creed, but estimated all men by the worth they exhibited and asked no other gauge for himself.

ANDREW HASSELL.

Born and reared in the land of Gustavus Adolphus and Charles XII, whose mighty armies were for years the terror of Europe, and whose triumphs in art and science, physical and metaphysical, are the pride of the world, Andrew Hassell (born Anderson) inherited the spirit of his people and has laid its best contributions and achievements on the altar of our country, which has long been also his. His life began in Sweden, March 26, 1861, and he is a son of Samuel and Anna B. (Johnson) Anderson, having for sufficient reason which involved nothing of unmanliness or wrong on his part, changed his name to Hassell. Both father and mother were also natives of Sweden and prosperous farmers there. Both are now deceased, and their remains were laid to rest in their native land. They were the parents of four children, their offspring, in addition to the subject of this brief review, being Anna L. Anderson, who lives in Sweden; John M. Hassell, a machinist residing at Batavia, Illinois; and James B. Hassell, a prosperous painter at River Forest in this state.

Andrew Hassell attended the state or public schools in his native land until he was fifteen years of age, then worked on a farm four years for a compensation of sixty crowns per year, less than sixteen dollars in our money. At the age of nineteen he came to the United States and took up his residence at Batavia, Illinois, where he immediately went to farming. In 1906, with money he had saved, he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Minnesota. But he did not remain in that state, preferring to make his home in Illinois. He, accordingly, came back and located on a rented farm which he still occupies and manages.

In 1883 he was married to Miss Gusta C. Lilja, like himself a native of Sweden. Her father was a well-to-do painter, who died some years ago. His widow is still living in Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Hassell have five children: Albert B., Franz S. L., Harold J., Alden W., and Ruth A. C., all of whom are living at home.

In this land of boundless opportunity Mr. Hassell readily found what he sought—profitable employment for his capacity and industry and an open

door to prosperity; and, knowing well how to use his chances, he has won substantial progress and made himself comfortable for life. Like the great bulk of his countrymen, too, who have come to this land of freedom and high appreciation of diligence and ability, he has not been satisfied to merely push his own fortunes forward, but has helped to make the wilderness teem with the fruits and fragrance of civilized life, and has also taken his place and borne well his part in promoting, defending and improving our civil and political institutions, and augmenting all the elements of our industrial and commercial greatness. He has performed with fidelity and intelligence all the duties of citizenship in the land of his adoption as he did in that of his birth, and in his way has exemplified the fact that new countries grow great and prosperous in proportion as they are liberal in reference to immigration and naturalization. America owes more than she can estimate to the thrifty elements of her population from foreign countries, and to none more than the good Swedes who have helped so materially to expand her material, intellectual and moral forces.

GEORGE H. MOODY.

George H. Moody, who is numbered among the substantial citizens of Kane county, is engaged in the conduct of a creamery in Virgil township. He was born in New Hampshire, November 30, 1850, one of the three children of Daniel and Mary Ann (Rollins) Moody, the other members of the family being Eliza J., deceased, and Ella M., the wife of John S. Murphy, a druggist of Pontiac, Illinois. The father was born in Gilmanton, New Hampshire, May 3, 1818. He was engaged in farming in the east, but owing to poor health sought a change of climate, coming thence to Roscoe, Illinois, where he continued in agricultural pursuits for three years. He then removed to Nebraska, where he entered land from the government and remained for three years. He, however, was dissatisfied with life in the west and returned once more to this state, locating in McLean county on a farm which he cultivated until his demise, which occurred in November, 1872, when he was fifty-four years of age. He was a republican in his political views, while religiously he was a Methodist. The mother, who was likewise a native of New Hampshire, is also deceased, her remains being interred at Fairbury, Illinois. The great-grandfather, John Moody, was captain of a company in the Revolutionary war.

George H. Moody was but a young lad at the time of the parents' removal from the east to Illinois. During the winter months he attended the district schools of McLean county, while in the summer seasons he assisted in the various tasks of the home farm. At the early age of fifteen years, owing to his father's poor health, he put aside his studies and assisted largely in the care and management of the homestead property until he had reached the age of twenty-three years, when his father passed away, after which the son assumed full management of the farm. After a time he went to Wisconsin

where he was engaged in farming for two years, but in the spring of 1880 he returned to Illinois and since that period has been engaged in the manufacture of butter and cheese in Virgil township. In the fall of 1882 he purchased his present factory, situated within a mile and three-quarters of Richardson, on the township line between Burlington and Virgil. Since he purchased the building he has added many improvements, the plant being operated with steam power. It has cement floors and an excellent sewerage system and all its appointments are modern in every particular. He is engaged quite extensively in the manufacture of butter and cheese, handling a large amount of milk daily, and his products find a ready sale on the market, where they command the highest prices, owing to their excellent quality.

Mr. Moody's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party, but he has never been active as an office seeker, finding that his time is amply occupied with his private business affairs. He possesses untiring energy and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is today his.

WILLIAM A. RUSSELL.

This prosperous farmer and dairyman and influential citizen of Burlington township was born September 21, 1854, in sight of his present residence, and has passed practically all his days thus far on the same land. He is the son of Jonas and Rebecca (Esterbrook) Russell, and one of their five children, three of whom are living, the other two being Albert and George, both farmers in Burlington township, the latter owning and farming a portion of the parental homestead. The two children who died were the daughters of the family, Mary J. and Hannah.

The father of this family was born near Orangeville, New York, and accompanied his parents to Illinois when he was a young man. The family located at Batavia and devoted their energies to farming. As young Jonas Russell grew to manhood he bought a farm in Burlington township, which was but a nucleus for his farther ambitions. By energy, sagacity and strict attention to all his opportunities, he increased his original purchase until he owned six hundred acres of the best land in the township. At his death on October 3, 1906, he left this land highly improved with all the needs and conveniences of a first-class modern farm and in an advanced state of cultivation. He was a prominent and popular man with commanding influence in the affairs of the township, and for many years served the people greatly to their advantage as supervisor, township clerk and justice of the peace. In politics he was a republican, and in fraternal life a member of the Masonic order. His widow, now in her eightieth year, is still living on the homestead, vigorous in health and active in her participation in the duties of the household.

William A. Russell obtained the usual education vouchsafed to country boys of his day and locality. He attended the country school near his home

in winter, working on the farm in summer until he reached the age of twenty-one. Soon after attaining his majority he was married to Miss Phoebe M. Jones, who was born in the state of New York. They have two children: Freeman, who lives in Burlington; and Fannie P., who is the wife of William Barry, and who, with her husband and one daughter, Blanch Ruth, lives on the farm with her parents.

Mr. Russell's farm consists of one hundred and eighty-six acres and is part of the land formerly owned by his father. Although in good condition when he became possessed of it, he has greatly improved it, keeping pace with the progress in the science and practice of agriculture, and adding to his home all of the comforts, many of the luxuries and much of the artistic adornment of modern country life. His dairy is furnished with the yield of fourteen fine cows and makes a substantial addition to the enjoyments of his home and to the revenues that provide them. The proprietor is a republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in religious affiliation. No man stands higher in the community, and none is more deserving of the esteem that is universally and freely accorded him.

BYRON S. CORNWALL.

Byron S. Cornwall, a successful farmer and dairyman residing near Lily Lake, was born in Herkimer county, New York, December 26, 1850, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Ewings) Cornwall, both of whom were natives of England, where the father was born in October, 1808, and the mother in 1810. At the age of thirty Thomas Cornwall removed with his family to the United States and located in Herkimer county, New York, where he followed farming. Later he located his family in DeKalb county, Illinois, and, having caught the gold fever, he went alone to California, where he was very successful in gold mining. He remained there for three years, when he returned to the state and purchased a farm near Sycamore, which he later sold and then purchased the farm upon which our subject now resides near Lily Lake. He has made his home in Sycamore for the past fifteen years. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics was a staunch republican. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall, five sons and one daughter, namely: William G., a retired farmer, of Harper county, Kansas; Thomas, a medical practitioner, of Sedgwick, Kansas, where he owns and conducts a drug store; Martha, the widow of Harry Winters, formerly a machinist of Syracuse, Illinois; Alonzo D., a machinist, of Syracuse, Illinois; Fred, a farmer, in Michigan; and Byron S., of this review.

Byron S. Cornwall received his early education in the district schools of DeKalb county, which he attended regularly throughout the winter months up to the time he was eighteen years of age, when he discontinued his studies to devote his entire attention to the work of the farm. He contributed his energies to the general advancement of the family interests until he reached

the age of twenty-eight years, at which time he rented a farm and began operations in his own behalf. He continued to rent land for the next five years, during which time his success was such that at the end of this interval he was able to make a payment and secure title to two hundred and fifty eight acres of land, one hundred and twenty-eight acres of which he later sold, leaving him in possession of his present home place, consisting of one hundred and thirty acres. The farm is well stocked with fruit, well watered and highly improved, there having been about eight thousand dollars expended in improvements on the place. In addition to his farming interests he also conducts a dairy of twenty cows, of the Holstein and Durham stock.

In 1884 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cornwall and Miss Marguerite Hines, who was born in Aurora. Four children have been born to this union, of whom Arthur E., Johnny and Howard reside at home with their parents. Lulu is a teacher in the public schools of Campton township. Politically Mr. Cornwall is a republican. He is a warm friend of the cause of education and has served as school director in his district. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order.

W. J. TYERS.

Among the able members of the Aurora bar is numbered W. J. Tyers, who is one of the native sons of the city, born February 13, 1869. His father, John Tyers, was a native of Northamptonshire, England, his birth having there occurred on the 4th of September, 1831. In his native land he learned and followed the carpenter's trade until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when in 1852, he came to the United States. In 1854 he became a resident of Aurora, where he engaged in business as a contractor and builder, and was also for a number of years connected with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as a contractor, engaged in the erection of depots and other buildings. He erected many private residences and many public buildings in Aurora and was closely associated with its material progress and improvement. In 1858 he married Sophie Corlett, a native of New York.

W. J. Tyers was educated in the public schools of Aurora, passing through consecutive grades as he mastered the branches of English learning. Eventually he took up the study of law with the firm of Alschuler & Murphy and was admitted to the bar in 1894. In 1897 he was elected city attorney, and was reelected two years later. In 1900 he was elected state's attorney and served for one term. Since that time he has practiced alone in Aurora and has ever maintained the reputation as one of the strongest and ablest lawyers of the bar of this city. During his term as state's attorney he had charge of many important cases, notably the Romana case, in which the murderer was tried at Geneva and was sentenced to death. The case was appealed to the governor on legal arguments on the grounds of insanity. Mr. Tyers prosecuted the case all through, and the penalty was fixed at death, it being the first legal execution in Illinois for fifty years. Mr. Tyers is strong in argument, mastering



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the points of his case with logical precision, while his deductions are sound and his application of legal principles correct. In 1908 he was again nominated for state's attorney, although there were four candidates running against him, but his past record won him the nomination.

In 1896 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Tyers and Miss Anna Hadden, a native of Bristol, Kendall county, Illinois. Mr. Tyers is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. Richly endowed by nature with admirable social qualities, he has, too, the sterling principles which command respect and confidence in every

NICK RILAND.

Nick Riland, a successful agriculturist residing in Virgil township, was born in Luxemburg, October 18, 1850, his parents being William and Barbara (Batender) Riland, both of whom were born in Luxemburg in 1833. They there celebrated their marriage and in 1888 came to America, settling east of Aurora in Kane county, Illinois, where the father remained until the time of his demise in 1897. His wife survived him until 1904, and they are both buried in Aurora. The record of their children is as follows: Mary, whose birth occurred in Luxemburg in 1849, became the wife of Jacob Steffes, an agriculturist, and they reside in Virgil township. Nick, of this review, was the next in order of birth. Cathrina, who was born in Luxemburg in 1851, married William Faber, a farmer by occupation, and they reside at Virgil. Mary, born in 1852, became the wife of Matthew Stark, a laborer residing in Aurora. Lena, whose birth occurred in Luxemburg in 1853, married Carl Hines, who is also a laborer residing in Aurora. John, born in Luxemburg in 1854, married Miss Mary Wrangler and they make their home in Aurora. Catherina, also a native of Luxemburg, now lives in Austin, Illinois. She is the wife of Pete Miller, who is foreman in the power house. Elizabeth, a native of Luxemburg, became the wife of Frank Obermeyer, a resident of Austin, Illinois.

In 1881 Nick Riland removed from Aurora, Illinois, to his present location in Virgil township, here owning ninety-three acres of well improved and productive land. He paid thirty-eight dollars per acre for this tract, but, owing to its present high state of cultivation and improvement, it is now worth one hundred dollars per acre. In addition to the work of general farming he conducts a dairy, having sixteen cows, and daily delivers thirty-two gallons of milk to the creamery. Besides his farm he has personal property to the value of one thousand dollars, and also owns a house and two lots in Maple Park which are worth twelve hundred dollars. He is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the county and his success is attributable in large measure to his well-directed energy and unwearied industry, guided by sound business judgment.

Mr. Riland was united in marriage, in 1872, to Miss Cathrina Crisman, whose birth occurred in Aurora, July 4, 1853, and by whom he has six chil-

dren: Jacob, who was born in Aurora in 1875, was married in 1901 to Miss Catherina Wintzen, and now resides at home, being a farmer by occupation. Maggie, born in Aurora in 1877, became the wife of Nick Wintzen and now resides in Virgil township. John, whose birth occurred in Aurora in 1878, is a Catholic priest residing at Chicago Heights. William, a native of Aurora, his natal day being July 31, 1885, is farming in DeKalb county. Mary, who was born in Aurora in 1889, keeps house for her brother at Chicago Heights. Elizabeth, whose birth occurred in Virgil in 1892, is at home.

Mr. Riland is independent in politics, supporting the best men regardless of party affiliation. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his county. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Kane county and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

CHARLES P. REID, M.D.

Dr. Charles P. Reid, for sixty years a resident of Kane county and for thirty-six years engaged in the practice of medicine, is a representative of the profession whose laudable ambition has prompted him to carry forward the work of investigation and research until his ability places him with the leading physicians of this part of the state. He is, moreover, a man of sympathetic nature and kindly spirit—qualities which are always essential in the attainment of the highest success in the practice of medicine and surgery.

Dr. Reid is a native of Frontenac county, Canada, his birth having occurred near Kingston, October 16, 1848. He traces his ancestry back to William Reid, his great-grandfather, who married a Miss Gordon. Both died in Scotland, their native land. The grandfather, John Reid, was for seventeen years a resident of Frontenac county, Canada, making his home near Kingston after his arrival in the new world in 1835. He owned there a farm of two hundred acres and it continued to be his dwelling place until his death, which occurred about 1852. He married Martha Armour, a daughter of William and Margaret Armour, and her death occurred about 1859.

Their son, David Reid, was born near Aiken Clairie, about thirty-five miles south of Glasgow, Scotland, February 13, 1813, and remained a resident of the land of hills and heather until 1833, when he sailed from Campbellton on the vessel Margaret, of Londonderry, which three months later dropped anchor in the harbor of Quebec. It was two years afterward that his parents came to the new world. David Reid resided in Canada until 1848, when, on a prospecting tour, he visited Kane county, Illinois, and made investment in one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hampshire township. He then returned to his old home but in the spring of 1850 took

up his permanent abode in this county, spending more than a half century upon the farm which he first purchased. At different times he added to his property until he became the owner of three hundred and sixty acres, but, selling a portion of this, he owned at the time of his death the south half of section 17. He reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years, passing away in 1901. He was married in Canada to Olive Powley, whose birth occurred in Frontenac county in April, 1813, and who passed away on the old family homestead in Hampshire township, this county, in 1871. Her father, William Powley, a native of Pennsylvania, attained the age of ninety years. His parents lived in America prior to the Revolutionary war, but after the close of that struggle returned to Germany, their native country, where they spent several years and then came again to the new world. William Powley married Elizabeth Hoffman, and about the time of the outbreak of the war of 1812 removed to Canada, where he purchased land and carried on farming throughout his remaining days. It was his daughter Olive who became the wife of David Reid, and three of their children still survive: John, a banker of Kansas; Charles P.; and Martha, who is the wife of Alexander R. Walker and yet lives upon the old family homestead.

Brought to Kane county during his infancy, Dr. Reid pursued his early education in the public schools of Hampshire and afterward attended the Elgin Academy and Clark Seminary, now Jennings Seminary, in Aurora. He engaged in teaching school during six winter terms and in the summer months devoted his time and energies to farming. In the meantime he began reading medicine, preparatory to making its practice his life work. He pursued his studies privately for a time, and then continued his reading under the direction of Dr. Kelly, of Elgin, prior to his matriculation in the Bennett Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1872. He was also a student in the Pharmaceutical College of Chicago and after successfully passing his examination there, devoted three years to the practice of pharmacy in that city.

Dr. Reid located for the practice of medicine in Hampshire in 1875 and there continued until 1888, after which he joined his brother in Kansas City, Kansas, continuing a member of the medical profession at that point until 1894. He then returned to Hampshire and has since enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, to which his ability well entitles him. He reads broadly, thinks deeply and makes correct application of his knowledge to the needs of his patients. In the summer of 1898 he pursued a post-graduate course in the Polyclinic College of Chicago, where he obtained broad knowledge of the improved methods of medical and surgical practice. He was again a student there in 1903 and 1907, and he also did post-graduate work in the Herring Hospital in Chicago in 1907.

Dr. Reid is interested in various scientific subjects and possesses not a little inventive genius. His ability in this direction has resulted in several tangible forms, one of his inventions being an improved electric alarm, which not only gives warning at the entrance of a burglar, but also when the wires are cut or disabled—in which regard it is an improvement upon other inventions of a similar character.

On the 6th of February, 1877, occurred the marriage of Dr. Reid and Miss Rosamond Heath, who was born in Germany, and died in Kansas City, Kansas, August 16, 1899, leaving a son, Guy, while two children, Olive and Mayne, died in infancy. In 1898 Guy Reid joined Company E of the Third Illinois Regiment, which went from Elgin to Porto Rico and served during the Spanish-American war. He was subsequently for four years in the United States navy on the battleship Missouri, and was honorably discharged in October, 1907. He was on guard at the time of the explosion on that ship but, fortunately, was not seriously injured. Prior to his enlistment he was in the employ of Marshall Field & Company of Chicago, and since his retirement from the army he has been bookkeeper for the United Cigar Stores Company at Boston, Massachusetts, where he is now located.

Dr. Reid is a Mason and has filled all of the offices in the lodge at Hampshire. He has likewise taken the degrees of the chapter and commandery and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite. His name is also on the membership rolls of the Foresters and the Knights of the Maccabees. In community affairs he has been an influential factor and the village acknowledges its indebtedness to him for valuable services in its behalf. He has been a member of the village board for nineteen years, acting as president during much of this time, and for twelve years has been a member of the school board. On the expiration of his present term as a member of the board of supervisors, he will have served for ten years in that capacity. While a progressive and helpful citizen and a friend who delights in social interests, he yet regards the practice of medicine as his chief life work and allows naught to interfere with the prompt and capable performance of his duties in that connection. He is a member of the various eclectic medical societies, has been vice president of the State Eclectic Society and also keeps in touch with and attends the meetings of the regular and homeopathic societies. In his practice he has been remarkably successful in obstetrical, typhoid and diphtheria cases and the profession as well as the general public entertains high regard for his ability.

C. T. MCBRIARTY.

C. T. McBriarty, conducting a fire insurance and real-estate agency in Elgin, his native city, was born May 31, 1861, a son of Anthony and Margaret (Kenealy) McBriarty. The father was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and the mother of Limerick, Ireland, and on coming to this country about 1835 they settled in New Jersey.

The father was a morocco finisher and expert worker in fine leather. The year 1849 witnessed his arrival in Elgin, where he was employed in a tannery upon the present site of Borden's Condensed Milk factory. Here he continued in business until his demise, which occurred in January, 1879. He is still survived by his wife, who yet makes her home in Elgin. Anthony

McBriarty served as a soldier in the Mexican war and was also a member of Mulligan's Irish Brigade and for four years was thus connected with the Union army in the Civil war. At Lexington, Missouri, he was captured but subsequently was paroled and returned home with a blanket around him, having no clothing. After the reorganization of the regiment he was in Mulligan's Brigade in the Hancock Corps and went to Washington, D. C., where he witnessed the hanging of Mrs. Surratt, who was hanged as an accessory in the assassination of President Lincoln, Mr. McBriarty being on military duty at the time of the execution. Several times while at the front he was wounded and left the army with a number of scars, which were badges of honor, showing that he was ever fearless in defense of the stars and stripes. He had all of the experiences of warfare, including the long hard marches and the lack of food, together with the active duty in the face of the enemy's fire. He held the rank of first lieutenant in Mulligan's Brigade and was a splendid specimen of humanity, standing six feet one inch in height and manifesting the most commendable soldierly qualities. The grandfather of our subject in the maternal line was Thomas McMahon, Lord Mayor of Limerick, Ireland.

C. T. McBriarty, after attending the Elgin public schools, studied law with James Coleman and John Brown for four years. He worked into the insurance and real-estate business and has since continued in this line, being formerly a member of the firm of Coleman & McBriarty. He is now alone in business and represents the Metropolitan of Chicago, the German of Pittsburg, the Western, also of that city, the National of Allegheny, City of New York, of New York, the Northwestern Fire of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the Allegheny, of Pennsylvania, all fire insurance companies, and has built up a fine business. He also handles considerable real estate and has negotiated many important realty transfers.

On the 17th of April, 1901, Mr. McBriarty was married to Miss Louise B. Weeks, of St. Charles, Illinois, and they have four children, Minnie C., Margaret L., Helen M. and Charles A. The parents are communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church. Mr. McBriarty is a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, the Eagles, the Red Men and the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Columbus. Unflinching perseverance and determination constitute the salient elements in his success, combined with an alert, enterprising spirit that enables him to see and grasp his opportunity.

HENRY PLATT.

Henry Platt, successfully conducting a plumbing and heating establishment in Elgin, is a native of Germany, his birth having there occurred on the 25th of October, 1871. His parents, Louis and Mary (Bloemeke) Platt, were also natives of the fatherland, born in the years 1840 and 1843 respectively. The father was a well digger. In 1880, in company with his fam-

ly, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, making his way direct to Elgin, Kane county, where he still resides.

Henry Platt supplemented the education which he had acquired in his native land by attending the public schools of Elgin, and after putting aside his text-books followed the cooper's trade for five years. He then learned the plumbing business and in 1894 started out in this line on his own account, opening a shop in Elgin in partnership with Mr. O'Flaherty. This connection continued until 1897, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Platt bought out the business of James O'Connell on Grove avenue, there continuing for three years. Subsequently he removed to his present location at No. 50 Douglas avenue and has here since conducted a sanitary plumbing and heating establishment, meeting with a gratifying and well-merited measure of prosperity in his undertakings.

On the 27th of April, 1899, Mr. Platt was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary F. Brenner, a daughter of August and Wilhelmina (Odebrecht) Brenner, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. One child has been born to this union, Agnes Dorathy, whose birth occurred in March, 1901.

In his political views Mr. Platt is a staunch republican, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the German Methodist church. He is highly respected and esteemed throughout the community as a man of excellent business ability and genuine personal worth, whose aid and influence are always given on the side of improvement and upbuilding.

CHARLES EHORN.

Charles Ehorn, deceased, was one of the representative farmers of Kane county, and although born on the other side of the Atlantic he was a faithful and loyal citizen, fighting for the preservation of the Union when the country became involved in civil strife. He was a native of Germany, his natal day being February 5, 1846, and he spent the first fifteen years of his life in the fatherland, where he was given a good practical education. His father was a merchant of that country.

Arriving in America at the age of fifteen years, Mr. Ehorn located in Dundee, Illinois, and there worked on a farm for some time. He was only eighteen years of age when he entered the service of his adopted country during the war of the Rebellion, becoming a member of Company I, Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained for eighteen months. On being discharged from the army at the close of hostilities, Mr. Ehorn returned to Dundee and resumed farming, which occupation he continued to follow throughout life.

On the 10th of August, 1867, Mr. Ehorn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Fierke, a daughter of John and Mary (Denmin) Fierke, and to them were born twenty children, of whom three died in infancy. The others are still living, namely: Mary, Carrie, Fred, Elizabeth, Charles, Anna, John, Christopher, Harry, Frank, Albert, Clara, Edward, Arthur, Ralph,

Mabel and George. All are now self-supporting and they constitute a highly esteemed family. Mr. Ehorn died September 18, 1905, in the faith of the Lutheran church, with which he long held membership, and he had the respect and confidence of all who knew him.

MRS. JULIA I. KEENAN.

Having been born, reared and educated in Kane county, Mrs. Julia I. Keenan, of Blackberry township, is entirely a product of the county, and is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of its people. Her life began in Campton township, February 10, 1863, and she is a daughter of James and Susan (Shaw) Crosby, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Saratoga, New York. The other children born in the family of her parents were Rose, the wife of John H. Hall, a resident of Campton township; Mary M., the wife of Thomas Murphy, a progressive farmer; Richard, who lives in Elburn; Clara, who is living at home; Frank, a locomotive engineer, with his residence in Chicago; Edward, who is still at home; and David, Susie and Anna, who are deceased.

Mrs. Keenan attended the public schools, and after due preparation, entered Elburn high school, which she left when she was sixteen. She returned to her father's home and remained there until her marriage, which occurred June 25, 1884. After that event she took up her residence with her husband on the farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres on which she now lives. Her husband was Michael M. Keenan, who was born in Kaneville township, December 4, 1853, and died on his farm, February 3, 1908. He was educated in the public schools, which he left at the age of sixteen years, thereafter working on the farm with his father until his marriage, when he settled on his own farm. This farm is well developed, highly cultivated and extensively improved, Mr. and Mrs. Keenan having expended more than five thousand dollars in improvements and appliances for carrying on the work appertaining to it and the dairy business connected with it, which has been in operation during the last seven years. Mrs. Keenan owns a gasoline engine as motive power for her farm work, and all the other modern equipment of a first-class farm.

Her husband was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, in which he held a two thousand dollar certificate at the time of his death. He was an ardent democrat in political faith and was prominent in the public life of the county, serving some years as township collector and as school director during the whole of his residence in the district. He was very much interested in the cause of public education and devoted a great deal of time and energy to promoting it.

Four children came to brighten their beautiful home and add to their domestic happiness. These are: Francis J., who was born December 26, 1885; Leo M., who was born May 31, 1890; Clarence C., who was born January 8, 1894; and Donald M., who was born February 18, 1903.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Keenan has managed the farm and the dairy herself. She is a resolute and resourceful woman, with fine business capacity, and is recognized as such wherever she is known. She conducts her affairs with skill and excellent judgment, and her property is growing in value and productiveness in her capable hands. She is also known far and wide for her intelligent and helpful interest in all matters of public import and every thing that will contribute to the advancement of her community and the welfare of its people. She is, in short, a typical American woman of the better class, who relies on herself and knows what to do at all times for her own advantage and the good of her friends, neighbors and fellow citizens in general.

WILLIAM PERCY.

The son of a Burlington township farmer and himself born in that township, and there also reared and educated, William Percy, a prosperous and progressive farmer and dairyman there, has passed his life to this time among the scenes which now surround him and the people with whom he mingles from day to day. His life began November 7, 1871, and has so far been devoted, since his boyhood, to the cultivation of the soil.

His father, Robert Percy, was born in England and became a resident of the United States and of Illinois at the age of forty. He took up his residence at Elgin, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick, making many of those which went into the construction of the older buildings, among them the old Wavey House. He married Agnes Varty, like himself a native of England, and after his marriage settled on a farm of two hundred and forty acres which he bought in Burlington township.

On this farm he and his wife died after many years of useful and productive labor, and their remains were laid to rest in the South Burlington cemetery. Their children were: William; Mirah, John, Harrison and Daniel, all deceased; Robert S., who lives in Burlington; Edgar W., a farmer, who is also a resident of Burlington. The father was a republican in politics and served a number of years as school director. He was a man of standing and influence in his community.

William Percy was educated in the Middleton district school, which he attended during the winter months, working to aid in supporting himself in the summers. He left school when he was about twenty, and during the next five years assisted his father on the home farm. On April 9, 1896, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Delles in Chicago. She is a native of DeKalb county, Illinois, and has passed the whole of her life to this time in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Percy have four children: Dorothy, Agnes, Harold and Amy, all at home.

Soon after their marriage the parents settled on the farm on which they now live. This contains eighty acres of good land, well improved and abundantly watered. It is two miles and a half from a railroad station and three-fourths of a mile from the nearest schoolhouse. Mr. Percy is a judicious

farmer and cultivates his land with vigor and excellent judgment. He raises a variety of crops, and in addition to his farming operations carries on a thriving dairy business, keeping eighteen cows for the purpose. He is prosperous in his undertakings and stands well in the regard and good will of his fellow citizens, being looked upon as one of the township's most enterprising, public-spirited and representative men.

HERMAN THEODORE KLUG.

Herman Theodore Klug, deceased, was born in Germany on the 27th of February, 1862, and came to the United States when a young man of twenty-one years, locating in Chicago. In the metropolis he learned the laundry business and subsequently conducted an extensive steam laundry on the corner of Albany and Harrison streets. Five years ago he sold out the establishment and became head laundryman at the Boys' Home at St. Charles, making his home at Five Islands, Elgin. He had purchased a place in Elgin on the west side, but died before removing there. While out hunting one day, near St. Charles, he was accidentally shot by a companion, his death occurring within an hour, on the 26th of June, 1905.

On the 10th of November, 1884, Mr. Klug was united in marriage to Miss Lilly Elfers, a daughter of Henry and Katherine (Gobbert) Elfers, natives of Germany. Her father, whose birth occurred in 1839, passed away in the fatherland in 1882, but her mother, who was born June 12, 1845, still survives, making her home in Chicago. Unto our subject and his wife were born six children, namely: Theodore Ludwig, Clara P., Arthur H., Hugo E., Meta M. M. and Alma L.

In his political views Mr. Klug was a stalwart republican, and fraternally was connected with the Knights of Pythias. Coming to the new world when a young man, he wisely utilized the broader business opportunities offered in a land unhampered by caste or class and won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings. He was popular with his associates and gained an extensive circle of friends, both in Chicago and in St. Charles.

WILLARD EUGENE FILLMORE.

Willard Eugene Fillmore was born in the village of Lodi, now Maple Park, January 27, 1856. His father, Benjamin Fillmore, was born in Miramiche, New Brunswick, June 25, 1833. John Fillmore, the father of Benjamin, was born in Nova Scotia, being a descendant of that name among the English settlers in Nova Scotia, after the expulsion of the Arcadians, or French settlers, around the Bay of Fundy. John Fillmore migrated to the northern part of New Brunswick and engaged in the manufacture of shingles at Miramiche, a small village near New Castle, where Benjamin was born.

About 1844 he came with his family to Illinois and entered a tract of land southwest of the present village of Lily Lake, now owned by Nicholas Fiddler, Jr. He patented another tract of land near Lodi, to which he removed his family about 1852. There he continued to reside until near the time of his death, at the age of ninety-four years. This farm is now owned by William Reeves and Osbert H. Fillmore, a grandson, with the exception of that part included in Fillmore's addition to Maple Park. Benjamin Fillmore was married in 1854 to Mary Boyd, a native of Herkimer county, New York, whose family went to Chicago in 1838. He was a carpenter by trade but receiving a share of the home farm, removed to it in 1865. In 1883 he went to South Dakota, where he now resides. His wife, Mary Boyd Fillmore, died in April, 1901. Their family consisted of five children: Willard Eugene; Rosa E.; Lillian, now deceased; Osbert H.; and Mary, now of Canton, Ohio.

Willard Eugene Fillmore lived on the farm near Maple Park with his parents, as most farmer boys do, assisting in the duties of the farm and attending the public school during the winter months. In 1878 he went to Wheaton, where he pursued a three years' course of study, graduating with his class in 1880. After graduating he entered upon the duties of a teacher, which profession he followed for more than twenty years. In the fall of 1901 he gave up teaching and became a farmer, in which vocation he still continues.

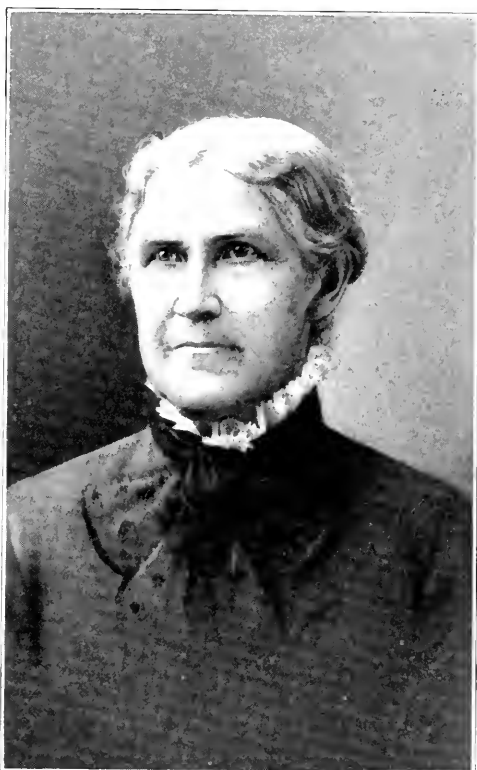
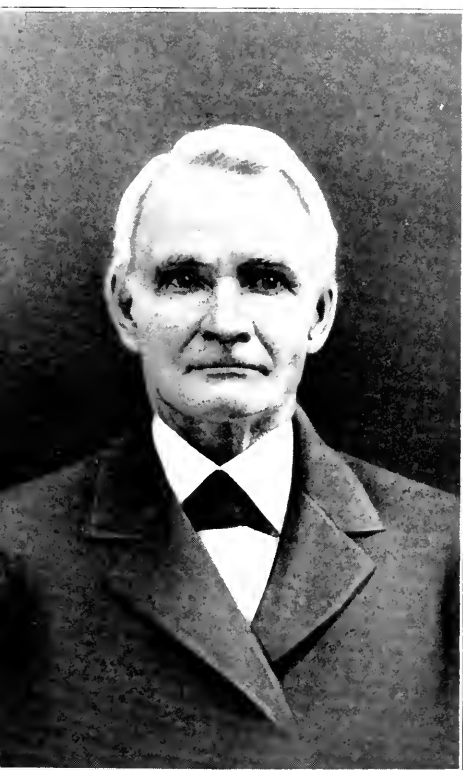
Mr. Fillmore was married in 1885 to Miss Mina Miller, of Steward, Lee county, Illinois. Of this union there is one son, Willard E., Jr., now of South Dakota.

In 1898 Mr. Fillmore joined the Sons of Veterans Regiment for the war in Cuba. This regiment was later mustered into the state service as the Sons of Veterans Regiment, I. N. G., and was called out to put down a strike in the coal region around Pana and Virden, in October, 1898, the regiment being out about six weeks.

In politics Mr. Fillmore is a republican and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the blue lodge, A. F. & A. M.; the chapter; Mystic Workers of the World; and the Modern Woodmen of America.

WILLIAM PRICE.

William Price, deceased, was born in County West Meath, Ireland, July 4, 1816, and in 1831, when he was but fifteen years of age, set out with his older brother Hugh to make a home in America, which had been represented to them as a land of boundless opportunity in all business, social and political relations. Their original intention was to go to the home of an uncle at Mount Talbot, Canada, and place themselves under his protection and guidance. But an old friend advised them to "steer clear" of all relatives and depend wholly on themselves. This they determined to do and instead of going to Mount Talbot located in Vermont, where William worked on a farm for a time, but soon afterward became a handy boy around a stage barn, spending two years in the care of horses. While so employed he



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM PRICE



often heard from travelers glowing accounts of the then far west, and with his fancy crowded with anticipations of what might await him in that remote and unsettled region, he turned his face once more toward the setting sun and came to Kane county in May, 1841.

Here he passed the remainder of his life, carved a good estate out of the wilderness and established himself high in the esteem of his fellow-men. Those were stirring days in which he landed here and began life on the wild, unbroken prairie. Selecting what he considered the best of the region for his homestead, he hurried to Chicago, paid the required fee and secured a receipt from the government land office. For years Mr. Price hauled everything he raised to Chicago, for it was a long time before the railroad was built near his place. He experienced all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and performed all the arduous work of developing a new farm. His was one of the first frame houses in Sugar Grove township and he was one of the most influential factors in the growth and development of this part of the state, especially contributing to its agricultural progress.

The lady with whom he was destined to walk life's journey for more than half a century came to Kane county with her parents in 1835, and in 1843 she and Mr. Price were united in marriage. She bore the maiden name of Mary M. Smith and was a native of Erie county, Pennsylvania. On the 23d of August, 1900, at the age of eighty-one, she departed this life beloved by her children and universally esteemed by the people among whom she had lived and labored so long as a kind and good neighbor and an upright, high-minded and public-spirited woman. Her husband's death occurred three years and four days later, on August 27, 1903. He was not a member of any church but was always very liberal in aiding the church by generous contributions to the work. He was a man of most charitable spirit, who gave freely to the poor and needy and his life was a most upright and honorable one, so that he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. He never desired public office, but was regarded as one of the leaders of the democracy and manifested at all times a public-spirited and loyal citizenship that worked for the good of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Price were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom survived them: Olive M., who was born in 1844; Judith Janette, the wife of Charles Benton, of Kanesville, Illinois, who was born in 1845; Hugh, a valued resident of Sandwich, Illinois, who was born in 1847; Minnie, who was born February 9, 1850, and also lives on the homestead together with her brothers; George, who was born February 22, 1852; Nancy, born in 1854, the wife of Richard Berry, of Kaneville; William W., born April 29, 1856; and Jessie, born in 1862, the wife of C. D. Cornell, of Plano, this state. George has never married, but on March 8, 1904, William was united in wedlock with Miss Cecilia M. Larson, a native of Sweden, born November 4, 1884. She accompanied her parents to this country in 1887. The domestic altar set up by this interesting couple has been cheered and sanctified by one child, their son Stanley William, whose life began July 19, 1906.

George and William Price began their education in the country schools and finished it at the Aurora high school. They are democrats in political affiliations but, while devoted to their party and its principles, they have never sought any of its honors or emoluments for themselves, preferring to serve their country from the exalted post of a private station, and give their time wholly to the care and management of their farm, which has been highly improved and rendered very productive by their industry and skill. They have also given much attention to raising fine horses and hogs, and what they breed are very widely and favorably known for their excellence in all essential and leading features. The life story of these gentlemen bears its own comment. To the reflective mind it is in brief the history of America itself. Nature poured out her bounty on the soil of this country and waited for ages with all her immeasurable patience for the sons of men to come and take advantage of it. In due time they came and, accepting her favors at her own price, purchased them with the required sacrifice, effort and endurance. For she did not sell them cheap or surrender them without adequate recompense. She demanded the eye to see, the alertness to seize and the genius to develop the opportunities she offered, and when these were tendered she yielded up her treasures graciously and abundantly. The Price brothers and their parents were among her chosen people, and she has not been negligent or grudging toward them. Their industry and thrift have wrought out for them a fine estate in her very lap of luxuries, and their high character, sterling worth and uprightness of demeanor toward all mankind have enshrined them in the hearts of their fellowmen at an altitude that is above the reach of envy, malice or ill will.

JAMES STAINFIELD.

Self-educated through private study and reading industriously pursued under great difficulties and discouragements, and taught wisdom in the rugged but thorough school of experience, James Stainfield of Sugar Grove township, is a man of broad intelligence, keen analytical powers and excellent judgment. He is a native of England, born at Scunthorpe, near the town of Briggs, in Lincolnshire, July 12, 1840.

His parents, James and Betsey (Warton) Stainfield, were also English by nativity, the former born at Scunthorpe and the latter in Appleby. The father passed the whole of his life near his native village, never going many miles from it, and died there in 1890. The mother died at Scunthorpe in 1842. They were the parents of two children, James and John S., the latter of whom died in County Durham, England, where he had been employed for many years as weighmaster for the Carleton Iron Works.

Mr. Stainfield's parents were poor and he had very meager opportunities for obtaining an education, attending school but a few months in all his life, and his father never went to school at all. But the son was studious by nature and yearned for larger stores of the knowledge contained in books,

of which he had enjoyed but fleeting and tantalizing glimpses. He was obliged to work for a very paltry compensation, but even out of this he managed to save enough for an occasional purchase of a book, and all that he got he devoured with an increasing appetite that grew by what it fed on. He was employed as a farm hand for many years, but grew tired of the exactions of the arduous toil and its meager recompense. So at the age of twenty-three he tried to better his fortunes by going to the north of his native land and taking employment in the ironstone mines. From these mines the rock loosened by blasting was lifted four hundred feet and sent to the blast furnaces, where the iron was separated from the stone. The work was very hard and full of danger, and Mr. Stainfield quit it after several months, going to work in the iron mills at Middlesborough. There for a number of years he wrought at the manufacture of iron piping, cylinders, girders, sash weights and castings of various kinds; then returned to Scunthorpe and again worked in the ironstone mines.

In 1869 he emigrated to the United States and located at Plainfield, Will county, Illinois. In that county he worked as a farm hand for two years, all the time laying his plans for a business and a home of his own and steadily moving toward the realization of his desires. On March 7, 1871, he was married to Miss Mary Baxter, who was born at Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, England, and soon afterward took up his residence on a farm which he rented near Plainfield, from which he moved to the farm on which he now lives in section 3, Sugar Grove township, Kane county.

Mrs. Stainfield is a daughter of Samuel and Helen (Jackson) Baxter, both of whom were born and reared in England. Her father died in this county in 1890, the year in which her husband's father died, and but a few months prior to that event. Her mother, sprightly and active at the age of eighty-three, is still living and makes her home with her daughter and son-in-law.

After renting the farm on which he lives for six years Mr. Stainfield bought it in 1882. It then contained one hundred and thirty acres, but he has made additions by subsequent purchases and now owns one hundred and fifty-seven acres. He has built a comfortable and convenient new dwelling for his family, leaving the old house to be occupied by his help on the farm, and he has otherwise greatly improved his property, which is now of considerable value and well provided with all the appliances and machinery needed for the proper cultivation of the land and the enjoyment of those who live on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Stainfield are the parents of three children: George H., a resident of Joliet, Illinois; Carrie, the wife of Harry Smith, a prosperous farmer of Sugar Grove township; and Earl R., a young man of nineteen years who is living at home attending school and assisting in the work of the farm. The father has been a school director for fifteen years and is now township school trustee. He is an earnest advocate of general public education and made his faith practical by educating all his children at the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial school, from which his daughter, Mrs. Harry Smith, was graduated a few years ago. He is a man of great energy, enterprise

and resourcefulness, and has operated his farm very successfully. For twenty years or more he conducted an extensive dairy in addition to his general farming activities. He and his wife take great interest in and contribute essentially to the proceedings of the Sugar Grove Farmers Club, of which they are zealous and valued members.

By his own unaided efforts, through his natural shrewdness, unconquerable energy and persistent industry and economy, this good man and useful citizen has built his fortunes up from nothing in this western world, and, while doing so, has not been unmindful of the claims of the country and his fellowmen to his consideration. He has borne well his part in reference to all matters of public improvement in his township, here and wherever he has lived in the state, and has given all observers an example of uprightness, diligence and thrift worthy of general imitation. He has not spent his strength for naught. He has a present reward in the comfort he enjoys and the material substance which he possesses, in one way, and in the universal regard and good will in which he is held, in another and more gratifying way.

The oldest son of the family, George H. Stainfield, married Miss Mattie Mighl, June 23, 1897, and for several years cultivated a part of his father's farm. He is now a member of the Joliet Steel Construction Company, and is engaged in cement bridge and other construction work. He has two children, Adrian and Lyle. Harry Smith, husband of the daughter, Carrie Stainfield Smith, is a prominent farmer and the present assessor of Sugar Grove township.

GEORGE RANDALL BAGLEY.

George Randall Bagley, who holds a responsible position with the Elgin National Watch Company, was born on the 11th of July, 1849, in New Hampshire, and is a son of Jacob and Caroline (Woods) Bagley, who spent their entire lives in the east. By occupation the father was a farmer. Our subject was reared to agricultural pursuits and acquired his education in the public schools of his native state. In 1871 he came west and located in Elgin, Illinois, where he accepted a position in the motion department of the Elgin National Watch Company's factory, with which he has since been connected. His fidelity to duty won him promotion and he is now foreman of the job department, having forty men and women working under him.

On the 26th of October, 1878, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bagley and Miss Jennie L. Pingree, a daughter of Israel S. and Harriet (Thurston) Pingree, of Elgin. Her paternal grandfather was Rev. Andrew Pingree, who was born in Rowley, Essex county, Massachusetts, February 17, 1775. In 1838 he became a resident of Kane county, Illinois, casting in his lot with the pioneers of this region, and he took an active and prominent part in its early development and upbuilding. He was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, for he died on the 25th of March, 1846. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Abbie Straw, was born in Weare, New Hampshire, in 1786. Mr. and Mrs. Bagley have become the parents of two children: Verna

May, who was born May 10, 1883, and died on the 6th of April, 1889; and Glen David, who was born September 20, 1890, and was graduated from the Elgin high school in 1908. Winning the scholarship of Kane county, he entered the University of Illinois at Champaign in the fall of 1908 and will pursue a course in electrical engineering. The family is one of prominence in Elgin, and Mr. and Mrs. Bagley attend the Universalist church. In his political views Mr. Bagley is a republican and takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs.

HENRY PROSPER PRATT.

This wide-awake, enterprising and progressive miller has been engaged in a number of useful occupations in his thirty-seven years of life, and has shown his worth and capacity in all. He is a native of Kane county, born near Bald Mound, June 2, 1871. His parents, Charles and Julia M. (Washburn) Pratt, were born in Jefferson county, New York, and came to this county in 1868, locating near Bald Mound, where they engaged actively and successfully in farming. In 1898 the father made a trip to the Isthmus of Panama, where he died. The mother now lives in Elburn with her son Walter. Two children were born into the household, Henry P. and Walter C. Pratt. The latter is a carpenter in Elburn.

Henry Prosper Pratt obtained his scholastic training in the district school near his home, which he attended until he was fifteen years of age. Being ambitious to work and make his own way in the world, he secured a position as gripman on a street car line in Chicago soon after leaving school, but only worked at this exacting occupation one year. Returning to Bald Mound at the end of that period, he learned the trade of butter-making, and, when he had completed his apprenticeship, was chosen manager of a butter factory, which he operated seven years. He then removed to a farm near La Fox, on which he lived and worked with success three years. Seeing what he considered a better opportunity for his advancement and a more agreeable employment of his faculties in the milling business, he bought the mill in the neighborhood of Bald Mound which he now owns and operates.

This mill is well equipped with modern machinery, having an eighty horse-power engine and all the other devices of modern milling of the most approved pattern. It is valued at six thousand dollars, and good judges agree that it is well worth the money. Mr. Pratt does custom work exclusively, and such is the excellence of his output that he has all he can do and the capacity of his mill is often overtaxed. He has owned the mill four years, and during that time it has steadily grown in popular favor and the volume of its trade. It is three miles from La Fox and convenient to a large extent of the surrounding country. Mr. Pratt also owns a farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres a mile and a half west of La Fox.

Mr. Pratt was married June 27, 1899, to Miss Hazel McGuire, a native of Kane county, born near Bald Mound. They are the parents of two chil-

dren: Ralph M., who was born January 9, 1901; and Dorothy L., whose life began July 30, 1903.

In his business Mr. Pratt has prospered and is prospering. In his relations and dealings with his friends, neighbors and fellowmen generally he is fair, square and manly. In his citizenship he is elevated and elevating, and in his domestic life he exemplifies, modestly and unostentatiously, but none the less sincerely and effectively, the desirable traits of a good husband and father. While pursuing his chosen occupation and giving his attention mainly to his own affairs, he is never indifferent to public matters or the enduring welfare of the country around him, but does his part in endeavoring to promote the general weal and the best interests of all the people.

PARKER FERSON.

Parker Ferson, who passed away at St. Charles on the 20th of July, 1876, was born in Bradford, New Hampshire, March 9, 1812. His father, Alexander Ferson, was a farmer by occupation and his death occurred in St. Charles in the year 1846. His son, Read Ferson, was one of two men who founded St. Charles, arriving there in 1836. Altogether there were seven brothers and one sister who came to St. Charles.

Parker Ferson acquired his education in the public schools of his native state, and taught school in the east before his removal westward in 1840. Purchasing a farm of one hundred and ten acres in St. Charles, he there began farming and continued to carry on agricultural pursuits until the time of his demise, meeting with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity in his undertakings.

While still residing in the east Mr. Ferson was married, but his wife died shortly after coming west and the two children born of that union are also deceased. At St. Charles, on the 2d of September, 1846, he wedded Miss Aurelia Clarke, a daughter of Ethan and Amy (Crandall) Clarke, of Brookfield, New York. This union has been blessed with seven children and the record of the family is as follows: Benjamin Clarke married Miss Lizzie Beckwith, by whom he has two children: Cleo; and Ethel, the wife of Robert Rothstein. Fred Parker enlisted for service in the Civil war in 1863 as a member of Company E, Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry, and served throughout the remainder of the war, being in Missouri most of the time. He was less than fifteen years of age at the time of his enlistment and passed away June 27, 1876, at the age of twenty-seven years. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Williams, resides with her two children, Fred W. and Eugene C., in Iowa. Sarah Jane became the wife of Peter Youngs and they had one child, Clara, who died in infancy, while the mother passed away December 30, 1877. Frances A. was until recently engaged in teaching in Elgin and St. Charles townships, but now resides with her mother in Elgin.

Mary Caroline Ferson became the wife of Smith Younges on the 24th of December, 1874. Her four children are as follows: Clyde Ferson, who

married Margaret Gadke, by whom he has two children, Smith Parker and Kenneth George; Nellie S., the wife of George Slimpin; Maud M., the wife of Jesse Murphy; and Elizabeth E. Smith Younges was born in New York, October 17, 1852, a son of Charles and Magdalen (Lingenfelter) Younges, born in 1820 and 1822 respectively. The father, who was a farmer and stock dealer, passed away at Plato in 1867, while his wife survived him until 1901. Their son, Smith Younges, came westward when a young man and in 1880 purchased a farm in Elgin township, now Youngsdale (named in his honor), on the Illinois Central Railway. As the years have gone by he has gradually added to his holdings until he now owns five hundred acres of rich and valuable land, and in addition to the work of tilling the soil makes a specialty of stock raising and dealing. He has been very successful in both branches of his business and is widely recognized as a prominent resident of the community. In his political views he is a republican and has served as school director and in other local offices.

Charles William Ferson married Miss May Lyon, and passed away March 20, 1889, at the age of thirty years. Clifford E. married Miss Hattie Wood, by whom he has two children, Elsie and William.

Parker Ferson, the subject of this review, gave his political allegiance to the republican party and was active in the local work of the organization, continuously holding office. He strongly championed the cause of education through his service as school director, and likewise acted as road commissioner. While living in the east he was a member of the Congregational church but did not become affiliated with any denomination after coming to Illinois. He was well known and highly esteemed throughout the community and gained an extensive circle of friends by reason of his upright, honorable life and genial social qualities.

JOSEPH H. WINTERHALTER.

Among the younger men who are prominent in business circles in Virgil is numbered Joseph H. Winterhalter, who deals in grain, lumber and coal and also operates a grist mill. He was born in Virgil township, August 7, 1875, a son of John B. and Elizabeth (Smith) Winterhalter, who were natives of Germany, the former coming to America when eighteen years old, while the latter was a little maiden of three years at the time she was brought by her parents to the new world. The father, upon his arrival here, went to work on a farm in Pennsylvania. At the outbreak of the Civil war he joined a company of New Jersey cavalry, with which he remained for five years. During the war Mr. Winterhalter learned the barber's trade and after the close of the war opened a shop in Georgetown, Virginia, where he remained for five years, at the end of which time he went to Chicago, where he worked at the barber's trade. Believing that farming would prove more congenial to him on account of his health he disposed of his business in that city and purchased a farm in Virgil township, Kane county, which he continued to cultivate throughout a

long period. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. The wife and mother still survives.

Joseph H. Winterhalter, the immediate subject of this review, acquired his education in the district and high schools, attending the latter for one year. He was reared to farm life, early being trained to the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Upon starting out in life on his own account he engaged in his present business, handling grain, lumber and coal, and he also operates a grist mill. He has built up a large trade, owing to his reasonable prices and his honorable business methods, and today stands as one of the substantial business men of this part of Kane county.

Mr. Winterhalter was married in Maple Park, in 1898, to Miss Catherine McMahon, and their union has been blessed with five children, Leroy, Irene, John, Paul and Helen.

Following in the political footsteps of his father, Mr. Winterhalter gives his support to the republican party and is a communicant of the Catholic church. His enterprising and progressive spirit have made him a typical American in every sense of the word. By constant exertion associated with good judgment he has raised himself to the position which he today occupies in business circles, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him.

JOHN MCGOUGH.

This energetic and successful farmer and dairyman of Burlington township has exemplified in his career the versatility and resourcefulness of the Irish race, which he inherits from his father, and the all-conquering spirit of the American, to which he was born himself. He is a native of DeKalb county, Illinois, where his life began on September 10, 1860.

His father, James McGough, was born in Dublin, Ireland, and when he was seventeen years old came to this country with his parents. The family located first in Canada, but two years afterward moved into the United States, taking up a residence in DeKalb county of this state. The father bought a farm, and for some years carried on the manufacture of brick in connection with his farming operations. He married May Walker, who was born in Canada, but when a small girl came to Illinois with her parents. Six children were born in the McGough household: John; Henry, a real-estate agent living at home; Fred, who is farming in Nebraska; Ida, who married John R. Ward, now deceased; Harry, who lives in Genoa, Illinois; and Charles, who died some years ago.

John McGough pursued his education in the Middleton schoolhouse, attending school at intervals until he was twenty years old. He then yielded to a longing for life in the west, and going to the plains far beyond the Mississippi, found employment for a time as a cowboy. Afterward he lived for short periods in Kansas and Nebraska, and then learned the art of butter-making in all its branches, at which he worked for fourteen years. At the

end of that period he returned to the parental homestead, on which he has ever since resided. He is now in active control of the farm and is working it with skill and industry, farming with judgment and carrying on a prosperous dairy business in connection, with eighteen excellent cows as a source of supply.

The farm contains two hundred and twenty acres and is located one mile and a quarter from the railroad station, the same distance from the nearest schoolhouse and one mile and a half from a butter factory which gives him a ready market for his dairy products. He has put improvements valued at ten thousand dollars on the farm, making it one of the attractive country homes of the township, and has brought the land to a high state of development and productiveness. While taking no very active interest or part in political affairs, he supports the republican party at national elections. In local matters he looks to the good of the township and its people, with an eye single to their welfare and the promotion of their best interests, to which he is loyally and practically devoted. He is a good and progressive citizen and is universally esteemed as such.

TENNYSON E. SHOLES.

The son of parents who are natives of Burlington township, and himself born and reared within its limits, educated in its schools, reared on its soil and married to one of its native daughters, Tennyson E. Sholes is distinctly and wholly a product of that township, and has all his life, up to this time, been connected with its interests and employed in its development and improvement.

His life began in Hampshire, March 1, 1884, and he is a son of Earn and Jennie (Wright) Sholes, both born in Burlington township and for many years engaged in farming one of its attractive and productive farms. The father is a republican in political alliance, a school director in official life, and connected with the Masonic order, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows fraternally. For fourteen years he was a manufacturer of tiles at Hampshire, but at the end of that period removed to his farm on which he has ever since resided. His wife's father died a number of years ago and his remains rest in Bluff City cemetery in Elgin. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Earn Sholes; Tennyson E., who is farming and dairying; and Vernon S., Orrald D., Esther J. and Winifred P., who are still living with their parents.

Tennyson E. Sholes obtained his education at the high school in Hampshire, which he attended until he reached the age of fifteen. He then passed six years on the farm working with his father. On attaining his majority he secured employment at Kewanee but some little time later again became a farmer, settling on the place which he now occupies. On November 9, 1907, he was married at Geneva to Miss Fern Irene Auble, who was born in Burlington township, where her parents are still living.

From the time of taking possession of it Mr. Sholes has devoted all his time and energy to his farm and the dairy industry which he conducts in connection with it. He has been industrious, enterprising and judicious in all his undertakings, and has made every dollar he has in money or property through his own diligence and good management, trusting nothing to chance and waiting for no smiles of fortune, but steadily forging ahead on his own account and holding every step of his progress. He carries on general farming, raising varied and alternate crops, and also keeps seventeen cows as the source of his dairy business. He does well his part in all the public and private relations of life and has a firm place in the regard and respect of his fellow citizens of every class.

JAMES SHAW.

Among the men who are before the public today in Aurora none have a more commendable record or enjoy to a fuller extent the respect of the public by reason of capable service than does James Shaw, the librarian of the Aurora public library and also the official reporter of the circuit and county courts of Kane county. He was born in Lancashire, England, July 9, 1840, his parents being James and Ann Shaw, who were also natives of the Merrie Isle. The father came to America in 1848 and settled at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he followed various pursuits. He died in 1869 at the age of sixty-five years, while his wife passed away in 1866 at the age of sixty years. They were Universalists in religious faith. Their family numbered four children: Hannah, deceased; Lucy, the widow of Edmund Whalley, now living at Portsmouth, New Hampshire; James, of this review; and Peter, who died when a young man.

James Shaw was only eight years of age when brought to America and was reared to manhood in Portsmouth, where he attended the public schools. When fifteen years of age he began learning the printer's trade, which he followed for many years. After the outbreak of the Civil war, however, he enlisted in 1862 for nine months' service as a member of Company K, Sixteenth New Hampshire Volunteers, serving for one year under General Banks in the Louisiana campaign, being present at the siege and surrender of Port Hudson. After the war he returned to his old home at Portsmouth and became a clerk in the navy yard at that place. The year 1865 witnessed his arrival in Chicago, where he worked as a printer on the old Republican when Charles A. Dana was its editor-in-chief. He was also employed on other papers of that city and in different job offices. While in Jerry Thompson's office word was received that a good man was wanted to go south and work on a republican newspaper at Mobile called *The Nationalist*. In company with Albert Griffin, Mr. Shaw worked on that paper until January 1, 1869, when he severed his connection with the *Nationalist* and went to Selma, where he established a paper called *The Press*.



JAMES SHAW

In 1871 Mr. Shaw returned to Mobile and was engaged in the newspaper business there till 1873, when he came north, settling at Aurora in May of that year. He then became interested with Pierce Burton in the ownership of the Aurora Herald and the partnership was continued until 1881, when Mr. Shaw withdrew and became interested in legal and general shorthand reporting. In March, 1884, he was elected clerk of the city court, which position he held about sixteen years. In June, 1884, he was also appointed librarian of the public library of Aurora, which had been established in 1882. He has held that position continuously since and has done excellent work in the care of this public institution. In 1888 he was appointed official reporter of the circuit court of Kane county and has continued in that position most of the time since, while for the past five or six years he has likewise been official reporter of the county court of Kane county.

On the 29th of June, 1885, Mr. Shaw was married to Miss Ella D. Lowd, a daughter of William B. and Rebecca (Shaw) Lowd. She was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and was there reared to womanhood, spending her girlhood days under the parental roof. Her parents were also natives of New Hampshire and had a family of thirteen children. Her father was a book-binder and bookseller and died in the east when about sixty-four years of age. His wife survived him for several years. Her people trace their ancestry in this country back to Jeremiah Shaw, who came to America in 1632 and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts, but later removed to New Hampshire. That branch of the Shaw family also trace their lineage to John Rogers, who was one of the martyrs who suffered death under the reign of Queen Mary. He was burned at the stake at Smithfield in the year 1555.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw have been born two daughters: Alice A., now (1908) junior in Wellesley College; and Marian H., who died in 1895 at the age of seven years. Mrs. Shaw is a member of Trinity Episcopal church. Mr. Shaw belongs to Jerusalem Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M.; to Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R.; and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. His salient traits of character render him personally popular and he is well fitted by long experience as well as natural qualifications for his position as city librarian as well as his work in the courts.

WALTER SCOTT CALLAGHAN.

A thrifty, enterprising and successful farmer, living in one of the beautiful country homes of Kane county, and indulging his fancy for fine livestock by breeding superior strains of hogs, Walter Scott Callaghan, of Blackberry township, gives every evidence of high prosperity in his estate and has all the elements of enjoyment around him and at his command. He was born in Troy, New York, May 4, 1857, and is a son of Gregory and Jane (Sample) Callaghan, who were natives of the Emerald isle and came to this country

in 1830, taking up their residence in Troy, New York, where the father worked at his trade as a carpenter for a number of years.

It was a time in our history when what is now the middle west but was then the far frontier was attracting the attention of the world to its vast undeveloped wealth and varied opportunities, and calling for men of industry and force to come and enjoy them. Gregory Callaghan was moved by the appeal to bring his family to Illinois, and in farming the virgin soil of Kane county he found profitable employment and built up a home and a good prosperity. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of land of the government, which he at once proceeded to break and bring into cultivation. He was a good citizen and took an active part in public affairs as a republican after the formation of the party, and enjoyed many of the fraternal and social amenities of life as a Master Mason. He has been dead a number of years.

Seven children were born to him and his wife: Thomas J., deceased; Gregory, who is a successful farmer in Butler county, Nebraska; Selden, who is also a resident of that county; Nancy, deceased; May, who is the wife of Charles Blair, of Batavia, Illinois; Maggie, who married Julius Banker, who is now a retired farmer and lives in Aurora; and Walter Scott, the subject of this review.

The last named obtained his scholastic training in the Bald Mound district school, which he left at the age of fifteen. During the next twelve years he assisted his father on the farm and lived at home. At the age of twenty-seven he was married and rented a farm on which he lived and labored three years. At the end of that period he purchased the farm of one hundred acres which is his present home. On the improvement of this farm he has expended over five thousand dollars, and has made it one of the best and most attractive in the township. It is located one mile south of Bald Mound and four miles south of La Fox.

Mrs. Callaghan, whose maiden name was Ida R. Lawrence, was born in St. Charles, Illinois, August 20, 1859. She is a descendant of the renowned Sir Robert Lawrence and graciously sustains the spirit and traditions of her ancestry. Her father, who died some years ago, and whose remains were buried in Batavia, this state, was a teacher and bookkeeper, and made a good record in each capacity. Later in life he was overseer of the United States Windmill shop at Batavia. Mrs. Callaghan had five sisters and one brother: Gertrude A., now deceased; May E., also deceased; Charles A., a farmer near Elburn; Eva, the wife of W. Kirk, a farmer living near St. Charles; Ada, who married Willis Hyde and lives in the neighborhood of Batavia; and Nellie, the wife of John Moore, a farmer residing near Geneva. Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan have no children.

Mr. Callaghan is a republican in political faith and a Modern Woodman of America in fraternal relations. He has an abiding interest in the progress and prosperity of his county and state and always does all he can to promote them, being foremost in every work for improvement and the increase of the conveniences and enjoyments of life. While averse to public life, he has served the township as collector, accepting and discharging the duties of the office for the benefit of the people and not for his own preferment or advantage.

While Mr. Callaghan has devoted himself mainly to his farming operations and has brought his farm to a high state of development and productiveness, he has not allowed this to absorb all his time or energy. He has an excellent dairy, to which twenty cows contribute their milk, and he is also an extensive breeder of fine hogs, owning some of the best bred and most valuable in the county. In every line of activity in which he has engaged his life has been an impressive illustration of intelligence and enterprise well applied and working out good results. He is highly esteemed throughout the county as a first-class citizen and representative man.

ROBERT E. MIDDLETON.

Owning a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Burlington township, which is highly improved and provided with everything necessary for its proper cultivation, and which he acquired through his own industry, frugality and ability, Robert E. Middleton, who has now retired from active pursuits, may be fitly taken as a representative of the most sturdy and sterling citizenship of Kane county. He is, moreover, a native of the township in which his activities have produced their good results, where he was born November 24, 1866.

His father, John Middleton, was born in England but came to the United States when he was seventeen years old and found in Burlington township of this county the home in the new world to which his hopes led him. After his arrival in this county he passed the first five years of his residence here as a farm hand working for wages. He then married Eleanor Varty, who was also a native of England and came to America with her parents in her childhood. They had five children, those besides Robert being: Fred, a farmer in Burlington township, a sketch of whom will be found on another page of this work; Ernest, a farmer in DeKalb county, Illinois; Mary, the wife of James Shuey; and Ella, the wife of George Russell. The father supported the republican party in national elections. He was zealous in local affairs for the good of the township, serving as a school director for a number of years.

Robert E. Middleton obtained such education as he could in the district schools, attending them at intervals as he had opportunity until he was twenty-one. The next three years he passed on his father's farm assisting in the work of cultivating it, and then set about gratifying his longing for a home and a domestic life of his own and a permanent settlement for his future years.

On January 27, 1889, he was married to Miss Jennie Ward, a native of Kane county, born in Virgil township. For eleven years after his marriage he lived on rented farms, working industriously and to advantage and living frugally, and thereby accumulating enough to buy a farm which was his home for seven years. He then removed to Sycamore, Illinois, where he owns a residence on DeKalb avenue. His farm is located on the crossroads seven and a half miles east of Sycamore and four and a half miles southwest

of Burlington. It is only a mile and a half from a school and the same distance from a cheese and butter factory. It is abundantly watered, produces fruit plentifully and in desirable variety, and it is all under cultivation. The improvements put on it by Mr. Middleton cost eight thousand dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton have three children, all of whom are living at home. They are Mabel, John and Eleanor. The father is a republican in his political allegiance, but is not an ardent partisan or an office seeker, although, for the good of the township he has served as school director and commissioner for a number of years. He is a good farmer and manager and has earned the prosperity he enjoys. He is also a good man and excellent citizen and richly deserves the general esteem in which he is held in all parts of the township.

GEORGE R. THOMPSON.

George R. Thompson, now filling the position of justice of the peace in Elgin, was formerly an electrician connected with the City Electric Railway Company. His life record began in the village of Butlersville, in Warren county, Ohio, February 24, 1850, his parents being Thornton and Catherine (Hitesman) Thompson. The father was a native of Ohio and was of Scotch-English descent. Through his mother he was a descendant of Thomas Payne.

Mrs. Catherine Thompson was born in Pennsylvania and when eleven years of age went to Ohio. The ancestor of the Hitesman family came to America during the French and Indian war as an officer in the English army under Braddock. He afterward left the army and in this country married an Irish lady and remained here. He served in the Revolutionary war. Thornton Thompson is now residing in Ohio, at the age of eighty-two years. For more than six decades he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, joining the order when twenty-one years of age. His wife died at the age of sixty-nine years. In her family were eight children, four sons and four daughters, but two of the daughters are now deceased: Those who still survive are: George R.; John, who is train master on the Mexican Central Railroad in Mexico; William G., an attorney of Hamilton, Ohio, who is prominent in democratic circles there, having served as a member of the democratic state central committee and a candidate for congress at one time; Emerson, a passenger conductor on the Mexico International Railroad; Florence, the wife of Frank M. Hall, of Charleston, West Virginia; and Mrs. Alice Wetsel, who is a widow living with her father.

George R. Thompson was reared in the village of his nativity, where he remained for some time after his marriage. His early educational privileges, afforded by the country schools, were supplemented by study in the Southwestern Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, from 1868 until 1870. He had previously been in the railroad service and again took up railroading after pursuing his normal course. He was for a time employed as brakeman and later became a conductor, and altogether he followed railroading at different

periods for about fourteen years. He then took up telephone and telegraph work in the line of construction, and was also connected with railroad construction through the south. Subsequently he returned to Cincinnati, where he was in the fire department telegraph service until the first successful electric street railway was established in Cincinnati. He then went to work for the company and in 1890 he came to Elgin as electrician for the Elgin City Street Railway Company, with which he continued for ten years, or until 1900, when the business was sold out to a new company.

The following year Mr. Thompson was elected justice of the peace and has served continuously since. In politics he has been a lifelong republican. For a time he was in the railway mail service in Cincinnati, but resigned when Grover Cleveland was first elected to the presidency. His public service has been characterized by the utmost fidelity in duty and he has proven a most capable official in his present position.

On the 8th of March, 1875, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Matilda Stoughton, who was born in Cincinnati, a daughter of Eli and Emeline Stoughton. They have become the parents of six children: Nellie P., the wife of C. C. Krieger, of Elgin; Harry C., who married Etna King and lives in Elgin; Stanley D., who died in May, 1903, at the age of twenty-four years; Kate, the wife of Frank Conyne, of this city; Anna, the wife of G. E. Peterson, also of Elgin; and Alice, at home.

In his social relations Mr. Thompson was connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men and the Order of Eagles. He also holds membership with the Sons of Veterans, being entitled to this through the fact that his father was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in 1862 and serving until the close of hostilities with the rank of first lieutenant in the Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. George R. Thompson takes a most active interest in fraternal orders and is prominent in the societies with which he is now connected. His life has been a busy and active one and whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own labor. He has been somewhat prominent in official circles in the communities in which he has lived and is now most capably discharging the duties of his present office.

ISRAEL STRAW PINGREE.

Among the early settlers of Kane county none stood higher in public esteem than Israel Straw Pingree, who was a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of this region. He was born in New Hampshire on the 12th of March, 1801, and spent his early life in the east. Deciding to try his fortune on the prairies of Illinois, he came to Kane county in 1837 and took up a tract of government land at what became known as Pingree Grove. Here he and his family experienced many of the hardships and trials of life on the frontier and he bore a prominent part in transforming the wild land into well cultivated fields. Pingree Grove was named for him and his three brothers, all of whom took up government land in that locality.

Throughout his active business life he followed farming and met with well deserved success in his labors.

In 1844 Mr. Pingree married Miss Harriet Thurston, a daughter of John and Phoebe (Inman) Thurston, who were from Ohio. Eight children blessed this union, of whom five are still living. In order of birth they are as follows: Phoebe A., who married George Coombs and resides in Elgin; Andrew C. and Hiram T., both deceased; Jennie L., the wife of George R. Bagley, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Hannah, the wife of C. J. Arnold, a resident of Denver, Colorado; Daniel, deceased; Francis, who married Fannie Wasson and resides in Elgin; Lorena A., the wife of Edward Weightman. The father of this family continued to make his home at Pingree Grove until his death and passed away in 1870.

JOHN A. PETERSON.

A well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres, situated in Virgil township, is the home of John A. Peterson, who deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in the business world, for all that he today possesses has been acquired through his own labors and well directed activity. As the name suggests, Mr. Peterson is a native of Sweden, his birth having occurred in Guttensbury, July 20, 1851. His parents, Peter and Christine Abrahamson, were likewise natives of that country, where the father was employed as a laborer. He died in Sweden when our subject was but one year old.

John A. Peterson is one of two sons born of his father's marriage and is the only one now living, his brother, Charles A., having departed this life. John A. Peterson pursued his studies in the common schools to the age of fourteen years, when he learned the painter's trade, at which he worked for four years. He next secured employment on a farm, working in that way for a similar period. At the age of nineteen years he emigrated to America, at which time he located in Galesburg, Illinois, where he spent some time but later removed to Lafayette, Indiana, being employed at labor on a railroad for one year. He then returned to Illinois, this time locating near Sycamore, where he was employed at farm labor. He lived economically and managed to save a sum sufficient to enable him to invest in land, thus becoming owner of a tract of one hundred and twenty-four acres, situated in Virgil township, three miles from Maple Park. Mr. Peterson has improved the place with good buildings and has tiled and fenced the land, thus expending eight thousand dollars in making his farm a model property. He has thirty-five acres planted to corn, fifteen acres to oats, while eighteen acres is in grass. He reserves a goodly portion for pasturage, for he keeps seventeen cows for dairy purposes, this branch of his business proving a profitable source of income. He also raises quite a large number of Poland China hogs, and in each branch of his business is meeting with success.

Mr. Peterson has been married twice. He first wedded Matilda A. Anderson, who was born in Sweden and came with her parents to America when a young lady of nineteen years, the family home being established in DeKalb, Illinois. They still survive and make their home in that city. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson was blessed with the following children: Ida S., who makes her home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Amanda G., the wife of Fred Carlson of Sycamore; Ernest E., a resident of Sycamore; August T., who makes his home with our subject; Emma G., a resident of Chicago; and William, who has departed this life. For his second wife Mr. Peterson wedded Augusta Gustafson, who was likewise a native of Sweden, and by her marriage she became the mother of three sons and a daughter, as follows: Reuben Edward, at home; Elmer Benjamin; Bessie A., at home; and Ferdinand, deceased.

Mr. Peterson's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Kane county.

DAVID C. ROACH, M.D.

Dr. David C. Roach is the only physician in active practice in the town of Burlington, Illinois, and his usefulness to the people of that part of the county can easily be inferred from this fact, and from the additional fact that he is both knowing and skillful, well up in both theory and practice and devoted to his profession. He is also diligent and conscientious in his attention to his duties.

He was born September 10, 1871, at Warren, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and is the son of John and Mary E. (Collins) Roach, the former a native of New Orleans, born February 22, 1844, and the latter of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The father left Louisiana when he was nine years old and found a new home at Warren, in this state, where he was educated in the public schools, and in the vicinity of which town he has long engaged in farming. He and his wife are now living in Warren in the enjoyment of a serene and comfortable advancement in life, with four of their twelve children still surrounding their hearthstone. The mother's father removed to Lafayette county, Wisconsin, in 1865, and it was there Mr. Roach met and married her.

The Doctor's sisters and brothers are: Anna, who is the wife of John Ball, a farmer in Iowa; Thomas, who is in the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad Company in Kansas; James, who is a carpenter at Warren, Illinois; Alice, who is a stenographer for the Cudahy Company at Milwaukee; Edwin, who is employed as a shipping clerk in Milwaukee; Francis, who is attending the State Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana; Andrew, Claire and Mary, who are living at home; Catherine, who is teaching school at Nora, Illinois;

and Marcella, who, also, is living at home. The father is a Catholic in church membership and a Modern Woodman and Knight of the Globe fraternally.

Dr. Roach attended the public schools in his native county until he was thirteen years old, and after that the high school in Warren four years. On leaving the high school he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Caldwell in Freeport, and after the desired preparation under the direction of that gentleman, became a student in the medical department of the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in 1894. For a year and a half thereafter he was one of the resident physicians in St. Francis Hospital in Freeport. During the next six years he lived and practiced in McConnell, Stephenson county, and at the end of that period took up his residence in Burlington, where he has ever since been engaged in an active general practice. He has a completely equipped modern doctor's office, with its own dispensary and all the appliances needed to meet the requirements of an up-to-date and exacting practice.

The Doctor's marriage occurred in Chicago, where he was united with Miss Emma Weber, a native of that city, where her mother is now living. They have one child, David H., who was born May 7, 1906.

Dr. Roach belongs to the Masonic order, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World, and takes an active interest in the welfare and progress of these organizations. He is also influential in public matters in the township and always earnest in the support of any good movement for its welfare. His counsel is sought and heeded as to projects of public import and his leadership in them is always warmly welcomed. In his profession he stands deservedly high, and no man is regarded with more general respect and esteem in the community.

S. N. HOOVER.

Not all men who prepare for the bar or even all who creditably pass the required examination win success in practice. Frequently the lawyer fails in the necessary preparation or does not possess that keen insight which determines the relative value of every point bearing upon his case. Possessing all the requisite attributes of the successful lawyer, S. N. Hoover is practicing at Aurora with a large and distinctively representative clientage that is proof of his capability in the field of his chosen profession.

Mr. Hoover is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Clermont county, on the 27th of December, 1867. His father, P. H. Hoover, was likewise born in Clermont county, while the grandfather, John Hoover, removed to Ohio from Pennsylvania. The family is of German lineage, however, for the great-grandfather, Jacob Hoover, came from Frankfort-on-the-Main and was the progenitor of the family in the new world. P. H. Hoover was a man of scholarly attainments and broad knowledge. In 1869 he removed westward with his family and settled at Bloomington, Illinois, where, retiring from professional life, he turned his attention to farming and was identified

with agricultural interests throughout the greater part of his remaining days. He was a prominent and stalwart champion of the republican party and was active in campaigns, doing everything in his power to promote the party's growth and insure its success. He was a man of untarnished rectitude of character, faithful to his ideals and ever loyal to the principles which governed his actions. He died in 1899 at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Augusta Prather, died in 1892.

S. N. Hoover was only two years of age when his parents came to Illinois and his education was acquired in the public schools of Bloomington and in the Wesleyan University. When it came time to decide upon a calling which he wished to make his life avocation Mr. Hoover, after looking broad over the business situation, determined upon the profession of law, pursued his studies in Bloomington and in 1891 was admitted to the bar in Denver, Colorado. Following his admission to the bar he located for practice in Colorado and in 1893 he came to Aurora, where he entered into partnership with N. F. Nichols. Later he became a partner of Senator George E. Bacon and this continued until the death of Mr. Bacon in 1896. Since that time Mr. Hoover has been alone with a large practice that is indicative of his skill and ability and the confidence reposed in him by the general public. Earnest effort, close application and undaunted wisdom are strong points in his professional career, combined with a comprehensive familiarity with law and precedent.

In 1901 Mr. Hoover was married to Miss Clara A. Luck, a native of Wisconsin. He belongs to the Masonic lodge, to the Knights of Pythias and other societies and is in full harmony with their principles of brotherly kindness and helpfulness. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is an active supporter therein, doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. In citizenship he stands for progressiveness and substantial improvement and in all his relations with his fellowmen has shown a spirit of consideration and deference that has made him popular with his fellow townsmen.

JAMES ROBERT ANDERSON.

The enterprising little town of Elburn finds a worthy representative of its business interests in James Robert Anderson, who is engaged in the hardware and furniture trade as a member of the firm of Anderson & Warne, conducting a well equipped store, and their reasonable prices and honorable dealing are securing for them a good trade.

Mr. Anderson is one of Kane county's native sons, his birth having occurred on a farm here, December 7, 1868, his parents being Oley and Annie Elizabeth Anderson. The father was born in Norway in 1832, while the mother was born in Zanesville, Ohio, 1842. About 1850 she accompanied her parents to Iowa, the family home being established in Webster City, where she afterward gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Anderson. For a time

they conducted a tavern on the old state road which enters Webster City, but later removed to Illinois, settling near Elburn in the early '60s. They encountered all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, but with the thrift and industry characteristic of his nationality, Mr. Anderson persevered in his work and in due course of time became a prosperous farmer of the community. The family numbered the following: Johnnie, now deceased; James R., of this review; Lewis, deceased; and Ethel, who resides with her parents and is employed as chief operator for the Interstate Telephone Company at Elburn.

James R. Anderson attended the district schools until fourteen years of age, when he entered the graded school of Elburn, continuing his studies to the age of eighteen years. On putting aside his text-books he returned to the farm and had the management of the property until 1892, when he retired from agricultural life and became a factor in commercial pursuits, establishing the hardware and furniture store in Elburn which he has conducted to the present time. His business was very successful.

Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Nellie M. Richmond, whose father conducted a bank at that place. Fraternally Mr. Anderson is connected with the Masonic lodge and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he is holding the office of venerable consul. He has been somewhat prominent in community affairs and was elected to the position of village trustee, in which he has served since 1904 up to the present time. In politics he is a republican and is always able to support his position by intelligent argument, for he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. The business methods he has followed are strictly straightforward and honorable and have won for him the respect as well as the commercial support of the community.

LAMSON BROTHERS.

The farming interests of Kane county find worthy representatives in Lorenzo John and Dale Elliott Lamson, who have been prominently connected with agricultural interests in Big Rock township throughout their entire lives. They represent one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families of this locality. Their father, Lorenzo John Lamson, Sr., was born September 9, 1816, in the vicinity of Bunker Hill monument at Charlestown, Massachusetts, and was a son of Samuel and Sarah (Elliott) Lamson, who were likewise natives of the old Bay state.

Removing westward, Lorenzo John Lamson established his home in Kane county on the 1st of October, 1836. He was then a young man of twenty years and he came to the west that he might benefit by its broader business opportunities. Only four years before had the Black Hawk war occurred and there were still many evidences of Indian occupancy here. Much of the land was still in possession of the government and it was undrained and uncultivated. In fact, everything was wild, not a furrow had



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been turned or an improvement made, while the native timber was still uncut. The land, however, was productive, responding rapidly to the care and labor bestowed upon it, yet much arduous labor was required to convert the wild prairie into fertile fields. Mr. Lamson secured from the government a claim of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 7, 8 and 18, Big Rock township, paying for this property the usual price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. He had no very near neighbors, but he possessed a resolute, determined spirit and bravely faced the conditions of pioneer life with all of its attendant hardships and privations. As the years passed he carried on the work of the farm and soon wrought a marked transformation in its appearance. He assisted in organizing Big Rock township and was its first township clerk. In community affairs he took an active and helpful part for many years and held various township offices whereby he promoted the political status and substantial improvement of the neighborhood. The cause of education, too, found in him a warm friend and he served for twenty-one years as school director.

In December, 1855, Lorenzo John Lamson, Sr., was married in Aurora to Miss Jane Dale, the wedding being celebrated by an Episcopal clergyman. Mrs. Lamson was born in Durham county, England. The Lamson family is also of English descent. Mrs. Lamson's father was Thomas Dale, who settled in Big Rock township in 1852, coming here direct from England with his wife and younger children. He had married Ann Stoddart, also a native of England. His birth occurred at Eagle Cliff, Yorkshire, August 13, 1786, while his wife was born at Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, April 19, 1794. They were married at Middlem, England, in November, 1812, and became parents of fifteen children, but only one is now living, Mrs. Alfred Sommers, who makes her home in La Grange, Illinois. One son of the family was killed in the Sepoy Rebellion while serving with the English army in India. Two other brothers, Henry and William Dale, were sea captains. The former died at Sligo, Ireland, June 15, 1871, while the latter sailed to the East Indies in command of a merchant vessel and was never heard from again. The father, Thomas Dale, died July 26, 1862, while the mother passed away March 20, 1876.

Their daughter Jane, as stated, became the wife of Lorenzo John Lamson, and they began their domestic life upon the farm in Big Rock township, which was their place of residence throughout their remaining years. Prior to his marriage Mr. Lamson had made considerable advance in a financial way, for as the years went by he had prospered in his undertakings. When he came to the west in 1836 his cash capital on reaching Chicago was but fifty cents, and yet with that sum of money he could have purchased two acres of land where the federal building now stands. It was a swamp and was considered of practically no value. He did not tarry on the site of the future western metropolis, however, but made his way to Kane county and through his remaining days was one of the substantial farmers of Big Rock township. His first home was a log cabin, but in the course of years he erected a frame residence, to which he took his bride at the time of their marriage. It contained four rooms and in that home they reared their

family. As years passed, however, he added many modern and substantial improvements to his farm and greatly extended its boundaries until at the time of his death he owned two hundred and seventy acres. He passed away April 11, 1889, and for several years was survived by his wife, who died February 27, 1895. He had lived to see Kane county become a populous and prosperous district, lacking none of the advantages of modern civilization, and he deserved much credit in that he won success and also from the fact that he took an important part in developing the country along substantial lines.

When the father passed away the family home came into the possession of his four sons, three of whom still own the farm: Lorenzo John Lamson, the eldest, was born on this farm December 12, 1856, while the birth of Dale Elliott Lamson occurred July 13, 1858. They were reared in the usual manner of farm lads and early became familiar with the work of the fields, so that when they took charge of the property they had broad, practical experience to assist them in carrying out the various departments of the farm work. They are well known as raisers of grain and stock, and have a splendidly improved property. They use the most modern machinery to facilitate the work in the fields and as the years have passed by they have become recognized as among the most progressive agriculturists of the community. In 1881 the father had erected a handsome and commodious residence and also later built a large octagonal barn, which is eighty-four feet in diameter. Under it is a big basement for feeding cattle and the barn will also shelter twelve head of horses and three hundred and twenty tons of hay. As stated, this property is now in possession of the three surviving sons of the former Lorenzo John Lamson: Lorenzo John, Dale Elliott and Arthur William. Another son, Lionel, was killed while working on the place April 24, 1903, his death resulting from an accident occasioned by a runaway team which was hitched to a pulverizer. He was then in his forty-third year. The remaining sons are all men of good business ability and the able management which they have displayed in their farm duties is manifest in the splendid appearance of their place. They are lovers of fine stock and are breeders of Hereford cattle, Poland China hogs and Dorset horn sheep. They also handle both draft and coach horses and raise pure bred poultry, including Wyandotte chickens, Embden geese, bronze turkeys and Pekin ducks.

In community affairs the Lamson brothers have become well known as supporters of many progressive measures. Lorenzo John Lamson has filled the office of road commissioner and has also been school director. He was likewise one of the organizers of the Big Rock Creamery Company, has been a director since its establishment in 1891 and for three years was its secretary. He is likewise one of the directors of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Hinckley, Illinois. Dale Lamson filled the office of assessor of Big Rock township for eight years and both brothers give their political support to the republican party. They are also members of the Modern Woodmen camp and are Yeomen of Big Rock, while with the Mystic Workers of Hinckley they are likewise connected. The community num-



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bers them among the representative citizens and leading business men and they enjoy in large measure the good will and friendship of those with whom they come in contact in this community, in which their entire lives have been passed.

ARTHUR WILLIAM LAMSON.

Arthur William Lamson, connected with the farming interests of Big Rock township, was born February 4, 1860, on the old Lamson homestead. He was the third son of Lorenzo John Lamson, a pioneer settler of Kane county. His ancestry is distinctively American in both its lineal and collateral lines. He is a descendant of William Lamson, who was a native of Massachusetts, although the place of his birth is unknown. The first records place him in Ipswich in 1637 and he died in 1658. His son, Joseph Lamson, was born in October, 1658, presumably at Ipswich, and died at Charlestown, Massachusetts, August 27, 1722. He was the father of Caleb Lamson, whose birth occurred at Malden, Massachusetts, June 12, 1697, and who was married November 24, 1720, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, while his death occurred February 9, 1760. His son, John Lamson, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born June 10, 1732. The place of his birth is unknown, but he died at Woburn, Massachusetts, January 12, 1776, which fact is taken from an epitaph on his tombstone in Woburn's first burying-ground, the inscription being, "Here lies the body of Mr. John Lamson, late of Charlestown, who departed this life January 12, 1776, aged forty-three years." The grandfather of Arthur W. Lamson was Lorenzo J. Lamson, who was born May 7, 1773, and was married July 23, 1811, to Sally Elliott.

Their son, Lorenzo John Lamson, was born near Bunker Hill monument in Charlestown, Massachusetts, September 9, 1816. He was twenty years of age when he arrived in Kane county on the 1st of October, 1836, and settled on section 7, Big Rock township. This was a frontier district in which the work of improvement and development had scarcely been begun. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government at one dollar and a quarter per acre and developed a farm on which he spent his remaining days, increasing its size as he prospered with the passing years. In December, 1855, in Aurora, he married Jane Dale, a native of Durham county, England, the wedding ceremony being performed by an Episcopal clergyman. With his new bride he immediately established a home on the farm that remained their abiding place until death. Mr. Lamson built first a little log house which he occupied until about the time of his marriage, when he erected a frame dwelling of four rooms and therein reared his family of four sons. Success attended his efforts as the years passed and in 1881 he built the commodious frame dwelling and a large octagonal shaped barn, which still remain. The latter is yet the largest barn in Big Rock township and one of the most extensive in Kane county,

being eighty-four feet in diameter. It holds three hundred and twenty tons of hay, with room for twelve head of horses on the main floor, while a very large basement is used for feeding the cattle. As his financial resources permitted he added to his original claim and at the time of his death his farm comprised two hundred and seventy acres. The three surviving sons now own the farm and since the death of the father have further extended its boundaries. The father died April 11, 1889, while his wife passed away February 27, 1895.

She was a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Stoddard) Dale. Her father was born at Eagle Cliff, Yorkshire, England, August 13, 1786, and her mother's birth occurred at Houghton-le-Spring, in Durham, England, April 19, 1794. They were married in November, 1812, and unto them were born fifteen children, including Mrs. Lamson. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lamson occupied a prominent place in the regard of their fellow citizens and were numbered among the worthy pioneer residents of the county. Mr. Lamson assisted in the organization of Big Rock township, and was the first town clerk. He also served as road commissioner and school trustee, while for twenty-one years he was a school director and did much to promote the cause of public education in his township which, in his death, lost one of its most influential and valued citizens.

The sons of Lorenzo J. and Jane Lamson are: Lorenzo John, jr., who was born December 12, 1856; Dale Elliott, born July 13, 1858; Arthur William, of this review; and Lionel Lincoln, born December 4, 1861. On the 24th of December, 1903, our subject and his brother Lionel Lincoln were working in a field, each with a four-horse team hitched to a pulverizer. The team driven by Lionel took fright and ran away. He was unable to control them and fell before the pulverizer, being instantly killed.

The life of Arthur W. Lamson has been quietly passed in general agricultural pursuits. He was reared to the work of the farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His practical experience well qualified him for the duties which have devolved upon him since he attained his majority, and in his farming operations he has displayed progressive and enterprising methods. He is associated with his two brothers in the conduct and management of the home farm, which they have enlarged and improved, but our subject and his wife now reside about three-quarters of a mile west of the old homestead, where they located in March, 1908.

Mr. Lamson was married April 2, 1902, to Miss Mary F. Harrison, who was born in Whittington, England, December 26, 1874, a daughter of John and Mary (Froggart) Harrison. Her parents were also natives of England and were married at Whittington, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire, March 30, 1874. Mrs. Lamson was ten years of age when her father came to America and settled at Staunton, Macoupin county, Illinois, his family joining him a few months later. Subsequently they removed to Virgil, Kane county, and in 1887 became residents of Blackberry township. Here Mrs. Lamson attended school but completed her education at the Normal School in Dixon, Illinois. From 1895 until 1905 the Harrison



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family made their home in Campton township and from there removed to St. Charles, where the parents are now living. For many years Mr. Harrison was foreman of a coal mine in England but now devotes his attention to farming. The first horse he ever owned was purchased in 1892 and since that time he has followed agricultural pursuits.

In the family of John and Mary (Froggart) Harrison are the following children: Alice, born September 18, 1876, is deceased; Abel, born January 6, 1879, at Stairfoot, England, has also passed away; Amy, born March 16, 1881, at Stairfoot, is the wife of George Moulding, of Sugar Grove township; Mark Seth, born July 14, 1883, at West Cornforth, County Durham, England, married Minnie Middlestedt, and lives at Elgin, Illinois; Mabel Agnes, born October 21, 1885, in Campton, this county, lives at home; Esther, born February 19, 1888, in Campton, is with her parents; Katy Cora May, born at Campton, May 1, 1890, is also at home; Clara Emma, the youngest of the family, was born February 28, 1902, in Blackberry township. On the 30th of November, 1893, the eldest daughter, Mary Harrison, became the wife of James Jones and one child, Clarence Harrison Jones, was born, April 8, 1895, in Aurora, and now lives with his mother and stepfather. Mrs. Jones was divorced at Geneva, Illinois, May 29, 1899, and on the 2d of April, 1902, became the wife of A. W. Lamson. They have one child, Jane Anne Mary, born September 30, 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamson are engaged in the pursuit of farm life and he is putting forth every effort to improve and increase the fertility and productiveness of his fine place. He is of a retiring disposition, but a man of genuine worth and is highly respected by his neighbors and all who know him.

Thomas Harrison, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Lamson, was born November 19, 1826, in Toft, Lincolnshire, England, of which place his wife was also a native. She bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Moles and was a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Smith) Moles, who were married January 15, 1827, at Rippingale, England. Joseph Moles was nearly one hundred years of age at the time of his death. His wife departed this life November 27, 1849. The mother of Joseph Moles was Mary Witherell, who died March 11, 1857, at the age of eighty-seven years. In 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison removed to Kirby-Underwood, England, where he died August 24, 1891, and his wife, who was born April 14, 1829, passed away September 14, 1898. They were the parents of eleven children.

The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Lamson were George and Emma (Slack) Froggart, in whose family were fourteen children. They were natives of Carvel, Derbyshire, England, where they continued to live until the death of Mrs. Froggart, February 16, 1895, when she was fifty-seven years of age. Mr. Froggart has since made his home with his children in Wakefield, Derbyshire. He is a son of Alexander and Mary (Hawkins) Froggart. His father died March 14, 1872, at the age of seventy years, and his mother December 21, 1872, at the age of sixty-three. She was one of five children, four girls and one boy. Her brother, Thomas Hawkins, married and lived in Edenser, England, but afterward removed with his family to Australia. For two years after locating there his relatives in Eng-

land heard from him, and then as no news came from him it is supposed that he was killed by the wild tribes inhabiting that country. Mary (Slack) Froggart was a daughter of Job and Catherine (Hicks) Slack, who were the parents of thirteen children and adopted three children of his brother. Job Slack died October 15, 1890, at the age of eighty-seven years, and his wife passed away November 6, 1889, at the age of seventy-eight years.

J. G. ELBERT.

J. G. Elbert is conducting a successful business in the line of horseshoeing, general blacksmithing and wagon repairing in Elgin. He is a native of the neighboring state of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in New Munster, September 23, 1866, his parents being Joseph and Dora (Suer) Elbert, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to this country in the '50s and worked at the Clipperthy Falls in Wisconsin in the winter time, while in the summer seasons he rafted logs down the Mississippi river to St. Louis. On the return trips to the lumber camps he traveled part of the time by stage but also had to walk part of the distance. This was during the early period of development in the middle west, when hardships and dangers formed the lot of the lumberman as he penetrated into the forest and cut the timbers, which were then taken to the market. Mr. Elbert was engaged in business in that way for about seven years, when, having accumulated some capital through his industry, perseverance and economy, he turned his attention to farming in Kenosha county, Wisconsin. There he resided for a number of years, devoting his time and energies to agricultural pursuits and eventually he acquired a handsome competence that enabled him to spend the last fifteen years of his life in well earned and honorable retirement in the town of New Munster. He passed away September 1, 1906, while his wife died February 17, 1895. They had a family of six children, four of whom are yet living.

J. G. Elbert was educated in the public schools of his native county, spending his boyhood and youth upon the farm, and when not busy with his text-books his time was largely given to the work of the fields. At the age of nineteen years he began learning the blacksmith's trade with Simon Bopp, of New Munster, Wisconsin, and after serving a two years' apprenticeship went to Kenosha, that state. Later he went to Iowa, where two of his brothers were engaged in farming, but not being pleased with that state he came to Illinois in 1890, locating in Elgin, where he worked in the watch factory for a short time. Not finding this employment as congenial as blacksmithing, he resumed work at his trade in the employ of W. M. Andrews, with whom he continued for six years. The careful husbanding of his resources during that period at length justified him in engaging in business on his own account at his present location at No. 172 Brook street. He worked for nine months in the watch factory when he first came to Elgin, but with the exception of that period has given his attention entirely to blacksmithing and kindred inter-

ests during his residence here. He has now built up a fine business in horseshoeing, general blacksmithing, rubber tiring and wagon repairing, the extent of his trade necessitating his employing three men.

On the 2d of June, 1891, Mr. Elbert was married to Miss Carrie M. Bopp of New Munster, Wisconsin, and they now have one daughter, Helen Lucille. Mr. Elbert belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees and the Catholic Order of Foresters. His political allegiance is given the republican party and in 1906 he was elected alderman from the second ward for a term of two years, during which time he served as chairman of the claim committee and also as a member of the committees on finance, sidewalks and health. In 1908 he was again elected to that office without opposition. He has taken an active and helpful interest in doing things for the good and welfare of the city, and Elgin recognizes in him a resident who is unselfishly devoted to her upbuilding.

JOHN INGHAM.

John Ingham, one of the most prominent stock-raisers of Kane county, is living on a farm of three hundred and fifty-nine acres in Sugar Grove township which was the place of his birth and throughout his entire life he has been connected with agricultural pursuits. He was born October 19, 1854, and is a grandson of Captain Joseph Ingham, who was a native of the Bermuda Islands. He resided, however, for many years in New York, where he owned a large tract of land, which had originally been granted to Baron Steuben for his services in the war of the Revolution.

John Ingham of this review is a son of Samuel S. Ingham, for many years one of the prominent and influential farmers of this community. He came to Kane county when the work of development and improvement had scarcely been begun within its borders and established his home in Sugar Grove township. He served as the first assessor of that township and held the office many years. He was born on the Bermuda Islands, May 24, 1801, and was there reared to manhood. After he arrived at maturity he removed to Oneida county, New York. He became well known in connection with the New York State Militia and remained a resident of the east until 1839, when, attracted by the opportunities of the new and growing west, he came to Illinois and remained a resident of Sugar Grove township, Kane county, throughout his remaining days. As the years passed he converted a tract of raw land into rich and productive fields, added to his possessions as his financial resources increased and became one of the leading and influential citizens of his community. He died March 17, 1864, and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for all who knew him respected him for his genuine worth.

In early manhood Samuel S. Ingham married Miss Nancy Owens, who was of Welsh lineage. Her father died when his children were small so that little is known concerning the history of that family. She was born in Steuben, Oneida county, New York, January 16, 1822, and passed away in

Aurora, July 2, 1879, at the age of fifty-seven years. Both she and her husband were members of and earnest workers in the Universalist church. They had five children who reached adult age: Joseph, Squire U., John O., Mrs. Adeline C. Spencer, and Hattie, who died when sixteen years of age. The eldest son, who died in September, 1907, was joint owner with John Ingham in the old home farm.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John Ingham in his boyhood and youth. He worked in the fields and early became familiar with all the duties and labors that devolve upon the agriculturist. His careful home training, however, well qualified him to take charge of the farm in later years and in due course of time this property became the possession of himself and his brother Joseph. It is still undivided and Joseph's share is owned by his widow. The place is a tract of land of three hundred and fifty-nine acres and the soil is rich and productive, responding readily to the care and cultivation which is bestowed upon it. It is regarded as one of the model farms of the county, its buildings are modern and well kept, the stock is of high grades and the machinery used is of the latest improved patterns. Mr. Ingham is most practical in all that he undertakes and in addition to tilling the soil he is one of the largest stock-feeders of Sugar Grove township. Both branches of his business are proving profitable and he is accounted one of the successful farmers of this part of the state.

On the 13th of February, 1883, John Ingham was married to Miss Catherine C. Cook, of Aurora, a daughter of Henry C. Cook, a native of Ireland. Mrs. Ingham was born in Aurora, September 9, 1860, attended the public schools of the city and after her graduation from the East Aurora high school became a student in Jennings Seminary. She was also a successful teacher in the Aurora schools for a number of years, and is a lady of broad knowledge and culture who has many friends in this county.

Mr. Ingham is a member of Aurora Lodge, K. P., and also of the Elks lodge of that city, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He has been frequently solicited to become a candidate for public office but has steadily declined, feeling that his business interests have required his entire time and attention. His work is of an important character and in its management he displays keen discrimination as well as unfaltering industry, thus gaining the prosperity which he is now enjoying.

JAMES McWETHY.

James McWethy, deceased, was well known in Aurora by reason of the activity he displayed in business, his loyalty in citizenship and his commendable personal traits of character as manifest in his relations with his fellowmen. He was born in Leroy, New York, in 1846, and spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the Empire state, acquiring his education there through the medium of the public schools. When about twenty years of age he came west to Illinois and first went to Rockford to teach in the

country schools of the vicinity of that city for a short period, when he engaged in the insurance business with the Rockford Insurance Company. Later he came to Aurora and here began business in the farm insurance line, in which he continued until his death. He secured a good clientage in this direction, writing a large amount of business annually, and was recognized as one of the reliable representatives of insurance in this part of the state.

On the 12th of July, 1877, Mr. McWethy was married to Miss Caroline Fowler Somarindyck, a daughter of Augustus and Elizabeth (Slater) Somarindyck, both of whom were natives of New York, and there resided for many years, Mrs. McWethy, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, being reared in Poughkeepsie. In the year 1871 Mr. Somarindyck removed westward to Aurora and for some years engaged in the drygoods business here. He afterward lived retired for a few years enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He passed away about 1894 and his wife, surviving him until 1897, was just seventy years of age at the time of her demise. In their family were three sons and three daughters, namely: John, a resident of Aurora; James, who makes his home in Chicago; Caroline, now Mrs. McWethy; Cornelia, who practiced medicine in Chicago and was the wife of Eugene Stettler but is now deceased; Mrs. Augusta Marr, of Aurora; and George, of Los Angeles, California.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McWethy was blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters. Anna is the wife of Frank Gibson, a resident of Seattle, Washington; Augustus has succeeded his father in the insurance business. Daniel and Elizabeth are yet in school. The death of the husband and father occurred on the 19th of December, 1902. He and his wife and two eldest children are members of the Congregational church. Mr. McWethy continued a resident of Aurora for about a third of a century and was well known here. He possessed a social, genial nature and had many friends who sacredly cherish his memory. He was always considerate of others, manifested deference for the opinions of those with whom he came in contact, was kindly in spirit, generous in action and, above all, was a devoted husband and father.

MRS. CELIA IDA MARKLE.

No history of the enterprising little city of Elburn would be complete without mention of Mrs. Markle, who, for twenty-five years, has conducted a ladies' bazaar and has one of the leading mercantile interests of the town. Not to know Mrs. Markle in Elburn is to argue one's self unknown for she has not only demonstrated her ability in business circles, but is also well known socially and has an extensive circle of warm friends. She was born upon her father's farm in this locality, February 4, 1861, being a daughter of Samuel R. and Malintha M. (Churchill) Sheldon, extensive mention of

whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of their son, Quincy Sheldon.

At the usual age Mrs. Markle began her education, attending the graded schools of Elburn, and when she was seventeen years of age she took up the profession of teaching, which she followed as an alternate. She resided with her parents until they were called to the home beyond, and on the 24th of June, 1903, she gave her hand in marriage to Charles F. Markle, who is now engaged in the livery business in Elburn, with his brother-in-law, Q. G. Sheldon.

Mr. Markle was a soldier of the Spanish-American war, enrolling on the 12th of September, 1899, as a private of Company E, Thirty-ninth Regiment, and going to the Philippines, he took part in the engagement at Sugar Hill, two and a half miles from Calamba, January 9, 1900; the skirmishes at Iollo and Sanra Mesa; the engagement at Buentad Vigo; the battle of San Tomas Hill, January 13, 1900; the skirmish near Lipa, August 11, 1900; Bulocbag, January 21, 1901; San Diego Hill, January 29, 1901; and the engagement of the rear guard near San Coloc. He served until June 30, 1901, and was honorably discharged at Presidia, California, on the 21st of December, 1903.

For a quarter of a century Mrs. Markle has conducted the ladies' bazaar, in which she carries a large and carefully selected lines of ladies' goods. Her store is neat, tasteful and attractive in its arrangement, her prices are reasonable and her dealings always fair and just, so that she has throughout the entire period enjoyed a liberal patronage.

WILLIAM BULLOCK.

Born, reared, educated and now living in this county, with four of his brothers and one sister, conducting useful enterprises within a few miles of his home, William Bullock and the family from which he sprang have been closely connected with the history of the county for many years and important factors in its growth and development. Mr. Bullock came into the world at St. Charles on April 19, 1877, and six years later moved with the rest of the family to Geneva. There he attended the public schools until he reached the age of sixteen, obtaining a good fundamental education, and preparing himself as well as his circumstances allowed for the battles of life.

His first engagement in the great contest was as a farm hand in the employ of Joseph Woolster on a farm near Geneva, where he remained six years. He then worked in the Challenge windmill factory in Batavia two years, and after the expiration of that period passed four years as a hand on the farm of William Evans on the Galena road. By this time he had come to an age and state of mind in which it seemed best to him to be working for himself. He, therefore, worked the Tuttle farm one year, after that the Estee farm one year, and then the C. Loser farm two years. He is now farming seventy acres in Aurora township, and is making a

good record on it as a farmer and advancing his interests in a gratifying degree.

About six years ago he yielded to the pleadings of his nature for a home and its comforting domestic ties, and on April 19, 1902, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his birth, was married to Miss Kate Reichard, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Miller) Reichard, of Fort Smith, Arkansas. She was born in Detroit, Michigan, but moved in childhood with her parents to the far western Arkansas city and lived there until her marriage. Her parents were born and reared in Germany and came to this country soon after their arrival at years of maturity. Mr. and Mrs. Bullock have three daughters, Elizabeth, Frances and Gwendoline, all of whom are living with them.

Mr. Bullock's brothers and sister are: Thomas, a resident of Geneva, this county; George, who lives in Minnesota; John, who works on a farm near Aurora; Charles, who lives at Woodstock in McHenry county, Illinois; Warren, who resides in Aurora; and Lizzie, the wife of Frank Huntley of Aurora. The parents of this family are John and Harriett (Egan) Bullock, the former born at Coddington, Northhamptonshire, England, on January 13, 1836, and the latter at Ponds Flat in the same country, on February 3, 1861. The grandparents were William and Lucy (Brown) Bullock, also natives of England.

From his childhood Mr. Bullock has been industrious, temperate and frugal. He realized early in life that he would have to make his own way in the world, and he bent all his efforts and controlled all his actions toward winning the progress he desired. He has succeeded in his aspirations, being now comfortable in a worldly way and firmly fixed in the good will and lasting regard of the people among whom he has lived and labored and to whose advancement he has contributed all that was in his power. Having been the architect of his own fortune, he is entitled to the gratification which comes from self-wrought success, and his friends and neighbors share his feelings in this respect, giving him full credit for what he has done.

CHARLES ESTERBROOK COLWELL, M.D.

While Dr. Charles E. Colwell is widely known as an able and learned physician and surgeon, he occupies an equally enviable position in public regard by reason of his interest in the cause of education and his stalwart support of every measure of public progress in the community. He was born at Newburgh, New York, June 19, 1864. His parents were Clark Brown and Martha (Pennoyer) Colwell. Both the Colwells and Pennoyers for several generations preceding the birth of the subject of this sketch, had resided in Orange county, to the west of Newburgh, in the towns of Hopewell, Crawford, Montgomery and Coldenham. The Colwells were originally Scotch. The Pennoyers were French Huguenots.

The Doctor's great-grandfather, John Colwell, was a farmer at Hope-well, New York. His grandfather, Hugh Colwell, was a wheelwright, and resided at Coldenham, New York, where he died, aged forty-four, leaving his widow, Adelaide Dickenson Colwell, and four children: John Harvey, Augusta, Clark Brown, and James, all of whom are dead but Clark B. Adelaide (Dickenson) Colwell, his grandmother, was born on eastern Long Island, and was descended from one Philemon Dickenson, who, with his brothers Nathaniel and John, emigrated from England to Massachusetts in 1638, and in 1646 was one of twenty who founded Southold, Long Island.

Clark Brown Colwell was born at Shawangunk, Ulster county, July 24, 1835. After his father's death, when he was seven years old, he went to live with his grandmother on a farm among the rocks at Bethel in Sullivan county. When eighteen he went to his mother at Newburgh and learned the carpenter's trade. Upon the breaking out of the Civil war in 1861 he enlisted as a private for three months' service and was stationed at Baltimore, Maryland. In 1862 he reenlisted in the Ninety-eighth New York Volunteers, and went out as first sergeant, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out December 1, 1864. His valor and meritorious service on the field of battle won for him promotion until he came out as first lieutenant in command of his company, his captain having been brevetted colonel. He was in the campaign resulting in the fall of Richmond and participated in the battles of the Wilderness, and in many hotly contested engagements and in the long marches which led up to the final victory. After the war he returned to Newburgh and in the spring of 1867 came with his family to Aurora, where he entered business as a general contractor, forming a partnership under the style of Dyckman Brothers & Colwell. This continued for a few years, after which Mr. Colwell purchased his partners' interest and continued in contracting lines under his own name. He has been identified with much of the important building in the city. He erected the Aurora Cotton Mills, the German Catholic church, the Hobbs block, the Oak Street school, the South Lake Street school and many other large and substantial buildings. He also remodeled the courthouse and these various structures stand as evidence of his skill and ability in his chosen field of labor.

In 1893 he retired from the business of contracting and for the next four years was superintendent and manager of the Aurora Creamery Company. Since 1897 he has been living quietly upon the fruits of his toil. Clark B. Colwell is a Master Mason, prominent in the craft and for many years has been treasurer of his lodge. He was a member of the board of education for several years.

Clark B. Colwell and his wife were members of the Methodist church and became charter members of the congregation that was formed on the west side of the river, and aided in the building of the Galena Street Methodist Episcopal church. Martha Jane Pennoyer Colwell was the youngest child of Jacob and Martha (Scott) Pennoyer; was born September 28, 1832, and died January 25, 1905. The Doctor has two sisters, Miss

Fanny A., and Jennie A., the wife of E. E. Bartlett, of Warren, Rhode Island.

Dr. Colwell was three years of age when he came with his parents to Aurora. Here he has lived continuously since and, passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, he was graduated from the West Aurora high school in 1881. With good literary education to serve as the foundation upon which to build the superstructure of professional knowledge, he then began reading medicine under the direction of Dr. F. L. Bartlett and graduated as high general standman in a class of ninety-six from the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago in 1885, after which he began practicing in Aurora, where he has since continued.

Soon after graduation he formed a copartnership with his preceptor, Dr. F. L. Bartlett, which continued until the retirement of Dr. F. L. Bartlett in 1899, when a new copartnership was formed with his son, Dr. Fred A. Bartlett, under the title of Colwell & Bartlett. He is accorded a liberal patronage and is recognized as one of the leaders in his profession in Aurora. He is a member of the Chicago Homeopathic Medical Association and the Illinois State Medical Association, and in the proceedings of the latter takes an active part, having served as chairman of different bureaus of the association. He was chairman of the legislative bureau of the state society of his school of medicine at the time of the passage of the present state medical practice act, at which time the state board of health was also reorganized. He likewise belongs to the American Institute of Homeopathy. He is one of the attending surgeons on the staff of the Aurora City Hospital, and lectures on obstetrics in the training school for nurses connected with this hospital. He has taken a prominent part in the organization of the Aurora-Elgin District Homeopathic Medical Society and is its first president.

Aside from his professional interests Dr. Colwell is one of the directors of the Western United Gas & Electric Company and is a director in the Merchants' National Bank. He is the president of the Aurora Tennis Club, which has the unique distinction of being the only tennis club in northern Illinois that owns its own outfit. The club was organized by Dr. Colwell, associated with Drs. Bartlett and Holcombe. They organized the club, purchased the ground and erected a club house and Dr. Colwell has since been its president. He has been president of the board of education of school district No. 129, known as West Aurora since the spring of 1903, and has given to school matters a good deal of time and thought. The period covered by his presidency might well be called one of building construction. The part he took in the building of the new high school, a gem of architecture, complete in its heating and ventilating, plumbing and scientific equipment have probably given him the most satisfaction of anything he has ever done. Every detail of the planning and execution of the plans were under his constant observation, and he feels that it is a worthy monument to his public spiritedness and good citizenship. The large Oak Street school was partially destroyed by fire and was rebuilt and equipped with a modern heating sys-

tem that ventilates as well. Also a new grade building of exquisite architecture, with modern heating and plumbing, was erected on Galena street.

Few men have been so actively or helpfully interested in many lines affecting public welfare as Dr. Colwell. One of the keynotes of the Doctor's character is that each person should help his fellowmen in all ways possible, and also that good citizenship means not simply honor of holding office, but rather the giving as a sense of duty the best service of which one is capable, honestly, conscientiously and self-sacrificingly, without respect to passing criticism.

He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution. In his professional career he has made that steady advancement which results from conscientious obligation in practice and from a thorough understanding of the scientific principles which underlie his chosen field of labor.

CAPTAIN LEVERETT M. KELLEY.

Captain Leverett M. Kelley, who is now serving as deputy commissioner of pensions in Washington, D. C., and whose legal home is in Elgin, was born in Schenectady, New York, September 28, 1841, and in his veins flows the blood of Scotch-Irish and Dutch-American ancestry. His father, John Kelley, came to Illinois with the family when his son, Leverett, was not quite four years of age. There were eight children in the family and they settled on a farm in Rutland township, near Pingree Grove, arriving in June, 1845. In the school in the home neighborhood Captain Kelley pursued his early education and at the age of eighteen took up a course in the Elgin Academy, while later he attended the college at Beloit, Wisconsin. He was pursuing his studies there when the Civil war broke out.

He had been an interested witness of the events which preceded the inauguration of hostilities and early in the war he determined that he would strike a blow in defense of the Union, feeling that his duty to his country was paramount to all else. He was nineteen years of age, when in July, 1861, he enlisted as a private of Company A, Thirty-sixth Regiment of the Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Camp Hammond, Illinois, August 22, 1861. Early in the service he became corporal, was afterward promoted to the rank of sergeant and later served as first lieutenant and as captain, being at times in command of the regiment. He was in active duty for more than four years, or until October, 1865. Few men are possessed of such a creditable military record or have been active participants in more of the important engagements during the war than Captain Kelley, who met the enemy on the battle grounds of Pea Ridge, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Dalton, Resaca, Adairsville, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Lovejoy Station, Jonesboro, Columbia, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. When sergeant of Company A at Missionary Ridge, calling upon his comrades to follow him, he

rushed forward in the face of an incessant and deadly fire, and was among the first over the works on the summit, where he compelled the surrender of a Confederate officer and received his sword. Many other tangible evidences of his valor might be given but this is sufficient to indicate the nature of his service.

When the war was over Captain Kelley returned to Illinois and has much of the time been in public service, manifesting a loyalty to the trust reposed in him equal to that which he displayed when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields. He was married in 1867. The following year he became sheriff of Kane county and was again called to that office in 1874. He became Indian agent at the Standing Rock and Los Pinos agencies in 1878, in which capacity he consummated an important treaty with the latter tribe. From 1889 until 1893 he filled the position of chief of the division of the pension bureau at Washington, and in 1897 he was made deputy commissioner of pensions. In the discharge of his duties he has been most faithful, so that over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

Captain Kelley is an unequivocal republican, yet never a bitter partisan. He is always interested in military affairs and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and the Medal of Honor Legion of the United States.

HON. DAVID F. BARCLAY.

No history of Elgin would be complete without extensive mention of Hon. David F. Barclay, who is one of its most prominent citizens. His life has been so varied in its activity, so honorable in its purposes and so far-reaching in its effects, that it has become an integral part of the annals of Elgin. Taking up his abode here in early days he has aided in large measure in shaping its formative policy and in promoting its industrial activity and in public office he has also demonstrated the fact that the public welfare is with him above partisanship or personal aggrandizement.

Mr. Barclay is descended from sturdy Scotch ancestry and is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, the family settling at Little Fort, now Waukegan, Illinois, in 1842. There in early life he learned the trade of a tinsmith and copper-smith, and in 1851 he removed to Elgin, where he worked for a time at his trade. Later he engaged in the hardware business on his own account. A man of resourceful ability, he soon extended his efforts to other lines, and in addition to his other work, began the manufacture of dairy apparatus, being a pioneer in this line in the west. As the dairy business expanded this branch of Mr. Barclay's business became very extensive and important. He manufactured the cans in which the first shipment of milk was made to Chicago and was one of the founders in the early '70s of the Elgin Board of Trade, whose annual transactions of butter and cheese in the late years

amounted to millions of dollars. For many years Mr. Barclay remained as president of the board, in which connection his operations were extensive and were represented by a large annual figure. For some years he has been president of the First National Bank of Elgin, and is still occupying that position. In his business affairs he has shown keen discernment, working toward high ideals both in his business relations, in the character of service he has given to the public and in the results he has achieved for himself.

Mr. Barclay is, perhaps, even more widely known in political circles, being known to many of the political leaders of the nation as one whose efforts in behalf of its party and the principles in which he believes have been far-reaching and beneficial. He has always taken a loyal interest in politics, studying the questions affecting the welfare of the country and always keeping well informed on the dominant issues of the day. His early political allegiance was given to the whigs and later he became a staunch republican. He has voted for every whig and republican president since Zachary Taylor was the candidate for the office of chief executive of the country. He has filled many local positions with honor, serving four terms as mayor and for two terms as an alderman of Elgin. For ten years he was resident member and president of the board of trustees of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane. In connection with the Hon. G. P. Lord and the late W. H. Hintze he served on the board of water commissioners which built and put into successful operation the Elgin system of water works. For two terms he was president of the board of education and no measure or movement instituted for the benefit of the city has failed to receive his support and allegiance.

Mr. Barclay has been a Mason for many years, having in 1853 been initiated into Elgin Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He has also attained the Knight Templar degree in Bethel Commandery and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory. He has ever been among the thinking men of the country—men who look at life in all its various phases and derive from their investigation and research correct conclusions so that in active affairs, political, business and social, their views are sound and their labors are effective. His record has been an honor to the city which has honored him and Elgin citizens entertain for him the highest respect.

RUFUS F. JOHNSON.

Rufus F. Johnson is now living retired in Fulton, but for many years was an active factor in business life, becoming connected with agricultural interests in Kane county, in pioneer times. He was born August 2, 1831, and has, therefore, passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey. His father, Reuben Bingham Johnson, was a native of Ashville, Chautauqua county, New York, and after arriving at mature years was married to Miss Sophronia Sophia Finch. In the year 1836 they made their way westward, arriving in Kane county on the 6th of March. The father devoted his attention to farming and became well known as one of the pioneers of this



MR. AND MRS. R. F. JOHNSON

part of the state. He was a man with strong religious convictions and held membership in the Jericho Methodist Episcopal church, which still stands as a monument to his generosity and Christian spirit, for he gave the land on which the house of worship was erected and was one of the founders of the church. It was one of the first church edifices in the Fox river valley and was known far and wide in the early days. It stands on the line between Kane and Kendall counties in the southwestern corner of Sugar Grove township, and occupies a commanding elevation in the midst of a rich agricultural region. It was long used as a house of worship and also the scene of many literary and social entertainments among the pioneers who blazed the way of civilization in this part of the state, but the towns and cities which have sprung up all around have long since divested the little church of its usefulness for more modern churches have been built and it now stands an empty edifice, but around it clusters many glorious memories of the early days. The cemetery by its side is the resting place of many pioneers who worshiped there—the brave men and noble women who endured the hardships and trials of frontier life three-fourths of a century ago.

It was among pioneer surroundings that Rufus F. Johnson was reared, for he was not yet five years of age at the time of the removal of the family from New York to Illinois. As his age and strength increased he aided more and more largely in the arduous work of the farm and gained the practical experience which enabled him to successfully carry on farm work when he started out on his own account. He long remained a resident of Sugar Grove township and was one of the progressive and energetic farmers of the community, carefully tilling his fields and caring for his crops so that he gathered rich harvests and the sum of his gain year after year enabled him in the course of time to acquire a handsome competence.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Mrs. Harriet Jones Edmonds, nee King. She was born at Bergen, New York, October 24, 1834, and on the 7th of January, 1856, gave her hand in marriage to John Edmonds, at Lodi, now Maple Park. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Edmonds offered his services to the country in defense of the Union and, going to the front, was killed in the battle of Chickamauga on the 12th of September, 1862. Mrs. Johnson's father, Mr. King, was also numbered among the earliest settlers of Kane county, driving across the country from the state of New York with a fine team of black horses, which afterward became the property of his son-in-law, Rufus F. Johnson, who traded the team for a farm in Sugar Grove township. This farm has since been known as the Johnson homestead, and through the efforts of Rufus F. Johnson it was converted into a rich and productive tract of land.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born the following named: Alpha J., who was born February 8, 1872, and is now engaged in farming two and one-half miles south of Sugar Grove; Elora, who was born September 30, 1875, and is now the wife of Burton Mighell, a resident of Holstein, Iowa; Will A., who was born July 12, 1876, and is now engaged in the livery business; and George A., who died at the age of twenty-six years.

While Mr. Johnson long continued to engage in general farming in order to provide for his family he has in the later years of his life retired from active business and is now enjoying well earned rest in Fulton. He well deserves mention among the honored pioneer settlers of the county for his memory forms the connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present, and for more than three score years and ten he has been an interested witness of what has been accomplished in this part of the state. He has borne his full share in a work of general development and has been particularly helpful in promoting the agricultural progress of Kane county.

WILLIAM P. TOPPING.

William P. Topping, superintendent of the D. C. Cook Publishing Company of Elgin, was born near Darien, Wisconsin, December 4, 1870, his parents being Nelson H. and Evaline (Palmer) Topping. Josiah Topping, the grandfather, removed to Sharon township, Walworth county, Wisconsin, in 1840, thus becoming one of the pioneer settlers of that part of the state. His home was the first frame house in that section of Wisconsin, and the nearest postoffice was Darien. He was a member of the first Wisconsin territorial legislature and took a prominent and influential part in the early development and upbuilding of the locality. His brother, Henry, who was a minister of the gospel, went to Wisconsin in 1840, and shortly afterward several more of his brothers removed to the Badger state, settling in Delavan, Walworth county. Josiah Topping followed farming throughout his active business career and his labors were an important element in the agricultural development of his community. The representatives of the family are numerous and prosperous, and have taken an important and prominent part in the upbuilding and progress of Walworth county, Wisconsin. Nelson H. Topping, the father of our subject, was born on the 10th of April, 1837, at Sharon Springs, New York, and was two and a half years of age when brought by his parents to Wisconsin. On the 8th of May, 1867, he wedded Miss Evaline Palmer, a daughter of Philip and Lucinda (Potter) Palmer. Her father, who was born in Macedon, Wayne county, New York, was a miller by trade and also carried on agricultural pursuits to some extent. At Williamson, Wayne county, New York, he likewise engaged in business as a commission merchant. His demise occurred on the 9th of June, 1887, while his wife, who was born May 11, 1815, passed away in 1886. Nelson Topping died in Elgin, Illinois, January 3, 1904.

William P. Topping acquired his education in the schools of Darien, and when eighteen years of age became engaged in the creamery business. Subsequently he was employed by the D. C. Cook Publishing Company, of Elgin, as bookkeeper and assistant superintendent. His capability and fidelity in the discharge of his duties won him promotion to the position of

superintendent, which he now holds, and he is well known and highly esteemed as one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community.

On the 24th of December, 1891, Mr. Topping was united in marriage to Miss Grace May Marsh, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Rebecca (Elmore) Marsh, of Elgin. They have two children, Gladys Marsh and Mildred Evelyn. Mrs. Grace Topping's grandfather, Rev. David W. Elmore, was one of the pioneer Baptist ministers in Kane county, coming from Albany, New York, in 1836, settling on a large farm in the beautiful Fox River valley, between Elgin and St. Charles. Most of the Baptist churches now existing in the various cities and villages in Kane county, lying upon the Fox river, were organized by this man. On the 29th day of July, 1854, a life which had been devoted to others' good was suddenly quenched by lightning's swift stroke.

AUGUSTUS W. CHAPMAN.

Augustus W. Chapman has reached the advanced age of eighty years, and is one of Kane county's most respected as well as most venerable citizens. He was born in Chemung county, New York, March 3, 1828. His father, Charles Chapman, was born near Utica, New York, and in that locality married Miss Elizabeth Tanner, a native of the same neighborhood. They were married December 24, 1815, and remained farming people of the Empire state until called to their final rest. His death occurred December 2, 1841, when he was forty-nine years of age, while his wife died December 1, 1860, at the age of sixty-seven years. Their children were Henry, who died in Sugar Grove township in 1895; Maria, who became the wife of G. F. Shafer, but both died in Nebraska; Albert G., who died in Coles county, Illinois, where he had resided for some time; Hannah, who passed away at the age of twenty-one years; William B., who spent his entire life in Chemung county, New York; Augustus W.; Amanda, who died at the age of twenty years; and James R., who died at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Augustus W. Chapman was only thirteen years of age at the time of his father's death. He had previously attended the district school of the neighborhood for a few terms, but after his father's demise he assisted his mother in carrying on the home farm until he had attained the age of twenty-five years. He then decided to seek his fortune in the far west. Several years before his brother, Henry Chapman, had come to Illinois and had located a homestead in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, in 1844. His glowing accounts of the state and its possibilities attracted A. W. Chapman and in November, 1853, he arrived in this county, hoping to enjoy the benefits which he had been told could be secured here.

Before his removal to the west Mr. Chapman was married on the 8th of June, 1853, to Miss D. J. Van Duzer, a native of Sullivan county, New York. After reaching this state Mr. Chapman purchased a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Big Rock township, and

there began farming on his own account, making that place his home for forty years, during which time he brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and gathered therefrom rich crops, the sale of which made him one of the substantial farmers of the county. In the spring of 1893, however, he rented the farm and built a house in the village of Big Rock, taking up his abode there in order to spend the evening of his life in the enjoyment of a well-earned rest. In addition to the tilling of the soil he had engaged also in stockraising, and his diligence and industry in business affairs gained him a gratifying measure of prosperity. He still owns three hundred acres of land in sections 10 and 11, Big Rock township, and from the rental of this property derives a substantial yearly income.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Chapman were born four children: Albert V., who was born in 1857 and is living in California; Alice E., wife of W. D. Powell and a twin sister of Albert, living at home with her father; Samuel A., who was born in 1863 and occupies the old homestead farm; and William H., who was born in 1866 and lives on a farm on section 10, Big Rock township.

Mr. Chapman has several times been called to serve in public offices. He was supervisor of Big Rock township for a period of eight years, has been justice of the peace, was school trustee for several years, and is now a notary public. He always discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity so that his official record is creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents. For fifty-five years he has been a resident of Kane county and has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the middle west for here he found good opportunities and has gradually worked his way upward, having for many years been classed with the representative agriculturists of the community. He is today enjoying prosperity that is the just reward of his labor, and, at the same time, he has the full respect of his fellow citizens, who know that his life has ever been honorable and upright. Many changes have occurred during his residence here for at his arrival comparatively few roads had been laid out and much of the prairie was still covered with its native grasses. It was customary also to ford the streams but as the years have passed there has been a marked advance in the mode of living and Mr. Chapman rejoices in what has been accomplished.

CHARLES CLIFFORD HINCKLEY.

Charles Clifford Hinckley, city electrician and proprietor of a machine shop in Aurora, belongs to that class of men whose industry and enterprise constitute salient features in their life work. His activity and his faithfulness in positions of public trust make him a valued resident of the community. He was born in Winsted, Connecticut, January 1, 1854, his parents being George W. and Jane (Tatro) Hinckley, the former a native of Berkshire county, New York, and the latter of Winsted, Connecticut. The family is descended from

two brothers, Thomas and Silas Hinckley, who on crossing the Atlantic landed at Cape Cod in colonial days. George W. Hinckley was only nine years of age when left an orphan and was reared by an uncle and aunt. He left the east in 1883, making his way from Hartford, Connecticut, to Aurora, Illinois, where he became pattern maker for the Aurora Watch company. Here he died at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife passed away at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1883, at the age of fifty-nine years. Both were Episcopalians in religious faith. Mrs. Hinckley was a daughter of Peter Tatro, who was an old sea captain and lived for many years at Winsted, Connecticut, but died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hinckley, in Hartford, Connecticut, at the age of ninety-seven years. He married a Miss Rock and she, too, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hinckley when ninety-four years of age. They were the parents of thirteen children.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hinckley had a family of four sons and four daughters, as follows: Silas William, deceased; Charles Clifford, of this review; George Everett, who has also passed away; Henry Dwight, of Hartford, Connecticut; Emily Jane, the wife of Elton E. Ackley, of Middletown, Connecticut; Clara Louise, the wife of George Campbell, of Aurora, Illinois; Sarah Wells, who became the wife of Lincoln Hiff and resides in Aurora; Anna Elizabeth, the wife of Harry H. Castleman, of Aurora.

Charles Clifford Hinckley was reared in Hartford, Connecticut, and mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools there. On putting aside his text-books he entered Colt's Armory in Hartford, but soon afterward went to sea from Marblehead, Massachusetts. He made one trip to the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, the voyage covering six months, but that served to convince him that he did not wish to follow cod fishing as a life work. He then turned his attention to the mastery of the business of watch manufacturing in the employ of E. Howard & Company, of Boston, the oldest watch manufacturing company in the country. There he remained for nearly four years, after which he went to Waltham, Massachusetts, and was in the employ of the Waltham Watch Manufacturing Company for about a year. He was afterward connected with the United States Watch Company, at Marion, New Jersey, and later entered the employ of the New York Watch Company at Springfield, Massachusetts. In 1872 he made his way westward to Grand Crossing, Illinois, and was with the Cornell Watch Company until he became connected with the Rockford Watch Company. He was afterward with the Illinois Watch Company at Springfield, being there employed as the model watch maker and inventor, bringing out their new models of various kinds. While there he made the model of the Aurora watch and in June, 1883, he came to Aurora and was one of the organizers of the Aurora Watch Company, with which he was connected for three years. He then began manufacturing on his own account and now conducts a machine shop at No. 172 Middle avenue, where he employs a number of workmen in the conduct of a prosperous and growing business.

On the 19th of August, 1876, Mr. Hinckley was married to Miss Mary J. Stothard, a daughter of William Stothard, of Rockford. They became the parents of two sons and a daughter. George Clifford, the eldest, is an

engineer in the employ of the Western Electric Company and Manufacturers' Junction Railway. He built that road and is its general manager. He married Catharine Hull, of Aurora, and they have one daughter. Blanche Ethel is the wife of R. D. Smith, formerly of Plano, Illinois, but now of Chicago, and they have one son, Clifford Hineckley Smith. Charles Stothard, the youngest of the family, is at home. The elder son is a graduate of the Illinois University. Mrs. Hineckley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Hineckley is a prominent Mason, belonging to Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., Aurora Council, No. 45, R. & S. M., Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T., and to Tebala Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Rockford. He is a past commander of the commandery and a past president of the board of control in Masonry in Aurora. He has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and he belongs to the Elks and the Knights of Pythias, together with several other organizations. His father was one of the oldest Odd Fellows of Connecticut, connected with the order for fifty-two years, becoming a charter member of Charter Oak Lodge No. 1. Politically Mr. Hineckley is a republican and served for one term on the board of public works, while for the past twelve years he has been city electrician. Few men have more intimate knowledge of mechanical pursuits or have more pronounced skill and ingenuity in those lines. He is conducting an excellent business, while as an office holder his long retention in the position is proof of his ability and the trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

WILLIAM SWEET NILES.

William Sweet Niles was born December 19, 1819, in the town of Berlin, Rensselaer county, New York. He was the son of Samuel Niles and Hannah Maine. His mother died when he was but four years of age, and from that time until the father changed his residence he lived with his grandparents, who were farmers, experiencing pioneer life in the forests of eastern New York. They lived in a log cabin and cooked their food by the fire-place. Flour was not used by them, corn being the only bread material of that country. Many times did he walk two miles and back through the dense woods, where wild animals were numerous, to get milk with which his grandmother prepared corn bread for their meal. About the year 1830 Samuel Niles removed to Jefferson county, New York, and purchased a farm, taking his son, William, with him.

This locality was his home until his marriage, when he wedded Julia Ann Makepeace, a daughter of Thomas Makepeace and Anna Plumb, who was born October 1, 1823, in the town of Pamela, Jefferson county, New York. Julia A. was a member of a large family, she being the seventh daughter who, with one exception, were school teachers. Her Grandfather Makepeace was a resident of Massachusetts and a soldier in the Revolution-

ary war. This family also were pioneers and were reared in a frugal manner, yet each member became intelligent and respected citizens.

William S. Niles and Julia Ann Makepeace were married in April, 1847, and came to Illinois by way of the lakes in the fall of that year, being seventeen days on their journey. From Chicago they came with team to the Tanner farm in Kane county, Illinois, Mrs. William A. Tanner being a sister of Mrs. Niles, who had preceded her to this then new country some ten years. Soon after their arrival in Illinois, they purchased a farm in the township of Sugar Grove and there lived until a few years previous to their deaths. As they became enfeebled with age, they rented their farm and moved in Blackberry township, this county, in order to be near their eldest daughter, Mrs. Helen I. Davenport. At this place Mrs. Niles passed away July 30, 1885, leaving three daughters, who were Helen I. Davenport, Lizzie A. McDole, and Ada L. Niles, but later Ada Purdum, also one grandchild, Stanley Makepeace McDole, three others, Kenneth Niles McDole, William Taylor Purdum and Helen Lenore Purdum, having been born since. Mrs. Niles was a woman of sterling character, excellent memory and was loved and admired by all who knew her.

William Niles lived for a time with his daughter, Helen, after his wife's death, but later went to Frank McDole's, who was living on his farm and was the husband of his daughter Lizzie. After several months of sickness he died on the farm where he had lived nearly fifty years. His death occurred November 20, 1896. He was a kind parent and a good neighbor and of a cheerful disposition.

JOSHUA READ.

When the history of Kane county is written it will record the names of none who have been more respected or have played a more important part in shaping the early development and later progress of the district than has the Read family. Since Joshua Read came to the county in 1838 he and his descendants have been active factors, especially in the agricultural development and in upholding the political, legal and moral status of the community.

Joshua Read was born in New Brunswick in 1783. His father was William Read, who spent his entire life in Canada and the mother in her maidenhood bore the name of Casey. Three brothers of the Read family came to America with the Massachusetts Bay colony. One of these was Eliphalet Read, who was the direct ancestor, in the third generation removed, of Joshua Read. He served with a military company, known as "Dank's Devils," and was at Quebec under Wolfe, where the corps was instructed not to shoot at Frenchmen until they could see the whites of their eyes—in other words, they were to be near enough so that they would be sure to kill. Another of the three brothers, who came to America and founded a family in the new world, was George Read, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Spending his boyhood days in the east, Joshua Read sought a home in the middle west in 1838, arriving in Kane county in the month of October, the journey westward being made by way of the Erie canal. He settled in Virgil township and sent his son, Eliphalet Read, to the first land sale at Freeport. The son covered the entire distance on foot and bought nearly three thousand acres of land, all of which is still in possession of the family, except two tracts,—one of six hundred and forty acres and one of three hundred acres. The remainder of more than two thousand acres is yet owned by the descendants of Joshua Read.

In early manhood, Joshua Read married Miss Priscilla Chapelle, a daughter of Charles and Hannah (Sommers) Chapelle, the former of French and the latter of Holland Dutch descent. The Chapelle family was a very prominent one in Canada, and the old family homestead there had been in their possession for over three hundred years. Under Mr. and Mrs. Read were born twelve children: Eliphalet, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Ruth, who was born in 1810, and died in 1874; Charles, who was born in 1812 and married Adaline Baxter, who died in 1906, while his death occurred in 1894; Maria, who was the wife of Orson Kendall and died in 1893; Hannah, a resident of New Brunswick; Joseph, who married Nancy Cady; Richmond, who wedded Miranda Sweet; Elizabeth, the wife of James Outhouse; George Henry, who married Marian Worcester; Albert, who married Catherine Sweet; Otho R., who married Rosaria Crane; and Susan, the wife of Josiah Pride. None of this family are now living.

When Joshua Read came to Kane county it was still a pioneer district in which comparatively few settlements had been made. The land was yet largely uncultivated, the trees were uncut and the streams, unbridged; but there came to the county a band of resolute pioneer settlers who soon converted the district into an improved region. Mr. Read bore his full share in the work of development and many acres of land were brought under cultivation as the result of the care and labor which he bestowed upon his extensive farm. He reared a family of children who were a credit and honor to his name. He and other members of the family bought land in Kane and DeKalb counties, subsequent to the original purchase, and were well known as leading representatives of agricultural and other business interests. Father and sons were all prominent in the affairs of the community and left their impress for good upon the general development and improvement.

In the early days Joshua Read gave his political support to the whig party. His son Otho was the first township treasurer in Virgil township, and filled the office for over a half century. He was also for many years county supervisor from Virgil township and when elected treasurer he was but nineteen years of age. No movement for the general welfare failed to elicit the interest and support of the Read family and no history of Kane county will be complete without extensive mention of them. Joshua Read conducted the first religious services that were held in Virgil township, the place of meeting being his own home. From that time his residence was used as a place of worship until a church was built. He founded the first

church—of the Baptist denomination—now located at Maple Park. He was noted for his extreme justice and fairness in all things and he always stood for the right, never making any compromise with that which was wrong, intolerant or dishonest. At his death, which occurred in 1847, he left a memory which is still cherished and honored by those who knew him.

CHARLES W. SADLER.

Charles W. Sadler, a successful agriculturist residing in Kaneville township, was born in Neponset township, Bureau county, Illinois, on the 12th of March, 1859. His grandfather, William Sadler, came to Henry county, Illinois, in 1855, settling on a farm in Wethersfield township, where he made his home until called to his final rest in 1869. His wife, a native of England, passed away at Neponset, Illinois, in 1870.

Their son, William Sadler, the father of our subject, was born in Hull, England, in 1820, and was married in his native land in 1852. The following year, in company with his wife, he emigrated to America, locating in Henry county, Illinois, where for three years he lived on a farm in a little log cabin. Subsequently he took up his abode near Neponset, Bureau county, where he rented the William Arnett farm for a few years. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land four miles from Neponset, and here made his home until the time of his demise on the 7th of March, 1892. He had been ordained as a Methodist minister in England, and for thirty-seven years preached the gospel, also carrying on his farming interests during most of this time. He was a man of good education and strong religious convictions—one who led a most exemplary and upright life and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He had nine brothers, five of whom were soldiers in the Civil war, serving until honorably discharged at the close of hostilities. His brother Joseph was wounded at the battle of Bull Run.

The mother of Charles W. Sadler died on the 7th of October, 1881, when her youngest child, a daughter, was seven years of age. Calling her son Charles W. to her bedside just before the final summons came, she received his promise to care for his little sister. It has been a source of gratification to him that he has been able to faithfully fulfill this promise, having aided the young girl in obtaining a good education and provided her with all necessary comforts until she attained mature years.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. William Sadler, in addition to our subject, were as follows: Anna, the wife of A. D. Arkland, of Los Angeles, California; John T., who resides in Bradford, Stark county, Illinois; Sarah, the deceased wife of Silas Seeley; Mary Ellen, the wife of Dr. William Barber, of Nance county, Nebraska; Martha, who is the wife of John W. Black and makes her home in Bradford, Illinois; and Josephine, the wife of Charles Stone, of Neponset, Illinois.

Charles W. Sadler attended the district schools in his early boyhood and assisted his father in the work of the home farm. After the death of his parents he was appointed administrator of the estate. When the farm had been sold and the proceeds divided among the heirs, he took up his abode on a farm near Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, where he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for nine years. In March, 1905, he came to Kane county, and has since been engaged in the operation of a two hundred-acre tract of land near Kaneville, this being one of the best farms in the county. The fields annually return golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon them, and he is well known as a progressive agriculturist and enterprising citizen of the community.

On the 14th of March, 1894, Mr. Sadler was united in marriage to Miss Alice H. Gardner, a native of Peoria county, Illinois, and a daughter of Reuben Gardner, a native of New York. The latter served for three years in the Civil war. He was married November 10, 1863, to Mary F. Townsend, who was born in Indiana but spent most of her life until married in the state of Missouri. They now reside at Neponset, Illinois. Mrs. Sadler's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Hannah McGee, is still living at the age of eighty-four years and resides in Buda, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Sadler have one child, Verna Fay, whose birth occurred November 21, 1900, and who is now attending the Kaneville school.

In his political views Mr. Sadler is a staunch republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen and the Royal Americans. His wife is a member of the Congregational church, in the work of which she is actively and helpfully interested.

WILLIAM H. DENNEY.

William H. Denney spent his entire life on what is known as the Denney homestead on section 3, Sugar Grove township. He early learned the value of industry and thrift as factors in achieving success and while he carefully conducted his business affairs, he also guided his life by honorable, manly principles. He was born September 3, 1841, on the farm on section 3, Sugar Grove township, which is still owned and occupied by his heirs. He was the son of John H. and Nancy (Snook) Denney, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. William H. Denney always resided upon the farm where he was born and as his age and strength increased he assisted more and more largely in the work of the fields. On the 1st of January, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Harriet A. Senska, who was born in Rockford, Illinois, and was a daughter of Francis Senska, a native of Poland who was banished with many of his countrymen to Siberia as a political prisoner, but made his escape and came to America. He married a lady in the state of New York who was of Irish descent and soon afterward they removed to DeKalb county, Illinois, where he purchased a farm, continuing its cultivation until his death in 1864. His wife lived to

the very remarkable old age of ninety-nine years and passed away in August, 1903, having lived for many years with her daughter, Mrs. William H. Denney.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Denney have been born the following named: Lottie May, who was born July 19, 1872, and is the wife of E. J. Danker, of Hayward, Wisconsin; Clarence Fay, who was born May 5, 1874, and now carries on the home farm; George Earl, who was born December 11, 1875; Edward Ray, who was born April 20, 1878; and Lettie Golda, who was born May 5, 1881, and is now engaged in teaching in Sugar Grove township. She was graduated from the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial School in June, 1899, and bears the reputation of being one of the most thorough and efficient common-school teachers in the township.

The death of Mr. Denney occurred March 27, 1888, and was the occasion of deep regret to many friends as well as his immediate family. He had lived a most active life and as the years passed became a prosperous farmer, owning and cultivating one hundred and seventy-six acres of rich and productive land in Sugar Grove township which is still the property of his widow and children. He made good improvements on the place and added to it all modern accessories and conveniences. In all his business affairs he was straightforward and reliable and commanded the confidence and good will of those with whom he was associated. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he served as township collector and also as school director for many years. The aid which he gave to public interests was of a practical character, bringing results which were beneficial and far-reaching. Since her husband's death Mrs. Denney has reared her family to lives of usefulness and they are now occupying creditable places in various stations. The family is well known in the community, and its members are well known socially as well as in a business way.

FRANK M. O'FLAHERTY.

Frank M. O'Flaherty, who is successfully engaged in the plumbing business in Elgin, was born in that city on the 28th of January, 1856, and is a son of Patrick T. and Eliza F. (Mann) O'Flaherty, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Reared in Elgin, our subject is indebted to the public and high schools of this city for the educational privileges he enjoyed during his boyhood and youth. He also attended the Elgin Academy for a time.

On leaving school Mr. O'Flaherty began learning the plumber's trade in the employ of the gas company, with which he was connected from 1874 until 1880, and during the following year he traveled quite extensively throughout the west. In 1884 he again entered the service of the gas company, remaining with them until 1888. He was next in the employ of J. R. Scanlan, a plumber, but in 1903 he and his brother, Leo F. O'Flaherty, formed a partnership and embarked in business on their own account.

opening a store at the corner of DuPage street and Grove avenue, Elgin, where they are still located. They do an extensive business as general plumbers, gas, steam and hot water fitters, and they have built up their trade through reliable dealing and first-class work.

On the 8th of June, 1898, Mr. O'Flaherty was united in marriage to Miss Mary Frisby, a daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Knox) Frisby. Her father died April 13, 1873, lacking only one month of being forty years of age, but her mother is still living and continues to make her home in McHenry.

In politics Mr. O'Flaherty is independent and takes no active part in public affairs, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business. He holds membership in the Catholic church and the Catholic Order of Foresters and in that fraternal order has held all the offices up to vice chief ranger. He is also connected with the Master Plumbers Association. He has a pleasant residence at No. 115 Summit street, and finds his greatest pleasure in his home.

ALBERT J. DENNEY.

Albert J. Denney, member of the firm of Denney & Denney, furniture dealers and undertakers, of Aurora, possesses those qualifications so essential in the conduct of successful mercantile interests. In addition to keen business discernment and executive force, he has a knowledge of the market and the public taste, which has come through close study and logical deductions derived from his long experience. A native of Aurora, he commands the respect which is accorded him as a straightforward and prosperous business man, and is a loyal and progressive citizen.

He was born November 28, 1856, his parents being Joseph and Emeline (Elliott) Denny, the former a native of Kirby Moorside, England, and the latter of Kane county, Illinois, she being the first white female child born in the county. Joseph Denny was a son of Joseph Denny Sr., a cabinetmaker and builder of Kirby Moorside in Yorkshire, England. In 1856 he came to America with his son, William Halfield, Ebenezer and Thomas, and lived retired in Aurora to his death, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife was Mrs. Mary Denney and their family numbered five sons, including Joseph Denney, Jr., who learned and followed the cabinetmaker's trade in England. Coming to America in 1851, he settled in Aurora and in the fall of that year he established a furniture store, which he conducted until he retired from the business in 1894. He was for many years a most prominent merchant of the city and one whose success is the merited reward of his close application and excellent administrative direction. He died in this city in 1906, at the age of seventy-eight years. His widow, who still survives him, has reached the age of seventy-two years. She was a daughter of William Elliott, a native of Connecticut, who in 1834 arrived in Aurora and took up government land on the east side of the river, above Montgomery. He was a black-



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smith by trade and died at the age of eighty years. He married Rebecca Pierce, a member of the old Pierce family of Oswego, Illinois, and she, too, passed away at the age of eighty years. They had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: Emeline; Homer, of Minneapolis; John, of Aurora; Frank M., a physician of this city; William, who is living in Riverside, California; Mrs. Sarah Keck, of Aurora; and Byron, deceased.

The family of Joseph and Emeline (Elliott) Denney numbered five children. Albert J., William W., Sarah, the widow of Ralph Danford; Charles, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Frank, of Aurora. The mother still survives, at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. Denney was a member of the First Congregational church and was for a long period one of its deacons, while in the work of the church in all of its departments he was actively interested. He was the first of his family to come to this county, but was followed later by the other members. He never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for here he found the business opportunities which he sought and which, by the way, are always open to ambitious young men. Through the improvement of the chances that came to him he worked his way upward, winning a gratifying measure of prosperity as the years went by and at the same time gaining the confidence of his fellow townsmen by his honorable methods.

Albert J. Denney, whose name introduces this review, has spent his entire life in Aurora. He was graduated from the east side high school and afterward served an apprenticeship of five years at the upholstering and undertaking business. He then accepted a position in the store of Denney Brothers and in 1882 was admitted to a partnership. Subsequently he purchased his father's interest and he and his uncle, Ebenezer Denney, bought the share of the others in the store, the firm name being changed to Denney & Denney. That relation was maintained until 1907, at which time Robert and Albert Denney, sons of our subject, purchased the interest of his uncle, Ebenezer Denney, and became partners, but the old firm name was retained. The business has had a continuous existence here since 1851, or for a period of fifty-seven consecutive years. Twice the store has been partially destroyed by fire, but has overcome all the obstacles that have had to be encountered and the business has grown year after year, the enterprise being long one of the foremost commercial interests of the city. They carry all kinds of up-to-date furniture and undertakers' goods and receive a liberal patronage in both departments.

On the 18th of October, 1882, Albert J. Denney was married to Miss Eliza Stevenson, a daughter of the late James Stevenson and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Cochran) Stevenson, of Specie Grove, Kendall county, Illinois, who came to America from Scotland in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Denney have become the parents of four sons and a daughter: Robert S., who married Miss Rhoda Wheeler, of Chicago, and is in partnership with his father, is a graduate of the Beloit College, of Chicago University and the Rush Medical College, of Chicago. Albert, also is in partnership with his father. Elliott S. and Joseph C. are yet at home, while the daughter, Jean, died at the age of two years. The parents and children are members of the First Congrega-

tional church, in the work of which they are deeply and helpfully interested. Mr. Denney is serving as one of the deacons and for five years was superintendent of the Sunday school, while for thirty-seven years he was also a Sunday school teacher.

Politically he is a republican, but while he has kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he has never sought nor desired public office. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Mystic Workers of the World. The name of Denney has always stood in Aurora as a synonym for commercial integrity, enterprise and progress, and this reputation is fully sustained by the members of the present firm of Denney & Denney. Throughout all life's relations Albert J. Denney has endeavored to live at peace with his fellowmen, to be just and fair in all relations with them, and his close adherence to the high standard which he set up has gained for him the unqualified regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

EDWARD S. FRAZIER.

Edward S. Frazier is the president of the W. S. Frazier Company, manufacturers of road carts and other vehicles in Aurora, in which occupation he is controlling one of the important productive industries of the city. Although he entered upon a business already established, with ability to plan and perform, he has enlarged this enterprise and extended its scope and is conducting it along modern lines, which makes it a prominent factor in the commercial interests of the city.

Mr. Frazier was born in Chicago, July 5, 1863, and is a representative of old families of New York. His paternal grandparents, William J. and Matilda (Winegar) Frazier, were both natives of the Empire state and the former engaged in business as a clothing merchant at Fabius for many years. Coming to the west about 1866, he located at Batavia. He was born on the 12th of October, 1809, and for the past quarter of a century has lived in Aurora. He is now almost a centenarian and is, perhaps, the oldest citizen in Kane county. His wife, however, is deceased. The Frazier family is of Scotch lineage and authentic records of the ancestry have been preserved in Scotland as far back as 1165. The name originated with Charles of France in the year 912 and has undergone many orthographical changes. The progenitor of the family in America was James Frissell, who settled in Massachusetts about the time of the arrival of the political prisoners who were exiled from Scotland in 1652, being sent from England to Boston by Cromwell, following the battles of Dunbar and Worcester in that year. In the years which have elapsed the spelling of the name has undergone many changes and eventually the present form was adopted by the branch of the family to which Edward S. Frazier belongs.

His father, Walter S. Frazier, was born at Fabius, New York, August 31, 1835, and acquired his education in academies and other schools of Onondaga county. He attended the Homer Academy and afterward

entered upon his business career as a salesman in the Crouse dry goods store in Syracuse, where he continued for five years. Subsequently he was a bookkeeper. He was married in the east to Miss Mary Stevens, a daughter of Jacob Vanderbilt and Hannah (Tallman) Stevens, who lived in Syracuse, New York, and died there when well advanced in years. The mother of Jacob V. Stevens was a cousin of Commodore Vanderbilt.

Walter S. Frazier came to the west in 1857, settling in Chicago, where he soon secured a position in the office of the city comptroller and, eventually, was made chief clerk there. He filled the position for five years, and was then appointed clerk of special assessments by the board of public works. In 1863 he received the republican nomination for clerk in the office of the recorder's court but was defeated. Further political honors came to him, however, for in 1865 he was chief clerk of the Illinois house of representatives and on the expiration of his term his course received the commendation of the members, state officers, and the press of the capital city, who spoke of him as the most thorough and efficient clerk who had ever officiated in that capacity. At the close of that session he was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain in token of the appreciation of the members for his faithful service and remarkable accuracy in reporting the proceedings of the legislature. In the fall of 1866 he was threatened with failing health, and, leaving there, purchased a farm between Batavia and Geneva, where he removed with his family, making it his home until 1870. He then became a resident of Aurora and for some years was not engaged in any active business. He was elected, however, a member of the board of education and was active in support of many other progressive public movements. He also began breeding fine road and trotting horses, having always a wholesome love for a fine horse, and one which he developed—Brother Jonathan—became one of the most noted horses of the day and was sold to the late Peter Kimberly, of Sharon, Pennsylvania, for twelve thousand dollars. While engaged in breeding horses one of his trackmen came to him with a proposition that he buy a certain cart to be used in breaking young stock. On examining the cart Mr. Frazier believed that he could produce a better one, and after some thought and experimenting he produced what he termed the road cart, the first vehicle of this character placed upon the market. It attracted such wide attention and favorable comment that he at once saw that its manufacture might prove a profitable undertaking and to this end established a factory in 1881. The road cart is today known in all portions of the world. Though he established his factory on a small scale it was rapidly enlarged to meet the constant demands of the trade, becoming in time one of the most important industries of Aurora, and employing as high as one hundred and seventy-five men. Later other lines of vehicles were added to the manufactured products and in every civilized portion of the globe the output of the Frazier factory is seen. Walter S. Frazier continued at the head of the enterprise until his death, which occurred March 3, 1904, when he was nearly sixty-nine years of age. His wife died in 1880 at the age of forty-two years. Mr. Frazier long figured prominently in the public life as well as business interests of northern Illinois. He was mayor of Aurora for one term following the election of 1892, and

he was also a member of the republican state central committee. He took a great interest in political questions, was thoroughly informed concerning the issues before the public and his labors in behalf of his party were effective and far-reaching. He was an alert, enterprising man, who wielded a wide influence and left the impress of his individuality upon public thought and action. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Frazier were born four sons and two daughters: Anna; Hattie, deceased, who was the wife of Dr. Courtney Smith; Walter S., Jr., and Edward S., twins, residing in Aurora; Lincoln B., also of Aurora; and Floyd, who makes his home in Chicago. Since the death of the father the business has been continued by his sons, Walter S. and Edward S., who became interested in the enterprise many years ago. The latter is the president and the former the secretary and treasurer of the company. These sons were reared in Aurora and have been familiar with the business from early boyhood. They are graduates of the West Aurora high school and they have received their business training under their father. While keeping abreast with the progress of the times, they are constantly enlarging their enterprise and improving upon the workmanship of the output. They are both stockholders in the First National Bank and in the Merchants' National Bank, while Edward S. Frazier is a director of the Aurora Specialty Manufacturing Company.

Walter S. Frazier married Clara Pirangle and they have two children: Walter S., the third; and Laura. Edward S. Frazier wedded Miss Mary Dunbar Holbrook, a daughter of the Rev. Charles A. and Mary (Carrington) Holbrook. They became the parents of two children, Helen and Philip. Mrs. Edward S. Frazier and her daughter attended the Iroquois theater on the day of the never to be forgotten fire, and the mother lost her life in that disaster, while the daughter but narrowly escaped. Edward S. Frazier resides with his children at No. 150 Highland avenue. His brother is a member of the board of education, of the police and fire commission and also of the library board, and while Edward S. Frazier is not an office holder, he is equally loyal in his championship of progressive public measures. He is preeminently a business man, a man of action, resolute and energetic, and is justly accounted one of the forceful factors in the business life of Aurora.

JOHN KRAMER.

John Kramer is the son of thrifty German parents, but is himself a native of Kane county and was born in Plato township, where he now lives. He unites in his make-up the sturdy industry and perseverance of his ancestry and the enterprise and progressiveness of America, as is shown by his successful career as a farmer and dairyman. His life began in Plato township on March 24, 1879.

His father, Fred Kramer, who is a farmer and lives in Plato township, was born in Krempe, Germany, and came with his parents to this country

when he was very young. The family located first in Ohio, and became residents of Illinois in 1856. The father of John bought a farm in Kane county, and on that he has passed years of productive industry, rearing a family of his own and winning standing and substance in life. He married Miss Lena Zack, who was also born in Germany, and they became the parents of six children, the brothers and sisters of John being: Annie, who is the wife of Charles Thron; Lizzie, who is the wife of August Vireig; Minnie, who is employed in the watch factory at Elgin; Albert, who lives at Barrington in Cook county, this state; and Fritz, who is a carpenter and a resident of Illinois.

John Kramer obtained his education in a district school, which he was allowed to attend at intervals until he was fourteen, when he was obliged to remain at home and assist in the work on the farm. On April 19, 1906, he was married to Miss Annie Landelhart, whose parents reside at East Elgin. Mr. and Mrs. Kramer have one child, Henry, who was born on July 15, 1907. After his marriage Mr. Kramer settled on the farm he now occupies in Plato township, and on this he has ever since carried on a vigorous farming industry and an active and expanding dairy business with twenty-six cows as the source of supply.

THOMAS PARRY.

Thomas Parry is the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 1, Big Rock township, where he is engaged in the cultivation of grain and the raising of stock. He was born at Mon, North Wales, March 1, 1866, and is a son of David and Letitia Thomas. He was the youngest son in the family and, in accordance with a custom of that land, he took his father's last name as his first name. The parents were both natives of the little rock-ribbed country of Wales and the mother died there, when her son Thomas was twelve years of age. The father, who passed away September 18, 1905, remained true to her memory and never married again. He was a stonemason by trade, and in connection with his three brothers, built many buildings in Wales, Ireland and Scotland, and also many railroad bridges, being large contractors.

The brothers and sisters of Thomas Parry were: Ellen, the wife of Charles North, of Slatington, Pennsylvania; Hugh Thomas Parry, who lives in Wales; Katherine, the wife of Thomas Morse, of Slatington, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Parry received but limited educational privileges. He attended the public schools for a few years, but after he reached the age of twelve years he was obliged to seek employment and provide for his own support. He worked for six years as a farm hand and was then employed as a deck hand on steamboats making the trip between New York and Liverpool for two years. Attracted by the business possibilities offered in America, he then went to work in the slate quarries at Slatington, Pennsylvania, where

he remained for two years, when, thinking that he might have still better opportunities in the middle west, he came to Kane county, Illinois, arriving in Big Rock township in March, 1889. Here he hired out as a farm hand for two years and was then married and began farming on his own account.

It was on the 10th of September, 1890, that Mr. Parry wedded Miss Emma Dienst, who was born in Pierce township, DeKalb county, Illinois, June 24, 1866. She lived at home and attended the country schools until sixteen years of age, and after putting aside her school books continued with her parents until her marriage. She is a daughter of Henry and Henrietta (Kaus) Dienst, natives of Germany. Her father, who always followed farming as life work, died April 14, 1905, and the mother is still living on the old homestead farm in Pierce township with her son. Their children are: Elizabeth, who is living with her mother; Mary, the widow of Ernest Wiebke, of Hinckley, Illinois; Minnie, the wife of William Long, a resident of Pierce township, DeKalb county; George, who is living on the homestead farm; Lyda, the wife of Ernest Homeyer, of Forrestville, Wisconsin; and Ernest, a farmer near Maple Park, Kane county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Parry have been born two children: Pearl Lettie, who was born January 30, 1892, and is now a student in the Hinckley high school; and Hazel Henrietta, who was born September 11, 1897, and is also in school.

Since coming to this county Mr. Parry has been identified with farming interests, and that he has been energetic and diligent is indicated by the fact that he is now the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which is nicely improved, while the fields are under a high state of cultivation. He annually gathers good crops, and he also raises some stock. The secret of his success lies in his unfaltering labor, for he has never been afraid of hard work and has realized that it is the only sure foundation upon which to build prosperity. He votes with the republican party. His wife is a member of St. Paul's German church at Hinckley, and they are well and favorably known to the community. Mr. Parry has never had occasion to regret the fact that he decided upon America as a place of residence and he has here won the proud American title of a self-made man.

C. W. GLOVER.

C. W. Glover, who has been identified with Elgin's manufacturing interests for eight years, was the promoter of the Elgin Box Company, and has built up an extensive and growing business. He is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred at Jeffersonville, July 13, 1865. His education was acquired through the medium of the public schools, and when he put aside his text-books he became a factor in business circles, wherein he has gradually worked his way upward, his power increasing through experience, while each forward step in his career has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities.

He was for some time associated with the Louisville Coffin Company, at Louisville, Kentucky, and later he engaged with W. H. Hutchinson & Company, of Rochester, New York. Coming to Elgin, he was for some time a representative of the Elgin Silver Plate Company, and a few years ago organized the Elgin Box Company, which has developed under his guidance into an industry of large proportions. He now manufactures coffin hardware specialties, and is located at Nos. 66 and 68 River street. His trade is rapidly growing and bids fair to become one of Elgin's leading manufacturing within a few years. He has made his home continuously in the city since 1895. He had become a resident of New Albany, Indiana, in 1866, and in 1881 removed to Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Glover has a pleasant home at No. 16 Rugby place. He married a Miss Drummond, and they have three children, two daughters and one son. In all of his business affairs Mr. Glover has been actuated by strong purpose and laudable ambition and has made steady progress toward the goal of prosperity.

EDWARD LAWRENCE HOYT.

Edward Lawrence Hoyt, who, in partnership with his brother, Walter, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this edition, owns and operates a farm of four hundred and twenty acres on section 11, Kaneville township, is the son of Jacob N. and Eunice N. (Thayer) Hoyt. The father was born in Concord, New Hampshire, December 15, 1831, where he received a liberal education and continued to reside until he was twenty-two years of age. In 1853 he adventurously set forth to make his fortune in the west, locating first at Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained for some years. During the course of the Civil war he, in common with numerous other citizens of the community, was drafted into the army, but paying the necessary price to secure a substitute he was permitted to remain at home. The price of commodities for a few years following the close of the war was very high and with a mind keenly alert to the opportunities of the times Mr. Hoyt determined to take up the work of agriculture. The fame of the rich agricultural resources of this section of Illinois had already reached his ears, and following his marriage to Eunice N. Thayer on April 7, 1869, he rented a tract of land near Harristown, Macon county, on which he began farming operations. He brought to bear in this work all the energy, thrift and intelligence that is so characteristic of the New England race, and, being aided by a fertile, productive soil that responded generously to the care and cultivation he gave it, his efforts were crowned with most gratifying success. He remained on this farm for fifteen years, at the expiration of which time he was able to make a sufficient payment to secure title of the four hundred and twenty acres referred to in the opening of this sketch, located three and one-half miles west of Elburn. It was not good fortune but good management that prompted him to make this purchase. Mr. Hoyt began the

work of equipping it for a model stock and grain farm. He erected a number of large barns, built a silo, divided the farm into fields, pastures and corrals, and altogether invested some ten thousand dollars in improvements, so that it is now one of the best and most up-to-date farms in Kane county. In addition to his extensive business interests Mr. Hoyt yet found time for active participation in public affairs. He held the office of county supervisor for a number of years, also was chosen as representative of his district, which office he filled with great satisfaction to his constituents. He was a staunch Democrat, and attended the Methodist church, of which his wife was a member. Mr. Hoyt was called to his eternal rest on May 7, 1907.

Edward Lawrence Hoyt was born on the farm near Harristown, Macon county, March 24, 1871. He received his education in the district school, leaving it at the early age of sixteen years to enter upon the practical work of aiding his father in the conduct of his farming interests. Eventually the property was jointly purchased by himself and brother, who continue to operate it on the lines laid down by their father, whose methods are well worth emulating. In addition to the work of general farming they also have extensive dairy interests, and are now milking about seventy cows.

On December 24, 1893, occurred the marriage of Edward Lawrence Hoyt and Miss Della Sharp, whose father, now deceased, was a veteran of the Civil war. She has one own brother, Arthur Sharp, who is marshal of Elburn, and two half-sisters, Jessie and Ruth, by her mother's second marriage to Joseph E. White, who died in 1903. Mrs. White now resides in Elburn with her two young daughters. Mrs. Hoyt was born in Campton township and finished her education in the high school of Elburn. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt, Howard J. was born November 7, 1896; Helen E., April 29, 1899; and Harvey E., July 7, 1907.

In politics Mr. Hoyt is a democrat, and has served as commissioner of highways. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree; also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Hoyt is one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Kane county, and keeps thoroughly posted on topics of general interest as well as on the questions of the day.

ALBERT J. HOPKINS.

In the long and crowded line of illustrious men of whom Illinois is justly proud, the public life of few others has extended over so long a period as that of Albert J. Hopkins, junior United States senator, and the record of none has been more varied in service, more constant in honor, more fearless in conduct or more stainless in reputation. When he entered upon his work in the national halls of legislation, it was with the fixed purpose that he would be the representative of the people in spirit as well as in name, and he held, moreover, that "a public office is a public trust"—and no trust reposed in Albert J. Hopkins has ever been betrayed in the

slightest degree. The tangible evidence of his public spirit are many and the records of the house and senate teem with many proofs of his devotion to the national welfare. While unquestionably a stalwart republican, he is too broad-minded a man to be merely a partisan, and too independent to ever be the slave of public opinion. His course has honored the state which has honored him, and he is numbered among those who are today making history—a history of progress that not only meets but anticipates the demands of the time that arise from prevailing conditions.

Mr. Hopkins is one of Illinois' native sons, his birth occurring on his father's farm near Cortland, DeKalb county. His parents, Cyrus B. and Fannie (Larkin) Hopkins, were natives of New York who settled in Illinois during the pioneer epoch in its history, establishing their home in DeKalb county about 1838, only six years after the close of the Black Hawk war, which freed the state from Indian domination and left it open to the settlement of progressive people who have builded a commonwealth that, in many respects, leads the entire nation. The usual tasks of the farm fell to Albert J. Hopkins in his boyhood and youth, and following his mastery of the elementary branches of learning in the district schools, he further continued his education in the public schools of Sycamore, where a year's study qualified him for entrance into the preparatory department of Hillsdale College, at Hillsdale, Michigan. The following year he began the regular collegiate course in that institution, which he carried forward to his graduation as a member of the class of 1870.

Some years before Mr. Hopkins had determined upon the practice of law as a life work, and indeed his entire career since he has attained manhood has been connected with the great judicial system of the country, either as a lawyer or lawmaker. The ability which he had displayed in college led to a most flattering offer made him by an academy in Maine that wished him to become its principal, but he never wavered in the path that he had marked for himself, although the proffered position would have brought him much greater pecuniary return than he expected to receive in the immediate future, if he carried out his purpose of preparing for the bar. His initial reading was done in the office and under the direction of C. J. Metzner, of Aurora, then recognized as one of the prominent lawyers of northern Illinois. He applied himself with such untiring zeal that the following year he passed the required examination that secured him admission to the bar and entered upon practice in Kane county.

While the nation knows Mr. Hopkins as one of the ablest working members in its council chambers, Illinois recognizes him as one of the ablest members of a bar that has long been distinguished for the high rank of its representatives. At the time he entered upon practice, the Kane county bar numbered among its members some of the distinguished attorneys of the state and with them, as one of them expressed it, a law suit was a fight; sham reputations and empty pretense were of no avail in these fierce struggles. There indeed the fittest survived and only the very fit did survive. The young lawyer found it a hard school, but he was there to win and as he measured his strength with the best his mind was developed. His intellectual powers were quickened and strengthened and he acquired a readiness

in action and fertility of resource and a courage under stress that could have been gained in no other school. He soon won his way to a place, not only among the foremost representatives of the Kane county bar, but of the Illinois bar, and in the halls of legislation he has again proven his worth as a representative of the legal profession in his comprehensive knowledge of constitutional law and of the grave and complex problems which it involves.

The man who is a student of the law and of the signs of the times, and who keeps abreast with the best-thinking men of the age, must, naturally, be an interested student of politics, for national progress in every line is interwoven with politics. Naturally, his early steps in this direction were taken in connection with the local ranks of the party of his choice, and in 1872 he received the republican nomination for state's attorney of Kane county. He filled that position for four years, discharging his duties without fear or favor and standing as a safe conservator of the rights and liberties of the people against lawlessness, disorder and crime. This constituted a stepping stone, not only in his political, but also in his legal career, for it demonstrated to the public an ability that soon drew to him a clientage unequalled by that of any Illinois lawyer outside of the city of Chicago.

The steps in his progression are easily discernible, for they have followed the faithful performance of duty in one position whereby his powers and ability have been quickened and developed, making him ready for larger responsibilities. In the early days of professional career in Aurora, Mr. Hopkins was married to Miss Emma Stolp, a daughter of James B. Stolp, one of the pioneer residents of that city. The children of this marriage are: Fannie, James, Albert and Mark. Home life has had for Mr. Hopkins an attraction superior to that of anything else, and when official or business duties permit, his hours are always spent at his own fireside in the companionship of his family.

With his little family growing up around him, however, Mr. Hopkins was also attracting public attention by those qualities which have made him a leader in republican circles. In 1878 he was made a member of the republican state committee and in 1884 was nominated by the state convention as a presidential elector, supporting in that year the candidacy of James G. Blaine and John A. Logan. Two years previous his friends had brought him forward as a candidate for congress, but by a narrow margin he failed to secure the nomination. On the death of Hon. Reuben Elwood, congressman from his district, in the summer of 1885, Mr. Hopkins was elected his successor by an astonishingly large majority, and no more thorough endorsement of his labors in congress could be given than the fact that he was elected for eight consecutive terms to represent his district in the lower house, covering a service of nearly eighteen years. During that period he was connected with much important constructive work done in the committee rooms, serving on the committees of merchant marine and fisheries, postoffice and post roads and ways and means. The last named, recognized as the most important committee of the house, numbered him as a member for fourteen years. From the time of his first election to congress his history has been inseparably interwoven with our national

annals. He has been the champion of much legislation that has found its way into the statute books of the nation, while time has proven the wisdom of his course and demonstrated his keen sagacity upon matters of vital importance to the people at large. The fact that Mr. Hopkins was representing one of the most extensive dairy districts in America led him to the study of questions relative thereto, and always looking for an opportunity to help his constituents, he introduced the first bill in congress to regulate the sale of oleomargarine, a bill which has been of the utmost value to Illinois dairymen as well as to the consumer.

Already largely familiar with the questions of tariff and revenue, when made a member of the ways and means committee, Mr. Hopkins began the most minute and thorough investigation of everything bearing upon the subject, and it would be difficult to find in the entire country one of more wide or accurate knowledge upon this and its subsidiary questions. He was a member of the sub-committee of the republicans that prepared what is known as the Dingley bill and which worked for three months on the bill before it was ever presented to the full committee. Mr. Hopkins took an active and helpful part in the framing of this bill. His position shows that he believes that our chief source of national revenue comes from the tariff on our foreign importations and that this tariff should be so levied as to discriminate in favor of the American workmen, the products of the American shops and the American farmers. In the support of the Dingley bill, Mr. Hopkins took advanced grounds in favor of reciprocity, claiming that the nations should trade freely and reciprocally in commodities that each cannot produce at home, but that the rates of duty on other products should be so adjusted as to protect American interests. He has always contended that a rate should be fixed so as to equalize the cost of the product in the foreign country and this country. His contention has always been that, "give the American manufacturer an equal chance with the foreigner, and he will outsell him not only on the American market but in the markets of the world."

Organized labor has always counted on Mr. Hopkins as its friend. In this, however, as in all other things, he does not believe in class discrimination but believes strongly in justice, and when he has felt that the rights of the people demanded shorter hours as a day's labor, he has taken a stalwart stand in defense of this position and for the amelioration of other conditions which he has believed to be hard and unjust, feeling that one class is profiting by the oppression of the other. Practical in all that he does he has striven more to secure results through legislation than by popular appeals to the populace. Therefore it naturally followed that his service on the committee of merchant marine and fisheries secured legislation that has improved the condition of the American sailor. His position on the money question is an unequivocal one and, in fact, his speech on the gold standard was such a clear exposition of the principles involved that it was commented on as one of the best made in congress and was widely circulated by the friends of sound money. He has been one of the world's workers, assisting materially in laying the foundation for the stability, progress and substantial growth of the nation. He became recognized in the house through the simple weight of

his worth and his character as one of its ablest members and was therefore accorded leadership. Many members of the house and people of prominence elsewhere advocated Mr. Hopkins for the speakership as the successor of Thomas B. Reed and he received the support of the Illinois delegation, although Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, was elected. For the last ten years of his service, however, Mr. Hopkins was recognized as one of the most prominent and influential members of the house and it followed as a natural sequence that Illinois should wish to make him her representative in the senate of the United States. Accordingly he was chosen by the general assembly as senator from this state, his previous congressional training well qualifying him for the still more onerous duties that devolved upon him as one of the less than ninety senators who represent more than eighty-five millions of people. His work in the upper house has been in harmony with the record which he made as representative. He has labored always for the interests of his constituents and in this connection he put forth most effective effort in securing the establishment of the naval training station on the Great Lakes at Lake Bluff, just north of Chicago, when all of the states with lake frontage desired to capture the prize.

Mr. Hopkins supported the administration's plan for the lock level canal through Panama while a member of the inter-oceanic canals committee and he served as chairman of the fisheries committee and also of the committees on commerce, corporations of the District of Columbia, Cuban relations, enrolled bills, examinations and dispositions of documents, Mississippi river and its tributaries, and privileges and elections. His industry and energy made him a valuable member of these committees and impressed the older members from the start.

On the opening of the fifty-ninth congress, Senator Hopkins took an active part in the discussion of the statehood bill, which was then one of the prominent questions before the senate. He advocated the bill as reported by the committee, providing for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as one state and Oklahoma and Indian Territory as another, being opposed to separate statehood for the two first named because he believed that those sparsely settled sections of the country were not entitled to an equal representation and influence on legislation in the senate with other larger and more populous states. On the day when Senator Hopkins addressed his colleagues on this subject, his opponents tried to worry him by frequent interruptions, but they found that his position was practically an unassailable one, as he was so thoroughly informed on the subject in all of the varying interests which it involved, that his position could not be controverted owing to the reasons and figures which he presented. The records show that the bill provided that Indian Territory and Oklahoma should be admitted as one state but left the question of admitting the other two territories as one state to a vote of the citizens of each. New Mexico has since voted for and Arizona against joint statehood. This has settled the question of their admission for some time to come.

Senator Hopkins' position on the Smoot case was one which indicated most strongly what is now widely recognized as a salient characteristic with

him—his championship of what he believes to be right, regardless of any personal or prejudiced views. While Senator Hopkins' record shows that he always favored legislation against polygamy he felt that the senate had no right to unseat a senator who was a Mormon but not a polygamist, and the position which he took in this case placed him in the front rank of American constitutional lawyers and, moreover, showed that he had the courage of his convictions, being fair enough to grant even-handed justice under the constitution and laws of our country to an individual, even though that individual differed with him on religious questions. He was brave enough to keep inviolate his oath of office and obey his country's constitution as he saw it, even though the fact was in some quarters unpopular and brought him unfair criticism from those who could not, or would not, see the legal right in the case. President Roosevelt afterward wrote to Senator Hopkins a note congratulating him upon his "excellent speech on the Smoot case," adding: "It is not my business, but it is a pleasure to see a public servant show under trying circumstances the courage, ability and sense of right that you have shown."

Senator Hopkins' record on the canal question is one which has received the endorsement of the wisdom which comes with time. He took his stand in support of the lock level canal as opposed to the sea level canal bill supported by the majority of the committee of which he was a member, and judged by the importance and vastness of the project, Mr. Hopkins here registered his greatest triumph during his four years' service in the senate. The amendment which he proposed carried and thus was embodied a policy and plan that had the endorsement of the president, the canal commissioners and the chief engineer and which at length secured the endorsement of the majority of both house and the senate. No question of vital importance to the nation has failed to receive the earnest attention of Mr. Hopkins, who has given to it his zealous support or opposed it with equal force according to the dictates of his conscience and mature judgment. While working for national interests he has at no time been neglectful of the welfare of his constituents either in the house or in the senate and has achieved much important work in behalf of the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois in connection with the waterways and other questions affecting the commercial interests of the great center of American trade. His work as a member of the committee on postoffices and postroads was one of far-reaching benefit, for in Chicago, the center of the transcontinental mail interests, he found that there was insufficient service, owing to the limited clerical force of the Chicago postoffice. Tireless efforts in this connection brought the needed changes and improvements.

Mr. Hopkins is yet in the midst of a life of great usefulness and has not reached the zenith of his powers and capabilities. His mental characteristics are of the solid and practical rather than of the ostentatious and brilliant order and yet he has never been found lacking when the ready word was needed. He has taken a high rank in the senate and is recognized as one of the readiest and best debaters in that body. He is essentially strong in intellect and capable of reaching safe, reasonable and proven conclusions. If he has seemed to take a too advanced stand on a question, the wisdom of his

position has been proven by time, which has indicated that his attitude toward the question was the result of quiet but most thorough and comprehensive study. As a statesman he is always striving to build up for the benefit of the people and to insure a continuous national progress, believing that nations, like men, cannot stand still; they must go either forward or backward; they cannot go backward without decay, therefore it is important that they go forward. This is typical of the entire career of Mr. Hopkins, which has marked a steady progress with constantly expanding powers, and there are few men whose lives are crowned with the honor and respect which are uniformly accorded Albert J. Hopkins.

CHARLES N. KEITH.

Charles N. Keith, a resident of Aurora, Kane county, since April 1, 1907, was born on his father's farm in Ohio township, Bureau county, Illinois, November 29, 1857. His early education was obtained in the country school. At the age of seventeen he had one year's schooling at the Ontario Collegiate Institute in La Grange county, Indiana, the same school and under the same tutor his father had attended in his school days. Then for three years he attended the high school at Princeton, Illinois.

Mr. Keith early became interested in farm life and as a boy took an active interest in assisting his father in the work and management of the farm. He was alert to progress made in improved farm machinery and the advanced methods of cultivating the soil and harvesting the crops as well as in the breeding and raising of thoroughbred stock. He and his brother purchased the first twine binder brought into the township, also the first check rower attachment for planting corn. They also bought a half ownership in the first imported Norman stallion brought into their town. After leaving school in the spring of 1877 he remained with his parents on the farm until September, 1882, when he organized an excursion party of over three hundred people and accompanied the same to South Dakota, the most of whom took up claims and became residents of that territory. This marked the beginning of Mr. Keith's starting out in life independently. He located a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Spink county, Dakota Territory, which was the first land he ever owned. Mr. Keith purchased a newspaper and opened a real-estate office in Mellette, Dakota, and conducted a prosperous and successful business. He became a prominent and influential factor in public life there and aided in shaping the policy of the territory in its formative period.

In the fall of 1883 Mr. Keith was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention at Sioux Falls, called by the citizens of the territory for the purpose of drafting a constitution and presenting a petition and memorial to congress for admission as a state. At that convention Mr. Keith was chairman of one of its most important committees, that upon county and township organization, and a member of the legislative and printing committees. At this convention he was appointed chief census enumerator and at once



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appointed county enumerators to proceed to take the census of that portion of the territory afterwards admitted as the state of South Dakota.

On the 26th of November, 1884, Mr. Keith was married to Miss Elizabeth Edwards, of Mendota, Illinois, daughter of Samuel and Aurelia (Parmetar) Edwards. In the fall of 1885 Mr. Keith sold out his business at Mellette and removed to Watertown, Dakota, where for a number of years he was special land examiner for the Dakota Loan & Trust Company. In 1890 the company made him manager of its business in Nebraska, where he spent the succeeding three years. In the fall of 1893 he returned to Bureau county, Illinois, having spent eleven years in the west. While he experienced some of the hardships and privations of pioneer life, he feels amply repaid by the lessons learned of the development and growth of a prairie country when touched by the first quickening impulses of civilization and its improvements under the magic hand of the pioneer. After returning to Illinois Mr. Keith ran his father's farm for two years. In July, 1894, he moved to Princeton, Illinois, and engaged in the real-estate, farm loan and insurance business, which, increasing from year to year, became extensive and lucrative.

April 1, 1907, Mr. Keith came with his family to Aurora, where he is also engaged in the buying and selling of real estate. For two years he was president of the Bureau County Chautauqua Association. He has always taken an active interest in political affairs and was for several years chairman of the Bureau county democratic central committee. He has been many times a delegate to state, congressional and county conventions and has twice served as chairman of county conventions. Since attaining his majority he has always given loyal support to the democratic party and its principles of government as promulgated by Thomas Jefferson and strenuously advocated by the new and shining star of democracy—William J. Bryan.

Mrs. Charles N. Keith was born near LaMoille, Illinois, where she attended the country school and later entered the high school at Princeton, Illinois, where after taking a five years' course she graduated in 1877, and then for five years taught in the East Side school at Mendota, Illinois, and afterward for two years in the Princeton high school. For three years she was a member of the board of education in Princeton. In both Watertown, South Dakota, and Princeton, Illinois, where she resided many years, Mrs. Keith was a leader in literary and social circles. She is a member of the Society of Colonial Dames of America by right of lineal descent from Governor William Bradford, the second colonial governor of Massachusetts. She also belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution and served as regent of the Princeton chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith have one daughter, Lillian, now Mrs. Harrison H. Heater, of Aurora, Illinois. She was born in Watertown, South Dakota, January 27, 1886, and on November 26, 1907, she was married to Mr. Heater, also a native of Bureau county, Illinois, where he was born April 7, 1884. Mr. Heater is secretary of the Usona Manufacturing Company, of Aurora, Illinois.

Charles N. Keith is the son of Melvin J. Keith and Betsie (Perkins) Keith. His father was born in Ontario county, New York, June 8, 1828.

When about ten years of age he went to La Grange county, Indiana, with his parents, and in the fall of 1847, then nineteen years of age, he came to Bureau county. In September, 1896, they moved to the village of Dover, 31, 1856. M. J. Keith married Betsie Perkins, also a native of the Empire state. For a period of forty years they lived on the farm in Ohio township, Bureau township. In September, 1896, they moved to the village of Dover, in the same county. Here the mother died September 27, 1908, aged eighty-six years. M. J. Keith was county clerk of Bureau county from 1873 until 1877. He was a man whose interest in and knowledge of public affairs was above the ordinary. A man widely known for his intelligence, for business integrity and for his sociability and hospitality. He has held many public offices and positions of trust in the county in which he lives. Charles N. Keith has one brother, Wilbur F. Keith, born October 12, 1859, and a sister, Helen, now Mrs. C. D. Bowlus, of Los Angeles, California.

Samuel Edwards, father of Mrs. Keith, was born October 11, 1819, in Skaneateles, New York, and went to Bureau county in 1842, where he settled and established a nursery near La Moille. He became widely known throughout the state for his advanced ideas and knowledge of his chosen profession and for his writings and public addresses upon horticultural subjects. He was a charter member of the State Horticultural Society and also of the Northern Illinois Horticultural Society and at various times held all of the offices of these societies. He was appointed by Governor Oglesby one of the first trustees of the Illinois State University at Champaign, which office he held for eight years. He gave much of his time to the organization and improvement of this institution. From 1874 until 1876 he was county treasurer of Bureau county. Samuel Edwards was of old Puritan stock, the son of Abner and Fanny (Cleveland) Edwards. He was married May 19, 1842, at Cincinnati, Ohio, to Aurelia M. Parmetar. To this union were born seven children, all of whom are now deceased but Mrs. Charles N. Keith. Mr. Edwards died at Mendota, Illinois, January 24, 1898, aged seventy-eight years. Mrs. Edwards died February 13, 1872, aged forty-eight years.

GEORGE W. ROBINSON.

Throughout his entire business career George W. Robinson has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of Kane county and is today proprietor of the leading mercantile establishment of Elburn.

A native of Kane county, he was born in Virgil township, August 18, 1851, and is a son of William H. and Miriam (Pattee) Robinson. In the paternal line he traces his ancestry back to George Robinson, of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, 1660. The coat of arms of the family is a shield on which are three stags and is surmounted by a stag, the motto being *Loyal au mort*, (Loyal to the dead). Our subject is now vice president of the society organized to perpetuate the genealogy of the family, and its members held their annual reunion at Niagara Falls in the summer of 1908. He visited the ancestral home which once belonged to his great-great-

grandfather at Westminster, Vermont, and from a piece of an oak beam in the old house he had a chair constructed, the back of which is made from a spinning wheel used by his great-grandmother.

William H. Robinson, our subject's father, was born in Westminster, Vermont, January 14, 1806, and was married in 1831 to Miss Miriam Pattee, whose birth occurred in Thornton, New Hampshire, on the 14th of June, 1810. It was in 1838 that they came to Illinois and took up their residence near Elburn in Kane county, where the father entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government and also purchased thirty acres additional in Virgil township. Upon that place he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred September 1, 1872, and his wife passed away March 22, 1866. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Baptist church, in which he served as deacon for several years. He was the first justice of the peace in Virgil township; also served as postmaster of the village of Virgil; for several years filled the offices of treasurer, assessor and commissioner of his township; and also county coroner, being appointed to that position by Governor French, one of Illinois' earliest governors.

Unto William H. and Miriam (Pattee) Robinson were born eight children: William W. and George M., both deceased; Martha J., the wife of J. P. Harndon, of Nevada, Iowa; Ellen M., the wife of R. R. Kimball, also of Nevada; Alfred Alonzo and Addie, deceased; George W., of this review; and Miriam L., the wife of B. G. Richmond, of Elburn. After the death of the mother of these children the father married Louisa Burbank.

George W. Robinson received a good district-school education, attending the country schools during the winter months and assisting his father in the labors of the farm throughout the summer season. At the age of sixteen years he assumed the management of the farm in company with his mother, owing to his father's ill health. He spent the years 1874 and 1875 in Fairfield, Iowa, where he was engaged in the sale of musical instruments, and he then returned to Elburn, where he obtained a position as clerk in a general store. In the spring of 1877 he formed a partnership with C. A. Read in a general mercantile business, but at the end of a year he sold out to Mr. Read and returned to the farm, which he carried on for three years. Mr. Robinson spent the winter of 1881-82 with his wife in Los Angeles, California, and on his return to Elburn in 1884 formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, B. G. Richmond, in the coal, grain and implement business, which connection was continued for five years. Selling out at the end of that time he again toured the western state. In the spring of 1891 he became a member of the firm of Robinson & Kendall, proprietors of a general store at Elburn, which they have since conducted. Mr. Robinson has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business.

On the 3d of October, 1877, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Emma F. Kendall, who was born in Blackberry township, this county, March 2, 1857, a daughter of L. D. and Mary Kendall, who were early settlers of that township, where they continued to make their home until their deaths. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Robinson taught in the Elburn high school for three years. She is an earnest worker in the Congregational church.

The republican party has always found in Mr. Robinson a staunch supporter of its principles and he has taken a very active and prominent part in local politics, serving as a delegate to the state convention at Peoria, which nominated Governor Yates, and also a delegate to the convention which nominated Governor Deneen in 1904, as well as other state conventions. For ten years he was a member of the village board of Elburn, being president of the same for three terms, and he gives his active support to all enterprises which he believes will prove of public benefit, promoting either the moral or material interests of his town and county. He is preeminently public spirited and progressive and he is held in the highest regard by all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life. He attends the Congregational church and affiliates with the Modern Woodmen of America.

STANLEY W. MERRICK.

Stanley W. Merrick, following the occupation of farming in Blackberry township, and also serving as township collector, is a young man of enterprise and progressive spirit. He is well known in the community where he resides and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. He was born at Elburn, this county, July 21, 1880, a son of Benjamin E. and Elenor (Westgarth) Merrick. The father was one of the early settlers of this part of the county and experienced all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. He was a native of England and in early youth emigrated to Canada, where he resided until 1865, when he removed to Bay City, Michigan. He afterward went to Chicago and was living in that city during the great Chicago fire, being a witness of many of the thrilling scenes which accompanied that great conflagration. In 1877 he removed from Chicago to his present home in Elburn. He has followed the occupation of painting during his residence in Kane county. Politically he is independent. He believes in progressive citizenship, but not in biased partisanship, and through his ballot he supports men and measures rather than party.

Benjamin E. Merrick was married to Miss Elenor Westgarth, who was born in Westmoreland county, England. Their children are: Elsie, deceased; Roy C., a lawyer who resides in Chicago; Harry E., who is employed by the telephone company in Chicago; Genevieve, who resides in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Kenneth R., who is attending school in Chicago; and Stanley W., of this review.

The last named was a pupil in the graded schools of Elburn until seventeen years of age. He then learned the painter's trade, which he followed successfully until 1904, in which year he took up his abode upon the farm that is now his home. He is diligent and persevering in his work and the success that he has enjoyed is attributable entirely to his own labors. He knows that industry is the basis of all prosperity and accordingly he has put forth earnest effort, that he may make advancement in the business world.

On June 25, 1902, Mr. Merrick was married to Miss Florence Woodman, a native of this county and a daughter of Freeman Woodman, a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Merrick have had a daughter and a son: Alice D., who was born November 18, 1903, and died March 5, 1904; and Wesley B., born July 25, 1906. The parents attend the Methodist church and are highly esteemed in the community, where their many good traits of heart and mind have won for them the friendship of the majority of people with whom they have been brought in contact.

Mr. Merrick is independent in politics, but his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to office and he is now serving as township collector, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity.

WILLIAM G. SAWYER.

William G. Sawyer started upon the journey of life at Dundee, this county, January 24, 1841, his parents being George E. and Abigail (Blake) Sawyer, the former a native of Bradford, Vermont, and the latter of Plymouth, New Hampshire. They were married in Plymouth in 1837 at her father's home and the same year started westward, traveling with all their earthly possessions in a wagon drawn by one horse. They drove the entire distance and on reaching their destination Mr. Sawyer purchased a claim from the original owner, just west of Dundee. For this he gave all of the cash he had, so that when the transaction was completed the land and his wagon load of goods constituted his entire possessions. The place comprised one hundred and sixty acres. Upon the farm George E. Sawyer built a house and began the development of the fields. For many years he was actively and closely associated with agricultural interests and when too old to longer continue in the work of the fields he and his wife removed to Carpentersville where their last days were passed. In the meantime he had prospered in his undertakings and had added one hundred and twenty-five acres of land to his original tract. He placed the management of the farm in the hands of two of his sons, William G. and Henry G. The former was born on the old homeplace, while the birth of Henry occurred in Elgin.

William G. Sawyer relates many stories of the struggles with poverty and hardships which his parents experienced in pioneer days. On one occasion Mr. Sawyer had to leave the farm and go to Elgin to work at the carpenter's trade that he might gain money with which to carry on the improvement of his place. As the years passed, however, his industry and determination triumphed over hardships and difficulties, and he became the owner of a valuable farming property, which in his later years returned to him a gratifying income.

In his boyhood and early youth William G. Sawyer worked on the home farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At nineteen years of age he left home and secured a clerkship in the store of J. A. Carpenter at Carpentersville,

where he remained for six years. At the expiration of that period he and his brother purchased the business, which they continued under the name of Sawyer Brothers for four years. They then sold an undivided half interest, H. G. remaining in the business with the partner. W. G. Sawyer went to Huntley, Illinois, where he established a flaxmill and manufactured straw into tow for upholstering and for paper. He started the business in 1870, later admitted a partner and built up an extensive enterprise. In 1880, however, he sold out and his partner removed the business to Charles City, Iowa. Mr. Sawyer then turned his attention to the grain and milling business, and with a partner has also conducted a warehouse, which they are still carrying on. He and his brother Henry have been interested as partners in a financial way all of their lives. In 1874, when the Star Manufacturing Company at Carpentersville was organized, they, having sold their interest in the store, took a third interest in the business and thus became connected with the manufacture of agricultural implements. Since that time Henry Sawyer has been president during much of the period, while W. G. Sawyer has been treasurer most of the time. The business was started with a capital of ten thousand dollars and they at present employ one hundred and twenty-five men. The brothers are also connected in the operation of the old home farm of two hundred and eighty-five acres, which they conduct as a dairy farm, and they own a ranch of twenty-one hundred and twenty acres in Cherry county, Nebraska. In 1893 W. G. Sawyer came to Elgin and in 1893 built his present home at No. 806 Highland avenue, where he has since resided, while Henry Sawyer makes his home in Carpentersville.

In 1864 W. G. Sawyer was married to Miss Augusta A. Davis, who was born at Gorton, New York, in 1842 and in 1853 came to Dundee, Illinois, with her parents. Unto them have been born three children: Alice, the wife of F. E. Pearsall, of Batavia, Illinois; May, the wife of M. A. Rice, of Elgin; and Florence, at home.

Mr. Sawyer is interested in many affairs and movements which have bearing upon the welfare of the county in many ways. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Old People's Home of Elgin, and has served for several years as assistant supervisor, yet has never solicited a nomination or a vote. In politics he is a stalwart republican and while residing at Huntley he filled the office of supervisor in McHenry county for seven or eight years.

ALBERT G. KENT.

By both the place and the circumstances of his birth and training was Albert G. Kent, who resides a little south of Elburn, in Blackberry township, well prepared for the battle of life and the strenuous experiences through which he has passed. He was born and reared in the state of Pennsylvania, that great hive of human industry in which almost every occupation known among men finds abundant and fruitful expression, and was made an orphan

at the early age of seven years by the untimely death of his father, in consequence of which the management of the home farm devolved largely on him. Through these conditions he learned even in boyhood the value of useful labor, and acquired the self-reliance and resourcefulness which come from responsibility.

Mr. Kent is a native of Greene county, in the Keystone state, where his life began on March 13, 1860, and is the son of Hiram and Nancy (Whitlach) Kent, who were also Pennsylvanians by birth and the parents of two children: Harriet, who is the wife of Samuel Hiller and lives in her native county; and the subject of this brief review. The father was a well-esteemed citizen of Pennsylvania and a prominent member of the Order of Odd Fellows.

The son attended the public schools near his home when he had opportunity, but his education was acquired mainly in the thorough but exacting school of experience. In 1873, when he was but thirteen years old, he heard the voice of the great middle west calling for volunteers to aid in conquering her wilds and developing her resources, and promising ample reward to all who had enterprise and push, and, heeding the call, he determined at once to join the mighty industrial army and bear his part in the conquest. Accordingly he moved to Iowa and, locating at Clarinda, conducted a livery barn in that town five years. At the end of that period he moved to Aurora, Illinois, where, in his own emphatic and picturesque language, he "went broke." But his native force of character bore him over all difficulties and he began life again, working by the month for a time. He then started farming on his own account and prospered to such an extent that a few years ago he was able to retire to his present comfortable home and devote himself to several specialties which he had long had in mind. One of these was raising superior breeds of live stock and fowls, especially hogs, chickens, turkeys and geese. His favorite breed of hogs is the Poland-China, of which he has now a fine drove that holds a high rank in his part of the state, and specimens of which have taken first prizes at a number of county and state fairs. It is his purpose to make exhibits of his stock in this line at the coming state fairs of Illinois and Iowa this fall, and it is almost a certainty that he will again take the first prizes. In poultry he has favored the white Plymouth Rock and Minorca breeds of chickens, and the white Holland breed of turkeys, with both of which he has been very successful. He is now experimenting with the African goose, a very large variety, resembling the wild goose in appearance, but possessing intelligence beyond all other strains of the goose tribe.

Mr. Kent has been married twice. By the first marriage he had one son, who is now a leading physician and surgeon at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. To prepare the doctor for his profession was a severe tax on the father's financial resources, but he made the necessary sacrifice and struggled gladly, for he is an earnest believer in education and ever willing to do all he can to promote the cause for both an individual student in whom he is interested and for the public in general. In 1896 Mr. Kent solemnized his second marriage, uniting with Miss Lizzie Kennedy, who was born in Ireland and came to America when she was but seven years old. Two daughters have been born

unto them: Nannie and Florence E. The latter is now three years old and one of the brightest and most engaging little girls in Kane county.

Here behold an exemplification of the best type of American citizenship—a man severely tried by adversity and triumphing over it all, daunted by no danger, yielding to no difficulty and deterred by no obstacle, but always working out his own advancement and bearing his full share of the responsibilities and duties of life, and making, in addition, substantial contributions to the welfare, the progress and the enduring good of his fellowmen at all times and in every place. And he has his reward in the peace and comfort which surround him as he looks forward calmly to the evening of his day and continues his usefulness toward the benignant sunset that awaits him.

ORLANDO L. YOUNG.

Orlando L. Young, who, for fifteen years, has been a motorman and is now connected with the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Interurban Railway, was born in Bristol township, Kendall county, Illinois, May 14, 1855. His paternal grandparents were Philip and Cornelia (Miller) Young, the former born September 15, 1799, and the latter November 16, 1800. They were married at Johnstown, New York, March 1, 1819, and later they settled on land which is now included in the beautiful Riverview Park near Aurora. They reared a family of eleven children and the father died November 25, 1885, while the mother passed away August 11, 1879.

James Young, the father of our subject, was born November 7, 1823, in Johnstown, New York, and, having arrived at years of maturity, he married Miss Phoebe Keck, who was likewise a native of Johnstown, born February 16, 1827. Their marriage was celebrated March 15, 1849, and they became the parents of four children: Orlando L.; Nancy A., who is living at Montgomery, Illinois; Frank A., deceased; and Edna C., the wife of F. H. Vaughn, of Montgomery. The death of the father occurred April 7, 1892, while his wife, surviving him for more than thirteen years, passed away August 20, 1905.

In the public schools of Montgomery, Orlando L. Young pursued his education and assisted his father in the work of the home farm, there continuing until twenty-seven years of age. On the 28th of December, 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Kate Kinney, who was born at Little Rock, Kendall county, January 2, 1863. Her father, Patrick Kinney, was a native of County Longford, Ireland, and came to the United States about 1830, while in 1834 he took up his abode in Kane county, Illinois. He was a mason by trade and assisted in building many of the public and private structures in Aurora. He married Catherine Gavney, a native of County Meath, Ireland, who came to the United States with her mother, Mrs. Ann Kearman Gavney, a widow, and settled at Schenectady, New York. Catherine Gavney was born April 17, 1840, and in 1854 became a resident of Aurora. Here on the 11th of September, 1857, she gave her hand in

marriage to Patrick Kinney. She is still living in Aurora, and she comes of a family noted for longevity, her mother having passed away in 1891 at the advanced age of ninety-six years. The death of Mr. Kinney occurred in Aurora, June 10, 1882. Mrs. Young was but an infant when her parents removed to Aurora and here she attended the West Aurora schools. Her brothers and sisters were as follows: Anna, wife of John Morrison, a resident of Benkelman, Nebraska; John, who is living in Burke, Idaho; Mary, the deceased wife of John Quinlivan; Elizabeth and Margaret, who are residents of Aurora; Edward C., who makes his home in Sugar Grove township, this county; and William P. and George T., who are yet residents of Aurora.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Young took up their abode upon a farm in Sugar Grove township, where they lived for one year, and in February, 1883, they removed to Hastings, Nebraska, where they carried on general agricultural pursuits for three years. In March, 1886, they returned to Kane county, and since that time have made their home in Aurora. For fifteen years Mr. Young has been engaged as a motorman on the Aurora electric car lines and the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Interurban Railway. He is still connected with the latter and is regarded by the company as a most efficient and faithful employe.

On the 11th of June, 1883, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Young, to whom they gave the name Florence Edith. Her birthplace was near Hastings, Nebraska, and she pursued her education in and was graduated from the West Aurora high school in June, 1900. She also attended the DeKalb Normal School for one year and has since been engaged in teaching, being now employed for the fourth year in the east side school at Geneva, Illinois. In 1906 Mr. Young purchased an acre of ground on the west side of the Fox river and overlooking that stream, and here he erected a fine residence. It is located on the Aurora and Elgin electric car line, just beyond the north limits of the city, and fine oak trees surround the house, rendering it most attractive in its appearance. In politics Mr. Young is independent, voting for men and measures rather than for party, while socially he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife prefer the quiet and enjoyment of home life to any active participation in public events, but their good qualities have won for them favorable regard wherever they are known. Mr. Young is a worthy citizen of the county and whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own efforts.

ELIPHALET READ.

Six decades have been added to the cycle of the centuries since the Read family was founded in Kane county by Joshua Read, who brought his family, consisting of wife and ten children, to northern Illinois in 1838. Eliphalet Read was then a man of about thirty years. He was born May 23, 1808, in Westmoreland county, New Brunswick. He acquired a good

English education in his youth and throughout his life devoted his energies to general farming. He also bought and sold grain, and was very successful in his business undertakings. When the family came to Kane county Eliphalet Read walked to Freeport to attend the first land sale and there secured three thousand acres which became the property of his father, his brothers and himself. He early became familiar with the arduous task of developing new land and as the years went by brought his fields under a very high state of cultivation, so that large crops were annually gathered and from their sale he secured a good income. He was progressive, too, in his methods of farming and secured all of the improved machinery which invention placed upon the market. As a grain dealer he was also prosperous and his reputation in business circles was unassailable.

Mr. Read was married three times. In 1840 he was united in marriage to Malinda Meyers, a daughter of Charles Meyers, of Canada. They became the parents of three children: Roxanna, Charles Chapelle and Hannah Jane. The mother died at the birth of her younger daughter, and later Eliphalet Read was again married, his second union being with Margaret Crabtree, a daughter of Mary and Richard Crabtree, of Virgil township. There were four children by this marriage: Malinda, deceased; Marian and Richard, twins, the latter deceased; and Henry C. The death of Mrs. Margaret Read occurred about 1858 and on the 10th of August, 1860, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Read and Miss Celestia McClanathan, daughter of Seth and Caroline (Kinsley) McClanathan, of Jamestown, New York. The children of the third marriage are: Caroline and Seth, twins, but the latter died when ten days old; Elizabeth, deceased; and Eloise.

In his political views Mr. Read was a stalwart republican and always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He served as a member of the school board and the cause of education found in him a warm and stalwart friend. Like the others of the family he, too, was a member of the Baptist church and his life, upright and honorable in every particular, won for him the confidence and good will of all with whom he came in contact.

EDWIN KEMP MEREDITH.

Edwin Kemp Meredith, deceased, was one of the leading citizens of Batavia, Illinois, where his entire life was spent. He was born in that city on the 24th of May, 1860, a son of Thomas and Harriet (Kemp) Meredith. His father was a native of Wales, born at the Park in Montgomeryshire, May 24, 1835, and was a son of Thomas Meredith, Sr. Coming to this country, the father was engaged in merchandising in Batavia and he was prominently identified with public affairs, serving as town clerk for three terms, as a member of the board of trustees and president of the same for one term. He filled the office of justice of the peace for four years, and was supervisor for the same length of time, his official duties always being

capably and satisfactorily discharged. In his family were but two children, the younger being Julia, now the wife of Gilbert D. Kendall, who is engaged in the brokerage business in Chicago.

Edwin K. Meredith, the only son, acquired his education in the public schools of Batavia, which he attended during his boyhood and youth. After leaving school he became an electrician and engineer and in 1889 was appointed superintendent of the electric light and water plant of Batavia, which position he held up to the time of his death. In 1903 he was also made superintendent of motive power for the Batavia Supply Company and was regarded as one of the best qualified engineers in his part of the country. He also possessed considerable inventive genius, and was the inventor of several electrical and mechanical devices of much value.

In 1887 Mr. Meredith was united in marriage to Miss Mary Anderson, and to them were born two children, Rena and Thomas, who still survive him. He died on the 12th of March, 1907, at his home in Batavia, leaving many friends as well as his immediate family to mourn his loss, for he was popular with all classes, and those who knew him from boyhood were numbered among his staunchest friends.

THOMAS B. KIRBY.

Thomas B. Kirby, one of the most extensive dairymen and farmers of Elgin township and also president of the Kirby Equipment Company of Chicago, was born in Troy, New York, 1853. His parents, Peter and Charlotte (Bernard) Kirby, who were both natives of England, emigrated to America about 1848. The father was a mechanic and stove moulder and was quite successful after coming to this country. The year 1869 witnessed his removal westward and he settled in Grand Rapids, Michigan, subsequently taking up his abode in Adrian, Michigan, where he died in 1883. His family numbered eight children, as follows: Edward, of Knoxville; Charlotte, the widow of B. J. Stark, of Toledo, Ohio; Esther, deceased; John, who resides in Dayton, Ohio; Eliza, the wife of C. J. Hunt, of Chicago; Thomas B., of this review; Emma, the wife of James Lyons, of Toledo, Ohio; and George P., likewise of Toledo, Ohio.

Thomas B. Kirby acquired a common-school education in the place of his nativity and commenced life on his own account in 1863, when but ten years of age. His first position was as check boy in a dry goods store, where he continued until sixteen years old, gradually winning promotion as he demonstrated his capability and faithfulness. He then removed to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he secured employment with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, being thus engaged for four years, when he made his way to Adrian, Michigan, entered the railway shops and learned car building. This line of business claimed his attention from that time until 1900. Between the years 1880 and 1890 he was master car builder for the Lake Shore Railway Company, but in the latter year resigned, accept-

ing a position with the Armour's as superintendent of building and maintenance of cars and serving in that capacity until April, 1900. He then gave his attention to the lines of business with which he is now connected, being widely recognized as one of the most extensive and successful dairymen and agriculturists of the county. He is president of the Kirby Equipment Company, of Chicago, and in the conduct of his interests has gained a measure of prosperity that entitles him to prominent mention among the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community. In November, 1901, he purchased two hundred and forty-five acres of land in Elgin township, known as the Stone farm, Isaac Stone having entered the land from the government about 1834.

On the 2d of June, 1875, Mr. Kirby was joined in wedlock to Miss Annie E. Anderson, a daughter of Samuel M. and Barbara (Henson) Anderson, of Adrian, Michigan, who were natives of New York and England respectively. The Anderson family came originally from England and in this country carried on agricultural pursuits in the state of New York. The parents of Mrs. Kirby had ten children, namely: Mary, the widow of Charles M. Health, of Adrian, Michigan; Helen, the deceased wife of Melvin Soper; Hannah, the deceased wife of Charles Ordeorn; Josiah, who has also passed away; James, of Adrian, Michigan; Annie E.; William, of Adrian, Michigan; and three who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby have three children: Bessie H., the wife of H. A. Bowles; Annie E., the wife of William Teal, of Chicago; and Charlotte M.

Mr. Kirby gives stalwart support to the republican party, while fraternally he is connected with the Mystic Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Englewood Chapter, No. 76, R. A. M.; and Englewood Commandery, No. 59, K. T. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his county.

PERCIVAL M. WAITE.

This gentleman, who is the present supervisor of Sugar Grove township, has had a somewhat varied and interesting career. He was born near Watertown, Jefferson county, New York, and is the son of Hiram and Laura (Ormsby) Waite. The mother died in New York, and in 1854, when the son was ten years old, he accompanied his father to Michigan, where they lived six years, removing to Waterman, Illinois in 1860. Mr. Waite recollects many incidents of his early migrations from the east to the then distant and unsettled west. The trip from his childhood home to Michigan was made by railroad, but the subsequent one from Michigan to Illinois was made in wagons, over a country rough and unbroken with roads in places, and with many difficulties and obstacles to trouble travelers and render their progress wearisome and excessively trying. Even much of the journey that was made by rail was through a very thinly peopled country which still bore the impress



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of the savage, and gave no sign that it had ever hearkened to the voice of civilized life.

With his wife Mr. Waite removed from Waterman to Cowley county, Kansas, where he entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land which had just been vacated by the Osage Indians. Selling this in 1882, he removed to Sugar Grove, Kane county, Illinois. His father died in 1906, when he was eighty-three years of age. The son began his scholastic training in the public schools of his native state and continued and completed it in those of Michigan and Illinois. Being earnestly devoted to his country and the preservation of the Union, he enlisted in 1864 in Company M, Ninth Illinois Cavalry, under command of Colonel Harper, and served to the end of the war, about a year and a half in all. He saw hard service and faced death on the gory field of Nashville and in other engagements, but escaped without injury and was mustered out of the service at Montgomery, Alabama, in 1865. Returning then to the pursuits of peaceful industry, he once more took his place among the producers, and labored as faithfully to develop and improve the country as he had fought to defend it.

In 1868 he was united in marriage with Miss Laura Anne Paul, of Kane county, this state. They have two children; a daughter, Laura, who is the wife of Ira Judd, an esteemed citizen of Aurora, and a son, Don L., who is serving the government as a railway mail clerk. Both are graduates of the Sugar Grove high school, and are widely and favorably known in Kane county. After all the spice of his early experience in traveling, when that was a thing of momentous impressiveness, as it is not now, and all the incident and adventure of his military life, Mr. Waite is now living quietly on his farm in this county, faithfully performing his daily duties and attending to every task and responsibility that belongs to him. He is held in high esteem as a good neighbor, a firm and reliable friend, and an excellent citizen, always foremost in all good works for the advancement of the county and its people, and standing firmly by what he believes to be right on all occasions, a wise, a useful and an upright man, and a thoroughly representative one in his community.

JOHN ELLIOTT.

In the history of the well-known residents of Kane county, mention should be made of John Elliott, one of the old settlers and native citizens. He was born April 10, 1842, in the log cabin on the east bank of the Fox river just a few rods from the site of his present home. His father, William T. Elliott, was the second person to make claim to land in the immediate vicinity of Aurora. He secured his claim in June, 1834, becoming owner of three hundred acres on the east bank of the Fox river. His only predecessor in the locality was Joseph McCarty, who had made a claim in the preceding spring. William T. Elliott thus became one of the first residents of this part of Illinois, and continued one of its worthy and respected citizens for many years. He was born June 11, 1816, in Killingworth, Middlesex county, Connecticut.

and was the son of William and Louisa (Lane) Elliott, the father born July 16, 1779, at Sturbridge, Massachusetts, while the mother was born at Killingworth, Connecticut, November 29, 1792. They removed to Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, in 1815, and three years later became residents of New Binghamton, New York. It was while the family was residing there that William T. Elliott learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for several years at Union, Broome county, and at Big Flats in Chemung county, New York. On the 6th of June, 1834, he started by wagon for the west, proceeding to Seneca Lake, thus by boat to Buffalo, around the great lakes to Detroit, on by stage to Niles, Michigan, by steamboat to Chicago, and from that point walked the remaining distance to Aurora, where he arrived June 20, 1834. At that time he stayed on the farm which has since been the old family homestead, and is now a part of the property of John Elliott. A year after his arrival William Elliott built a cabin, sixteen by twenty feet, of burr oak logs. On the 3d of August, 1835, he was married to Rebecca Pierce, a daughter of Elijah and Mary (Davis) Pierce, who came from Urbana, Ohio, but both died in Aurora. Although the marriage was opposed by the parents of the bride, the determination of the young couple was not to be frustrated. The ceremony was hastily performed by the village squire in the log house above referred to, and barely in time to escape the interference of the irate father of the bride who appeared on the scene. This was the first marriage ceremony performed in Kane county. A year later a daughter was born to them, who was called Emeline, and who was the first white girl born in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott lived in true pioneer style, enduring all the hardships of pioneer life, but they never faltered in their ambition to secure a good home for themselves and their family. Ten children were born to them, of whom two died in infancy. The others are: Emeline, who was born August 5, 1836, and married Joseph Denny; Homer T., who was born 1838 and is living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mary E., who was born March 17, 1840, and is the deceased wife of E. Denny; John, of this review; Francis M., who was born April 5, 1844; William, who was born February 18, 1847, and resides at Riverside, California; Byron B., who was born April 18, 1850, and is now deceased; and Sarah L., who was born February 28, 1853, and is now Mrs. Walter Keck, of Aurora. Long before his death the father of this family divided his farm among his seven children, reserving the income for the support of himself and his wife during the remainder of their lives. He passed away May 15, 1894, while his wife died August 29, 1900. They had lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, at the old homestead August 3, 1885, upon which occasion there were present seven of their children, and many grandchildren and friends. At that time there was presented to Mr. Elliott a genealogy, covering the history of the family for three hundred years, and tracing the line back to the Rev. P. Thatcher, a vicar in the parish of Queens Chapel, Somersetshire, England, from 1574 until 1624. A grandson of this P. Thatcher—the Rev. T. Thatcher—embarked from his native place for the new world April 6, 1635, and arrived at Boston on the 4th of May. He was the first pastor of the old South church of that city.

William T. Elliott, father of our subject, was religiously inclined, and attended the first religious meeting held at Aurora. It was held at the home of Deacon Moffat, between LaSalle street and Lincoln avenue and nearly opposite the present Methodist Episcopal church. He hewed the logs for the first Congregational church erected in Aurora, and for many years was one of the board of trustees of that society. He also helped to build the first schoolhouse in Aurora, and ever manifested a helpful interest in education. He was a strong abolitionist and aided in the work of the underground railroad, whereby many fugitive slaves were assisted on their way to Canada.

It will be seen that the Elliott family has figured more or less prominently in public affairs in various localities. William T. Elliott, father of John Elliott, was the second white man to settle in Aurora township, and at his death, May, 1884, when he was eighty-four years of age, Aurora lost its oldest pioneer. His wife, Mrs. Rebecca Elliott, was a most kind and courteous lady, and was greatly loved and admired by those who knew her well. Three of their sons, Homer, William and Byron Elliott, served as soldiers of the Civil war and were honorably discharged.

John Elliott is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and best known pioneer families of this part of the state. He was reared to farm life, and has always been successful in his business affairs, owning today valuable land and other property. On the 26th of December, 1866, he married Melvina L. Murphy, daughter of Owen J. and Emma (Chenoweth) Murphy. The Murphy family was founded in America by Patrick Murphy, who came from Wales. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was also in the Indian war at Point Pleasant, and was a friend of Cornstalk, the Shawnee war chief. John J. Murphy, the grandfather of Mrs. Elliott, was born in Nicholas county, West Virginia, January 5, 1790. He died April 14, 1853, while Patrick Murphy died in 1820. Owen J. Murphy, the father of Mrs. Elliott, was born in Braxton county, West Virginia, December 22, 1814. In company with his brother, Andrew, he left home October 3, 1838, went to Iowa and crossed the Mississippi river at Fort Madison, after which he spent ten days in visiting friends about fourteen miles west of the city. He then returned to Illinois on the 19th of November, 1838, located in McHenry county, having made the entire journey on horseback. He purchased the land—a squatter's claim—from Almon Stone, who sold two sections to the Murphy brothers for one hundred and fifty dollars. There was a log cabin built on the place, and about ten acres of the land had been broken. When the land came into market, the brothers bought only two hundred and forty acres. In addition to the one hundred dollars which they possessed, they were compelled to obtain a loan of two hundred and forty dollars, paying at the rate of twenty-five per cent interest. The brothers managed the farm in partnership for five years, and then divided it and Owen J. Murphy added to his property until he had two hundred and thirty-three acres. In 1842 he built a two-story frame house. The timbers were cut from native oak, and the lumber was hauled with teams from Chicago, a distance of fifty-two and three-quarter miles. This house was the pride of the owner as well as the surrounding country, for it was the first frame house on Queen Ann prairie.

and the only one for many miles. It served as a guide in directing travelers. It still stands straight and strong, and the floor of oak is yet good and firm, but the brass knobs have been taken from the many paneled doors by relic hunters. In politics Mr. Murphy was originally a whig and voted for William Henry Harrison in 1840. He was also an ardent abolitionist and aided in the underground railroad; but became a republican on the organization of that party. A staunch Methodist in religious faith, he was one of the founders and builders of the Methodist church in Queen Ann prairie, and always contributed liberally to its support. On the 11th of August, 1842, Mr. Murphy was married in West Virginia to Emma E. Chenoweth. She traced her ancestry back to John Chenoweth, a Welsh nobleman, born in 1652. He married Mary Calvert, a daughter of the third Lord Baltimore, and they came to America in 1680. Their son, Arthur, born in 1688, married Patience Cromwell, a daughter of William Cromwell, who was a brother of Oliver Cromwell. John Chenoweth, the second, a direct descendant of the Welsh nobleman, was born in 1755, more than a century after his illustrious ancestor, called "Revolutionary John." He enlisted in Colonel Muhlenburg's regiment and fought in the battle of Brandywine. It was his grand-daughter, Emma E. Chenoweth, daughter of Robert and Edith (Skidmore) Chenoweth, who became the wife of Owen J. Murphy. Owen Murphy always lived on the farm and died there November 19, 1892, just fifty-four years from the time he came to Illinois. He was one of the respected and worthy representatives of farming interest in the locality, and his name is inseparably associated with the pioneer history. His brother, Andrew, who came with him to McHenry county died July 24, 1908, at the age of ninety-two years, three months and twenty-one days. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy had seven children: Melissa A., who became the wife of William A. Sawyer and died in Golden, Colorado, January 28, 1873; Minerva B., who is the wife of J. E. Clapsattle and resides in Herndon, Iowa; Mrs. Elliott; Emma C., the wife of Thomas Charles, residing on the old homestead in McHenry county; Sarah E., the wife of W. H. B. Crow, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Owen C., who is living in Calloway, Nebraska; and Ida B., the wife of R. D. Winters, of Lakeport, California.

Of this family, Mrs. Elliott was born in Greenwood, McHenry county, Illinois, May 11, 1847. She attended the Todd Seminary in Woodstock, Illinois, and the Jennings Seminary in Aurora. It was while staying there that she became acquainted with Mr. Elliott. They have two sons: Wilmot Owen, who was born January 8, 1868, in Aurora, where he is now residing; and Robert Chenoweth, who was born March 7, 1878, and is now farming in Kendall county. He is married and has a daughter, Anna Garretta, two years of age.

In his business affairs Mr. Elliott has been quite successful. He is fortunate in possessing one of the best sand banks in Kane county. It is located on his farm near Aurora, and was first opened by his father fifty-two years ago, since which time it has been continuously operated. Hundreds of thousands of loads of sand have been hauled away. Over six hundred loads of sand were hauled from here to build the old Center school, and four hundred loads were hauled for the building of the First Methodist Episcopal

church. A large amount was also utilized in the building of the old Frazier block, which was the first building of any size worthy of note, erected on the west bank of the Fox river, it having been constructed over fifty years ago. In all his business dealings Mr. Elliott is enterprising, recognizing his possibilities, and, at the same time, never overlooking anything that might prove detrimental to his best interest. In his political views he is a republican, and in religious faith his wife is a Methodist, belonging to the First Methodist Episcopal church of Aurora. They are both highly esteemed in the community, enjoying the warm friendship and regard of those with whom they have been associated, for their many good qualities of heart and mind have won for them the trust and confidence of friends and neighbors. Both are representatives of old families of this locality, and few are better informed concerning the early history of Kane county and its subsequent development than is John Elliott.

HARRY S. LONG.

Harry S. Long now owns and cultivates one hundred and ninety-six acres of the old Long homestead, which has never been out of possession of the family since it was entered as a claim from the government. His birth occurred on section 20, Big Rock township, August 22, 1863. His father, Edward R. Long, was a native of Greenfield, Massachusetts, born in September, 1827. When in his thirteenth year he came to Kane county, Illinois, in June, 1840, with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Silas Long. The father purchased the farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres from the government, paying the usual price of a dollar and a quarter per acre. The property has since been known as the Long homestead, and its many substantial improvements are monuments to the enterprise and labors of those who have owned and cultivated the place. Silas Long was the first to break the sod and till the soil and continued to reside upon the farm until his death, which occurred about 1855. In the meantime he had extended the boundaries of his property until it comprised three hundred acres, and at his death this was divided between his two sons, Lewis and Edward R. Long. The latter always remained upon the old homestead, there carrying on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred May 17, 1895. In early manhood he wedded Emma Dale, a native of England and a daughter of Thomas and Ann Dale. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Long became the parents of four children: Fred E., who was born March 24, 1858, and lives in Big Rock, Big Rock township; Carrie A., who was born May 4, 1860, and is the wife of William Price, of the same township; Harry S., of this review; and Minnie E., who was born April 15, 1869, and is living in Big Rock township. The father died May 17, 1895, and the mother's death occurred on January 21, 1905.

Harry Long, spending his boyhood as do most farm lads, worked in the fields, enjoyed the pleasures of the playground and performed the

duties of the schoolroom. At the age of eighteen years he permanently put aside his text-books and then engaged in assisting his father upon the home farm until twenty-six years of age, when he rented the place and cultivated it on his own account for fourteen years.

On the 17th of November, 1897, Harry S. Long was married to Miss Abbie Jones, a native of Oneida county, New York, born June 16, 1871. Her parents were Richard and Winifred (Davis) Jones, the former a native of New York and the latter of North Wales. Their family numbered the following named: George W., living in Frankfort, New York; Jennie J., the wife of David T. Evans, a farmer of Big Rock township; Robert R., living in Chicago; Jesse E., whose home is at Wilmurt, New York; Oscar W., of Prospect, New York; and Mrs. Long. The mother of these children died when Mrs. Long was eight years of age, and the father is still living at Prospect, New York. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade and for many years was identified with building interests but is now living retired.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Long has been blessed with two children, Edward Russell, born November 18, 1900, and Winifred, October 2, 1904. The family residence is the old homestead farm and throughout his entire life Mr. Long has carried on general agricultural pursuits, meeting with good success in his undertakings. In the midst of his land stands a comfortable residence and many other substantial buildings. In 1906 he built a barn forty-two by seventy feet with twenty-four foot posts and having a capacity of one hundred and forty tons of hay. It also gives shelter to fourteen horses and twenty cows. There is a concrete floor and every convenient arrangement and equipment. The barn is unsurpassed in Big Rock township. While Mr. Long is leading a busy and useful life in the management and conduct of his farming interests, and is meeting with success in his undertakings, he has also been somewhat active in community affairs and for eleven years has served as constable. He holds membership with the Knights & Ladies of Security at Hinckley. His entire life has been spent in this county on the farm where he yet resides and thus for forty-five years he has been a witness of the events which have transpired and the changes which have occurred. As time has passed he has kept abreast with the progress made by the representatives of agricultural life and is today numbered among the leading farmers of Big Rock township.

JUDGE VICTOR KASSER.

Although Judge Victor Kasser has passed from the scene of earthly activities his memory is yet cherished and honored by those who knew him in life and entertained for him the warm regard which is always accorded upright, honorable manhood. For a long period he served as police magistrate in Elgin, and over the record of his official career there fell no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. He was born in Hirtzfelden, Alsace,

May 13, 1833. His father, August Ettienne Kasser, lived and died in Alsace, which country was also the birthplace of the mother, Mrs. Odilie (Yecker) Kasser.

Judge Kasser was the only one of the family who ever came to the United States. He was educated at the college of Rouffach, Germany. He was reared in his parents' home and at the age of eighteen came to the new world. He had heard various favorable reports concerning the opportunities offered in this country, and hoping that he might more rapidly win advancement in business circles on this side the Atlantic, he crossed the water and settled at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1882. After learning the cabinet-maker's trade he conducted a furniture store and undertaking establishment in the east, but on his removal to Elgin in 1882 he became a carpenter and builder and for some time was thus identified with the industrial interests of the community. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him from private life to public office. He was elected justice of the peace and served for eight years, "winning golden opinions from all sorts of people." He was then elected police magistrate of Elgin and filled the position continuously until two years prior to his death, when he left the office and lived retired throughout his remaining days. As police magistrate he made a splendid record, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial, and that his fellow-townsmen had confidence in him is shown by the fact that he was long retained in office by those who hold themselves amenable to law and order.

In 1854 Judge Kasser was married to Miss Anna Margaret Duterwich, a daughter of John and Barbara (Riessinger) Duterwich, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The young couple began their domestic life at Lancaster, where they lived for twenty-six years ere their removal westward to Illinois. They became the parents of eleven children, five sons and six daughters. Charles, the eldest son, passed away on the 16th of April, 1906. He had married Miss Fannie Howell, by whom he had one son, Victor. Francis Augustus was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Peterson. Edmund Paul died on the 2d of January, 1879, at the age of twelve years. Stephen H. married Miss Anna Herrick, by whom he had eight children, namely: Margaret, Milo, Edmund, Mildred, Gertrude, Zirilda, Victor and Adele, the last two being twins. Mildred and Adele, the fourth and eighth in order of birth, died in infancy. William Harry, the youngest member of the family, resides in California. The daughters are Adele, Rosalie, Anna, Marie, Agnes and Cecilia. The last named is the wife of L. W. Wright, and to them were born three children: Nan, Cecil and Marie Rosalia.

While born in that portion of the world which has alternately been the property of France and of Germany, Judge Kasser was much more French than German in deportment and characteristics, and yet he possessed the German love of and talent for music. He was a well known musician, possessed a fine tenor voice of extraordinary range, power and sweetness and was regarded as a valuable addition to musical circles wherever he lived. He was the founder of the Maennerchor of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was a member of the Walhalla Turnverein of Elgin. He died December

28, 1905, at the age of seventy-two years. His life was an active and useful one and not only his creditable business record but his equally creditable official service and his musical talent made him a favorite and won for him commendation and approval in every relation of life.

CHARLES SHELDON EAGELSTON.

More than one phase of American life has occupied the time and attention of this gentleman, and led him to different parts of the country, but he found no place he liked as well as he did Illinois and tried no vocation elsewhere that entirely pleased him. He, therefore, settled down permanently in this state, and among its people he has since put forth his efforts and made his creditable record.

Mr. Egelston was born near Kickapoo, now Edwards Station, in Peoria county, Illinois, August 11, 1851. His parents were William and Emeline (Fargo) Egelston, the former born near the city of Schenectady, New York, of English parentage, and the latter of New England parentage. They came to Illinois in the autumn of 1833 and during the next nineteen years lived in Peoria county. In 1852 they moved to Stark county and took up their residence on a farm six miles northeast of Wyoming, in Penn township. Here they lived for twenty-eight years. In 1880 the father retired from the farm and moved to Wyoming, where he died in September, 1892. The mother died, twelve years ago.

The son acquired a good common-school education, which he supplemented with a course of special training in Cole's Business College in Peoria. When he reached the age of twenty-one he and his brother George made a trip into Texas and for a number of months experienced the arduous labors and trying existence of cowboys, winding up by helping to drive two thousand head of cattle to Wichita, Kansas, across the intervening plains. They were four months on the trail, and this, with their other adventures as ranchmen, entirely cured all desire in Mr. Egelston to be a plainsman, and he returned to Illinois and bought a farm of eighty acres in the neighborhood of Castleton, Stark county, on which he lived until 1893. In that year he sold the farm and moved to Aurora, turning his attention to the livery business which he is still conducting.

His livery barn is at the corner of Lincoln avenue and Main street and his business is very large and profitable. It is managed with consummate skill and vigor, and so conducted as to meet all the requirements and give satisfaction to all customers. Being an excellent judge of horses, and dealing extensively in them, especially family and driving horses, the proprietor is always able to keep for his own use and that of his patrons stock that is attractive in appearance and prime for service, and it is his ambition to let no liveryman anywhere surpass him in this respect. In fact he is an acknowledged authority on horses and is frequently called on for advice in reference to them.



C. S. EAGELSTON



Mr. Egelston was the fourth child of his parents, the others being: Harriet, the deceased wife of Allen J. Tichnor; William J., a farmer near Castleton, Illinois; George D., a farmer and stock breeder in the vicinity of Fayette, Idaho; Jennie, the wife of J. C. Bloomer, of Denver, Colorado; Fannie, the wife of Samuel Smith, also of Denver; James R., a carpenter at Wyoming, Illinois; and Abbie C., the wife of C. W. McVicker, of Kansas City, Missouri.

On August 17, 1878, Mr. Egelston was married to Miss Eliza M. Ennis, of Wyoming, Illinois, the daughter of Ezekiel and Pauline (Davis) Ennis. The mother died when the daughter was yet but a child and she was adopted and reared by an uncle, L. E. Timmins, with whom she lived until her marriage. She and her husband have two children: Abbie Maud and Jennie Pauline, both of whom are living at home. The older is employed as a stenographer at the Western Wheeled Scraper Works and the younger as a milliner.

Mr. Egelston votes the republican ticket in national elections and generally supports the principles and policies of his party but he is not a narrow partisan and although a man of firm convictions, is tolerant of the views and opinions of others. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, holding his membership in Lodge No. 479 at Wyoming. His wife and daughters belong to the Order of the Eastern Star in Aurora and are charter members of the White Shrine, an auxiliary of that order. The family stands well in the community and is highly respected by all classes of people. Each of its members has performed and is performing well the duties of life, and all are worthy of the good opinion and cordial regard in which they are held.

JUDGE FRANK GEORGE PLAIN.

Judge Frank G. Plain, who has been a member of the Aurora bar since 1892 and is now county judge and also acting as probate judge of Kane county, was born in Aurora, March 24, 1864. His parents, John and Susanna (Lies) Plain, were natives of Germany, the former born in Rhine, Prussia, and the latter in Luxemburg. The father has devoted the greater part of his life in mercantile pursuits and has become recognized as a forceful factor in business circles in northern Illinois. He came to America about 1852, settling in Aurora, where he followed various pursuits for some time, but as his financial resources increased he embarked in merchandising and in the new undertaking gained enlarged prosperity. He has also been president of the German-American National Bank of Aurora from the second year of its organization, serving from its formation as vice president. Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles than does John Plain, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved, but also owing to the straightforward business methods he has ever followed. He was city treasurer for many years, has been president of the school board, and has held other positions

of political preferment. He belongs to that class of representative men who, in advancing individual interests, also contribute to public prosperity nor fail to perform every duty which they owe as a citizen.

Judge Plain, one of a family of twelve children, was reared in this city and passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, was graduated from the East Aurora high school in the class of 1882. He afterward matriculated in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, pursuing a course in the scientific department and was graduated in 1888 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In preparation for the practice of law he began studying in the Chicago College of Law and won the Bachelor of Laws degree on his graduation in 1892. The same year he was admitted to the bar and located for practice in Aurora, where he has since remained as a prominent and able representative of the profession. In 1893 he was elected city attorney and filled the position for four years. The ability which he displayed as city attorney and in his private practice led to his election to the office of county judge in 1906 and he is now serving on the bench, being the same able minister in the temple of justice that he was when a private practitioner. He is now filling out the term made vacant by the death of Judge David B. Sherwood.

On the 14th of January, 1903, Judge Plain was married to Miss Jennie Guinang, a daughter of John and Emily (Addis) Guinang, and they have two children, John and Eleanor. He became a member of the Phi Kappa Phi while at the University of Michigan and he belongs to the Illinois Bar Association and the Kane County Bar Association. Politically Judge Plain is a republican but he never allows political partisanship to interfere in the performance of his duties. He is now president of the Aurora library board and is interested in all that pertains to progressive citizenship, staunchly advocating those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

JACOB WALTER HOYT.

Jacob Walter Hoyt, a prominent agriculturist and dairyman of Kaneville township, where, in conjunction with his brother, he owns extensive farming interests on section 11, was born near Harristown, Macon county, Illinois, March 15, 1877, the son of Jacob N. Hoyt, a history of whose life will be found in the sketch of Edward Lawrence Hoyt, appearing in this issue.

Mr. Hoyt was educated in the schools near his boyhood home until, at the age of fifteen years, he was admitted to the Elburn high school, which he attended for three years. He then returned home and assumed his share of the management and control of his father's farming interests, ably assisting him in the work of the place. On the 16th of March, 1904, he wedded Miss Lon May Humiston, who was born in Kaneville, Kane county, May 23, 1879, the daughter of Clark M. Humiston, who met his death in a railroad accident near Streator, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt are the parents of two children: Merritt H., who was born January 5, 1905; and J. Norris, born December 29, 1907. It will be seen from the foregoing sketch that although Mr. Hoyt is yet young in years he has already attained a marked degree of success in the acquirement of a competence and an independence, and his accomplishments illustrate the value of industry, perseverance, good management and a determination to succeed.

ANDREW G. LOFGREN.

Andrew G. Lofgren is a prosperous farmer and dairyman of Campton township, where he owns and operates one hundred and thirty acres of Kane county's choicest land and conducts a dairy, keeping for that purpose twenty-four cows. He was born in Sweden, February 23, 1853, the son of Andrew and Annie (Anderson) Lofgren. His father was likewise a native of Sweden, where he served the regular time in the Swedish army. He was a miner by occupation and religiously was a member of the Lutheran church. Following his death, which occurred in 1874, the mother came to America, making her home during her last days with our subject. He prizes most highly an heirloom which she gave him in the form of a hand-made mirror which is really a work of art, and which was constructed for her in her maidenhood. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lofgren were born five children: Annie E., the wife of A. H. Norbery, a miner of Sweden; Andrew G., of this review; Jonathan F., deceased; Carl M., a molder, residing in California; and Conrad W., deceased.

Andrew G. Lofgren received his education in the district schools of Sweden. Leaving school at the age of fourteen years, he served as an apprentice to the blacksmith's trade, which he thoroughly mastered and continued following this line of work for twelve years. He married Johannah C. Stephenson, of his native land, and in 1879 the young couple set sail for America in the hope of finding in the new world larger opportunity than was theirs in the land of their nativity. Mr. Lofgren located first at South Norwalk, Connecticut, where he worked at his trade for three and one half years, then removed to Aurora, where he followed it for three years longer.

Learning from his fellow countrymen of the success which they were making in agricultural pursuits he determined to branch out into this line of work, and to that end he rented land and engaged in farming. His success may be attributed not only to his thrift and energy, but also to his persistency, for he remained on this farm for fourteen years, when out of his savings he was enabled to purchase his present place. It is beautifully situated on the old plank road between St. Charles and Sycamore and the residence is a large, commodious brick structure. In addition to this he had made other necessary improvements from time to time as needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofgren are the parents of three children: Matilda J. is the wife of Charles Johnson, a farmer residing near DeKalb; Annie W. is the wife of Elmer Peterson, who is engaged in the grocery business in Rockford; and Ernest G. resides at home with his parents.

Politically Mr. Lofgren is a republican. He is an active worker for his party's interests and is now serving as highway commissioner. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran church. His life has been one of continuous activity, and the success and position of independence to which he has attained have been well merited.

EDGAR CHAPMAN.

Taking the conduct and management of his career in his own hands at the age of eighteen, and coming to the United States for the better opportunities and greater advantages it offered to pluck, industry and perseverance, Edgar Chapman was ready, on his arrival in this country, to do anything he found to do and do it as well as he could. And this has been the rule of all his activities here and is the basis of his gratifying success in everything he has undertaken.

He was born at Ontwell, Cambridgeshire, England, June 16, 1875, and is a son of George and Susan (Bates) Chapman, who were also born and reared in England. The father's life began at Ontwell, Cambridgeshire, July 25, 1841, and the mother's at the same place, November 23, 1839. The head of the house conducted a butchering business and meat market, and after the son left school at the age of thirteen he assisted his father in the work. The family comprised four sons and two daughters, all but two of whom are still living in England, Edgar and his brother Thomas being residents of this county. The others are: Hannah, the wife of Job Lake; John William and Walter; and Kate, who is the wife of James Johnson.

On March 15, 1892, when he was but seventeen years of age, Mr. Chapman sailed from Southampton in his native land, and when he reached America, came directly to Aurora, Illinois, where his brother Thomas was living. With the readiness for any kind of useful labor which has always characterized him, he accepted employment for a short time as a tender to a stonemason. He next secured a position on the George E. Brown stock farm north of Aurora, on which he worked four years. During the succeeding four and one-half years he was in the employ of Robert Evans in the grain and feed business. This enlarged his ideas and gave him new knowledge of human nature, and has been of service to him in many ways.

But he had a natural bent for farm life, and having saved a goodly sum of money out of his earnings, he began to look about him for a venture in farming on his own account which held out prospects of success. While thus on the outlook for his chance, he passed four years in the service of L. W. Randall, a farmer and dairyman near Aurora. In 1902 he bought stock and farming machinery and rented the Shepardson farm of three

hundred acres in Sugar Grove township. During the last six years he has cultivated this big farm with eminent success and large profit to himself and the owner, and has also carried on an extensive and remunerative business Illinois Regiment, working as a blacksmith. He took part in the battle of in feeding livestock for the market.

On December 24, 1896, he married Miss Erma Agnes Thompson, of Aurora, a daughter of David T. and Catherine (Houtz) Thompson, natives of Pennsylvania, where the mother died when the daughter was but two years old. The father is now living at Tower City, Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Chapman was born December 8, 1880. The other children of the family numbered six: Walter Scott, who is a resident of Kankakee, Illinois; William, who died some years ago; David P., who lives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Ulysses Schuyler, a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; Harry Snyder, whose home is at Hiteman, Iowa; and Nettie May, the wife of Walter Shockley of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have five children: Earl Penman, who was born May 31, 1898; Elmer Thompson, whose life began June 7, 1899; Harry Schuyler, who was born August 27, 1902; Dorothy Helen, who was born June 28, 1904; and Mildred, who came into the world February 10, 1908. Their mother came to Illinois with one of her brothers at the age of fourteen and had her home with him in Streator until 1895, when she moved to Aurora.

Mr. Chapman supports the principles and policies of the republican party in national politics. In local affairs he looks to the good of the township and its people, helping to choose good men to administer the local government and doing all he can to promote every worthy movement for progress and improvement. His is a noteworthy example to others, especially young men, for it is a luminous and radiant illustration of what can be achieved by industry, energy and perseverance in this country, where nature has done everything for the human race and only asks the price of her bounties for their generous bestowal. He is an upright and worthy man whom all classes of the people hold in high respect and a leading citizen of the township in which he lives.

JOHN H. POGUE.

Among the soldiers of Kane county who valiantly fought for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Rebellion was numbered John H. Pogue, who answered to the last roll call on the 14th of November, 1894. He was born in New York state on the 1st day of May, 1843, and in 1855 came to Elgin. Feeling that his country needed his service, he enlisted at St. Charles, Kane county, in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry for three years, and served under Generals Farnsworth, Logan and McClellan, taking part in all of the important engagements in which his command participated. He was also with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and was always found at his post of duty, fighting bravely for the stars and stripes and

the cause they represented. Although never wounded he contracted a cold in the army and never fully recovered his health. At one time he was made prisoner and was taken to Andersonville, where he spent but one night, however, when he with a dozen comrades made their escape by digging under the walls of the building. Fortunately he was not recaptured.

On being discharged from the service at the close of the war, Mr. Pogue returned to Elgin, where he spent four or five years, and at the end of that time went to Iowa, which was his home for two years. It was in Illinois that he was married December 22, 1869, the lady of his choice being Miss Margaret Shedden, a daughter of Robert and Margaret (Young) Shedden, of Illinois. There were four children born of this union, namely: Effie Jane, a resident of Elgin, who is now the widow of Walter Seymour, who died in 1897, at the age of thirty-eight years, leaving one son, William; Viola, who died at Balltown, Missouri, at the age of six years; Chloe W., who is the wife of John James, of Elgin, and they have one child, Henry; and Elmer Robert, the youngest of the family, who is also a resident of Elgin.

Mr. Pogue removed from Iowa to Kansas, where he spent six years and subsequently made his home in Missouri for eight years. During a part of this time he followed farming, that being his occupation during life, but ill health prevented him from doing much hard labor. He spent some time in the Soldiers Home at Leavenworth, Kansas, but died at Fremont, Iowa. He was a faithful supporter of the republican party and he was always found as true to his country's interests in days of peace as in time of war.

JOHN M. RAYMOND.

John M. Raymond, senior partner of the firm of Raymond & Newhall, has gained a position of distinction at the Kane county bar through earnest application and unflinching devotion to the interests of his clients. He was born in Bristol, Kendall county, Illinois, December 24, 1858, and is a representative of one of the old colonial families, which was founded in America by three brothers who came from England and landed at Plymouth Rock in 1635. Zenos Martin Raymond, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts and for many years followed farming in New England. He served his country as a soldier of the war of 1812 and died in 1820 as the result of exposure sustained during his military service. His wife, Mrs. Clarissa (Ryder) Raymond, long surviving him, reached the advanced age of ninety-four years. Their family numbered two sons, Charles H. and Granville C. The former, the father of John M. Raymond, was born in Massachusetts and also carried on general agricultural pursuits. He was but four years of age at the time of his father's death, and when a youth of fourteen started out in business life on his own account, working in a nail mill. He was thus engaged until 1841, when, attracted by the opportunities of the new, but growing west, he made his way to Illinois and cast in his lot



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with the pioneers of Kendall county. Only a few settlements had been made within its borders, and the work of civilization and improvement had scarcely been begun. Mr. Raymond built a log cabin, and there in true pioneer style began life in the West, but as the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and eventually the little home was replaced by a fine and commodious residence. As he saw opportunity for judicious investment he added to his property until he had accumulated seven hundred acres, being one of the large landowners of the county. He served as supervisor for twenty-one years, and during most of that time acted as chairman of the board. His long continuance in office is unmistakable proof of his fidelity and his devotion to the public good. He married Lydia Burrell, a daughter of Joseph Burrell, who was a native of Massachusetts and of English lineage. Her father was a seaman and owned a vessel, sailing to all the principal ports of the world. He lived to the age of seventy-six years and reared a large family.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Raymond were born seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Jacob L., who died in 1903, at the age of fifty-nine years; Clara, the wife of John Eccles, of Bristol, Illinois; Charles H., Jr., also of Bristol; Lizzie R., the wife of A. H. Barnes, a resident of Eagle Grove, Iowa; Martin Z., who makes his home in Stamford, Nebraska; John M., of Aurora, Illinois, and George B., who resides on the old homestead in Bristol. The father died on the old home farm February 28, 1904, at the age of eighty-eight years, while his wife passed away in 1889, at the age of sixty-six years. Both were members of the Methodist church and their personal worth gained them a most enviable position in public regard.

John M. Raymond spent his boyhood and youth in the usual manner of farm lads of the period and locality. He attended the district schools in his early boyhood and was afterward graduated under Professor F. H. Hall, at Sugar Grove Normal, an industrial school, in 1880. He then took up educational work and for seven years engaged in teaching, being principal of the schools at St. Charles, Illinois, for four years. Not content with his own intellectual attainment he had during that period attended the law department of the University of Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1884. The same year he was admitted to the bar and since 1889 he has engaged continuously in practice in Aurora, being widely recognized here as one of the most able attorneys of the Kane county bar, with a large and distinctively representative clientage. In 1902 he admitted to a partnership John K. Newhall, and has since practiced under the firm name of Raymond & Newhall. Mr. Raymond deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for, leaving home at the age of sixteen years, he has since been dependent upon his own resources for his educational opportunities and the success that he has achieved. Through farm labor and teaching he provided the funds necessary for professional training, and since becoming a member of the bar he has displayed the same thoroughness which characterized him in the acquirement of his education. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial, yet he never forgets that he owes a higher allegiance to the majesty of the law, and that it should be the purpose of the bar to assist the court in arriving at justice. He is not unknown in business circles, being one of the directors of

the First National Bank, of Aurora, and its attorney. His property interests include five hundred and ten acres of valuable farming land in Kendall county, of which four hundred and ten acres join the old homestead, and to the development and improvement of this farm he gives his personal supervision. He has engaged quite extensively in breeding and raising fine Hereford cattle, and his success as an agriculturist alone would entitle him to more than passing notice.

On the 13th of January, 1887, Mr. Raymond was married to Miss Frances R. Kennedy, a daughter of Orrin and Mary (Finney) Kennedy. They now have two children, Mary M. and Lydia B., the latter a student in the high school. The former is a graduate of the high school at Aurora and is now attending Ferry Hall at Lake Forest, Illinois.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Raymond attend the People's church and are prominent socially in the city of their residence. They reside at No. 177 Downer place, where Mr. Raymond erected a fine modern residence in 1903, it being one of the most beautiful homes of the city. Fraternally he is connected with Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; Aurora Chapter, R. A. M., and Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T. He is likewise a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Chicago, and is connected with Aurora Lodge, No. 705, B. P. O. E., of which he was the first exalted ruler. His political allegiance is unflinchingly given to the republican party, with which he has affiliated since casting his first presidential vote for James A. Garfield. Always interested in community affairs, he served as mayor of the city from 1903 until 1905, and gave a public-spirited, business-like administration, characterized by various needed reforms and improvements. Among the prominent, energetic and successful residents of Aurora he is numbered, and in the midst of complex and important personal interests he has found time to devote to the welfare and upbuilding of his adopted city.

EDWARD J. BAKER.

Among the residents of St. Charles who have taken a very active and prominent part in public affairs is Edward J. Baker, who has made his home here throughout life, for he was born in St. Charles on the 30th of September, 1868. His father was Edward Baker, a native of New York, who came to this state when young and located in Kane county. During his boyhood our subject attended the west side school of St. Charles, his first teacher being Belle Kelly. He continued a pupil in the public schools until nineteen years of age and later pursued a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton Business College in St. Louis for one year.

Early in life Mr. Baker became familiar with agricultural pursuits, being partially reared on a farm, but on leaving school he turned his attention to commercial pursuits and for a time clerked in a hardware store in St. Charles. Subsequently he became a member of the St. Charles Mercantile

Company, with which he was connected for one year. At the end of that time he was appointed inspector of grain and railroad and warehouse commissioner by Governor John R. Tanner, and continued to fill that position in a most creditable and acceptable manner for ten years, serving under Governors Tanner, Yates and Deneen until July, 1907, when he resigned. Since then he has not actively engaged in any occupation but continues to make his home in St. Charles.

Mr. Baker was married in that city in December, 1889, to Miss Harriet Rockwell, a daughter of H. T. Rockwell, of St. Charles, and to them has been born one son, Henry R., now in school. Fraternaly Mr. Baker affiliates with the Modern Woodmen of America and politically is identified with the republican party, taking a very influential part in public affairs as a recognized leader of his party in Kane county.

HENRY PIGNEY.

Henry Pigney, who has been engaged as a blacksmith and wood worker throughout his entire life, is now making his home in Maple Park, where he is conducting a good business. He is a native of England, born November 3, 1838. His parents were Nicholas and Jane (Kershew) Pigney, who were likewise natives of the mother country, where the father worked as a blacksmith for many years. He was prominent in the political life of his locality and for several years filled the office of constable of Westmoreland. He lived to the very advanced age of ninety years. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Pigney numbered five children, the brothers and sisters of our subject being: John, who was formerly engaged in blacksmithing but is now living retired in Oregon; Sarah; Mark K., who has passed away; and Ann.

Henry Pigney spent his boyhood and youth in his native country and attended school to the age of eleven years. At that early age he started out to make his own way in the world, being employed at farm labor during the succeeding four years. He then entered his father's blacksmith shop and under his supervision learned the trades of a blacksmith and wood worker. In 1860, having heard favorable reports concerning the advantages to be enjoyed in the new world, he set sail for the United States and upon reaching American shores at once made his way to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he followed his trades for two years. He then came to Illinois, opening a shop in Troy Grove, where he made his home for one year. He then went to Bellevue, Michigan, where he followed his trade until 1867, in which year he once more came to this state and lived in Vienna for sixteen years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Maple Park, making this place his home from 1881 until 1885. He then decided to try his fortune in South Dakota and accordingly made his way to that state, working at his trade there for seven and a half years. In 1892 he once more returned to Maple Park and made a permanent location. Here he erected the shop in

which he now conducts business, this being supplied with all modern machinery. He is an expert workman in his line and his trade has now grown to such proportions that he employs two assistants, his being the only enterprise of this character in the city. He has met with success in his undertakings and has accumulated quite a handsome competency.

In 1862 he put aside all business and personal considerations, enlisting in the Civil war as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Fourth parents spent their entire lives. He came to America in early manhood, and Hartsville, Tennessee, and after three years' service was mustered out in 1865.

Mr. Pigney was married on the 3d of January, 1862, to Miss Lusina McConnell, who was born near Youngstown, Ohio, and is one of a family of three sons and three daughters, her brothers and sisters being: William H. and Fred L., who are stockmen of South Dakota; Ella J., who is deceased; Minnie S., the wife of John J. Perkins, who follows farming near Sugar Grove; and Frank L., who makes his home in South Dakota.

Mr. Pigney gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party and is a public-spirited citizen. He has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill some local offices, having served for a number of years in the office of justice of the peace. He is also a school director and is acting as president of the city board. He is a Mason, belonging to Sycamore Lodge, No. 134; Sycamore Chapter, No. 49; Sycamore Commandery, No. 15; and Medina Temple at Chicago. He is also identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. On all public questions where the best interests of the city are involved he is always to be found on the right side and there is no mistaking his position on any matter of public moment. He is highly respected in Maple Park and the surrounding country and all who know him have for him the highest regard.

OSCAR E. JOHNSON.

Oscar E. Johnson, a successful farmer and dairyman of Blackberry township, was born in Sweden, August 15, 1876, his parents being John and Magdaline (Lundgren) Johnson. The father is a farmer by occupation and still resides in Sweden, having served his country in the regular army. He is a devoted member of the Lutheran church. The subject of this review is the only one of his father's family who has established his home in the United States, and Huldah, Gustava, Ruth and Ture Johnson still reside in Sweden.

Oscar E. Johnson attended the schools of his native country until twelve years of age, and subsequently assisted his father in the work of the home farm. When seventeen years of age he emigrated to America, taking up his abode near Lily Lake, Kane county, where he worked as a farm hand for nine years. In 1898 he returned to the land of his nativity, where he remained for eleven months, on the expiration of which period

he again made his way to the United States, locating near New Britain, Connecticut. There he was employed by P. F. Corbin as assistant in iron works, and subsequently removed to Hartford, Connecticut, where he secured employment in the electric vehicle shops. Afterward coming to Elburn, Illinois, he has since carried on farming, meeting with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity in his undertakings. In addition to the work of the fields he conducts quite an extensive dairy, and as both branches of his business return to him a most substantial income, he is widely recognized as one of the successful and enterprising citizens of the community.

At Elburn, Illinois, occurred the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Hilma Paulison, who was born in Sweden, December 2, 1878. Two children were born to this union: Ture, who has passed away; and Ruth Johnson, whose birth occurred January 17, 1907. Mr. Johnson possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the prosperous and progressive residents of Kane county.

WILLIAM M. SMITH.

On a large and fruitful farm of four hundred and nineteen acres of well improved land in Burlington township, firmly established in the good will of the people around him, and occupying an honorable post as a citizen of influence, William M. Smith would seem to be above the reach of ill fortune. He is an energetic and progressive farmer and, in addition, conducts a large and profitable dairy business.

Mr. Smith was born April 23, 1846, in Venango county, Pennsylvania, and is the son of Charles and Jane (McClelland) Smith, who were also born in Pennsylvania. They came to Illinois in 1848 and located in Burlington, where most of their children were born. These were nine in number. William's brothers and sisters being: John M., now a retired farmer in Kansas; Anna, Lydia, Mary, George and Charles H., all deceased; Eliza, the wife of E. C. Keys; and Margaret, the wife of E. W. Dickerson, a retired farmer living at Hampshire, Kane county.

William M. Smith attended the country school until he was seventeen years old. He then enlisted in defense of the Union for the Civil war, becoming a member of Company G, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry, in which he served three years and saw some stirring times. He was under command of the late President Benjamin Harrison, with whom he was well acquainted, and also marched with Sherman to the sea. He suffered no disaster in the war himself but had a brother killed at Resaca, Georgia. Mr. Smith was a lieutenant in his company but resigned after the fall of Richmond.

After returning home he attended the seminary at Aurora, Illinois, and some time later was graduated from the Northwestern Business College. Beginning life for himself once more amid the peaceful pursuits of industrial

activity, he went to the oil fields of Pennsylvania and later herded wild cattle for a time. He finally sold his stock and returned to Kane county, locating in Burlington township. Here he has lived ever since, extensively engaged in farming and taking his part in the duties of citizenship. For a number of years he has served acceptably as school director, and in other ways has contributed to the progress and improvement of the township.

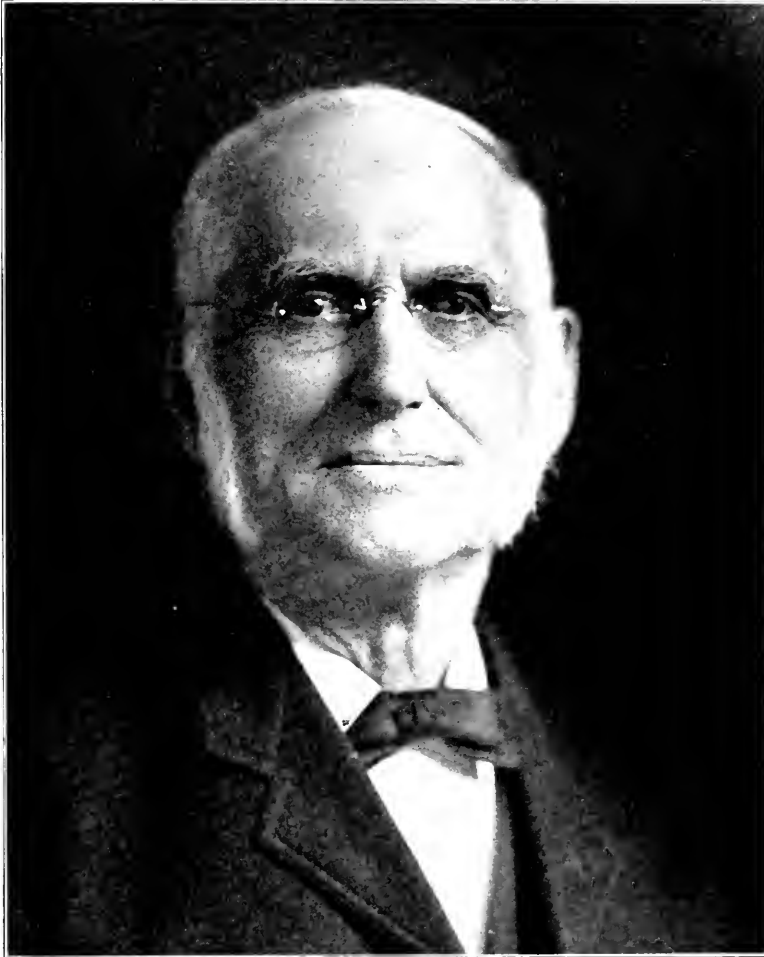
On January 5, 1870, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Esther C. Sholes, who was born in Burlington township, this county, April 13, 1852, and is the daughter of a prominent farmer of the township. Four children have been born to them: Alice J., the wife of Harry Carlisle, a resident of New York city, who is employed in a condensed milk factory; John D., a Burlington township farmer; Fred S., also a farmer in Burlington township and now the township assessor; and Lydia A., the wife of C. B. Oakley, who resides in Hampshire, Illinois.

Following the call to duty throughout all his years, whether it led him to the sanguinary conflict of Civil war, into the wild life of the oil regions, or through the calm and quiet agricultural life, and meeting its demands in every place with ready responsiveness, Mr. Smith has been an example to the youth of the country and his influence has been potent in stimulating them to the same course wherever he has been known. His record is appreciated by all who have knowledge of it, and by the people of his home locality he is accounted worthy of high respect and the deference due to demonstrated merit.

JOHN REISING.

John Reising, well known as one who for many years figured prominently in commercial circles in Aurora, is now enjoying a well-earned rest, living in honorable retirement from active business, save his management of his invested interests. In his commercial career he made that steady progress which results from experience and intelligently applied energy. He was born in Waddenheim, Hesse-Darmstadt, near Worms, Germany, November 13, 1831. His parents were Michael and Eva Reising, natives of Germany, where the father died in 1837. The mother afterward married Adam Ochsenschlager and came with him to America. She had five sons by her first marriage and Mr. Ochsenschlager had eight sons, and all but one of this family, comprising the parents and thirteen sons, settled in Kane county, where the sons all became substantial business men and honored and respected citizens. The brothers of John Reising were: Joseph R., who died in 1892; Frank, who is still living retired in Aurora; Valentine, a twin brother of Frank, now deceased; and Leonard, a resident of Aurora.

John Reising acquired his education by attending the village schools until seventeen years of age, when he came to America and settled at Cleveland, Ohio. While spending a year in that city he learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his two older brothers. The larger opportunities of the



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growing middle west attracted him and caused his removal to the Mississippi valley. He visited relatives in Kane county in 1849 and then proceeded to St. Louis, from which point he went by boat to Ottawa, Illinois. There he worked at the carpenter's trade for one year and in June, 1851, he returned to Kane county, but on the 4th of April, 1852, he started for the gold fields of California, accompanied by his brother Joseph. They traveled with two yoke of oxen and wagons. After a month they reached Council Bluffs, which at that time did not contain over two dozen houses, while the inhabitants were mostly Mormons, who were largely engaged in trading and in making exchange of commodities between the settlers from the far east and the Mormon colony in Utah. Mr. Reising and his brother found so many emigrants at Council Bluffs waiting to be ferried across the Missouri river it was ten days before they could get their turn to be taken across the stream. They proceeded on their westward journey, largely following the Platte river until they reached Fort Laramie, Wyoming, where they halted to rest for a few days. They then continued on their way over the Rocky mountains, and because of a scarcity of feed and water along the trail to California were obliged to change their course and went to Oregon. There Mr. Reising worked for a few months at the carpenter's trade. Later he proceeded to Jacksonville, Oregon, and prospected for gold at Jackson creek. He continued to work at gulch and placer mining until 1854, when in the month of May he started on the return trip. It had required four months to make the journey when he came to the west. On the return he boarded a steamer that sailed from San Francisco to Panama. A railroad had been constructed across the isthmus for a distance of twenty-five miles and he paid twelve dollars and a half for the privilege of riding on it. From that point he rode twenty-five miles on horseback to the eastern coast and took passage on a steamer at Aspinwall for Philadelphia, whence he returned by rail to Aurora.

From that time on Mr. Reising has resided continuously in this city and has been a prominent figure in its business life and in its development along other lines. He was married December 6, 1854, to Miss Susan Lies, a daughter of Michael and Susan Lies, natives of Luxemburg, Germany. Mrs. Reising was born in the fatherland and was one of fourteen children, all natives of that country. At the age of fourteen years she came to the United States with her parents, but her father died soon after reaching the new world. The mother survived until 1874 and passed away at the age of eighty-five years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reising have been born the following named: Susan L. is the wife of John Fauth, who is engaged in the grocery and crockery business on The Island at Aurora; John is living retired in this city; Lena is at home with her father; Elizabeth is the widow of Adolph Oberman and also lives with her father; and Mary became the wife of W. S. Hunter, but both are now deceased.

Following his return from California Mr. Reising engaged in the grocery business for five years and then entered the hardware business as a partner of John W. Kendall. This relation continued for sixteen years, at the end of which time Mr. Reising purchased Mr. Kendall's interest and continued the business alone for four years. At the expiration of that period he sold out to Thomas Holden and opened a glassware and crockery store, which he con-

ducted successfully for a quarter of a century. Since selling out in 1905 he has lived retired from active business save that he owns one of the finest store buildings on Broadway and a number of dwellings and numerous lots in Aurora. His attention is given to the rental of his property and his investments, but otherwise he has no business cares and his rest is well merited because he gave careful attention to his business in former years and was active, energetic and reliable in all of his undertakings. Well known as a wide-awake and progressive merchant and one whose business developed in proportion to his expanding powers, he has also been equally well known as a citizen whose interest in public affairs has been manifest in active cooperation with many movements for the public good. He proved a capable officer while serving as alderman in Aurora and he was supervisor at the time the first city hall was built, at which time he acted as a member of the building committee. His political views are in harmony with the principles of the republican party and he has never sacrificed his party nor the interests of his city to personal aggrandizement. On the contrary, he is known as a loyal, progressive and patriotic citizen and as an honorable business man, enjoying the full confidence of those with whom the varied relations of life have brought him in contact.

JAMES C. JACOBSEN.

James C. Jacobsen, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Virgil township, was born in Denmark, September 23, 1869, his parents being James C. and Bertha Chestena (Jensen) Jacobsen, also natives of that country, the former born April 2, 1825, and the latter April 10, 1842. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, served for three years in the war between Germany and Denmark, beginning in 1848, and passed away in the land of his nativity in the year 1905. His wife, whom he had married in Denmark in 1861, also died in that country, being called to her final rest in 1900. Their family numbered eight children, namely: Anna, who was born in Denmark in 1864 and passed away in that country in 1883; Jensina, whose birth occurred in Denmark, June 5, 1866, and who still resides in the land of her nativity; Gena, who was born September 22, 1867, in Denmark, and still resides in that country, being the wife of Jim Norskon; James C., of this review; Dorothy, born in Denmark, October 13, 1877, who died there in 1905; Christina, whose birth occurred in Denmark, November 1, 1870, and who passed away there in 1877; Otavia, born in Denmark, September 26, 1881, who died in infancy; and Kirstina, who also died in infancy, her birth having occurred in Denmark, November 4, 1882.

James C. Jacobsen attended the schools of his native land until fifteen years of age, and on the 1st of June, 1895, emigrated to America, locating in Wisconsin where he remained for about two years. He subsequently spent four years in DuPage county, Illinois, and then came to Kane county,

where he has since made his home. He now rents a tract of one hundred and thirty acres of rich and productive land in Virgil township, known as the John Keef farm, and in addition to the work of general farming is largely interested in dairying, owning twenty-two cows and taking on an average of four hundred pounds of milk to the factory daily. He has five horses, and uses various kinds of improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he displays untiring perseverance and excellent business ability and well deserves the measure of success which has attended his efforts.

In his political views Mr. Jacobsen is a staunch republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, and he is well known and highly esteemed as an upright and progressive citizen of his adopted county.

ROBERT HARDY.

Although he has lived in several states and seen different parts of the country, Robert Hardy is now living and employing his energies in the locality where his life began. He was born in Burlington township, Kane county, March 24, 1873, and is a son of Sydney and Helen (Lott) Hardy. The father, a native of the state of New York, early learned the trade of molder and worked at it for a short time in his native state, but came to Illinois when a young man. He settled at Shabbona Grove in DeKalb county and began farming near that town, following the same occupation until his death. He was a republican in politics but never held nor sought office. His remains and those of his wife now rest side by side in Shabbona Grove cemetery.

The children born to them number six, the brothers and sisters of Robert being: Alice, who married Lawrence Angel, now a farmer in Nebraska; Lou, who married Charles Shoules; Edward V., a farmer near Hampshire in this county; George B., who is also a farmer; and Nellie, who married Albert Davis and shares with him the labor of conducting a farm. Born and reared on a farm, these children have adhered to the industry of their parents and are all doing well at it.

Robert Hardy obtained what education he had a chance to get in a country school in Burlington township, which he attended during the winter months, while assisting his father on the farm in summer until he was fourteen years old. Then, owing to the death of his father, he was obliged to quit school and take charge of the home farm. This he continued to manage until he was eighteen. At that age he started out in life for himself by hiring out to a neighboring farmer as a hand on his farm. For five years he pushed his fortunes in this way in Illinois, then moved to Iowa, where he again accepted employment as a farm hand. From Iowa he went to South Dakota, remaining in that state nine years employed in various ways.

After this he passed a year in Minnesota, and then returned to Illinois and became a resident of Kane county, where he was married May 7, 1905, to Miss Alice Davidson, who was born in Indiana. Her mother is dead and her father resides in Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy have one child, Sydney Merrill who was born on August 31, 1907.

Since his marriage Mr. Hardy has been prosperously engaged in farming, renting farms for the purpose, and, in addition, expanding from a small beginning a dairy business which now uses the yield of his twenty cows of the Holstein and Durham breeds. The farm he occupies contains one hundred and sixty acres, of which he has this season (1908) fifty acres in oats, forty in corn, and the rest devoted to hay and pasturage. He had to struggle for all he has acquired and the triumphs he has won are distinctly his own. He has made every hour of his time and every faculty of his nature tell to his advantage, and thus, through arduous effort and good management, has attained to substantial comfort and a position of respect and standing in his community.

L. A. LOCKWOOD.

L. A. Lockwood, justice of the peace of Aurora and a well known member of the bar of the city, was born February 18, 1858, in Ottawa, Illinois. His father, Arthur Lockwood, was a native of New York but came to Ottawa in 1848. He had been engaged extensively in the jobbing business in the eastern metropolis in connection with his father, John Lockwood, who was a pioneer wholesale merchant of that city. Following his removal to the middle west Arthur Lockwood engaged in the dry-goods business in Ottawa and for many years owned and conducted one of the largest dry goods establishments of the city, having an extensive and liberal patronage, while his business methods commended him to the confidence and support of all who knew him. In 1861 he retired from the business and was afterward active in public affairs. He became assessor and justice of the peace and the duties of both offices were discharged with promptness and fidelity. In 1852 he was candidate for mayor of Ottawa but lost the election by only three votes. His religious faith was that of the Society of Friends or Quakers. In early manhood he married Miss Josephine Letshaw, a native of Pennsylvania, and of German descent.

L. A. Lockwood pursued his education in the public schools of Brooklyn, New York, to which city he went as a boy to live with his grandmother. He afterward entered his father's store in Ottawa and there remained for a number of years but, preferring a professional rather than a commercial career, he took up the study of law and in this state was admitted to the bar at Springfield. In 1877 he was appointed assistant clerk of the supreme court and shortly afterward was appointed deputy clerk of the probate court of La Salle county. At a later date he entered the mail service, wherein he continued for five years. Subsequently he spent four years in

Springfield as examiner for a building and loan association and in 1897 he came to Aurora, where he engaged in the practice of law for a short time. In 1901 he was elected justice of the peace and is now presiding over the justice court, where he has "won golden opinions from all sorts of people" by the justice and impartiality of his decisions.

Mr. Lockwood is recognized as one of the prominent democrats of the county, unflinching in his loyalty to the party and untiring in his efforts for its success. He has been a delegate to all the county and state conventions and his opinions carry weight in the party councils.

MARCUS GAUNT.

Marcus Gaunt, identified with the farming interests of Kane county, his home being in Elburn, was born in Blackberry township, this county, November 10, 1849. His parents, Henry G. and Millicent Gaunt, were early settlers of this part of the state. The father was born in Northamptonshire, England, August 25, 1822. He came to America in 1846, settling at Elburn, when this was still a wild and unimproved district. He had been reared in his native country, where his father occupied the position of game-keeper at Best Wood Park. The favorable reports which reached him concerning America and its opportunities led William Gaunt to come to the United States, hoping that he might have better advantages in the new world. He made his way to Kane county and cast in his lot with those who were reclaiming the region for the purpose of civilization, transforming it into productive fields, while the work of town building was being carried steadily forward. He continued a resident of this part of the state until his death and both he and his wife have now passed away. Their family number six children: Elizabeth, now deceased; William R., who resides in North Platte, Nebraska, where he is engaged in blacksmithing; Washington H., who resides in Atlanta, Georgia, where he conducts a real-estate business; Franklin, a retired farmer living at Elburn; and Emma, who is living in Palestine, Illinois.

The other member of the family is Marcus Gaunt, of this review, who was reared under the parental roof and attended the country schools until fifteen years of age. Through the periods of vacation he assisted in the work on the farm and when he finally put aside his text-books he began giving his entire attention to the labors of the fields. He remained at home and gave his father the benefit of his assistance until twenty-eight years of age, when he was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Reeves, whose father is a retired farmer and resides at Maple Park.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Gaunt began farming on his own account and prospered from the beginning and soon owned an excellent farm of one hundred and forty acres. He brought his land under a high state of cultivation, transforming it into rich and productive fields. As the work continued year after year he gathered rich crops as the reward of his

diligence and industry, and from his farm now derives a gratifying income. He is a reliable, enterprising business man in whom his fellow townsmen have such respect and confidence that his word carries great weight and influence on matters of public moment.

Mr. Gaunt attends the Congregational church and he gives his political support to the republican party. He is a staunch advocate of its principles, yet has never sought or desired the honors nor emoluments of public office as a reward for public fealty. He has spent his entire life in this county and that his career has ever been an honorable and upright one is indicated by the fact that his staunchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood days.

FRANK BARRINGER.

Frank Barringer was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1864, his parents being Jacob and Angeline (Trumbauer) Barringer, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. The father was an agriculturist and later entered business as a marble cutter. His children were as follows: Allen B.; Etta, the wife of West Myer; Annie, the wife of Charles Kilmer; Lilly, who is the wife of Philip Prifold; Emma; and Frank, of this review. With the exception of our subject, all of the children are residents of Philadelphia.

Frank Barringer attended the schools of his native city, thoroughly mastering the branches of learning which constitute the curriculum of such institutions. When twenty-three years of age he came to Chicago and engaged in various occupations until 1897. That year witnessed his arrival in Aurora, where he entered the employ of the Aurora Automatic Machinery Company, being thus engaged for six years. On the expiration of that period, having carefully saved his earnings, he decided to engage in business on his own account and formed a company for the purpose of purchasing the Commonwealth Laundry of Aurora. He acted as manager for two years and on the 28th of May, 1906, bought the interest of his partners, having since been the sole owner of the Aurora Hand Laundry. When he first took charge of the enterprise he employed only two or three assistants and something of the increase in business may be indicated by the fact that from fifteen to twenty employes are now engaged. From an enterprise which at first paid only ten dollars per week it has been developed until it provides an income of more than three hundred dollars per week, and is the second largest concern, in point of business capacity and patronage, in this city of thirty-five thousand population. The plant is equipped with the most modern and up-to-date machinery, all of which is propelled by electricity, and the development of the industry to its present proportions is due to the perseverance, shrewdness and business acumen of Mr. Barringer. The business is located at No. 66 North Broadway.

On the 25th of January, 1893, occurred the marriage of Mr. Barringer and Miss Stella Clair, a native of Chicago and a daughter of Charles and Margaret

Clair, who were born in Alsace and Wurtemberg, Germany, respectively. Her father served as a soldier in the Civil war, and for many years followed the trade of shoemaking. Mr. and Mrs. Clair removed to Naperville about 1870 and in 1872 came to Aurora, where the former passed away about 1880. Mrs. Clair still survives her husband and makes her home in Aurora. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Barringer are as follows: Carrie, the wife of F. T. King, of South Pasadena, California; Tillie, who died some years ago and who was the wife of George Rang, the present fire chief of Aurora; Charles, of San Francisco, California; Oscar, residing in Rockford, Illinois; Lilly, the wife of A. W. Arthur, of Aurora, who is an engineer for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway Company; and Nellie, now deceased, who was the wife of H. E. Hubbard, one of the leading grocers of Aurora.

In his political views Mr. Barringer is a republican, while fraternally he is connected with Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., the Elks and the Maccabees. His wife is a member of the Salem United Evangelical church and, like her husband, has won the high regard and esteem of all with whom she has been associated.

DR. I. WATSON PRICHARD.

From no professional man do we expect or exact so many of the cardinal virtues as from the physician. If our lawyer is brusque and crabbed, we think it is a mark of genius, and if the minister is austere, we say that it is because his thoughts are engaged with things beyond our ken. Of the physician, however, we demand a geniality and kindness and a ready sympathy in addition to comprehensive understanding of the laws which govern health and regulate disease. Possessing many of the necessary attributes of the successful medical practitioner, Dr. Prichard has made for himself a creditable place in the ranks of the profession in Aurora. He was born in Oneida county, New York, January 18, 1842.

His father, William W. Prichard, was a native of Wales, where his in the state of New York met and wedded Miss Mary Morgan, a native of England. Her father was of Scotch birth, and on leaving the land of hills and heather settled in England, but later came to the United States, locating in Oneida county, New York, where he spent his remaining days. He was a typical Scotch highlander, tall and straight, and possessed the sturdy honesty characteristic of the people of the race. Mr. and Mrs. William W. Prichard resided for a long period in Onieda county, New York, where he died in 1852, at the age of sixty-one years. His widow came to the middle west in 1869 and located in Chicago, where she died in 1874 at the age of seventy-four years. They became the parents of two children—Dr. I. W. Prichard, of Aurora; and Sarah, the widow of Dr. Doane, of Chicago. The father followed the occupation of farming throughout his entire life and thus provided for the support of his family.

Dr. Prichard of this review, reared upon the old homestead in Oneida county, there remained to the age of twenty years. He attended the district school and afterward became a student in a select school at Delta, New York, while later he entered the State Normal at Rome, New York. He completed a course in chemistry as a student in the chemical department of the University of Michigan and later was graduated from the medical department there, when in order to attain further perfection in his chosen calling he entered the Long Island College Hospital at Brooklyn, New York. He also attended the eye and ear infirmary of New York, and thus, well equipped for general practice and for special lines of work, he came to the west.

On the 1st of May, 1868, Dr. Prichard arrived in Illinois, settling in Kaneville, where he engaged in practice for four years. He then went to Waterman, Illinois, where he practiced for four or five years, since which time he has been an active and successful representative of the medical fraternity in Aurora. He has won for himself very favorable criticism for the careful and systematic methods which he has followed, for his untiring devotion to the needs of his patients and for his ability in administering the remedial agencies which check the ravages of disease and restore health.

On the 10th of January, 1870, Dr. Prichard was married to Miss Della M. Coy, of Kaneville, Illinois, a daughter of B. A. and Delette (Lathrop) Coy. They became the parents of one daughter, Daisy, who is married and lives in Odebolt, Iowa. The mother passed away in Kaneville, and in December, 1879, Dr. Prichard was married to Miss Annie Waterbury, of Neosha Falls, Kansas, an adopted daughter of James S. Waterbury. Three children were born of that union, a son and two daughters: Lillie M., living at home; James Eugene, a physician and surgeon, who was graduated from the Washington University, of St. Louis; and Perionita June, a graduate of the Hinsdale high school.

Mrs. Prichard is a member of the Congregational church, and Dr. Prichard holds membership with Waterman Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M. He is also connected with the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Odd Fellows and in professional lines with the Kane County Medical Society. While he makes his home in Hinsdale, he maintains his office in Aurora in order to keep in closer touch with the demands of a constantly growing practice.

CHARLES F. CLYNE.

Charles F. Clyne, filling the office of city attorney and giving evidence of the possession of strong qualities as an able lawyer of Aurora, was born at Maple Park, Illinois, July 26, 1877, a son of John and Mary (Fitzgerald) Clyne. The paternal grandfather, Michael Clyne, was a native of Ireland, and owned what was known as the Mound Davis estate on the river Shannon in the County of Longford. There he conducted general agricultural pursuits and also operated a grist and flour mill and supervised his estate.

He died in Ireland when about sixty-five years of age, while his wife, Mrs. Anna (Martin) Clyne, passed away in 1905 at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of twelve sons and two daughters who reached adult age. The maternal grandfather was Joseph Fitzgerald, a native of Ireland, as was his wife, Helen (Burke) Fitzgerald. Both came to America and after residing in Buffalo, New York, for a short time, removed to Manitowoc, Wisconsin. About 1862 they became residents of Maple Park, Illinois. In the Badger state Mr. Fitzgerald had followed farming, and after coming to Illinois he looked after a small farm and engaged in raising cattle and loaning money. He was actively interested in local politics and was a member of the county central committee and held various town offices. His political allegiance was unswervingly given to the democracy. He remained a prominent and influential resident of Maple Park until his death, which occurred in April, 1905, when he was seventy-three years of age. His widow still resides there at the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of three daughters and one son.

John Clyne, father of our subject, was born in County Longford, Ireland, and in early life entered upon an apprenticeship as a dry goods clerk in the city of Longford. He came to America about 1868 and settled at Maple Park, Illinois, where he engaged in the dry goods business for many years. He then removed to Stafford, Stafford county, Kansas, where he lived up to the time of his death in 1902, passing away at the age of sixty-three years. His widow, Mrs. Mary Clyne, a native of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, survives him and lives with her son Charles F. in Aurora. Both were members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Clyne was quite prominent in his community as a democratic leader. He served as a member of the board of supervisors of Kane county for many years, was chairman of the democratic county central committee for a number of years and was also a member of the state central committee in Illinois and in Kansas. In 1892 he was chosen presidential elector in Kansas. He was a man of clear judgment, progressive in his citizenship and at all times stood loyally in support of his honest belief. Unto him and his wife were born two sons, the younger being Joseph A. Clyne, who is assistant cashier of the State Bank at Maple Park.

Charles F. Clyne, the elder son, was reared at Maple Park, pursued his early education in the public schools there and was graduated from the Stafford high school when eighteen years of age. He afterward graduated from the literary and law departments of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1902, and was admitted to the Michigan bar on the 17th of June of that year. He then returned to Kansas and was admitted to practice in the courts of that state in February, 1903. He then began practice at Stafford. He had figured as a most active political worker in the Sunflower state in 1900 and in 1903 he was a candidate for congress from the seventh district against Victor M. Murdock, present member of congress from that district. On the 1st of January, 1904, Mr. Clyne became a resident of Aurora, Illinois, where he entered into a partnership under the firm style of Murphy, Alschuler & Clyne. This relationship was continued until

the 1st of April, 1907, when Mr. Clyne was elected city attorney and withdrew from the firm to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, in which he is now engaged.

Mr. Clyne maintains a deep interest in the political situation and issues of the day and was the democratic candidate for county judge in 1906. He belongs to the Catholic church and is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and also of Aurora Lodge, No. 705, B. P. O. E. He is likewise a member of the state committee of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and a member of the state board of laws of that society, while his membership relations include the Yeomen of America and the Mystic Workers of the World. He lives at No. 347 Fox street with his mother and has traveled quite extensively in this country and Europe, gaining that broad knowledge and culture which can be obtained in no other way. He is a young man of laudable ambition and honorable purpose, who has won the respect of his fellow citizens and has gained a good clientage as a practitioner at the Aurora bar.

JAMES CANNON.

James Cannon is closely associated with the industrial interests of Kane county as vice president of the Cannon Box Company, manufacturers of wooden boxes of all kinds at Geneva. He is a man of resolute purpose and determination, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He was born in Fulton, Illinois, August 15, 1865, and in the paternal line comes of Irish ancestry, his grandfather, Byron Cannon, having spent his entire life in Ireland, where he followed the occupation of farming. He married a Miss Mackay, who survived him and came to the United States, spending her last days in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she died at the age of eighty-eight years.

Their family of four sons and two daughters included Daniel Cannon, father of our subject. He, too, was a native of the Emerald Isle and for many years was a railroad man. He crossed the Atlantic about 1845 and for a time resided in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, while subsequently he removed to Fulton, Illinois, and eventually became a resident of Maple Park. For the past thirty years or more, however, he has lived in Geneva. For more than four decades he was one of the capable and trusted employes of the Northwestern Railroad Company in construction work and maintenance of way but is now retired, having been pensioned by the company in recognition of his long service and ability. He wedded Miss Mary Murphy, also a native of Ireland, as were her parents, who, on coming to the new world, settled in Vermont and remained residents of the east until called to their final rest. But two of their children are now living: Catharine, the wife of John J. Hess, of Cleburne, Texas; and Ellen, the wife of Daniel Cannon, of Geneva. Both parents of our subject are members of the Catholic church.

They have fifteen children, eight sons and seven daughters, and the record is a notable one in that the family circle yet remains unbroken by

the hand of death. These are: Mary, the wife of John Wheeler, of Geneva; James, of this review; Bernard, of Milwaukee; Catharine, the wife of Anthony J. Roefs, of Batavia, Illinois; Ellen; Julia, the wife of James Downey, of Geneva; John, who resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rose, likewise living in Milwaukee; Daniel, of Geneva; Frank, who makes his home in Cairo, Illinois; William and Joseph, twins; George, a resident of Geneva; Josephine, also of Geneva; and Agnes.

James Cannon was reared in Geneva, Illinois, from the age of six years and, entering the public schools, passed through consecutive grades, continuing his studies until he began providing for his own support as a messenger boy in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company in 1880. In April, 1881, he secured a clerkship in the freight and ticket office of the Northwestern Railway Company and was promoted from time to time in recognition of his diligence and worth until in 1888 he was made agent. He continued as the popular and efficient incumbent in that position until May, 1907, when he resigned to look after his interests in the Cannon Box Company, in which he had been a partner for several years, and of which he is now vice president. This company employs from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and fifty persons. The plant is well equipped with the latest improved machinery for facilitating the business and the output is shipped extensively, while the annual sales reach a large figure and the business is now extensive and profitable. The present officers of the company are: Arthur W. Pope, president; James Cannon, vice president; Frank C. Cannon, secretary; and Arthur W. Pope, treasurer.

On the 16th of May, 1903, Mr. Cannon was married to Miss May B. Blackman, a daughter of Dr. F. H. and Julia C. Blackburn. They have one son, Kenneth Blackman, and they occupy a pleasant home at the corner of Fifth and Franklin streets in Geneva. Mr. Cannon is a communicant of the Catholic church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is also connected with the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and in politics he is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He is, however, interested in all that pertains to the public welfare and gives active and helpful coöperation to many measures for the general good. In his own business career he has made steady advancement and has attained a creditable position by his indefatigable labor and effort.

AXIL EMIL STROM.

Axil Emil Strom, who follows farming and dairying in Virgil township, is a native of Sweden, and a son of Andrew and Anna Lena (Burgerson) Strom. The father is now deceased, but the mother is still living and makes her home with our subject. He also has three brothers: Charley J., who is engaged in mining at Leadville, Colorado; John A., a farmer living near Aurora; and Andrew D., a carpenter of Batavia, Illinois.

In the land of his nativity, A. E. Strom passed his boyhood and youth, attending the public schools until fourteen years of age and then working as a helper on a farm until twenty-three. For his services he received only forty crowns per year, a crown being worth about twenty-seven cents in our money. Believing that he would do much better in the new world he then crossed the briny deep, and on landing in this country proceeded at once to Kane county, Illinois, where he soon secured work on a farm near Elburn, being thus employed for five years. At the end of that time he removed to Leadville, Colorado, where he followed mining for fifteen months, but since then his time and attention have been wholly devoted to agricultural pursuits and he is now successfully engaged in general farming and the dairy business in Virgil township, keeping about fifty cows.

Mr. Strom has been twice married, his second union being with Miss Anna P. Johnson, also a native of Sweden, who came to the United States in 1898 and located at Elburn, Illinois. Unto them have been born two children: Alta A., born August 12, 1903; and Agnes M., born October 16, 1904. The parents both hold membership in the Lutheran church and they are held in the highest regard by all who know them. In politics Mr. Strom is a republican.

JONATHAN S. ELIASON.

Jonathan S. Eliason, residing on his home place in Campton township, where he owns twenty-six acres of land and a dairy, was born in Sweden, June 7, 1874, the son of Elias and Christina (Anderson) Johnson. He is one of four children, of whom his brother Alfred is deceased. His two sisters, Annie and Hilda, reside at home in Sweden with their mother. The father died in 1892.

Jonathan S. Eliason received the rudiments of a good education in the district schools of Sweden, which he attended regularly until fourteen years of age. He then left school to assume his share of the responsibility of making a livelihood from his father's farm and continued working for the family interests until he was eighteen years of age. It was then that he determined to seek the larger opportunities which the new world afforded, as so many of his countrymen had done before him, and, not possessing sufficient funds to pay his passage to America he borrowed the amount. He came direct to Elgin, where he first secured employment on public works. He later secured a position as farm hand. He then rented a farm and later purchased his present place of twenty-six acres, which he has improved and converted into a comfortable home. In addition to the cultivation and care of this place Mr. Eliason also rents land which he works to the full capacity of his capital and energy.

Mr. Eliason married Miss Augusta Peterson, who was born in Sweden and came to America in 1893. They have become the parents of two children, Hilda Florence and John Roy.

Politically, Mr. Eliason supports the republican party. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Switch. Mr. Eliason is yet a young man and the substantial benefits which he has already reaped as a result of his thrift and industry bid fair to place him in a position of affluence and independence in the course of a few years.

F. G. ADAMSON.

F. G. Adamson, a well known representative of the manufacturing interests of Aurora, is strong in his ability to plan and to perform. He has learned to correctly value life's contacts and experiences and in the utilization of opportunities has displayed the power to bring into unity the varied and complex interests which constitute features in every business enterprise. A native of Canada, he was born on the 8th of September, 1866. His father, Henry Adamson, a native of England, went to Canada when a young man and there engaged in merchandising. He also filled the position of postmaster at Stayner, Canada, for many years, but has now retired from business and official connections and is living in Barrie, Canada, in the enjoyment of well earned rest. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anne Abigail Baker, is also a native of England.

In the public schools of his native land F. G. Adamson pursued his education and made his initial step in the business world as an employe of the old Northern Railroad Company in the chief engineer's office. He afterward acted as private secretary to the general manager for a number of years. In 1890 he went to Detroit and became connected with the Grand Trunk Railway Company as accountant in the treasurer's office. There he continued for about two years or until 1892, when he went to Chicago and entered the employ of the Webster Manufacturing Company as a member of the office force. He was shortly afterward transferred by the company to one of its subsidiary companies, known as the John Metcalf Company. Mr. Adamson became secretary, treasurer and director of the Metcalf Company and still retains an interest in the business. They are extensive builders of grain elevators and do engineering work, their business having reached large proportions as the result of the capable service which they render in their chosen line of activity. Mr. Adamson, however, has not confined his attention to one field. In 1901 he came to Aurora with W. W. Stephens, with whom he had formerly been associated in the Metcalf company. They organized the Stephens Adamson Company for the manufacture of transmitting machinery for the transmission of power. Their output includes belt conveyers and other transmitters and from a comparatively small beginning the business has grown and developed until it is now the most extensive in the country. When the enterprise was established here the city gave to them four acres as a site for their plant. They have since purchased twelve acres more and have erected a very extensive and substantial plant, this being one of the most important industries of Aurora. The number of their employes has

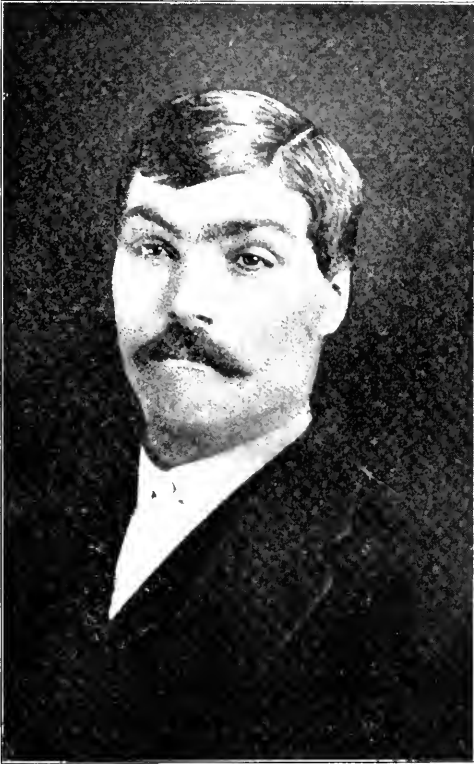
been constantly increased until they now have about two hundred workmen. The plant is thoroughly equipped with most modern machinery and everything necessary for the conduct of the enterprise along progressive lines has been secured.

While important and growing business interests have made heavy demands upon his time and energies, Mr. Adamson has yet found opportunity to cooperate in many movements for the good of the community. He has never sought success for the sake of the money alone but for the opportunities it brings to him, and he has been liberal in sharing his possessions with individuals in need of assistance and also in contributions to many progressive and helpful public interests. He is now the vice president of the Young Men's Christian Association and is an active and zealous member of the Episcopal church. Fraternally he is connected with Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., with the chapter and the commandery, and he also belongs to the Union League Club of Chicago. Such in brief is the history of one who stands as a prominent citizen of Aurora. His connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome of the same. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won for him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

MRS. ROSE (SMITH) COOLEY.

Mrs. Rose (Smith) Cooley, who successfully manages her farm of ninety-eight acres located a quarter of a mile east of Lilylake, was born in Allen county, Indiana, March 26, 1860, the daughter of George W. and Mary A. (Sapp) Smith. Both parents were natives of Akron, Ohio, in which city the father resided until thirty-eight years of age, following the trade of blacksmithing. Dissatisfied with the progress he was making, and ambitious to better his condition in life, Mr. Smith removed to Allen county, Indiana, and engaged in farming, which occupation he followed until the time of his death. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born six children, two sons and four daughters, namely: Martha J., the wife of Mr. Lesh, a farmer of Allen county, Indiana; Alice M., the wife of Mose Higgins, residing in Allen county, Indiana; Clem B. and Franklin, both of whom are engaged in farming in Allen county; Elizabeth, the wife of James Adams, a carpenter residing in Pennsylvania; and Rose, of this review.

Mrs. Cooley received her education in the district schools of Allen county, which she attended regularly until fifteen years of age. At the early age of seventeen years she became the wife of W. M. Harnish, a farmer of Allen county. Mr. Harnish was a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the Twenty-third Indiana Infantry. He was present in the engagements in the battles of Bull Run and Shiloh. In politics he was a republican. Mr. and Mrs. Harnish resided on the farm for eleven years after their marriage, then located in Carrie Station, Illinois, going from there to take up their residence



MR. AND MRS. C. C. COOLEY



at Crystal Lake, where Mr. Harnish died. They became the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Maud E., the wife of Jonathan Ross, a machinist of Elgin, Illinois; George S., a machinist, residing at Woodstock, Illinois; Charles W., employed in steamfitting works in Cleveland, Ohio; and Marguerite M., who resides at home with her mother. In 1905 Mrs. Harnish was again married, her second union being with C. C. Cooley, a farmer of Kane county, Illinois, who died July 9, 1907.

Mrs. Cooley has resided on her present place for the past three years and has many warm friends in the community, the hospitality of her home being greatly enjoyed by those who know her.

HARRY B. READ.

Harry B. Read is a native of Kane county, born in Virgil township, July 21, 1864. He is the son of Charles and Adaline (Baxter) Read, natives of New Brunswick, Canada, where the father was born March 21, 1816. When the father was about twenty-two years of age his parents decided to emigrate to the United States, arriving in Kane county, Illinois, about 1838, after having discussed the proposed change of location several years before venturing to make the trip.

Charles Read, the elder, accompanied the rest of the family to this county and located with them in Virgil township on the homestead the parents then selected, and on which he passed the remainder of his days. He was a zealous and devout member of the Baptist church and in political allegiance was an earnest republican from the foundation of the party. The mother, who, as stated, bore the maiden name of Adaline Baxter, was born in New York in 1837. She became the mother of five children: Charles T., who is living in St. Paul; Orissa, now the wife of Hinston Wheeler, a retired farmer living near Elburn; Martin H., a physician, practicing in Seattle, Washington; Gordon, who is a prosperous farmer of Alabama; and Harry B., the immediate subject of this review.

Harry B. Read began his education in the district school, which he attended regularly during the winter months until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he left because he had completed the course. He then attended the Elburn high school two years, assisting his father on the farm during the vacations, as he had done while attending the district school. After leaving school he remained at home and worked on the farm until he reached his majority, when he rented a few acres of land, which he farmed for a time on his own account.

In 1886 Mr. Read was married to Miss Tillie M. Jacobson, a native of Virgil township, born June 21, 1866. They have one living son, Charles G., who is living at home, while Hinton H. is deceased. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Read returned to the paternal home, on which they expended their efforts as farmers until three years ago, when they took up their residence on the farm which they now occupy. They have made their

endeavors tell to their advantage. Beginning life as a newly married couple with little of this world's goods, they have worked their way along until they now own herds of fine Holstein and Durham cattle, numbering fifty-two in all, and are conducting an extensive and profitable dairying business.

Mr. Read is a republican in politics and a member of the Methodist church in religious affiliation. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. The untimely death of his son, Hinton H. Read, was a great bereavement to him. The young man died of Bright's disease at the age of eighteen years. He had been well educated and held a good social rank. Being upright and correct in his deportment, he was highly esteemed throughout the township. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Elburn. The father is a good citizen and also enjoys the respect and good will of the people among whom he has lived and labored.

CARL E. BOTSFORD.

Carl E. Botsford, classed with the leading attorneys of Kane county and recognized as one of the progressive citizens of Elgin, was honored with an election to the mayoralty in 1905. This may well be considered a tribute to his personal worth and popularity and as an expression of public confidence from the fact that he was the first democrat chosen to the office in thirty years.

One of Elgin's native sons, he was born October 2, 1861, his parents being Judge R. N. and Ellen E. (Bundy) Botsford, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Reared under the parental roof, Carl E. Botsford at the usual age entered the public schools and passed through successive grades until he became a student in the Elgin Academy, from which institution he was graduated in 1879. Through the succeeding year he was a student in the Lake Forest University and for a year attended Beloit (Wis.) College. He was for three years a student at Yale and, on the completion of his law course, being graduated within its classic walls in 1884, he returned to Elgin, and immediately began preparation for the bar in the law office of Botsford & Wayne. He continued his reading for two years and was then admitted to the bar.

Previous to entering upon the active practice of his profession, however, Mr. Botsford became secretary of a joint stock company which, on the 16th of October, 1886, began the publication of the Elgin Democrat. In his official position he took up the general business interests of the printing office and after two months was made general editor and business manager. While in his professional career he has had the assistance of one of the ablest law firms of Kane county. An attorney at the bar must prove his individual merit. He cannot, through inheritance or endowment, obtain the knowledge so necessary in the successful presentation of his cases, but must give to each close and unremitting study. Mr. Botsford's success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line.

He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court, and his prominence has come to him as the reward of earnest endeavor, fidelity to trust and recognized ability.

Equally well known in political circles in Elgin, as an exponent of the principles of democracy, Carl E. Botsford received substantial token of the regard and confidence of his fellow townsmen in his election to the mayoralty in 1905 for a two years' term. During thirty years there had not been a democratic incumbent in the office. He assumed the duties of his position with a determination to give to Elgin a public-spirited and businesslike administration and his labors were attended by progress and reform in many directions. During his term a contract was let for a complete sewer system and many other tangible evidences of his devotion to the public welfare are cited. While undoubtedly not without that laudable ambition which is so powerful and incentive for fidelity in public office, he, nevertheless, regards the pursuits of private life as abundantly worthy his best efforts and in his practice has fully sustained the high reputation which has always been connected with the name of Botsford in the legal circles of Kane county.

CHRISTIAN TENNYSEN.

Christian Tennysen, who is successfully carrying on his farming interests in Virgil township, was born in Cook county, Illinois, February 28, 1864, of the marriage of Christian and Annie (Smith) Tennysen, the former a native of North Germany, where his birth occurred October 14, 1839. He was married before his emigration to America in 1869 and now resides in DeKalb, Illinois, still surviving his wife, who passed away in Kane county, October 9, 1893, and was buried in Sycamore. Their family numbered four children. Hans C., who was born in Germany, December 19, 1861, wedded Miss Mary Nelson, of Plano, Illinois, in 1889. He is now engaged in agricultural pursuits in DeKalb county, Illinois. Christian, of this review, was the next member of the family. Lena, whose birth occurred in DuPage county, Illinois, April 9, 1866, married Otto Petersen, of North Germany, in 1885. He is a farmer and resides in DeKalb county, Illinois. Annie, born in DuPage county in 1868, became the wife of Sam Matson, an agriculturist of North Germany. His demise occurred in Mason City, Nebraska, on the 22d of May, 1907.

Christian Tennysen operates one hundred and twenty acres known as the Keifer farm, renting the land for a certain sum and furnishing his own stock. He conducts a large dairy, owning twenty-five cows, which produce on an average of fifty gallons of milk daily, which is shipped to Chicago. He is interested in the raising of poultry and has two hundred or more hens, also fourteen hogs, five work horses and one colt. He utilizes only the latest improved machinery in the cultivation of his land, his farming outfit being worth fifteen hundred dollars. In the careful management of his interest he has met with a gratifying and well merited degree of prosperity

and is well known as one of the successful and enterprising residents of the community.

On the 10th of June, 1905, Mr. Tennysen was united in marriage to Miss Cathrina Peterson, who was born in Denmark, December 15, 1873. They have one son, Willie, whose birth occurred in Kendall county, Illinois, October 13, 1906.

In his political views Mr. Tennysen is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. He also belongs to Little Rock Lodge, No. 171, I. O. O. F., at Plano, Illinois, exemplifying in his life the beneficent teachings of the craft.

HOSEA E. PERKINS.

Hosea E. Perkins, now deceased, who was formerly actively and prominently connected with the agricultural interests of Kane county, was born at Champion, Jefferson County, New York, November 8, 1819. His grand father, Solomon Perkins, a native of Maine, came to the state of New York in its early settlement, and participated in the French and Indian war. During the Revolution he was employed by the colonial government in the manufacture of munitions of war; he died in 1835. Hosea Perkins, the father of Hosea E., was a native of Maine, but for several years a resident of the state of New York. In 1827 he removed to Ohio and engaged in farming, and during his life he held several public positions. He married Edith Manchester, daughter of Job Manchester, a native of Bristol, Rhode Island, but a resident of New York. To them were born twelve children, only five of whom lived to maturity.

Hosea E. Perkins was reared on the farm, receiving a good education, and for seven years taught school during winter, working on the farm in summer. In 1841 he came to Illinois and settled in Elgin township, where he bought an interest in a quarter section of land in section 26, a part of which still remains in possession of his children. He added to it until at the time of his death he owned over three hundred acres. For several years Mr. Perkins was engaged in raising grain, then turned his attention to breeding horses, but for some time prior to his death he was connected with the dairy business, for which the farm is well adapted, it being thoroughly drained. He erected a good house and several commodious barns, pleasantly located near South Elgin, and was widely recognized as a leading agriculturist and prominent citizen of this county.

On the 11th of December, 1850, Mr. Perkins was united in marriage to Mary Bishop, a daughter of Nathaniel Bishop. Mrs. Perkins died January 28, 1853, and on May 18, 1854, he wedded Elizabeth Hale, daughter of Isaac Hale. They were the parents of six children: Edson A., of Elgin, who is married and has six children; Harvey W., deceased; William M., of Elgin, who married Sylvia Godfrey, by whom he has three children; Zilpha E., the wife of Edward Dickerman, of DuPage county; Albert G., deceased;

and Mary E., the wife of Nathan Brown, of St. Charles. The mother of these children died January 11, 1868, and on the 8th of June, 1869, Mr. Perkins married Anna J. Marshall, of Elgin, a daughter of George P. and Mary (Burton) Marshall, and a granddaughter of James and Ann (Parker) Marshall. George P. Marshall emigrated from England to Canada, where he was married, thence coming directly to Kane county, Illinois, in 1845. He was a farmer by occupation, and he and his wife reared a family of ten children, as follows: Mrs. Perkins; Lavina E., the deceased wife of H. C. Padelford; William E., of South Dakota; Charles H., deceased, formerly a resident of California; George, of Elgin; Lizette, the widow of Hiram J. Brown, of Elgin; Ella L., the wife of Millard Starr, of this county; Richard, who makes his home in South Elgin; Frederick, living in Marengo; and Henry, likewise of South Elgin. Mr. Marshall's death occurred October 3, 1882, when he had attained the age of sixty-four years, but his wife still enjoys most excellent health in the eighty-third year of her age. Unto Hosea E. Perkins and his third wife were born seven children: Louis A., who wedded Edith Poy, of South Elgin, by whom he has the following children, Warren, Willard F., Sidney L., Leonard and Cora E.; and Charles F.; Anna E., the wife of Seth Stowell, of South Elgin, by whom she has five children, Carleton, Louis, Dorothy, Seth F. and Alberta; Frederick E.; Harry B., who married Caroline Danhorn, of Elgin, and has one son, Elsworth; Chester M., of Elgin, who wedded Edith Horn and has one daughter, Helen; and Eugene R.

Mr. Perkins was a stalwart champion of the republican party prior to his demise and always took a deep interest in local political affairs, holding the position of supervisor, assistant supervisor and road commissioner, while for eighteen years he served as school trustee. Mrs. Perkins is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is also identified with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, although the organization to which she belonged has long since ceased to exist. She is well known and highly respected throughout the county as a lady of many excellent traits of heart and mind, the circle of whose friends is only limited by the number of her acquaintances.

WILLIAM ROWLAND BATEMAN.

William Rowland Bateman, a successful agriculturist residing in Kaneville township, was born in Wales, February 26, 1882, a son of William Bateman. The latter came to Illinois at an early day, settling on a farm in Kaneville township, Kane county. He was killed by a mad bull on the 28th of March, 1908. The record of his children is as follows: Margaret, the wife of James Albert Bartlett, a farmer of Kaneville township; David, a retired agriculturist, who makes his home in Elburn, Illinois; Peter, who follows farming in Kaneville township; May J., the wife of Edward James, a farmer of Kaneville township; Annie R., the wife of Edmond James, of Big Rock; Augusta H., who became the wife of Will Heig, a farmer by occupa-

tion, and resides in Kaneville township; Hannah, the wife of E. McNair, who follows agricultural pursuits in Blackberry township; William Rowland, of this review; and Joel, who likewise follows farming in Kaneville township.

William Rowland Bateman was brought to America by his parents when two years of age, the family home being established near Big Rock, Illinois. He attended the country school until fourteen years of age and subsequently was a student in the Elburn high school for two years. On completing his education he returned to the old home farm, assisting his father in the work of the fields until the time of the latter's death. He then conducted a livery barn at Elburn for some time, but afterward again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, being now successfully engaged in the cultivation of his valuable farm in Kaneville township. The fields annually return to him golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them, and he is well known as a representative and progressive agriculturist.

Mr. Bateman was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Mundy, whose father is engaged in farming west of Kaneville. She was born in Oswego, Illinois, March 2, 1886, attending a country school until sixteen years of age and for the two following years was a student in the Kaneville high school. After putting aside her text-books she remained at home until she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Bateman when a young lady of twenty-one. Her sisters and brothers are: Eva M., Ivan and N. B., who reside with their parents in Kaneville township; and Thomas M., who is a farmer by occupation and resides in Kaneville.

In his political views Mr. Bateman is a republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife have an extensive circle of friends throughout the community, having gained the esteem and regard of all with whom they have come in contact.

GEORGE C. SIMPSON.

George C. Simpson is the owner of a valuable farming property of one hundred and twenty acres in Aurora township and in his farming operations is meeting with good success that results from well-directed energy and unflinching purpose. His birth occurred April 12, 1877, about a mile and a quarter north of Aurora, in the old stone mansion which was built by a Mr. Ratcliffe in 1845. The house still stands in an excellent state of preservation and is a spacious dwelling of fourteen rooms, surrounded by stately elms. A half century ago it was designated as the most beautiful homestead in Kane county. The place was purchased by William A. Tamer, the maternal grandfather of George C. Simpson, and one of the pioneer settlers of Kane county. It became his property in the early '60s and was afterward the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Simpson, the parents of our subject. It became the birthplace of George C. Simpson and has since continued to be

his home. It comprises forty-five acres of land and upon the death of William A. Tanner was inherited by his daughter. Frank M. Simpson, the father, was born in Lamoyille, Bureau county, Illinois, and when a young man came to Kane county. For many years he was engaged in the harness and carriage trimming business in Aurora and for a long period was the leading representative of that line of business in Kane county. Successful in his undertakings, he accumulated considerable money, which he invested in land—buying and then selling again at a good profit. He now owns and cultivates a farm of three hundred and twenty acres near Millington, in Kendall county, and likewise owns several thousand acres of land in Kansas. He wedded Marian Tanner, a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of the county. She was born on the old homestead on section 6, Aurora township, and became the wife of Frank M. Simpson, in 1875. Their children were: Jesse M., of Aurora; Fannie J., who is the wife of Elmer E. Still, of Emporia, Kansas, and Marian F., who lives with her brother on the old family homestead. The house is situated about one hundred and fifty yards back from the river and commands a fine view of the Fox river valley. The Aurora & Elgin electric car lines pass in front of the house, which is also located on the leading thoroughfare of the county, traversed by more people than any other road in Kane county.

It was upon the old homestead farm that George C. Simpson spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He was a student in the Aurora Oak Street high school and at the age of nineteen years he leased his father's farm, which he operated for nine years. In association with his father he afterward managed the dairy farm of two hundred acres, which his father purchased near Naperville. This business claimed his attention for some time, but in the spring of 1907 he returned to the old homestead, about a mile and a quarter north of Aurora. Here he now carries on general agricultural pursuits and is regarded as one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of the locality. Everything about the place indicates his careful supervision and commendable methods and in business circles he sustains an unassailable reputation.

On the 24th of February, 1905, Mr. Simpson was married to Miss Lily Louise Buckendahl. This was the thirtieth anniversary of his parents' marriage and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Atchinson, now of Elgin, who had married the parents three decades before. Mrs. Simpson is of German descent and was born at Detroit, Michigan. Her parents were John Buckendahl and Mary Koglin, both of whom were natives of Germany. Her father is now deceased but her mother is still living in Aurora. Mrs. Simpson was graduated with high honors from the West Aurora high school and because of this was given a scholarship in the Chicago University, which she attended for one year. She is greatly interested in music and painting and, in fact, in all that promotes aesthetic culture and refinement.

Mr. Simpson is a republican in his political views, but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he has never sought nor desired public office for himself. He belongs to the Galena Street Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is a member of the First Baptist church.

Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen, Knights of the Globe and the Columbian Knights. Well known in the county where his entire life has been passed, warm friendship and high regard are given him in recognition of his many sterling qualities, including the most straightforward principles as manifest in his business dealings.

REV. TIMOTHY RYAN.

Rev. Timothy Ryan, the present well known pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church of St. Charles, was born in Tipperary, Ireland, on the 21st of April, 1864, and began his education in the national schools of that country. He prepared for the priesthood at All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland, and was ordained on the 23d of June, 1889, by Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin.

Coming to the United States, Father Ryan was assigned to the Chicago diocese and for a time was assistant pastor of St. Cecelia church of that city. In 1902 he was appointed pastor of the Catholic church at Harmon, Illinois, and remained at that place until coming to St. Charles in 1905 to take charge of St. Patrick's church of this place. Under his guidance the church is now in a flourishing condition and he faithfully ministers to the spiritual needs of his parishioners. He has made many improvements in the church property, having redecorated the interior, and he has also established Mt. St. Mary's Academy, which is under the supervision of the Dominican Sisters. As a citizen he is highly esteemed by Protestants as well as Catholics and he has made a host of warm friends since locating here.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

It was early in the '30s that mass was first said in St. Charles and for some time services were conducted in different homes, but principally at the residence of John Connor, which stood at the corner of what is now Cedar and West Fourth street, now owned by Mrs. Sarah Jennings, it being one of the oldest houses of the city. Mission priests came here from Chicago to baptize and hold mass, the first mass being celebrated by Father Fealey, of St. Mary's church, which was burned during the great Chicago fire of 1871. He conducted services here once a month and afterward became pastor of the Catholic church at Elgin, where he died.

St. Charles soon became the center for all Catholics in this section of Illinois. In 1858 Father Patrick O'Dwyer became resident pastor and immediately began the erection of the present stone church, bringing the model from London, Canada. It was dedicated by Bishop O'Reagan as his predecessor. Some of its first members were the O'Connors, O'Malleys, Morans, Dohertys, Gerraughtys, Murphys, Kerwins, Roches, Kelleys, Lalors, Boylsons, Morgans, Kennedys, Jennings and McGloin. The parsonage occupied

by Father O'Dwyer stood on the site of the present Johnson home at the corner of Main and Fourth. His parishioners were poor and were unable to pay him much, so that during the last year of his pastorate here he received only six dollars. He was succeeded by Father Murphy, who remained two years and was then made chaplain of the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. About 1863 he returned to St. Charles, but while stepping off a train he fell, sustaining injuries from which he died. His improvements were the first to be made in the interior of the church.

In 1864 the congregation was presided over by Father O'Neil, of Savannah, Georgia, who was driven from that place on account of his northern sympathies. Another of the early pastors was Father Sullivan, who died in Baltimore, Maryland; followed by Father McGwinn, Father Burch, and Father Prendergast, who went to Batavia and established a parochial residence there, leaving the St. Charles church to drift again into the mission class. He died in Batavia. Father Spellman, who was next in charge here, is now located at Braidwood, Illinois.

Father Goulet, a French priest, was the first to make St. Charles an independent parish. He was ordained by Bishop Foley. He was first a physician and was married, but after the death of his wife, being of a very religious nature, he joined the priesthood. His son was ordained before the father and followed Father Madden as pastor of St. Charles. Father Madden spent five years here and died at Highland Park, Illinois. Young Father Goulet was pastor here for eight years and was succeeded by Rev. Morris Stock, who remained seven or eight years and is now pastor at Lee, Illinois. He was followed by Father Lee. At present the parish comprises both St. Charles and Geneva, both congregations being composed of all nationalities from Catholic countries.

ELVIS B. ALLISON.

Elvis B. Allison, who is conducting a dairy farm in Batavia township, is a young man of energy and determination whose success in business seems assured, owing to the fact that he is wide-awake, alert and progressive. He was born in Carmi, Illinois, November 25, 1885. His father, Adam Allison, was a native of that place and a farmer by occupation, devoting his entire life to the work of the fields. He died, however, in 1886 when his son Elvis was less than a year old. His wife bore the maiden name of Jane Grady, and both she and her husband were members of old families that have been represented in the United States for many years.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Elvis B. Allison in his boyhood and youth. He is indebted to the public-school system for his educational advantages, and after he put aside his textbooks he was employed at farm labor, enjoying the confidence of those whom he served by reason of his faithfulness and unfaltering industry. Desiring, however, that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he began rent-

ing land in 1905 and in 1908 he took charge of the Van Nortwick farm west of Batavia and at the present time is cultivating a large tract of land of two hundred and sixty-eight acres, which he has brought under a high state of development, so that the fields annually produce abundant crops. He makes a specialty, too, of the dairy business and for this purpose keeps a large number of cows, while the products of his dairy find a ready sale on the market.

On the 3d of December, 1904, Mr. Allison was married to Miss Pearl Tyson, a daughter of Lawson and Tynn (Householder) Tyson, of Plymouth, Indiana. Two children now grace this marriage: Carl Raymond, who was born July 10, 1905; and Harold Blaine, on the 8th of January, 1907.

In his political views Mr. Allison is a stalwart republican. He is also connected with the Congregational church and is a member of the Mystic Workers. His life in all its relations is actuated by high and honorable principles that makes him one of the most respected and worthy residents of the locality as well as an enterprising young business man.

JUDGE RICHARD NICHOLS BOTSFORD.

To have attained to the extreme fullness of years and to have had one's ken broadened to a comprehension of all that has been accomplished within the flight of many days, is of itself sufficient to render consonant a detailed consideration of such a life in a work of this order but in the case at hand there are more pertinent more distinguishing elements—those of usefulness, of high honor, of marked intellectuality, of broad charity—which lift high in reverence the subjective personality of one who stood as one of nature's nobleman, "four square to every wind that blows." The life of Judge Richard N. Botsford was ever constant in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation and while he eschewed practically all political honors, he gained in the practice of civil law a reputation which made him one of the most distinguished members of the bar of northern Illinois, having for a half century continued in active practice.

A native of Connecticut, Judge Botsford was born in Newtown, Fairfield county, October 28, 1830, and was a son of Austin N. and Volucia (Glover) Botsford. He resided in his native state until the time of his father's death, when at the age of eleven years he went to New York city to live with an aunt. His stay in the metropolis was of short duration, however, for, becoming tired of city life, he returned to Connecticut and devoted his energies to farm labor in provision for his own support until eighteen years of age. Ambitious to enjoy better educational privileges than had previously been afforded him; in 1845 he entered Hobart Academy at Hobart, New York, where he continued his studies for three years. Returning to Connecticut, he entered the State Normal School at New Britain to prepare himself for the profession of teaching and for two years pursued his studies in that institution.

Attracted by the opportunities of the west, Judge Botsford, then a young man of twenty-one years, came to Illinois in 1851, settling at St. Charles, Kane county. He taught select schools in that town, also in Missouri and other parts of the country until 1856. He was also for a period in the employ of a St. Louis firm, who were engaged in making maps of various towns in Iowa. Returning to St. Charles, he purchased, and conducted a hotel and livery barn but disposed of his business in 1856, when he began preparation for the bar as a student in the office and under the direction of C. C. Pope, an attorney at Black River Falls, Wisconsin. He was admitted to practice the following year. His time had not all been devoted to the mastery of Blackstone, Coke, Littleton and other authorities, for it had been necessary that he provide for his support by teaching school while in Wisconsin and his reading was done in the hours which are usually termed "leisure" and by most people are devoted to rest and recreation. Following his admission to the bar Judge Botsford again located in St. Charles, where he purchased and published the St. Charles Argus for about a year.

At the end of that time he entered upon the active practice of his profession in partnership with D. L. Eastman. While advancement in the law is proverbially slow, no dreary novitiate awaited him. In the first cases entrusted to his care he gave proof of his ability in handling the intricate problems of the court and his clientage steadily grew. Following the death of Mr. Eastman he became a partner of S. S. Jones, who was afterward editor and publisher of the Religio-Philosophical Journal of Chicago. This association was continued until 1865.

In the meantime, in 1861, Mr. Botsford was elected judge of the Kane county court and held the office for four years. His decisions were strictly fair and impartial and many important cases were tried before him. This, however, is the only office that he ever filled, although frequently solicited to become a candidate. He preferred to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties and his allegiance to his clients' interests was proverbial. Whatever he did was for the best interests of those whom he represented and for the honor of his profession. No man gives to either a more unqualified allegiance or riper ability. He possessed a mind of singular precision and power—in a marked degree a judiciary mind, capable of an impartial view of both sides of a question and of arriving at a just conclusion.

In 1867 Judge Botsford removed to Elgin and entered into partnership with Joseph Healy. He was successively senior partner of the firm of Botsford, Barry & Healy, of Botsford, Barry & Lovell, Botsford, Barry & Wilcox and Botsford & Wayne, while eventually the last named firm was joined by Judge Botsford's son under the firm style of Botsford, Wayne & Botsford. The firm has been regarded as the ablest in the county, having been counsel for the Elgin National Watch Company and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. Judge Botsford concentrated his energies upon civil law practice and had wide and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of that department of jurisprudence. In his practice he was absolutely fair, never indulged in artifice or concealment, never dealt in indirect methods, but won his victories, which were many, and suffered his defeats, which were

few, in the open field, face to face with his foe. He achieved the highest distinction and he deserved it.

Judge Botsford was married in 1860 to Miss Ellen E. Bundy of St. Charles, and they became parents of a son and a daughter, Carl E. and C. Alosia, the former his father's associate in practice. In his political views Judge Botsford was always a stalwart democrat, and while he never sought nor desired office he labored for the interests of his party on the campaign platform, delivering many able addresses, which bore fruit in substantial results at the polls. He was an eloquent speaker, a scholarly and accomplished gentleman and courteous in all the relations of life. He remained an active member of the profession until his demise and had often been said to possess the clearest and most alert mind of any lawyer in the county. In spite of his advanced age he retained his faculties until the end, having been consulted on important legal affairs only the week prior to his death, which occurred April 6, 1908. Kane county mourned the loss of one whom it had long known and honored—the nestor of the Elgin bar. He was great because nature had endowed him bountifully and he had studiously, carefully and conscientiously increased the talents that had been given him. During his long service to his chosen profession his career typified the highest quality of manhood.

GEORGE L. GERMAN.

A spirit of enterprise and progressiveness actuates George L. German in all that he undertakes and he is well known in business circles in Geneva, his native city, as a real-estate and insurance agent. He was born here January 18, 1870, his parents being George and Della (Flint) German, both of whom were natives of Illinois. The paternal grandfather was Lyman German, whose birth occurred in Pennsylvania and who, following his removal to this state, became a contractor for all the wood burned and the ties used by the Northwestern Railroad as far west as Clinton. He also erected the first railroad bridge across the Rock River and was closely associated with the material development and substantial progress of this part of the state, where he located as a pioneer settler, arriving in Geneva in 1836, only four years after the Black Hawk war had been fought. He took up a claim on the east side of Fox river, which is now a part of the original town of Geneva and was the owner of a farm of one hundred and fifty-two acres, for which he paid in gold—an unusual thing at that time, for money was very scarce in the early days in the west. He died at the age of eighty-six years after an illness of only five days, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth McKinley, passed away at the age of sixty-four years. They were the parents of nine children.

George German, the father, born in Illinois, was reared on a farm about a mile and a half west of Geneva and followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He served as a soldier in the Civil war and died in 1877 from illness contracted in the army, when but thirty-five years of age. His wife

died in 1881. Both were consistent members of the Methodist church and enjoyed the respect of all who knew them. Their family numbered but two sons, the younger being Harry German.

George L. German was reared in Geneva and attended the public schools, lacking but two months of graduation from the high school when he was taken ill and for the benefit of his health was sent to the west, where he remained for a year and a half. He also traveled all through the south, and after his return to Geneva became night watchman at the Howell foundry, where he remained for one year. He then became one of the first street car conductors on the electric line in Aurora and subsequently was foreman in the Boston Grocery Store, having charge of the grocery department for a year. On the expiration of that period he returned to Geneva and accepted a position on the police force under D. J. Hogan. His official service has also included that of marshal and constable and on his retirement from the office he went to work as foreman for the Corn Products Company at Geneva, with which he was connected for a year. He was then transferred from Geneva to the plant in Chicago and afterward was employed in the large glucose works near Donaldsonville, Louisiana, during the year 1905. Again coming to his native city, he established business on his own account as a real-estate and insurance agent and in this connection has secured a good clientage, having in the last two or three years negotiated a number of important realty transfers and written a large amount of insurance.

On the 5th of April, 1899, Mr. German was married to Miss Carrie Schwarz, a daughter of John and Caroline Schwarz, and they have one child, Kathleen Louise. Mrs. German is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. German belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Sons of Veterans, formerly serving as captain of Camp No. 21, of Aurora. He is widely known in his native county and both he and his wife have many warm friends here.

CHARLES P. EAKIN.

Charles P. Eakin, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising on sections 21 and 22, Rutland township, and is also serving as clerk of that township, was born on the farm where he now resides, it being the estate of his father, William Eakin. The latter was born in Ireland, October 20, 1826, a son of Robert and Margaret (Bates) Eakin. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to America in 1840, they purchasing and locating on the farm in Rutland township, Kane county, which is now the home of our subject. When seventeen years of age William Eakin also purchased some land, which is still in possession of the family. He devoted his time and energies to general farming and stock-raising interests and met with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity. On the 19th of October, 1853, he was here united in marriage to Miss Margaret Pollock, whose birth occurred in County Tyrone, Ireland, February 12, 1828, her parents

being John and Margaret (Gilmore) Pollock. On crossing the Atlantic to the United States in 1848 they settled in the state of New York, but in 1855 came to Illinois, making their home with their daughter, Mrs. Eakin, until called to their final rest in 1855 and 1882 respectively. William Eakin passed away February 26, 1906, in the faith of the Reformed Presbyterian church, of which his widow is also a member.

Unto William and Margaret (Pollock) Eakin were born ten children, seven of whom arrived at years of maturity. Maria became the wife of W. T. Wright, and passed away in 1884 at the age of thirty-three years, leaving four children to mourn her loss, namely: Clayton, Zilpha, Charles and Elizabeth. Mr. Wright lives in Elgin. Annie became the wife of Joseph Hunter and was called to her final rest in 1888, at the age of thirty-three years. Rev. John A. is pastor of the Congregational church at New Hampton, Iowa, having preached the gospel for the past fourteen years. He was educated in the Elgin Academy and is also a graduate of Beloit College and the Chicago Theological Seminary. He married Miss Jessie Morgan, of Elgin, and has five children, namely: Charles, Freeman, Ruth, Selden and Elizabeth. Charles P., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Elizabeth is still under the parental roof. Mary, who is a graduate of the Rockford Hospital Training School, is a trained nurse. Dr. Allen C., of Rockford, attended Elgin Academy and is also a graduate of Beloit College and of the class of 1891 of the Northwestern Medical School. He wedded Miss Belle Oliver and has two children, Chancellor and Donald.

Charles P. Eakin was reared in the place of his nativity and acquired his education as a student in the Elgin Academy. He now operates two hundred and thirty-seven acres of rich and productive land on sections 21 and 22, Rutland township, where he is also engaged in feeding hogs and cattle and in breeding hogs. In both branches of his business he has won a most enviable degree of prosperity, owing to his well directed energy, untiring perseverance and excellent management.

In his political views Mr. Eakin is a staunch republican and for the past sixteen or eighteen years has served continuously as clerk of Rutland township, his long retention in office being incontrovertible proof of his capable and faithful discharge of the duties entrusted to his care. Though reared a Presbyterian, he is liberal in his religious views. He has gained an extensive circle of friends in his native county and is widely recognized as a public spirited and progressive citizen, whose aid and influence can always be counted upon in furthering any movement or measure for the general welfare.

FRANK PARKS McDOLE.

It cannot be denied that the pioneers of Kane county were men of force, enterprise and breadth of view. They not only redeemed the wilderness and made it subservient to the needs of an on-coming civilization, but they laid the foundations of all their civil and governmental institutions

broad and deep, and gave them tone and character which have shown up well under every test. It is an equally patent fact that their descendants are worthy exemplars of their high example, and are carrying the heritage received from the fathers of the county toward its highest and fullest fruition.

Frank Parks McDole, long a leading farmer in Sugar Grove township, and now a resident of Aurora, living retired from active pursuits, is a case in point. He was born in Sugar Grove township, January 30, 1860, one of the four sons and nine children of Rodney and Abigail (Lounsbury) McDole. Seven of the number are living: Samuel Prescott, whose home is in Aurora; Mary, the wife of Henry Kingsley, of DeKalb, Illinois; Nancy, the wife of George C. West, a prominent farmer of Blackberry township in this county; Johnathan Robert, a resident of Aurora; Sarah, the wife of Charles D. Judd, of Aurora; Flora, who married William H. Young, and also lives in Aurora; and Ida, the wife of Frank Catlin, of Ashland, Wisconsin. One brother, A. G. McDole, died several years ago. Frank P. McDole was reared on his father's farm and educated at the district school in the neighborhood and at Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial school, which he attended five years. At the age of nineteen he rented the home farm on sections 1 and 13, Sugar Grove township, and this he farmed for four years. In this undertaking he prospered, acquiring sufficient means to enter upon enterprises of greater magnitude. On April, 5, 1883, he was married to Miss Lizzie Niles, a daughter of William S. and Julia Ann (Makepeace) Niles, natives of New York state and early emigrants to Kane county. Immediately after his marriage Mr. McDole went with his bride to DeKalb county, where he rented a farm, which he worked for one year. At the end of that period he took up his residence on his father-in-law's farm in Sugar Grove township, this county, which he leased and farmed for five years. In March, 1889, he again became his father's tenant on the home farm, but five years later saw an excellent opportunity to gratify a long cherished desire to own a farm of his own. Accordingly, in 1894, he purchased the Niles farm, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted himself with industry and intelligence until 1901. Then his wife's failing health and the chance to realize a good advance on the purchase price of his land induced him to sell it and move to Aurora, where his wife died on May 2, 1902. Since then he has not engaged actively in business of any kind. For one year he conducted a restaurant in Aurora. All the rest of his years of activity were passed in farming.

Mr. McDole's family consists of his two sons, Stanley Makepeace, who was born April 13, 1884, and Niles Kenneth, whose life began December 15, 1896. The former attended the West Aurora high school and the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial school, and afterward followed a complete course of instruction in the Aurora Metropolitan Business college. He is now office manager for the Garlock Packing Company, of Chicago. Bright, intelligent and energetic, his future is full of promise. The second son is now in the Deaconess Orphanage Home at Lake Bluff, Illinois.

Mr. McDole has been prominent in local public affairs wherever he has lived. He served a number of years as school director, performing the

duties of the office wisely and stimulating energy and enlarged views in the development of the school system. He is a republican in political allegiance and a Modern Woodman in fraternal relations. As a charter member of the West Aurora Farmers' club, his influence was potential in the organization of that body, and in his activity in its service ever since he has been one of the most helpful factors in promoting its usefulness and keeping its proceedings up to a high standard. Dwelling apart, as it were, from the strife and turmoil of the world's activities, he is passing his days serenely in the enjoyment of the acquisitions and recollections of his wisely employed past and the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen, who everywhere hold him in high regard.

JOHN OLESEN.

John Olesen, who carries on farming in Virgil township, was born in Denmark, May 17, 1846, attending the schools of his native country until fourteen years of age. After putting aside his text-books he worked by the month, and also served for three years as a teamster in the Danish army. In 1893 he brought his family to the United States, taking up his abode near Kaneville, Illinois, where he secured employment by the month as a farm hand. By close economy and careful expenditure he was at length enabled to purchase a small farm three and a half miles northwest of Elburn, in the operation of which he has been successfully engaged to the present time.

In 1871 Mr. Olesen was married and his children are as follows: Carrie, the wife of Thomas Thompson, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits near Elburn; Ole, who carries on farming near Lily Lake; Chris, deceased; Mary, the wife of Charles Nielson, who follows farming near Lily Lake; Lawrence and Thorwald, both of whom carry on general farming near Elburn; Christina, at home; and Nelse, who has passed away.

By reason of his unremitting industry and careful management in the conduct of his agricultural interests, Mr. Olsen has gained a creditable measure of success since his arrival in this county, and moreover has the warm esteem and regard of all with whom he has come in contact in business or social relations.

ALLEN PUFFER.

Allen Puffer, deceased, was born in New Hampshire, on the 8th of October, 1853, his parents both passing away in that state when he was an infant. In 1868 he made his way westward, going direct to South Chicago, Illinois. He had attended school in the east and after coming to the metropolis also pursued his studies there, but his education on the whole was limited, and the extended knowledge that he later displayed was largely the

result of reading, observation and experience. He was a machinist by trade and was employed in a sewing machine factory in Chicago until 1875, when he came to Elgin, being engaged by the Elgin National Watch Company. He was employed in the plate room of the factory until the time of his death, which occurred on the 30th of June, 1890. His long retention in the position was incontrovertible proof of his fidelity and capability in the discharge of his duties, and he was well known and highly esteemed as an upright and public-spirited citizen of the community. His brother Gustav, also an employe of the watch company, made his home in Elgin until a few years ago and was very popular and had many friends here.

On the 2d of July, 1879, Mr. Puffer was united in marriage to Miss Mary Turner, a daughter of Doctor and Emma (Strachan) Turner, of Elgin. The father, whose birth occurred in 1808 and who was a very prominent physician of his city, passed away in 1890. His wife, who was born in 1817, was also called to her final rest in 1890.

In his political views Mr. Puffer was an ardent republican, while fraternally he was connected with the Modern Woodmen. He was a well read man and, though reserved and unassuming in manner, had a host of friends who esteemed him for his unfaltering integrity and genuine personal worth.

CHARLES TEWS.

A native of Germany, and bringing to the land of his adoption all the forceful and serviceable characteristics of his race, Charles Tews, of Blackberry township, has shown himself to be a worthy exemplar of the German people and a valuable addition to the citizenship of this country. He was born October 27, 1876, and is the son of Herman and Minnie (Tesch) Tews, who were also natives of Germany, where their ancestors had lived for many generations. The father brought his family to this country in 1882 and located at Aurora, Illinois, where he continued to reside until 1897, when he moved to Mississippi, where he now lives. The mother was born in Germany, December 18, 1852. She and her husband were the parents of the following children: Charles; Oricka, who is the wife of Augustus Cutter and lives in Aurora; Robert, who also lives in Aurora; August, who is a prosperous grocer at Aurora; and Emma, Elizabeth and Fred, who reside with their parents.

Charles Tews attended school one year in Germany, then came with the rest of the family to the United States, and here he had the benefit of further scholastic training at the German Lutheran school in Aurora, which he attended until he reached the age of fourteen years. On leaving school he learned the trade of a painter, at which he worked for a number of years. Farming, however, presented more attractions to his active mind, and he determined to follow his bent in this direction. Accordingly, he moved to the farm on which he now has his home, where he has since been engaged in general farming, and, during the last twelve years, also in the milk business.

Mr. Tews married Augusta Hoffman, who was born on March 5, 1877. They have five children: Wilhelm, Harry, Paul, Georgia and Eddie. Mr. Tews has prospered in his business and has also grown strong in the esteem and good will of the people around him. He is well known throughout Blackberry township as a sterling, upright man of public spirit and progressiveness, deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the county and state, and worthy of all commendation for the elevated citizenship which he exemplifies.

MARK SEAVEY.

Mark Seavey, who for many years was closely associated with agricultural interests in Kane county, is now enjoying a well earned rest at the age of eighty years, deriving his income from his investments, which include good property and also bank stock. The world instinctively pays deference to the man who has lived an upright, honorable life and Mr. Seavey now receives the respect and veneration of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He started upon life's journey in Cattaraugus county, New York, December 14, 1827, and is now nearing the eighty-first milestone.

His father, Aaron Seavey, was a native of New Hampshire and when a young man went to New York, where he followed farming. He also conducted a grist mill and saw mill, but after a time left the location in which he had been carrying on business and removed to Allegany county. There he continued in the same field of activity. In 1837, however, he made a trip to the west, looking over the country, and was so well pleased with the natural conditions and the prospects that he decided to locate here. Accordingly in 1842, with his family and his brother Mark and his family, and his brother-in-law, Eddie Drake, and his family, Mr. Seavey started for Kane county, Illinois. The party made quite a little train, traveling in six covered wagons and one single buggy, Mark Seavey of this review, then a youth of fourteen years, driving one of the wagons. Twenty-one days elapsed ere the trip was completed. The three families settled in Sugar Grove township, where Aaron Seavey acquired three hundred and thirty acres of land by purchase. Upon the place was a log house and a straw barn, while a little patch of ground had been cultivated. There he took up his abode and transformed the tract into a model farm, bringing the fields under a high state of improvement and adding all modern accessories and equipments. He was a citizen of value, a typical pioneer who labored for the welfare of his community as well as individual success. He possessed the courage and determination necessary to cope with the hardships and trials of pioneer life and the strength and ability to perform the hard work necessary in transforming wild land into productive fields. He died in 1873 at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife, who in her maidenhood was Betsy Drake, a native of Vermont, died in 1877.

Mark Seavey spent the first fourteen years of his life in the Empire state and then accompanied his parents on their removal westward to Illinois. He

attended school in Blackberry and also spent one winter in a select school at Aurora. He early became familiar with all of the hardships of pioneer life as he aided in developing the farm. After attaining manhood he purchased a half interest in his father's farm and upon the latter's death he bought the interests of the other heirs in the property. He also purchased an adjoining tract of land and was busily and successfully engaged in cultivating an extensive tract of five hundred and thirty acres until 1887, when he retired, selling a part of his land and trading a part for property in Sugar Grove and in Aurora. He removed to the city and has since lived retired, possessing a comfortable competence that supplies him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. Moreover he has been connected with the Merchants' National Bank as vice president. He has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of another in a trade transaction but has won his success through his close application and unflinching diligence.

Mr. Seavey is a staunch republican but has never been a politician in the sense of seeking office as a reward for party fealty. He believes in purity in politics and is opposed to anything like misrule in municipal affairs. His fellow townsmen called him to the office of supervisor of Sugar Grove township and continued him in the position for a number of years. After coming to Aurora he was elected supervisor without seeking or desiring the office. He has never shirked a public duty, however, and proved competent and faithful in the position.

Mr. Seavey has been married twice. He first wedded Ruth H. Thompson and unto them were born five children. Following the death of his first wife he was married in 1867 to Mrs. Mary Goodwin, the widow of Newton Goodwin and a daughter of Benjamin Pendleton, a native of Connecticut, who became a resident of DuPage county, Illinois, in 1848. The five children of the family are: A. T., a farmer of Aurora township; Mrs. Ida Rathbun, now of Iowa; Charles E., who is cashier of the Merchants' National Bank of Aurora; Frank W., a farmer of Kane county; and Mary A.

Mr. Seavey is a man of strong character and sterling integrity, whose life record has been alike creditable to himself and to the county in which he has long resided. It is as an open book which all may read. In his business he has been energetic and straightforward and has never employed underhand methods in winning his success. His example is in many respects worthy of emulation and he well merits the rest which has come to him in the evening of life.

HANS RASMUSSEN.

Hans Rasmussen, a successful farmer and dairyman residing in Camp-ton township, where he has under lease two hundred and thirty-five acres of land, is a native of Germany, where he was born October 14, 1864, the son of Ras and Elizabeth (Evorson) Rasmussen, both of whom were natives of Denmark and emigrated to America in 1885 and located on a farm near Elburn. The father served three years in the Danish army and at the time

of the war between Denmark and Germany he participated in a number of engagements, being slightly wounded in one of the battles. He now lies at rest in the Elburn cemetery. Nine children were born to this union, namely: Nelse, a farmer residing in Oregon; Christina, the wife of Nelse Christenson; Lena, the wife of George Lawson, a farmer near Lily Lake; Andrew, a farmer residing near Bald Mound; George, a merchant of Elburn; Hans, of this review; and Catrina, Robert and Mary, all of whom are deceased.

Hans Rasmussen is indebted to the district schools of Germany for his education. These he attended until fourteen years of age, at which time he left school to aid his father in the work of the farm. He devoted the next six years of his life in this direction and at the age of twenty he accompanied his parents to America where, upon his arrival, he secured work as a farm hand upon a place near Elburn. He remained in this position until the time of his marriage, when he rented a farm and experienced the satisfaction of conducting it for his own interests. He has been quite successful in his work and in addition to his extensive farming interests he now runs a dairy, keeping for the purpose forty-five cows. As a total he estimates the value of his personal property to be in the neighborhood of three thousand dollars.

In 1892 was celebrated the marriage of Hans Rasmussen and Miss Christina Norgord, who is a native of Germany. They have become the parents of three children, namely: Robert, born December 5, 1892; Nelse, born February 10, 1894; and Lena, born March 28, 1895.

By his ballot Mr. Rasmussen supports the republican party. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran church. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He possesses the thrift, industry and perseverance so characteristic of his race and the prosperity to which he has already attained bids fair to continue.

PETER J. LAWSON.

Peter J. Lawson, who is extensively engaged in the dairy and stock-raising business in Kaneville township, is a native of this section of the country, having been born in Kaneville, November 11, 1884. His father is a native of Germany, where he was born July 23, 1860. He came to America in 1882 and located near Elburn, where he engaged in farming. He was married, August 5, 1883, to Miss Mary Rasmussen, and to this union have been born seven children, of which our subject is the eldest. Of this number Lizzie is the wife of J. C. Johnson, a farmer residing near Bald Mound, Illinois; Helen is deceased; Robert is a farmer residing near Elburn; George and Hans are at home; Helena is attending the high school in Elburn. The father rented a farm near Elburn until 1888, when he removed to La Fox and resided until 1897. That year he purchased a farm near Lily Lake, where he has since continued to reside. In politics he is a staunch republican; fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America; religiously, he is a member of the Congregational church.

Peter J. Lawson attended the district school until he was fourteen years of age and passed the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, aiding his father in the conduct of his farm. On January 24, 1906, he wedded Constantine Nelson and engaged in farming in his own interests on a place which he rented for this purpose, his farm work consisting principally in raising feed for his dairy cattle, of which he now owns thirty-five head, and the hogs which are a natural adjunct to his business, as they serve to utilize what would otherwise go to waste. Of these Mr. Lawson now possesses some two hundred and forty in number, which bid fair to yield him generous returns when ready for the market. In addition to his stock and dairy interests Mr. Lawson is also possessed of all necessary modern machinery for the conduct of his business, which he now has established on a basis where his progress should be steadily onward and upward.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson have one daughter, Viola, who was born May 17, 1908. In his political views Mr. Lawson is a republican, but he has never aspired to political honors. Religiously he is a member of the Congregational church.

WILLIAM PATERSON.

William Paterson, conducting a profitable livery and draying business in Aurora, was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, April 6, 1871. His paternal grandfather, William Paterson, was a Scottish highlander, while his maternal grandfather was John Frame, a native of Glasgow, who is said to have established the first omnibus line of that city. The parents, Thomas and Jane (Frame) Paterson, were both natives of Glasgow. The father was a boiler maker by trade and soon after his marriage came to the United States, settling in New Hampshire, where he resided until 1878. He then arranged to leave his son William and daughter Jessie, two years younger, with their uncle, James Frame, and came west to Aurora, where he soon secured employment in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. Here he has since remained, being for thirty years foreman of the planer room in the locomotive department.

William Paterson was reared by his uncle, James Frame, and attended school at Webster Place, near Franklin, New Hampshire, the schoolhouse being but one mile from the home of Daniel Webster. In 1882 he and his sister came west to Aurora, joining their father, who in the meantime had wedded Mary Morrison. For a year William Paterson attended school in Aurora and then worked for a year on a farm, after which he spent three years in driving a milk wagon for George Hoyt, of Aurora. At the end of that time he bought out the route in September, 1888, and began business on his own account, although only seventeen years of age. He continued in that business for five years, meeting with good success in the undertaking.

On the 24th of April, 1893, Mr. Paterson was married to Miss Cora Hoyt, who died May 31, 1897, leaving one son, James Frame Paterson, who

was born September 4, 1895, and lives with his father, now attending the East Aurora schools. On the 12th of October, 1905, Mr. Paterson was again married, his second union being with Hattie Brown, who was born in this city, April 22, 1876, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Parker) Brown. Her mother is a native of the state of New York, while her father is a native of Vermont and for many years has been a coal dealer in Aurora.

In 1893 Mr. Paterson purchased the livery business of Charles Kimball and this has proved a lucrative undertaking. After conducting the business for ten years he purchased the livery business of Charles Eagleston on Water street, Aurora, and, moving his livery stock to the latter place, combined the two interests and for five years has conducted a profitable and successful livery and draying business, being the sole proprietor of what is known as Paterson's Livery Barn. He has a good patronage and his well equipped stable enables him to supply the wants of many patrons. He personally gives his entire attention to the conduct of the business, managing all of its details.

In politics Mr. Paterson is a republican, but does not seek nor desire office. He is a strong advocate of temperance and gives his influence to the movement toward the abolishment of the liquor traffic. He is an enterprising, energetic business man, who is meeting with success in his chosen calling.

GEORGE McCOLLUM.

George McCollum, deceased, was one of the pioneer settlers and manufacturers of Kane county, whose labors and influence were an important element in the early development and growth of this part of the state. He was born in 1807 and the year 1836 witnessed his removal from Montrose, Pennsylvania, to Aurora, Illinois, where he found but three log houses and a great many Indians. With wonderful prescience, however, he foresaw what the future had in store for this great and growing country and, after returning to the east, once more came to Aurora in May, 1837, being here employed as a blacksmith by John King. In December, 1837, he returned to the Keystone state for his little family and on the 5th of February, 1839, began the journey westward with an ox-team. On the 11th of March he arrived in Batavia, remaining there until the spring of 1839, when he took up his abode at Aurora in a little cabin, the dimensions of which were ten by twelve feet. This pioneer structure remained the family home until Mr. McCollum erected his own dwelling, it being the third frame house on the west side of the river. All the material used in its construction was purchased in Chicago and brought to Aurora in wagons. At the same time he also built his carriage factory on the corner of Lake and Galena streets, which was destroyed by fire in 1849. Nothing daunted, however, he immediately erected a larger and more pretentious structure on the same site and this building has been used as a carriage and wagon factory to the present time. The first stirring plow in this section of the country was made by Mr. McCollum and from ten to twelve men were employed in that branch of the business



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alone. In February, 1881, the business was organized under the firm style of McCollum & Sons, the partners being George McCollum, George S. McCollum and O. J. McCollum. This relation was most profitably and agreeably maintained until the death of the father in 1893, when he was eighty-nine years of age. Energetic and industrious, he was moreover a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and his executive ability and excellent management brought to the concern with which he was connected a large degree of success, the McCollum carriages and wagons having been favorably known throughout the west for many years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCollum were born the following children: George S., Orlando J., Mrs. Thompson Reed, Mrs. Mary Reed and Mrs. A. G. Wilber, all residents of Aurora; and Mrs. Wellington, who makes her home in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The wife and mother, who bore the maiden name of Lucy Baldwin, was called to her final rest in 1898, having attained the age of eighty-eight years.

In all matters pertaining to the general welfare Mr. McCollum took an active and helpful part and Aurora acknowledges her indebtedness to this sturdy and honest Scotch pioneer for much of her present prosperity and growth. He made the first subscription for the erection of a log schoolhouse on the west side, and in 1854, when West Aurora was incorporated under the general laws, he became a trustee—one of the first officers elected in the village. He was likewise one of the early members of the First Baptist church of Aurora, the teachings of which he exemplified in his daily intercourse with men. For over a half century he was prominently identified with the upbuilding and development of Aurora and Kane county and, though more than a decade has passed since he was called to the home beyond, his memory is still honored and cherished by many of the older residents here.

GEORGE S. MCCOLLUM.

George S. McCollum, a successful representative of manufacturing interests and also a prominent factor in the public life of Aurora, his native city, was born in the year 1841. His parents were George and Lucy (Baldwin) McCollum, the former a worthy pioneer and well known manufacturer of Aurora, whose sketch is given on another page of this volume. George S. McCollum obtained his education in the public schools of Aurora, being one of the early students in the first log schoolhouse at that place. Subsequently he pursued a course of study in the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Chicago, and afterward, having thoroughly qualified himself for the practical and responsible duties of life, joined his father and his brother, Orlando J. McCollum, in the carriage and wagon manufacturing business at Aurora. The success of this concern is attributable in large measure to his well directed energy and excellent business ability and he is numbered among the progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Kane county.

On the 7th of June, 1865, Mr. McCollum was united in marriage to Miss Helen Baker, of North Fairfield, Ohio, a representative of a family prominent in the early history of northern Ohio, its members tracing their ancestry back to Elder Brewster of the Plymouth colony. Our subject and his wife have two sons. William B. McCollum, whose birth occurred in Aurora in 1866, is connected with the Chicago Telephone Company and makes his home in the western metropolis. George Albert McCollum, who was born in Aurora in 1871, was graduated from the West Aurora high school in 1890 and subsequently attended Michigan University. He then began the study of law in Chicago, was admitted to the bar in 1894 and is now successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Aurora. He is likewise interested in the real-estate business here under the firm style of Winslow, McCollum & Company, his partners being Fayette D. Winslow and James A. Elmslie. In 1894 George Albert McCollum was joined in wedlock to Miss Louie Eastburn, of Chicago, by whom he has three children: Margorie, Gordon and Donald.

Mr. McCollum has always been actively and prominently identified with the public and religious growth of Aurora and has held various important positions of trust and responsibility in these connections. In 1876 he served as collector of taxes and in the following year acted as deputy. In 1881 he was chosen alderman and was reelected for two years more, many of the permanent improvements of the city being inaugurated during his incumbency. In 1885 he became a member of the first board of public works, on which he served for four years. Since its formation he has been actively interested in the Young Men's Christian Association of Aurora and for many years was treasurer and trustee thereof. For a number of years he was likewise trustee for the city hospital, and is an active member of the First Baptist church of Aurora, having served as superintendent of the Sunday school for about ten years. His fraternal relations are with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the National Union, in which organizations he holds high positions. Having now resided in this county for more than two-thirds of a century, he is widely and favorably known here and has the admiration and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact in business or social relations.

JUSTUS L. JOHNSON.

Justus L. Johnson came to Aurora and to Kane county in 1884 with his parents. He was then five years of age. The family had come from Sweden in 1881 and settled in Rockford, Illinois. From 1884 to 1887 the family lived in Aurora. The latter year they moved to Big Rock, in this county, where Andrew Johnson conducted the village blacksmith shop until 1897. That year the family removed to Aurora to allow better educational advantages to the younger children. The family now resides at 355 North avenue, Aurora.

where they purchased a home some years ago. There are six children in the family. They are: Gertrude A., Adolph F., Justus Leonard and Esther L., living at home; Lydia V., a teacher for some years in the Aurora public schools and now in the high school at Watseka, Illinois; and Mrs. Selma E. Ritzenthaler, of Sheridan, Illinois.

Justus Leonard Johnson, the third child, was born near Landskrona, near the southern extremity of Sweden, February 1, 1879. His mother's maiden name was Hanna Anderson and the father was John A. Larson. Their parents were well-to-do farmers, whose ancestors had tilled the same lands for several generations. Some of the lands are still in the possession of the families. Mr. Johnson's grandfather on the mother's side was Anders Jönson. He was twice married and was the father of twenty-five children, of whom twelve were twins. Ten of these children lived to maturity. Of the children of his first wife, four girls and one boy survive. All live in Sweden, except one aunt, who resides in Aurora, Illinois. Of the fifteen children of Mr. Johnson's two maternal grandparents eleven were boys and four girls. Four survive. One uncle died some years ago in Minnesota. Two uncles and one aunt live in Sweden. Both uncles are in the mercantile business, Sven near the old home and Anders Anderson in Christianstad. He is one of the largest importers and wholesalers of dry goods in Sweden. Lars Anderson, the paternal grandfather, had seven children, six boys and one girl. One son came to America and resides in Minnesota.

Mr. Johnson's school days began at the New York Street school in Aurora. He was soon transferred to the Center school. The family moved to Big Rock when Justus was in the third grade and his work was continued in the village school of that place. He attended Sugar Grove high school in 1894, 1895 and 1896, graduating the latter year. The following year he entered Wheaton Academy and completed the course the following June. After taking the work of the freshman year at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, Mr. Johnson taught school in the Smith district, three miles east of Wayne, DuPage county. In September, 1899, he returned to college and continued until the spring of 1902.

Since the age of eleven years Mr. Johnson has earned largely his own way in the struggle for advancement. At that age he did farm chores for his board and room while attending school at Big Rock. Summer vacations he worked as a farm laborer or in the blacksmith shop. At the age of fifteen he worked for the Joliet Bridge Company in the construction of road bridges in Big Rock township and received his first "full man's pay."

From his earnings he paid the tuition for a course at Sugar Grove high school. By the earnings of six months of farm labor after graduating from high school he entered Wheaton Academy at the age of seventeen. To enable him to continue school he was compelled to board himself. This story is told of Mr. Johnson's first six months at the academy that he lived on oatmeal at an average cost a week of forty cents for that period. On his return to college in 1899 he was accorded a scholarship. By the aid of this and by acting as night operator for the Chicago Telephone Company at Wheaton and as correspondent for Chicago newspapers he gained the means to com-

plete his course with more comfort. The summer vacations during the latter part of his course were spent in the factories in Aurora and Batavia.

Mr. Johnson always evidenced ability as an organizer. A number of student enterprises at Wheaton were started or placed on a better basis by him. He served as organizer and manager of the Wheaton basket ball team, which won the Olympic college championship of the United States at the St. Louis World's Fair, and which afterward traveled ten thousand miles on a schedule of games. Other enterprises organized and managed by him while in school were the Wayside Inn, a boarding club for men, the Arcadian Tennis Club, and other projects. He was one of several who started the Wheaton Record, a student magazine, and was its first advertising manager. While at Wheaton he served as president of the Excelsior Debating Society, president of the Wheaton College Athletic Association, captain of the football team, member of the baseball team four years and manager one year, manager of the track team and of the ladies' basket ball team. Under his term as president of the athletic association Lawson field was obtained and the funds secured from the alumni and the business men of Wheaton to employ competent coaches for all lines of athletic sports.

The experience obtained in advertising on the Wheaton Record induced Mr. Johnson to enter that line of work during the summer vacation of 1900 on the St. Paul Dispatch, St. Paul, Minnesota. On returning to college in the fall he became correspondent for the Chicago papers at Wheaton and this determined his line of work on leaving school in 1902.

Two notable newspaper "scoops" were pulled off by Johnson while employed by Chicago papers. In the fall of 1901 he gave to the Record-Herald the facts concerning Nova Persea, a new star, which suddenly appeared in the constellation Perseus. In a few days' time the star grew in magnitude to become the brightest in the heavens, and in two weeks' time from its maximum it disappeared to the unaided eye. Observations running over several months clearly indicated that the star had been destroyed and new systems were building in its former position. The star had been discovered by the astronomer at Harvard Observatory at the same hour that Will Beith, of Elburn, and Mr. Johnson, who were class mates in a course in astronomy, had observed it. The phenomena were recorded on photographic plates at Yerkes observatory and were the first accurate facts since the beginning of the science that proved that worlds were destroyed and rebuilt. The second "beat" came in August, 1902, when Johnson uncovered the body of Mrs. Anna Bartholin in the basement of her home, 4310 Calumet avenue, Chicago, and proved that her son, W. J. Bartholin, was the double murderer of his mother and of his sweetheart, Miss Minnie Mitchell, of that city. Immediately following this discovery a reward of fifteen hundred dollars was offered for the son's capture.

In February, 1903, Mr. Johnson was tendered the city editorship of an Aurora daily paper and accepted. In November of that year he became editor of the Aurora Daily Beacon. The following year he severed his newspaper connections and took up the reading of law. In 1906 he re-entered newspaper work as political writer for the Springfield Journal at the state

capital. In November of that year he became associate editor of the Aurora Daily Beacon, which position he resigned June 1, 1908, to make a canvass of the county for the republican nomination for clerk of the circuit court, and on the 3d of November he was elected to that office.

Without the favoritism of a political faction or the backing of a political organization Mr. Johnson was nominated in a field of four candidates in the first direct primary ever held in Illinois, there being eleven thousand seven hundred republican votes in Kane county on the clerkship. Previous to becoming a candidate he had taken some part in politics as an organizer. In 1904 he was one of several to form the Young Men's Republican Club of Aurora and was its first secretary. Mr. Johnson has been a delegate to and an officer of several republican conventions the last four years. At the fifteenth annual convention of the Swedish American Republican League of Illinois at Rockford in 1907 he was chosen president of the organization. Under his term of office the league gained twenty-three per cent in membership in one year and the organization held the largest convention and banquet in its history at Aurora, March 9, 1908.

Mr. Johnson was appointed a member of the board of directors of the Aurora Public Library in 1907 by Mayor E. C. Finch. Mr. Johnson has always held that it is the duty of every good citizen to give his best effort to the elevation of the public and political ideals of the community in which he lives, even at a personal sacrifice. He is a member of a number of fraternal organizations and of the Hamilton Club of Chicago.

MRS. HIRAM NORRIS.

Mrs. Hiram Norris, one of the most highly esteemed ladies of Kane county, was born February 13, 1831, in Strafford, Vermont, and when thirteen years of age she came west to Kane county with her parents. She was a daughter of General Nathan and Hannah (Smith) Young. Her father, who was brigadier general in the Vermont militia, was born at New Grentham, New Hampshire, in 1792, and was a son of the Rev. Joab Young, a Universalist minister, and the first preacher who settled in Strafford, Vermont. There he received the grant of land known as minister's lot. He was born in the year 1758 and died in 1816, his life having spanned a period in which occurred three great wars and the most important events which have occurred in the history of this country. At the time of his birth the French and Indian war was in progress and his life closed soon after the cessation of hostilities in the war of 1812, while during the period of his early manhood the great war for American liberty occurred.

General Nathan Young came to Kane county in 1843 and settled on a claim in Blackberry township. In 1850 he removed to the village of Kaneville, where his death occurred April 21, 1869. His wife, Mrs. Hannah Young, was born in Strafford, Vermont, in 1795, and died in Kane county, in 1863, the remains of both being interred in the West Batavia cemetery.

Their family numbered seven children, five sons and two daughters, George, Peleg, N. S., Helen M., Joab, F. L., and Marcella Young. The last named is Mrs. Norris and the only one now living. The family was conspicuous in the pioneer life of the county and its members were prominent in promoting the growth and substantial upbuilding of this part of the state. Some of those named lived in Kaneville, while others were residents of Blackberry township.

Nathan S. Young, brother of Mrs. Norris, was a prominent citizen of Batavia, Illinois. He was born in Strafford, Vermont, August 20, 1818, and died December 2, 1907, when almost ninety years of age. He was at one time president of the First National Bank of Batavia, was for many years a member of the Batavia Board of Education and was a member on the first board of library directors. He read extensively and was a great student of history, also delighting in collecting old books and manuscripts, his library containing many valuable volumes and articles on the early history of Kane county. He kept a daily journal and weather record from 1840 until his death, more than fifty-seven years later. He was highly esteemed for his intelligence, his sound judgment and integrity, and few men have been assigned so many public trusts by their associates and neighbors. In his journal are found many interesting accounts of events of state and national importance. On the 8th of April, 1841, he wrote, "News was received by the passengers on board the stage of the death of William H. Harrison, president of these United States. As no papers were received to confirm the news, the report is doubtful." On the following day, April 9, he wrote, "Received today a confirmation of the news of the death of the president by a slip from the watchman's office containing the declaration from the heads of the department at Washington, stating that he died April 4, twenty minutes before ten o'clock a. m. Afflicting news this will be to a majority of the people, though many a loco will chuckle to himself at the result." In 1843, Nathan Young sold his interests in a store in Vermont to his partner, Justin S. Morrill, who was afterward Senator Morrill, and then came to the west to join other members of the family in Kane county.

Marcella Young spent her girlhood days under the parental roof and came with the family to Kane county. Here, on the 27th of April, 1853, she gave her hand in marriage to Hiram Norris, who was born in Erin, Chemung county, New York, November 23, 1828, a son of Mathew N. and Julia (Van Duzer) Norris. He attended the public schools and worked upon his father's farm during the period of his boyhood and youth. In 1844 he came with his father to Kane county and settled in Blackberry township, becoming connected with agricultural interests here. In 1850, attracted by the discovery of gold, he went to California and engaged in mining in that state and in Oregon. In December, 1851, he returned to Illinois and on the 27th of April, 1853, was married to Marcella Young. They became the parents of four children: Helen M., the wife of Joseph Slaker, a prominent farmer of Aurora township; Frank Y., of Evanston, Illinois; John, of Crandon, South Dakota; and Mathew Norris, who died December 25, 1896. Mrs. Norris now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Slaker.

Following their marriage Mr. Norris turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and as the years passed successfully carried on the work of the farm. As his financial resources increased he added to his original holdings until he became the owner of a large and valuable farm of four hundred and fifty acres, in Blackberry township. For many years he carefully tilled the soil and was one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers of the locality. He was the first to introduce Hereford cattle into Kane county and was the owner of the famous bull Success, the sire of much fine stock in this county. Mr. Norris became well known as a prosperous agriculturist, and as a breeder of thoroughbred cattle his reputation extended far and wide. His business interests were always capably and honorably conducted and all who knew him entertained for him warm regard and high respect by reason of his upright life and many good qualities. He died March 25, 1904. Mrs. Norris has remained a resident of Kane county since her husband's death and is most highly esteemed in the community.

H. A. BERTHOLD.

H. A. Berthold, whose constant powers are manifest in his connection with business interests which have been a source of general business progress as well as individual success, was born April 28, 1878, in Aurora, his parents being Anton and Elizabeth Berthold. The father for many years was identified with the business interests of Aurora and occupied an enviable position in commercial and industrial circles from the fact that he was always prompt, energetic and notably reliable. He was connected with the South Broadway stone quarry and with the lumberyard on Water street, but sold that property to the Street Railway Company for a power house and became connected with the brewing business, being associated with others in 1889 in the organization of the Aurora Brewing Company, of which he was elected secretary and treasurer. He thus remained in active connection with one of the large productive industries of the city until his death on the 13th of August, 1893.

At the usual age H. A. Berthold became a pupil in the public schools of Aurora, where he passed through the consecutive grades and eventually he entered the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894. On putting aside his text-books he at once entered the office of the Aurora Brewing Company, leaving school at the early age of fifteen years on account of his father's death. In 1899 he was elected secretary of the company and was closely associated with J. Knell, Sr., in managing the business until he retired from active partnership in January, 1908, at which time Mr. Berthold was elected secretary and treasurer. He still continues in that dual position, bending his efforts to administrative direction and executive control. His keen business discernment and enterprise are factors in the success which is attending this industry. A man of resourceful business ability, however, he has not confined his attention to one line, but has been active in the successful conduct of other interests. In

1903 he was one of the original promoters of the Aurora Coliseum Company, which erected the largest and most complete auditorium in this city. He was also the original promoter of the Sulphur Springs Park, a health resort at Wedron, holds a large block of stock and has been active in developing this into one of the state's prominent health resorts.

Mr. Berthold manifests a contagious enthusiasm in his support of the democratic party, putting forth every effort in his power to promote its growth and secure its success. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Electric Aerie of Fraternal Order of Eagles and to the Western Catholic Union. Having spent his entire life in Aurora he is well known here and the readiness with which he dispatches business and the sound judgment which he displays in the control of important and complex business problems have gained him recognition as one of the representative young men of his native city.

CONRAD F. ACKEMANN.

Conrad F. Ackemann as a member of the firm of Ackemann Brothers needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for those who know aught of Elgin are familiar with its extensive mercantile establishment, which is the most important department store of the city. It has reached its present extensive proportions through a process of greater development and extension resulting from the well defined and carefully executed plans of Conrad F. Ackemann and his associates in business. He seems to see to the very center of things and from the center to the outmost circumference of possibility and has wrought along lines which are in keeping with the spirit of modern progress.

Mr. Ackemann was born in Winzler, Hanover, Germany, May 24, 1864, his parents being Henry and Minnie (Walbaum) Ackemann, who made two visits to America after their sons crossed the Atlantic and in 1892 came to the new world to remain. The father passed away in Elgin, but the mother is still living. In their family were seven children, the five sons, Henry, William D., August W., Conrad F., and Fred H., all being partners in the store. The two sisters are: Minnie, now the wife of L. H. Bower, of Elgin; and Lena, the wife of W. F. Bultmann, who is superintendent of the Cable Organ Company at Elgin.

Conrad F. Ackemann spent the first sixteen years of his life in the land of his nativity and in 1880 came alone to the United States, joining his brothers, William and August, who were then clerking in a dry-goods store in Elgin. He found no suitable employment until the 17th of September, after a residence here of nine weeks, when he accepted a position in the Chicago Clothing Store at a salary of five dollars per week, of which he paid four dollars and a quarter for board and room. He there continued until after the holidays, when he returned to Elgin in the spring of 1881. He

then went to work for the firm of Wilkins & McClure, proprietors of an exclusive crockery house. He continued with them for a year, working for twenty-five dollars per month. He first secured a situation in a general store in Lyons, Iowa.

In the meantime his brother William had entered business as the senior partner of the firm of Sauer & Ackemann and when Conrad F. Ackemann stepped into the store to say good-by to them they determined to keep him and employed him. In May, 1882, his brother sold out and then purchased the store of Grott & Etna, proprietors of a dry-goods, boot and shoe business. Conrad F. Ackemann went with his brother and worked with him until a year after he married. He then purchased the Yondig Clothing, Furniture & Undertaking Store on River street and in 1889 removed to Douglas avenue under the National Hotel, in the same building in which his brother William was carrying on the dry-goods business. In 1891 their eldest brother, Henry Ackemann, of Germany, came to this country for the benefit of his health and in the spring of 1892 purchased the interest of Conrad F. Ackemann's partner and the firm of Ackemann Brothers was thus formed. This was the beginning of the present extensive establishment, now the property of the firm. In 1893 their brother Fred purchased a third interest in the furniture and undertaking business and established a house furnishing store. In 1893 the firm began the erection of the present building two stories in height with basement. On the 1st of February, 1894, the firm formed a partnership with William D. Ackemann, then in the dry-goods business, under the firm style of Ackemann Brothers, and on the 1st of April, 1894, they removed into their present building. They were also joined by their brother-in-law, W. T. Bultmann, who put in a line of pianos, organs, sewing machines and small musical instruments. They rented the basement until the panic of 1894. In May, 1894, they bought the C. J. Schultz stock of carpets, etc., which they opened up on the second floor. In 1897 the growth of their business justified the erection of a third story and they put in a passenger elevator and enlarged their freight elevator. The second floor was then converted into a department of millinery and ladies' garments. In the same year August W. Ackemann purchased an interest in the firm and at the present time the five brothers are associated in the business and are the only owners of this extensive department store, which is conducted under the firm style of Ackemann Brothers. Their main building is thirty-four by one hundred and forty-two feet, with a side building twenty-two by one hundred and thirty-two feet. Both are three stories in height with basement. This is the only store of its kind in the city, that is it handles more lines, the departments including dry goods, ladies' ready-to-wear garments, millinery, carpets and rugs, furniture and undertaking supplies, crockery, glassware and household hardware. The establishment has ever been governed by the most honorable principles. They have aimed to sell only goods of trustworthy quality, have originated and maintained the lowest possible prices, have aimed at perfect store service and delivery, and in fact have followed methods which should at once commend them to the patronage and the confidence of the general public.

On the 12th of October, 1897, Conrad F. Ackemann was married to Miss Millie Mutzelburg, a native of Elgin, and a daughter of Charles Mutzelburg. They are prominent socially in the city and they hold membership in St. John's Lutheran church, to the support of which they contribute generously. Since becoming a naturalized American citizen Mr. Ackemann has voted with the republican party and for one term represented the second ward in the city council. He was one of the organizers of the Elgin Commercial Club and takes an active and helpful interest in all those things which pertain to the city's development and upbuilding along political, social and moral lines. He certainly deserves classification with those men whose enterprising spirit, firm purpose and laudable ambition constitute the basis of their success, and in his business relations has made a most honorable name, while his labors have been crowned with gratifying prosperity.

J. MICHAEL LIES.

J. Michael Lies is the owner of a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Aurora township and only two miles from the city of Aurora. Here his entire life has been spent. He was born March 10, 1862, upon his farm, which became his father's property more than a half century ago. He is a son of John and Anna (Neu) Lies, both of whom were natives of Haller, Luxemburg, Germany. The father was born in 1818 and emigrated to America in 1851, at which time he took up his abode on section 11, Aurora township, Kane county, which property has since been the old family homestead. He always followed the occupation of farming both in Germany and in America, and was an enterprising, energetic man who met with fair success in his work in the fields. In December, 1844, he was married to Miss Anna Neu, whose birth occurred in Luxemburg, February 18, 1824. For more than a half century they traveled life's journey together and were then separated by the death of Mr. Lies, who passed away May 29, 1895, at the age of seventy-six years and seven months. His wife survived him until December 14, 1907, and was eighty-three years of age at the time of her death.

They were the parents of ten children: Susan N., the wife of Nicholas Friedlers, a resident farmer of Aurora township; Susan, now the wife of Michael Daleiden, of Aurora; Mary, the deceased wife of Frank Fabrizius; Elizabeth, the wife of John Reines, living in Virgil township, Kane county; Margaret, whose home is in Batavia, Illinois; Peter, living in Batavia township; J. Michael; Susan C., the wife of Peter Petit, of Aurora township; M. John, who died in 1896; and Angeline, who died at the age of two years.

J. Michael Lies was a pupil in the district schools to the age of fourteen years, after which he gave his undivided attention to assisting his father in the work on the home farm until twenty-three years of age. He then rented the farm and in 1894 he purchased fifty-seven acres on section 3, Aurora township, but never lived upon that place. He has always continued to reside on the homestead where he was born and which has been in the family

possession since 1852. It comprises one hundred and fifty acres of land which is naturally rich and productive and responds readily to the care and labor bestowed upon it. It is pleasantly and conveniently located near Aurora and within sixty rods of the Aurora and Chicago electric line. Everything about the farm is kept in good condition, the buildings are substantial, and gratifying crops are gathered annually.

On the 10th of February, 1885, Mr. Lies was married to Miss Mary K. Petit, a daughter of Michael and Katharine (Deville) Petit, both of whom were natives of Luxemburg. Her father was born August 9, 1832, and came to Kane county, Illinois, in 1851. In 1860 he married Katharine Deville and then lived upon a farm in Aurora township until 1894, when Mr. Petit retired from active life and took up his abode in the city of Aurora. Mrs. Lies was born October 24, 1864, on her father's farm in Aurora township. By her marriage she has become the mother of eleven children: Katie C., born May 11, 1886; Michael F., December 8, 1887; Susie F., March 9, 1890; Peter A., March 2, 1892; Margaret L., June 15, 1894; Joseph J., March 13, 1896; Carl Peter, February 1, 1899; Aloysius, June 19, 1901; Arnold, August 15, 1903; Maria, June 14, 1905; and Loretta, August 9, 1907.

In his political views Mr. Lies is a stalwart republican and has held the office of highway commissioner in Aurora township for thirteen years, being the incumbent in the office at the present time. Both he and his wife are members of the Annunciation Church of Big Woods in Aurora township. He has recently completed a fine new residence on his farm, with a big barn and outbuildings providing ample shelter for grain and stock. The house is modern in every particular, being supplied with bathroom, private system of water works, furnace and all modern equipments. The older children of the family assist the father in carrying on the farm and in addition to the work of the fields he operates a dairy. He has made steady progress in agricultural circles and is acknowledged the owner of one of the finest farm properties of this portion of the state.

DORR BROTHERS.

Marshall and Haskell Dorr are well known as prominent farmers of Sugar Grove township, residing on Section 8, where they have about three hundred acres of rich and highly cultivated land. They were born upon this farm and it has since been their home. Their parents were natives of New Hampshire. The father, Solomon Dorr, came to Kane county in 1835, and settled on land in Sugar Grove township. He was a pioneer and of that rugged New England stock which has been an element not only in the development of New England, but in other sections of the country to which the sons of New Hampshire have removed.

Removing to the west in pioneer times Solomon Dorr cast in his lot with the early settlers of Kane county. Only three years before had the Black Hawk war occurred and there were still many evidences of Indian occu-

pany in this part of the state. The city of Aurora was a little village of no industrial or commercial importance, and upon the site of various towns of the county, which are now thriving and enterprising places, there was at that time not a single house. The greater part of the land was still unclaimed and uncultivated, the timber was uncut and the streams unbridged, but even though the work of development had scarcely begun here Solomon Dorr recognized the fact that the natural resources and advantages were greater than were offered in New England, and he therefore established his home in Sugar Grove township. As the years passed he carried on general agricultural pursuits, and continued to reside upon the farm until his death, which occurred May 22, 1888. For only a few months had he survived his wife, who died February 20, 1887. She bore the maiden name of Elmira Gurler and came with her parents to Kane county in her girlhood days. Here she gave her hand in marriage to Solomon Dorr and they began their domestic life upon the farm which continued to be their home until they were called to their final rest. Here they reared their children to lives of usefulness and honor, instilling into their minds lessons of industry, diligence and temperance. In addition to the two sons whose names introduce this review there were two daughters in the family: Felicia E., who remains with the brothers upon the old home farm and manages the household duties; and Emogene, the wife of W. H. Baker, occupying a farm adjoining the old homestead in Sugar Grove township.

The birth of Marshall Dorr occurred May 10, 1839, while Haskell Dorr was born on the 22d of March, 1844. The latter was a pupil in the district schools until he reached the age of eighteen years, after which he assisted his father in carrying on the work of the home farm for a few years. In 1865 he visited some of the western states, largely spending that period in Iowa, however. He engaged in various occupations, but after looking over many agricultural sections of the west decided that there was no district more favorable for farming than Kane county, Illinois. Its soil is naturally rich and productive and responds readily to the care and cultivation bestowed upon it. Haskell Dorr, therefore, returned to Sugar Grove township and joined his brother Marshall in the operation of the home farm. This is a valuable tract of land of three hundred acres which they have brought under a high state of cultivation, and which is improved with many of the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century. Everything about the place indicates the careful supervision of the owners, who are men of well known business ability and enterprise and have led active and useful lives.

At the time of the Civil war Marshall Dorr responded to the country's call for aid and enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Infantry. He remained at the front for three years and did active duty in defense of the old flag and the cause it represented. He has served as collector of Sugar Grove township, but both brothers have always preferred the quiet life of the farm to active participation in public affairs, although they have never been remiss in the duties of citizenship. They exert their right of franchise in support of the men

and measures of the republican party, and have cooperated in many movements that have proved of benefit to the community. During the years of their residence here Kane county has undergone a remarkable transformation as the work of development and improvement has been carried steadily forward, and all of the advantages and opportunities of the older east have been introduced. Their lives have been quietly passed in the active work of the farm, and they have contributed to the agricultural development of the county, making their place one of the productive farms of the community, the well tilled fields constituting an attractive feature in the landscape.

JAMES ALBERT YOUNG.

James Albert Young, the manager of the Aurora Nursery Company, and also well known as a scientific landscape gardener, was born in Nashville, Brown county, Indiana, July 30, 1872. He is a son of Rufus K. and Jane (Myers) Young, both of whom were natives of Belmont county, Ohio. At the age of ten years he removed with his parents to Hutchinson, Kansas, where his father conducted a stock ranch until his death, in August, 1891. The mother is still living at the age of seventy-six years and makes her home with her daughter near Hutchinson, Kansas. She had six children: David W., now living at Nickerson, Kansas; Margaret, the wife of Jonas Milhon, of Hutchinson, Kansas; Dora, the wife of F. T. Sellers, who is living near Hutchinson, Kansas; Mary, the wife of C. O. Howe, of Helena, Oklahoma; James A.; and Joseph Young, a resident of Onago, South Dakota.

James Albert Young, following the removal of the family to the west, pursued his education in the schools of Hutchinson, Kansas, until seventeen years of age, after which he engaged in teaching for four years. Desirous, however, of promoting his own education by further study, he pursued a four years' literary course in Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, providing the funds necessary through his previous work as a teacher. In the fall of 1897 he went upon the road as a traveling salesman for a large confectionery house of Kansas City, and was thus engaged for three years, after which he turned his attention to the nursery business in Pawnee City, Nebraska.

On the 26th of December, 1901, Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Maud Bobst, of Pawnee, who was born in Pawnee county, Nebraska, July 20, 1881. Her father, George T. Bobst, was a native of Pennsylvania and of German descent. He followed the pursuit of farming and died at his home in Du Bois, Nebraska, in 1883. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Taylor, was a native of Massachusetts and in the early '50s went to the west with her parents, who settled in Kansas. She is now living in Du Bois. Mr. and Mrs. Bobst were the parents of the following: Robert W., of Du Bois, Nebraska; Mattie, the wife of James Wheeler, of Du Bois, Nebraska; Mary Jane, the wife of Walter Pierson, of Nelson, Nebraska; Emma, the wife of M. L. Roby, of Pawnee City, Nebraska; Minnie, the wife of C. L. Morris, of Lexington, Missouri; Grace, the wife of Charles Lucky, of Du

Bois, Nebraska; Edward S. and George T., of Du Bois, Nebraska; and Mrs. Young, who, with one exception, was the youngest member of the family. After acquiring her preliminary education in the village school, Mrs. Young spent six years as a pupil in the schools at Fairbury, Nebraska.

For about a year and a half after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Young continued to reside at Pawnee, and in April, 1902, came to Illinois, settling in Aurora. For two years he engaged in selling nursery stock and since the spring of 1904 has been manager of the Aurora Nursery Company, owning and conducting the only nursery in Aurora township. Under his capable control this business has grown and extended until at the present time a large force of workmen are employed and the nursery has been developed to such an extent that practically everything known to the trade is carried in stock. Mr. Young is also a landscape gardener, with scientific as well as practical knowledge of the business, and has an extensive patronage in that line. He has laid out the grounds of many of the beautiful homes not only of Aurora but of other cities as well, his ability in this direction gaining him much more than local prominence.

Mr. and Mrs. Young have become the parents of one daughter, Ruth, who was born June 9, 1903. Mrs. Young is a member of the Galena Street Methodist Episcopal church and also of the Woman's Relief Corps, in both of which she takes an active and helpful interest. Mr. Young is a republican in his political views but does not seek nor desire office. He is a man of domestic tastes, preferring to give his time and attention to his family outside of business hours. The success which he has achieved has come as the result of his carefully managed business affairs and his undoubted enterprise, and shows what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do.

W. P. SHERMAN, M. D.

The success and prominence which Dr. W. P. Sherman has gained as a medical practitioner of Aurora is attributable to no fortunate combination of circumstances or to any influence strongly exerted in his behalf, but has come as the result of his thorough preparation and his marked ability in the administration of remedial agencies. He was born in Newark, Wisconsin, July 22, 1861. His father, James D. Sherman, was a native of Oswego county, New York, and in early manhood went to Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming for a few years. He afterward removed to Minnesota, where he remained for a number of years, but on account of the Indian troubles there he returned to the Badger state, where he lived for some time and then again went to New York. He was connected with agricultural interests in the Empire state until 1871, which year witnessed his arrival in Kendall county, Illinois, where he was connected with agricultural pursuits until his death. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Chase, was a native of Wisconsin.

Dr. Sherman was educated in the public schools of Kendall county, Illinois, and then assisted his father in business for a few years, but thinking to prefer a professional to an agricultural career and believing that he might find the practice of medicine congenial he began studying, and in 1889 was graduated from the Rush Medical College of Chicago. He then began practice in Leland, LaSalle county, where he continued for four and a half years, when he took up his abode in Chicago, where he practiced for five years. In 1897 he came to Aurora, where he has since been located, and a liberal patronage has been accorded him, for he soon demonstrated his power to check the ravages of disease and restore health. He maintains a high standard of professional ethics and this and his ability have gained for him the high regard and respect of his professional brethren. He belongs to the Illinois State Medical Society and also to the Fox River Valley Medical Society and in his practice keeps in touch with the most advanced methods of the profession.

Dr. Sherman was married to Miss Belle Misner, and following her death he wedded Miss Addie B. Solfisburg, a native of Aurora, and a daughter of Chris Solfisburg, an old settler of this state. Dr. Sherman belongs to the Masonic lodge, No. 254; to Sandwich Chapter, R. A. M.; to Aurora Commandery, K. T.; and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has ample opportunity, and embraces it, of exemplifying in his practice the spirit of Masonry and on many occasions has shown his belief in the principles of brotherly kindness and mutual helpfulness. He possesses a spirit of friendliness and a genial manner which have gained him many friends and made him a popular citizen of Aurora. In his professional career he is making steady progress and now enjoys an excellent practice of a remunerative character.

EDWARD C. WHILDIN.

Edward C. Whildin, filling the office of supervisor of Big Rock township, is numbered among the pioneer settlers of the county and relates many interesting incidents of the early days when the work of civilization and development had scarcely been begun here. He was born on section 18, Sugar Grove township, December 26, 1844. His paternal grandfather was a native of Wales and remained a resident of the little rock-ribbed country throughout his entire life. His two sons, Edward and Richard Whildin, however, came to the United States in 1834, while three other sons, Jeremiah, John and Robert, crossed the Atlantic a few years later, Robert settling in Wisconsin. The other four brothers came to Kane county, Richard taking up his abode in Sugar Grove township, while Edward, Jeremiah and John settled in Big Rock township. Nearly all reared large families and the Whildins of the second and third generations in Kane county are now quite numerous. In 1905 a family reunion was held in the grove near Big Rock, upon which occasion more than fifty members of the family were present.

Richard Whildin, father of our subject, was born in the north of Wales and, as previously stated, came to America in 1834, arriving in New York. There he made his home for several years and in 1838 he married Miss Louisa Benjamin, a native of the Empire state. They afterward came to Kane county and settled on land in Sugar Grove township. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whildin became the parents of the following: Mary E., the wife of H. P. Swan, of Saunemin, Illinois; Harriet A., who is the widow of Charles L. Taylor and resides in Big Rock township; Edward C., of this review; Theron J., who died in 1860 at the age of ten years; and George F., who lives in the village of Big Rock.

It was upon the old homestead farm that Edward C. Whildin was born and reared, continuing there until he reached the age of twenty-four years. In his boyhood he attended the district schools and assisted his father in the work of the farm, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. When he had reached the age of twenty-four he started out in life on his own account and for a few years cultivated a rented farm.

Edward C. Whildin made further preparations for having a home of his own by his marriage on the 28th of May, 1873, to Miss Mary G. Taylor, of Big Rock township, who was born and reared upon the farm where she and her husband now reside. Her father, Percy Taylor, was a native of Vermont, but in his youthful days removed to the state of New York, where he became acquainted with and married Rebecca Lawrence. She was a native of Waddington, New York, and on the 7th of August, 1831, gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Taylor. In 1837 they came to Kane county and entered the land which is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whildin. At a later date Mr. Whildin purchased this property from the other heirs and has since continued to live thereon, transforming the farm into a valuable and well improved district. He has built a fine residence, together with substantial barns and other outbuildings and through his persistency of purpose and untiring energy he has largely added to the value of the farm, which is now one of the best in Big Rock township, its fields being very fertile and returning to him a gratifying income. Many changes have occurred here since the pioneer days. He remembers hearing his father tell of early experiences here, including the hauling of grain to the Chicago market, at times making two trips each week for six successive weeks and bringing back provisions for the family, while occasionally he hauled some lumber for needed improvements upon his land.

In his political views Mr. Whildin has always been a staunch republican and cast his first presidential vote for General Grant in 1868. He served as assessor of Big Rock township for four years and in 1887 was elected supervisor of the township, which position he has filled continuously since, covering a period of twenty-one years. No higher testimonial of his capability and fidelity could be given than the fact that he has so long been retained in this office. He has also served as chairman of the board of equalization and as a member of various important committees in the county. Over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion

of evil, for his duties have ever been discharged in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents. Undoubtedly he is one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Big Rock township. His farm comprises one hundred and eighty acres, nearly all of which is rich prairie land. He has rented this property since 1893, the second dwelling upon the place being occupied by a tenant, while he reserves for himself and occupies a fine modern residence that contains all the conveniences of a city home. A well kept lawn and fine garden denote that he has not altogether put aside the activities of life, yet the more arduous work of the farm is left to others and the rest that he is now enjoying is well deserved. In his business relations he has ever been found reliable as well as energetic and persevering, and he bears an unsullied reputation, enjoying the respect of all and the good will of the great majority of those with whom he has come in contact.



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