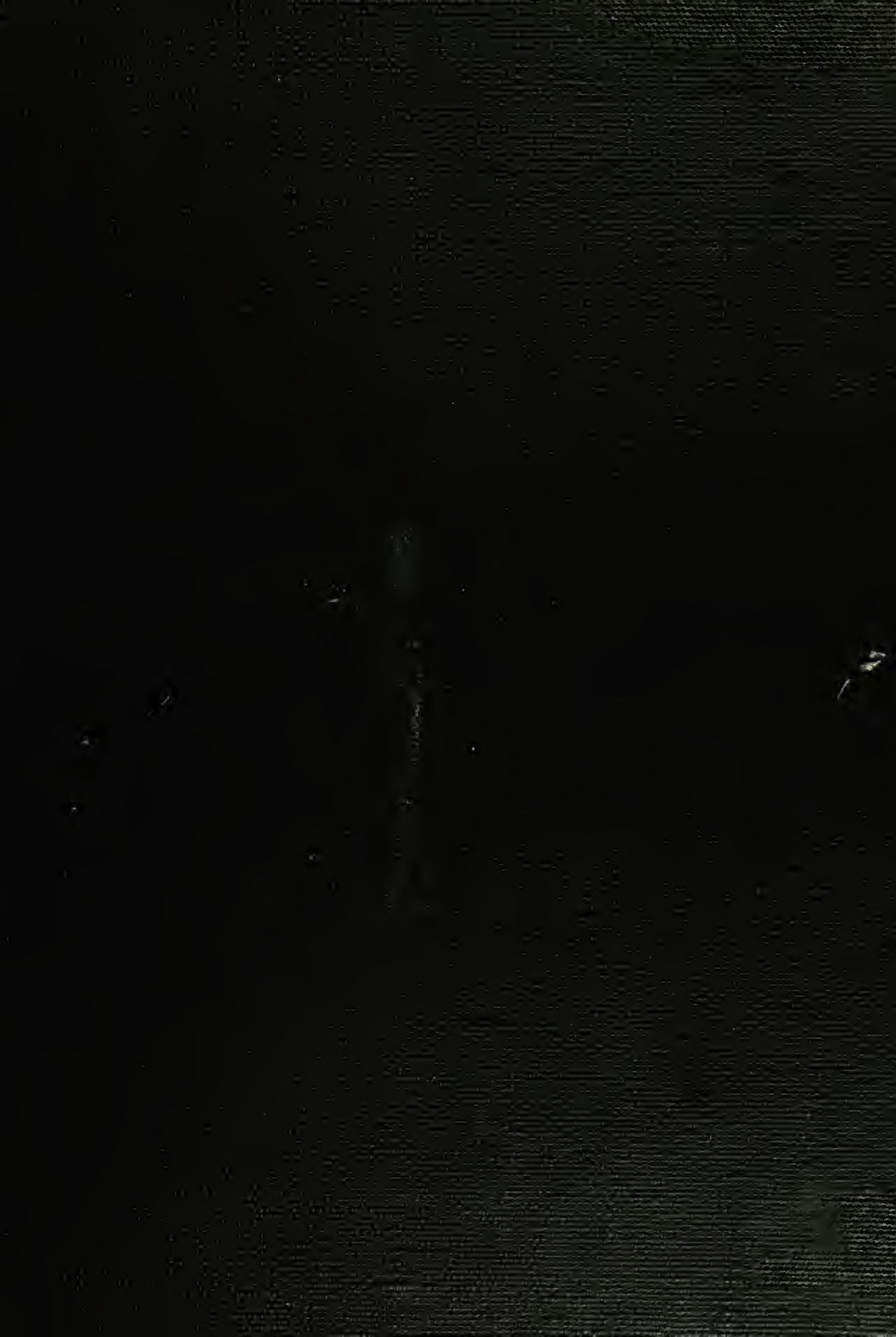


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GEORGE B. BRADLEY, LL. D.—Among the many men of eminence and influence that have honored the bar of Steuben county is the Hon. George B. Bradley, who was actively engaged in the practice of his profession in Corning, his present home, for upwards of half a century. A man of broad and comprehensive knowledge, his professional zeal and untiring industry made him a power upon the bench, and his decisions were seldom reversed. After a long and brilliant career he is now spending the closing years of his useful life free from business cares, enjoying a well merited leisure. He was born February 5, 1825, in Chenango county, New York, where his parents were early settlers.

Having as a young man become proficient in the study of law Mr. Bradley was admitted to the bar at Oswego, New York, in 1848, and immediately began the practice of his profession in Addison, remaining there four years. Locating in Corning in 1852 he has since been an esteemed and honored resident of this city and one of its leading attorneys. His ability and skill have met with a wide recognition, and several years ago the University of Rochester conferred upon him the degree of LL. D.

He has been active in many lines, and in 1872 was a member of the Constitutional Commission for two terms. From 1873 until 1877 he was a member of the state senate, and in 1883 he was elected Justice of the Supreme Court, being exceptionally well equipped for a place upon the bench. For four years, from 1888 until 1892, Judge Bradley was a member of the Court of Appeals, second division of the state. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Corning and is now serving as its vice-president. A sound Democrat in politics the Judge has ever been an active worker in the interests of his party.

WILLIAM H. PRANGEN.—The present incumbent of the important office of postmaster of Hornell, New York, is a native of New York city, born November 1, 1852. His father, Diedrich Prangen, was born in Germany and came to the United States as a young man, landing at New York. He spent some time in New York in the grocery business and located in Hornell about 1854, establishing himself in the same business. He died there at the age of sixty-three years. He married Ethelind Wheeler, a native of New York. They were married at Newburgh, New York, and lived at New York city. Mrs. Prangen died at the age of thirty-eight

years. They were parents of eleven children, of whom William H. was the oldest and was two years of age when the family located at Hornell.

William H. Prangen was educated at Hornell and when he reached manhood became much interested in public affairs. He has held various offices in the city and county and received the appointment to the office of postmaster in January, 1908, under the administration of President Roosevelt. He has been successful in life through his own efforts and has been self-supporting since early years. When he was eighteen years of age he was made yardmaster at Hornell for the Erie Railroad and held this position fifteen years. He afterward embarked in business in other lines and has for some time been proprietor of the City Steam Laundry Company. He is interested in various enterprises and is engaged in wholesale and retail dealing in ice. Mr. Prangen is a man of remarkable business ability and has always shown that careful attention to detail that is so essential to successful business. He is well known and popular in the county and is a stanch supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of the Masons in all its degrees and also of the Elks. Religiously he is a member of the Episcopal church.

BENTON MCCONNELL.—One of the most enterprising business men of Hornellsville, New York, is Benton McConnell, president of the McConnell Manufacturing Company, which has been doing a thriving business for over forty years, though it has been incorporated but half that time. The business was established and built up by Mr. McConnell, who has always been at the head of the concern. He was born in Howard, Steuben county, New York, November 28, 1832, and received his education in the common schools. His father, Asa McConnell, was born in Orange county, New York, and located in Steuben county at the age of seven years, being brought here by his parents in 1808. Asa was a son of Charles McConnell, also a native of Orange county, who became one of the pioneers of Steuben county and located on a farm in the vicinity of Howard about 1808. Asa McConnell grew up in Steuben county and there received his education. He was there married to Elizabeth Jones, who was born in that county, and they located on a farm near his old home. Here he died at the age of eighty-six and one-half years and she at the age of eighty-four. They reared a family of seven children, four daughters and three sons, and three are living at this writing. Jemima is a resident of Hornellsville and Philo F. lives in London, England.

Benton McConnell is the oldest of the surviving family. At the age of eighteen years he began working for his uncle as clerk in a general store at Howard, and five years later he went west, locating at Madison, Wisconsin. In 1861 he enlisted as regimental quartermaster of the Tenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. In 1863 he was appointed paymaster in the volunteer service and remained in that capacity until the fall of 1865, having served

more than four years. At the close of the war Mr. McConnell engaged in the lumber business near Norfolk, Virginia, remaining there until the spring of 1868, at which time he returned to Steuben county and located at Hornellsville. He purchased property and engaged in manufacturing sashes, doors and blinds. In January, 1891, the company was incorporated under the name of the McConnell Manufacturing Company. He has been successful since embarking in the enterprise to a degree that is very gratifying. Besides being a business man of energy and acumen he is identified with the best interests of his community and is a representative citizen.

Mr. McConnell was married in 1864 to Harriet Hopkins, of Branchport, Yates county, New York, and they became the parents of one daughter, Anna C., who married Shirley E. Brown, a prominent lawyer of Hornellsville.

THOMAS NILES SMITH.—The Smith family has been prominent in Steuben county, New York, for several generations, and the members of this family have contributed their share toward the development of this section of the state. Thomas Niles Smith, now a farmer living near Kanona in Bath township, a native of the county, born at Pulteney, August 6, 1844, son of Philip T. and Anner (Dean) Smith. Philip was a son of Thomas and grandson of John Smith. John Smith was a Revolutionary soldier, from Rhode Island, and his descendant, Thomas N. Smith, still has the musket he carried in the war. His son, Thomas Smith, was born in Putnam county, New York, and followed masonry contracting most of his life. He married Hillech Smith of Otsego county, and they continued to live in Putnam county several years after their marriage, but finally moved to Steuben county in 1838, where their last days were spent. He died in 1852, at the age of seventy-two years, and his widow died in 1861, at the age of eighty-one.

Philip T. Smith was born in Putnam county, New York, November 21, 1801, and died in Steuben county, May 1, 1886. He took up the masonry contracting business with his father and also followed farming. About 1839 he and his father came to Steuben county and the rest of the family followed later. They engaged in farming in that county, and on account of his health Philip Smith gave up contract work and devoted himself to his farm. He was a good workman and an enterprising business man. He was a member of the Baptist church but not active in political affairs. His widow survived until June 23, 1895.

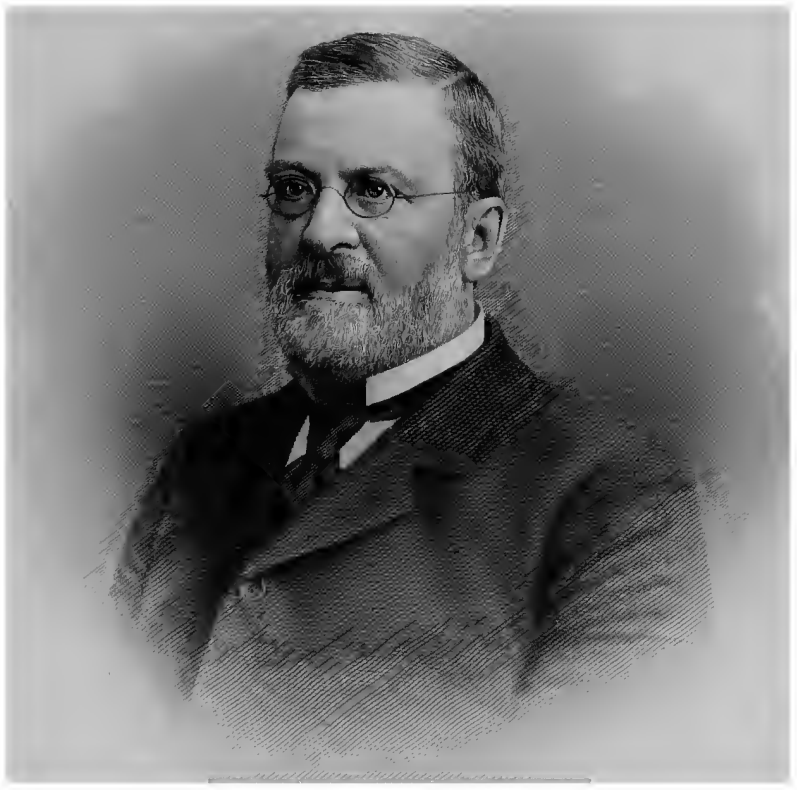
The education of Thomas Niles Smith was received in the public schools of Steuben county and when about twenty years of age he began farming with his father. A few years later he bought 110 acres where he now lives and he has added to his land until he now has 240 acres of fine farming land. He has made most of the improvements himself and is an industrious, progressive farmer. He has erected substantial buildings and carries on his work in an

able manner. He is engaged chiefly in general farming, but makes a specialty of stock, keeping Short-horn cattle and Percheron horses. He believes in the wisdom of keeping high-grade stock and in bringing it into the county is doing a good turn to the community.

In 1896 Mr. Smith married Miss May Milliman, who was born in the town of Fremont, Steuben county, daughter of John and Ada (Eldridge) Milliman, the father a farmer. Mrs. Smith died July 28, 1906, leaving children as follows: Bernice M., born December 12, 1897; Ruth, born January 22, 1899; and Naomi Dorothy, born March 4, 1902. Mr. Smith belongs to the Blue Lodge of Masons at Bath. He is a prominent Democrat and an active worker in the interests of the party. He was candidate for the office of county treasurer in the year 1894 and served three years as treasurer of the Steuben County Agricultural Society, of which he was also vice president four years. Mr. Smith is well known through his community, where he is held in the highest esteem, not only on account of his success as a farmer, but because of his many good qualities of mind and heart. His wife also had many friends and was a woman of good deeds and high character, interested in every worthy cause. The family attend the Baptist church at Bath.

AMORY HOUGHTON, JR.—A publication of this kind exercises its most important function when it pays tribute to the life and labors of a distinguished citizen. Amory Houghton, Jr., rose to prominence and prosperity through his own well directed efforts, stood exponent of the most loyal citizenship, and the memory of his noble personality will always be cherished and venerated in the city of Corning, to whose civic and commercial prestige he contributed in most generous measure. Measured by its beneficence, its rectitude, its productiveness, its unconscious altruism and its material success, the life of the late Amory Houghton, Jr., counted for much, and it is not the name alone but the man himself that it is hoped this brief article may reveal, and that a tribute of honor may be perpetuated where honor is well due.

Amory Houghton, Jr., was born at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on the 20th of October, 1837, and his death occurred on the 5th of November, 1909. He was the eldest son of Amory and Sophronia (Oakes) Houghton, both representatives of sterling families founded in New England in the Colonial era of our national history. The original progenitors of the Houghton family in America settled in Bolton, Massachusetts. From 1848 to 1851 the subject of this memoir attended the boarding school conducted by Edward Hall, at Ellington, Connecticut. Later he continued his studies in the high school at Cambridge, Massachusetts, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1854. In 1855 he began his business career, concerning the salient points in which no better record can, perhaps, be given than the following statements from the *Corning Daily Journal* of Saturday, November 6, 1909, the day following his death:



A. Houghton Jr.

"After spending three years in the service of Lawson Valentine, in the varnish, paint and oil business in Boston, Massachusetts, he became connected with the Union Glass Company, which his father had founded in 1851 at Somerville, Massachusetts. For thirteen years the father manufactured the finer quality of flint and colored glassware at Somerville, when he removed, in 1864, to Brooklyn, New York, where he purchased the Brooklyn Flint Glass Works. At Brooklyn, Amory Houghton, Jr., was associated with his father in the glass business and was a stockholder in the incorporated company. In 1868 the Brooklyn Flint Glass Works were induced to remove to Corning, New York, largely through the representation of Elias B. Hungerford, of Corning, that coal and wood to operate the works would here be cheaper than in Brooklyn. The works were established here as the Corning Flint Glass Company, the village of Corning taking, through individuals, fifty thousand dollars of stock, while the company, comprising Amory Houghton, Sr., Josiah Oakes, George P. Bradford and Amory Houghton, Jr., took seventy-five thousand dollars in stock and brought here from Brooklyn about one hundred regular and skilled employes.

"As originally established in Corning the works of the Corning Flint Glass Company covered about two acres and consisted of two furnaces. For at least three years after its establishment the company conducted its operations at a heavy loss, the coal used not being suited to its purpose, and the factory being brought into direct competition with the larger and better equipped Pittsburg factories. In 1871 disaster came and the business was sold to Nathan Cushing, of Boston, who placed in charge of it as manager Amory Houghton, Jr. With an apparently gloomy future for the business, Mr. Houghton began the management on slender capital, being often, as he admitted, hard put to pay the help; but by running economically and by devising and introducing specialties, the business at the end of a year showed a small profit. In 1872 the new manager, then in his thirty-fifth year, bought the establishment on credit, and for three years thereafter he was the sole proprietor, working with characteristic determination to make the business pay. The result of his energy was soon apparent. In 1875 the Corning Glass Works was incorporated with a capital of fifty thousand dollars and with the following officers: Amory Houghton, Jr., president and treasurer; his brother, Charles F. Houghton, vice-president; and Henry P. Sinclaire, Sr., secretary. From the time of such incorporation until his death Amory Houghton, Jr., continued as head of the concern and one of its largest stockholders. In recent years he had been ably assisted in the conduct of the business by his two sons, Alanson B. and Arthur A. Houghton, and William Sinclaire, younger son of the late Henry P. Sinclaire.

"Under the management and presidency of Amory Houghton, Jr., the Corning Glass Works grew and thrived, the plant developing year by year and frequent additions being made, until now it is one of the largest glass-manufacturing establishments to be found any-

where. As now constituted the glass works covers a number of acres and gives employment, in busy times, to more than a thousand persons. It has been the most potent factor in the growth and prosperity of Corning. Amory Houghton, Jr., was ever a student. As a boy in his father's factory in Somerville, Massachusetts, he devoted his attention to experiments in the composition and manufacture of the various kinds of glass, and in this connection he had a laboratory in which to pursue his studies and experimental work. He was determined to know all about glass, and in time there was no detail of the business in which he was not an adept. In the art of mixing the ingredients which produced the most beautiful ware he became recognized as one without a peer in the United States. He had a firm grasp of principles and he perfected his knowledge of glass manufacturing by tireless research and patient investigation. Mr. Houghton was a man of great energy and business sagacity. He was not easily discouraged. He was not impulsive, but calm and deliberative, thinking out a project before taking it up, carefully weighing it in its various phases and then determining upon the course to be pursued. Once that was settled, he went straight forward to the end, his indomitable will pushing aside all obstacles."

A number of years prior to the death of Mr. Houghton the Hon. Harlo Hakes, of Hornellsville, gave the following estimate of his sterling characteristics as a citizen and business man, and the statements are well worthy of reproduction in this memoir: "In some respects Amory Houghton, Jr., is the fair reminder of his father, every dominant trait, firm determination of character, having been transmitted from sire to son, and its best results are seen in the present prosperous condition of the Corning Glass Works. We pay no fulsome compliment to our subject when we say that the successful re-establishment of the glass works upon a secure and profitable basis was due to his personal effort, energy and determination. Business men knew him to be straightforward and honest, and although his resources in his early business career in Corning were known to be limited, the business men gave him both credit and cash without asking security."

With the passing of years the earnest efforts of Mr. Houghton found generous and worthy fruition in large and substantial success, not only in connection with his glass-manufacturing operations but also through judicious investments in coal and other properties. Few men have shown a higher sense of stewardship, and success meant to him not self-aggrandizement and narrowness of view but rather greater opportunity for doing good as one of the world's army of productive workers. It is gratifying to be able to enter at this juncture further quotation from the memorial appearing in the *Corning Daily Journal* at the time of his death, for the words of appreciation indicate the consensus of popular opinion in the city where he was best known and where his interests were long centered: "Increased resources were to him only a means for increased usefulness. For years he had been the foremost contributor in Corn-

ing to worthy causes. No good cause appealed to him in vain. Every measure tending to advance the interests of Corning found in him a generous supporter. To enlist his support of a public project was to ensure its success. He was notable for his considerate treatment of employes. He paid good wages and expected good service, but he was never domineering or harsh. He listened patiently to complaints; he even took time to investigate in small matters, so that no injustice might be done. To those employes suffering from disability on account of age or illness he was especially kind and generous, the only condition imposed being silence as to the amount of the donation or pension and also as to the name of the donor. Mr. Houghton took pleasure in making satisfactory and noble use of the means which he had accumulated by the strength of his brain, the industry of his hands and the steady clearness of his vision. He was a true and stanch friend of those whom he liked or whose good opinion he valued. For many years the most influential citizen of Corning, he never was arrogant, demonstrative or ostentatious in the display of his power or his resources, but to the end of his days he was modest, simple and direct, like all great men. He was a rugged type of man, with an inflexible standard of integrity. In business as in private life he hewed to an unswerving line of honor and honesty and uprightness."

That "man lives not to himself alone" is an assurance that is amply verified in all the relations of life, but its pertinence is most patent in those instances where persons have so employed their talents, so improved their opportunities and so marshaled their forces as to gain prestige that transcends mere local limitations and finds its angle of influence ever broadening in beneficence and human helpfulness. There is both lesson and incentive in such a life as that of Amory Houghton, Jr., and even the brief outline here offered can but shadow forth the great strength and great nobility of the man. He contributed in magnificent measure to the commercial and civic advancement of Corning and in his death the city and state suffered an irreparable loss. He was long a valued member of the local board of education, and of the same was president from 1892 until the time of his demise. Concerning his services in this capacity the following statements have been made: "Although engrossed in business affairs he was no figurehead on the board of education but was its mainspring and directing genius, giving much time and thought to the problems of school growth and being a steady advocate of progress in school affairs. His long and valuable services on the board of education attest his public spirit and his deep interest in the cause of education."

Though he accorded an unswerving allegiance to the Republican party and showed a broad-minded interest in public affairs, Mr. Houghton had no ambition for political office, and his only deviation from his fixed rule was made in 1880, when he consented to permit the use of his name as presidential elector on the ticket of his party. During almost the entire period of his residence in Corning Mr. Houghton was a regular attendant at Christ church,

Protestant Episcopal, of whose vestry he was a valued member from 1875 until the time of his death. The present beautiful edifice of Christ church stands in a large degree due to his productive interest and marked generosity.

Mr. Houghton's name is graven deeply and with firm distinction on the history of Corning, where his memory will long be revered and honored for the good he did and the worthy life he lived. He was a commanding figure in connection with the glass-manufacturing industry in the United States, and, as has been well said, he made the name of Corning widely known to the commercial world, and his signal influence and ability were felt and recognized in many lines outside of the glass trade. The city of Corning on his death lost a public-spirited and respected resident who, as the head of a great industry, was long the largest individual employer of labor in this city and county. The death of one thus conspicuously identified with the growth and actively interested in the welfare of the community must be regarded as a public loss of no ordinary magnitude.

On the 19th of June, 1860, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Houghton to Ellen Anne Bigelow, daughter of Alanson Bigelow, of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mrs. Houghton survives her honored husband, and concerning their children the following brief data are entered: Elizabeth Bigelow Houghton died at the age of one year; Alanson Bigelow Houghton is president of the Corning Glass Works and Arthur Amory Houghton is vice-president of the same; Annie Bangs Houghton remains with her widowed mother; and Clara Mabel is the wife of Hon. William J. Tully, of New York.

JOHN D. TAYLOR is numbered among the representative business men and highly esteemed citizens of Steuben county and for the past fifteen years he has devoted his attention to real-estate business and to dealing in produce. He maintains his residence in Arkport, where he has served most acceptably as postmaster, and he is at the present time supervisor of Hornellsville township.

John Dildine Taylor was born in Hornellsville, Steuben county, on the 4th of December, 1868, and is a son of Thomas J. and Charity A. (Dildine) Taylor, the former of whom was born on the 12th of July, 1838, in Livingston county, this state, and the latter of whom was born in Hornellsville township on the 8th of April, 1844. The father now resides at Arkport and the mother was summoned to the life eternal on the 1st of June, 1890. The latter was a daughter of John R. Dildine. Dr. Zachariah, his son, was one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Steuben county in the early days and who gave effective service as a surgeon in the Union army during the Civil war. His brother Zeanas likewise tendered his services in defense of the Union, having enlisted in 1862 as a private and having served two years. He then became disqualified for further service by reason of illness and he died while en route to his home. Thomas J. Taylor is now living virtually retired; he devoted the major portion of his active

career to farming and he is one of the venerable and honored pioneer citizens of Steuben county. He is a Democrat in politics and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, of which his beloved and devoted wife was likewise a devout member.

John D. Taylor, whose name initiates this review, gained his early educational discipline in the public schools of Arkport and later he continued his studies at Almond, Allegany county, where he remained with his maternal uncle, Dr. Dildine, for a period of five years. That he made good use of his educational advantages is evident when it is noted that for two years, as a young man, he was a successful and popular teacher in the public schools of Steuben county. He then engaged in the general merchandise business at Arkport and he continued to be successfully identified with this line of enterprise for a period of twelve years, since which time he has given his attention to dealing in produce and to the handling of real-estate. He has built up a successful business in both departments of his enterprise and is numbered among the substantial and valued business men of his native county.

In politics Mr. Taylor is a staunch advocate of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor in a generic way and he served as postmaster at Arkport for a period of eight years, under the administration of President Cleveland. He was incumbent of the office of supervisor of Hornellsville township from 1889 to 1896 and in 1909 he was again elected to this position, of which he has since continued in tenure and in which his service has been marked by progressive ideas and utmost loyalty. He has been a member of the Presbyterian church since 1883 and his wife likewise is a zealous member of the same church.

On the 26th of January, 1898, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Bertha E. Kridler, who was born at Arkport on the 6th of October, 1872, and who is a daughter of Cyrus and Eliza (Willey) Kridler, both of whom were residents of Arkport at the time of their death. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have three children, whose names and respective dates of birth are here noted—Winfield K., August 10, 1899; Leland B., February 16, 1901; and Randolph, October 14, 1903.

S. Lisle Hollister.—One of the former citizens of Steuben county who has become actively and prominently identified with business interests in New York city is Mr. Hollister and he is at the present time incumbent of the office of bookkeeper and general clerk in the United States Trust Company, at 45-47 Wall street, one of the stanch and popular financial institutions of the great metropolis.

Mr. Hollister claims the fine old Keystone state of the Union as the place of his nativity, as he was born at Dimock, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of January, 1882, and he is a son of Amos B. and Harriet E. (Kent) Hollister, both of whom were likewise born in Pennsylvania. When the subject of this

review was a child of one year his parents removed to Painted Post, Steuben county, where he was reared to adult age and where his early educational training included a course in the high school. This discipline was supplemented by a course in a business college at Elmira, this state, and also by further study in the Scranton Business College at Scranton, Pennsylvania. After leaving school he became secretary to Smith Table Co., at Warren, Pennsylvania, and later he was employed by the Belmar Manufacturing Company of Canton, Pennsylvania. He finally returned to Painted Post, where he entered the employ of Ingersoll-Rand Co. His next position was in the First National Bank at Hornellsville, New York, and after leaving that place he removed to Kane, Pennsylvania, from which place he removed to New York city, in 1907. Here he became bookkeeper in the offices of the United States Trust Company and he has since continued incumbent of this position, as well as that of general clerk, being one of the popular and valued executive men of the institution.

He is actively identified with the Steuben Society of New York city and has found much pleasure in his association therewith. He maintains his residence in Ridgewood, Bergen county, New Jersey, one of the attractive suburbs accessible to New York city. In politics Mr. Hollister gives his allegiance to the Republican party and both he and his wife are members of the Episcopal church.

In the year 1903 Mr. Hollister was united in marriage to Miss Bella Irene Nash, daughter of Andrew J. Nash, of Canton, Pennsylvania, and the two children of this union are Jennie Irene and Stuart Nash.

NICHOLAS J. WAGNER.—Among those citizens of Steuben county who belong to her in particular degree by reason of almost life-long residence within her borders must be mentioned Nicholas J. Wagner, a well-known agriculturist. He was born in Dansville, Livingston county, New York, October 13, 1839, and he is of Teutonic extraction. His parents were Jacob and Anna M. (Grob) Wagner, natives of Prussia, who followed the example of so many of those with whom they were associated and emigrated to the United States in May, 1837. In course of time they found their way to Dansville, New York, where the father followed his trade, which was that of a cabinet-maker. He subsequently took up agriculture and moved onto land in Cohocton township in 1841. He lived here up to the time of his demise, which occurred February 18, 1871. He was survived by his widow until January 6, 1878. These estimable people were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity and seven of whom are still living. They were: Mrs. William Cradler, Mrs. Mary Hart, Nicholas J., Catherine (deceased), Jacob, Wallace, George E., Harry and Rose (twins—deceased), John and Emma.

Mr. Wagner, who was only a year and a half old when his

parents moved to Steuben county, received his education in the common schools and on his father's farm found that training in the various phases of agriculture which has since served him so well. When the Civil war broke out and the integrity of the union was threatened, Mr. Wagner was one of the most eager to give his services. He was enrolled August 30, 1862, in Company I, New York Volunteer Infantry, Department of the Gulf, and served until September 20, 1865, at which time he was honorably discharged. Mr. Wagner has a war record which is both interesting and thrilling. He participated in numerous engagements, among them the siege of Fort Hudson, Sabine Cross Roads, Pleasant Hill, Sabine Pass, the surrender of Fort Morgan, the siege of Spanish Fort and the siege of Fort Blakeley, not to mention numerous minor engagements. Mr. Wagner was wounded at Sabine Cross Roads, his left hand being disabled. Another experience more exciting than pleasant came about when he was one of a force of troops engaged in patrolling the Mississippi. The boat which carried them collided with another boat, causing the loss of forty-one men, Mr. Wagner, however, escaping with a severe shaking up.

After the war Mr. Wagner resumed his farming and he has enjoyed unqualified success in his chosen vocation. He owns in Cohocton township one hundred and ten acres in a high state of cultivation. His other property consists of a home in Cohocton village.

Mr. Wagner has played a prominent part in the county in which he makes his home. He has from time to time ably filled various positions such as overseer of the poor, director of the Cemetery Association, and justice of the peace, which latter office he still holds (1910). He belongs to the Rodney E. Harris Post, No. 240, Grand Army of the Republic, having been associated with it since its organization October 17, 1881. For twenty-three years he has held the office of post commander, besides serving in various minor capacities. He is a member of the Universalist church and a trustee of the same.

On February 4, 1866, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Caroline, daughter of Hiram Dewey. To this union two children were born, Anna M. and Gard O. D.

A. DANIEL B. GRIMLEY.—This busy and useful citizen of Steuben county is one of the largest packers and shippers of grapes in the world and his "Lyons" brand of grapes is known throughout the civilized world. Mr. Grimley was born in New York city, December 11, 1871. His father, Thomas Grimley, came to the United States from England as a boy of seventeen. He had graduated in pharmacy in his native land, and he eventually engaged in the drug business in New York and prospered till 1880, when he died. He married Frances Virginia Haight, who is living with her son, aged sixty-three. She was a daughter of William Henry and Fanny (Acker) Haight. Her father, who was a wholesale dealer

in feed, died in 1860, and her mother died July 25, 1901, aged seventy-six years. Mr. Grimley has a brother, T. Harry Grimley, of Summitt, New Jersey.

Mr. Grimley left school at the age of seventeen and went into the fruit business in New York city, in which he continued till 1894. He then came to Hammondsport in the interest of Lyon Brothers, in whose employ he continued four years. In 1898 he engaged in business on his own account, in association with others, and in 1899 he bought in all other interests and improved and enlarged his plant, which occupies the space of an ordinary block or "square." His business consists principally in growing and buying grapes and packing them in baskets. He employs in season an average of one hundred and twenty-five people and ships an average of five hundred thousand baskets of grapes per year. He also manufactures fermented grape juice, which is distributed from New York city. His ice plant, an important adjunct to his business, is one of the show places of Hammondsport. He is recognized in the trade as one of the world's largest shippers of grapes and his goods are known in all the markets on both continents.

Mr. Grimley is a Republican, and as such was elected mayor of Hammondsport in 1889 and village trustee in 1907. He is a very active and efficient worker in the interests of his party, its principles and its nominees. He is a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Royal Arcanum. In 1900 he married Miss Claribell Ingersoll. She died in 1904, aged twenty-six. On April 7, 1909, he married Grace M. Casterline, daughter of Frank and Emma Jane (Earley) Casterline. Her father, who is dead, was of a family of pioneers in Steuben county.

QUINCY W. WELLINGTON.—Essentially and broadly American in spirit and in achievement, possessing marked business ability and sagacity, Quincy W. Wellington has gained distinctive recognition as one of the foremost financiers of Corning, for forty and more years having been at the head of the Q. W. Wellington Bank, the leading financial institution of this part of Steuben county. He was born December 27, 1832, in Moriah, Essex county, New York, where his father settled on coming to this state from Vermont, his place of nativity, in the early part of the nineteenth century. Endowed by nature with the energy, enterprise and sterling integrity characteristic of his honored New England ancestors, he has successfully scaled the ladder of attainments from an errand boy in a country store becoming a prosperous banker and capitalist in a thriving city.

Making the rudimentary education which he obtained as a boy in the rural schools serve as a firm foundation for the support of a lofty structure of varied knowledge subsequently acquired in the school of experience, Quincy W. Wellington began life for himself as a clerk in a mercantile house in Pennsylvania, where, in partnership with a friend, he was afterwards in business on his own account



Quincy W. Wellington

for a short time. Soon after attaining his majority he entered the employ of the New York and Erie Railroad Company, locating in Corning. On terminating his connection with this road he entered upon a field of action more congenial to his tastes, from 1859 until 1862 being in the employ of the George Washington Bank in Corning.

Having in those three years obtained a practical insight into the principles of banking, Mr. Wellington, in company with Samuel Russell, Jr., organized the Q. W. Wellington & Company Bank, a concern which has since received the support and confidence of Corning's business men and of the citizens in general. Mr. Russell retired from the firm many years ago, and Mr. Wellington's son, B. W. Wellington, is now associated with him and is cashier of the bank. Mr. Wellington is recognized by the patrons of his institution as a safe custodian of their funds, a sagacious officer and a trustworthy adviser.

Public spirited and progressive, Mr. Wellington spares neither time, energy nor expense in the advancement of enterprises having for their object the development and improvement of Corning, his adopted home. He has served as vice-president of the Corning Board of Trade and as treasurer of its board of education. He belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons and to the city clubs.

Mr. Wellington married, May 13, 1857, Matilda B. Wickham, of Tioga River.

JOHN J. KANE, D. V. S.—An able representative of the veterinary profession in Steuben county, Dr. Kane is engaged in practice and is one of the well known and popular citizens of the county, where he is now serving as humane officer. He has here followed the work of his profession for nearly thirty years and his sterling attributes of character have retained to him the unequivocal confidence and esteem of the community.

Dr. Kane claims the fine old Keystone state of the Union as the place of his nativity and he was born in the family home on Vine street, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 15th of May, 1859. He is a son of John J. and Mary Kane, the former of whom was born at Yorkshire, England, and the latter in Tipperary, Ireland. The father of the Doctor devoted the major portion of his active career to veterinary surgery, and both he and his wife continued to reside in Philadelphia until their death.

Dr. Kane gained his preliminary educational discipline in the public schools of the cities of Philadelphia and Baltimore and in preparation for the work of his chosen profession he entered Lolita College of Veterinary Surgery in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, in which he completed the prescribed course and in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1876. Shortly after his graduation he came to Steuben county and engaged in the work of

his profession at the True Blue Stock Farm, where he remained three years. In 1886 he established an office in the village of Prattsburg and he has built up a large and successful practice, the while he has gained a high reputation for his scientific knowledge and efficient treatment of the diseases of domestic animals and has made for himself a secure place in the esteem of the community. He is a member of the New York State Veterinary Medical Society and keeps in close touch with the advances made in his profession, in which his success has been largely augmented in his fondness for horses and other animals and his desire to see them properly cared for and treated.

As humane officer of Steuben county he has been unflagging in his efforts to protect all kinds of animals and he is known as a man of generous impulses and most genial and engaging personality. The Doctor gives his political support to the Republican party and he is identified with various social organizations of representative character. He has never assumed connubial responsibilities but it cannot be said that this fact has militated against his social popularity.

WILLIAM WOLFANGER, who died at his home in Wayland township, was numbered among the representative farmers and highly esteemed citizens of his native county, where his active career was marked by earnest and well directed industry and where he gained a due measure of success as one of the world's noble army of productive workers. He was born in Wayland township, this county, on the 17th of June, 1850, and was a son of Nicholas Wolfanger, who was born in Germany, in 1815, and who was reared to maturity in his native land, where he continued to reside until 1836, when he immigrated to America. He soon came to Steuben county and in Wayland township he purchased one hundred and thirty acres of land, which he reclaimed and placed under effective cultivation; he continued to maintain his home in this county until his death and was one of the sterling pioneers of this section of the Empire state.

William Wolfanger was reared to maturity on the old homestead farm and early began to assist in its work and management, so that he secured excellent training in the details of the great basic industry to which he devoted his attention until he was summoned to the life eternal. He was afforded the advantages of the common schools and eventually he became one of the substantial farmers of his native county, where his energy and good management enabled him to accumulate a competency. At the time of his demise he was the owner of a well improved landed estate, all in Wayland township, and after his death his widow removed to the village of Wayland, where she has since maintained her home, surrounded by a circle of leal and loyal friends.

Mr. Wolfanger was married to Miss Katharina Bill, who was born and reared in Dansville township, this county. Her father

was of stanch German lineage and was one of the substantial farmers and stock growers of Steuben county for many years prior to his death. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfanger became the parents of four sons and one daughter, all of whom are living, and the sons are all successful farmers of Wayland township. The names of the children are as here noted: Jennie, Frank, Jacob, Arthur and Edward.

CHARLES W. ETZ, cashier of the Bank of Steuben, Hornell, is a descendant of a Revolutionary forefather and the son of a Federal officer whose death was regarded in northern Pennsylvania as one of the grievous tragedies of the Civil war. Two brothers named Etz came over from Germany and joined in the fight of the Colonies for liberty from British oppression. They were the founders of the American family of Etz and one of them was a lineal ancestor of the subject of this notice. Lieutenant Charles O. Etz, a first lieutenant in the Fifty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, enlisted at the beginning of the war of the states and, in 1862, having completed his term of service, was ready to return to his wife and son at Tioga, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, when he was killed. All in that little town and all in the country round about mourned with the widow and orphan. Lieutenant Etz was popular there, as indeed he was wherever he was known, and his loss was accounted a blow to Tioga county.

Mr. Etz was born at Corning, New York, December 1, 1855, a son of Lieutenant Charles O. and Sarah (Wellington) Etz. Mrs. Etz, a sister of Q. W. Wellington, long identified with the banking interests of Corning, was born in Essex county, New York, and has now attained to her seventy-sixth year. Charles W., the only one of her children who grew to maturity, was reared at Tioga, Pennsylvania and educated in the village school there and at Alfred University, Alfred, New York. He has lived at Hornell since 1874. Until 1902 he was connected in one capacity or another with the First National Bank. In 1902 he was one of the eight organizers of the Bank of Steuben, which is at this time managed by the following named officers and directors: President, William Richardson; vice-president, L. W. Rockwell; cashier, Charles W. Etz; assistant cashier, William E. Pittenger; directors, William Richardson, J. E. Walker, J. L. Rockwell, William E. Pittenger, W. G. Hollands, S. S. Karr, H. G. Pierson, Charles W. Etz, L. W. Rockwell, S. E. Brown, C. E. Shults, W. H. Greenhow, George Hollands, Don L. Sharp and J. E. Schwarzenbach. Of this stanch institution Mr. Etz has been cashier from the day it began business.

In 1888, Mr. Etz married Miss Anna Cadogan, a daughter of Charles and Corrinne (Sweetland) Cadogan. Their son, David C. Etz, died when he was nineteen years old. They have a daughter named Katharine. Mr. Etz has been a member of the Board of Public Works since it was created and succeeded George T. Rehn as its president. He was treasurer of the Chamber of Com-

merce and also of the library board. He has been active to some extent in local politics and wields a recognized influence in public affairs. All in all, he is a public-spirited citizen of Hornell, to whom his fellow citizens owe not a little.

HON. CHARLES WILLIAM GILLET was born at Addison, New York, November 26, 1840, and was the only son of Joel D. Gillet and Lucy Jane Patten.

The Gillet family descended from the French Huguenots who, owing to religious persecutions, fled from their native home into the Netherlands and came thence to America early in the Eighteenth Century.

Aaron Gillet, born at Colchester, Connecticut, in 1732, had a son named Solomon who married Martha Doolittle, sister of the Hon. Mark Doolittle and of the Hon. Joel Doolittle of Middlebury, Vermont, who was known as Judge Doolittle.

Solomon and Martha (Doolittle) Gillet reared a large family, one of whom was Joel D. Gillet of Addison, the father of Charles William Gillet.

Joel D. Gillet was born at Colchester, Connecticut, on the 27th of August, 1809. He spent his youth at school and on his father's farm and was often employed as a teacher in the common schools of that section.

In April, 1835, he married Lucy Jane Patten, youngest daughter of David Patten of Salem, Connecticut, and in October of the same year established his home at Addison, this county, where he entered into partnership with his brother Solomon, in a general merchandise enterprise. To this union were born three children, namely: Frances Jane, now Mrs. David B. Winton, Emma Matilda, who died in her youth, and Charles William.

In 1838 Joel D. Gillet purchased his brother's interest in their store and continued to operate the concern until twelve years later, when failing health compelled him to seek other employment. He later established a business in lumber in Addison, and in 1851 began buying timber land in central Wisconsin in the vicinity of Oshkosh and Wausau. His operations in logging and manufacturing lumber gradually increased until it amounted to several millions of feet annually.

Lucy Jane (Patten) Gillet, the mother of Charles William, died in 1845, and in June, 1846, Joel D. married Catharine S. Stowe, youngest daughter of Rev. William B. Stowe. Mr. and Mrs. Gillet maintained their residence at Addison for many years, celebrating their golden wedding at their home on the 2nd of June, 1896, three years before the death of Mrs. Gillet, which occurred in 1899.

Mr. Gillet was identified with the growth of Addison from the time that village numbered about two hundred and fifty inhabitants until the time of his death in 1902. He early interested himself in the public schools of Steuben county and was one of the



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originators of the Addison Academy. He was a liberal contributor to the maintenance of the Presbyterian church, of which he was an elder, and in 1889 built and endowed the Young Men's Christian Association Building on South street.

Charles William Gillet, the subject of this review, came of a long lived race. His parents gave him a physical make-up noble and energetic, a mentality, ambitious, clear-sighted and honorable. His youth and boyhood were passed among the healthful environments of the place of his nativity. He was prepared for college at the Delaware Literary Institute at Franklin, Delaware county, New York, a famous institution in its time. He entered Union College as a member of the class of 1861.

Ausburn Towner has interestingly related the story of his college days, which were also his soldier days. "Those were perilous times for our country and that was a perilous year. Perhaps nowhere else in the land was the strain and appeal more deeply felt than in our higher institutions of learning. It was natural that the cultured and high-spirited should chafe and fret under the almost despairing call of their country and be unsatisfied until they could free themselves from all other ties and rush to her defense. Many an academy and college was almost depopulated and whole classes were wiped out of existence by the impetuous rush of the young blood to get to the front. When young Gillet came home for his spring vacation he was all afire to join his companions in the camp. His course at college was almost completed and it was predicted that the trouble would be over in ninety days. In view of these facts, a compromise was made with the unwilling father that the youth should return to his college duties, graduate, and if at that time the war was still in progress, no impediment would be placed in the way of his enlisting. He therefore returned to Union to graduate, and became a member of the celebrated Union College Zouaves, which furnished the Union army with more than sixty commissioned officers. The next day after he received his diploma, young Gillet enlisted as a private in Colonel Bailey's 'Steuben Rangers,' the Eighty-sixth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, of which regiment he afterward became adjutant. He served two years with honor and credit in an organization noted for its gallantry; then, wounded and broken in health, he was discharged from the army for disability and returned to Addison to live."

Recovered in health, Mr. Gillet engaged in business enterprises, and in them all he was successful and prosperous. He was always a steadfast and conscientious Republican, active and earnest in the advocacy of principles in which he believed and in furthering the ends and aims of his party. He was for some years after 1877 postmaster at Addison, but until his election to Congress had never held any other public office. He represented the Twenty-ninth Congressional district of New York in that body from 1892 to 1904, for a period of twelve years. He gained a large personal

acquaintance in Washington, was familiar with all the duties incumbent upon one occupying the position and was ready and willing at all times, in so far as he was able, to grant the demands of his constituents. To those acquainted with the difficulties in the way of legislators it is pretty generally known that in Washington the "first-termer" is scarcely recognized and that the average congressman does not become conspicuous among his fellows for many years. But Mr. Gillet was not an average congressman—he was better. He won the chairmanship of the committee on Expenditures in the Department of Agriculture in four years and his influence steadily increased. In 1894 he was appointed a member of the committee of Public Buildings and Grounds, which is regarded as one of the most important in Congress, and in 1902 became its chairman. He was one of the most easily approached of public men and was prompt in pushing forward the interests of the district that he so ably represented. During the sessions of Congress he was always at his post and his advice came to be sought by men who shaped legislation. It is doubtful if any congressman in the United States stood higher in his district for honor and integrity or for intelligence and culture than did he.

His attractive personality, lovable disposition and broad sympathy drew men to him, so that his companionship was always a pleasure. His kindness and encouragement to young men meant a great deal to them. No word of praise can adequately express the love which his friends bore him and it can be truly said that he was a most lovable, high-minded and public-spirited man.

On September 1, 1864, Mr. Gillet married Miss Augusta R. Comstock, daughter of General William Comstock of Laurens, Otsego county, New York, and a niece of Colonel Hiram Bostwick, one of the earliest and most prominent citizens of Corning, this county.

Two children were born to this union, namely: Franees A., who is now Mrs. W. H. Stradella of North Tonawanda, New York, and Katharine M., wife of C. M. Wales of New York City. Mr. Gillet died on the 31st day of December, 1908. Mrs. Gillet survives her honored husband and maintains her residence at Addison.

A few extraets from a Memorial written by Rev. Daniel Mackay and delivered at Addison are here inserted:

"Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee the crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

This text expresses the most prominent characteristic of the man whose life I wish to hold up to you as an example—namely, faithfulness. This, indeed, is the use of a memorial sermon and the chief reason why it should be preached. Were he not an exemplary man, better let the mantle of silence fall upon his memory. But, the Hon. Charles William Gillet was a type of manhood we rarely find, worthy to be held before the young, and a pattern of faithfulness for business men. His fulfillment of promises, his conscientious discharge of obligations, his truthfulness of statement, his fidelity to confidence, his loyalty to friends, and his dili-

gence in work, give a close-at-hand model for imitation. We sometimes speak of men with world-wide reputation of whose private life we know little, whom we measure and admire for their public acts alone; but here is a man, who spent all his life in our midst, whom we know at close range, and whose conduct has stood the limelight of personal scrutiny, whom we always found a genuine Christian gentleman—he should become to us a greater inspiration to good citizenship and a stronger incentive to right living, because of our intimate acquaintance. And so I hold up to you our respected townsman, beloved friend and fellow-worshipper, as an example for you to follow with this important limitation, "even as he followed Christ."

All through his life he adhered to the supreme law of righteousness. I do not believe his integrity has ever been questioned. We may differ with such men, but we can never lose our respect for them. People say, "Men can't be in politics and be honest." Here was an honest man, a statesman, not a politician. And the day is coming when none but honest men can be the representatives of the people. If one place more than another needs honest men, that place is our Assembly and our Congress.

Mr. Gillet was an example of the kind of man we need for office. Faithful to his trust—a man of truth—man of sound judgment, a man who abhorred evil, and a man in sympathy with the needs of the people. I believe it was Walpole, Prime Minister of Great Britain, who first used the expression, "Every man has his price." No price could purchase Congressman Gillet's honor or integrity. There did not hang on the tree of national patronage a golden apple, which would seduce him from rectitude.

Benevolence as well as fidelity marked his whole career. The scriptural injunction of not letting the left hand know what the right hand did was followed in all the acts of liberality that came from his hand.

The personal sentiment of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church, Addison, New York, is manifest in the following memorial, which was ordered spread on the records of the society:

We meet to-night under the saddest circumstances that ever confronted our board. Charles W. Gillet has passed from our midst and left a vacancy which will last forever. No language can express our sorrow, no words can convey the sadness his untimely death has caused us.

Mr. Gillet since early manhood has been identified with the affairs of our church. His time, energy and purse were always at her command, and not only in our own church but in all other Christian denominations was his generosity felt, and our whole community mourns his death.

When a lonely and obscure man falls by the wayside the whole household grieves, but when one who has reached high attainments in life is called home by God, the blow falls with crushing effect upon all who are left behind.

Our deceased brother was one who bore his honors modestly

and was everywhere recognized and known as a generous, warm-hearted, true Christian gentleman.

Dated January 6, 1909.

A. G. CRANE, *Chairman;*
GEORGE I. TRUE,
GEORGE H. WEATHERBY,
CHARLES A. BREWSTER.

CHARLES D. REYNOLDS, *Clerk.*

FROM THE "ANNALS" OF CONFUCIUS.

"The highest study of all is that which teaches us to develop those principles of purity and perfect virtue, which Heaven bestowed upon us at our birth, in order that we may acquire the power of influencing for good those amongst whom we are placed, by our precepts and example."

This exemplifies the life and character of Charles William Gillet.

JOHN COUMBE is associated with the industrial life of the city of Bath as a photographer, and he has achieved success and a high place in the profession. He was born at Cornwall, England, October 10, 1849, a son of Henry and Ann Budge (Caunter) Coumbe, the father born in 1805 and the mother in 1806. The father, both a butcher and a farmer, died during the infancy of his son John, and the widowed mother afterward came with her family to America, spending some time in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, then nine years in Canada, from 1865 resided for five years in Ulster county, New York, while during the following eighteen years their home was in Dutchess county, this state, and on the 2d of May, 1890, they located in the city of Bath.

John Coumbe is the only one of his parents' family now living. He was a lad of eight when he arrived in America, and after leaving the school room he followed copper mining until the age of seventeen. After spending three years with his brother-in-law in a limestone quarry at Kingston in Ulster county he began his preparation for the profession of photography, and has long been one of its leading representatives in the city of Bath. He continued to care for his widowed mother until her death, and he chose for his wife Fanny L. Brandow, who was born at Poughkeepsie, New York, November 23, 1849, a daughter of Nelson P. and Emeline (Kipp) Brandow, who were born in Greene county, this state, the father being by trade a tinsmith. A son, Harry B., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Coumbe on the 18th of December, 1888, and he is a drug clerk in Bath.

JUDGE ARTHUR H. ERWIN represents all that is noteworthy in the citizenship of Steuben county in all periods of its history—the period of the pioneer, the period before the war, the Civil war period and the period since that great struggle. No history of the county could be written without mention of the name of Erwin, which is interwoven with many of its noteworthy events and has

been perpetuated in that of one of its largest and most important townships, all of which was once owned by his ancestor.

Judge Erwin was born at Painted Post May 10, 1844, a son of Arthur H. Erwin, himself a native of the township of Erwin, born November 26, 1803, whose entire life, which ended August 1, 1863, was passed in that township. In his earlier years Arthur H. Erwin was a merchant at Painted Post, but during most of it he was an extensive and successful farmer and lumberman. He married Frances Maria McKeen, daughter of William and Rebecca McKeen and a native of Easton, Pennsylvania, born in 1808, who was brought to Erwin township in her childhood by her parents, who were early settlers there. Captain Samuel Erwin, father of Arthur H. Erwin and grandfather of Judge Erwin, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and his father was Colonel Arthur Erwin, a native of county Antrim, Parish of Cromwell, Ireland, born in 1726, of mixed Scotch and Irish ancestry. He came to America in the pre-Revolutionary period and returned to Ireland about 1765 to bring over his family. They landed at Philadelphia in August, 1768. In 1789 he bought the township of Erwin, in Steuben county, a tract of hill and valley land comprising in all some twenty-three thousand and five hundred acres, for which he paid fourteen hundred pounds. Captain Samuel Erwin died at Painted Post November 10, 1836. His son, Arthur H. Erwin, father of the immediate subject of this notice, and Frances Maria McKeen, above mentioned, were married in Erwin township February 21, 1828. The following facts concerning their children will be found of interest in this connection. They had seven daughters and five sons. Mary, born April 2, 1831, married Marcus Strom of Detroit, Michigan, and died June 13, 1903. Eugene H. married Miss Elizabeth Cook of Painted Post. He was born August 14, 1832 and died June 13, 1894. Emily, born June 27, 1834, died October 27, 1891. Frances Virginia, born April 15, 1836, died April 13, 1909. Elizabeth, born July 15, 1838, married Dr. J. B. Dudley of Painted Post and died October 27, 1905. DeWitt Clinton, born March 10, 1840, died December 11, 1873. Anna Maria, born May 2, 1842, married Charles Iredell of Painted Post and died June 17, 1898. Arthur H. was born May 10, 1844. Harriet L., born July 9, 1846, married John Lutman and is living at Painted Post. Winfield Scott, born December 18, 1848, died October 30, 1905. Helen, born June 14, 1851, died September 5, 1855. John J., born May 1, 1854, died August 30, 1855.

Of this family of children, notable for its number and more notable for the ability which many of its individual members displayed, Judge Erwin was the eighth in order of nativity. He was educated in home schools at and near Painted Post and at Alfred University. He had been brought up to farming, and to farming he first gave attention after his graduation. He easily took rank as a leader among the farmers of Erwin township, and during thirteen years of his active life there conducted an agri-

cultural warehouse at Addison, selling up to date machines and implements of all kinds in demand among the farmers of that section. He married, October 19, 1869, Miss Gertrude Brown, daughter of Reuben P. and Maria Brown of Addison, who died December 28, 1889, leaving two children—Agnes M. and Frances G. Agnes M., born July 23, 1870, is married and lives in New York city. There also lives Frances G., and she too is married. On August 15, 1899, Judge Erwin married Miss Mary Gay Bressia of Ponca City, Oklahoma, who bore him a son, Arthur H., Jr., September 1, 1900.

Judge Erwin went west in April, 1888, and during the succeeding five years was in the shoe trade in different cities. In September, 1893, at the opening of the Cherokee outlet in Oklahoma territory he located at Ponca City, where he was in the real estate business until in 1896, when he was elected city judge of the municipality mentioned. In the spring of 1898, when he retired from that office, after a period of service creditable for integrity no less than for efficiency, he returned to his real estate office, branched out into larger operations than he had handled before and has since continued the business, though living a part of the time amid the scenes of his boyhood and earlier active years. He takes a helpful interest in all local affairs and has in many ways repeatedly demonstrated his public spirit. There are those in the little old eastern town of Painted Post whose name came down with it from the days of the Indians in Southern New York who rejoice that Judge Erwin comes back to them with western experience and western ideas to inculcate a new standard of progressiveness. He is a popular Mason, having been made a member of the order as long ago as 1866. Politically he is a Democrat.

JOSEPH G. MCCONNELL.—Though not himself a native of Steuben county Mr. McConnell, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in the thriving village of Prattsburg, is a scion of old and honored families of this county, where both his father and mother were born. He is numbered among the progressive and public-spirited citizens of Prattsburg and he has contributed in generous measure to its material and civic advancement. He is an influential citizen and one who has an impregnable place in the confidence and esteem of the community.

Joseph G. McConnell was born in Italy township, Yates county, New York, on the 18th of May, 1865, and is a son of Ira A. and Rosanna J. (Bardeen) McConnell, both of whom were born in Prattsburg township, Steuben county, where the respective families of stanch Scottish lineage were founded in an early day. Ira A. McConnell was born on the 14th of January, 1838, and was a son of Alexander McConnell, who was likewise a native of Prattsburg township, where he was born on the 2nd of August, 1817. Alexander McConnell was a son of William McConnell, who was born in Pennsylvania and who was a son of Guyon Mc-

Connell, a native of Scotland, whence he emigrated to America and established his home in Pennsylvania in 1776. There he passed the residue of his life, and his son William settled in Prattsburg township, Steuben county, New York, in the pioneer days, here securing a tract of wild land and reclaiming the same into a duly productive farm. He and his wife here continued to reside until they were summoned to the life eternal, and during the long intervening years the family name has continued to be associated with the great basic art of agriculture in this county, the while representatives of the name have also achieved worthy success in other lines of productive endeavor. Ira A. McConnell was born and educated in Steuben county, and with his parents moved to Yates county when he was five years of age. Upon reaching his majority he secured land in Italy township and became a successful agriculturist and influential citizen. His course was so guided and governed by strict principles of integrity and honor that he never was denied the fullest measure of popular respect and confidence. He was a Republican in his political proclivities and his religious faith was that of the Baptist church, as was also that of his wife. He died in 1884. Mrs. Rosanna J. (Bardeen) McConnell was born in Prattsburg township on the 5th of April, 1844, and was a daughter of Moses and Hannah (Fisher) Bardeen, both of whom were born and reared in the same township. Moses Bardeen was a son of Calvin Bardeen, who likewise was a native of Prattsburg township and who was a son of Moses Bardeen, a patriot soldier of the Continental line in the war of the Revolution. From the brief data here incorporated it will be seen that both the McConnell and Bardeen families were founded in Steuben county in the pioneer epoch of its history, and both names have been conspicuously identified with the development and upbuilding of this favored section of the old Empire state. Mrs. McConnell died in Italy, Yates county, New York, June 11, 1872.

Joseph G. McConnell, whose names initiates this review, was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm in Yates county, and after availing himself of the advantages of the district schools he entered the high school at Naples, that county, where he completed the prescribed curriculum. Thereafter he continued his higher studies at Hillsdale College, in the city of Hillsdale, Michigan, where he remained a student for three years and where he admirably fortified himself for successful work in the pedagogic profession, to which he devoted his attention for a period of fifteen years, within which he was a popular and valued teacher in the public schools of Yates and Wayne counties. He served five years as principal of the Macedon Academy, Macedon, New York, which was the last of his teaching, he having resigned that position.

In the year 1900 Mr. McConnell returned to the ancestral home, Steuben county, and located in the village of Prattsburg, where he purchased the old Foster furniture and undertaking establishment on Mechanic street, one of the oldest places of business of the town. He forthwith identified himself with local in-

terests by engaging in the furniture and undertaking business, in which he has since continued with unqualified success, having an establishment of modern equipment and appointments and having the best of facilities for the handling of the department of his enterprise devoted to undertaking and funeral directing. As a progressive business man and loyal and public-spirited citizen he is well upholding the high prestige ever attached to the name in Steuben county. In 1906 Mr. McConnell established a branch store in the village of Pulteney, this country, and this also controls a large and representative patronage in the territory normally tributary to the village. He is also owner of the Prattsburg Marble Works, representing one of the successful industrial enterprises of the county, and is a stockholder and director of the Prattsburg State Bank. In politics Mr. McConnell is a stalwart adherent of the Republican party and he has ever shown a deep and broad-minded interest in public affairs, especially those of a local order. He is affiliated with Prattsburg Lodge No. 583, F. & A. M., of which he is past master; with Prattsburg Lodge No. 598, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with Prattsburg Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Both he and his wife are identified with the work of the Presbyterian church. Their home in Prattsburg is a center of cordial and refined hospitality and they also have an attractive summer cottage on the shores of Keuka Lake.

On the 20th of November, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McConnell to Miss Jennie Squier, who was born in Italy township, Yates county, New York, on the 9th of April, 1867, and who is a daughter of Ezra Squier, a representative citizen of that county. Mrs. McConnell was afforded the advantages of the public schools of her native county and for several years prior to her marriage she had been a successful and popular teacher. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell have two children, Lyle E., who was born on the 27th of December, 1891, is now taking a course in electrical engineering in Bliss Electrical School, Washington, D. C. Mary E., who was born on the 5th of April, 1897, is attending the high school of her native town.

GEORGE I. TRUE.—"Civilization will hail riches, prowess, honors, popularity, but it will bow humbly to sincerity in its fellows. The exponent of known sincerity, of singleness of honest purpose, has its exemplification in all bodies of men; he is found in every association and to him defer its highest officers. Such an exemplar, whose daily life and whose life work have been dominated, as their most conspicuous characteristic, by sincerity, is George Ivers True, of Addison, New York." These complimentary phrases are quoted from an article in the *American Lumberman*, dated July 21, 1906, and from it we glean the following interesting facts in Mr. True's useful career.

Mr. True reflects the sturdiness of New England ancestry. Henry True, an immigrant, seeking spiritual freedom in the New



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World, came to the Massachusetts colony in 1659, and was the founder of the American branch of the family of which George I. True and Charles H. True of Galveston, Texas, are the only living male representatives of their line. George Ivers True is the only son of Jairus and Jane (Kimball) True and was born at Owego, Tioga county, New York, on the 12th of June, 1847. He had one sister, Anna J., whose birth occurred on the 23d of March, 1846, and who was summoned to the life eternal October 15, 1867. Jairus True, father of him whose name initiates this review, died when George I. was a child of five years and subsequently his mother married Philander C. Daniels, and as his wife continued to live at Owego. Young True began his education in the common schools at Owego and later was a student at Owego Academy till April, 1863, at which time Mr. and Mrs. Daniels moved to Addison, where he pursued a course of study in a select school until circumstances made it necessary for him to find some employment. Thomas Paxton, a prominent man in Addison, at that time gave him work, paying him fifty cents a day, later twenty dollars a month, and in 1868 admitted him to partnership in the firm of Paxton & True, a general merchandise establishment which did business under that name for a quarter of a century. Meantime, out of his meager earnings Mr. True helped to pay for a home in which his mother and step-father lived until they were more than eighty years of age and in which they died.

On January 1, 1893, the firm of Park, Winton & True succeeded the firm of Park & Winton in operating a pioneer factory at Addison, which had been established in 1855 and of which Mr. Park became a member about 1885. This was the beginning of Mr. True's connection with the manufacturing of sash, doors and blinds. The combination of ability thus made had all the requisites of success. From the outset Mr. True had charge of the office and of the finances. Mr. Park was lumber buyer and superintendent of manufacture, and Mr. Winton had charge of the sales department. In 1898 Mr. Winton disposed of a portion of his interest in the business to his brother, Maynard Winton, the remainder being taken by Messrs. True and Park. In May, 1900, Mr. Park was obliged to give up active business on account of ill health and on February 28, 1901, he died. At this time Mr. Winton, the former partner, again assumed an interest in the concern and he continued as a member of the firm until his death, which occurred February 8, 1906. During the periods of illness of his partners, which had lasted more than a year in each instance, Mr. True shouldered their labors in the business and carried it on successfully. William R. and Charles F. Park, sons of the late James H. Park, are now actively associated with Mr. True in the conduct of the business. The Park, Winton & True Company was incorporated under the laws of the state in 1910 with an official corps as follows: George I. True, president and treasurer; Charles F. Park, vice-president and purchasing agent; and William R. Park, secretary and assistant treasurer. The officers, together with James G.

Casson and D. N. Winton are the directors. The company is widely known for its fair and honorable business methods and it may be said that the sterling integrity of its officers constitute one of its best assets.

Aside from the manufacturing business Mr. True has other lumber interests of broad scope and importance. He is a stockholder in the Painted Post Lumber Company, of Painted Post, New York; a stockholder in the Yadkin Lumber Company, of Yadkin, North Carolina, which owns fifty thousand acres of timber lands in the western part of the state; and vice-president of the Embreeville Timber Company, of Embreeville, Tennessee, which holds title to thirty thousand acres of timber in eastern Tennessee. He was one of the organizers and a director of the First National Bank of Addison and for a number of terms he was incumbent of the office of vice-president of the Veneered Door Manufacturer's Association. He was one of the charter members of the Baldwin Hook & Ladder Company, organized in 1876, and is now one of its honorary members. His deep interest in educational affairs in the town has caused him to be several times elected a member of the local school board, on which he has served with great efficiency and credit. Since 1888, when he was one of the foremost in the organization of the Addison branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, he has been a trustee, director and treasurer of that body. As a member of the Presbyterian church he has contributed liberally to its support and there are many at and near Addison who can testify to his generosity in private charity. He is a member of the City Club but spends most of his leisure time at home. Having a fondness for a good horse, he delights in driving. In 1906, when he had been village treasurer of Addison for the long period of twenty-two years, he declined re-election to the office on account of the pressure of private business. In every sense he has shown a loyalty and public-spirit beyond that manifested by the average man of affairs. His townsmen know how much he has done to advance the interests of his community and they proudly recognize in him a leading business spirit and a citizen of the highest type.

On the 19th of June, 1872, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. True to Miss Louise M. Turner, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Turner, of Addison. No children have been born of this union but included within the charming home circle is Miss Jessica K. Turner, a sister of Mrs. True. Mrs. True is a woman of most gracious personality, is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and she has given much of her time and most freely of her purse to charitable work of various kinds. Mr. True has ever been a most devoted brother to Mrs. C. C. Dawson, of Toledo, Ohio, a daughter of his step-father, Mr. Daniels, by his first marriage.

George Ivers True has lived a life of usefulness such as few men know. God-fearing, law-abiding, progressive, his life is as truly that of a Christian gentleman as any man's can well be.

Unwaveringly he has done the right as he has interpreted it. Possessed of an inflexible will, he is quietly persistent, always in command of his powers, never showing anger under any circumstances.

JOHN F. LITTLE.—Captain Little is one of the venerable and honored members of the bar of Steuben county, is a veteran of the Civil war and is still engaged in the active practice of his profession at Bath. He commands a secure place in the confidence and esteem of the community that has so long represented his home and is a native of Steuben county as originally constituted, though the town of Reading, in which he was born on the 30th of July, 1839, is now in Schuyler county. He is a son of William and Letitia (Shannon) Little, both of whom passed the closing years of their lives in Bath. The father was born in Ireland, whence he came to America when a young man and he located in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and for years was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He later moved to Steuben county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits during the residue of his long and useful life, though for some time he maintained his home in the village of Bath.

Captain John F. Little was not yet two years of age when his parents moved to Bath, where he secured his early educational training, which included a course in the historic old Haverling Academy, in which he was graduated. Thereafter he began the study of law under the able preceptorship of Hon. William B. Ruggles and he continued his technical studies until he responded to the call of higher duty and tendered his services to the cause of the Union, whose independence had been placed in jeopardy by open rebellion. In August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-first New York Volunteer Infantry, as a first lieutenant, and he continued in active service until several months after the surrender of General Lee, having received his honorable discharge in November, 1865, and having been assigned to detached duty after the virtual close of the war. He took part in the battles of Port Hudson and Sabine Pass, participated in the Red River campaign, Cox's Plantation, Fesche campaign, in the building of the famous dams that saved the fleets at Alexandria, Louisiana, and in the capture of Mobile, and he made an admirable record as a faithful and valiant soldier of the Republic. In 1863 he was commissioned captain and later he received the brevet rank of major.

After the close of his military service Captain Little returned to Bath and resumed the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1866 and forthwith established himself in the practice of his profession at Bath. In 1867 he was elected to represent his county in the lower house of the state legislature, in which he served one term. In 1887 Captain Little was appointed surrogate of Steuben county, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Guy H. McMaster, and he continued on the bench until the close of the

unexpired term. For five years he served as a member of the county board of supervisors and in 1878 he was one of the original trustees appointed by the state to establish and complete the Soldiers' Home at Bath. He was reappointed to this position in 1885 and continued incumbent of the same until 1897; he was secretary of the board of trustees during practically this entire period. Captain Little has long held prestige as one of the able and resourceful members of the bar of Steuben county and here he has been identified with a large amount of important litigation. He has at all times retained a representative clientele and his professional course has been marked by deep appreciation of the dignity and responsibility of his chosen vocation so that he has beld the confidence and high regard of his professional confreres.

In politics Captain Little is a staunch adherent of the Democratic party and he is an able exponent of its principles. He has been prominent in its councils in his native state and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention of 1904, when Judge Alton B. Parker was nominated for the presidency. He is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic and while not formally united with any religious organization he attends and is a liberal supporter of the St. Thomas church, Protestant Episcopal, of whose vestry he is a valued member and of which his wife is a zealous communicant.

In the year 1901 was solemnized the marriage of Captain Little to Miss Emily Theodora Howard, youngest daughter of the Rev. Oran R. Howard, S. T. D., who was rector of St. Thomas church, Protestant Episcopal, in Bath, from 1857 to 1882, and whose memory is revered in the community in which he so long labored with all of consecrated zeal and devotion. The maiden name of his wife was Emily Millington and she survived him by a number of years.

PETER H. ZIMMERMAN.—On the roster of the public officials of Wayland is accorded the name of Peter H. Zimmerman, the city's present postmaster. Perhaps no man in the city or county is more widely known, and his splendid personality has enabled him to fill with distinction the many public positions to which he has been called. He was born, reared and educated in Wayland township, born May 13, 1857, and under the tuition of his father, Nicholas Zimmerman, a learned man and a graduate of Trevis University, Germany, gained the knowledge which fitted him for life's usefulness. Both Nicholas Zimmerman and his wife, nee Anna Hoffman, were from Germany, their emigration occurring respectively in 1848 and in 1851, and settling in Steuben county, New York, they were here married in 1854. Nicholas Zimmerman was the first merchant in Perkinsville, where he succeeded in business, but he was an educator, brilliant and accomplished to a high degree, and in his own native land he served

as a professor in a high institution of learning. In 1858 he moved to Corning, but soon returned to Steuben county, where he died in 1895, and where for twenty-three years he had served as a magistrate, filling the office with honor and dignity up to the time of his death. His widow survives him, and of their four children three grew to mature years and two are yet living, C. M. Zimmerman, whose home is in Buffalo, and Peter H.

The last named entered upon his business life as a clerk to the agent for the Illinois Central Railroad Company at Carbondale, Illinois, this being in 1872, and in 1879 he entered the office of Capron and Fowler, at that time the most extensive produce dealers in Steuben county. In 1880 he was made the census enumerator, four years later was elected the village treasurer for one year, was village clerk from 1881 until 1884, and from 1888 to the present time he has served as the secretary of the Wayland Dime Savings and Loan Association. At the age of twenty-one he was appointed a notary public, and he has held that office continuously since, from 1898 to the present time has been a member of the board of education, and he is the president of the Board of Trade. In 1901 Mr. Zimmerman became a stockholder and the president of the board of directors of the Wayland Canning Factory, and he continued at the head of that institution until his resignation in 1905. From 1894 until the abolishment of the office he was a justice of the sessions, from 1884 to 1900 was a justice of the peace, and in February of 1900 he was appointed the postmaster of Wayland and is the present incumbent of the office. He was appointed a special agent of mortgage and indebtedness for Steuben, Yates and Ontario counties, which comprised the Twenty-ninth Congressional district for the eleventh Federal census. He has proved a valuable factor in the public councils of Wayland and of Steuben county, and as one of the representative men of this community consideration is due Peter H. Zimmerman in this compilation. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Maccabees, the Woodmen of the World and the C. M. B. A.

On the 25th of September, 1883, he was happily married to Miss Amelia, a daughter of Philip and Catherine Conrad, and the following children have graced their marriage union: Victor B., the deputy postmaster at Wayland; Emanuel M., in the employ of the Standard Oil Company in Buffalo; Magdalene M., Beatrice H., Harold J., Peter H., Wilhelmina H., Marion E. and Bernetta J.

Charles A. Kinney.—Noteworthy among the rising young business men of Steuben county is Charles A. Kinney, a skilful mechanic, now actively engaged in plumbing at Bath. A native of this city, he was born April 5, 1884, a son of James Kinney, whose birth occurred in this city fifty years ago. James Kinney married Margaret Kahal, who was born in Thurston township, Steuben

county, in 1862. They reared four children, namely: Charles A., the special subject of this brief biographical sketch; James, an electrician in Rochester, New York; John, of Bath, a printer; and Helena, a clerk in Rochester, New York.

Having acquired a practical education in the public schools, Charles A. Kinney enlisted for a term of three years in Company F, Twenty-second Regular Infantry, and at the expiration of his term of enlistment re-enlisted for three years, joining Company I, Twenty-third Regular Infantry, being stationed a part of the time at Fort Crook, Nebraska, while during the Spanish-American war he served under General Wood for two years in the Philippine Islands. On returning to this country he was, with his regiment, on guard duty at the Jamestown Exposition, from there going to Oswego, New York, where he was honorably discharged from the service. Since that time Mr. Kinney has followed the trade of a plumber in Bath, in the meantime living at the old home and caring for his widowed mother.

Mr. Kinney is a valued member of Saint Mary's church. He is not actively interested in politics, voting for the best men and measures regardless of party interests. He is now serving his second term as president of Hose Company No. 2, of Bath.

HARVEY P. JACK, M. D.—A distinguished representative of the medical profession in Steuben county is Dr. Jack, who has attained marked precedence in the domain of surgery and gynecology and who has given most effective service along educational lines in his profession through various contributions to medical and surgical literature of standard periodical order. He is engaged in practice as a specialist at Canisteo, Steuben county, and is a representative of one of the old and honored families of this county. Dr. Harvey P. Jack was born at Thurston, Steuben county, on the 1st of December, 1865, and is a son of Allan T. and Loranah (Lane) Jack, the former of whom was born in Steuben county, in March, 1831, and the latter of whom was born in New Jersey in June of the same year. Their marriage was solemnized in 1862. Allan T. Jack early became identified with railroad interests, in connection with which his first work was on the Erie Railroad. About 1862 he became a conductor on the Illinois Central Railroad and he continued to be thus engaged until 1866, when he returned to Steuben county and purchased a farm on the southeast corner of Cameron township, on Tracy creek. He became the owner of one hundred acres of valuable land and developed one of the fine farms of the county. He continued to give his attention to the supervision of his farm until 1898, and he is now living retired in the city of Buffalo. His devoted and cherished wife was summoned to the life eternal in 1907, and she is survived by three sons and one daughter.

Dr. Harvey P. Jack gained his preliminary educational discipline in a select school at Hedgesville, Steuben county, and this school was presided over by Emily Hubbard, who had been a friend



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and classmate of his mother at the female college at Elmira, this state, and another classmate later became the wife of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain). Later the Doctor continued his studies in historic old Haverling Academy, at Bath, Steuben county, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1885. That he made excellent use of the advantages afforded him is evident when it is stated that when but nineteen years of age he became principal of Woodhull Academy, Woodhull, New York, an incumbency which he retained one year, within which he raised the standard of the school to a much higher grade, obtaining the first certificate of intermediate grade for the institution. Upon retiring from this position he became principal of the Howard Flats Academy, Howard, New York, which is now a union school, where he remained one year. He also served as principal of two district schools in his native county and he made an excellent record in connection with his pedagogic career. After leaving the Howard Flats Academy the Doctor entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in the city of Baltimore, and in this splendid institution he was graduated on the 1st of April, 1891, duly receiving his well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine. Prior to this he had devoted six months to the reading of medicine under the able preceptorship of Dr. M. B. Hubbs, of Addison, Steuben county. In 1899 and 1900 he took two post-graduate courses at Johns Hopkins Hospital, under Dr. Howard A. Kelly.

After his graduation Dr. Jack initiated the active practice of his profession at Rathbone, New York, where he laid the foundation for the distinctive precedence which he has since gained in his chosen vocation. He has been an especially close and appreciative student of the profession and has had recourse to the best of its standards and periodical literature. On the 17th of January, 1893, he located at Canisteo, where he has since continued in practice and where he now confines his labors to office practice, surgery and consultation, the while he makes a specialty of gynecology. His reputation has gained him a clientage that far transcends local limitations and as a surgeon his success has been of the most pronounced order, as is also his work in plastic surgery. He is the inventor of several useful instruments that have met with signal favor on the part of leading surgeons throughout the United States and one of these is the Jack Suture-Thimble, which is a great aid to surgeons in sewing up orifices and which is used in the same manner as an ordinary thimble. He has also invented the Jack Hysterectomy Needle, which likewise is widely used. His individual methods of teaching surgery are now being taught in the principal medical colleges and have gained him high commendation on the part of his professional confreres. He has succeeded in greatly simplifying operations for hernia and his work along this line serves as a model for many of the leading surgeons of the country, besides which it has been adopted by representative surgeons in Europe. His contributions to medical literature have been wide and varied and have attracted much appreciative atten-

tion on the part of leading members of the medical fraternity. Especially is this true in connection with his recommendation contained in a paper published in 1908 and entitled "Preparation of the Surgeon." This paper appeared in the *International Journal of Surgery* and it is worthy of special note that his suggestions in this connection are now being adopted in Japan. The Doctor has had a large amount of correspondence with eminent Japanese surgeons and they are zealously working out a method of manual training for surgeons—a discipline that is now considered an absolute necessity. Dr. Jack also devised a new and simple method of burial of the appendix stump and his paper entitled "Shall We Bury the Stump of the Appendix?" was published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* of March 13, 1909, being copyrighted by the association. His method of performing this part of the operation is original and is now being utilized by leading surgeons. Other noteworthy papers contributed by Dr. Jack are entitled "Puerperal Septicemia" and "Hernia as a Disability, with a New Procedure for Disposing of the Sac, and the Use of Cocaine Anesthesia for Operations." Dr. Jack is consulting surgeon to the St. James Mercy Hospital at Hornell, Steuben county and the Steuben County Medical Society, and has served as president of the Hornell Medical & Surgical Association. He has also been president of the New York State Railway Surgeons' Association and is identified with the New York and New England Railroad Surgeons' Association, besides which he is an active and valued member of the American Medical Association and the New York State Medical Society. He has served for ten years as a member of the board of the United States pension examiners for Steuben county.

He is a stanch Republican in his political allegiance, is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Knights Templars' degree, and is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian church.

On the 21st of February, 1891, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Jack to Miss Drusilla St. Clair, a daughter of Samuel St. Clair, a representative citizen of Port Deposit, Maryland. Dr. and Mrs. Jack have one daughter, Loranah S., who was born on the 20th of December, 1891, and who is now a student in the Emma Willard Seminary at Troy, New York.

JOHN E. JACOBS.—Numbered among the progressive citizens of Steuben county is Mr. Jacobs, who resides in the village of Wayland, where he controls a prosperous enterprise in the teaming and express business, for which he has an adequate equipment and in connection with which he has a representative supporting patronage, showing that he is reliable and upright in his business dealings and well entitled to the confidence so uniformly reposed in him in the community.

John Erhart Jacobs was born on the old homestead farm of

his father, in Springwater township, Livingston county, New York, on the 24th of October, 1858, and is a son of Elias and Mary Catherine (Beek) Jacobs, the former of whom died on the 28th of April, 1893, at the age of sixty-five years, and the latter was summoned to eternal rest on the 16th of November, 1904, at the age of seventy-one years. Elias Jacobs was born in Pennsylvania and was ten years of age at the time when his parents removed from the old Keystone commonwealth to Livingston county, New York, where his father secured a tract of land and engaged in agricultural pursuits, to which he devoted the residue of his life. Elias Jacobs was reared to maturity under the sturdy discipline of the farm and his educational advantages were limited to the common schools of the locality and period. In his youth he learned the carpenter's trade and he found his services in requisition in connection with building operations in this section of the state, even after he had made farming his vocation. He continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until his death, and with the passing years a due measure of prosperity attended his earnest and arduous labors. His wife was a daughter of Valentine and Margaretta Beek, who immigrated from Germany to America and established their home on a farm near Dansville, Livingston county, New York, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Of the children of Elias and Mary Catherine (Beek) Jacobs five sons are living,—William, who resides at Trout Run, Pennsylvania; Valentine, who is a successful farmer of Livingston county, New York; Edward, who is a resident of the village of Wayland; Alonzo A., who is individually mentioned on other pages of this volume; and John E., who is the immediate subject of this review. The mother was a devout member of the Lutheran church.

John E. Jacobs was reared on the home farm and is indebted to the public schools for his early educational training. At the age of eighteen years he found employment at farm work, and he continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits for many years, eventually becoming the owner of a well improved farm, a property which he still retains. In 1900 Mr. Jacobs took up his residence in the village of Wayland, where he has since been successfully engaged in the teaming and express business. He is loyal and public-spirited as a citizen but has never desired official preferment, the while he maintains an independent attitude in politics, giving his support to the men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church in their home village.

On the 3d of January, 1897, Mr. Jacobs was united in marriage to Miss Eda Hecox, who was born and reared in Howard township, this county, and the date of whose nativity was November 4, 1864. She is a daughter of David and Laura C. (Dock-

stetter) Hecox, both of whom were born in Otsego county, New York. David Hecox was a child at the time of his parents' removal to Steuben county and they settled in Howard township, where the parents passed the rest of their lives. He himself became one of the prosperous farmers of that township and was a man who was never denied the fullest measure of popular esteem. He died on the 26th of February, 1898, at the age of sixty years, and his wife passed away on the 6th of March, 1897. She was a daughter of Leonard and Catherine (Kincaid) Dockstetter, who came from Otsego county to Steuben county in an early day. Of the children of David and Laura C. Hecox three are living besides Mrs. Jacobs,—David, who is a resident of the state of Nebraska; Ella, who is the wife of Allen Reed, of Kanona, Steuben county; and Ida, who is the wife of Horace Snell. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have two children,—Beulah C., who was born May 26, 1904, and Dorr, who was born January 19, 1907.

Hon. Fred A. Robbins.—This legal practitioner, attorney at Hornell for the Erie road, was born at Bainbridge, Chenango county, New York, October 16, 1858. His father, of the same name and a native of Granby, Massachusetts, died in his sixty-sixth year. Asa Robbins, father of the latter and grandfather of Fred A. Robbins of Hornell, was of an old New England family of English extraction. Mr. Robbins' mother was Miss Catherine Whittlesey, daughter of Zina Whittlesey. Her father was born in Saybrook, Connecticut, she, in Durham, Greene county, New York. She died in her fifty-third year. Of the children that she bore her husband four grew to maturity and of those four Fred A. was the second in order of nativity.

The immediate subject of this sketch was educated in common schools at Angelica, Allegany county, New York. He began the study of law there and in 1880 was admitted to the bar at Rochester. He began his practice at Belfast, Allegany county, but remained there only about six months. Returning to Angelica, he was in practice there from in 1881 until in 1898, when he located at Hornell, and there he resumed his professional work. Since January 1, 1904, he has been one of the local attorneys for the Erie road.

While living in Allegany county Mr. Robbins was for five years supervisor of Angelica township, and during the last three years of the five he was chairman of the Allegany county board of supervisors. From 1893 to 1897 he represented Allegany county in the general assembly of the state of New York.

In 1887, Mr. Robbins married Miss Clara E. Kendall, of Angelica, New York, and they have three sons,—Charles, Albert and Edward Robbins.

William Manley Wagner.—One of the most prominent of the industrial representatives of the little city of Savona is found



Lawrence Willis

in the person of William M. Wagner, perhaps most prominently known as a merchant. He was born in the city of Bath on the 28th of November, 1866, to Peter and Mary (Freeman) Wagner. The mother, a daughter of Alexander and Hulda Freeman, died in the year 1906, aged sixty-seven years, and she is survived by her husband, who is living retired at Altoona, Pennsylvania. He was born in Steuben county, New York, seventy-eight years ago, and for many years he was both a farmer and lumberman in Bath.

William M. Wagner, the only surviving child in his parents' family, on leaving school at the age of sixteen spent three years as a clerk in the office of the superintendent of the Erie Railroad Company at Hornell, New York, was then for a similar period employed in the capacity of a brakeman, and returning at the close of that period to Savona he embarked in the general mercantile business as a member of the firm of Wagner and Stevenson. This association continued until 1892, and since then Mr. Wagner has been alone in the business. He carries the largest stock of goods to be found in any store of its kind in this community, and his goods are also well selected. In addition he is associated with the insurance business, representing as a general agent the Baron Steuben Fire Insurance Company, is a stockholder and the secretary and treasurer of the Coleman Iron Works Company of Savona, and is also a stockholder in the Savona Milling Company and the Savona Elgin Butter and Cheese Association. In politics he is allied with the Democratic party, and he was formerly president of the Savona corporation, and has been its treasurer during the past six years. During a period of three years he was the overseer of the poor at Bath.

Mr. Wagner married in 1895 Miss Anna M. Van Housen, and two daughters have graced their union, Julia and Cora.

Clarence Willis.—No citizen of Steuben county has shown more vital interest in its history than Clarence Willis, of Bath, who is a member of one of the sterling pioneer families of this section of the state and who is a representative member of the bar of his native county. He has been called upon to serve in various offices of public trust and is a citizen who is held in implicit confidence and esteem in the community.

Clarence Willis was born in Howard township, Steuben county, on the 31st of July, 1852, and is a son of William H. and Nancy (Whiting) Willis, both of whom were likewise natives of Steuben county, the father having been born in Bath township, on the 30th of May, 1832, and the mother in Howard township, on the 30th of November, 1827. The marriage of the parents was solemnized on the 25th of September, 1851, and they immediately established their home on the farm of Mrs. Willis' father, the old Whiting homestead, and this has been maintained as the homestead of the Willis family since that time. There William Hern Willis still maintains his home and there his cherished and devoted wife died on the 20th of September, 1894. Mr. Willis remodeled the house

on the farm which is now his home and has made other improvements of the best order. He is one of the substantial and honored citizens of the county, and though now venerable in years, he still gives a general supervision to the work and management of his fine farm. The Whiting family is of English extraction and was founded in Massachusetts in 1636. Colonel John Whiting, grandfather of Mrs. Nancy (Whiting) Willis, removed from Massachusetts to Maine, whence he came to Steuben county, New York, in 1814, settling near the old stone quarry south of the village of Bath, and in the township of the same name. He afterward removed to the village, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1853. Of his fourteen children, twelve attained to years of maturity and his son, John W. Whiting, father of Mrs. Willis, became one of the representative farmers of Howard township, where he continued to reside during the major portion of his life and where he died on the 15th of June, 1871. Colonel John Whiting was a man of prominence and influence in the community in the pioneer days and was essentially progressive in his attitude, doing all in his power to further the civic and material upbuilding of the county. He was prominently identified with the construction of the Lake Erie turnpike and it may be noted that in 1818 he contracted to plow and scrape twenty-two miles of this highway and to build the needed aqueducts and bridges. For this work he received $3,076.56. The construction of the road was initiated in 1809.

William Willis, paternal great-grandfather of him whose name initiates this review, was born in the year 1779 and was likewise a representative of one of the Colonial families of New England. In 1820 he came with his family to Steuben county and secured a tract of land in the western part of Bath township, a locality which was later known as Willis Hill. There he died in 1824. His children were nine in number and of these Harry Willis, grandfather of the subject of this review, continued to reside on a part of the old homestead farm, where he remained until his death. On this ancestral farm William Hern Willis was born and reared. He has been for many years a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his wife was a Presbyterian in her religious faith. He has always given his support to the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor and he has been called upon to serve in various offices of public trust, including those of township supervisor and assessor. His election to these offices indicates his personal popularity in the township which has for many years given a large Republican majority. William H. and Nancy (Whiting) Willis became the parents of four children, of whom Clarence is the eldest. Sarah W is the wife of Albert T. Abbey, of Watkins, Schuyler county; John W. remains on the old homestead with his father and has the general management of the place; Angeline is the wife of Andrew J. McKibben and they reside near the old homestead in Howard township. William H. Willis was at one time the candidate of his

party for the office of state senator and he has been for a good many years influential in the public affairs of his township. Concerning the Whiting family it should be noted that the subject of this sketch is a direct descendant in the sixth generation from Timothy Whiting, who was a valiant soldier in the Continental line in the war of the Revolution, in which he participated in the battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill.

Clarence Willis passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm and his rudimentary education was secured in the district schools, after which he continued his studies under the direction of a private tutor, Rev. Peter C. Robertson, a graduate of Union College. Under the preceptorship of Mr. Robertson Mr. Willis began the study of Latin and he later became efficient in this classical language. He finally entered Haverling Academy, at Bath, in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1871. Thereafter he was engaged in teaching in the public schools of his native county during the winter terms for five years and in the meanwhile, in 1873, he began the study of law in the office of Ruggles & Little, of Bath, besides which he continued his technical studies under Charles F. Kingsley. His health became impaired and under these conditions he returned to the home farm, where he remained for two years, at the expiration of which he resumed his law studies and on June 14, 1878, at the General term of the Superior court, in the City of Buffalo, he was admitted to the bar. He immediately initiated the practice of his profession at Bath and on the 1st of January, 1883, he was appointed sheriff's clerk, a position of which he continued incumbent under two administrations. In 1889 he was elected village clerk of Bath and in 1890 he was elected police justice, a position which he retained for six years. In 1891 he was also elected justice of the peace of Bath township and this incumbency he retained four years. In 1906 he was Democratic candidate for the office of county judge and though he received a very flattering endorsement at the polls he was unable to overcome the normal Republican majority. On the 1st of March, 1907, he was appointed transfer tax attorney for Steuben county by the state comptroller and in this position he served until January 9, 1909. He has also served as village assessor and as a member of the board of health of Bath. He became a member of the local board of education in 1888 and has continuously served in this capacity except for an interim of three years, and is now the president of the board. Mr. Willis has taken a specially active interest in educational affairs and also in political manoeuvers in his home county. In the autumn of 1909 he was made the nominee of his party for member of assembly of the First district of Steuben county in the state legislature. He made a splendid campaign and was defeated by only one hundred and forty-two votes in a district that gives a normal Republican majority of sixteen hundred. He carried the town of Bath by three hundred and ninety-six plurality and his home precinct by one hundred and forty. He was the

candidate of the Democratic party for the state senate in 1910, in the forty-third senatorial district, comprising Steuben and Livingston counties, a district that gave Taft a majority of over seven thousand, and he was defeated by the meager majority of two hundred and sixty-seven votes. He carried every election district in his own town and his county by three hundred and twenty votes, the first Democrat to receive a plurality in Steuben county in twenty-five years. He was secretary of the Democratic county committee from 1881 to 1884, inclusive, and in 1909 he served as chairman of the Democratic committee of the First assembly district of Steuben county.

Mr. Willis has maintained his law office in the Dean Block for twenty years and his business is largely that of the settlement of estates. Concerning him the following statements are substantially those that appeared in the *Elmira-Star Gazette:* "He is known as a careful counselor and a man thoroughly read in his profession. Mr. Willis is a gentleman of great and diversified ability and is authority on all matters pertaining to the local history of Steuben county. He has given numerous addresses at various meetings and before various bodies on historical subjects and these papers are valuable additions to the historical literature of Steuben county. In a business way he has always been a careful manager. Since he became secretary of the Nondaga Cemetery Association at Bath, in 1898, when he found the organization hopelessly in debt, he has placed its affairs in a fine financial condition and has made the cemetery one of the beauty spots of the town. When transfer tax attorney his businesslike management was praised by all, including the state comptroller. While police justice his papers were never reviewed by any court and only two appeals were taken from his decisions, in both of which he was affirmed. Mr. Willis has been the architect of his own fortune and has worked his way up from the original vocation of farming. He can still pitch hay, and enjoys the acquaintance of hundreds of the farmers of Steuben county, who respect him thoroughly as a man and a citizen. He is a typical American, is a first class business man and an official who has always been true to his trusts."

Mr. Willis is a most zealous communicant of the Episcopal church and has been a member of St. Thomas church at Bath since 1873. He was elected a member of the vestry of this parish in 1889 and he is now senior warden of the church. He is a member of Kohocton Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has served both as district deputy grand master and as district deputy grand patriarch of this organization, which he has represented in both the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the state. In 1905 he received from Hobart College the honorary degree of Bachelor of Arts and 1910 he received the honorary degree of Master of Litigation from Alfred University.

On the 23d of April, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Willis to Miss Mary Alice Billington, who was born March 25, 1849, in Bath township and there reared, a daughter of Jacob and Abigail (Hewlett) Billington, well known residents of the county.

FRED E. BARTHOLOMEW.—Among the representative citizens of Steuben county, New York, is Fred Eugene Bartholomew, who is actively engaged in farming and the dairy business in Wayland township and who has ever manifested a deep and sincere interest in all matters tending to advance the general welfare of this section of the grand old Empire state. He was born in Naples township, this county, on the 20th of October, 1876, and is a son of Henry Eugene Bartholomew, who was likewise born in Naples township, the date of his birth being February 3d, 1852. The paternal grandfather of the subject of this review was Henry Bartholomew, who resided in Pennsylvania for a time, coming thence to Naples township, Steuben county, New York. He and a brother who accompanied him were identified with the dairy business and general farming throughout their lives. Henry Bartholomew was a carriage-maker by trade and he married Minna Rodley, who was born in Connecticut. He was summoned to eternal rest in 1895, at the age of seventy-five years, and she passed away in 1893, at the age of sixty-eight years. Allen Bartholomew, father of Henry, was a native of Connecticut, whence he came to Naples township, where he took up farming and where he died in 1853, at the age of eighty years. The maiden name of his wife was Zenith Bryce. The great-great-grandfather of Fred E. Bartholomew, of this sketch, was Aaron Bartholomew, who lived to the age of ninety-seven years; he was a farmer by vocation. The mother of him whose name initiates this review was Miss Phoebe Warring prior to her marriage. She was born on the old Warring homestead in South Cohocton, New York, on the 4th of February, 1854, and is a daughter of John C. Warring, who was also born in South Cohocton, where he died in 1887, at the age of fifty-seven years. He married Martha D. Hoag, who died in her seventy-fifth year, in 1904. Martha D. Hoag was a daughter of Nathan and Susan Hoag, of Buffalo, New York. The maternal great-grandfather of Fred E. Bartholomew, Charles Warring, was a carpenter and ship-builder by vocation and he was born and reared in England, whence he came to the United States with his parents. Settlement was made in Connecticut, where Charles Warring wedded Rhoda Glason. They came to New York with an ox-team and wagon and located a colony at what is now known as Warring Hill, where Charles took up a homestead of two hundred and sixty acres of timber land, which he cleared, hauling the timber to Cohocton and Bath, whence it was shipped down the Cohocton river. In those days all the clothing worn was homespun and the schoolhouse was some two and a half miles distant. John C. Warring, grandfather of Fred E. Bartholomew, served for a time as a soldier in the Civil war. He enlisted in Company C, New York Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered into service at Elmira, New York. He participated in many important campaigns under General Grant and was present at the time of General Lee's surrender.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eugene Bartholomew became the parents of two children, namely,—Lottie, who is the wife of Philip Damoth, of Corning, New York; and Fred E., the immediate subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew are both living. Fred E. received his educational training in the public schools of Steuben county and he was associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to the age of sixteen years, after which he farmed out until 1909, in which year he engaged in the farming and dairy business on his own account. He now owns a splendid estate in Naples township and in connection with the milk business he utilizes twenty cows, operating a fine milk and dairy depot. In politics he is aligned as a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party and although he has never manifested aught of desire for political preferment of any description he is alert and enthusiastically in sympathy with all measures advanced for the general good of the community. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Bartholomew married Miss Lieny Sidmore, who was born in 1879. She was a daughter of E. Sidmore, a prominent farmer near Hemlock, this county. Mrs. Bartholomew was summoned to the life eternal in 1899. She was a woman of most gracious personality and was deeply beloved by all who came within the sphere of her gentle influence.

Reuben E. Robie.—At this point it is permitted to enter brief record concerning one of the honored and essentially representative members of the bar of Steuben county, with whose annals the name has been identified for more than four score years. Mr. Robie has been for a number of years engaged in the practice of his profession at Bath and this place has represented his home from the time of his birth, which here occurred on the 24th of September, 1843. He is a son of Hon. Reuben and Nancy (Whiting) Robie, whose marriage was here solemnized on the 29th of April, 1824, in which year Reuben Robie had established his home at Bath, whither he came from his native state of Vermont in 1822. He became one of the prominent business men and influential citizens of Steuben county and was a member of congress in 1851-2. For more than half a century he was numbered among the leading merchants of Bath and here his death occurred in January, 1872. The lineage of the Robie family is traced back to John Robie, of Castle Donnington, Leicestershire, England, who died in 1515, and the original representative of the name in America was Henry Robie, who landed at Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1639, and went thence to Exeter, New Hampshire, in which state he continued to reside until his death, which occurred at Hampton. Mrs. Nancy (Whiting) Robie, mother of him whose name initiates this review, was a descendant of Rev. Samuel Whiting, of Lynn, Massachusetts, who settled at Lynn in 1636, and she was a daughter of Colonel John Whiting, who came from Maine to Bath, Steuben county,

in 1815. Reuben and Nancy (Whiting) Robie became the parents of twelve children, whose names are here entered in their respective order of birth,—Nancy Jane, Harriet Alvira, Lydia, Olive, John Whiting, Jonathan, Charles Henry, James Whiting, Mary, Reuben Edward, Joel Carter and James Lyon. Of the number three sons and one daughter are now living.

Reuben E. Robie gained his early educational training in the schools of his native town and in 1864 he was graduated from Hobart College, in Geneva, this state. Thereafter he began reading law under the able preceptorship of Hon. David Rumsey, of Bath, and in 1866 was duly admitted to the bar. He initiated the active work of his profession by entering into partnership with his former preceptor and George S. Jones, under the firm name of Rumsey, Jones & Robie. This alliance continued for two years and for the succeeding two years Mr. Jones and Mr. Robie were in partnership. Since that time Mr. Robie has continued his practice in an individual way and he has long controlled a large and representative professional business, based upon his recognized ability as an advocate and counselor and upon his sterling attributes of character. He has served as a member of the board of trustees of his native town and as loan commissioner of the state of New York. He was long and prominently identified with the National Guard, in which connection he served as adjutant, brigade inspector and judge advocate. In politics Mr. Robie has ever accorded a stanch allegiance to the Democratic party and he has been an efficient exponent of its principles and policies. He is identified with various social organizations.

On the 2d of February, 1881, Mr. Robie was united in marriage to Miss Anna Watkins Babcock, a daughter of the late Colonel William Babcock, of Canton, Illinois.

E. R. Hyde, Wayland's florist, has been a resident of Steuben county for twenty-one years, but has maintained his residence in Wayland only since 1904. He is a natural horticulturist and a successful man in the vocation, and he has always been a lover of flowers, but it was not until 1906 that he took up the business as a special vocation. He owns his own property, and has twelve hundred feet under glass, and will soon enlarge his plant in order to supply the growing demands of his trade. He is at the present time making a specialty of the raising of carnations and roses, but he has a large trade in all cut flowers and potted plants.

Mr. Hyde claims Candice Corners in Livingston county, New York, as the place of his nativity, and he was born in 1869 to the marriage union of Frank L. and Lucretia (Mott) Hyde, whose children consisted of but two and E. R. Hyde is the only one living in Steuben county. He was educated at Hornell, this state, and his first business experience was in a clerical capacity in the dispatcher's office in the Erie Railroad shops at Hornell, but later he went from there to Buffalo and followed clerical work there until coming to Wayland in 1904. In 1899 he married Miss Nellie

Algier, and a son, Stephen, was born to them in 1901. Mr. Hyde is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Patchin Lodge of Wayland.

M. C. SWARTHOUT.—The one agency which has done most for public progress is the press, and M. C. Swarthout is a journalist of well known ability, the editor of the Wayland *Register*. He has been connected with journalistic work during the greater part of his business life, and his power as a writer and editor is widely acknowledged. He has edited the Wayland *Register* since the 17th of November, 1904, and with the passing years he has made it one of the leading journals of Steuben county.

Mr. Swarthout has been identified with Wayland and its interests since 1902, but he claims Ovid in Seneca county as the place of his nativity, born on the 22d of September, 1882. His parents, C. H. and Elizabeth (Critchell) Swarthout, were from Seneca county, New York, and Adrian, Michigan, respectively. The mother died June 6, 1907, and the father is now living in Ovid, where he is held in the highest esteem. He has served in many of the public offices of Seneca county, including six years as its sheriff, ten years as a supervisor, ten years as the chairman of the County Democratic Committee, and he is now the president of the village of Ovid and is numbered among his county's representative and influential citizens. M. C. Swarthout is the third born of his parents' five children, and he was reared and educated in his native village of Ovid and is a graduate of its high school. Immediately after leaving school he became associated with the printing business and in a comparatively short time has become proficient as an editor. His job printing department is one of the chief features of his business, and he is well equipped in every line of his work. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and served his lodge as consul during the years 1906 and 1907.

On the 8th of January, 1905, Mr. Swarthout was happily married to Miss Katheryn, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gregg, of Wayland, and a son, Maurice G., was born to them on the 1st of January, 1906.

JAMES LAURNO.—The business houses of the city of Bath include among their number the fruit, candy and cigar store of Vennto and Laurno, which was established in 1906, and which is one of the leading houses of its kind in the city. James Laurno, of that firm, was born in Alatri, Italy, April 17, 1876, a son of Beato and Rose (Mirino) Laurno, who are living in the city of Alatri, the father at the age of seventy-two and the mother at the age of fifty-eight. There are two daughters of the family, Zenophina, wife of Peter Wetat, who resides in Bath, and Theresina, at home with her parents. James Laurno was a lad of thirteen when he came to America, and during the following six years was employed in a glass factory at Corning, New York. Then return-

ing to the country of his birth he spent another six years on the home farm there, and coming once more to America in 1904 he located in Bath, but later went again to Corning, and in 1906 he returned to this city, and has since been engaged in the conduct of his fruit, candy and cigar store. He is a member of the Catholic church and of the order of United Workmen in Bath.

Mr. Laurno married a lady from his own native land, Rosa Marino, who was born near his boyhood's home in Italy in 1877, a daughter of Dominick Marino, deceased, and of Rosa (Foggana) Marino, his wife. Three daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Laurno, Olinda, eight years of age, Mathilda, six years old, and Louisa.

WILLIAM CUFFNEY.—The native-born citizens of Bath, Steuben county, have no finer representative than William Cuffney, bookkeeper at the Hallock Bank. He is a man of sterling integrity and worth, public-spirited and enterprising, and, although one of the younger generation, is already quite active in local affairs and prominent and popular in social circles. A son of Dennis Cuffney, he was born October 24, 1886, in this city.

Dennis Cuffney was born in 1858 in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, but has spent the larger part of his active life in Bath, at the present time being fireman at the Soldiers' Home. He married Mary E. Tigue, who was born, fifty-one years ago, in Bath, New York, a daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Smith) Tigue, who settled in this part of Steuben county at an early day. Five children have been born of their union, namely; James, of Sonyea, New York; William, the subject of this sketch; Edward, a druggist in Bath; Margaret, a pupil in the Bath High School; and Thomas, a school boy.

Having been graduated from the Union High School in Bath in 1904 William Cuffney taught school for a year at Allegany, New York, after which he continued his studies at Saint Bonaventure College for a year. The following year he was employed as a clerk, and in 1907 was offered the position of bookkeeper at the Hallock Bank, and has since retained it, performing the duties devolving upon him in this capacity most creditably and satisfactorily.

Mr. Cuffney is a faithful member of Saint Mary's church, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is an earnest advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and in 1909 was elected town clerk of Bath, being the second man elected to that position on the Democratic ticket in a period of fifty-five years. He is still free from domestic ties, making his home with his parents, in the house where his birth occurred.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON, a man of affairs and president of the Bank of Steuben, Hornell, was born in Almond, Allegany county, New York, April 10, 1836, a son of Thomas Richardson. His

father was a shoemaker by trade, but became a manufacturer and a shoe merchant. He was born in 1800 and died in July, 1869. His wife, who died when she was forty-four years old, was Helen M. Brower, a native of the state of New York. She bore her husband five sons and two daughters, all of whom except one grew to manhood and womanhood. The subject of this notice, the youngest of the family, was reared on a farm and educated in schools near his boyhood home. At eighteen he became a clerk in a store at Almond. In 1856 he formed a partnership with his father in the shoe business in that village. Four years later he bought his father's interest in the enterprise and continued it individually, meantime embarking in the tanning business at Andover, in the same county. In 1873 he removed his business to Hornell, where he conducted it successfully till 1907. Then he disposed of it in order the better to give his attention to other interests.

In 1902 Mr. Richardson and seven other gentlemen organized the Bank of Steuben and he became its president. Its twenty-ninth quarterly report made to the banking superintendent in November, 1909, showed its resources and liabilities as follows: Assets— loans and discounts, $579,225.75; bonds owned, $65,249.07; mortgages owned, $13,170.00; accrued interest, $2,000.00; cash on hand and in banks, $160,362.00; liabilities—capital, $50,000.00; surplus and profits, $98,923.55; deposits, $666,084.05; interest due, $5,000.00. The official roster of this strong financial institution is as follows: President, William Richardson; vice-president, L. W. Rockwell; cashier, Charles W. Etz; assistant cashier, William E. Pittenger; directors, William Richardson, J. E. Walker, J. L. Rockwell, William E. Pittenger, W. G. Hollands, S. S. Karr, H. G. Pierson, Charles W. Etz, L. W. Rockwell, S. E. Brown, C. E. Shults, W. H. Greenhow, George Hollands, Don L. Sharp and J. E. Schwarzenbach. Mr. Richardson owns considerable real estate, including several farms. He has erected a number of prominent buildings in Hornell, the first one thirty-seven years ago.

Mr. Richardson married Miss Elsie Hammond, of Allegany county, New York. Their only child, Frances, is the wife of Dr. Herman Biggs, of New York city. Without any real desire for political activity, too busy to mix in political affairs even did he wish to do so, Mr. Richardson while exercising much influence as a private citizen has never given much attention to practical politics. It is as a business man that he has made his way in the world, and as such he will impress the spirit of his personality on the community with which he has been so long identified and to which it is to be hoped he may long be spared.

Dr. John D. Mitchell was born at Cameron Mills, Steuben county, New York, March 7, 1853, a son of Dr. Samuel Mitchell, a native of Lisle, Bromme county, New York, who came to Steuben county in his young manhood. John D. was the eldest son of the family, and the oldest except one of the members of it who are



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living in 1910. He passed the years of his boyhood at Cameron Mills and at sixteen went to Hornell to school. After a period of study at Lima, he took up the study of medicine under his father's preceptorship. He was duly graduated from the Medical Department of the University of New York in 1876. For twelve years thereafter he practiced his profession with increasing success at Savona, Steuben county. Then, coming to Hornell, he organized the Hornell Sanitarium company, erected the sanitarium buildings and was for six years in charge of that institution as its superintendent and resident physician and surgeon. He then turned to the general practice of medicine and surgery as an independent practitioner, in which he has won signal eminence. He is a member of the Steuben County Medical Society, is a member and has been president of the Hornell Medical and Surgical Association, a member of the New York State Medical Society, and a member of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Mitchell, while living at Savona, became a Mason. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He is a member and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church. April 19, 1876, he married Miss Artelissa Morris, daughter of Aaron Morris, a pioneer in Steuben county who was early prominent in connection with the Protestant Episcopal church, influentially helpful in connection with the building of the first Episcopal church edifice at Hornell. Mrs. Mitchell's mother was a daughter of Nathanial Finch, an early settler at Hornell. Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell have eight children as follows: William M., M. D., is a practicing physician at Bradford, Pennsylvania; Samuel is a dentist; Carrie married Fred G. Spink of Hornell; Hobart is studying for a medical and surgical career at the University of Baltimore; Florence, Lovina, Clarence and Ward are members of their parents' household. As a citizen, Dr. Mitchell is public spirited and helpful to all worthy interests.

JUDGE MONROE WHEELER is not only known as one of the essentially representative legists and jurists of his native county, where he is now serving on the bench of the surrogate court, but he is also a scion of one of the old and distinguished families of Steuben county, where the family name is perpetuated in the town of Wheeler, where he was born on the 16th of August, 1849. Judge Wheeler is a son of Grattan H. and Nancy D. (Sayre) Wheeler, whose marriage was solemnized on the 30th of March, 1837. Grattan H. Wheeler was born in the town of Wheeler on the 12th of March, 1813, and was a grandson of Silas Wheeler, who served as a valiant soldier in the Continental line in the war of the Revolution and who also took part in the war of 1812. Silas Wheeler was a native of Concord, Massachusetts, and he took up his residence in Steuben county, New York, about the year 1799. Here he purchased a tract of land in what is now the town of Wheeler and he and his son, Grattan H., added to their landed estate from time to time until its area was more than four thou-

sand acres. Silas Wheeler became the father of two daughters, who were twins, and one son, Grattan H. The son was nineteen years of age at the time when the family settled in the town of Wheeler and there be continued to reside until his death. In politics he was a stanch adherent of the Whig party and he was called upon to serve in offices of distinctive public trust, including that of representative in Congress and a member of the state legislature. He married Miss Frances Baker, of Cameron, this county, and they had three children,—Mrs. Sarah Brundage, Silas and Grattan H., Jr. Grattan H. Wheeler, Sr., died on the 11th of March, 1852, at the age of sixty-eight years, six months and sixteen days, and his cherished and devoted wife was summoned to eternal rest on the 22d of March, 1813, only ten days after the birth of her only son.

Grattan H. Wheeler, Jr., father of Judge Wheeler, was afforded the advantages of the common schools of his day and he continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits in the township of Wheeler until December 9, 1857, when he removed to Hammondsport, this county, and engaged in the raising of grapes and the manufacturing of wine. He was one of the founders of the Pleasant Valley Wine Company, which built the first wine cellar in this section and which has long held wide reputation for the production of high-grade wines. He was president of the wine company for nine years and then established an individual cellar, which was known as the Hammondsport Wine Cellar and which continued to be operated under this title until 1880, when the title of Hammondsport Wine Company was adopted. He was the owner of a large and well improved landed estate and was a man who wielded much influence in local affairs while he so ordered his course as to well merit the unqualified confidence and esteem so uniformly reposed in him. In politics he was originally a Whig but upon the organization of the Republican party he identified himself therewith, ever afterward continuing a stanch advocate of its principles and policies. He served one term as supervisor of Wheeler township and was at one time the candidate of his party for the state legislature. Grattan H. Wheeler, Jr., was summoned to eternal rest on the 10th of April, 1901, and his wife passed away on the 27th of May, 1889. They became the parents of ten children, of whom two sons and four daughters are now living.

The name of Grattan, which has been borne by various members of this old and honored family, has its origin according to the following record. Silas Wheeler was taken prisoner by the British after the historic "Boston tea-party," with which he was supposed to have been identified, and he was confined in Kinsale Castle, Ireland, from which he was assisted to escape by Lord Henry Grattan, who requested Mr. Wheeler to name his son in his honor. This name has been perpetuated in the various generations.

Judge Monroe Wheeler gained his preliminary educational training at Hammondsport Academy and later he took a partial course in the literary department of the famous University of Michigan. He then began the study of law, under the preceptorship of Honorable David B. Hill, later governor of New York, at Elmira, and thereafter he continued his technical studies under the direction of Hon. David Rumsey, of Bath, where for three years he was managing clerk for the law firm of Rumsey & Miller. In October, 1874, he was admitted to the bar and thereafter he was engaged in the active practice of his profession at Hammondsport until 1906. He served as village attorney of Hammondsport and there he built up a very successful practice, in which he continued until 1906, when he removed to Bath, establishing his home on Liberty street. In 1900 he was elected surrogate of Steuben county and upon the expiration of his first term, in 1906, he was elected as his own successor, his present term expiring in 1912. On the bench of this court Judge Wheeler has given a most able administration and he is one of the most prominent and influential representatives of his profession in his native county. He is a stockholder in the White Top Champagne Company, in which he formerly served as treasurer and a director, and he is the owner of valuable real-estate at Hammondsport and Bath, as well as in other sections of the county. He has been identified with the early development of aviation, being president of the Curtiss Exhibition Company, and he is general counsel for Mr. Glenn H. Curtiss, the famous aviator.

In politics Judge Wheeler is a staňch supporter of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor and he has done effective work in various campaigns. He is identified with several fraternal and social organizations of representative character and he holds a secure place in popular confidence and esteem.

In the year 1877 was solemnized the marriage of Judge Wheeler to Miss Emma White, a daughter of the late John White, of Cohocton, Steuben county, New York, and the two children of this union are David Rumsey and Harrison Sayre.

F. E. Barbour, M. D.—One of the most exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of a physician, but Dr. F. E. Barbour has gained distinction in the profession, and he is at the same time an earnest and discriminating student. His name has become widely known in connection with the Barbour Sanatorium at Wayland, one of the best known institutions of its kind in this part of the state. Dr. Barbour has been practicing medicine in Wayland since 1901, and it was in that year also that he established the Barbour Sanatorium. He is a graduate of both the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, New York, and of the Eclectic College at Lima, Ohio, in 1903, and he has been associated with the practice of medicine for nineteen years.

Dr. Barbour was born at Springwater in Livingston county, New York, in 1855, and his early educational training was acquired in the district school near his boyhood's home. Jerrod and Sarah J. (Langdon) Barbour, his parents, were farming people, the father a native of Livingston county and the mother of Elmira in Chemung county, New York, and their family numbered the following children: Jerrod A., living in Jamestown, New York; Charles A., of Van Buren county, Michigan; and F. E. Dr. F. E. Barbour in addition to his large professional interests in Wayland also maintains an office in Rochester, which he endeavors to visit once a week. He has attained special recognition for his skill in the treatment of cancers, all female diseases of a chronic nature and in all sanatorium work, and he is not only skilful in the treatment of diseases, but he possesses an attractive personality and commands the respect of all who know him. As a physician he enjoys high honors.

Dr. Barbour in 1876 was married to Miss Libby B. Bray, and the five children born to them are: Allie A.; Sarah E., Mrs. Goodno, and Maude, twins, the latter a trained nurse in Rochester; Minnie, Mrs. Sturner, whose husband occupies a professorship in an educational institution in Rushford; and Hollis D. Barbour, of Buffalo, New York.

Thomas L. Norton is numbered among the successful farmers of Wayland township, where he owns and conducts a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres east of the village of Wayland. He has owned this place since 1905, and since then he has made vast improvements in clearing, draining and cultivating and in beautifying the buildings. He makes a specialty of the raising of celery and lettuce, his average crop being twenty car loads of the latter commodity and ten cars of celery, and he is also giving some attention to the production of spinach. During the summer months he furnishes employment to eight men, and two or three are given constant employment. Mr. Norton has one hundred acres of muck land under cultivation, and each year he adds to the value of his farm and to his acreage for cultivation. His products are sent to all parts of his own state and to adjacent ones, and the superiority of his products insures a ready market.

Mr. Norton was born in Ontario county, New York, at East Bloomfield, in 1881, and he was educated in the public schools there and in the Rochester Business College. For some time he was in the produce business with his father in Ontario county. He is a son of Isaac and Nellie (Stoddard) Norton, and their only heir. He married Miss Hazel E. Newman, from Canandaigua, New York, in 1903, and their four children are Oscar E., Virginia J., Betty S. and Robert. I.

James Emanuel Schwarzenbach is a leader among the business men of Hornell, New York, where he resides. He is a native of Germania, Potter county, Pennsylvania, born March 26, 1868, a

son of Joseph Schwarzenbach, who was a marble carver and came to the United States from Bavaria, Germany, in 1853. He was only for a short time in New York city after arriving from his native land, but went to Washington, D. C., where he was engaged as a contractor in marble carving on the National Capitol building, and came north to Germania, Pennsylvania, in 1857 where he engaged in the brewing industry, which for fifty-three years has been perpetuated by himself and his three sons. The father was married to Louisa Seebald, who was also of German birth. The mother died in her fifty-fifth year, while the father lived to be sixty-nine.

Of the nine children of Joseph and Louisa (Seebald) Schwarzenbach all but two grew to manhood and womanhood, James E., the youngest of the family now living, was educated in the public schools at Germania, Pennsylvania, also had private tutors in the German and English languages, and later received a business education at Detroit, Michigan. When a young man he interested himself in lumbering and various other enterprises with successful results. He was one of the organizers and stockholders of the First National Bank of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, and in 1895 located in Hornell, New York, where he with his brothers Roland and Herman Schwarzenbach built the new plant of the Schwarzenbach Brewing Company, and in 1900 erected a new brewery at Galeton, Pennsylvania, these two breweries later consolidated, incorporated for three hundred thousand dollars (par) and Mr. Schwarzenbach has held the position as its president since. He is a director in the Bank of Steuben and was for seven years secretary and treasurer of the Hornell Telephone Company; he is a director in the Agricultural Fair Association of Hornell, was most prominent in connection with the construction of the Hornell Maennerchor Hall and is a director of the association at the present time. Mr. Schwarzenbach is a stockholder in the Hornell and Bath Interurban Electric Railway, is now serving his second four-year term as a member of the Board of Public Works of the city of Hornell, is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Good Roads Committee. It was largely due to his personal efforts that the three public play grounds for children were established in his home city and he has been most prominently identified with other important public movements.

In his political alliances he is a Democrat; in 1893 he was a candidate for office of representative in the state legislature and ran far ahead of his ticket, especially in his home city, where he was best known. He is now serving his third term as a member of the Democratic State Committee, and in 1908 was appointed as one of the "Big Four" alternate delegates at large to represent the Empire state at its national convention at Denver, Colorado, which was a distinguished honor for a comparatively young man from an interior town. He was a commissioner in connection with the Hudson-Fulton celebration, and acted with Professor Schurmann of Cornell University and other leading men

of New York state in connection with this state affair. He is president of the New York and Pennsylvania Bottlers' Association, and was recently selected as one of the Committee of Patrons of the Second International Brewers' Congress and True Temperance Conference to be held in Chicago in October, 1911. In his society affiliations he is a Mason, an Elk and an Eagle.

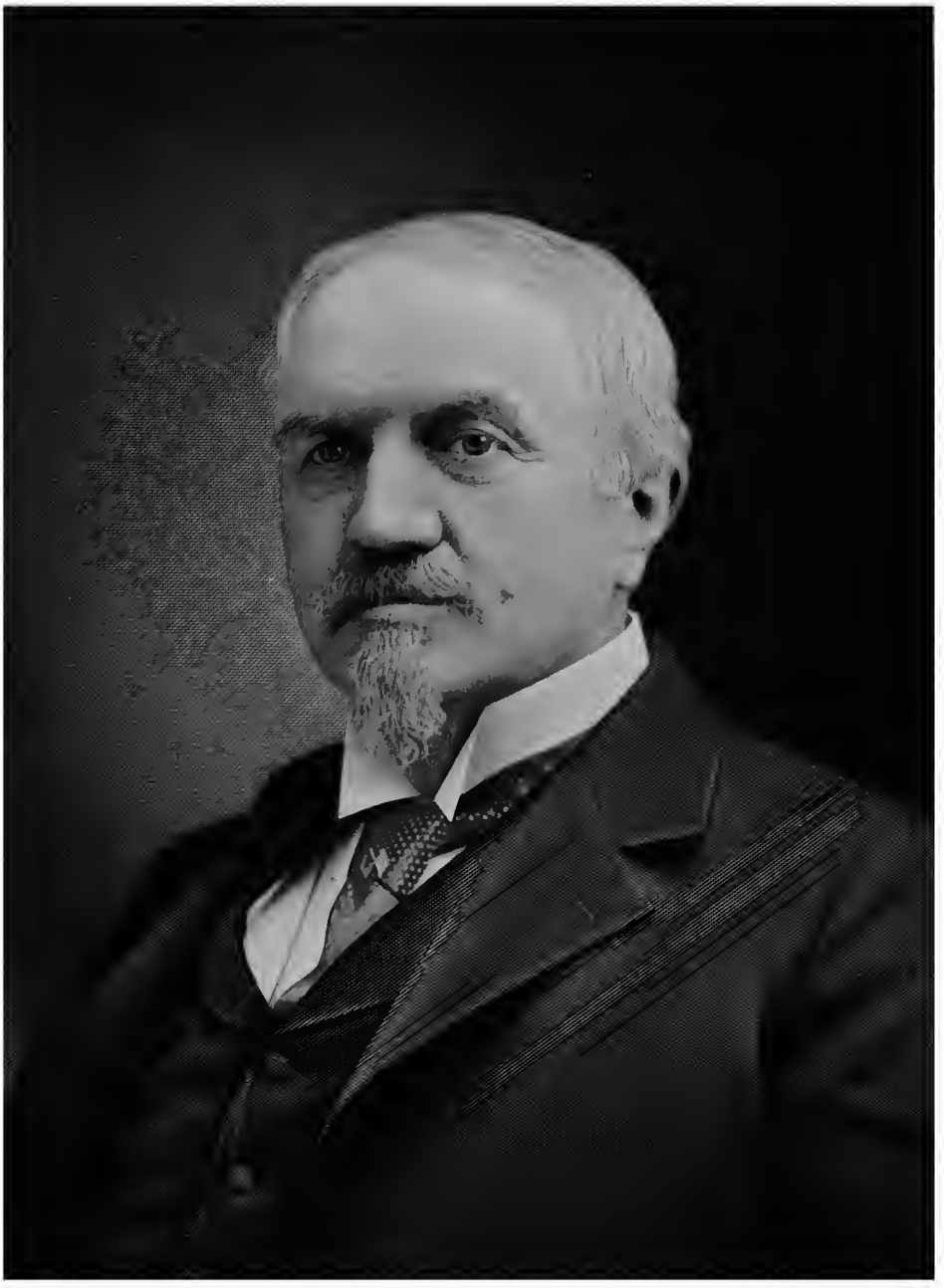
On May 7, 1900, Mr. Schwarzenbach married Miss Marie S. Zieger, daughter of Louise Zieger, of Hornell, New York. She has borne him two children, Norman Robert and Helen Lois.

Mr. Schwarzenbach is a recognized friend of organized labor, and in Steuben county from the northern to the southern boundary, and from its eastern to its western borders, there is not probably a man of broader or more generous and spontaneous public spirit than Mr. Schwarzenbach. He has the interests of the county and his city close to his heart at all times and there is nothing that he can do to advance them that he does not perform with a prompt gladness that makes it a pleasure to appeal to him.

ROBERT JAMES MAGILL.—Prominent among the leading citizens of Bath, Steuben county, is Robert James MaGill, who has been identified with the agricultural and industrial interests of this section of New York during his active career, and is now rendering excellent service to his fellow-men as school commissioner. A native of Bath township he was born June 13, 1872, a son of the late Alexander MaGill.

Born in Ireland, Alexander MaGill came to America when young, locating in the Empire state. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Forty-first New York Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the conflict. Settling then in Steuben county, he was engaged in general farming in Bath township until his death, February 2, 1893, at the age of fifty-nine years. He married Esther White, a daughter of James and Mary Ann (Dobbin) White, natives of Ireland, who came after their marriage to America and settled on the White homestead in Howard township. Three children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander MaGill, namely: Mary Elizabeth, who married Charles Brewer, died in Bath leaving one child, Willis M. Brewer, who was born July 1, 1892, and since the death of his mother has lived with his uncle, Robert J. MaGill; Sarah, who died unmarried; and Robert J.

Robert J. MaGill attended the Bath High School, completing his course in 1889. During the following four years he taught school during the winter terms, being engaged in farming during seed time and harvest, and for the next four years taught the year through. He was afterwards for three years engaged in the coal business in Bath, being in partnership with W. D. Garrison. He then served two years as town collector, at the expiration of his term resuming the coal business, with his late partner as manager, continuing until 1907. In that year Mr. MaGill had the honor of being elected town clerk of Bath, the first Democrat elected



to that position in the township for a full half century, and in 1909 he was elected to his present office of school commissioner.

Mr. MaGill married, February 16, 1910, Anna M. Bond, who was born in Bath, a daughter of Charles and Jennie (Gilbert) Bond, natives of Schuyler county, New York, Mr. Bond being now engaged in business as a music dealer. Mr. MaGill is a member of the Presbyterian church, and belongs to the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons. His father was for many years a member of Post No. 81, G. A. R., of Bath.

WILLIAM W. AVERELL.—A life conspicuous by reason of the magnitude and variety of its achievements was that of the late William W. Averell, one of the distinguished and honored figures in the history of the state of New York and one whose influence transcended local environment to permeate national affairs. So great an accomplishment as was his must, per se, imply exalted character, and thus, beyond and above all, General Averell merits perpetual honor by reason of the very strength and nobility of his manhood. He rendered service to the state and nation to the full extent of his powers; his labors were inspiring and his honesty of purpose was beyond cavil. The reflex of the honors conferred upon him are the honors he in turn conferred. It is not easy to describe adequately a man who was as just in character and one who accomplished as much in the world as did General Averell, and the limitations of this article are such as to render possible only a cursory glance at the individuality and achievements of the man,—not permitting extended geneological research or critical analysis of character.

General Averell was a native of Steuben county and a member of one of its old and honored pioneer families. He was born at Cameron, this county, on the 5th of November, 1832, and his death occurred at the sanitarium at Hornell, this county, whither he had gone for medical treatment, on the 3d of February, 1900. He was a son of Hiram and Huldah (Hemmingway) Averell, the former of whom was born in Delaware county, New York, whence he came to Steuben county in the pioneer days, securing a tract of forty-seven acres of land in Cameron township, where he reclaimed a productive farm and where he became a citizen of prominence and influence, ever commanding the unqualified confidence and esteem of the community. He served as justice of the peace and also as postmaster at Cameron and was a man of strong mentality and sterling integrity of purpose. He passed the closing years of his life in the city of Bath, this county, where he died at the patriarchal age of ninety-two years. His wife also died at Bath, having preceded him to eternal rest by many years.

General William W. Averell was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and was afforded excellent educational advantages in his youth, including a course at Elmira Institute. He intended to prepare himself for the medical profession but he was deflected from this course by reason of receiving an appointment to a cadet-

ship to the United States Military Academy at West Point, in which he became a student on the 1st of July, 1851. There he was graduated on the 1st of July, 1855, and he immediately received brevet rank as second lieutenant of mounted riflemen, in which connection he served in the garrison at Jefferson Barracks, in Missouri, in 1855, on the 1st of May of which latter year he was promoted to second lieutenant of mounted riflemen. He was at the Cavalry School for Practice at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 1856-7; was on frontier duty in command of the escort to the commanding general of the department of New Mexico in 1857, and in that year was stationed for a time in Fort Craig, that territory. He was in active service in scouting and was engaged in a skirmish with the Kiowa Indians at Fort Craig on the 7th of December, 1857. He continued to be identified with scouting and other military operations in the southwest, including the Navajo expedition in 1858, and he participated in a skirmish in Chusca valley, September 29, 1859. Prior to this, on the 1st of October, 1858, he took part in a skirmish with Kyatano's band of Indians and in a skirmish at Puerco of the West on the 8th of the same month, in which engagement he was severely wounded in a night attack on the camp. He thereafter continued in frontier duty at Fort Craig until granted a leave of absence on account of sickness, in 1859.

When the dark cloud of Civil war cast its pall over the national horizon General Averell was still with the regular army and forthwith became identified with active military operations. On the 30th of May, 1861, he returned from the west to the national capital and from the 7th of June to the 2nd of July he was engaged in mustering duty at Elmira, New York, in the meanwhile having been promoted first lieutenant. From July 5 to October 9, 1861, he was acting assistant adjutant general to General Porter. In July, 1861, he took part in the Manassas campaign and on the 21st of that month he participated in the battle of Bull Run. He was on provost duty at Washington, D. C., from July 30 to October 9 of that year and was in command of a cavalry brigade in front of the defense of Washington, D. C., until March 1862, having thus served as colonel of the Third Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, to which office he was promoted on the 23d of August, 1861. He led the advance on Manassas in March, 1862, and was in the Army of the Potomac in the peninsular campaign in Virginia from March to August of that year. In this connection he took part in the siege of Yorktown and the battles of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks and Malvern Hill. On the 26th of September, 1862, he was made brigadier general of volunteers and in October and November of that year he was engaged in scouting on the upper Potomac, where he took part in numerous skirmishes. Later he was with the Army of the Potomac in the Rappahannock campaign in which he took part in the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862. He was in command of the second cavalry division from February 2 to May 4, 1863, and on the 17th of March of that year he was in command in the engagement at Kelly's Ford, where his gallant and meritorious

service gained to him the brevet rank of major general. He participated in Stoneman's raid toward Richmond, Virginia, and was thereafter in command of the Fort Separate brigade in operations in West Virginia, in connection with which he had command in the combat at Rocky Gap and the engagement at Droop Mountain. On the 6th of November, 1863, he was brevetted lieutenant colonel in recognition of his gallant and meritorious service in the action at Droop Mountain. On the 15th of December, 1863, he was brevetted colonel, for gallant and meritorious service during the Salem expedition in Virginia. He commanded the second cavalry division in operations in Virginia from April 26, 1864, to May 18, 1865, being in command in the action at Cove Gap on May 10, 1864, and being wounded in this engagement. Thereafter he marched with his command across the Alleghany mountains to Staunton, Virginia, and joined the expedition against Lynchburg, in which connection he took part in several skirmishes. He marched his command to the Kanawha and Shenandoah Valleys and he defeated Ramseur's division at Carter's Farm, July 20, 1864. He took part in the combat at Winchester on the 24th of July and thereafter went in pursuit of McCausland's raiders. On the 8th of August, 1864, he took part in the engagement at Moorefield and thereafter he was in command of his forces in various skirmishes. He participated in the battle of Opequan on the 19th of September, 1864, the battle of Fisher's Hill on the 22d of the same month and the action at Mount Jackson on the following day. On the 13th of March, 1865, he received the brevet rank of brigadier general of the United States Army for gallant and meritorious service in the field during the rebellion and on the same date he was brevetted major general in recognition of his splendid service in the battle of Moorefield, in Virginia. He resigned his position in the army on the 18th of May, 1865, but was finally reinstated in the United States Army by special act of congress and was placed upon the retired list. Later he served ten years as assistant inspector general of the Soldier's Home of the United States. His duties in this connection were most arduous as they involved from fifteen thousand to twenty thousand miles of travel each year, besides the inspection of the various Soldiers' Homes. From 1866 to 1869 he was United States counsul general of Canada. Framed and hanging upon the wall of the attractive home so long occupied by General Averell, at Bath, is an interesting record concerning the honors tendered him at the time of the Civil war and the inscription is worthy of reproduction in this article: "At a dinner given to General Averell at Bath, New York, on January 26, 1864, by the oldest citizens of Steuben county, this identical paraphrase of his dispatch to General Halleck, relating to the Salem raid, was written and displayed on the walls by Guy Humphrey McMaster:

" 'To General Halleck:

By marching and riding,
By swimming and sliding,
By dodging and squeezing,
By thawing and freezing,
We went down to Salem
And tore up the railin.' "

General Averell was a man of much inventive ability and had the distinction of being the inventor of asphalt paving. His first successful work in this line was the paving of Pennsylvania avenue in the city of Washington, D. C. He organized a company for the manufacturing of asphalt and was eventually deprived of his interests in the same by the fraudulent methods of his associates. For thirteen years the affairs of the company were in litigation and settlement was finally made with General Averell. This was a case which attracted national attention and interest. General Averell ever continued a close and appreciative student of the best in literature and science and he was specially interested in practical electrical affairs, in which he became well informed. He passed several years in New York city in perfecting a conduit for electric wires and he finally received a patent on this valuable invention. He was a man of most gracious and courtly manners, genial and kindly in his intercourse with his fellow men and no citizen of Steuben county held a more secure place in popular confidence and regard. He formed the acquaintance of many of the most distinguished public men of the nation, including President Lincoln and the members of his cabinet and in latter years also he had the close friendship of many prominent and influential citizens. He continued to maintain his home in the attractive little city of Bath until he was summoned to the life eternal and here his name is held in reverent memory. He was a stanch Republican in his political allegiance and was affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic and other fraternal and social organizations. He held membership in the Episcopal church, as does also his widow, who still resides in the beautiful old homestead at 121 Liberty street, Bath.

In September, 1885, was solemnized the marriage of General Averell to Mrs. Kezia Haywood, who was born in Surdan, England, and who has been a most popular figure in the best social activities of Bath. No children were born of this union.

Rev. J. H. Ryder, D. D.—Among those who play a prominent role in the every-day life of Wayland is the Rev. J. H. Ryder, D.D. pastor of the United Evangelical church. He was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1871, his parents being John and Hannah J. (Derrick) Ryder, who were also natives of that county. Rev. Mr. Ryder is one of ten living children, a somewhat unusual distinction in the present day. He passed his early years within the borders of the county which gave him birth, attending the public schools and graduating from its higher department. This training he supplemented with a course in the Lycoming county and

Bloomsburg State Normal School, from which institution he was graduated in 1898. His natural gifts and inclinations particularly fitting him for the ministry, he took a theological course and was ordained in 1903. His studies preliminary to becoming an expounder of the gospel were pursued in the Potomac University, which gave him the degree of B. D.

Rev. Mr. Ryder's first pastorate was at Dorsey, Maryland, where he remained for four years and from whence he was transferred to Grover, Pennsylvania. He remained four years in the latter place and in March, 1909, entered upon his present charge at Wayland. It has been his portion to make steady development and he is greatly esteemed by his church, which recognizes the unusual value of his services. He is an excellent orator and his sermons are brief, plain, comprehensive and convincing. In 1909 he was honored by the degree of Doctor of Divinity, after a four-year course in the Oriental University of Alexandria, Virginia. The church of which Rev. Mr. Ryder is pastor is less than twenty years old. In 1894, when the building was erected, it had a membership of only twenty, which has subsequently increased to one hundred, with a Sunday-school enrollment of one hundred and twenty-seven. The valuation of the church property is about seven thousand dollars. The first pastor was Rev. J. W. Thompson, who was followed by Rev. L. M. Dice and he in turn by Rev. C. C. Mizner. As stated previously, Rev. Mr. Ryder undertook its spiritual guidance in 1909.

In 1901 Mr. Ryder took as his bride Mary, daughter of Robert and Ellen Huston. To this union have been born two children, Robert H. and Helen J.

Nicholas Malter, the proprietor of the Perkinsville Hotel, is fitted by natural geniality and hospitality for the post which he holds so well. The hotel which Mr. Malter purchased and fitted up in 1909 is well adapted to meet the demands of the traveling public. Mr. Malter is a native of the town in which he still resides, having been born here in 1865. Here he was reared and educated and here began his career as a wage-earner. His parents were Nicholas and Margaret Malter, the former being also a native of Perkinsville where in 1836 he was born. The mother was a native of Germany in which country she was born in 1842, and three years later was brought to this country by her parents, whose names were John and Catherine Rauber. On the paternal side Mr. Malter is likewise German, his grandfather, also Nicholas Malter, with his wife, Catherine, coming to this country in 1834, shortly after their marriage and being among the early settlers in Steuben county. Their six children, Jacob, Catherine, Nicholas, John, Mary and Elizabeth experienced the peculiar advantages and privations of a new country and grew up to be strong and progressive citizens. Mr. Malter's parents were married about 1859 and to this union five children were born, namely, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Jacob, Frank and Stephen.

Mr. Malter's father was a butcher by trade and this he followed for over forty years. He was a loyal citizen and a stanch member of society, serving his village as constable for twenty-six years. He was collector for two years and excise commissioner for twelve. He and his wife were consistent members of the Catholic church and their descendants have followed in their footsteps in this particular. The father died in December, 1897, his widow surviving to the present day.

During his early years Mr. Malter assisted his father in his business, but later took up telegraphy and served in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. He remained with this railroad for fourteen years. He later took up the hotel business and in this new line of endeavor has proved eminently successful.

In 1892 Mr. Malter was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Dides and four children were born to them, Isabelle, Dorothea, Anna and Nicholas. Mrs. Malter died in 1904 and in 1906 he was united to Miss Cecelia McHale by whom he has had one child, a daughter named Cecelia M.

GEORGE W. PECK.— The present supervisor of Bath township is recognized as one of the most progressive and substantial business men of Steuben county and is president of the George W. Peck Company, which has built up a hardware business of wide scope and importance and which conducts a number of well equipped stores in this section of the state.

Mr. Peck was born at Landsdowne, Leeds county, province of Ontario, Canada, on the 18th of February, 1854. His father, Rev. James B. Peck, was a native of England, whence he came to America when a young man and in 1840 he settled in Jefferson county, New York. For forty years he was active in the work of the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church and he was known as a man of fine intellectual attainments and of consecrated zeal in his chosen vocation. During the greater portion of his work as a clergyman he maintained his home in Steuben county and here he died in the year 1900, at the age of seventy-five years. His memory is revered in this community and his life was one of signal purity and devotion. His wife, whose maiden name was Louisa Warren, now resides at Knoxville, Pennsylvania, and she has attained to the venerable age of eighty-three years (1910).

George W. Peck gained his early educational training in the public schools of the state of New York and when but fourteen years of age he entered the employ of the firm of Powers & Wagner at Savona, Steuben county. He assumed this position in 1870 and in this connection he gained his initial experience in the hardware business in which he was later to achieve so much of prominence and success. In 1875 Mr. Peck became a member of the firm of Wagner & Peck and in the following year he purchased his partner's interest in the business, which he individually continued at Savona until 1880. He then removed to Prattsburg, this county,

where he purchased the hardware stock of George H. Look. In 1883 he established a branch store at Pulteney, Steuben county, and in 1886 he purchased another stock of hardware at Cohocton, Steuben county. In 1888 he effected the purchase of the stock of Hodgman and McNamara, of Bath, and in 1893 he established a branch store at Bradford, this county. In the following year he found it expedient to bring his various mercantile interests into more effective control by the organization of a stock company, which was duly incorporated under the present title of the George W. Peck Company. When he began operations as an independent business man, in 1875, the annual business controlled did not exceed four thousand dollars and the splendid growth of the enterprise under his able management is measurably indicated when it is stated that the aggregate amount of business done by this company in 1910 was fully two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The George W. Peck Company also conducts stores at Canandaigua, Penn Yan and Dansville. Mr. Peck is also one of the largest stockholders of the Bath Harness Company, which has built up a large business in the manufacturing of harness and in 1906 this corporation erected a substantial cement building in Bath for the manufacturing of its products. The company gives employment to an average of sixty persons and its annual transactions have reached the notable aggregate of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Peck is a member of the directorate of this corporation, which bases its operations upon a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars. He is also president of the Bath Knitting Mills.

Mr. Peck is essentially progressive and public-spirited as a citizen and gives a loyal support to all measures and enterprises tending to advance the general welfare of the community. He is a man of high civic ideas and ideals and his political proclivities are in line with the Democratic party, in whose local councils he is an influential factor. He was elected chairman of the Democratic county committee of Steuben county in 1907 and he has been called upon to serve in various public offices of a public order. While a resident of the town of Prattsburg he was elected supervisor, in 1888, serving one term in this office and also having been a member of the board of education of that town. In 1907 he was elected supervisor of the town of Bath, by a majority of fifty-two votes and the popular estimate placed upon his service in this connection is clearly indicated when it is stated that in 1909 he was re-elected by a majority of four hundred and forty-two votes, carrying every voting precinct in the township. He has been on several occasions a delegate to the Democratic state convention and he has been otherwise active in the work of his party. Mrs. Peck is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bath and was also a member of the local board of education from 1905 to 1908. The family is prominent in the best social life of the community and here its members enjoy unalloyed popularity.

In the year 1884 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Peck to Miss Flora Griswold, daughter of the late Benajah Griswold, of

Darien, Genesee county, New York. Of this union have been born five children, namely, George G., J. Arthur, Flora M., Warren S. and John Elwood. All of the sons except the youngest, who is still attending school, are identified with the business enterprise of their father and are being thoroughly trained in connection therewith. The only daughter is a member of the class of 1912 in Elmira College.

FRED E. BRADLEY.—A man of undoubted enterprise and sagacity, industrious and progressive, Fred E. Bradley, of Bath township, is a valued representative of the prosperous agriculturists of this part of Steuben county, as a farmer displaying excellent judgment in his operations. A son of Zera S. Bradley, he was born, October 20, 1867, at Kanona, Steuben county, coming from distinguished patriotic stock, his great grandfather, Sterges Bradley, having served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Bradley's grandfather, Zera Bradley, was born in 1796, in the town of Butternuts, Otsego county, New York. Coming from there to Steuben county in 1830, he located in Bath township, and ten years later bought the Bradley homestead property, on which he continued his residence until his death, November 13, 1879. His wife, whose maiden name was Emily L. Osborn, was born August 19, 1818, and died February 16, 1882.

Zera S. Bradley was born on the Bradley homestead, in Bath township, June 30, 1844. He received a good education, after leaving the public schools, taking a course of study in a commercial college. Succeeding to the ownership of the home farm, he was here engaged in general agriculture until his death, December 29, 1908. He married Lida Shaver, September 25, 1866, who was born October 1, 1845, in Avoca, New York, a daughter of Alexander Shaver, and died on the home farm, in Bath township, February 10, 1893. Three children were born into their household, namely, Louis K., engaged in farming in Bath; John D., engaged in the grocery business at Prattsburg; and Fred E.

After his graduation from the Bath High School, Fred E. Bradley taught school two terms in Wheeler, but since 1897 has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits at his present home, having one of the finest improved and best equipped farms in Bath township.

Mr. Bradley married Evangeline Warren, October 15, 1890, who was born May 21, 1867, in Kanona, a daughter of Francis M. and Sophia (Willis) Warren, of Bath, both of whose families were among the pioneer settlers of Steuben county. To Fred E. and Evangeline Bradley two children have been born, namely, Alida Evangeline Bradley, born March 20, 1894, now a junior in Haverling High School at Bath and Fred Warren Bradley, born February 14, 1900. Mr. Bradley is a member of Bath Grange.

CHARLES D. BAKER.—Numbered among the essentially representative members of the bar of the national metropolis is Charles Duane Baker, who is now special counsel and attorney for the

department of justice in New York city, of which position he has been incumbent since 1910, having been appointed to this office by the attorney general of the United States. Mr. Baker is a scion of old and honored families of the Empire state and the name which he bears has long been identified with the annals of Steuben county. He was born at Painted Post, this county, on the 17th of September, 1846, and is a son of Harrison H. and Elizabeth (Fleming) Baker, both of whom were likewise born and reared at Painted Post. Harrison H. Baker was a millwright by trade and followed the same in his earlier career. He later turned his attention to the lumber industry and became a successful lumber manufacturer at Painted Post, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred when he was about forty-seven years of age. He was a progressive and public-spirited citizen and was influential in local affairs while he ever commanded the unqualified esteem of the community, in which his long life was passed. His father, Jonathan Baker, was a native of the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Painted Post, Steuben county, New York, where he achieved marked success as a business man and where he established the first mill in that county. In politics he was a Democrat and a stanch supporter of the policies of President Jackson. His wife, whose maiden name was Dorcas Gorton, was a member of the well known family of that name in New York. Mrs. Elizabeth (Fleming) Baker was a daughter of John Fleming, who likewise was a sterling pioneer and prominent business man of Painted Post, the lineage of the family being traced back to stanch Flemish stock; she was seventy years of age at the time of her death and of the children who attained to years of maturity, the subject of this review was the second in order of birth. The only other surviving son is Clarence E., who is a resident of the city of Chicago.

Charles Duane Baker was afforded excellent educational advantages in his youth, having gained his early discipline in the common schools of his native county and having later attended Overland College for two years. He was then matriculated in Cornell University, at Ithaca, in which institution he completed the classical course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1874, duly receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts. Shortly afterwards he returned to his native county and located at Corning, where he began the study of law, under effective preceptorship, one of his instructors having been Judge Bradley, a representative member of the bar of that county. He made excellent progress in his absorption and assimilation of the science of jurisprudence and was admitted to the bar in 1876. Thereafter he was actively engaged in the practice of his profession at Corning for a number of years, having been associated for some time with John W. Brown and later with Henry Thompson. In 1884 he was elected to represent the Second district of Steuben county in the state legislature, in which he served three consecutive terms and in which he made an admirable record. At the close of his last term, he removed

to New York city, where he engaged in the general practice of his profession. Two years later he was appointed assistant United States attorney, under the administration of President Harrison, and during his incumbency of this office his headquarters were maintained in the Federal building. He finally resigned the office and resumed the private practice of his profession but under the administration of President McKinley he was again appointed United States district attorney, of which position he continued in tenure also during the administration of President Roosevelt. He resigned the office in 1908 and thereafter was engaged in private practice until 1910, when he was appointed to his present important office, that of special counsel and attorney for the newly organized department of justice in New York city, this appointment having been made by Attorney General Wickersham. Mr. Baker has ever given an unqualified allegiance to the Republican party and he has rendered yeoman service in behalf of its cause in the various campaigns, being known as an able exponent of its principles and as an especially resourceful campaign orator. He is recognized as one of the finely equipped members of the bar of his native state and he has won distinctive prestige both as an advocate and as a counselor He continues to take a lively interest in the affairs of his native county and signifies the same by his membership in Steuben County Society of New York City. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and holds membership in various civic organizations.

In January, 1883, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Baker to Miss Letitia Beattie Rock, a daughter of Alfred Rock, a well known citizen of Brooklyn, New York. The three children of this union are, Charles Duane, Jr., David Dudley Field and Caroline Beattie.

ELMER S. REDMAN.—Among those citizens whom Hornell is happy to call representative stands Elmer S. Redman, who since September, 1898, has held the position of city superintendent of public schools. As an educator of high ideals and splendid accomplishment he enjoys prestige throughout this section of the Empire state. No field is more important and nowhere is enlightened effort farther reaching in effect than in public education and to Dr. Redman's progressiveness Hornell is indeed indebted, her schools being of excellent order. He is also a lecturer of note, being eloquent, logical and convincing and many educational bodies have reaped the benefits of his originality.

Dr. Redman was born in Allen, New York, August 19, 1861, his parents being John D. Redman, Jr. and Clarissa A. (Scoville) Redman. These worthy people are representatives of old and honored families of New England, that cradle of so much of our national history. The father was born in the city of Boston and the mother in Vermont, the immediate forebears of both parents having been prominent in the Revolutionary war. The Redmans were the stanchest of patriots, and among the dearest possessions of Dr. Redman is a small chest taken from a "tea-ship" in the Boston

harbor by his great-great-grandfather. In the matter of vocation the subject has in a measure followed in the footsteps of his father, that gentleman having answered to the double calling of farmer and schoolmaster.

Dr. Redman enjoyed the advantages of a wide and varied education. His preliminary schooling was in the country schools and he subsequently attended Belfast high school, from whose portals he advanced to the Geneseo State Normal School, from which latter institution he was graduated. By no means of the type which is content to let well enough alone he attended university after university and added degree to degree, receiving the inestimable benefit of association with some of the finest minds of the age. In 1892 he was graduated from the Illinois Wesleyan University, in 1894 obtaining the degree of Master of Arts by post-graduate work, and in 1898 becoming entitled to that of Doctor of Philosophy. In 1894 he was also awarded the degree of Master of Arts by Alfred University of Alfred, New York, and later he attended lectures at the New York University. To add to all this he studied abroad, in the years 1896, 1905 and 1909, the scenes of his foreign study being all the countries of Europe except Russia and Spain.

Dr. Redman has been a teacher from his earliest youth. During his first years of college life he taught school in order to obtain money to pursue his education, and his success from the first, and the never-failing satisfaction taken by the public in his efforts in the training of the youthful mind, led him to adopt the pedagogical profession as a life work. He has held various important posts, all of them in his native state. He was for three years principal of the Angelica high school and then removed to Belfast, where he was engaged in a similar capacity for a like period of years. Rockville Centre became the scene of his endeavors, and for six years he acted as principal of the schools of that thriving Long Island town, just outside Greater New York City, severing his associations there to accept the superintendency of the schools of Hornell, where he has continued for more than twelve years. He has also had a short but interesting experience as a newspaper man, having for a time edited the *Livingston County Progress.*

Politically Dr. Redman is independent, in his convictions the best man and the best measure far outweighing mere partisanship. His fraternal affiliations extend to the ancient and august Masonic order and he and his wife are members of the Baptist church, in which he has held various offices, such as deacon, president of the board of trustees, etc. He is a valued member of several organizations having to do with his profession, these including the National Education Association, the State Council of School Superintendents and the State Association of Normal Schools; the second and third having claimed his as president.

In the year 1884 Dr. Redman insured a congenial life companionship by his union with Miss Mary L. Dexter, daughter of William Dexter, of Angelica, New York. The children of this

marriage are Iona Fern, born in 1892; Gladstone Elmer, born in 1894, and Olive, born in 1900.

COLONEL ANDREW JACKSON SWITZER, who resides in the attractive little city of Bath, is a native son of Steuben county and a member of one of its sterling pioneer families. He has been conspicuously identified with the upbuilding of grape-culture and the wine industry, which have given this county wide prestige and have added largely to its material and civic prosperity. Colonel Switzer was born at Bradford, Steuben county, on the 8th of February, 1833, and is a son of John and Sarah (Rowles) Switzer, the former was born in Newark, New Jersey, and the latter also in New Jersey. The father died in Bradford, Steuben county, where he passed the major portion of his life and he was an octogenarian at the time of his death. His cherished and devoted wife lived to attain to the venerable age of more than ninety years. John Switzer was a son of John Switzer, who, with his wife, immigrated from Germany to America and the limitations of whose financial resources may be realized when it is stated that for three years after their arrival in the United States they utilized all their surplus earnings in paying for their passage on the vessel which brought them to the new world. They became the parents of four children, Henry, John, William and Peter, and when John, the second son, was nine years of age they removed to Steuben county and located in Bradford township. Here the father purchased about two sections of land and he reclaimed a considerable portion of the tract to cultivation, continuing to reside on the homestead until his death. After the death of his father John Switzer, Jr., inherited about one hundred and sixty acres of the old homestead and he developed this tract into a productive farm, upon which both he and his devoted wife continued to reside until their death, their marriage having been solemnized in Steuben county.

Colonel Andrew J. Switzer passed his boyhood days on the home farm and after availing himself of the advantages of the common schools he continued his studies in Alfred University. That he made good use of the opportunities thus given him is shown by the fact that as a young man he became a successful and popular teacher in Haverling Academy, at Bath, an institution that has long held a high reputation. He finally went to Watertown, Wisconsin, where he taught school for one winter and he then went to the city of Chicago, whence he proceeded to Lawrence, Kansas, where he remained a few months. From that place he went to Topeka and thence he accompanied his cousin, John Brown, to Atchison, Kansas. He met with numerous adventures on his trip through the west and at Kansas City, Missouri, he met his brother, Richard, whom he accompanied to Council Bluffs, Iowa. From that point the brothers proceeded by stage to Burlington, that state, and thence to central Illinois, where the brother of the Colonel purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land at Mendota. The Colonel himself soon afterward returned to the old homestead farm near Bradford,





Steuben county, having inherited this property from his father. A year later he sold the farm and located at Hammondsport, where he studied law for a short time, under the preceptorship of Clark Bell, with whom he soon became interested in the growing of grapes. Messrs. Bell and Switzer, together with Henry H. Cook, purchased about thirty acres of grape vineyard and Colonel Switzer assumed the active supervision of the same. In December, 1864, the three interested principals, Colonel Switzer and Messrs. Bell and Cook, effected the organization of the Urbana Wine Company, which was incorporated in January, 1865. John W. Davis, Henry Harlow Hakes and D. M. Hildreth later became stockholders in the company and Colonel Switzer became general manager of the business. He has been actively and prominently identified with grape culture and the manufacturing of wine during the long intervening years and is at the present time secretary of the Urbana Wine Company, as well as a member of its board of directors. The product of this company is of the highest standard and has done much to give precedence to Steuben county as a wine manufacturing center. The company has long controlled a large and substantial trade and it is one of the largest concerns of the kind in this section of the state. While the manufactory of the company is located at Hammondsport Colonel Switzer has maintained his residence at Bath since 1880. He has been connected with the company forty-six years.

Colonel Switzer has long been recognized as one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of his native county and he has done all in his power to further its social and material development and upbuilding. He has given his allegiance to the Republican party since the time of its organization, with the exception of the occasion when Horace Greeley was the nominee of the Democratic party for president of the United States. Horace Greeley, in fact, made him a Republican for he was born a Democrat. Colonel Switzer served on the military staffs of Governors Crane and Cornell with the rank of colonel and from this service he gained the title by which he is familiarly known. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church.

In the year 1862 was solemnized the marriage of Colonel Switzer to Miss Fidelia Hastings, who was born in Bath and reared in Howard township, Steuben county, where her father settled in the pioneer days. Colonel and Mrs. Switzer became the parents of four children, concerning whom the following brief record is given: Luin is engaged in the drug business at Southport, Connecticut; Charles C. is a representative dentist of Norwich, New York; George H. is an electrical engineer by profession and resides at Bath, Steuben county; and Henry died in infancy.

CHARLES A. MILLER.—A prominent member of that progressive and public-spirited citizenship in which Steuben county takes

proper pride is Charles A. Miller, a prosperous farmer and poultry raiser residing in Rathbone township. As in so many instances when tracing the lineage of America's best stock it is discovered that Mr. Miller's forebears are German, his parents, Maurice and Marie (Schaefer) Miller, both being natives of the "Fatherland." They followed the westward course of emigration to America early in the fifties, breaking home ties for the fuller opportunities of a new land. They lived for a time in New York city, and it was in this metropolis that Mr. Miller was born. The father was a tin and copper smith and was a mechanic of a high order of ability, and he continued to pursue his trade in this country. When Mr. Miller was still a youth his father moved his family to Chicago. The father continued to reside in that city until the time of his death and Mr. Miller's residence there was of twenty-three years' duration. After he had received his education in New York city he almost immediately took up his struggle with the world, and entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. It is a favorable comment upon his ability and trustworthiness that he continued in the service of this railway for over twenty years, serving for seven and a half years as fireman and for fifteen and a half as locomotive engineer.

In course of time Mr. Miller, who had always had some inclination toward agriculture, came eastward again to Steuben county and became the possessor of a farm of eighty acres of valuable land. This farm, which he has had under his management since 1895, is centrally located and has many natural advantages in addition to the up-to-date improvements which have been lavished upon it. In connection with his farming Mr. Miller raises poultry and his efforts in this line have been crowned with undeniable success. He winters about three hundred laying hens, besides his other fowls for breeding purposes, and his poultry is of the best strain of White Leghorn. It was in 1904 that Mr. Miller decided to devote part of his attention to the poultry business and he has found in it much pleasure as well as profit. He stands high in the affection and esteem of his neighbors and he is serving his second term as a justice of the peace, in which capacity he has given the highest satisfaction. He is a member of the Grange and he and his family are earnest and consistent members of the Presbyterian church, to which they give generous support in every way.

Mr. Miller laid the foundation of a happy household in 1878, in which year he was united in marriage to Miss Ida Falkner, daughter of Rensselaer and Mary Falkner. Mrs. Miller was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1856. She comes of fine American stock, many of her ancestors having been stanch patriots who gladly risked their lives for their country. Her father did valiant service at the time of the Rebellion. He served three years and was Quartermaster Sergeant of Company H, Second Regiment Colorado Volunteer Cavalry. In one encounter he had a horse shot from under him. Her maternal grandfather, Benjamin Smith, was married three times to three sisters in succession, by whom he had

seven children. One of these sons, Asa, was a classmate of President Arthur. The Smiths are closely related to the Howlands, who came to this continent in the Mayflower. They ultimately settled in Pennsylvania and their descendants migrated to Steuben county. The previously mentioned Benjamin Smith saw service in the war of 1812. This heritage of patriotism has been an inspiration to Mrs. Miller's children, who are of the best type of young American citizenhood. Mr. Miller's children are five in number: C. Arthur, who married Miss Florence Merring; Herbert F., who married Miss Kate Young; Maud E., now Mrs. F. Perry; Marie I., now Mrs. R. Hannah, and Maurice E., who is a law student.

DOUGLASS H. SMITH, M. D.—It is gratifying to enter record concerning the career of Dr. Smith, from the fact that he is a native of Steuben county, a scion of one of its sterling pioneer families and a worthy representative of the profession which was dignified and honored by the life and services of his father. He is engaged in the active practice of his profession at Bath and is known as one of the able and successful physicians and surgeons of his native county.

Dr. Douglass H. Smith was born at Bath, Steuben county, New York, on the 22nd of October, 1879, and is a son of Dr. Ira P. and Harriet Amelia (Smith) Smith. Dr. Ira P. Smith was born at Rogersville, Steuben county, on the 19th of August, 1835, and he died at Bath, this county, on the 26th of May, 1905. His wife was born in the town of Bath, this county, on the 28th of February, 1842, and here she passed away on the 11th of December, 1907. Andrew Smith, the maternal great-grandfather of the subject of this review, was a native of Scotland, whence he emigrated to America in 1792, coming with Colonel Williamson, the first settler of Steuben county. Andrew Smith for some time had charge of the farming operations of his friend and associate, Colonel Williamson, and he had the supervision of the reclamation of much land in Steuben county, where he directed the work at various times of from thirty to fifty men. About 1798 he established his home on his farm, a short distance from the village of Bath, where he continued to reside until his death. He was a man of ability and sterling character and as he was a skillful surveyor he found much requisition for his services in this capacity in the early pioneer days. He was one of the first settlers of Steuben county and his name is enrolled on the roster of its sterling pioneers. His son, John J. Smith, grandfather of him whose name introduces this sketch, continued to reside in the vicinity of the village of Bath throughout his entire life and his active career was one of successful and close identification with agricultural pursuits.

Dr. Ira P. Smith was a son of William Smith, who removed from Vermont to Steuben county in an early day and he here passed the residue of his life as did also his wife. Both were representatives of families founded in New England in the colonial epoch of our national history. Dr. Ira P. Smith was one of a

family of four children and he was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm but was afforded the best educational advantages available in the locality and period, including those of Union Seminary at Rogersville. For some time he was engaged in teaching in the schools of Steuben county and later he passed one year as a student in the celebrated University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. He began the study of medicine under the able preceptorship of Charles S. Ackley, of Rogersville, Steuben county, and finally he entered the Albany Medical College, in which well ordered institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1859, with the well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine. He immediately began the practice of his profession at Avoca, Steuben county, where he remained until 1862, when he tendered his services to the Union by assuming the position of acting assistant surgeon in the regular army; an office which he retained for two years. He then returned to his native county and located at Bath, where he continued in the active practice of his profession until the time of his death. He gained prestige as one of the earnest and well fortified physicians and surgeons of the county and kept in touch with the advancement made in both departments of his profession. He was in the most significant sense humanity's friend and he labored with all of zeal and devotion in the alleviation of suffering and distress. At the time of his demise he was the eldest member of the Steuben County Medical Society, of which he had served as president. He also gave effective service as a member of the board of pension-examining surgeons of Steuben county and was president of the Bath Bible Society. Both he and his wife were zealous and devout members of the Presbyterian church. They became the parents of four children, Alice, who still resides in Bath; Fannie, who died in infancy; Edward R., who died at the age of thirty-one years; and Dr. Douglass H., of this sketch, who is the youngest of the number. It should be noted that Edward R. Smith was an employe in the office of the county clerk of Steuben county at the time of his death and that he had devoted considerable attention to the study of law, though he had not been admitted to the bar when he was summoned from the scene of life's mortal endeavors.

Dr. Douglass H. Smith was graduated in Haverling High School in Bath as a member of the class of 1898, and after leaving school he secured employment in a drug store in his native town. Through the discipline and study gained in this connection he became a licensed pharmacist in 1902. In 1900 he entered the medical department of the University of Buffalo, in which he completed the prescribed course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1904, receiving from this well ordered institution his degree of Doctor of Medicine. After his graduation he passed one year as interne in the Erie County Hospital, in the city of Buffalo, where he gained most valuable clinical experience and in 1905, shortly after the death of his honored father, he engaged in practice in his native town of Bath, where he has put forth every effort to give

as effective service in his profession, as did his father, to a large amount of whose practice he has succeeded. The Doctor is a member of the Steuben County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He was reared in the faith of the Republican party and has never wavered in his allegiance thereto and he is affiliated with Bath Lodge No. 112, Free & Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is prominent in connection with the social activities in the community which has represented his home the greater portion of the time since he was ushered into the world. He and his sister still reside in the old homestead, which is a center of refined hospitality.

CHARLES HENRY CHRISTIAN.—Actively identified with the industrial interests of Corning as a successful dealer in real estate, an insurance agent and a loan agent, Charles Henry Christian has done much towards promoting the prosperity of the community, and as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen is held in high respect and esteem. A native of Steuben county, he was born, August 14, 1862, in Woodhull, where his father, James W. Christian, was a pioneer settler.

Locating in Woodhull when there was but one store and one blacksmith's shop in the place, James W. Christian acquired title to considerable land, among other tracts owning the present site of the village of Addison. He continued a resident of Steuben county until his death, at the age of seventy-six years. He married Lydia Allen, who lived but fifty-five years. They became the parents of ten children, nine of whom are now, in 1910, living, Charles Henry being the eighth child in succession of birth.

Having completed his early studies in the Elkland graded schools, Charles H. Christian soon began the battle of life on his own account. Establishing himself in the insurance business in Corning in 1891, he has carried it on continuously since, each year enlarging his operations. He deals extensively in real estate, renting, buying and selling, his straightforward methods securing him a large patronage.

Mr. Christian married, May 14, 1884, Ida M. Redfield, an adopted daughter of William H. and Nancy J. Redfield. Their union has been blessed by the birth of two sons and two daughters, namely: Cora, wife of Ernest J. Thomas, of Elmira, New York; Sayre, in the employ of the Corning Glass Company; Ethel, and Charles Henry. Politically Mr. Christian is a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and fraternally he belongs to Corning Tribe, I. O. R. M.

LEROY MCCORN.—As a grape-grower and wine manufacturer Mr. McCorn has gained a position of distinctive prestige in Steuben county, where he is associated with his brother, Van Buren, with headquarters in the thriving little city of Hammondsport. On other pages of this work is entered a brief review of the career of his

brother and in that connection are given adequate data concerning the family history so that repetition thereof is not demanded at this juncture.

Leroy McCorn was born in Tompkins county, New York, on the 27th of August, 1855, and his early discipline in connection with the practical duties and responsibilities of life was that gained in connection with the work and management of the home farm. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his native county and at the age of eighteen years he went to the state of Illinois, where he remained five years. At the age of twenty-five years he came to Steuben county and located at Hammondsport, where he was employed for two years by H. O. Fairchild, a prosperous fruit shipper. Later he secured employment in a vineyard near Hammondsport and after being thus engaged for one year he engaged in the growing of grapes on his own responsibility, developing an excellent vineyard which was the nucleus of the present fine vineyards owned by the firm of which he is a member. For five years he gave his attention to the growing and shipping of grapes and he then initiated the manufacturing of wine on a modest scale. This branch of his industrial enterprise has been developed into one of large proportions and he and his brother are now numbered among the largest producers of high grade wines in Steuben county, besides which he is individually interested in several important manufacturing and commercial enterprises, his connection with which indicates conclusively that he is essentially a progressive business man and one with excellent initiative and administrative powers.

Mr. McCorn has ever been found ready to give his co-operation and influence in support of all measures tending to advance the general welfare of the community and he has been called upon to serve in various offices of public trust, including that of mayor of Hammondsport, of which position he was incumbent for three terms, during which he gave a most admirable administration of the municipal government. He had previously served as a village trustee and of this office he is incumbent at the present time, besides which he is a supervisor of Hammondsport township. He is affiliated with the lodge of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks at Hornell and he was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church; Mrs. McCorn is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church.

In the year 1877 was recorded the marriage of Mr. McCorn to Miss Sabina Bailey, who was born in Steuben county, New York, on the 8th of April, 1859, and who is a daughter of Charles L. and Amanda (Ide) Bailey. Mr. Bailey was a representative of one of the old and honored families of Steuben county, with whose annals the name became identified in the pioneer days, and he was a successful farmer and substantial capitalist of this county at the time of his death, which occurred on the 16th of December, 1896, at which time he was sixty-five years of age. Mrs. Amanda (Ide) Bailey died in 1865, at the age of twenty-nine years, and besides Mrs. McCorn she is survived by one son, Lafayette Bailey, who is a

successful wine-maker at Hammondsport. Mr. and Mrs. McCorn became the parents of one son, Charles L., who died at the age of twenty-two months.

CLYDE E. SHULTS, lawyer and a prominent and influential citizen of Hornell, was born at Avoca, Steuben county, April 12, 1876. Alonzo Shults, his father, was born in the Mohawk Valley, a son of Josiah Shults, an early settler in his vicinity, who came to Steuben county in the early fifties, bringing his family and their few portable things by means of an ox cart. Alonzo came along, and was himself a pioneer. He married Gertrude Bush, daughter of Ira Bush. She was born in Steuben county, a child of early settlers.

Alonzo and Gertrude (Bush) Shults located in the town of Avoca, later moving to Wayland, where they were both living in 1910. They had two sons, I. J., the eldest, is a traveling salesman, whose home is in Detroit. Clyde E. was reared on his father's farm in Wayland and was graduated from the Wayland High School in 1892 and from the New York State Normal School at Geneseo, Livingston county, in 1894. He was graduated from the Buffalo Law School in 1898 and was admitted to the bar in that city. He located in Hornell that year and became a law partner of John Griffin. He was thus associated with Mr. Griffin about four years, then entered into partnership with Frank H. Robinson. About four years later he began an independent practice, which has been continued with much success to the present time.

Mr. Shults is secretary and chief active executive officer of the association having in hand the Hornell Fair. He was elected secretary of the Hornellsville Farmers' Club as long ago as 1903. Politically he affiliates with Republicans. He was for four years a justice of the peace. In 1902 he was elected secretary of the Hornell board of education, a position which he has filled with great credit to the present time. He is a director in the Bank of Steuben and treasurer of the F. A. Owen Publishing Company, of Dansville, Livingston county, New York, publishers of "Primary Plans," "The Normal Instructor" and other educational magazines. His social relations and wide acquaintance are indicated by the fact that he is a Mason, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Knights of the Maccabees. In 1899 he married Miss Anna Sherman, a native of Plainwell, Allegan county, Michigan, and they have three children, named here in the order of their birth, Everett, Angeline and Sherman Shults. Enough has been said of Mr. Shults' business connections to give ground for the inference that he is a man of great public spirit, ready at all times to entertain any proposition for the advancement of his city and county, eager to do all in his power to promote it if it appeals to him as practical and far-reaching. All in all he is a citizen of whom Hornell is proud.

W. R. GUILE.—Wayland has no more representative business man than W. R. Guile, the secretary and general manager of the Wayland Canning Company. He is a progressive business man, and under his fostering care and watchful eye the canning industry with which he is associated has been brought to a successful issue, and it adds much to the wealth and enterprise of both town and county. The factory was first established in 1899 under the management of a stock company, co-operative in effect, but its system and working order was changed in 1901. Its first directors were Julian Morris, W. R. Guile, C. P. Newfang, Frank Hartz, P. H. Zimmerman, A. L. Huber and George E. Whitman, and its officers were as follows: President, P. H. Zimmerman; Vice-President, A. L. Huber; Treasurer, Julian A. Morris; and Secretary, W. R. Guile. Under this management the plant was put in operation on the 1st of October, 1899, with about thirty-five employes, but at the end of two years the enterprise proved a failure and a reorganization was necessary, which took place in 1901. The company was then organized on a new basis, with a directorate as follows: Julian A. Morris, P. H. Zimmerman, C. S. Avery, W. R. Guile, George E. Whitman, C. P. Newfang and J. Kimmel, while the officers elected were: P. H. Zimmerman, President; C. S. Avery, Vice-president; Julian A. Morris, Treasurer; and W. R. Guile, Secretary. P. H. Zimmerman resigned the presidency in 1904 and was succeeded by John Kimmel, and John A. Bennett was elected to the vice-presidency on the 6th of January, 1905, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of C. S. Avery. The present plant of the Wayland Canning Company occupies four acres of ground, the buildings are large and commodious, fitted with modern machinery for the accomplishment of their growing business, and three steam engines, ranging from eighty-five to thirty and fifteen horse-power, are used, besides the electric forty horse-power from the city, and all these are called into active service during the canning season. One hundred and fifteen operatives are employed. The plant is proving a great acquisition to Wayland's commercial industry, and directed by its present board of substantial and influential business men it is destined to attain to still greater proportions. In addition to their regular canning business they have six silos, which receive and preserve the husks and offal from the factory, and the product finds a ready market in the farmers for stock feeding purposes. The plant is situated on the line of the Erie Railroad.

W. R. Guile, the secretary and general manager of the Wayland Canning Company, has been a resident of Wayland during the past sixteen years, and during twelve years of that time he has served on the city's school board and at the same time was the trustee of the borough. But he is a native son of Livingston county, New York, born September 12, 1855, and he was reared and educated there and yet owns the old Guile homestead of eighty-five acres. The family have for generations been loyal citizens of the old Empire state. W. R. Guile wedded Miss Linda Robinson in 1878, and their three children are Lucinda H., Florence B. and



W. R. Gaile

Orton R. He is a worthy member and one of the board of trustees of the United Evangelical church, and is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity in Wayland.

CHARLES CADOGAN.—Among the older residents of Hornell, Steuben county, New York, who have not retired from active business life is Charles Cadogan, at the present time incumbent of the responsible position of president of the Citizens' National Bank. As the head of this popular financial institution he has done much to further its stability and to increase its scope of operation.

Charles Cadogan is a native of Steuben county and was born at Canisteo September 10, 1838, a son of Abram and Jennie (Whitwood) Cadogan, the former of whom was born in Cortland county, New York, and the latter in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Cadogan became the parents of four children—two boys and two girls—and of the number Charles was the second in order of birth. During the major portion of his active business career the father was engaged in building operations, and both he and his wife are now deceased, the former having been summoned to eternal rest in 1892 and the latter having passed away in 1889.

Mr. Cadogan completed the curriculum of the common schools of his native town and he initiated his independent business career as a clerk in the grocery establishment of Ely & Brown, located at the corner of Broad and Main streets, Hornell. Later he held the position of yard master for the Erie Railroad Company, with headquarters in Hornell, for a period of twelve years. In the autumn of 1868 he entered into a partnership alliance with J. W. Nicholson and they succeeded to the business established by Ely & Brown. For nearly a score of years the firm of Cadogan & Nicholson carried on a successful mercantile enterprise and it rapidly gained precedence and distinctive prestige as one of the leading establishments of its kind in the county. In 1887 Mr. Cadogan became interested in the banking business and in October of that year he was elected president of the Citizens' National Bank, as already noted. The other officers of the bank are: J. M. Finch, vice-president; and J. E. B. Santee, cashier. The bank was incorporated under the laws of the state in 1882, with a capital stock of $100,000.00, its surplus and undivided profits amount to $52,000.00 and its deposits aggregate $565,000.00. Mr. Cadogan has gained recognition as one of the conservative business men of the county and he has a widespread reputation for fair and honorable methods in all business transactions. He is a Republican in his political proclivities, warmly advocating the party principles, although he is not an active politician. He has devoted himself assiduously to his business interests and has not sought political office. He holds membership in the Universalist church, to whose charities and benevolences he has contributed in generous measure. As a man he is thoroughly conscientious, of undoubted integrity, affable and courteous in manner.

In 1859 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Cadogan to Miss Corinne Sweetland, who was born and reared in Livingston county, and who is a daughter of David and Amanda Sweetland, long citizens of Hornell. Mr. and Mrs. Cadogan have five children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated,—Mary is the wife of F. E. Williams and resides at Hornell; Anna C. married C. W. Etz, who is cashier in the Steuben Bank at Hornell; Bertha R. remains at the paternal home; Gertrude is the wife of J. H. Wynne and they reside in New York City; and Lucy remains at home. Mr. and Mrs. Cadogan reside at 103 Genesee street, Hornell.

JOHN F. PARKHURST.—One of the distinguished citizens of Steuben county was the late Judge John Foster Parkhurst, who was numbered among the representative legists and jurists of the state and who was a member of its supreme court at the time of his death, which occurred at his home in the city of Bath on the 21st of February, 1906. He was a man of scholarly attainments and one whose character was moulded on a large and generous scale. His course was guided on a lofty plane of integrity and honor, he viewed all things in their correct proportions, and an exalted devotion to duty was emphasized in every stage of his long and useful career, so that he well merited the implicit confidence and esteem in which he was held by his fellow men.

John Foster Parkhurst was born at Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of February, 1843, and was a scion of distinguished Colonial families of our great American republic. George Parkhurst, the founder of the family in America, came from England to the New World in 1635 and established his home in Watertown, Middlesex county, Massachusetts. John Parkhurst, son of Josiah Parkhurst, Jr., and grandfather of the subject of this memoir, was born in Massachusetts on the 2d of May, 1760. In 1777 he manifested his intrinsic loyalty and patriotism by enlisting for service in the Continental line in the war of the Revolution. He was first assigned to duty in guarding army stores at East Sudbury, Middlesex county, Massachusetts, and in April, 1878, he enlisted in Captain Holmes' company of the regiment commanded by Colonel Jonathan Reed. This was the first regiment assigned to duty in guarding British prisoners of war. John Parkhurst received his honorable discharge on the 4th of July, 1778, and he then re-enlisted, for a term of six weeks, in a company commanded by Captain Amos Perry. In July, 1780, he enlisted in Captain McFarland's company of Colonel Harris' regiment, with which he served in Rhode Island, and he received his final discharge on the 30th of October, 1780.

Judge Parkhurst was a son of Dr. Curtis and Jane Ann (Kasson) Parkhurst, the former of whom was born at Marlborough, New Hampshire, on the 2d of July, 1794, and the latter of whom was born at North Adams, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, on

the 5th of April, 1811. The parents passed the closing years of their lives at Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where the father died on the 5th of June, 1872, and the mother on the 20th of October, 1887. Dr. Curtis Parkhurst was a physician and surgeon of splendid ability, and during the many years of his devotion to the work of his profession he maintained his home at Lawrenceville, where his name is held in affectionate memory. He was graduated in the Medical school of Dartmouth College as a member of the class of 1819. In 1828-9 he represented Bradford and Tioga counties in the state legislature, as did he also in 1830, after the consolidation of the two counties into one district. In 1840 he was elected sheriff to Tioga county, and in this office he served from 1841 to 1844. On the 15th of March, 1847, the governor of Pennsylvania appointed him associate judge of the court of common pleas of Tioga county, for a term of five years, and he made an admirable record on the bench, having been a man of broad mental ken, mature judgment and excellent knowledge of law. He was an influential and honored citizen and did much to further the progress of his home county and state. He was one of the prime factors in effecting the construction of Tioga Railroad from Corning, New York, to Blossburg, Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

Alvin Hall, maternal grandfather of Mrs. Jane Ann (Kasson) Parkhurst, was a loyal soldier of the Continental forces in the war of the Revolution, in which he served at Fort Champlain in 1777. He enlisted for a second term and in 1780 he took part in the battle of Stone Arabia, New York, in which engagement his colonel and forty members of his regiment were killed.

Judge Parkhurst was the fifth in order of birth in a family of eight children, and he was afforded the advantages of a home of marked culture and refinement. He attended the schools of Lawrenceville and thereafter continued his studies under the direction of a private tutor. In 1863 he came to Bath, Steuben county, where he began reading law under the effective preceptorship of Judge Guy Humphreys McMaster, one of whose daughters he later married. In 1865 he was admitted to the bar and he forthwith engaged in the general practice of his profession at Bath, where in 1872 he formed a partnership with his honored preceptor, Judge McMaster, under the firm name of McMaster & Parkhurst. This admirable professional alliance continued without interruption until the death of Judge McMaster, to whom an individual memoir is dedicated on other pages of this work, and thereafter Judge Parkhurst continued in individual practice, retaining a large and representative clientage. In 1897 Governor Black appointed him judge of the state court of claims, and this position he retained until 1901, when he was appointed to the bench of the supreme court of the state, for the seventh judicial district. In 1902 he was elected to this same high office, of which he continued incumbent until his death. The profundity of his legal knowledge and the

eminently judicial cast of his mind made him specially strong as a jurist, and upon the supreme bench he rounded out a career of signal honor and distinction.

In politics Judge Parkhurst accorded an unwavering allegiance to the Republican party, and he was an effective exponent of its principles and policies. From 1889 until 1902 he was chairman of the Republican committee of Steuben county, and from 1889 until his appointment to the supreme bench he served as a member of the Republican state central committee of New York. He was a delegate to the national conventions of his party in 1888, 1892 and 1896, and was one of its recognized leaders in his section of the state. As editor of the Steuben *Courier* from 1890 until he was summoned from the scene of life's mortal endeavors he made that paper an effective exponent of the cause of the Republican party and of the general interests of the community. He wielded much influence in public affairs and also in connection with material enterprises of important order. He was vice-president of the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank of Bath and vice-president of the Bath & Hammondsport Railroad Company. In 1894 he was a delegate from the state at large to the state constitutional convention, in which he served as a member of the judiciary and suffrage committees and as chairman of the committee on county, township and village offices. He was a zealous member of the Presbyterian church, as is also his widow, and was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Judge Parkhurst had traveled extensively in Europe and throughout the United States, and he profited duly by the broadening influences of such diversion. His life was guided on the loftiest plane of integrity and honor and he brought to bear the splendid equipment of a broad intellectuality and high purpose in all the relations of life, so that his career offers both lesson and incentive.

On the 22d of July, 1886, was solemnized the marriage of Judge Parkhurst to Miss Alice A. McMaster, daughter of the late Judge Guy H. McMaster, of whom individual mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Of this union were born two children,—Juliet, who died at the age of eighteen months, and Guy McMaster Parkhurst, who is a member of the class of 1912 in Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York. Mrs. Parkhurst is a prominent and valued factor in connection with the best social activities of her home city, and her home has long been a center of gracious hospitality.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON.—Noteworthy not only as a life-long resident of Steuben county, and the son of a life-long resident of this part of the Empire state, but as one who has performed his full share in advancing the agricultural and industrial prosperity of his community is George W. Johnson, a son of Silas H. Johnson, born in Howard, November 29, 1848.

Born and brought up in Yates county, New York, Silas H. Johnson came to Steuben county in 1843. The following two years he taught school in Howard. He married Adelia Bennett, September 1, 1847. She was the daughter of Benjamin Bennett, one of the first settlers in Howard. They resided for many years on a farm in Howard, and late in life moved to Hornell. Silas H. Johnson died August 7, 1900. His wife survived him but four days. They reared a family of five children: George W. Johnson (subject of this sketch), Frances A., widow of Byron Kysor, Launa M., who died December 16, 1871, in the twentieth year of her age; Clymenia, wife of Daniel S. Kysor of Galesburg, Illinois, and Fred A., who was born May 10, 1861, and died May 1, 1889, unmarried.

George W. Johnson located in Fremont soon after his marriage to Bernice Jane Kysor, and successfully engaged in general farming until 1900, when he moved to the city. He takes an active and intelligent interest in public affairs and is a member of the Hornell Lodge No. 44 of F. & A. M.

Mr. Johnson married in 1872, Bernice Jane Kysor who was born August 22, 1847, at Woodsville, Town of Sparta, Livingston county, New York. Her father, Archibald Kysor, was born in 1805. He was a millwright by trade and he built the J. C. Williams' mill at Dansville; the Ullyette Mill at Woodsville; the Alley Mill at Howard; the Alley Mill at Hornell, and a large sawmill at White Hall, Michigan, and many others. He shipped much of his flour to Albany, by the old Erie Canal. He married Calista H. Sill, and eight children were born to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of three children, namely: Kittie Launa, Adelia Augusta and Jessie Benton.

MORTIMER W. READ is one of the honored and useful citizens of Wheeler, Steuben county, New York. This well-known farmer and jobber was born March 16, 1840, on the old Darius Read farm in Urbana, this county. This Darius Read, grandfather of the subject, when a boy of twelve years came with his father from Massachusetts to Urbana, and near that point the elder gentleman took up a claim of two hundred and five acres of land, which he cleared from the forest and converted into a home for his family. There four generations of the family lived, the great-grandfather and grandfather, as above mentioned, and the subject and his father, both of whom were born on this estate. The father, Thomas M. Read, was born in the old house erected by his forbears and its ancient walls were the first scene upon which the young eyes of Mortimer W. opened. Thomas M. Read married Hannah Hill and became the father of four children and subsequently went west locating at Grand Rapids in the state of Michigan, and working at his trades, carpentering and blacksmithing. His wife, who was a native of Urbana, died October 4, 1854, at the age of thirty-nine years. Thomas M. Read was a veteran of the Civil war in

which he gave valiant service, and he spent his last days in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio, his demise occurring there in 1892 at the age of sixty-nine years. Of the four children born to this hero of the '60s Mortimer W. is the only one who survives.

Mr. Read at a very early age began to make his own way in the world, and not only earned his own living, but also took care of his youngest brother, who was a cripple. He had no school education and at his first enlistment (for he, as well as his father, offered his services in defense of the union) he could neither write, nor read writing, but could read print. His youth was shadowed by the lowering Civil war cloud and very early in that tragic conflict, April 22, 1861, he enlisted at Bath, New York, for two years as a private in Company A, Twenty-third Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Barney A. Hoffman and with his command joined the Army of the Potomac. His faithfulness and efficiency were recognized and in 1862 he was promoted to second sergeant and acted as orderly sergeant until discharged May 12, 1863, when his term expired. He re-enlisted August 24, 1864, in the One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He was orderly sergeant of his company, C, when the company was formed and he was promoted to second lieutenant. While with both regiments he was in every march, battle and skirmish in which they participated, and in his last service was offered promotion to major and lieutenant colonel, but refused both, since accepting these offices meant going into another regiment than the one to whose members and officers he was so loyally attached. During his service with the first named regiment he much improved his education, under the tutelage of his officer, Captain Theodore Schlick, learning to write and figure by helping to keep the company's books. After being mustered out the second time, in June, 1865, he returned to his home in Steuben county, where he has since lived. While he has worked at different trades, his life has been spent chiefly as a farmer, the scene of his latter operations being in Wheeler township, where he has a farm and vineyard. Since 1906 he has been practically retired from active work.

Mr. Reed married Miss Axie Angel, daughter of Alonzo D. and Rachel (Pickett) Angel, of Wheeler, Steuben county, and to them have been given five sons and five daughters, one being deceased. Those living are: Rachel, wife of William Foster; Minnie, wife of Frank Bates; Hannah, wife of Albert Crants; Diantha, wife of A. LaRew, Jr.; Edwin, who married Miss E. M. Crants; Cloa, wife of C. Young; and Ely and Mortimer, Jr., at home. Of those married all are residents of Mitchellville, Steuben county, except Edwin, who lives on a farm in Bath township, this county; and at this writing the grandchildren in the family number eleven. He had six great-grandchildren, but only one is now living.

Mr. Read has membership in the post at Bath of the Grand Army of the Republic, and finds great pleasure in continuing the pleasant relations with the comrades of other days.

HON. JAMES B. DAY, of Hornell, was born in Union, Broome county, New York, March 29, 1847. Abram Day, his father, was a native of Owego, Tioga county, New York, by trade a tailor. He lived and died there, passing away at about the age of forty-seven years, and the family records show that he was a lineal descendant of one of two brothers from Scotland who came early to the colonies, locating, the one in New York, the other in Connecticut. Abram Day married Gertrude Stillman, of German extraction, but a native of the state of New York, who was about fifty years old when she died. She bore her husband a daughter and two sons. All of these children are living. Elias S. is a citizen of Akron, Ohio. Mary is the widow of Charles Cooper, of Binghamton, New York. The subject of this notice was the last born of the three. He was reared and educated at Binghamton, and in 1866, when he was about nineteen years old, went to New York city, where he was for eight years connected with the municipal police department. In 1874 he took up his residence in Hornellsville, engaging in the wholesale wine and liquor business, and he has continued in that branch of trade ever since with much success.

Almost ever since Mr. Day came to Hornellsville he has been active in the local politics of that village and of Hornell, as well as in the politics of his state and of the nation at large. He was the last president of the village of Hornellsville and the first mayor of the city of Hornell, filling the office two successive terms. For five years he was a Democratic state committeeman, and as a member of the national electoral college from New York, he voted for Mr. Cleveland for the office of president of the United States. Since then he has sought so far as has been possible to withdraw from active participation in political work.

Mr. Day has been interested, directly and indirectly, with many important enterprises. As a stockholder and otherwise he has had to do with some of the leading interests of the village and city. In the street railway system of the city he is especially interested, and he is the owner of much valuable real estate. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (Lodge 346 of Hornell), and is identified with the Maennerchoer of the city. He married, in 1872, Jennie L. Twadell and they have three children. He has been a resident of the place, village and city for thirty-six years, and during that long period has been one of the best friends that it has had, always contributing liberally toward its advancement in every way that has appealed to him as practical and likely to prove efficient.

JOHN B. VOGT, JR.—One of the aggressive business men and loyal and public-spirited citizens of the village of Wayland is Mr. Vogt, who is here incumbent of the position of manager of the Schwarzenbach Brewery, which is owned and operated by the Hornell Brewing Company, of Hornell, this state. He is a representative of the third generation of the Vogt family in Steuben county,

where his paternal grandfather located upon his immigration from Germany and where this worthy ancestor secured a tract of land and developed a productive farm, this continuing to be his home until the close of his life.

John Bernard Vogt, Jr., was born in Wayland township, on the 12th of February, 1878, and is a son of John B. and Barbara (Shuster) Vogt, both of whom now reside in Spring Water township, Livingston county, where the father is a prosperous farmer and stock-grower. Of the children seven sons and three daughters are now living: Clara, is the wife of J. Cramer, a farmer of Wayland township; George, is engaged in the merchandise business in Wayland; John B., Jr., is the immediate subject of this sketch; Frank Meton, is identified with the brewing business under the direction of his brother; Peter resides on the home farm; William, is a resident of Atlanta, this county; and Anna, Herman and Irene, remain at the parental home. It may be noted that Peter was a twin of Rosa and that the latter died in infancy, as did also Henry, who was a twin brother of William. John B. Vogt, Jr., is indebted to the public schools of his native county for his early educational discipline and he continued to be identified with the work of the home farm until he had attained to his legal majority when, in 1899, he became associated with a partner and they acted as agents for a Rochester brewery, whose products they distributed in Steuben county and adjacent sections. Mr. Vogt continued to be thus engaged until 1905, on April 3d of which year, he assumed his present position as general manager of the Schwarzenbach Brewery of the Hornell Brewing Company, at Wayland. He has since assumed charge also of the company at Dansville and Cohocton and he now has charge of the distribution of the products of the company for the entire district tributary to these three towns.

Mr. Vogt is uncomprising in his allegiance to the Democratic party and he has been an active worker in its local ranks. Both he and his wife are communicants of St. Joseph's Catholic church in Wayland, where he also holds membership in the local organization of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

On the 18th of June, 1907, Mr. Vogt was united in marriage to Miss Julia Sauerlier, who was born on the 21st of March, 1880, and who is a daughter of Albert and Mary (Meyers) Sauerlier. Mr. and Mrs. Vogt have no children.

O. F. Kiefer is the secretary and manager of the Wayland Cement Works at Wayland, and is one of the progressive and influential men of the city. The cement plant adds much to the wealth and business enterprise of Wayland. It was organized in 1883, as the Thomas Millen and Sons Cement Works, and in 1901 the name was changed to that of Thomas Millen and Company, while in 1909 it underwent another change and has since been known as the Wayland Portland Cement Company. The president of the company is John Kimmel, the vice-president, F. K. Smith,

the treasurer, F. C. Lander and the secretary and manager, O. F. Kiefer. The ground of the works cover a space of two hundred and three acres, while their marl bed covers one hundred acres and reaches a depth of twenty-four feet. The plant furnishes employment to fifty-three operatives, and the Erie, D. L. and W. and the Shawnee Railroads furnish it with splendid shipping facilities.

The secretary and manager of the Wayland Cement Works was born at Cohocton, New York, February 4, 1884, and is a graduate of the high school of his native town with the class of 1900 and of the Rochester Business Institute with the class of 1901. Since then he has been a resident of Wayland. He is the sixth of the eleven children born to Charles and Lena (Wagner) Kiefer, who emigrated from their native Germany to America in 1863 and located in Rochester, moving from there in 1880 to Cohocton in Steuben county. Charles Kiefer is a miller and a first class mechanic, and both he and his wife are living. O. F. Kiefer after coming to Wayland entered the employ of N. Kimmel and Sons as a bookkeeper in their hardware store, and after three years there he became associated with the Wayland Cement Works. During the five years which he has served the corporation as its secretary and general manager he has in many ways increased its value, and he is prominently numbered with this coterie of substantial business men. In 1905 he was married to Miss Florence, a daughter of L. A. Schwan, and a son, Orrin O., has been born to them.

W. W. Babcock.—Among the prominent citizens of Hornellsville, New York, is W. W. Babcock, who takes a prominent part in public affairs and is well established in business. Mr. Babcock was born in the town of Fremont, four miles from his present residence, May 21, 1849, and is a son of James Ross Babcock. James R. Babcock came to Steuben county with his father, James Babcock, when he was eighteen years of age. The latter settled on the Cohocton river and later moved to Buffalo, when it was only a village. James Ross Babcock lived for some time in Cohocton, Ohio, but returned to Steuben county and engaged in business as a contractor and builder, as well as a farmer. He erected a large number of buildings in the county and lived on his farm in Fremont until eighty years of age. He took an active part in local politics and was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church. When he located on his farm there was but two acres of land cleared and he continued the work of clearing and improving it. He owned one hundred and thirty acres. He was of English descent.

James R. Babcock married Ruth Phillips, a native also of Cohocton and she lived to be eighty-five years of age. They were among the early settlers of Steuben county and were very well known. They had six children, of whom five reached maturity. All were born in Steuben county, and W. W. is the oldest son and third child.

The boyhood days of W. W. Babcock were spent in his native place and he was educated in the public schools. He was reared on a farm and carried on his farm in young manhood. When he started business on his own account he began dealing in monuments, working first as traveling salesman for the Field & Alden Granite Company, with whom he remained fourteen years, when he left their employ to engage in business on his own account at his present location. He is an expert in his line, having been engaged in the business as salesman and proprietor about thirty-two years. He has been very successful in establishing himself in the esteem and confidence of the people of his vicinity, and besides this business owns a farm of one hundred and twelve acres near by, which is mostly devoted to grain. He rents this land to good advantage.

Mr. Babcock married December 29, 1870, Electa H. Helmer, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Hannah) Helmer, who was born also in Fremont. Her parents were early settlers of the county and came from Herkimer, New York. Mr. Babcock has two children living: Claud F., a merchant of Hornellsville, and Lela, living at home, supervisor of music in the public schools of the city. One son, Hermie, died at the age of eight years.

Mr. Babcock is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is very active in church work, having been a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church for about fifteen years. He has been a lifelong Republican and has taken great interest in public and political affairs, and has held various offices. He has served as town clerk and commissioner of highways, has been postmaster of Fremont and is now a member of the board of public works of Hornell. He has always supported every cause which he considered for the benefit and welfare of the community, and is looked upon with great respect by all who know him. About 1875, while Mr. Babcock was carrying on his farm, he lost his left arm in a threshing machine. However, in spite of this misfortune he continues in excellent health and is as much interested as ever in matters of public moment.

WILLIAM R. SUTTON, musician and opera house manager, Bath, Steuben county, New York, was born at Avoca, that county, August 10, 1869, a son of George W. and Louisa (Wells) Sutton, natives of Ontario county. With the exception of one half brother, who is living at Naples, New York, he is the only survivor of his family, once well known not only at home but throughout the country wherever good music was appreciated. He attended school at Wallace, near Avoca, till he was seventeen years old and later was for years a member of the Sutton family band, an organization which traveled extensively and met with much success. It was composed entirely of members of the Sutton family and was under the leadership of M. C. Sutton, and George W. Sutton was in active service as a bandmaster twenty-two years.

Returning to Bath Mr. Sutton became connected with the Soldiers' Home Band, of which he was later leader. He was the

leader for a time also of the Forty-Seventh Separate Company Band. In 1909 W. R. Sutton leased the Casino opera house at Bath, one of the best establishments of its class in this part of the state, seating five hundred and fifty persons and giving employment to seven, of which he is making a business success.

Mr. Sutton is a member of the Bath lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has passed all its chairs as well as those of the Encampment and he represented his home lodge in the Grand Lodge of the state. He is identified with the order of Maccabees and is a Red Man and a member of the order of Sons of Veterans. He married Miss Anna R. Murphy, a native of Bristol, England, and a daughter of William and Anna (Howell) Murphy, who brought her to the United States when she was about five years old. Her parents died at Penn Yan, Yates county, where her father was a merchant. Mrs. Sutton has borne her husband two daughters—Marie V., a graduate of the schools of Bath, and Florence Cherry, who was graduated from the Bath high school and is a student at the New York State Normal School at Syracuse, where she was admitted on a scholarship which she won in fair competition.

Mr. Sutton is a man of much public spirit who does his full share in promoting the public welfare and who is confidently looked upon by his fellow citizens for help when it is necessary for some one to take the lead in a movement for the general advancement of the town.

JOHN H. LARRISON.—The great basic industry of agriculture in Steuben county has as one of its most progressive representatives John H. Larrison, who is owner of the well improved landed estate of two hundred and eighty-five acres, eligibly located in Caton township and devoted to diversified agriculture and stock-growing. Mr. Larrison is one of those sturdy citizens who has realized the possibilities of large and definite success in connection with the farming enterprise and his life has been one of action, as shown in his prominence in his chosen field of endeavor. He is one of the substantial and honored citizens of Steuben county, is the largest land holder of Caton township and is a member of the directorate of the Farmers' Alliance & Co-operative Insurance Company, one of the important corporations of this county in this section of the state.

John H. Larrison reverts to the fine old Keystone state as the place of his nativity. He was born in Ridgbury township, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of March, 1853, and is a son of Oscar and Dora (Edgerton) Larrison. Oscar Larrison was born near Dieget Hollow, in Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of February, 1820, and was a son of John Larrison, who was born in Dryden, Tompkins county, New York, and whose wife, Mary (Huntley) Larrison was born June 17, 1805. John Larrison was a son of Theodore Larrison, who was

born on the 26th of August, 1773, and whose wife, Elizabeth Updike, was born on the 29th of July, 1785; their marriage was solemnized on the 27th of November, 1802, and they became the parents of four children: Anna, Jacob, John and Lewis. John and Mary (Huntley) Larrison became the parents of six sons,—Theodore, Oscar, Lewis, Levi, Horace and David. Oscar and Dora (Edgerton) Larrison became the parents of four children, of whom John H., of this review, is the eldest; Amanda is the wife of George T. Davenport; Florence is deceased; and Ethel unmarried.

John H. Larrison was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the public schools of his native township. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to the age of twenty-five years, when he married and initiated his independent career. In 1878, shortly after his marriage, he located upon his present fine homestead where he has continued to reside during the long intervening years and where he has made improvements that have given the place precedence as one of the finest rural estates in Steuben county. As a citizen Mr. Larrison has been essentially progressive and public-spirited and he has been called upon to serve in various local offices of public trust. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Alliance & Co-operative Insurance Company and has been a member of its board of directors since 1894. He is known as a business man of marked ability and in the handling of his various interests his discrimination and progressive ideas have brought to him the most generous measure of success, the while he has maintained a strong hold upon popular confidence and good will.

On the 6th of March, 1878, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Larrison to Miss Julia W. Soule, who was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of May, 1859, and who is a daughter of Seneca Soule, who was born in Onondaga county, New York, being a representative of one of the pioneer families of that section of the Empire state. In conclusion of this brief sketch of one of the sterling citizens of Steuben county is entered brief record concerning his children,—May, who was born on the 23d of December, 1878, is the wife of James H. McLaughlin; Roland S., was born on the 30th of April, 1880; Bertha, who was born on the 23d of January, 1883, is the wife of John Hopkins; Liston E., was born on the 23d of May, 1886; Ruth E., born on the 23d of December, 1888; Irene B., born on the 31st of January, 1890; Florence died at the age of four years; Frank C. was born July 16, 1894; Millicent, October 31, 1897; and Oscar C., born in 1901.

William Wallace Orcutt, a prominent attorney of Bath, New York, who makes a specialty of pensions, was born in Lacona, New York, April 15, 1843, son of Lorenzo and Julia N. (Ward) Orcutt, the former a native of Lacona also.

After acquiring his education in the public schools of Lacona, William W. Orcutt took up the trade of shoemaker, which he learned and followed until 1890, when he removed to Bath. Meanwhile he had been studying law and upon coming to Bath engaged in practice as an attorney. He has met with pleasing success and has gained the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens. His work in the line of pensions has been especially successful.

Mr. Orcutt served in the Civil war as a member of Company H, One Hundred Eighty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, of New York, and participated in several important engagements. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and is prominent in the order. Politically he is a Republican. He is actively interested in public affairs and is highly esteemed for his public spirit and for the valuable service he rendered as a soldier. He is the friend of progress and advancement and has a large circle of friends.

Mr. Orcutt married Melinda J. Buckingham, who was born at Marshall, Michigan, August 5, 1847. The following children have been born to them: Effie Florence, wife of B. DeGroat, a photographer of Bath; John Lorenzo, of Chicago, married Lena Hunn, and they have one child—Tracy; Julia Ward, married William Reynolds, and is now a widow, having two children—Harold and Hobart; Daniel Jasper, a clerk in the employ of the government, at Washington, D. C., married Lila Lewis; William Wallace, Jr., of Buffalo, New York; and Edith and Alice L., twins, the former at home and the latter married F. Dudley, a contractor of Bath, and they have one child—Edith.

Benjamin Jacob Wright, an influential lawyer and justice of the peace, at Hammondsport, New York, was born at Hammondsport, on the 8th of August, 1852, and is a son of John and Lucy (Strong) Wright. The father was born at Naas, county Kildare, Ireland, whence, in company with his wife and family, he immigrated to America about 1850. On landing at Quebec, they made their way to Albany and thence to Hammondsport by canal. Mr. Wright was a gardener by trade, having served a seven years' apprenticeship and having worked as a journeyman in his native land. On his arrival in Steuben county, he early gave his attention to grape-culture and continued to be identified with that line of enterprise until his death, which occurred in 1879, at the age of sixty-six years. Mrs. Wright's father was Joseph Strong, who was high sheriff of county Kildare, Ireland, for fifty-four years. Mr. Strong married a Miss Dunbar and they passed their entire lives in Ireland. Mrs. Wright survives her honored husband and is now residing at Hammondsport, aged eighty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Wright became the parents of thirteen children, three of whom are now living,—Lucy, who is the wife of Judge Hollis; Mary, who married W. H. Edwards, resides at Hammondsport; and Benjamin J., the immediate subject of this review.

Benjamin J. Wright completed the curriculum of the public schools of Hammondsport, was graduated in the home high school

and in the Hammondsport Academy. Thereafter he began the reading of law in the office of his brother, William W. Wright, and he was admitted to the bar of the state. After his marriage, in 1876, he turned his attention to farming and followed that vocation for a period of twelve years, at the expiration of which he established his home in Hammondsport and entered upon the practice of his profession. In 1888 he was elected justice of the peace and he has acted in that capacity during the long intervening years to the present time. He has won a creditable success as a legal practitioner and enjoys the distinction of being the oldest lawyer in point of continuous practice in the northern part of Steuben county. In 1884 he became interested in viticulture and has made a big success of the grape-growing industry. Since 1890 he has devoted considerable attention to a milling enterprise and he has been identified with various other business affairs of broad scope and importance.

In a political way Mr. Wright is an active Republican, zealous for the success of his party and its principles and nominees. He has held important places on the Republican county committee and he has been sent as a delegate to several important party conventions. For twenty-two years, by repeated re-election, he has held the office of justice of the peace. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with various representative organizations and both he and his wife are devout communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church, to whose charitable institutions he has been a most generous contributor. Mr. Wright's brother John was a gallant soldier in the Civil war. He enlisted in Company I, Thirty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry and saw much active service until his death, at Fortress Monroe, after one year in the army. Another brother, William W. Wright, enlisted in Company F, Seventy-eighth New York Volunteer Infantry, in February, 1862. He served under Sherman and was promoted to a captaincy. After valiant and faithful service until the end of the war, he was mustered out in North Carolina. He immediately returned to Hammondsport, where he practiced law during the remainder of his active business career.

In May, 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wright to Miss Mary Irene McLean, who passed to eternal rest in 1895, at the age of forty-two years. She was a daughter of George and Catherine (Riley) McLean, of Prattsburg. George McLean was a lawyer of note in Steuben county and he was a man of the utmost public loyalty and usefulness. Mr. and Mrs. Wright had seven children, five of whom are deceased. Of those living,—Nancy is manager of the Bell telephone office at Hammondsport; Preston, a printer, who resides at Geneva married Esther Sponable and they have a daughter, Grace Martha, seven years of age.

Maurice A. Hoyt, Hammondsport's popular druggist, is a son of Warren J. Hoyt. The latter was born in Litchfield county Connecticut, a son of Ira Hoyt, also a native of the Nutmeg state. He was a prosperous farmer and was gathered to his

fathers in the years 1862, his years numbering seventy-seven. His wife, Anna (Shove) Hoyt, died in 1888, in her ninety-first year. Warren J. Hoyt married Jeanette Manchester, who was born in Chenango county, New York, in 1834. Her parents were Milton and Emeline (Stilson) Manchester. Her father, who was a gardener and basket maker, died in 1884, aged eighty-one years. Her mother died in 1850, aged forty-one years.

Warren J. Hoyt, born in Torington, Connecticut, in 1834, settled at Halsey Valley, Tioga county, New York, and worked there at his trade, that of a cooper, later going into merchandising. In 1881 he came to Hammondsport. Some years before his death he engaged in the vineyard business and became a stockholder in the Hammondsport Cooperage Company. These interests commanded his attention to the end of his life. He was an active Republican, not an office seeker, but a worker for the principles represented by his party. He lived a quiet, Christian life, devoted to the family, and in a public spirited way to the good of the community. His son, Gordon G. Hoyt, is manager of the Hammondsport Cooperage Company.

Maurice Adrian Hoyt was born in Tioga county, New York, April 10, 1874. He began his education in public schools near his home. At fifteen he entered high school at Chicago, Illinois, and also took up the study of pharmacy. A part of his preparation for the business career he contemplated was a six years' clerkship in a drug store. For a time after his return to Hammondsport, he was employed by the Hammondsport Cooperage Company. Then he became local station agent for the Bath & Hammondsport Railway Company. Then, after two years clerkship in the old Hammondsport drug store of James Smellie, he bought the drug store of Hobart J. Moore in 1892 and has since conducted it with much success. He is a man of public spirit, devoted to the upbuilding of the village, and is now a member of the town committee. As a Republican he is an active worker in the local political field and has been called to several town offices. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and helpful to its various interests. He is a Mason, a member of the Blue Lodge, Commandery and Shrine, and has held high office in some of the organizations. He is a member also of the Improved Order of Red Men and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Hoyt married Nancy E. Haight, who was born April 9, 1872, and has borne him one daughter, Mary Lenore, the date of whose nativity was December 2, 1900, and who is now in the fifth grade at school; and one son, Maurice Gilmore, born November 7, 1905. Mr. Hoyt's sisters are Ella, who is Mrs. Lemual Schutt of Halsey Valley, New York; Addie M., the wife of Dr. H. M. Corey of Chicago; and Vesta C., the widow of Lewis B. Scott of Chicago.

JOHN W. CURTIS, a dealer in farm implements at Bath, New York, was born at Hornellsville, Steuben county, January 15, 1864, his father, Samuel R. Curtis, having taken up his residence in this

county in 1860. Here Samuel R. Curtis lived and prospered, carrying on agricultural pursuits, for more than thirty years. He died February 22, 1892. His widow, Martha (Parker) Curtis, daughter of W. G. Parker, is still living, now sixty-nine years of age. To them were born four children, namely: Harry, a farmer at Elmira, New York; William, a mechanic, Buffalo, New York; Agnes, deceased, and John W.

John W. Curtis passed his boyhood on the farm, receiving his education in the schools near his home. He continued farming until, on account of ill health, he sold the home farm and turned his attention to other occupations, finally becoming interested in the sale of farm implements, with Steuben and adjoining counties as his field of operation, in which he is meeting with marked success. And in connection with this business he makes a specialty of buying and shipping potatoes. Previous to his taking up this line of occupation, he was for a time interested in the insurance business at Buffalo.

Mr. Curtis married, in 1890, Miss Emma Rooch. She died in 1902, leaving no issue. His religious creed is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a worthy member.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MARTS, who is now living virtually retired in the attractive little city of Wayland, is a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of Steuben county, though he himself was born in Dansville township, in the adjoining county of Livingston, on the 20th of October, 1838. He is well known in this section of the state and his course has been so guided and governed as to justify the unqualified esteem in which he is uniformly held in the community. Mr. Marts is a son of Daniel Marts, who was born in the home now owned by Judge William Clark, in Wayland township, Steuben county, and the date of whose nativity was May 8, 1816. He was a son of George Marts, who was born in Pennsylvania, of stanch German lineage, and who came from the old Keystone state to Steuben county in an early day, becoming one of the substantial agriculturists of Wayland township, where both he and his wife continued to reside until their death. Of their nine children only G. W. Marts is now living.

Daniel Marts was reared to the sturdy discipline of the pioneer farm and was afforded the advantages of the somewhat primitive schools of the locality and period. As a youth he went to Dansville, Livingston county, where he entered upon an apprenticeship at the trade of paper-making, but one year later he returned to Steuben county and purchased a farm in Wayland township, near the village of the same name. There he continued to be actively engaged in agricultural pursuits for the ensuing seven years, at the expiration of which he sold the farm and removed to the village of Wayland, where he assumed charge of the loading and shipping of lumber for a leading firm engaged in the lumber business at this point. Later he engaged in the draying and general transfer business and also conducted independent operations in the lumber trade,



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with which lines of business he here continued to be actively concerned for seventeen years. After the railroad was completed through the village he found it inexpedient to continued his business, as the railroad provided better facilities for the transfer of freight and produce, and thereafter he lived retired, save that for a number of years he had the supervision of the Wayland cemetery. He was a man of impregnable integrity and ever commanded the unequivocal confidence of all who knew him. His political allegiance was given to the Democratic party and he was an earnest exponent of its principles and policies. He served as poormaster of Wayland township for a number of years and also held other local offices of minor order. He was a most zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was also his wife, and he was specially active in the work of the Sunday-school, in which he was an able and valued teacher for many years. In recognition of his many years of service in connection with the freighting and teaming business prior to the construction of the railroad through Wayland and Dansville the citizens of the latter place presented to him, in 1872, a fine silver watch, which was purchased with money secured by popular subscription and which was given him as a token of confidence and esteem. This watch is now the property of his son George W., of this sketch, and is treasured as a valued heirloom. As a young man Daniel Marts was united in marriage to Miss Martha Wilson, who was born at Loon Lake, Wayland township, this county, on the 24th of May, 1819, and who was a daughter of Jeremiah Wilson, a well known pioneer of this section of the state, where he continued to reside until his death. Daniel and Martha (Wilson) Marts became the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this review is now the only survivor.

George W. Marts was reared to maturity on the home farm and early began to assist in its work, finding ample demand upon his services while still a mere boy and such demands being so insistent as to render it impossible for him to attend school except at intermittent intervals of brief duration. He has, however, effectually overcome this early handicap through the lessons gained under the direction of that wisest of headmasters, experience. He endured his full quota of hardships and privations in his youth, and the record of the family in the early days was that expressed by Lincoln concerning his parents,—"the short and simple annals of the poor." Mr. Marts continued to assist in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to his legal majority and soon afterward he responded to the call of patriotism and higher duty when the integrity of the nation was menaced by armed rebellion. On the 16th of November, 1861, he tendered his services in defense of the Union, by enlisting as a private in Company I, Sixth U. S. Infantry, with which he proceeded to the front and with which he participated in many important engagements, his regiment having been assigned to the Army of the Potomac. One the 7th of July, 1864, he received his honorable discharge, but

on the following day he re-enlisted for three years more as a veteran in the same company and regiment, with which he continued in service until some time after the surrender of General Lee. For some time his regiment was in service on the Pacific coast and other portions of the west, and he took part in numerous conflicts with the Indians while protecting emigrants who were making their way across the plains. During the last three years of his service he was sergeant of his company. His military record is one that redounds to his credit as a loyal soldier and he maintains his association with his old comrades by retaining membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. After the close of his military service Mr. Marts returned to Steuben county, where he was associated with his father in the express and freighting business until 1872, after which he devoted two years to the manufacturing of shingles. Thereafter he was in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company for a time and finally he entered the employ of the firm of Capen & Fowler, engaged in the produce business. For seven years he had charge of the branch establishment of the firm at Atlanta, this county, and he then returned to Wayland, where he had the supervision of the street lights of the village for two years. For five years he was employed at the local station of the Erie Railroad, and for the ensuing four years he was identified with the operations of the Wayland canning factory. Since that time he has lived practically retired, having an attractive home in the village of Wayland, where he is held in uniform confidence and esteem. In politics he gives his allegiance to the Democratic party.

In the year 1876 Mr. Marts was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Fox, who was born and reared in Steuben county, and who is a daughter of the late Jesse Fox. Mr. and Mrs. Marts have no children. Mr. Marts is very active in educational work. He speaks to the school children two or three times each year, and gives liberally of his means to school purposes.

Mrs. Mary E. Platt, widow of the late Cephas F. Platt and mother of state senator Frank C. Platt, is a life-long resident of Painted Post, having been born there June 20, 1831, a daughter of Francis E. Erwin. Her father, also a native of Painted Post, born in 1806, passed his entire life there, identified with leading interests of the community, giving his attention principally to farming and real estate and amassing a considerable fortune for his time, chiefly in land, of which he left about two hundred and fifty acres to each of his five children. His wife was Miss Sophia McCall, born east of Corning, in Steuben county. For a year after their marriage they conducted a public house. That business was not to the taste of either of them, however. They had seven children, of whom five grew to manhood or womanhood and of whom these four are living: Samuel S., Mary E., Platt, Francis, and Mrs. Harriet Wilkes of Bath.

Mrs. Platt was educated at the Troy, New York Seminary. In May, 1852, she married Cephas F. Platt, a native of Otsego county, New York, and they settled down to wedded life in a house which they built at Painted Post that year and in which she has lived ever since. Mr. Platt was a lawyer, a banker and a man of affairs of the best judgment and ability, well and widely known and highly respected wherever known. In the course of his active life he accumulated a fine property including about eighteen hundred acres of good farming land. He died in 1883. Mrs. Platt bore him three children—Mrs. Sophia E. Tousey, Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton of Campbell, Steuben county, and Hon. Frank C. Platt. Her home at Painted Post is one of the most beautiful in that part of the county, and she has always dispensed a generous hospitality that has made it sought by the most refined people in "Old Steuben." The prominence of her late husband and of their son has kept her in touch indirectly with the leading spirits of her part of the state, and those who know her own family speak of her as of pioneer stock.

GUY H. MCMASTER.—One who conferred honor and dignity upon the bench and bar of the Empire state was Judge McMaster, who passed virtually his entire life in the attractive little city of Bath and who ever commanded the affectionate regard and high esteem of the people of Steuben county. His character was the positive expression of a strong and noble nature and he left upon the annals of his native state the record of distinguished service as a legist and jurist and as a man he "kept himself unspotted of the world."

Judge Guy H. McMaster was born at Clyde, Wayne county, New York, on the 31st of January, 1829, and he died at Bath, Steuben county, on the 13th of September, 1887. He was a son of Judge David and Adeline (Humphreys) McMaster, who removed from Wayne county to Bath, Steuben county, when he was about one year of age. Here he was reared to maturity and here he continued to maintain his home until he was summoned from the scene of life's mortal endeavors. He received excellent educational advantages in his youth and in 1847, when eighteen years of age, he was graduated in Hamilton College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was a member of the same class as were Senator Joseph R. Hawley, Charles Dudley Warner and Colonel Emmons Clark. Soon after leaving college Judge McMaster began the study of law and in 1852 he was admitted to the bar. He forthwith engaged in the active practice of his profession in Bath and for some time he was associated in practice with Colonel Charles W. Campbell, as was he later with Hon. Clark Bell. For the last twenty years he was senior member of the firm of McMaster & Parkhurst, the junior member of which was his son-in-law, the late Judge John F. Parkhurst, to whom a memoir is dedicated on other pages of this work. In 1863 Judge

McMaster was elected to the office of county judge and surrogate of Steuben county and at the expiration of his first term, in 1867, he was elected for another term of four years. In 1877 he was elected to the same dual office for a term of six years. In 1883 when the offices of county judge and surrogate were separated, he was elected surrogate for a term of six years and he was nominated for this office by acclamation. As surrogate he had no superior in the state. His knowledge of the minutia of the science of jurisprudence and of precedent was of the most profound order and his knowledge of surrogate practice was specially ample and accurate so that he was able to define clearly the duties and liabilities of administrators, executors and guardians. On the bench he was invariably dignified, courteous and forbearing and these qualities won to him the admiration and high regard of lawyers, litigants, witnesses and jurors. He frequently interfered to shield flurried witnesses from unnecessary annoyance at the hands of attorneys. His rulings were given with promptness and clarity of diction and so accurate were his judgment and knowledge of the law that during the fourteen years that he presided upon the bench of the county court no new trial was ever ordered by the supreme court in any case tried by him. Judge McMaster identified himself with the Republican party at the time of its organization and ever continued an able and effective exponent of its principles and policies. He was a devout member of the Presbyterian church, as was also his wife, and he found his greatest solace and pleasure in the associations of an idyllic home. He was a man of exalted character and, knowing well the springs of human thought and motive, he was tolerant and charitable in his judgment of his fellow men, ever striving to aid and uplift those who needed such succor and being specially earnest in his charities and benevolences. He was a man of fine literary ability and appreciation and his reading covered a wide realm of classical and modern literature. He had great poetical talent and was the author of many poems that are chaste and beautiful in thought and metrical form. These alone would give him enduring reputation as a man of great literary genius. His published work, "Carmena Bellicosum," contains many poetical gems and the work has met with high commendation on the part of both critics and lovers of poetry.

In 1853 was solemnized the marriage of Judge McMaster to Miss Amanda Church, daughter of Robert W. Church, of Bath. Mrs. McMaster was summoned to the life eternal on the 29th of November, 1883, and of their four children three are living—Humphrey, who is at the present time clerk in the office of the surrogate of Steuben county at Bath; Alice, who is the widow of Judge John F. Parkhurst and who resides at Bath, and Katharine, a resident of Bath. As has been stated, a review of the life of Judge Parkhurst appears elsewhere in this work.

WILLIAM J. BRUNDAGE.—As a scion of old and honored families of the central eastern part of the Empire state and as one of the representative business men of Steuben county, Mr. Brundage is well entitled to recognition in this publication. He is prominently identified with viticulture and wine manufacturing and is the owner of a fine vineyard in Urbana township, besides which he is a stockholder in the Urbana Wine Company. His postoffice address is Keuka.

Mr. Brundage was born in Urbana township, Steuben county, on the 2nd of August, 1864, and is the only child of David J. and Anna J. (Douglass) Brundage. The father became one of the successful representatives of the agricultural industry in Yates county, where he owned a finely improved farm of two hundred acres, upon which he continued to reside until his death. He was a stanch Republican in his political proclivities, having been influential in local affairs in Yates county and having ever commanded the unqualified esteem of all who knew him.

William J. Brundage is indebted to the public schools of Yates county for his early educational discipline and he continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to the age of twenty-four years. After the death of his father he assumed charge of the old homestead, of which he has since maintained a general supervision. This farm comprises two hundred acres and is one of the valuable places of this section of the state. Mr. Brundage is a stockholder in the Urbana Wine Company and he is also actively identified with the grape-growing industry and with diversified agriculture on the old home farm lying on the border near the line dividing Yates and Steuben counties, besides which he owns his fine vineyard near Keuka, in Urbana township, Steuben county. Mr. Brundage is known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen and while he has never had any aspiration for political office he accords a stanch support to the Republican party. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, is a bachelor and is recognized as one of the successful business men and sterling citizens of his native county.

CHARLES A. AVEY.—After having been successfully identified with agricultural pursuits for more than a quarter of a century Mr. Avey is now living virtually retired in the attractive little village of Wayland, though he still retains the ownership of his fine homestead farm, located in Springwater township, Livingston county, near the border of Steuben county. He is well known throughout this section of the state, where the major part of his life has been passed, and his course has been such as to entitle him to the unequivocal confidence in which he is held.

Mr. Avey was born at New York on the 12th of February, 1865, and is a son of Chester and Henrietta (Milliman) Avey, the former of whom was born in Steuben county. Chester Avey was a son of Andrew Avey, who removed to Steuben county from

Pennsylvania and who became one of the prosperous farmers of the county, where he continued to reside until his death. Chester Avey gained his initial experience in connection with the work of the home farm and received such advantages as were afforded in the common schools of the locality and period. As a youth he learned the carpenter's trade, as well as that of painter, to both of which he devoted his attention until his death, which occurred at Dansville, Livingston county, in 1875, at which time he was forty-two years of age. His wife was summoned to the life eternal in 1883, at the age of fifty-six years. She was a daughter of Nicholas Milliman, who passed his declining years in the home of his grandson, Charles A. Avey, of this review, and who died at the venerable age of eighty-six years. Of the children of Chester and Henrietta (Milliman) Avey, Charles A. is the younger of the two surviving, and his sister, Mary, is the wife of John Moore, of Flint, Michigan.

Charles A. Avey was about ten years of age at the time of his father's death and about three years later, in 1878, he accompanied his sister and her husband to Michigan, where he remained until 1883 and where he continued his studies in the public schools. He then returned to his native state and entered the high school at Dansville, where he continued his studies until he had attained to the age of eighteen years. Thereafter he was a successful and popular teacher in the district schools for a period of four years, thus putting his scholastic attainments to practical use after his graduation in the Dansville high school. After his retirement from the pedagogic profession he assumed the management of the farm of his maternal grandfather, Nicholas Milliman, in Springwater township, Livingston county, and of this fine property he eventually became the owner. He made many improvements on the place and brought it up to the highest standard of productiveness. There he continued to reside until 1910, when he rented the farm and removed to the village of Wayland, Steuben county, where he purchased an attractive residence property and where he is now living essentially retired, enjoying the rewards of former years of earnest toil and endeavor. He still gives a general supervision to his farm, which yields him a satisfactory income. Mr. Avey has never been animated with aught of ambition for public offices but he is found aligned as a stanch supporter of the cause of the Republican party and he has not denied his influence and co-operation in the support of measures and enterprises tending to advance the general welfare, both civic and material. He is not formally identified with any religious organization but is a liberal supporter of the United Evangelical church, of which Mrs. Avey is a member.

In the year 1890 Mr. Avey was united in marriage to Miss Ida Lawrence, who was born and reared in Springwater township, Livingston county, and who is a daughter of Ira and Julia (Lewis) Lawrence, who continued to reside in that county until their death,

the father having been a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Avey have one daughter, Olive, who was born August 30, 1892, and who is now employed as a bookkeeper and stenographer at Hornell, Steuben county. She is a graduate of Maple City Business College.

ADELBERT FERRY.—A prosperous citizen and a successful lawyer, this well known gentleman of Hornell counts his friends throughout Steuben county and in many of the towns and villages of surrounding counties. He has been thus far a life-long resident of Hornellsville and of the city of Hornell, having been born in the old village, November 16, 1854. His father, Silas Ferry, born in Almond, in the neighboring county of Allegany, came to Hornell about 1850. His drug store was, if not the pioneer of its class, one of the early drug stores in the village. He was later a merchant in other lines and gave some attention to farming. He traced his ancestry to French-Scotch sources. Combining the amiability of the Frenchman with the hard business sense of the Scotchman he made friends and prospered well, considering his time and opportunities. He lived to be about sixty-six years old.

Silas Ferry, of whom somewhat extended mention has just been made, married Cyrena Stephens, a native of Hornellsville and a daughter of Colonel John R. Stephens. That gentleman was of English extraction, a lineal descendant of one of three brothers of the name who were among the pioneers in southern central New York. There is a family tradition that two of them were passengers on the historic Mayflower of blessed memory. So far as Hornell itself is concerned Colonel Stephens was himself one of its pioneers. He was the first town clerk at Hornellsville and was several times elected supervisor and from time to time filled other important offices. In other fields than local politics he was active. His was one of the earliest frame houses erected in the village. In Masonry he was one of the most influential of the early leaders. For eighteen successive years he was master of his lodge; for twenty-six years, from June 25, 1875, when his chapter was organized, he was its high priest. His daughter, wife of Silas Ferry and mother of Adelbert Ferry, died when she was sixty-six years old.

Adelbert Ferry, only child of Silas and Cyrena (Stephens) Ferry, received his English education in the public schools at Hornell and in select schools at Greenville, Pennsylvania. In 1873 he began the study of law in the offices of Hakes and Stephens and in 1876 was admitted to the bar, having been duly graduated from the Albany, New York, law school. He began the practice of his profession at Dalton, Livingston county, but remained there only a few months. From there he removed to Hornellsville, where he devoted a part of his time to farming. He owns a farm of one hundred and thirty acres two miles from Hornell and another of sixty acres on Bull Hill, besides real estate in Hornell and some valuable lots on the Arkport road. He resumed his law practice

in 1907 and has met with good success. Throughout the county he is well and favorably known as a man of influence, and he was a stanch Republican up to 1910, when he decided to join the ranks of Democracy. In Masonic circles his position is high. He is a member of Hornell Lodge, No. 331, Free and Accepted Masons, of Steuben Chapter, No. 101, Royal Arch Masons, of Hornellsville Council, No. 135, Royal and Select Masters of De Molay Commandery, No. 22, Knights Templars, and of Damascus Temple, Rochester, New York. He is eminent in lodge and encampment in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His public spirit renders him helpful and popular as a citizen.

HON. MILO M. ACKER, lawyer and man of affairs, was born at Hartsville, New York, October 3, 1853, of German-American parentage. Until he attained his majority he worked for his father during the farming season and found employment in the lumber woods during the remainder of the year, devoting what little spare time he had to study. He saved money enough to keep him awhile at Alfred University, and was enabled to take up the duties of life well equipped educationally for all responsibilities.

In 1879 and 1880 Mr. Acker was supervisor of Hartsville. In 1881 he began the study of law in the office of Judge Hakes at Hornellsville. He was admitted to the bar in 1883 and became a member of Judge Hakes' law firm in 1885. In 1886 Mr. Acker served as recorder of Hornellsville. He was four times elected to represent his district in the state legislature and held many prominent places on important committees. In 1890 he was chairman of the judiciary committee. In 1891 he was Republican candidate for the speakership and therefore leader of the Republicans in the house. He was recognized as one of the best debaters in the assemblies of which he was a member.

Mr. Acker was a member of the State Constitutional convention in 1894 and of its committee on rules. Since 1904 he has been a member of the State Water Supply Commission. He has served on the board of education of his home city, as trustee of the public library, the Farmers' Club, the First National Bank and the First Presbyterian church, and on the governing boards of several private clubs. In 1890 he married Mary W. Clarke of Brattleboro, Vermont.

NANCY SMITH.—Among the most intelligent and capable women of Steuben county, New York, is Nancy Smith, living in the village of Bath, a member of a family that has been prominent in the region for more than a hundred years. The emigrant ancestor of this family was Andrew Smith, who came from Scotland in 1791 as secretary for Captain Williamson. He settled at Bath, New York, in 1793, purchasing the present old Smith homestead near Bath, where he took up three hundred and sixty-five acres of land. He died on this farm in 1837 at the age of seventy-five years. The fifth generation is now living on the homestead. Andrew Smith

married Elizabeth Lewis, a native of Orange county, New York, and they had six children, the youngest son of whom was Andrew. Mr. Smith was one of the earliest to settle east of Bath, and was one of the sturdy pioneers who helped in first developing and improving the community. He was well read and well educated for his time and locality. In religion he was a Presbyterian.

Andrew Smith, Jr., the youngest son of Andrew and Elizabeth Smith, was born near Bath, and after receiving his education worked at various occupations for several years. He died in 1852 at the age of forty-six. He married Maria Doyle, who was born at Bath, a granddaughter of Samuel Doyle, also a pioneer. She was reared by her grandparents, Samuel and Mary Doyle. Mrs. Smith died in 1889, at the age of eighty-four years. She and her husband had two sons and two daughters, namely: Charles, died in infancy; Joseph, died in the Civil war; Elizabeth, deceased, and Nancy.

Nancy Smith was born in 1836 near the old homestead near Bath. She received her education in Haverling High School and taught school twenty-two years, beginning in 1852. She lived with and took care of her mother until the latter's death. Miss Smith taught also in select school and in private families and is well known and highly esteemed by all who know her. Miss Smith reputation for ability in her profession and was very fond of it. She is an active worker in the interests of the Presbyterian church, of which she is a member. Miss Smith is unmarried. She is well versed in the early history of the county and feels justly proud of the part taken by her family in promoting the general welfare of the community. There are eleven of the Smith family of the third generation still living. Miss Smith has now retired from active life and for many years has lived quietly, though she keeps well informed on the current topics and issues of the day.

William Henry Greenhow.—One of the most able and enlightened exponents of the fourth estate, not only in Steuben county but in this part of the New York as well, is William Henry Greenhow, editor of that excellent sheet, the *Hornell Tribune*. Mr. Greenhow has directed its destinies fully forty years, conducting it on broad and liberal lines, and standing as it does for clean principles and ideals it is one of the most potent contributors to the high prestige enjoyed by Hornell as a community.

By the circumstance of birth Mr. Greenhow is a Pennsylvanian, his birth having occurred in the city of Philadelphia, November 13, 1845, but by parentage and descent he is British. The father, John Greenhow, was born in Kendall, England, and chose as his wife Mary Frodsham, of St. Helens, England, their union being celebrated in Galena, Illinois. The father followed the trade of a printer in the old country, and after his emigration to this, became an editor and clergyman. His father was a teacher of Latin and mathematics and managed a large estate in Westmoreland, Eng-

land. One of his sons became a teacher of classic languages and mathematics in Windsor College in his twenty-third year, but what promised to be a brilliant career was cut short by his untimely death in that very year. John Greenhow, convinced that greater opportunity awaited a young man in a land of newer civilization than Great Britain, considered going to Australia, but finally decided in favor of America, for which he sailed with his particular lares and penates, landing on these shores about the year 1842. New Orleans was the first American city which his eyes beheld and he visited and lived in many sections of the United States and Canada, settling in Hornell in 1870, and remaining in this favored section of Steuben county until the year 1892.

When Mr. Greenhow was very young his parents removed to Canada and his earliest experiences were of farm life. He received public school advantages, pursuing the usual course of studies, and supplementing this most effectively by a self-imposed study and omniverous reading. In 1866, about the time at which he arrived at his majority, Mr. Greenhow joined his father in the publication of the *Canastota* (New York) *Herald,* and finding the work congenial, in 1870 acquired the *Hornellsville* (then so-called) *Tribune.* Almost from the beginning a course of improvements was inaugurated. In 1873 the *Tribune* was made a tri-weekly and in 1878 it took its place among the New York dailies. Charles F. Peck, later New York state commissioner of labor, purchased the elder Mr. Greenhow's interest in the paper, the firm being known as Greenhow & Peck. This proved to be a stormy period, for Peck was aggressive in his writings and the instigator of much wrath. He was burned in effigy at one time, was horsewhipped by a woman at another and several libel suits occurred. Mr. Greenhow purchased Peck's interest in 1884 and a more serene and peaceful regime ensued. It was conducted under his name alone until January 1, 1909, when the paper was incorporated under the name of the W. H. Greenhow Company, of which Mr. Greenhow is president and editor-in-chief. Mr. Greenhow enjoys to the utmost the confidence of his associates and during the Cleveland administration, from 1886 to 1891, he gave efficient service as postmaster of Hornell, establishing the free delivery service here. He also served as town clerk for four years, his term of office expiring in 1878.

Mr. Greenhow is devoted to the principles of the Democratic party, being willing to do anything in his power for the cause. He is very liberal in his treatment of the public's affairs, nevertheless, and has assumed a most admirable attitude toward the representatives of the opposition party. Having the only newspaper in Hornell he has conducted it on broad public and liberal lines, and seeking to deserve the respect of his neighbors he has been entirely successful in the attainment of this laudable ambition. The years have brought a host of competitors. Many of them were experienced newspaper men with ample resources, but none were able to establish a solid foothold, owing to popular support of Mr.

Greenhow and the impossibility of making more than one penny paper pay in Hornell.

On June 23, 1886, Mr. Greenhow laid the foundations of a household of his own and a congenial life companionship, the lady to become his wife being Helen M. Stephens, daughter of Hon. Obadiah Stephens. They have one daughter, Olive, now Mrs. Louis H. Buisch, of Fairbanks, Alaska, where the Rev. Mr. Buisch is rector of St. Matthew's church.

Mr. Greenhow, while an ardent partisan of the Democratic faith, is recognized as being very fair to the opposition, allowing its representatives access to the columns of his newspaper and ample notices of their meetings. More than that the proceedings of those meetings are reported exactly as though they were Democratic meetings and speakers, by personal instruction to reporters, and statements of speakers are subject to fair editorial criticism. This gives advocates of both sides of a controversy a hearing from every element in the entire community, an advantage they could not have in a personal organ with a limited circulation.

Mr. Greenhow's business connections in the city are extensive. He is a stockholder in each of the three city banks and a director in two and is connected with other enterprises. He is a director in the Maple City Land Company, an enterprise established by public-spirited citizens to provide houses for Erie Railroad employes to secure additions to the extensive shops of that company in Hornell. He is also a director in the Chamber of Commerce. He is connected with several fraternal societies and is associated with the Episcopal church. In 1901 Mr. Greenhow organized the now very successful "New York Associated Dailies," an organization embracing forty-five daily papers in the state outside the metropolitan cities, and was for the first three years president thereof. In 1909, while absent in Alaska, he was elected president of the New York State Press Association, embracing three hundred in its membership, and presided at the annual convention in Saratoga in 1910, the efficiency of his services being recognized by the members by a handsome gift at the close.

GEORGE L. PRESTON, M. D.—Secure in the enjoyment of great personal and professional popularity in Steuben county and Canisteo, a citizen of high ideals and prominent in other circles than his honored profession is Dr. George L. Preston. He is a native son of Steuben county, his birth having occurred here April 18, 1861. He is the son of Elisha W. Preston and his wife, Martha J. Preston.

Dr. Preston was educated in Canisteo Academy and early chose the medical profession as his life work. To this end he entered the Eclectic Medical College of New York city and was graduated from that famous institution in 1882, having just attained to his majority. He began his practice in Italy, Yates county, New York, and his residence there was of nearly eighteen years

duration. In 1901 he removed to his native town of Canisteo and has ever since continued here in the active practice of his profession. Dr. Preston is by no means one of those who are content to let well enough alone and in 1886 he took a post graduate course in the New York Post-Graduate College, specializing on the eye, ear, nose and throat. In 1900 he again took post graduate work, this time in the Johns Hopkins Hospital of Baltimore, Maryland, upon this occasion devoting his attention to the diseases of women and surgery, as well as in the lines in which he had previously specialized, the eye, ear, nose and throat.

Ever since coming to Canisteo in 1901 Dr. Preston's practice has been on the increase and it is now one of the largest in Steuben county, while in addition to this he is medical examiner for several life insurance companies. He is not inexperienced in public office and for two terms in Yates county held the position of coroner. He is a Mason of high standing, a loyal adherent of the policies and principles of the Republican party, and a Unitarian.

Dr. Preston has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Carrie Jamison, daughter of Daniel Jamison, a prominent citizen of Canisteo, where her birth occurred June 15, 1860. She was educated in the Canisteo Academy and was married to Dr. Preston March 7, 1888, her death occurring January 13, 1895. One son is the issue of their union, J. Louis Preston, born in Italy, New York, February 5, 1889. He graduated from the high school of Canisteo in 1909 and is at present attending the University of New York and Bellevue Medical College, it being his intention to follow in the parental footsteps in the matter of a profession. Dr. Preston's second wife was, previous to her marriage, Miss Alice Jamison, daughter of Eugene Jamison, and born in Oakland, Livingston county, New York, March 7, 1879. They were married September 24, 1902, and have one daughter, Eugenia, born July 25, 1904. Dr. Preston is a lover of outdoor life and he finds no small amount of diversion in the breeding of high grade poultry, having had great success in this line of endeavor.

Dexter M. White, a farmer of Bath, Steuben county, is a son of Russell White and was born in Fremont, Steuben county, February 17, 1865. The father, also a native of Fremont, is still living, aged seventy-three years. Besides Dexter M., he had children as follows: Celinda, Amos, Eben, Mary, George, Merrit and Carrie, and Charles, who died in infancy. Eben is a doctor of medicine and lives in Washington; Mary is a member of her father's household; George is a farmer living in Cortland county, New York; Merrit, a farmer, lives at Belmont, Allegany county; Carrie is a trained nurse in Washington; Celinda is the wife of L. D. Harrington, an upholsterer at 33 Genesee street, Hornell.

Dexter M. White was educated in the public schools and at the age of twenty-one began farming for himself. Later he was for five years in the agricultural implement business, living for

one year in Chicago. Returning to Ithaca, New York, he took the dairy course at Cornell University, after which he accepted a position as manager of a large dairy farm in New Britain, Connecticut. Thence he went to Lake George, New York, where he was for a year superintendent of a large farm. Marrying, he settled on his present home farm in 1899 and has since devoted himself to breeding Holstein cattle and also Yorkshire swine. At the New York state fair of 1907 he won every first champion and grand champion that he exhibited, also champion for breeder, same for exhibitor as well as the American Yorkshire special.

Mr. White married Miss Carrie B. Bowlby, daughter of John Bowlby. She was born in 1875. He has children as follows: Lydia, aged nine; Erwin, aged five; Helen, aged three; Chester, an infant. Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the Presbyterian church. He is a member of the Grange. He has a world wide reputation as a breeder of Holsteins and was superintendent of the horse department at the New York state fair at Syracuse four years. He has no time for active political work, but has pronounced views on all questions of public moment, town, county and national. As a public-spirited citizen he is reputed to be at all times ready to aid to the extent of his ability any movement having for its object the enhancement of the well-being of any considerable number of his fellow citizens.

JOSEPH W. LEBART.—Many of the most energetic, enterprising and prosperous business men of the Empire state are of foreign birth and breeding, and bring with them to this country the habits of industry, economy and thrift characteristic of their ancestors, and in the land of their adoption meet with recognized success in their undertakings. Noteworthy among this number is Joseph W. Lebart, of Bath. A native of sunny Italy, he was born June 24, 1882, in Alessandria, a son of Cosimi Lebart.

The descendant of an old and honored Italian family, Cosimi Lebart was born sixty years ago in Alessandria, Italy, and has there spent his entire life, being an extensive landowner and a most successful stockman. He married Orazia Lici, who was born in Italy in 1850, the descendant of a family distinguished as large landholders. Her father, Tony Lici, lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and two years. Five children were born to Cosimi Lebart and wife, as follows: Rosa, wife of James Dispam, a farmer and wine grower in Dunkirk, New York; William, a shoe merchant in Italy; Carrie, wife of Joseph Terrace, a commission merchant in Italy; Bert, engaged in the shoe business as a merchant in Elmira, New York, and Joseph, of this sketch.

Leaving school at the age of fifteen years, Joseph W. Lebart assisted in the care of the parental estate for five years. Desirous then of trying the hazard of new fortunes, he emigrated to America, locating in Rochester, New York, where he carried on a substantial business as a caterer for awhile. In 1908 he took up his

residence in Bath, where he still follows his occupation of a caterer, being also engaged in other enterprises of a financial nature, buying and selling, and otherwise successfully speculating. He is a man of fine character and habits, and a conscientious member of St. John's Catholic church.

GEORGE HOLLANDS.—An able exponent of the progressive spirit that has caused Hornell to forge ahead so rapidly as an industrial and commercial center is George Hollands, of the house of George Hollands & Sons, druggists, at Hornell, Steuben county, New York. He was born in Sussex, England, January 9, 1841, and is a son of William and Charlotte Hollands, both of whom were likewise natives of England. With a family of six children they emigrated to the United States in 1850 and located at Mansfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Four more children were born to them after their arrival in this country. At the age of eleven years George Hollands entered the home of a respectable farmer, with whom it was understood he was to live during his minority, giving his services in return for board and clothing, in addition to which he was to receive one hundred dollars and a suit of clothes when he attained to his legal majority. His term of service would have expired in 1862 but in 1861, at the time of the inception of the Civil war, he responded immediately to President Lincoln's call for volunteers by enlisting in Company B, One Hundred and First Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He continued in service until the close of the war and participated in many of the most important battles marking the progress of that sanguinary conflict. At the battle of Fair Oaks, May 30, 1862, he was wounded, and on April 20, 1864, he, together with his entire regiment, was taken prisoner. At the surrender at Plymouth, North Carolina, he was taken to Andersonville prison in Georgia and later was transferred to the Florence prison in South Carolina, where he was held in duress until the following December, when his exchange was effected. In April, 1865, on his way south from Annapolis, Maryland, he was shipwrecked on the Potomac River while en route to rejoin his regiment and was saved only by clinging to a mast all night. In the morning he was picked up in an exhausted condition by a gunboat. Thus in many ways he risked his life in the cause of his country and in July, 1865, he received his honorable discharge and was mustered out of service, having risen from the rank of private to the office of first lieutenant. Mr. Hollands retains a deep and abiding interest in his old comrades in arms and signifies the same by his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Soon after the close of the rebellion Mr. Hollands initiated his independent business career as a grocer, becoming a member of the firm of Hollands & Fletcher, of Hornell, New York. This concern occupied the old "Mammoth Store" opposite the park and the partnership continued until the autumn of 1866, when Mr. Hollands returned to Pennsylvania and entered into business in Full Brook and Morris Run, Pennsylvania. In 1871, however, he

again established his home in Hornell, where he has continued to reside during the long intervening years to the present time. He engaged in the drug business and the passage of time has witnessed the growth of his establishment until today the house of George Hollands & Sons is recognized as one of the largest and most progressive of its class in the county. In connection with the drug business Mr. Hollands was one of the organizers of the Hornell Sanitarium Company, which was incorporated under the laws of the state and of which he was for some time treasurer and a director. His prominence in connection with the building of the Hornell court house is a matter of public history.

In politics Mr. Hollands is aligned as a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor and he has ever been on the alert and enthusiastically in sympathy with all measures and enterprises projected for the general welfare of the community. Prior to the incorporation of the city of Hornell he served for a period of six years as trustee of the village. In 1879 he was elected county superintendent of the poor for Steuben county, retaining this incumbency for a period of three years, and in 1886 he served as a member of the board of supervisors of Hornellsville. In 1891 he was given further mark of public confidence and esteem in that he was then elected sheriff of Steuben county and for three years he administered the affairs of this office in a manner that won for him commendation as a model sheriff. In 1906 he was elected supervisor of the first supervisors district of the city to fill out the term of Mr. W. G. Masterman, who had been elected county treasurer, and he was re-elected again in 1907 for the term of two years and proved himself a very capable official. He is affiliated with various fraternal and social organizations of representative character and, as already noted, he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, holding membership in Doty Post, No. 226, of which he was commander in 1889-90, and at present is its commander. Both he and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the different departments of whose work they have been most active factors.

On the 2nd of January, 1866, Mr. Hollands was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Bailey, who was born and reared near Mansfield, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Hollands became the parents of five children, namely: Minnie, the wife of Charles A. Smith, of Middletown, New York; Eva and Robert, deceased, their deaths having occurred in October, 1876. George, Jr., who was born November 1, 1875, and Burr R., born June 5, 1878, are both now residents of this city and both of whom are now associated with their father in the drug, book and stationery business.

It is to such men as Mr. Hollands that Hornell owes her advancement to a proud position among the interior cities of the state. The present status of the city was not gained without hard work by the best citizens, without liberal helpfulness from leaders

in all lines. Mr. Hollands has contributed in generous measure to the civic and material development and progress and as a public official he has well served his fellow citizens. To every demand upon him he has responded with fine ability and admirable integrity, the spirit that prompted him to make sacrifices for the defense of his country having dominated him through life.

MRS. SARAH EDWARDS HARLOW was born at Bath, Steuben county, New York, June 5, 1847, a daughter of James R. Dudley. Her father was a native of Bath, born November 5, 1816. He was a son of John and Elizabeth Dudley from Maine, who settled early at Bath, where Grandfather Dudley won success as a farmer and became a man of influence in the town and county. After leaving school James R. Dudley, who was well educated for his time, was in the mercantile business till he accepted a place as bookkeeper in Cook's Bank. He became prominent as a citizen and in political circles as a Republican, was active and helpful in the work of the Presbyterian church and was an earnest temperance leader. He married, April 2, 1844, at Bath, Clarissa Roe Edwards, born in Elmira, New York, December 25, 1820, a daughter of George C. and Hannah Edwards, the father born at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, September 21, 1787. Mr. Edwards, who was an able lawyer, gained high standing at the Chemung county bar, but removed to Bath in 1821. In 1827 he was appointed the first judge of the court of common pleas of Steuben county. He married Hannah Carpenter. He passed away November 18, 1837, she surviving him till in 1877. He was a great-grandson of Jonathan Seeley Edwards.

Besides Mrs. Harlow the children of James R. Dudley are: Hannah E., of Bath; William Dudley, a jeweler, Canisteo, New York; John M. Dudley, a member of the stock exchange of New York and a resident of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Miss Sarah Dudley married Dr. James Stratton Harlow, who died in 1875, aged thirty-four years, having attained high standing as a physician and surgeon. He was a son of the Rev. James M. and Abby (Osborne) Harlow, pastor of the Bath Presbyterian church, 1863-68. Dr. and Mrs. Harlow had three children, two of whom died in infancy. The other is Agustin De Peyster Harlow of New York city. It is a matter of record that Dr. Harlow became a member of the Steuben County Medical Society in 1865. He was educated in medicine at the Buffalo Medical College and was in practice at Bath several years. After that he practiced about two years in New York, then sought health unavailingly at Colorado Springs, Colorado. He was a Presbyterian and a member of the Masonic order. For a time he held the office of adjutant in the New York state militia.

Miss Hannah Edwards Dudley, Mrs. Harlow's sister, was born at Bath September 17, 1850. She has been practically all her life a member of the Presbyterian church.



Chas Oliver Jones.

MISS MARY L. NOBLE was born on the old Noble farm May 16, 1856, a daughter of Martin William Noble, who was born in Otsego county, New York, in 1828, a son of Lay and Lucinda Noble. His parents came to Bath, where his father worked for a time as a cabinet maker. When they moved on the first Noble homestead near the home where Miss Noble was born he was but a child. There Lay Noble improved a fine place and prospered as a farmer and he died in 1879 at Bath, aged seventy-nine years, having been born in 1800. He was a man of influence in his time, a Whig and later a Republican, who was active in all work looking to the development of his town and county, but never sought nor accepted public office. In his religious affiliation he was an Episcopalian.

Martin W. Noble was educated in common schools near his boyhood home and was brought up as a farmer's boy of all work, in which capacity he learned in a very practical way about all that was to be known about tilling the soil in the time and locality. After the farm came to him he added to it and improved it in many ways. He prospered not alone as a farmer but as a stock raiser and shipper and as a wool buyer. Indeed, he was one of leading stockmen in the county. His farm came eventually to comprise two hundred acres. He married Lucinda Hunter, born in 1830, a daughter of Peter and Lucinda (Dimmick) Hunter, natives respectively of Bath and of Orange county, New York. Mr. Dimmick was a prominent farmer and stock raiser, a Republican and a member of the Universalist church.

Martin W. and Lucinda (Hunter) Noble had the daughter mentioned above and two sons. Their son, Clarence H. Noble, is a farmer owning the Noble homestead. Their son, Albert Lay Noble, is a lawyer at Winfield, Kansas. Miss Noble, after completing her regular school course, was a student at the Clifton Springs Female Seminary. Her life has been devoted to her parents. Her father died May 23, 1900, and her mother April 11, 1909. She is a member of the Episcopal church and a useful and popular member of society.

CHARLES OLIVER JONES.—This name will be recognized as that of one of the earliest and most conspicuous victims of the airship, which seems destined to kill off many of its inventors and devotees before it is brought to safety and to practical utility. Mr. Jones was born in Wayne county, Illinois, June 27, 1867. His father was John Jones, who lived some years at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was a river boss on steamboats for the Wineford Coal Company. Later he moved to Illinois, where he farmed as long as he lived. He married Ellen Van Pelt, mother of the late Charles Oliver Jones, and after her death he married Mathilda (Otte) Wilson, a widow, who is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Oliver Jones, a child of her first marriage, her second husband being now dead.

After leaving school Charles Oliver Jones was for some years with an uncle on a cattle ranch in Texas. Then going to Chicago

he studied drawing and engraving and did work in designing for various artistic and commercial purposes. He invented the first modern color work as applied to printing and during the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893 did the artist's color work for the first number of the *Graphic* that was printed in colors. The principles of his invention are now of world wide application and could his name be handed along with them would give him endless fame as an originator. After remaining in Chicago six years he returned to his parents in Cincinnati, where he took a position in the engraving department of a large establishment. Later he went to Nashville, Tennessee, where he married and lived three years. Then he went through the west, lecturing on Socialism. While traveling with his family through the mountains with a team and van that he had bought in Denver he began those studies in aerial navigation which were destined to lead him to fame, but to death.

Returning to his old home in Illinois he remained there a year, then went to Dayton, Ohio, where he organized a stock company to promote his airship plans. Mr. Curtiss and Mr. Baldwin came to Hammondsport, Mr. Curtiss' birthplace, and built an airdrome shed where they constructed his first machine. His first flight was made in the valley in which Hammondsport lies. The machine proved too heavy and was eventually converted into a dirigible machine. This work Mr. Jones did himself. His first flight in the new machine from the glen showed that the apparatus was defective. He improved the machine and after trials at Elmira and Binghamton, New York, made several successful flights at Palisade Park, in New Jersey, during August, and from there he went to Waterville, Maine, where he was killed in his second flight by the explosion of the gas bag of his machine, the cause of which has never been explained.

Mr. Jones married Miss Lottie Wilson, who was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 22, 1879, a daughter of Alfred H. and Mathilde (Otte) Wilson. Her father, an operator, had died and her mother had married Mr. Jones' father. Mrs. Mathilde (Otte) Wilson Jones' father was the first manufacturer of hats in Cincinnati. Mrs. Jones bore her husband three children: Stanley, aged ten years; Mina, aged six years, and Alfred, aged three years.

Charles Gilbert Lyon.—A man of much ability, enterprise and judgment, Charles Gilbert Lyon holds an assured position among the foremost business men of Atlanta, Steuben county, and as a man and a citizen is held in high respect. A son of the late James S. Lyon, he was born May 22, 1864, in Buffalo, New York. Born and brought up in Montreal, Canada, James S. Lyon came to the states with his parents, and during his active life was engaged in the real estate business at Buffalo, New York, dying in that city in 1892, aged seventy-six years. He married Louisa L. Dougherty, a daughter of John and Julia Dougherty, natives of Vermont, and of the children born of their union five are living,

as follows: Emma L., wife of E. L. Kimberly, a retired business man of Buffalo, New York; Eva, wife of J. T. Burrows, of Elyria, Ohio; Florence, living in Buffalo; Henry L., deputy water commissioner of Buffalo, New York, and Charles Gilbert, the special subject of this sketch.

Leaving the public schools at the age of eighteen years Charles Gilbert Lyon studied civil engineering for a while, and was subsequently engaged in the lumber business at Buffalo for six years. Moving from that city to Atlanta, Steuben county, Mr. Lyon here embarked in the lumber and produce business as a member of the firm of Hatch, Otto and Company, and met with success from the start. In September, 1909, Mr. Otto retired from the firm, and its name was changed to Hatch, Lyon and Company, its present form. Mr. Lyon is connected with other substantial business enterprises, being secretary of the United Produce Company, which has its general office in Atlanta, and of the Steuben Bean Company, an Atlanta corporation.

Politically Mr. Lyon is a Republican, but he has never desired public office, his private interests demanding his entire attention. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belongs to Liberty Lodge, No. 510, F. & A. M., and to Bath Chapter, No. 95, R. A. M., of Bath, New York. Religiously he is a trustworthy member of the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Lyon married, August 13, 1891, Minnie L. Hatch, who was born February 4, 1871, in Atlanta, a daughter of Hiram W. Hatch. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyon, namely: Hyatt Hatch, born August 23, 1893, is taking a postgraduate course in Atlanta; Stuart Gilbert, born May 6, 1897; Harold Maurice, born June 1, 1899; Hiram William, born February 9, 1901, and Florence Dorothy, born February 19, 1907.

Frank M. Bertron.—Standing as one of the most valued exponents of his profession, that of veterinary surgery, is Dr. Frank M. Bertron. He comes of stanch New England parentage and his father, Daniel Bertron, was born in New Jersey in the year 1812, and his mother, whose maiden name was Melissa Balch, claimed the Green Mountain state, by the particular tie of birth within its borders, the date of her nativity being 1822. This worthy couple united their hands and fortunes in marriage in 1844, and reared a family of children who came to enjoy the respect and consideration of all who knew them. They were: Mary E. Bertron, who became the wife of O. P. Jeffries; Helen, who married Marcus Hickock; Oscar, now living in Allegany county; Frank M., our subject; Roxie, who married Theodore Cobert, and Andrew, who is a citizen of Pennsylvania. Some two years after their marriage Daniel Bertron and his wife came to Steuben county and he engaged in blacksmithing, and in Canisteo pursued that useful trade until the time of his demise, which occurred in January, 1876. Ever busy at his anvil he was a familiar figure and a beloved

one, and he left this earth with a worthy record. His wife, who had been an ideal helpmate in all that the term implies, survived him for a number of years, her death occurring in the month of January, 1892.

Dr. Frank M. Bertron was born in Steuben county on June 3, 1856, and has passed the greater part of his useful and active life amid the familiar scenes of his birth. He was educated in the public schools and attended the Canisteo high schools. He learned the blacksmith's trade under his father's tutelage when a boy, so young that it was necessary for him to stand upon a block to work the bellows, and he came to have a very unusual skill in horseshoeing. Later when he took up veterinary surgery his practical experience in horseshoeing enabled him to place in general practice many original and humane ideas and improvements in that line. He was prepared for his profession in the Ontario Veterinary College, of Toronto, Canada, which he entered in the year 1891, and from which he was graduated in 1893, in a class numbering one hundred and sixty-three. This class was a cosmopolitan gathering, comprising students from the States, from Canada and from various countries across the Atlantic.

Since 1893 Dr. Bertron has been in continual practice. His practice is of an extended character, for he is known far and wide, being well advertised by the irrefutable fact that he is one of the best in his profession. He has been frequently called out of the state upon professional business, his judgment being widely sought. Mr. Bertron's citizenship is irreproachable and he can be depended upon to give his heart and hand to all good causes. He was one of the first to promote temperance in Canisteo, and he has made many speeches in the cause, his eloquence and logic forming a combination difficult to withstand. His heart is in the good work and he has not hesitated to contribute generously of his own means to the campaign fund for the promotion of temperance. Zealous and never-tiring, he is one of those who usually accomplish what they set out to do and he is largely responsible for the fact that Canisteo is now a temperance town.

On November 6, 1879, Dr. Bertron laid the foundation of a happy home life by his marriage to Hannah M. Dickinson, born November 9, 1846. She is the daughter of Perry Allen and Phoebe W. (Denman) Dickinson, residents of Thompson county. The father was a railroad fireman and was killed at Ithaca while on duty, a bridge falling beneath his engine. Dr. and Mrs. Bertron have one daughter, Helen A., born February 27, 1886. She was educated in the Canisteo High School.

Dr. Bertron is a Republican in politics and he and his family are attendants at the Presbyterian church, being earnest in their advocacy of its good works and generous in its support.

Irving Gardner Burch.—A general merchant of Atlanta, Irving Gardner Burch is numbered among its prosperous and substantial business men, and is a well-known factor promoting its

mercantile prosperity. A man of culture and talent, he is held in high repute as a citizen, and by his excellent character and straightforward business methods has fully established himself in the esteem and confidence of his associates, winning and retaining a lucrative patronage in this vicinity. A son of Darius J. Burch, he was born, June 12, 1870, in Western, Oneida county, New York.

Darius J. Burch was born in Rome, New York, and has spent his entire life of seventy-seven years in Oneida county, being now retired from agricultural pursuits, which he followed during his active career. He has been twice married, first to Cynthia Blasier, a daughter of David and Catherine (Teachout) Blasier, descendants of pioneer families of the Mohawk valley. He married, second, Marcia Blasier, a sister of his first wife. Of the four children born of his first union, all daughters, two are living, namely: Emma, wife of L. S. Parkhurst, of Trenton, New York, and Alice, wife of G. M. Thomas, of Holland Patent, New York. By his second marriage he was the father of three children, as follows: Archie L., living on the home farm at Western, Oneida county; Nellie, deceased, and Irving Gardner, the special subject of this brief biographical review.

Obtaining his rudimentary education in the public schools Irving G. Burch subsequently attended Rome Academy for a year, after which he taught school in his home town for two years. Entering then the Fairfield Military Academy, he was graduated from that institution at the end of a year, and the ensuing year was an instructor at Gressly College, at McKeesport, Pennsylvania. He was subsequently honored with the degree of Bachelor of Literature by Gressly College. Continuing his residence in McKeesport, Mr. Burch was principal of the normal department of Douglas College for a year, and also teacher of oratory.

Deciding to make a change of occupation Mr. Burch located in Lowville, New York, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits for seven years. Coming then to Steuben county, New York, he was for three years associated with his brother-in-law, D. D. Cottrell, as cashier. Since 1907 he has been actively engaged in business at Atlanta, where he has built up a flourishing trade in general merchandise, his store being finely equipped and well stocked. In his political affiliations Mr. Burch is independent, voting for the best men and measures. Religiously he belongs to the Methodist church.

Mr. Burch married Clara De Voe, a daughter of the late Alexander De Voe, who was born in Lewis county, New York, and there married Mary Staring, a native of the same county. Mrs. Burch was born in Lewis county, September 7, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Burch have one child, Marjorie, born June 6, 1906.

SEYMOUR C. WILLIAMSON, M. D.—Occupying an enviable position among those who are ably upholding the high prestige of the medical profession of this section of the Empire state is Dr. Sey-

mour C. Williamson. A veteran of the fraternity, he is also the kindly friend and adviser of hundreds of families in this community, and for many years has faithfully devoted himself to relieving the ills and sufferings of humanity.

The father of the Doctor, David Williamson, was born in Albany county, New York, July 15, 1788, at about the time that the Revolution had really achieved the independence of the colonies. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Rullufson, was likewise a native of the Empire state, born in Schenectady county in the year 1798. The father was a farmer and a very prominent citizen in his day and generation. He served as sheriff of Albany county for one term and was always active and influential in politics, his word being of weight both because of its common sense and truthfulness. While fulfilling the duties of the shrievalty it was necessary upon one occasion for him to make a long journey on horseback into Canada, over Indian trails and terrible roads, and the fact that his business was of a financial nature and required him to carry a large sum of money in grain bags slung over his horse's shoulders did not add to the safety or the personal calmness of the pilgrimage.

In the year 1837 David Williamson moved to Steuben county and bought two hundred acres of wild forest land, upon which he settled with his family. The livestock of the household, part of which he shipped by canal and the balance drove overland, consisted of six cows, four horses and ten sheep. Upon his newly acquired property he erected a log house, and in this locality and amid the typical pioneer surroundings seven boys and seven girls were reared to useful manhood and womanhood. With the industry and thrift of his race he cleared one hundred acres of his new land and sowed it to wheat, realizing fine crops and good prices, and in time he became one of the leading agriculturists of the locality. He was so well pleased with this favored section as to make it his permanent home, and it was here that his death occurred in 1866. The wife and mother died in 1876.

Dr. Seymour C. Williamson was born in Steuben county July 15, 1838, and spent his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm. At the age of seventeen he became a man in all but years, leaving the farm, engaging in the business of sawing lumber for four years and attending school in the winter months. He then married, moved to Wisconsin, and cultivated a rented farm for another four years. His next step was to settle in Cameron, that state, and conduct a mercantile business until 1879, when he decided upon a professional career in the field of medicine and surgery. Entering the University of the City of New York he pursued a thorough course and upon graduating from that institution in 1885 began practice in his native town of Canisteo. Although not trained to his profession from youth Dr. Williamson had the advantage from the start of wide worldly experience and a mature judgment; the result has been a substantial advancement from first to last, and

he has already passed a quarter century of well-considered and notable activity in his chosen field.

Frederick D. Williamson, M. D., the son, is also a practicing physician; in fact, entered the ranks of the fraternity in 1891. He is a graduate of the Medical University of New York and stands high in his profession.

Dr. Seymour C. Williamson is one of the prominent Masons of Steuben county, being a leading member of the chapter and commandery. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To round out his professional record it may also be said that in addition to carrying along a large private practice he has served as coroner of Steuben county for four years and is medical examiner for a number of standard life insurance companies. He is a Republican in politics and a Presbyterian in his religious faith —a man who can be implicitly depended upon, whether considered in the light of his profession, his citizenship or his every-day morality.

HARRY L. ALLEN, one of Hornell's leading lawyers and a citizen of much worth and prominence, is a native of Alfred, Allegany county, New York, born June 1, 1872. Henry Allen, his father, was born there and has lived there all his life. The family is of English extraction. Its first representative in Allegany county arrived about 1815. Henry Allen married Henrietta Rice, a native of Raymond, Potter county, Pennsylvania. Her father, Samuel Rice, was born near Cortland, Cortland county, New York, of mixed French and German ancestry. She was living when this work was in preparation.

Mr. Allen was his parents' only child. He spent his youth on his father's farm and in the district school near his home. At eighteen he entered the Hornell High School, from which he was graduated in 1891. Later he was duly graduated from Alfred University. In 1893 he took up the study of law, with Beard and Griffin as his preceptors. He was admitted to the bar of the state of New York in 1896 and began the practice of his profession in Hornell. For a time he was connected with the office of Judge Frank H. Robinson. Later he was identified with the practice of Seward A. Simons at Buffalo, New York. Returning to Hornell, he practiced awhile in association with C. E. Beard. Since 1904 he has maintained a successful individual practice.

Mr. Allen is a Knight Templar Mason. His political alliances are Democratic. For six years he did great credit to himself and to the community as a justice of the peace. He married Miss Belle Spink, daughter of William H. and Mary (Whiting) Spink, in 1898. As a lawyer Mr. Allen is conscientious and persistent, a safe counsellor and an able advocate. As a citizen he is progressive and public-spirited, ready at all times to aid to the extent of his ability any measure which in his good judgment promises to advance the well-being of any considerable number of his fellow townsmen.

HENRY MILLER.—The great empire of Germany has contributed a most valuable element to the cosmopolitan social fabric of our American republic, which has had much to gain and nothing to lose from this source. Among those of German birth and ancestry who have attained success and precedence in connection with industrial and business affairs in Steuben county is Mr. Miller, whose interests are of broad scope and importance and who is now serving as mayor of Hammondsport. He has been in the most emphatic sense the architect of his own fortune, as he came to America when a mere boy and without financial resources. He has worked his way upward to a position as one of the essentially representative business men of Steuben county and his sterling attributes of character have gained to him the unqualified esteem of his fellow men.

Henry Miller was born at Friedewald, Prussia, on the 12th of September, 1868, and is a son of Conrad and Catherine (Fechter) Miller, both of whom now reside in Potter county, Pennsylvania, where they took up their residence in 1888 and where the father has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is now living virtually retired, having attained to the age of seventy-five years (1910) and his devoted wife is sixty-nine years of age. They are members of the Lutheran church and of their children seven are living, namely: Henry, George, William, Peter, Conrad, Martha and Mary. Martha is the wife of Conrad Rudolph and Mary is the wife of Henry Muffelman. Henry Miller was reared to the age of fifteen years in his native land, to whose schools he is indebted for his early educational training. At the age noted, in 1883, he severed the ties which bound him to home and fatherland and came alone to America, where he joined an uncle who had previously established his home in Germania, Potter county, Pennsylvania. By industry and good management he gradually made his way toward the goal of definite success and for a number of years he was actively identified with the lumbering industry in the south and west. In 1901 he established his home at Hammondsport, where he has since resided and maintained his business headquarters. He is one of the stockholders of the Henry Curtis Company, which is engaged in the manufacturing of the Curtis aeroplanes, and he is also a stockholder in the Hammondsport Cooperage Company, the Schwarzenbach Brewing Company, the International Correspondence School, the New Jersey Steel Company and other important corporations.

In politics Mr. Miller is aligned as a stanch supporter of the cause of the Republican party and he is known as one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Hammondsport. The high esteem in which he is held in the community is indicated by the fact that on the 15th of April, 1909, he was elected mayor of the city, in which position he has since continued to serve and in which he is giving a most admirable and progressive administration of the affairs of the municipal government. He is a member of the Lutheran church and is affiliated with Hammondsport

Lodge No. 559, Free & Accepted Masons, Bath Chapter, No. 95, Royal Arch Masons, Ju Commandery No. 17, Knights Templars, at Penn Yan, and Damascus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in the city of Rochester. He also holds membership in Hornell Lodge of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and in Hammondsport Tent of the Improved Order of Redmen, in which he is treasurer. The popular mayor of Hammondsport is a bachelor.

FRED WILLIAM TERRY.—Wide-awake and enterprising, ever alert to take advantage of offered opportunities, Fred William Terry holds an excellent position among the leading business men of Steuben county, being properously engaged in mercantile pursuits at Atlanta, as a dealer in wagons, carriages and vehicles of all kinds, having a substantial trade. He was born in Atlanta, New York, November 3, 1873, and is an excellent representative of the native-born citizens of this section of the state.

William Terry, Mr. Terry's father, was born seventy-two years ago and having located in Atlanta, New York, in early days has since followed his trade of a stone mason in this vicinity, and now makes his home with his son Fred. He married for his first wife a Miss Avery, who died in early womanhood, leaving one child, Victoria, who is the widow of the late C. E. Partridge, and has one daughter, Lillian Partridge, a bright girl of ten summers. He married second, in 1872, Sarah Nickoson, who was born seventy-one years ago, a daughter of William O. Nickoson, the first station agent at Atlanta for the Erie Railroad Company, and his wife, Rhoda (Phelps) Nickoson. Three children were born of their union, namely: Fred W., the special subject of this sketch; Lillian, wife of R. W. Lander, an Atlanta merchant, and Effie, wife of M. O. Hill, a hardware merchant in Rochester, New York.

At the age of seventeen, having previously attended school regularly for ten years, Fred William Terry entered the employ of William T. Cornish, with whom he remained as a clerk for seven years. Buying then his present establishment, Mr. Terry has since carried on a thriving mercantile business, making a specialty of dealing in carriages. He has other interests, however, being an extensive dealer in real estate and loans, and is financially associated with various enterprises.

Politically Mr. Terry is a straightforward Republican, but has never had official aspirations. Fraternally he is a member of the K. O. T. M., of North Cohocton, of the M. W. A., of the I. O. O. F., of Atlanta, and of the Atlanta Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah. Mr. Terry married in 1904 Leona Cornish, who was born in Atlanta, Steuben county, New York, March 31, 1885, a daughter of the late William Cornish. Mr. and Mrs. Terry have two children, namely: Conant, aged five years, and Harry, aged three years. Mrs. Terry is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church and an active worker in the Ladies' Aid Society, and in its Missionary Society.

JOSEPH LEONARD WAUGH, who is engaged in the insurance business in the thriving village of Cohocton, where he is also incumbent of the office of justice of the peace, is a citizen who commands a secure place in popular confidence and esteem and he is entitled to definite consideration in this historical work.

Joseph Leonard Waugh was born in Oneida county, New York, on the 21st of October, 1844, and is a son of Rev. John and Charlotte (Rogers) Waugh. Rev. John Waugh was born in the city of Carlisle, Cumberland county, England, on the 14th of March, 1814. He was four years old at the time of the family removal to the United States and after due preliminary discipline he entered Brown University, in which he took a partial course. He carefully prepared himself for the work of the ministry and was ordained as a clergyman of the Presbyterian church. He was for a time pastor of the church of this denomination at Mount Hope, Orange county, New York; for fourteen years he held a pastorate at Sauquoit, Oneida county; for an equal period he was engaged in the work of his high calling at Canton, St. Lawrence county; the following nine years he held the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian church at Carthage, Jefferson county; and in 1878 he came to Steuben county and assumed the pastorate of the church of his denomination in Cohocton, where he served for fifteen years. He was a man of marked intellectual ability and deepest piety, and his labors in the ministry were marked by the utmost zeal and consecration. He passed the closing years of his life in Cohocton, where he died on the 20th of August, 1907.

On the 3d of May, 1842, was solemnized the marriage of Rev. John Waugh to Miss Charlotte Rogers, who was born at Laurens, Otsego county, New York, on the 6th of November, 1817, and who was a daughter of Oliver G. and Deborah (Lewis) Rogers. She was summoned to the life eternal on the 3d of February, 1899, and her memory is revered by all who came within the sphere of her gentle and gracious influence. Of the five children four are living and of the number Joseph Leonard, subject of this review, is the eldest. Dr. Theodore R. is a representative physician and surgeon of St. Albans, Vermont; Ella Charlotte died at the age of eight years; Rev. Arthur J., a clergyman of the Presbyterian church, is pastor of a church at Montasata, Sullivan county, New York; and Ida is the wife of Dr. Thomas B. Fowler, of Springville, Erie county, this state.

J. Leonard Waugh gained his early educational discipline in the common schools, and supplemented this by effective preparatory work in Canton Academy, at Canton, New York, after leaving which institution he matriculated in Hamilton College, at Canton, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1867 and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The ensuing three years he was a successful and popular teacher in the public schools of his native state, and in 1873 he was graduated in Auburn Theological Seminary, after which he was ordained to the



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ministry of the Presbyterian church. He assumed the pastorate of the church at Brasher Falls, St. Lawrence county, where he remained until 1879, and in 1881 he came to Cohocton, where he was engaged in the printing and publishing business for two years. He then established a general insurance agency and to this line of enterprise he has devoted his attention during the long intervening years, within which he has built up a large and representative business as an underwriter. Though he has retired from the ministry he has continued to be a most earnest and devoted worker in the church and he is at the present time an elder of the Presbyterian church in his home village. He commands unequivocal confidence and regard, and none has shown greater loyalty and public spirit. He is affiliated with Liberty Lodge No. 510, Free & Accepted Masons, with which he has been identified since 1882. In politics Mr. Waugh is found arrayed as a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and he has given effective service in behalf of its cause. He has served as delegate to the county and district conventions of his party. In 1883 he was appointed justice of the peace, and in 1885 he was duly elected to this office, of which he has served in all eighteen years.

SAMUEL E. QUACKENBUSH, dealer in insurance, real estate and loans at Corning, New York, has been identified with the business activity of this place since 1903, having come here at that time from West Caton, where he was for some time engaged in general merchandising. Previous to that, from 1884 to 1886, he was in Corning, in the employ of J. H. Huber, grocer, and the following year owned and operated a farm adjoining the town of Lindley. On his return to Corning in 1903, he engaged with the Meltby Company, with which he was connected one year, and afterward was with L. T. Goodrich & Company, incorporated, dealers in books and stationery. This last named company he left to engage in business for himself.

Mr. Quackenbush was born in Caton, Steuben county, New York, April 30, 1858, son of William and Polly (Gardner) Quackenbush, natives of Otsego county, New York, the former born in 1833, the latter, in 1835. When he was four years old the death of his mother broke up the home and he was taken into the household of his cousin at Caton, near Corning. His father was engaged in lumbering at Mitchell Station, Pennsylvania, and there young Quackenbush remained until he was twenty-one years of age, and until he was twenty-four was engaged in farm work. His early education was limited to the common schools, but after he was thirty he took a course in commercial law and thus fitted himself to engage successfully in his present line of business.

Mr. Quakenbush has been twice married, January 9, 1879, he wedded Miss Mary E. Barnard, daughter of Gershom W. Barnard of Corning, and to her he gives the credit for much of the success he has attained. She died in July, 1895. The two children born to

them are Nina A. Quackenbush Ammerman and Earl B. Quackenbush, the former a resident of Corning and the latter of Ithaca. On February 20, 1901, he married Miss Louise I. Borst, daughter of John and Nancy (Van Gelder) Borst, of Painted Post, Steuben county, both now deceased, her mother having died May 28, 1899.

Politically Mr. Quackenbush has since he became a voter affiliated with the Republican party, and has always taken an active interest in public affairs and frequently filled public office. While a resident of West Caton he established a post office, was appointed postmaster and served as such for a number of years. Also while in that town he was two years supervisor and two terms justice of the peace. In 1900 he was a delegate to the state convention at Saratoga which placed in nomination for governor of New York Benjamin Odell of Newberg, who was elected and served one term. In the fall of 1909 Mr. Quackenbush was elected alderman of the Third ward, and he is now serving as such, and also he is now serving his third year as a member of the Republican City Committee, of which he is secretary.

He and his wife are identified with the Methodist Episcopal church.

David F. Smith.—This prominent farmer and citizen of Steuben county was born on his father's farm near Bath August 3, 1860, a son of George Smith. George Smith came to the United States from Scotland when he was sixteen years old with Matthew Smith, his father, the grandfather of David F. and Nancy Smith. Matthew, a widower, married Harriet Richardson and settled on the Smith farm near Savona. The land was not then all cleared and the improvements on it were primitive and incomplete. By years of hard work Mr. Smith developed the place into a first class farm. George Smith had the farm in his turn and died there in 1908, aged eighty-four years. He married Jane Foster, who is living with their son David, now advanced to the age of eighty-seven years. She was born in Ireland and was brought, comparatively young, to America by her widowed mother, Nancy (Atkinson) Foster. They settled in Bath and she later became acquainted with and married Mr. Smith.

David F. Smith went to school till he was seventeen years old and was reared to farming. Since his father's death he has successfully managed three large farms belonging to the estate. He is not only one of the most extensive farmers in the county, but one of the largest shippers of stock, giving special attention to sheep. A man of public spirit, he is naturally interested in all that pertains to the welfare and development of the town and county. A Republican, he is active in the local work of his party and has been elected twice to the office of assessor of taxes, which he has filled with rare judgment and fidelity. He has also served several terms on the Board of Education, at one time as president.

Mr. Smith married, in 1882, Miss Emma Stowell, born in

Wayne county, New York, in 1862, a daughter of Dwight Stowell, a carpenter by trade. Mr. Stowell married Elizabeth Hayes and they were both dead when Mrs. Smith was ten years old, and she, their only child, was reared by her mother's brother. The following facts concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Smith will be of interest in this connection: Mabel Zenobia is the wife of Dr. J. Floyd Bowman, of Irvington, New Jersey, and she has a son, Floyd Smith Bowman, aged about one year. She is a member of St. Thomas' Episcopal church, Bath. Before her marriage she was graduated at the close of the prescribed course at Bellevue Hospital, New York. George, the only son of David Smith, is dead. Edna Maud is a teacher in the public school at Irvington, New Jersey.

Mr. Smith is a charter member of the Savona lodge of the Independant Order of Odd Fellows and has passed all the chairs of his lodge and encampment and is now a past grand commander. He is a member also of the Grange. He is a Baptist, devoted to his church and all its interests.

Miss Nancy Smith, daughter of George Smith and sister of David F. Smith, was born on the Smith homestead near Savona April 14, 1862, and is living on one of the farms of the Smith estate, which, with a local superintendent, is under the general management of David F. Smith. It has been increased in size to a farm of one hundred and ten acres. Miss Smith is a member of the Episcopal church, active in its work and generous in its support. She is a woman of rare good sense and of a charitable disposition, which leads her into avenues of usefulness and wins her many warm friends.

ROBERT J. MILLER, plumber, conducts one of the leading business interests of Hornell and is one of the admirable army of the self-made, having developed through his own efforts into a man of character, standing and substance. He is a native of the Empire state, his birth having occurred in Rochester, New York, September 1, 1866, and he is of Irish lineage, combining in himself all the best traits of that versatile and interesting nation. His father, William Miller, was born in Ireland in the year 1816 and came to the land of the stars and stripes in his early days. In the country of his adoption he followed contracting throughout the active years of his life, his death occurring July 12, 1905, when almost ninety years of age. The subject's mother, whose maiden name was Mary Courtney, was born in Rochester, New York, in 1830, and was married in that city some two decades later. The progeny of this worthy pair were: Emma Miller, who married Sidney White; Ada, who became the wife of Jermia O'Brien and makes her home in Rochester; William and Robert J., of Hornell.

Robert J. Miller received his early educational discipline in the public schools of Rochester, graduating from the grammar school. When still quite young he faced the serious issues of life

and learned the trade of plumbing, which he has followed for twenty-four years. In 1895 he removed from Rochester to Hornell and the fifteen years of his residence here have been characterized by the greatest success. He enjoys the confidence of his associates and his business record is irreproachable. He gives his faith and suffrage to the men and measures of the Democratic party. He has always been active in politics, desiring no office for himself, but standing steadfast for his party and his friends. Beginning as a poor boy, with "a fair field and no favors," he has overcome all obstacles, and is to-day one of Hornell's prosperous men. He finds no small amount of pleasure and profit in his lodge relations, which extend to the ancient and august Masonic order and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his family are Episcopal in religious faith.

In 1899 Mr. Miller took as his wife Miss Metta Northrop, a daughter of David Northrop and a native of Syracuse. This union has been blessed by the birth of three children. Ada, the eldest, was born in 1891, is a graduate of Hornell high school and has considerable musical ability, which is under cultivation. There are also two sons, Willie, born in 1898, and Robert J., born in 1900.

Emmett F. Stone has gained prestige and definite success as one of the representative farmers and stock dealers of his native county and resides on the old homestead farm, in Pulteney township, which was the place of his birth. Here he was ushered into the world on the 14th of February, 1854, and he is a son of James D. and Jane H. Stone, both of whom were likewise born and reared in the state of New York. The father continued to reside on the old homestead until his death which occurred in the year 1905 and the mother was summoned to the life eternal in 1906, both having been earnest members of the Free Baptist church.

Emmett F. Stone was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and early began to lend his aid in its work, in the meanwhile duly availing himself of the advantages of the district schools. He has never found it expedient to sever his allegiance to the great basic industry of agriculture and shortly after his marriage he purchased a farm west of the old homestead, where he not only assumed the management of his own place but also had supervision of the cultivation of the old homestead on which he was born. This latter property he purchased after the death of his parents and his landed estate now comprises one hundred and ninety acres. He has made the best of improvements upon his farm which may well be considered one of the model places of the county and on this place he set out one of the first Concord vineyards in Pulteney township. This he has developed into one of the best in this section and in addition to the raising of grapes and diversified crops he has made a specialty of stock-growing. During the past sixteen years he has also been engaged in business in the buying and shipping of live stock and in this line of enterprise he has built up a

large and prosperous business. He is one of the substantial and enterprising farmers and stock-growers of Steuben county and his attractive homestead gives every evidence of thrift and prosperity. Though never imbued with ambition for public office Mr. Stone takes a loyal interest in all that touches the welfare of the community and his political allegiance is given to the Democratic party. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Freewill Baptist church, of which his parents also were consistent members.

In the year 1887 Mr. Stone was united in marriage to Miss Belle Baker, who was born at Hornell, this county, and they have four children,—Clara H., Jennie G., James D. and Dorothy G. Clara H. was graduated in the high school in the city of Syracuse, where she is now a student in the Syracuse University; Jennie G. was graduated in the high school at Prattsburg, Steuben county, and the two younger children are now attending the local schools.

GEORGE A. MANNING, proprietor of marble quarries in Georgia and operator in mines in Nevada, is one of the best known men in Steuben county.

Mr. Manning was born in Cleveland, Ohio, August 14, 1862, and here was reared and educated. In 1900 he married Miss Nellie M. Horton, who was born at Campbell, a daughter of Charles T. Horton, a native of Steuben county, whose father was a pioneer at Campbell.

Mrs. Manning was reared and educated in Campbell, but in her girlhood went to Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning have their summer home at Campbell on her father's old homestead. They are widely acquainted throughout the county and their coming home, as they call it, is welcomed by many who from time to time enjoy their generous yet refined hospitality. Mr. Manning is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WILLIAM EVERETT PALMER.—The prominent physician and surgeon of Steuben county whose name is above was born in Cortland county, New York, June 30, 1838. Norman Palmer, his father, was a native of Bennington, Vermont. He made his living as a farmer, beginning on a pioneer farm in Cortland county. His father came, seeking better opportunities, when Norman was about four years old, bringing with him his wife, Abigail (Dodge) Palmer, and such of their children as were born in Vermont. This worthy couple came of old New England families long represented in Vermont and were among the early settlers in central New York. Dr. Palmer's American ancestry is traced to a Palmer who came over from England in 1640 and settled at Charlestown, now a suburb of the city of Boston, Massachusetts.

Norman Palmer was reared and educated in Cortland county, New York. In 1853, with his wife and five children, he went to Wisconsin and located at Milton, Rock county. From there he

removed to Dodge Center, Dodge county, Minnesota. The last fifteen years of his life were spent with his daughter, wife of Dr. H. R. Maxon, at Nortonville, Kansas, where he died, aged ninety-three. His wife was ninety-one at the time of her death. They reared a family of five children, all of whom were living when this book was in preparation. Doctor Palmer is the eldest. His brother N. P. Palmer lives at Milton Junction, Dodge county, Wisconsin. His sister, Mrs. Olive A. Maxon, lives at Nortonville, Kansas. His brother Albert L. is a citizen of California. His sister Avaline A. lives at Dodge Center, Minnesota, the wife of a Mr. Ellis.

Doctor Palmer passed his childhood and youth in Cortland county, New York. When he was fourteen years old he went to Wisconsin, and he remained there until he was twenty-five. His education was begun in public schools in his native county and continued in those of Milton, Wisconsin. In time he became a student in what is now known as Milton University. For ten years he taught school in New Jersey, closing his work in that state at Salem, Salem county, "South Jersey," where he was superintendent of the city schools in 1870-73. From 1873 to 1879 he was a teacher in public schools in Rhode Island. He had now decided to become a physician and surgeon, and after three years' diligent study of medicine and its allied sciences he was graduated in 1882 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York city.

Within a few months after he received his diploma as an M. D. Doctor Palmer located at Hornell and there, practically, made his professional beginning. He soon became in demand and had no difficulty in working up a lucrative practice. He has remained there, adding year by year to his success. Among medical men of the Southern Tier he is well known through his membership of Hornell Medical Society, the Steuben County Medical Society and the New York Medical Society. Of the Hornell society, known officially as the Hornell Medical and Surgical Association, he has been president. He is now responsibly connected with the Steuben Sanitarium. He has from time to time been appointed medical examiner for some of the great life insurance companies.

In 1864 Doctor Palmer married Miss Margaret C. Noble, of Shiloh, Cumberland county, New Jersey, a daughter of Mark S. and Mary Noble. Though born at Shiloh, New Jersey, Mrs. Palmer was married in Wisconsin. She has reared three children. Ivanna J. is supervisor of music in the city schools of New York city. Jessie M. is the wife of Professor F. G. Bates, a graduate of Cornell University and of Columbia University, now connected with the University of Kansas at Lawrence. Everett C., who was educated at Alfred University and at Cornell University, is employed as a draughtsman in the great establishment of Cottrell & Sons, Westerly, Rhode Island.

In his politics Dr. Palmer is a good Republican, but he would vote for a good Democrat for a local office as against an unpromis-

ing Republican. He has pronounced views on all national questions and believes his ideas will be better promoted by the party of his choice than they could possibly be by any rival party. He is a Seventh Day Baptist and was one of the founders and has always been one of the most dependable supporters of the Hornell organization of that denomination.

FRANK CAULKINGS, M. D.—In the male line of descent this popular citizen and medical man is of English extraction. Porter Caulkings, his father, a native of the state of New York, was a contractor and builder, living in Wales, Erie county, New York, but doing business exclusively in Buffalo. He married Angeline Rossell Andrews, also of New York state birth, and they had two sons. Mr. Caulkings died in 1850, aged about thirty-five years, and his widow survived to celebrate the eighty-fourth anniversary of her birth, with a prospect that she will see several more anniversaries of that event.

Doctor Caulkings was born in Wales, Erie county, New York, October 4, 1849, the eldest of his parents' two sons, and was about two years old when his father died. He began to support himself when he was nine years old, working at anything that he could find to do that was honest and would bring remuneration in any available shape. Notwithstanding the disadvantage at which he was as compared with other boys of his age, he gained a fair common-school education, and he was only a mere lad when he began in an irregular way to study medicine. He was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Buffalo June 6, 1884. Later he was graduated from the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College and also received an honorary degree from the Hahnemann Medical College of that city. He practiced in Wyoming county five years and moved to Erie county in 1880, where he continued his practice in Buffalo and vicinity until 1903, when he came to Hornell. He makes a specialty of chronic diseases, for the treatment of which he makes his own remedies in his own laboratories.

Medicine alone does not claim all of Doctor Caulkings' attention. He is interested in a number of patents for automobiles, including springs of an original conception, some of which he is having manufactured on royalty. He is the owner of some good property and has a real interest in Hornell and its prosperity. On June 25, 1902, he married Alice M. Tefft, daughter of Stephen E. and Caroline E. (Jenkins) Tefft and a native of Springville, Erie county, New York, who was educated at Griffith Institute and at the New York State Normal School at Buffalo. Before her marriage Mrs. Caulkings had been a teacher twelve years, eight of them in her home schools at Springville.

ELIZABETH D. HUNT.—It is a matter of much gratification to be able to offer in this publication a brief record concerning Miss Hunt, who has been a resident of Steuben county from the time of

her nativity and who is a member of one of the old and honored families of the county.

Elizabeth Dudley Hunt was born in Bath township, Steuben county, on the 17th of October, 1834, and is a daughter of Otis and Louisa (Fluent) Hunt, the former of whom was born in Bennington county, Vermont, on the 4th of November, 1804, and the latter of whom was born in Bangor, Maine, in 1803. Otis Hunt was a son of Ezekiel and Lavina (Thayer) Hunt, the former of whom was born March 3, 1772, and the latter, December 22, 1775. Their marriage was solemnized on the 28th of February, 1796, and both were representative of stanch old New England stock, the respective families having been founded in America in the Colonial epoch of our national history. Ezekiel Hunt came to Steuben county in 1820 and located in Bath township, where he reclaimed a farm from the wilderness and where both he and his devoted wife passed the residue of their lives. He was summoned to eternal rest at the age of seventy-seven years and his wife passed away at the age of seventy-six years. They were numbered among the sterling pioneers of the county and their names merit a place on its records, as they did well their part in connection with the development and upbuilding of this favored section of the old Empire state. In 1834 Governor Marcy appointed Otis Hunt to the office of lieutenant colonel of a regiment of New York artillery, and in this capacity he gave effective service. Colonel Otis Hunt, father of her whose name initiates this review, was about sixteen years of age at the time of the family removal from the old Green Mountain state to Steuben county, and here he was actively identified with agricultural pursuits during his youth. In 1841 he became associated with R. B. Stewart in the gerenal merchandise business in the village of Bath, and with this line of enterprise he here continued to be identified for a period of five years. Within this time he also served as deputy sheriff and he was superintendent of the county house and farm for five years. He ever held secure vantage place in the confidence and esteem of the community and is well remembered by its older citizens. He finally removed to Livingston county, this state, where he was engaged in the hotel business for some time. In 1861 he removed to Illinois and located at Dixon, where he passed the residue of his life and where his death occurred on the 2d of November, 1882. His wife passed away in 1865, and of the five children Elizabeth D., of this review, is the only one living. Otis Hunt was a stanch Democrat in his political allegiance. Mrs. Hunt was a daughter of Jeremiah and Mehitabel (Dudley) Fluent, both of whom were natives of Maine, whence they came to Steuben county in an early day. Mr. Fluent became one of the prominent farmers and influential citizens of the county, and here both he and his wife continued to maintain their home until death. The names of the deceased children of Otis and Louisa (Fluent) Hunt are: Barbara A., Cordilia, Kerin P. and



Edwin J. Carpenter M. D.

Louisa M. Miss Elizabeth D. Hunt now resides with her nephew, Otis Moores, who is a son of her eldest sister, Barbara A.

Miss Hunt was afforded the advantages of the schools of her native county and remained with her parents until their death, after which she lived with her sisters, having gone to Mobile, Alabama, where she was with her sister for a period of twelve years. She then, in 1903, returned to Steuben county, and has since maintained her home in Bath, where she is surrounded by a circle of leal and loyal friends and where she finds pleasure and solace in the gracious memories and associations of the past. She retains a vital interest in social and religious affairs and is a devout member of the Universalist church. It may be noted that her uncle, Phineas Hunt, was long engaged in foreign missionary work, as a representative of the Presbyterian church, and that he died in China.

EDWIN J. CARPENTER, M. D., who is prominently identified with the medical profession of Corning, New York, was born and reared in the county in which he lives, and he comes of a family long resident in New York. Dr. Carpenter's grandparents, Timothy and Nancy (Shaw) Carpenter, were born in the "Empire State," the former in Chautauqua county, March 27, 1800, and the latter, in Yates county, March 5, 1805. They were married on September 10, 1824, in Cameron, New York, by Squire Mason, and with the passing years became the parents of a large family of sons and daughters who grew up and scattered and became useful and respected citizens. Their children in order of birth are as follows: Ann, born June 13, 1825, married a Mr. Jost; Hiram, born September 25, 1826, is a resident of Minnesota; Alva, born October 26, 1828, was for many years a resident of Avon, New York, and died in 1905; John, born March 13, 1833, died in Mississippi in 1909; Jane, born April 14, 1835, is now Mrs. Brink and resides at Custer, Ohio; Phoebe, born December 6, 1837, married a Mr. Smith and lives in Minnesota; Uri, born in Cameron, New York, June 30, 1841, died October 8, 1908; Fidelia, born August 3, 1843, married a Mr. Fergown and lived in Wisconsin, where her death occurred in 1908. Grandfather Timothy Carpenter died December 29, 1882, at the age of eighty-two years and six months.

Uri Carpenter married Frances Merchant, who was born March 24, 1843, and died June 25, 1905. They were the parents of two children, Edwin J., born July 1, 1864, and Charles A., born in 1868. The father was a farmer and lumberman, and at one time had charge of a veneer factory at Bath. His whole life was spent in Steuben county. Charles A. is a resident of Kansas, at this writing employed as foreman of construction work.

Edwin J. Carpenter, after completing his studies in the Bath schools, engaged as teacher in the rural districts, and in this manner paved his way to a higher education. In 1888 he entered the

University of Buffalo, in which he pursued a medical course, and where he graduated in 1891. Immediately after his graduation he settled down to the practice of his profession at Corning, and here for nearly two decades he has successfully conducted a general practice, making a specialty of surgery, and not infrequently being called in council. Dr. Carpenter is a member of the Corning Medical Association, the Keuka Lake Medical and Surgical Association, the Steuben County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American National Medical Association. He is United States pension examiner and surgeon, and for three years has been city coroner.

Politically Dr. Carpenter has always affiliated with the Republican party, and while he has never been a politician he has maintained an interest in public affairs and in many ways his influence has been felt for the advancement of the public good. At this time he is president of the School Board, of which he has been a member nine years. He is a member in good standing of both the F. and A. M. and the I. O. O. F., and he is a trustee of the Congregational church, with which he has for years been identified.

On October 12, 1885, Dr. Carpenter married Miss Helen L. Abel, a daughter of Harrison Abel of Thurston, New York, and they have two children, Edwin J. Jr. and Iri A.

Miss Elizabeth A. Read.—One of the enterprising and intelligent women farmers of Bath township, Steuben county, New York, is Miss Elizabeth A. Read, a native of Bath, New York, born April 8, 1839. She is a daughter of Daniel Van and Louisa (Smith) Read, the former born near Hope, New Jersey, in 1804. Daniel Read removed to Bath, New York, at the age of twenty years and spent the remainder of his life in farming in that vicinity. He spent eight years at a place called Dublin, in the town of Howard, and then removed to the present Read homestead, where he died in 1885. He was very much interested in public affairs and was a prominent Democrat. At the age of twenty-two years he married Louisa Smith, born in Massachusetts April 21, 1804, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Fenunder) Smith, who came to Bath township in 1812 and settled on a farm. Her parents were of Scotch and Irish descent and the family included many clergymen. Mr. Read's father, John Read, spent all his life in New Jersey, where he was a farmer.

The children born to Daniel V. Read and his wife were: Stephen and Joseph, deceased,—both dying while soldiers in the Union Army; George, a farmer living near Howard; Franklin, a farmer living at Bath; Mary L., wife of Oliver Wheeler, a farmer of North Urbana; Elizabeth A.; and Samantha, deceased wife of A. J. Read, of Mineola, Kansas.

Elizabeth Read attended the public school until she was seventeen years old. She taught in the schools near her home until 1865, then attended Oberlin (Ohio) College two years and

then taught in Illinois two years. Returning to Steuben county she kept house for a brother eight years and then cared for her parents during the rest of their lives, attending to the conduct of their farm. She now carries on general farming and stock raising on the homestead.

Miss Read is well known and highly esteemed in the community and is much interested in all movements for the common welfare. She is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and active in Sunday-school and missionary work. She was a charter member of the W. C. T. U. at Kanona and is a past president of the same.

WILLIAM F. SCHULTZ.—One of Hornell's substantial citizens, a plumber by trade and a business man whose motto, "anything worth doing at all is worth doing well," strictly lived up to, has given him high standing in the business world, is William F. Schultz. He is also prominent in lodge circles, his fraternal relations extending to several of the largest organizations. Mr. Schultz is of German extraction, both of his parents having been born in the Fatherland. William Schultz, the father, whose name the subject received, was born in 1821, and the mother, Amelia Schultz, was born in 1818. They were married in Germany, but shortly after their union followed the example set by so many of those with whom they had been associated and crossed the Atlantic to claim their share of the rich opportunities offered by the New World. This was in the early fifties. They located in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the father resumed the business of tailoring, which had been his vocation in the country of his birth, and he followed this throughout the course of a long and active business life. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz, now arrived at a great old age, reside in Syracuse, New York, where they enjoy in leisure the fruits of a former thrift and industry. Although of such advanced years both of them have excellent health.

William F. Schultz was born in Cohoes, New York, on October 8, 1865. He attended school at Buffalo and commenced his business career at the age of thirteen, in which year he was graduated from the grammar school. Having decided upon the trade of plumbing as a life work he served a four years' apprenticeship and then engaged himself on salary. He continued under this arrangement until 1900, when he decided to make an independent venture and started out in business for himself in Hornell. He is a fine workman and an astute business man, and he has prospered in the most satisfactory manner. When to this is added the fact that he is a right and honest business man, his value as a citizen is told. He is a self made man and his present competence has been derived from his own efforts, assisted by those of his wife. He has been commissioned to fit the new schoolhouse of Hornell with plumbing, both heat and light.

On the 12th day of June, 1896, Mr. Schultz was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. O'Heron, a daughter of Morris

O'Heron, the ceremony being solemnized at Boston, Ontario. They have three children: Robert O., born in 1900; Howard I., born in 1903; and Frederick Neil, born in 1907. Mr. Schultz is the friend of good education and his sons will, no doubt, receive the best to be had. The eldest is now in the third grade and shows much talent in music, frequently singing at entertainments.

Politically Mr. Schultz votes the Republican ticket and he and his wife attend the Presbyterian church. He is a member of the great Masonic body, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Maccabees.

EDWARD D. CROSS.—It is a matter of satisfaction to be able to record in this volume that so great a percentage of the native sons of Steuben county have here found ample scope for successful effort in connection with normal lines of business, professional and industrial enterprise and that they have never severed their allegiance to the county of their birth. Among the prominent and honored representatives of this class is Hon. Edward D. Cross, who was born in the house which he now occupies and who is one of the representative farmers and grape-growers of the county. That he commands a secure place in the confidence and esteem in the community which has ever been his home needs no further voucher than that offered by the fact that he has served eight terms as supervisor of Pulteney township and has represented his county in the state legislature. His attractive and well improved homestead is located in Pulteney township and is one of the fine places of the county.

Edward D. Cross was born in the old homestead in which he now resides and the date of his nativity was February 4, 1852. He is a son of Odell and Adelaide (Gibson) Cross. Odell Cross was born in Westchester county, New York, in 1826 and in 1829 his parents removed to Steuben county, where he was reared to maturity and where his marriage was solemnized. He became one of the successful agriculturists and grape-growers of Pulteney township, where he continued to reside until his death, as did also his wife. They became the parents of three children, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest. The father was a Republican in his political proclivities and both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist church. He was well known in the county that so long represented his home and here he ever commanded unqualified esteem, having played well his part in connection with the material development of the county.

Hon. Edward D. Cross was reared to maturity on the homestead which is his present place of abode and after availing himself of the advantages of the public schools of his native township he continued his studies for some time in the graded schools of Bath, this county. He has always been identified with the line of industry under whose influence he was reared and in connection therewith he has achieved success worthy of the name. His

present homestead comprises sixty-five acres, of which thirty acres are devoted to vineyard purposes, the remainder being utilized for diversified agriculture. Mr. Cross is progressive in his business associations and the substantial improvements and distinctive thrift that characterize his homestead well indicate the excellent management he has given to the property. Like his honored father he served as supervisor of Pulteney township, he has taken a loyal and public-spirited interest in all that has touched the welfare of the community and his political allegiance has ever been given to the Republican party, in whose local ranks he has been a prominent factor. In 1880 he was elected supervisor of his native township and he continued incumbent of this office for eight years, by successive elections. In 1898 he was elected to represent Steuben county in the lower house of the state legislature in which he served two terms and in which he made an admirable record. He was assigned to membership on important committees of the house and was a faithful and earnest worker in the deliberations of both the floor and committee room. Since his retirement from this office he has continued to take an active interest in political affairs in his home county. Both he and his family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

In the year 1878 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Cross to Miss Sylvia McConnell, who was born and reared in Pulteney township and who is a daughter of the late Mr. McConnell, a successful agriculturist of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Cross have two daughters,—Stella and Mary A. The elder daughter is now engaged as a trained nurse in the state hospital at Willard and she is a talented musician, having been graduated in music at Utica Conservatory of Music.

JOHN DE KAY.—The De Kay family sprang from an ancient family of Picardy, France. It was a Huguenot family. Members of it came from Ghent, in the sixteenth century, and found refuge in London, England, and later in Holland. The head of this branch, one Guillaume de Kay, was one of the Lord Directors of the Dutch West Indies Company. His son William, a native of London, was the first of the line to come to America. He settled at New Amsterdam (New York), in 1641. His descendants became land owners, officials and men of weight and authority. One of the descendants of Guillaume de Kay located in Sullivan county, New York. There John De Kay was born March 5, 1832, a son of Richard and Lizzie (Knapp) De Kay. In 1842 his father took him, with other members of his family, to Chicago, Illinois. Thence, they went to McHenry county, Illinois, where the elder De Kay bought and settled on a farm. Here they remained till 1852, when they moved to Minnesota, where the father of the family eventually passed away.

John De Kay had few educational advantages, but he was intellectually alert and gained a practical knowledge of the world that stood him in good stead in the battle of life. He married

Eliza Ellsworth, a teacher, who was a most excellent wife. She was of the Ellsworth family of Yates county, New York. She died in 1904, having borne her husband seven children,—William A., Amelia, Lewis F., Mary, John W., Henry E., and Ada. Amelia is deceased and Mary married James Muldoon. Mr. De Kay sold his interests in the West in 1903 and returned to Steuben county and bought fifteen acres at Prattsburg. He is a Republican in politics, deeply interested in the success of his party and with an intelligent grasp of national events, but has never devoted himself to political work. As a citizen he is eminently public spirited and helpful.

JAMES N. ROBINSON.—Steuben county claims the nativity of this progressive young lawyer and man of affairs of Hornell. Mr. Robinson was born in Canisteo September 14, 1881, a son of the late Hon. Frank H. Robinson. The latter, a native of Cuba, Allegany county, New York, attained prominence there as a lawyer and came to Steuben county about 1880. He was twice elected county judge, was district attorney and was a candidate for the office of attorney general of the state of New York. In all his active years he was prominent in political affairs. As a Mason he was no less conspicuous and popular and he was a member of several other secret and beneficial societies. He married Miss Jennie Nichols, a native of Limestone, Cattaraugus county, New York, who survives him. They had five children, all of whom are living. Charles P. has gained success as a lawyer in New York city. F. Hurd is connected with the city engineer corps. Elizabeth is next in order of nativity. Robert is the youngest of the family.

James N. Robinson, second in order of birth of the children of Hon. Frank H. and Jennie (Nichols) Robinson, was prepared for college at Dr. Stone's school at Cornwall-on-the Hudson and spent three years at Yale, his studies being interrupted by his recall home because of the illness of his father. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1909, and took up his father's practice. He is a Mason, an Elk and a Knight of the Maccabees. In politics he is, as was his father, a Republican. At this time he is ably filling the office of justice of the peace.

In 1908 Mr. Robinson married Miss Mary Schuyler Hurd, daughter of Walton and Anna (Ide) Hurd, an attractive and winning young woman who is doing much to aid him in his advancement. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Steuben and in the Bank of Canisteo, is secretary of the Maple City Co-operative Savings and Loan Association of Hornell and secretary and treasurer of the Hurd Real Estate Company of Hornell. His interests in the real estate line are considerable. His political activities, as treasurer of the Republican City Committee and otherwise, have gained him wide recognition as a man of potential usefulness and prominence in a public way. In all things he is essentially helpful and public spirited.

ALBERT W. BARTON.—The present chief of police of the thriving little city of Hammondsport, where he is also rendering effective service as street commissioner, is a native son of Steuben county and a scion of one of its honored families. He was born in Bath township, this county, on the 5th of November, 1862, and is a son of Leonard and Caroline (Bateman) Barton, the former of whom died in 1885, at the age of fifty-seven years, and the latter of whom died in 1894, at the age of sixty-six years. Leonard Barton was born on the old homestead farm in Bath township and his entire active career was one of close identification with agricultural pursuits. He was a son of Jeremiah Barton, who came to Steuben county and secured a tract of land in Bath township in the pioneer days, there passing the residue of his life, as did also his wife, whose maiden name was Ellen St. Clair. Mrs. Caroline (Bateman) Barton was a daughter of Samuel and Caroline Bateman, who were born at Egypt, Monroe county, New York, whence they came to Steuben county many years ago. Concerning the children of Leonard and Caroline (Bateman) Barton the following brief record is entered,—Ida is the wife of J. L. Davis, who is a carpenter by trade and who resides at Dresden, Yates county; Samuel is a successful carpenter and builder in the city of Rochester; Jeremiah resides on the old homestead farm in Bath township; Harley S. is a contractor and builder at Utica, this state; William J. is a successful farmer in North Dakota; Allen H. is engaged in farming in Avoca; Andrew J. is a farmer and rural mail carrier in North Dakota; and Albert W., of this review, was the eighth child in order of birth.

Albert Wheeler Barton was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the district schools. He was but twelve years of age at the time of his father's death and thereafter he continued to be associated with the work of the home farm until he had attained to his legal majority. After his marriage he continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits in Howard township until 1895, when he established his residence in Hammondsport, where he was engaged in the grocery business for one year, at the expiration of which he opened a meat market. Later he was for three years in the employ of the Lake Keuka Navigation Company and since 1900 he has served as chief of police and street commissioner of Hammondsport, offices in which the best evidence of his effective administration is that given by his continuous incumbency. He is a stanch Republican in his political proclivities and while in Howard township he served two terms as township collector, besides which he has been a delegate to the county conventions of his party. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he is chief counsel of the Hammondsport organization, and he also holds membership in the Improved Order of Redmen. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In the year 1883, shortly after attaining

to his legal majority, Mr. Barton was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana Sharp, who was born in Howard township, this county, on the 4th of October, 1864, and who is a daughter of David and Mary (Briscoe) Sharp, the father a native of Steuben county, and the mother of England. The father showed his loyalty to the land of his birth by his service as a soldier of the Union in the Civil war and he died while in service. Mr. and Mrs. Barton have five children: Bertha is the wife of Ard Dye, who is engaged in the plumbing business at Hammondsport, and they have two children,—Barton and Clifford; Blanche is the wife of Floyd Barnes, who is engaged in the plumbing business at Corning, and their only child, Ronald, died in infancy; and Evelyn, Martin Van Buren and Le Roy are attending the public schools of Hammondsport.

CHARLES M. HUNTER, proprietor of a livery establishment and a dealer in stock at Bath, New York, was born in Bath township, Steuben county, July 16, 1845, a son of James and Catharine (Velie) Hunter and grandson of Peter and Lucinda Hunter. The Hunters have long been residents of the "Empire state." James Hunter was born in Orange county. His surviving children, three in number, are Giles, engaged in the hardware business at Rockford, Illinois; Velie, a farmer near Bath, New York; and Charles M., the immediate subject of this sketch. A son Henry is deceased.

Charles M. Hunter was reared on a farm and remained with his father, engaged in agricultural pursuits, until he attained his twenty-second year. Then he went into the neighboring state of Pennsylvania and found employment as a clerk in a dry goods store, where he remained thus occupied for three years. About this time he was married, and from Pennsylvania he went to Ohio, where he was engaged in the mercantile business with his brother Henry for several years, and from there he returned to Bath and was eight years in the grocery business. He then turned his attention to the livery business. In 1887, having disposed of his livery establishment, he went to Colorado, and at Greeley, that state, accepted a position as manager of an opera house. This place he filled for six years. At the end of that time, returning to his native state, he settled at Bath, where he has since conducted a livery and dealt in horses and other stock.

Mrs. Hunter, formerly Miss Mary Cass, is a native of Bath and a daughter of Daniel Cass, deceased, for many years a farmer and stock dealer of Steuben county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have been given two children: Byron T., who married Maude Osgood and who is engaged in the jewelry business at Greeley, Colorado; and Nellie, wife of Daniel McBride, cashier of the Hollock Bank at Bath.

Mr. Hunter has always been a stanch Republican. For years he has been elected and served as constable of Bath, and he served



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one term as chief of police. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

OTTO K. STEWART, M. D.—One of the brilliant and reliable representatives of the medical profession, and still to be counted among the younger generation, is Dr. Otto K. Stewart, a native of Steuben county and especially deserving of representation in this volume as one of the citizens who stand for the progress and upbuilding of the community in which their interests are centered. He has an interesting ancestry, the Stewart family having been founded in this country by the great-grandfather of the subject, one John Stewart, born in Ireland in 1775. Possibly inspired in some occult manner in his cradle by the spirit of those stanch Colonists who in the year following that of his nativity signed that famous document, the Declaration of Independence, he at any rate was in his youth drawn to cross the blue Atlantic in quest of the freedom and opportunity of the new world. His wife, Jane White, was also a native of the Emerald Isle, where she was born in 1777. They were married in their native country in 1797 and came to America in 1805. They stopped for a time in Albany, New York, and then came on to Argyle in Washington county, where they located, making it their home until the year 1818, the head of the family making his livelihood and that of his wife and children as a stone mason and bricklayer. The agricultural resources of the state proved a temptation sufficiently great for him to abandon his trade and he brought his goods, chattels and children to Howard, Steuben county, where he bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, which was quite unimproved. He proceeded to build a house and to clear his land, with the assistance of his stalwart sons, and in course of time he came to enjoy comfortable fortunes, occasionally reverting to his trade, by which he earned many an honest dollar. He reared a family of seven sons and two daughters, by whom his name and his revered memory were perpetuated. When about sixty-five years of age, a team ran away with him and he received injuries which resulted in his death, this worthy pioneer and emigrant being gathered to his fathers in 1842.

William Stewart, grandfather of the subject, was the fourth son of John Stewart. He was educated in the public schools of Towelsville and spent some of his early years engaged in farm work. He was inclined toward the medical profession, and being of that indefatigable type which knows no difficulty and stands erect under tasks which would have dislocated the arm of Hercules, he studied at night, working hard by day upon the farm. He had reached the age of forty years before he was prepared for his practice, which he inaugurated in Buena Vista, Steuben county, New York. His was an active and useful life and he continued in practice in the above-mentioned town until his death in 1898. He was born in 1816, at Argyle, and married Miss Susan L. Ford, who was born in Howard, February 3, 1819. His widow survives

and is living, at the age of ninety-one years, at Buena Vista. The grandmother of this estimable lady was a first cousin of President William Henry Harrison. She and her husband were married January 8, 1838, and reared a family of thirteen children, seven of this "baker's dozen," being sons and six daughters, and eight of the number being alive at the present day.

James H. Stewart, father of him whose name initiates this review, is the ninth child born to the foregoing couple. His eyes first opened to the light of day on March 4, 1853. He received his educational discipline, of an elementary character, at the public school of Howard, later entered Canisteo Academy, and began his career as a farmer. This he continued for three years, and then took up the musical instrument business, selling pianos, organs and music. He has continued in this line ever since and enjoys a thriving patronage, possessing that most enviable of gifts, the confidence of his associates, and being modern and progressive in his ideas. On December 14, 1875, he married Miss Rachel J. Stevens, born March 25, 1855, a daughter of Joshua and Hannah (Abbie) Stevens, and they have a family consisting of two sons and two daughters. The former are both professional men. Pauline Adelaide, the elder daughter, has pronounced musical talents and holds the position of musical instructor in the Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, in which institution of learning the younger daughter, Mabel Emma, is a student and a member of the class of 1911, specializing in elocution and piano. The son Harry is a Democrat in his affiliations. Politically Mr. J. H. Stewart, the father, is a Republican, and he has given efficient service in public office as a member of the school board, and the village board. He was town clerk for several terms and town collector for two. In his lodge relations Mr. Stewart is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masons, in the latter holding membership in Steuben Chapter. He and his family are Baptist in religious conviction.

The subject, Otto K. Stewart, was born in Steuben county on February 20, 1878, and he is the second son of his parents. The Canisteo public schools afforded him his preliminary education and later he entered the Canisteo Academy, from which he was graduated. In the fall of that year, 1898, he matriculated in the medical department of the University of Buffalo, from which institution he was graduated in the spring of 1902. After spending one year as interne in the Erie County Hospital he came with high recommendations to begin upon his career. He initiated his practice in 1903 and in the ensuing years has built up a large practice. He is a hard worker and a constant student of his profession, realizing to the fullest degree the importance of keeping in touch with the latest discoveries in this most important of sciences. On August 16, 1904, he married Miss Alice G. Valentine, a native of Hamilton, Canada, born in the month of April, 1878, and a daugh-

ter of Charles and Alice (Arland) Valentine. Mrs. Stewart previous to her marriage was a trained nurse.

Dr. Stewart has numerous affiliations, of professional and other character. He is a member and president of the Hornell Medical Society; also president of the Steuben County Society; a member of the State Medical and Surgical Society; belongs to the American Medical Association; the New York and New England Railway Surgical Association and the Keuka Lake Medical Surgical Association. He is a Mason, belonging to the chapter at Hornell, and is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is examining physician for several life insurance companies and surgeon for the New York and Pennsylvania Railroad. He is Methodist in his religious views, and gives his sympathy and support to the men and measures of the "Grand Old Party."

AARON F. WILLIAMS, the leading hardware merchant of Corning, New York, is a son of one of the prominent and highly respected citizens of Steuben county—Holland B. Williams, who was born at Prattsburg, Steuben county, New York, April 12, 1834, and died at Corning, April 30, 1889. He began life as a clerk in a general store in his native town. Later he clerked at Bath, in Steuben county. Returning to Prattsburg, he was appointed postmaster, and soon afterward bought a general store, which he conducted in connection with the office. In 1873, after being elected sheriff of Steuben county, he sold his mercantile business. Previous to this time and afterward he was more or less interested in produce business. In 1880, he purchased Mr. Goff's interest in the dry goods store of Goff & Robinson, and continued in that business until his death. In the meantime, in 1887, he built the Williams block on Market street, Corning. After his removal to Corning he was nominated for the state legislature but was defeated, he being a Democrat and the county largely Republican. In his religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and in this faith reared his family. March 19, 1874, he married F. Amanda Barber, who was born in Avon, Livingston county, New York, June 15, 1843, daughter of Aaron and Lois (Stevens) Barber. Aaron Barber was born in Onondaga county, New York, February 4, 1806, passed his life as a farmer and died June 4, 1869, at Avon. Lois (Stevens) Barber was born June 30, 1807, and died at Avon, September 17, 1903. Mrs. Williams has a brother, Aaron, and a sister, Mrs. Mary L. Jenks, both residents of Avon, New York. To Holland B. Williams and wife were born three children, namely: Frank Barber Williams, born April 13, 1875, died January 25, 1905; Aaron F., the subject of this sketch, and Lois, born June 18, 1879.

Aaron F. Williams dates his birth in the town of Bath, Steuben county, November 13, 1876. He was educated at Corning Academy and the University of Rochester, in the latter institution spending two years. At the age of eighteen he began his

business career as an employe in his uncle's meat market at Corning, where he remained about two years. Then he succeeded his brother in the firm of Frost & Williams, hardware dealers, and was associated in business with Mr. Frost until July 1, 1904, when he purchased Mr. Frost's interest, and has since continued alone.

Mr. Williams is an enterprising young man, progressive and up-to-date in whatever he undertakes, and the success he has achieved is due to his individual efforts, which have always been backed by integrity and high purpose. He is a lover of sports, especially of the turf, and has for years been identified with the prominent horsemen of the country, he himself owning many fine harness horses. Fraternally, he is a member of the Order of Elks, and, politically, like his father before him, he is Democratic.

HENRY DAVIDSON.—At this juncture attention is directed to a brief review of the career of the present efficient and popular superintendent of the state fish hatchery at Bath, Steuben county. Mr. Davidson has shown marked ability in the handling of the affairs of this interesting business and under his administration distinctive progress has been made.

Henry Davidson was born at White Lake, Oneida county, New York, on the 30th of December, 1866, and is a son of John and Jane (Edgar) Davidson. John Davidson was born in Scotland and was a boy at the time of his parents' emigration to America. He was a son of John and Elizabeth Davidson, who settled in the vicinity of the city of Albany, where John Davidson, Sr., engaged in farming and gardening for a time. He then removed to White Lake, Oneida county, where both he and his wife passed the residue of their lives. John Davidson, Jr., father of him whose name initiates this review, was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and he continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits and the lumber business for many years. He passed the closing years of his life at White Lake, where he died in 1892, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a stanch Republican in his political allegiance and was called upon to serve in a number of local offices of public trust,—incumbencies that well indicate the high esteem in which he was held in his home community. He was a zealous member of the Presbyterian church, as is also his widow, who is now a resident of White Lake, and who has attained to the venerable age of eighty-six years. Of the eight children the subject of this sketch is the youngest; John is a railway engineer by vocation and resides at Schenectady; William is engaged in farming at White Lake, Oneida county; Samuel is a successful farmer of Lafayette township, Onondaga county; David is a carpenter by trade and resides in the city of Syracuse; James is a farmer in White Lake township, Oneida county; Robert is a railway engineer and resides at Schenectady and George is a successful carpenter and builder at Oswego, this state.

Henry Davidson passed his boyhood days on the home farm and waxed strong in mental and physical powers, through the invigorating discipline involved. He continued to attend the public schools of his native county until he was sixteen years of age and thereafter was identified with agricultural pursuits until he attained to the age of twenty-one years. He then learned the carpenter's trade, to which he devoted his attention until January, 1895, when he established a private fish hatchery at Fulton Chain, Herkimer county, where he remained four years. For the ensuing three years he followed the same line of enterprise in Franklin county and then he was transferred to the state fish hatchery at Fulton Chain, where he remained four years. He then, in 1905, came to Bath, where he has since been superintendent of the well equipped fish hatchery here conducted under the auspices of the state. In politics Mr. Davidson gives his allegiance to the Republican party and he has been an active worker in its local ranks, though the only public office of which he has been incumbent is that of notary public.

CHAUNCEY G. HUBBARD, M. D., who has a wide and valuable acquaintance throughout Steuben county, was born in Cameron, that county, October 16, 1845. Chauncey P. Hubbard, his father, was a native of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, born in 1803. He came to the county in 1828, settled in Woodhull and became successful and well known as a pioneer farmer and lumberman. He died at Fredonia, New York, in 1894. Nathan Hubbard, father of Chauncey P. Hubbard and grandfather of Chauncey G. Hubbard, was born near Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in 1775, became a merchant and lumberman, moved to Middlebury, Vermont, in 1803 and died there. He was a son of Zadoc Hubbard, who was born in Westfield, Massachusetts, in 1749, and Zadoc Hubbard was a son of Captain Daniel Hubbard, born in 1714, who died at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Captain Hubbard had four sons in the patriot service. Dr. Hubbard is descended from ancestors who came over from England on the Mayflower. Among his forbears were William Brewster and Richard Warren.

Chauncey P. Hubbard married Mary Wells, a native of Lenox, Massachusetts, daughter of Stephen and Lois (Hubbard) Wells. Some of her ancestors fought for the cause of the Colonies in the Revolutionary war. She, too, was of English descent. She died in 1896, aged ninety-two years. She bore her husband nine children, seven of whom lived to manhood and womanhood and three of whom were living in 1910. Mrs. Emily Hubbard lives at Syracuse, New York. Alma Rose Hubbard lives at Fredonia, New York. Chauncey G., the immediate subject of this notice, was the seventh of his parents' children in order of nativity. He spent his boyhood days in Cameron, and was educated in schools there and at Corning, Steuben county; at Alfred University, Alfred, Allegany county, and at the New York Univer-

sity Medical College. He was graduated from the last named institution in 1871, and after spending a year as a physician in the Blackwell's Island asylum for the insane he came in 1872 to Hornell, where he has practiced his profession ever since and is referred to often as the oldest active physician in the city in point of period of continuous service. He is a member of the Steuben County Medical Society.

In 1880 Doctor Hubbard married Miss Florence N. Prentice, of Jasper, Steuben county, New York, and they have two sons—Chauncey P., of Avon, Livingston county, New York; and Harold C., of Ithaca, New York. The Doctor is a member and an elder of the Presbyterian church. His brother, Rev. Albert Hubbard, was a missionary in Turkey and died there in 1889, after a residence there of twenty-six years. Theodore S. Hubbard, another of the Doctor's brothers, became prominent as a nurseryman and died in 1906. He was a liberal supporter of religious and temperance work and his gifts to charities amounted to one hundred thousand dollars.

Dr. Edith Kimball Neel, of Hammondsport, has the distinction of being the only woman member of the Steuben County Medical Society. Her undoubted ability as a physician and her usefulness to the community have made her an ornament to her profession and a credit to her sex. She is a native of the state of New York, her birth having occurred at Deansboro, Oneida county, February 22, 1861. Her father was Charles W. Kimball, who was born at Manlius, New York, February 24, 1824, and died February 25, 1907. He was a farmer by occupation and he chose as his wife, Jane Waterman, also of Oneida county, where she was born on Christmas day in the year 1825. Dr. Neel's grandparents on the maternal side were Joseph and Polly (Ritter) Waterman and on the paternal side they were Nathaniel and Emma (King) Kimball. She is of fine American stock which includes good citizens, soldiers and patriots. Of the children of Charles W. and Jane (Waterman) Kimball we are enabled to write as follows: Frances L. is at the old Kimball home; Mary Ella is the wife of Robert Hare, a farmer, residing at Perry, New York. Alice J. became the wife of T. Hare and is deceased; Charles N. an architect lives at Attica, New York; Dr. Neel is next in order of nativity; William and Willis, twins, reside at Linden, New York, where both are engaged in agricultural pursuits; Edwin J., the youngest member of this large family has not been heard from for fifteen years. His last residence was Stockton, California.

Edith Kimball spent his girlhood amid the scenes upon which her eyes first opened to the light of day, and attended the public schools until her fourteenth year. She then attended the select school of Emily Thrall, Batavia, New York, for about a year, Middlebury Academy for two years, and then began upon a career

as a school teacher, her enlightened endeavors in that line covering a period of nearly seven years, nearly two years of that time, however, being devoted to study in a normal school. Being naturally gifted for dealing with the ills which afflict mankind, she abandoned her pedagogical labors and entered a training school for nurses at Rochester, New York. She was graduated as a trained nurse from Rochester City Hospital in 1889 and chose Buffalo and Rochester as promising fields for her labor. There she remained for fifteen years, manifesting such unusual ability and executive capacity that she was elevated to the position of head nurse at the Fitch Accident Hospital of that city. Her ambitions embraced projects of greater scope, however, and with a view to becoming a member of the medical profession she devoted some time to the study of medicine and surgery at the University of Buffalo Medical Department. A few years after her marriage in 1898 she removed to Detroit, where she attended the classes of the Detroit Homeopathic Medical College for two years, graduating from that institution in 1906. Coming to Hammondsport soon afterward, she opened an office here and has won a success of which any physician in the town could well be proud. She is one of those who believe it no less than a crime not to keep abreast of this constantly advancing science and she never slumbers nor sleeps in the matter of making herself mistress of its newest discoveries. Not only is she a prominent member of the Steuben County Medical Society, but she also is affiliated with the Lake Keuka Medical Association and the Southern Tier Homeopathic Society. She has made a specialty of the diseases of domestic animals, has made some world-renowned discoveries in this department and is the author of a popular book called, "Cats, How to Treat Them When Ill." Her professional duties, important thought they may be, do not prevent her keeping in touch with the many-sided life of the community. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, a leader in woman's mission work and is identified with the Masonic order of the Eastern Star.

On May 25, 1898, she was united in marriage to James Neel, who was born near Buffalo, New York. The year of his birth was 1837 and he was the son of Robert and Lucinda (McArthur) Neel. After a long career as a railroad man he adopted a mercantile career, his business being located at Kanona, New York, and he subsequently became bookkeeper for the Urbana Wine Cellar and later manager of the concern, which position he held at the time of his demise, April 7, 1908. He was a man of affairs and of fine business ability. His interests were of broad scope and importance and included the treasurership of the American Wine Growers' Association and a directorship in the Hammondsport Bank. An ardent Republican and a tireless worker for the success of his party he was well known for this reason alone and for thirty years served as postmaster of Urbana. As a citizen he was interested in the success of good government, participating in the political

bouts of his party and aiding in the promotion of business and social harmony by a straightforward course as a citizen. He was high in the councils of the Masonic order, having passed all the chairs in his lodge and taken all the degrees, including that of the Mystic Shrine. His death in the prime of his usefulness was regarded as a general calamity. Since her marriage, Dr. Neel has been known as Dr. Edith Kimball Neel, and the name is one which is well and favorably known throughout the length and breadth of Steuben county.

HON. WILLIAM J. TULLY is one of the best known members of the bar of his native commonwealth and he has brought to his profession great energy and resourcefulness, qualities that he has also called into effective action in connection with various business enterprises of important order. He gave distinguished service as a member of the state senate and has held various public offices of more localized character. He has been engaged in the practice of his profession in New York city since 1908 and he is general solicitor of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a noteworthy preferment and one which implies definite recognition of his splendid professional abilities. Concerning him the following statements are made in a bulletin issued by the co-operative press: "The career of Hon. William J. Tully is marked by a progression of successful business undertakings. He is hardly forty years of age. He looks much younger. He has been practicing law since his twenty-second year. Since that time he has held important public office in three different positions, has practiced law with success in two localities and now he is occupied in one of the most important positions in the life insurance industry in this country. In October, 1909, Mr. Tully was chosen to take charge of the newly created office of general solicitor of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company."

William J. Tully was born at Corning, Steuben county, New York, on the 1st of October, 1870, and is a son of Joseph J. and Sarah (Byers) Tully, the former of whom was identified with the Corning Glass Works from the time of the foundation of this important industrial enterprise until his death, forty-one years later, in June, 1907. William J. Tully is indebted to the public schools of his native town and of the city of Brooklyn for his earlier educational training and he was graduated in public school No. 15 in Brooklyn as a member of the class of 1885. Later he continued his higher studies in the Corning Free Academy, in which institution he was graduated in the class of 188. His next definite action was to become a student in the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, in which he prepared himself for entrance to Columbia University. In preparation for the work of his chosen profession Mr. Tully was matriculated in the New York Law School, in which he completed the prescribed course and in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1892, duly receiving his degree

of Bachelor of Laws and being admitted to the bar of his native state, in the city of Buffalo, in the following year. Data concerning further points in his professional and business career have been succinctly given in the article from which the former quotation was made and recourse is therefore taken to the same, though slight **paraphrase is made.**

Naturally Mr. Tully went back to his home town to initiate the practice of law and in the spring of 1894 he was elected recorder of Corning. While incumbent of this office the law firm of Mills & Tully was organized and after two years of service as recorder he declined a renomination and renewed the practice of law. His partnership with Mr. Mills was dissolved only by the death of the latter and thereafter he was for some time engaged in practice in an individual way. In 1899 he organized the firm of Page, Tully & Ferris, with which substantial law firm he continued to be actively identified for seven years. In 1902 Mr. Tully was again induced to accept public office, being elected to the board of supervisors of Steuben county. He was immediately made chairman of that board and was afterward renominated by both political parties, again serving as chairman of the board. He resigned this position to enter the contest for state senator, to which office he was elected in 1904. He made himself felt in the senate during his first term, and in July, 1905, he had the distinction of being made a member of the famous special committee, which conducted investigations into the management of the various life insurance companies in New York city. He was re-elected to the senate in 1906 and served until 1908, when he resigned to enter upon the practice of law in New York city. In October of the same year he was appointed to the position of attorney to the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, an organization distinguished by the membership of the late Grover Cleveland, who was its head up to the time of his death. In June, 1909, there came consistent recognition of his ability and services when Alfred University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Mr. Tully is identified with the Bar Association of New York city and also the New York County Lawyers' Association. He is a member of the Corning Club of his native town, as well as the Fort Orange Club of Albany, and the Calumet, Manhattan and Republican Clubs of New York city. He is a member of the directorate of each the Corning & Painted Post Street Railway Company, the Elmira, Corning & Waverly Railroad Company and the Ephraim Creek Coal & Coke Company. He is an able and effective exponent of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor and he has done much to further its interests in various campaigns.

On the 5th of October, 1898, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Tully to Miss Clara Mabel Houghton, of Corning, and though his business interests are largely centered in New York the family home is still maintained at Corning. Mr. and Mrs. Tully have two children: Alice Bigelow Tully and Marion Gordon Tully.

EDWIN C. COOK.—In the thriving little city of Bath resides a well known and highly honored citizen of Steuben county with whose annals the family name has been identified for nearly three-quarters of a century. He has been concerned with important interests in his native county, including the banking business, and now, venerable in years, he is living virtually retired, enjoying the due reward of former years of earnest toil and endeavor.

Edwin C. Cook was born at Liberty Corners, this county, on the 12th of October, 1838, and the place of his nativity is now known as Cohocton. His father, Constant Cook, was born in Warren, Herkimer county, New York, in the year 1797, and he died at Bath, Steuben county, in 1874. Constant Cook married Miss Maria Whitney, who was born at Parishill, Oneida county, New York, in 1798, and who died at Bath, Steuben county, on the 6th of September, in 1889, and thus she survived her honored husband by a decade and a half. Their marriage was solemnized at Monticello, Herkimer county, New York, on Christmas Eve of the year 1819, and they became the parents of the following children, all of whom are deceased except the subject of this review, who is the youngest of the number. The first child died at birth; Harriet Jane was three years of age at the time of her death; Mary Jane died at the age of four years; John was sixteen years of age at the time of his demise; Abigail Clarissa, who became the wife of Lansing Hodgeman, died in 1906, at the venerable age of eighty-three years, and Henry Harvey died in 1905, at the age of eighty-three years.

Constant Cook learned the trade of blacksmith in his youth and in 1820, in company with his father, Philip Cook, who was familiarly known as 'Squire Cook, came to Steuben county and located at a point two and a half miles distant from Cohocton. Here Philip Cook purchased four hundred acres of land, for which he paid fifty cents per acre. He was also a blacksmith by trade and he and his son Constant erected a primitive shop on the farm, where they found ample demand upon their services as blacksmiths, while they also gave their attention to the reclamation of the farm. It is worthy of note that on the day that he was married Constant Cook made the extraordinary record of shoeing eight horses. He and his father cleared and brought under cultivation more than two hundred acres of their land and the old homestead continued in the possession of the family until 1907. Philip Cook was originally a Democrat in his political allegiance but later gave his support to the Whig party, of which his son Constant became a stanch adherent, thus continuing until the organization of the Republican party, when he transferred his allegiance to the latter. Constant Cook continued to reside on the pioneer homestead until 1822, when he located in the village of Liberty Corners (now Cohocton), where he erected a tavern of the type common to the locality and period. Upon establishing his home in the little village he there purchased about thirty acres of

land and he brought to his new home but a limited amount of household goods, besides which he had a pair of steers and bobbed-sled. He achieved success and definite popularity as an innkeeper and he was associated with John McGee in contracting for the transportation of United States mail, in which line their operations were of wide scope. They operated an extensive stage line in connection with which they owned at one time more than five hundred horses and one hundred stage coaches. They were also associated in contracting in connection with the construction of the Erie canal and they were the largest contractors in the construction of the Erie Railroad. On the 23d of March, 1843, Constant Cook sold his popular tavern in Liberty Corners and removed to Bath, having been previously elected to the office of county judge. Prior to this time he had served as an associate judge on the bench of the county court. Upon coming to Bath Constant Cook first located in the vicinity of the present Erie railroad station and prior to this time he has purchased the property upon which is located the attractive homestead of his son, Edwin C., whose name initiates this review. Shortly after establishing his home at Bath, Judge Cook became associated with nine others in the organization of the Steuben County Bank, of which he became one of the original directors. He was an influential factor in the development and upbuilding of Steuben county and as a canal and railroad contractor he did much to further the advancement of this and other sections of the state. At the time of his death he was the owner of a valuable landed estate of three hundred and twenty-six acres. Both he and his wife were devout communicants of the Protestant Episcopal church and they were numbered among the early members of the parish of St. Thomas' church at Bath. Constant Cook was a man of fine mentality and sterling integrity and his name is consistently given place on the roster of the honored pioneers of Steuben county. He was in a significant sense the architect of his own fortune, and his success, which was large, was won by worthy means so that upon his entire record there rests no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. An anecdote worthy of perpetuation in connection with his career is here given. At the time when he was a youth and had unappreciable financial resources he purchased a horse, for which he gave his note for eighty dollars payable at the expiration of six months. Just before this note became due he was making his way on foot from Bath of Cohocton and was overtaken by a man who invited him to ride in his vehicle. This man asked him if he knew Constant Cook and whether or not he was "good pay." Constant Cook, who had a distinctive impediment in his speech, replied to his interrogation by stating that the subject of the same was "p-p-property poor but honest." After some time the stranger said he had a note against Mr. Cook for eighty dollars and, with true business sagacity, Mr. Cook finally purchased this note for the sum of fifty dollars. On another occasion 'Squire Cook had placed a man

in jail for debt in accordance with the old-time laws. In order to keep the debtor in duress after the expiration of sixty days it was necessary for him to defray the expenses of his board, as otherwise the prisoner would be released. Under these conditions 'Squire Cook went to the jail and had an interview with his debtor, whom he informed would be given his release, but the debtor refused to accept this adjustment of the case unless 'Squire Cook would provide for him a conveyance by which he might have transportation to Liberty Corners. It was fully agreed that such conveyance would be supplied, but under the primitive conditions involved in the utilization of the horse which should be ridden, under the old-time plan of "ride and tie,"—that is, 'Squire Cook agreed that he would ride the first half mile, tie the horse and then proceed on foot. When the debtor should arrive at the point where the horse was tied the latter party to the agreement would mount the horse and proceed to a point beyond that reached by Mr. Cook with the idea of carrying out this plan throughout the journey. The result of the agreement between the two was that 'Squire Cook rode the first half mile and then tied the horse, trusting to the honesty of purpose of his coadjutor in this unique enterprise. However, there was a manifest lack of fealty on the part of the debtor from the fact that when he came to the point where he was to mount the horse he made use of the same and continued his journey in an uninterrupted way to his destination, thus compelling the father of the subject of this review to make the remainder of the journey on foot.

Edwin C. Cook was afforded the advantages of the Haverling Union School, at Utica, and thereafter attended for one year a private school conducted by Dr. Prentice, a successful and popular educator of his day. Thereafter he was for two years a student in a private school at Springside, after which he continued his studies for five years at Walnut Hill school, in Geneva, Ontario county. He was one of the first pupils in the Haverling school, at Bath, an institution that has given instruction to many of the native sons of Steuben county, and after completing his school work in 1857 he assumed a position in the Bank of Bath, where, as he states, he began his service in the dignified capacity of floor sweeper. He devoted himself with all of assiduity and care to his assigned duties and gradually won advancement to positions of increasing trust and responsibility, finally becoming assistant cashier. In 1862 when this bank was reorganized as the National Bank he was made assistant cashier of the same and he continued one of its valued executives for many years, having been promoted to the office of cashier in 1896 and having retained this incumbency until 1898, when the institution went into voluntary liquidation and resigned its charter. Mr. Cook became one of the principal stockholders of this bank, long known as the First National Bank, and was a director of the same from the time of its incorporation under the National Bank law until it closed its busi-



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ness. Since that time he has lived virtually retired in his beautiful home on Morris street. This attractive residence is located on a tract of thirty acres of land, is surrounded by a high stone fence and the grounds are beautified by fine hardwood forest trees and and effective system of landscape gardening, making it one of the most delightful homes of Steuben county. Mr. Cook has ever shown a loyal interest in all that has touched the welfare of his home town and county and as a citizen is essentially loyal and public-spirited. In politics he has ever accorded a stanch allegiance to the Republican party and his popularity in connection with political affairs will be readily appreciated when it is stated that he has served for three terms as president of the village and as a member of its board of trustees for two terms. He is affiliated with various fraternal and social organizations of representative character and is a communicant of St. Thomas' church, Protestant Episcopal, of which his wife was likewise a zealous communicant.

On the 27th of October, 1863, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Cook to Miss Mary Adelaide De Witt, who was born in Dundee, New York, and who was a daughter of Frederick S. and Martha W. (Hinckley) De Witt, both of whom were long representative citizens of Rochester. Mrs. Cook was summoned to the life eternal on the 14th of October, 1907; she was a woman of most gracious personality and her memory is revered by all who came within the sphere of her gentle influence. Mr. and Mrs. Cook became the parents of one daughter, who died at the age of nine months.

LORENZO DAVISON.—The late Lorenzo Davison, who died at his home in the village of Canisteo on the 30th of June, 1900, established his residence in Steuben county more than half a century ago, and it was given him to wield appreciable influence in connection with the civic and material upbuilding of the county, the while his strong, purposeful and sterling character gave to him a secure hold upon the confidence and regard of all with whom he came in contact. He is remembered as one of the essentially representative business men of Canisteo and it is most consonant that in this volume be incorporated a brief tribute to his memory.

Lorenzo Davison, the third in order of birth of a family of five sons and five daughters, was born in Tyrone township, Schuyler county, New York, on the 23d of March, 1824, and was a son of Lewis and Jemima (Gannon) Davison, the former of whom was born and reared in the state of New Jersey and the latter in Orange county, New York, whence she accompanied her parents on their removal to Schuyler county, where her marriage to Lewis Davison was solemnized. As a young man Lewis Davison moved from his native state to Schuyler county, where he secured a tract of wild land and reclaimed therefrom a productive farm. Upon this old homestead in Tyrone township he reared his large family

of children and there both he and his devoted wife continued to reside until they were summoned to eternal rest. They were numbered among the pioneers of Schuyler county and lived up to the full tension of hardships and privations incidental to the pioneer epoch in that now opulent section of the old Empire state. Lorenzo Davison was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and early began to assist in its arduous work, in the meanwhile attending the somewhat primitive schools of the locality and period, principally during the winter terms, when his aid was not required in connection with the work of the farm. To secure such educational advantages as were available he was compelled to walk a long distance over rough and hilly roads in order to pursue his studies in the little pioneer school house, but his alert mentality and excellent powers of observation and absorption enabled him to overcome in later years the handicap of the early days, the result being that he became a man of broad mental ken and mature judgment. He continued to remain at the parental home until he had attained to his legal majority and he then entered upon an apprenticeship to the trade of carpenter and joiner, in which he became a skillful workman and to which he devoted his attention for a period of six years.

In the spring of 1851 Mr. Davison removed to Canisteo, Steuben county, where he at once erected a large shingle and planing mill, which was operated by steam and which was located on the banks of the Canisteo River, near the site of the present depot of the Erie Railroad. This was the first planing mill erected in Steuben county west of Corning, and after it had been operated successfully for four years it was destroyed by fire. Mr. Davison was not disheartened by this misfortune, but promptly erected and equipped a new mill on the same site. In 1862 he formed a copartnership with the late L. A. Waldo and they engaged in the lumber, stave, shingle and general merchandise business upon a comprehensive scale. They owned and operated three mills, located at different points in Steuben county, and at Canisteo they conducted a large and well equipped general store. The firm of Waldo & Davison continued operations for a period of eighteen years, at the expiration of which the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Davison thereafter continued in the lumber and mercantile business in an individual way, and he did not abate his activities until the last few years of his long, honorable and useful life. In addition to his business interests he was prominently concerned with the agricultural industry, in connection with which he owned a valuable farm about one mile east of the village of Canisteo, in the fertile Canisteo valley.

In politics Mr. Davison originally gave his allegiance to the Whig party, but he cast in his lot with the Republican party at the time of its organization and ever afterward continued a zealous supporter of its principles and policies. He showed a deep but quiet interest in public affairs and was admirably fortified in his

opinions as to political affairs. Though progressive and public-spirited in his attitude as a citizen he had naught of desire for public office, but in 1873 he yielded to the importunities of his fellow citizens and consented to become a candidate for the office of president of the village of Canisteo, to which position he was elected by a majority that gave effective voucher for the esteem and confidence reposed in him in the community that so long represented his home. He gave a businesslike administration as chief executive of the village, but could not be induced to serve a second term. He was affiliated with Morning Star Lodge, No. 65, Free & Accepted Masons, from the year 1862 until his death, and was deeply appreciative of the noble teachings of this time-honored fraternal order. He united with the Methodist Episcopal church of Canisteo in 1868, and ever afterward was one of its most zealous and consistent adherents, as was also his cherished and devoted wife. He was president of the Canisteo Cemetery Association for a number of years and was ever ready to extend his aid to those "in any way afflicted, in mind, body or estate." His heart was attuned to sympathy and his impulses were ever generous and kindly. He gave liberally of his largess to worthy charitable and benevolent causes, and also contributed to the support of enterprises and measures tending to advance the social and material well-being of the community.

On the 3d of October, 1850, Mr. Davison led to the hymeneal altar Miss Louise Jackson, daughter of Josiah and Betsey Jackson, of Schuyler county, this state, and the two children of this union died in infancy. Mrs. Davison was summoned to the life eternal on the 23d of June, 1855.

On the 23d of November, 1856, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Davison to Miss Martha Carter, who was born in Schoharie county, New York, and who was a daughter of Rev. Chauncey and Maria (Plough) Carter, who were at the time residents of Canisteo. The mother is still living, making her home with her son, Milton W., at Canisteo. Mr. and Mrs. Davison became the parents of five children, whose names and respective dates of birth are here noted: Ida L., August 26, 1859; George A., October 1, 1861; Hiland T., March 25, 1863; Ella M., June 14, 1865, and Milton W., July 2, 1867. All of the children are living except George A., who died June 1, 1862, and Hiland T., who died December 4, 1864.

WALDO WICKHAM WILLARD, of the law firm of Willard and Rogers, Corning, New York, was born in Tioga, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1865. In his youth he had excellent educational advantages. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy, at Exeter, New Hampshire, where he graduated in 1883. Then he matriculated at Harvard University. He completed his classical course at Harvard in 1887, and in 1891 received his degree from the Harvard Law School. That same year he was admitted to the bar in New

York city, and there entered upon the practice of his profession, which he continued at that place for five years. Coming to Corning in 1896 he opened an office and practiced alone until 1909, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Rogers, under the firm name of Willard & Rogers.

Politically Mr. Willard is a Republican, and since becoming identified with Corning has filled the office of city attorney. He was a member of the Hasty Pudding Club and the D. K. E. at Harvard. He is unmarried.

WILLIAM S. SHULTS, merchant and town collector, Bath, Steuben county, New York, was born at Bath, August 30, 1875, a son of Arnold and Ella (Gray) Shults. His father is living, retired from business. His mother died in 1877. Mr. Shults married for his second wife Anna Buck, who is also dead. His present wife was Rachel Adams. He is now in his seventieth year. By his first marriage he had children (besides William S., the immediate subject of this notice), who were named as follows in the order of their nativity: Clara, Fanny, Frank and Lydia. Clara is the wife of George Little, of Bath. Fanny lives at Goodland, Newton county, Indiana. Frank is a feed merchant and farmer at Bath. Lydia is the wife of Newman S. Look, of Bath. Mr. Shults has three half-brothers: Daniel, Edward and Grattan. Daniel is a druggist at Ithaca, New York. Edward is in the feed trade at Bath. Grattan is a student.

William S. Shults attended public schools till he was fourteen years old and then helped his father on the farm till 1898. In that year he bought the home farm. In 1902 he sold it to his brother and came to Bath to accept a position as a clerk. He was thus employed three years. After that he was for two years at Buffalo, New York, as foreman on some railway construction work. Then, until 1907, he was in the grocery business at Lackawanna, New York. He sold out there to join his brother in the feed business at Bath. Politically he is a Democrat. So great is his personal popularity that in 1909 he overcame by one hundred and sixty-five votes a regular Republican majority of five hundred, and was elected to the office of town collector, which he is filling with such ability and integrity that his advancement in the official management of town affairs would seem to be assured. Since he was seventeen years old he has been a member of the Grange. As a member for many years of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, of Bath, he gained so good a reputation as a fireman that he is now assistant chief of the fire department of the city. He is a high Mason and a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Shults was Miss Mary Herron. She was born at Bath April 9, 1874, a daughter of James and Mary (Rutherford) Herron. Her father is a well-known retired farmer. She has borne her husband a son, James Herron Shults, now nine years old and a promising student in school. Enough has been said of Mr.

Shults to show that he is active in public affairs, efficient and helpful as a citizen, a leader in public and private life. His public spirit, many times tested, has never been found wanting, and he is in the forefront of all movements for the enhancement of the public weal.

L. WILSON ROCKWELL was born in Olean, New York, November 2, 1855. His parents were Lemuel and Mary (Van Scoter) Rockwell, of English and Dutch descent respectively. The father was born blind, but was well educated and a musician, and for a number of years was a teacher of the profession in Hornellsville. L. Wilson was the third of eight children. He received a common school education and at thirteen years of age he secured a position as bundle boy and clerk in the dry goods store of Adsit & Tuttle, holding the position ten years. In 1879 the firm of M. A. Tuttle & Company was organized with Mr. Rockwell as the company. In 1883 this partnership was dissolved and he removed to Wellsville and with his brother, H. H. Rockwell, organized the firm of Rockwell Brothers, which firm still exists.

In 1886 Mr. Rockwell removed to Cortland, New York, and there organized another firm under the same name. In 1888 he returned to Hornellsville, and in 1890, with M. A. Tuttle, organized the firm of Tuttle & Rockwell. The business of this firm grew to such proportions that in 1903 it was incorporated under the present name, The Tuttle & Rockwell Company. In 1891 Mr. Rockwell, in connection with his brother, J. L. Rockwell, and F. P. Merrill, formed a partnership under the firm name of Rockwell, Merrill & Company for the manufacture of silk gloves. This business was very successful and was the beginning of the silk industry in Hornell. Ten years later Mr. Merrill withdrew from the firm and two years later the Rockwells became members of the corporation of Julius Kayser & Company, the largest silk glove manufacturers in the world. Mr. Rockwell is also one of the organizers and a director in the following corporations: The Citizens' National Bank, Wellsville, New York; the Bank of Steuben, Hornell; the Steuben Sanitarium Company, Hornell, and the Plymouth Lumber Company, Plymouth, North Carolina; he is president of the Bank of Steuben, also the Steuben Sanitarium Company, and treasurer of the Tuttle & Rockwell Company.

Mr. Rockwell is a life-long Republican, but never held public office. He is a member of Hornellsville Lodge, No. 331, F. & A. M., and is past master of the same; and is also a member of the Steuben County Chapter and DeMolay Commandery. He is a communicant of the Episcopal church and a member of its vestry. He was married in 1884 to Miss Lizzie Smith, of Wellsville, who died in January, 1892. He was again married in 1895 to Miss Minnie Smith, of Hornell. He has two children, Robert F. Rockwell, of Paonia, Colorado, and Miss Jeanette, of Hornell.

ASHAHEL W. REED.—The real estate, loan and insurance interests have no abler or more successful representative in Steuben county than the popular citizen whose name is the title of this brief notice. Mr. Reed is a native of Birdsall, Allegany county, New York, born February 7, 1880, a son of Cyrus and Nettie (Davidson) Reed. His parents, both born in New York state, were both living when this work was in preparation. Their home is in Hornell. Ashahel William Reed, their only child, was educated in the high school at Almond, Allegany county, New York, at Alfred University, Alfred, Allegany county, and at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. After having taken a special course in civil engineering he came to Hornell as city engineer, which office he filled with great efficiency and credit. When he relinquished it he opened an office in Hornell as a civil engineer and was successful in the venture almost from its beginning. His official work had made him well known and in its prosecution he had made many friends, some of whom became his personal customers. After giving his undivided attention to engineering for two years he took up in connection with it real estate and insurance. In the development of his business real estate and insurance gradually came to demand the greater share of his attention, but he has continued to make a specialty of reliable engineering work and has always been in good demand in that way. His offices, formerly in the Adsit building, are now in the Conderman block.

On November 20, 1909, Mr. Reed married Miss Ina Josephine Hann, of Andover, Allegany county, daughter of Charles and Viola J. (Young) Hann. He is a Republican and a strong temperance man. In his religious affiliation he is a Presbyterian, active in church work and secretary of the Sunday-school. He is a firm believer in the future of Hornell and is ready at all times in a public-spirited way to do what he can for the good of the community.

PERRY DELOS GREENE, D. D. S., Hammondsport, Steuben county, New York, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, December 8, 1873, a son of Franklin P. Greene, who was born in November, 1852. Franklin P. Greene, a merchant at Hammondsport, came there in 1897 from Belmont, Allegany county, New York, where he had conducted a store two years. He had gone to Belmont from Wellsville, in the same county, where he had carried on merchandising on a large scale for fourteen years. Politically he is a Republican, zealous for the success of his party. He is one of the town trustees of Hammondsport and is otherwise influential in local and county affairs. He is a Mason of high degree, being a member of Damascus Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Rochester, New York. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Sheer) Smith, of Schuyler county, New York.

Perry Delos Greene, D. D. S., only child of Franklin P. and Elizabeth (Smith) Greene, finished at school when he was seventeen and entered the Philadelphia Dental College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where, after three years' study, he was duly graduated and given a diploma as a doctor of dental surgery. He practiced his profession a year at Wellsville, Allegany county, and seven years at Belmont, in the same county. In 1902 he located at Hammondsport. Dr. Greene is an active Republican and has been elected mayor of Hammondsport, which responsible office he has held satisfactorily to his fellow citizens of all parties. He is an Elk, an Odd Fellow, a Red Man and a Woodman.

BENJAMIN F. LARUE.—A native son of Steuben county, who has gained prestige as one of the successful members of the bar of New York city, is Mr. LaRue, whose offices are located at 143 Liberty street. He is a lawyer and is incumbent of the position of claims attorney for the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Mr. LaRue was born at Hornell, Steuben county, New York, on the 1st of January, 1873, and is the son of Henry B. and Minnie (Crandell) LaRue, the former of whom was born in New York city and the latter in Schuyler county, New York.

The father established his home in Steuben county in 1868, beginning his career as a locomotive engineer. He later, in 1873, became a contractor in connection with the construction of steam railways and in the handling of supplies utilized in this line of enterprise. He has retired from active business and resides at Baltimore, Maryland. His wife died when about sixty-five years of age and is survived by two sons, of whom the subject of this review is the younger. The elder son, Belmont M., is engaged in the real estate business in New York city, with offices at 180 Broadway.

Benjamin F. LaRue was reared to maturity in his native town, to whose public schools he is indebted for his early educational training, which included a course in the high school. At the age of nineteen years he removed to New York city, where he secured employment in the law office of Henry Granger. On account of a severe illness and poor health he finally went to the city of Rochester, where he became managing clerk in the law office of John Van Voorhees, under whose able preceptorship he began reading law, in which he made rapid and substantial progress in the preparation and trial of suits. His duties were so numerous that he had little time for a careful study of the theory of the law. While there, however, he tried forty-eight cases in all the courts and lost but seven.

In 1898, realizing the importance of a thorough legal education, he returned to New York city and in 1901 graduated from the New York Law School, after which he was admitted to the bar of his native state. He then entered the legal department of the Erie Railroad, maintaining his headquarters in Jersey City,

and in 1903 became identified with the legal department of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, with official headquarters in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he was admitted to the bar and remained until the 1st of January, 1906, when he was transferred to the offices of the company in New York city.

Since 1908 Mr. LaRue has held his present position as claims attorney with the Lehigh Valley railroad corporation, having charge of all litigation founded on tort in the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Mr. LaRue is Republican in his political proclivities, is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and is an appreciative member of the Steuben Society of New York city.

In December, 1902, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. LaRue to Miss Lallah Dymoke St. John, who was born and reared at Port Jervis, New York. Their charming little daughter, Kathryn Crandell LaRue, was born August 7, 1910.

WILLIAM R. PARK, secretary of the Park, Winton & True Company, Addison, was born in that town August 22, 1869, a son of James H. Park. The latter, a native of Woodhull and a lifelong resident of the county, was for many years a manufacturer at Addison and died there in 1901. His widow, a native and now a resident of Addison, was Miss Theresa Adelaide Reynolds. William R. Park has a brother, Charles F. Park, who also was born and reared in Steuben county and who is known in business circles as vice-president of the Park, Winton & True Company.

William R. Park, eldest son of James H. and Theresa Adelaide (Reynolds) Park, was reared in Addison and educated in the public school of that village. When he was about twenty years old he became an employe in his father's manufactory with a view to taking a responsible place in the business in the course of events. In 1901, his father having passed away, he became administrator of his estate. The Park, Winton & True Company was organized in 1910, with George I. True as president, Charles F. Park, vice-president, and William R. Park, secretary. It is the oldest factory of any kind in the vicinity of Addison and one of the oldest sash, door and blind factories in the country, and gives employment the year around to about one hundred men. It is such institutions as this that help to build up towns, and Addison gladly acknowledges obligation to Mr. Park and his predecessors and associates for very material benefits in all the years of their operations there. Mr. Park is a stockholder and director in the Yadkin Lumber Company, of Yadkin, North Carolina, which owns fifty-five thousand acres of timber land in the western part of that state, and the Embreeville Timber Company, of Embreeville, Tennessee, that holds title to thirty thousand acres of timber in the eastern part of that state.

Mr. Park married Miss Carrie M. Ainsworth, daughter of Dr. H. R. Ainsworth, of Addison, in 1900, and they have two chil-

dren: James H. and Emma A. He is identified with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Elks. Energetic, progressive and of friendly disposition, he counts his friends by the score wherever he may go throughout Steuben and surrounding counties on both sides of the state line.

CLAUD D. CARROLL.—Avoca is indeed fortunate in the personality of him who stands at the helm of the municipal ship, for he possesses in good measure those qualities which best adorn the incumbent of the mayor's office—sound judgment, fairness and nicely-balanced justice, and that executive capacity which can make a reality out of a good project. He was elected in March, 1908, for his third term as mayor of Avoca, and that his fitness for the office was generally recognized was made manifest by the fact that he was elected by a large Republican majority, and he has amply fulfilled all the faith reposed in him. He was born July 22, 1870, in Yates county, New York, the son of Alfred and Sarah Carroll. The father was born in the year 1832 in Columbia county, having gone there as a boy with his father, William Carroll. He is of noble lineage, his great-grandfather having been one Sir Charles Carroll, who emigrated to North Carolina. The mother of the subject was Sarah De Reimans, who died in 1903, at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. Carroll is one of a family of eight. His only sister, Grace, is the wife of H. Turner, of Utica, New York; Fred resides at Penn Yan; Charles, at Yatesville; Pearl, at Avoca; Gordon, near Plattsburg, Yates county; Granger, in Boston, Massachusetts, and Winfield, at Benton, Yates county.

Mayor Carroll received his preliminary education in the public schools, being graduated at the age of seventeen from the Yatesville school, and subsequently attending Penn Yan Academy for two terms. He then engaged in the wheel manufacturing business at Shortsville, New York, and continued with this enterprise for two years. Following that he was for one year employed in the same line in Syracuse, New York, and in 1889 he came to Avoca, when he became associated with the Avoca Wheel Company. He advanced rapidly, becoming general superintendent of the plant and a member of the directory, and he has been largely instrumental in making of this enterprise one of the thriving concerns of the town.

Mayor Carroll has for a long time been active in politics and is devoted to the principles of his party, the Democratic, and has always been ready to do anything to proclaim its ideas and support its candidates. He enjoys the confidence of his neighbors and has been mayor three terms and a member of the school board for three years. He is affiliated with the F. & A. M. Lodge, No. 673, of Avoca, and with the Maccabees, also of this place.

On the 27th day of December, 1892, Mayor Carroll was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Schultz, daughter of George Schultz, of Avoca township, who died at the age of seventy-three years. He

was a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of the county. The mother, whose maiden names was Mary Martin, died in October of the year 1910, at the age of seventy-one years. Mayor and Mrs. Carroll are the parents of the following children: Eva, aged sixteen; Bernice, aged thirteen; Ellen, aged eleven; Jeanette, aged five, and Francis, aged two. The three eldest attend school. Mrs. Carroll is a faithful and valued member of the Presbyterian church.

AUSTIN LATHROP, for many years a prominent citizen of Corning, New York, was born and reared in the neighboring state of Pennsylvania, Tioga being his native county and 1839 the year of his birth. His father, Austin Lathrop, was born in Otsego county, New York, in 1805, but the greater part of his life was spent in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged extensively in farming and lumbering. He died in Tioga county in 1882, at the age of seventy-eight years. By his first wife, who before marriage was Miss Amy Walker, he had seven children, three daughters and four sons: Margaret, Martha, Mary, Austin, DeLass, Daniel and William. His second marriage was to a Miss Devenport. For his third wife he married a Mrs. Colvin, nee Knox, who bore him four children: Mrs. Horatio Patrick of Scranton, Pennsylvania; Charles K., of Gailton, Pennsylvania; Anna, Mrs. Weeks, and John C.

Austin Lathrop passed his early life on his father's farm and received his education in the common schools of his native county. At the age of sixteen he entered upon a business career at a lumber inspector in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and later for two years was employed as clerk at Lawrenceville, that state. Coming to Corning, New York, in 1859, he accepted a position as clerk in the hardware store of C. C. B. Walker, with whom he was associated until 1888, having been taken in as a partner in 1862. After Mr. Walker's death in 1888 Mr. Lathrop sold his interest in the business and has since been engaged in the lumber business and in railroad building. From time to time he has made investments in various enterprises. He is a trustee of the American Surety Company of New York city; director in the Safety Car Heating & Lighting Company, of New York city; director in the Standard Coupler Company, of New York city; president of the Wheeler Holden Company, lumber and tie dealers of Buffalo, New York, and vice-president of the Empire Coke & Gas Company of Geneva, New York.

Politically Mr. Lathrop is a Democrat, having affiliated with the Democratic party all his life and always taken an active interest in public affairs. For nine years he was a supervisor. He served two years as president of Corning, and for eleven years he was superintendent of all the state prisons in the state of New York. Fraternally he is a Mason and religiously an Episcopalian. Mr. Lathrop married, in 1893, Mrs. Emma F. Wellington.

MURRAY D. CORBETT, engaged in farming and teaming in Avoca, New York, is one of Steuben county's substantial and progressive citizens. He is a native son, his birth having occurred in Cohocton township, June 24, 1878, and the names of his parents being John and Sarah Fairbrather Corbett. These worthy people are now living at Avoca.

Mr. Corbett is one of a family of ten living children, six of whom are sons and four daughters. Ida is the wife of F. L. Mattoon; Mamie married Fay Edwards; Mabel is the wife of Walter Shont, of Avoca; Lena, aged sixteen, resides with her brother, the subject of the sketch, and attends school; John resides in Avoca, as does also Albert H., Frank L. and Matthew, and the youngest brother lives with Mr. Corbett and attends school.

Murray D. Corbett received his education in the public schools, terminating his educational discipline at the age of fourteen years, and he remained beneath the parental roof until his sixteenth year. He was then employed as a farm assistant by various agriculturists in the vicinity until 1906, when he removed to Avoca and engaged in heavy teaming and drafting in association with his brother, and he also conducted a livery stable and milk business. This he has continued until the present day, building up a fine trade and enjoying the confidence of his patrons. The brother with whom he is associated is Frank L.

Mr. Corbett was a recruit to ranks of the benedicts on December 14, 1898, the lady of his choice being Eula Young, born July 20, 1878, in Fort Plain, New York. She is a daughter of Abram Young, who died December 2, 1908, at the age of seventy-two years. He was born in the eastern part of New York and was a carpenter and patternmaker. He removed to Bath, where he resided for fifteen years and engaged in the pursuit of his trades, and he afterward farmed for the fifteen years prior to his death, the scene of his agricultural activities being Avoca township. The maiden name of Mr. Young's wife was Frances M. Smith, and she is now living in Bath township at the age of sixty-eight years. She is the daughter of J. Smith, of England. Mrs. Corbett has two brothers: Frank W., a Methodist pastor, of Pennsylvania, and George I., a physician, of Baltimore, Maryland; and one sister, Anna, who is the wife of L. Everson, of Bath.

Politically Mr. Corbett marches beneath the standards of the Republican party and his fraternal affiliations extend to the Woodmen of America. His wife is a valued and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and belong to the Ladies' Aid Society. Mr. and Mrs. Corbett have one child, a daughter, Frances Luella, who is one year old.

SPENCER H. STUART, M. D., of Hornell, was born in the town of Howard, Steuben county, New York, October 20, 1867. Samuel W. Stuart, his father, Irish by birth, came to Steuben county as a boy of fourteen with his parents, Samuel and Sarah (Wood)

Stuart. The family located in the town of Bath, on Campbell Creek. Samuel W. Stuart married Mary Ann Carroll, who was born in Bath, a daughter of Andrew and Ann Carroll. Her father was, like her husband, Irish and had come, as he had done, to America as a boy. Soon after their marriage Samuel W. and Mary Ann (Carroll) Stuart located in the town of Howard, where he acquired a good farm, which was his home during the greater part of more than forty years of his experience as a teacher in public schools in Steuben county. He died October 17, 1908, leaving a widow and four sons and three daughters, all of whom were living when these paragraphs are written.

The future doctor of medicine passed his boyhood days in the town of Howard and there gained a primary education. Later he was a student at the academy at Canisteo. For a year he was a school steacher, studying medicine in his leisure hours. In 1888 he submitted himself to the preceptorship of the late Dr. C. B. Robertson, and that same year entered the Columbus Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1892. He also took a course at the University of Buffalo, where he graduated in 1899, and also from the University of the State of New York in the same year. Not long afterward he located at Cameron, Steuben county, New York, where he practiced his profession successfully for ten years. From Cameron he removed to Hornell, where he has risen to a high place in his profession. Giving attention to family practice he has gained the confidence of the public to such an extent that he numbers among his regular patrons some of the best people not only in Hornell but throughout the surrounding country. He is a member of the Hornell Medical and Surgical Association, of the Steuben County Medical Society, of the New York State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Stuart is a Mason, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (Hornellsville Lodge, No. 331) and of the Knights of the Maccabees. On January 9, 1895, he married Miss Nellie A. Timmerman, daughter of Henry and Martha Timmerman, of Bath, New York, where she was reared and educated. Politically he is a stanch Republican, and though not in active politics he wields a recognized influence in local party affairs. As a life-long resident of Steuben county he is public-spiritedly interested in everything that pertains to its advancement and prosperity.

The following items of information concerning the brothers and sisters of Dr. Stuart may be found interesting in this connection. Rev. Aaron C. Stuart, a minister of the gospel, is stationed at Vernon, Oneida county, New York. Robie W. Stuart is farming near Bath, Steuben county. Lena A. married Melvin Daniels and is living at Hornell. Rev. Elmer J. Stuart is pastor of a Presbyterian church at Oneida, New York. Sarah L. married William Hoyt, of Howard, New York. Ellen J. is living with her mother on the Stuart farm in Howard.

LEON M. KYSOR, M. D.—The family of which this prominent physician is a representative has an interesting history. Only that part of it which refers more or less directly to Doctor Kysor and his American ancestry can be here included, however. The name has been long known in Prussia. The grandfather of Doctor Kysor's grandfather in the paternal line of descent was, while employed in the German service, impressed into the service of England against the colonies in the time of our Revolutionary war, but at the first opportunity he left the British service to become a patriot soldier, fighting for the people of the side of the controversy that had his sympathy.

Dr. Leon M. Kysor was born in Howard, Steuben county, New York, September 10, 1872, a son of W. Byron Kysor, who was a son of Archibald Kysor, a millwright by trade, who built some of the early flour mills in Steuben county. W. Byron Kysor was reared in Steuben county and died there at the early age of thirty-seven years. He married Frances Olivia Johnson, a native of Howard, Steuben county, New York, daughter of a pioneer from Pennsylvania. Six children were born to them, the immediate subject of this sketch being the oldest. He began his education in common schools near his childhood home and after he was eleven years old, when he went to Hornell, he continued it in the public schools there. Taking up the study of medicine and surgery he was duly graduated from the medical department of the University of Buffalo in 1903.

He began his professional practice by a year's connection with the Steuben Sanitarium. Then he was for some time, until Dr. Parkhill's death, associated with him. Since that event he has been in independent practice. One of the successful and progressive medical men of the city, he is identified with the Hornell Medical and Surgical Association, the Steuben County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a Mason and affiliates with other secret social and beneficial orders.

Dr. Kysor married Miss Bertha M. Eells, daughter of James Eells, in August, 1905. He is a director in the Maple City Loan and Savings Association and has from time to time been connected with other important local movements. His public spirit is such that he cordially responds to any demand upon it involving the advancement of any considerable number of his fellow citizens. Professionally he is popular, enjoying the confidence of the general public and numbering among his patients some of the best families in the city.

FLOYD E. ADAIR—Prominent in the business life of Atlanta is Floyd E. Adair, proprietor of the Atlanta Flouring Mills. He has reason to be particularly loyal to Steuben county, for his birth occurred within its pleasant limits, its date being 1873 and the place Cohocton. He is the son of Edward and Osca (McCarty)

Adair and the family consists of two children besides himself, Verne and Maud. Mr. Adair spent his early days in his native town, attending the common and high schools and when still a lad he developed an interest in milling. His first practical experience in this line was gained in Rochester, New York. He was later engaged in a mill situated in the Adirondack Mountains and finally found his way to New York city, where he secured employment in a great flouring mill where there were turned out per day twenty-five hundred barrels of flour.

Thoroughly familiar with the business in all its phases, understanding the latest and best methods in the production of high grade flour, Mr. Adair wisely gratified his ambition to become established independently and in 1906 became proprietor of the Atlanta Flouring Mills. This mill is twenty-six by forty feet in dimension, two stories high and has an engine room eighteen by twenty-six feet. It is operated by steam power and has a forty horsepower engine. Its capacity is twenty-five barrels of flour and twenty-five tons of feed per day. He has the latest and most approved machinery and his flour is of the finest grade. Not only does he manufacture all the flour and feed that can be turned out in a mill of such capacity, but he also keeps on hand for the home market a stock of feed of all description.

In 1897 Mr. Adair was united in marriage to Miss Emma Bothwell and two young children are growing to manhood beneath their roof, these being by name Edward and Harold.

C. L. Crane, who is winning enviable success at the bar of Steuben county, was born in Cameron, that county, September 12, 1879, a son of Milton E. Crane, also a native of Cameron. His grandfather, who was a native of New York and by trade a blacksmith, also one of the historic old-fashioned schoolteachers who flourished in the earlier part of the last century, was a pioneer in Steuben county. He taught his son, father of the immediate subject of this sketch, the blacksmith's trade, and the latter is in business as a blacksmith at Addison. Mr. Crane's mother was Miss Sarah Snyder, daughter of Daniel Snyder, a pioneer in Steuben county, where she was born. The Cranes are of Scotch-Irish-English ancestry, the Snyders are of Holland descent. Mr. and Mrs. Crane had six children, three of whom were sons, and all but one of the six are living.

C. L. Crane was the fourth in order of birth and the youngest son. He was about ten years old when his parents moved to Addison from Cameron. After having been graduated from the Addison high school in 1896 he was until 1900 in business at Hammondsport, at Hornell and at Addison. In the year last mentioned he entered upon a year's special work in the College of Liberal Arts in the Syracuse University. He was duly graduated from the law department of that institution and in 1904, after some preliminary experience, went to Long Island City and there began the practice



Charles L. Crane

of his profession in the different courts of the state. In 1905 he returned to Addison and opened a law office there. In 1907 he formed a partnership with E. C. Smith, which existed till January, 1910, since when he has been in individual practice. He gives attention to general legal business in and out of the courts, is conscientious in taking cases, respecting both his clients and the court, and when he has accepted a case is indefatigable in pushing it to success by all fair means known to shrewd and resourceful lawyers. He is an influential member of the Steuben County Bar Association, is an Ancient Free and Accepted Mason and is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Delta Chi and other college societies. He married, August 14, 1906, Miss Grace A. Strang, daughter of F. D. and Alice Strang, of Westfield, Pennsylvania, and they have a little daughter whom they named Janet. She was born March 31, 1910.

In his political alliances Mr. Crane is Republican. He was secretary of the Steuben County Republican Committee from 1906 to 1909 and has been politically active otherwise, with the result that his usefulness is recognized by Republicans throughout the county. He has for a number of years been attorney for the village of Addison and he is doing good work for the town as corresponding secretary for the Addison Board of Trade. In many ways and on numerous occasions he has demonstrated a degree of public spirit that has placed him among the leaders in the valley and there are those who predict that he has only to remain in and continue to labor for the county of his nativity to receive such honors as old Steuben has been wont in all her history to bestow on her favorite sons.

William G. Coye, of Hornell, is one of the oldest insurance, loan and real estate men in Steuben county and one of the oldest in the country. He is a native of Otsego county, New York, born September 16, 1833. J. Morris Coye, his father, was born in New York state and was among the early settlers in this county. He was a printer by trade and carried on a business in his line in Hornellsville several years. When he passed away he was mourned as a pioneer. He married Sophronia Norton, a native of New York state, who bore him a son and two daughters. Frances is dead. Mary (Mrs. Isbel) was living in 1910 in California.

Mr. Coye's childhood and youth were spent in his native county, where he acquired a practical education in the public schools. He came to Hornellsville about 1860 and was for a time a clerk in a dry goods store. In 1866 he made his start in the insurance business, with N. M. Crane and C. H. Young. About 1874 Mr. Crane withdrew from the firm and its style became Coye & Young and was so continued until Mr. Coye assumed individual proprietorship of the enterprise. Real estate operations and the handling of loans were added to the business, and under Mr. Coye's management have become important factors in it. He is regarded as one

of the best judges of local real estate values in the city, and in the negotiation of loans he has shown rare tact and shrewdness. So long has he been in business in Hornell that his office is one of the landmarks of the town, not only one of the things that bridged the transition of the place from village to city, but one of the living interests that connect the present with the days of primitive things. So well established is Mr. Coye's reputation for integrity in all his dealings that no one in Hornell would hesitate to entrust to him any commission however large or however difficult.

In 1873 Mr. Coye married Miss Julia A. Lockwood, daughter of Nelson Lockwood. She was born in New York of Connecticut ancestry. In his political allegiance Mr. Coye is a Republican, and has been in all the history of his party. In the days before the war, when the people were divided on the question of slavery, he espoused the cause of Fremont and of Lincoln. Through the period of the Civil war he was steadfastly Republican and "Union." Through the period of reconstruction he supported the party that he believed had put down the rebellion and saved the nation from dissolution and was trying to reunite it in the only practical way in which he believed the work could be done. In the later days of our great national expansion he was proud of the party that was in power while most of it was brought about, and in these days of political unrest, out of which he believes better things and grander things are to come, he sees no reason for forsaking the straight road that he has followed safely through so much of turmoil and of evolution.

Edward W. Bryan, M. D., for many years a leading practitioner of Corning, New York, was born on a farm in Steuben county, November 6, 1832, and belongs to a family long resident of the "Empire state." His grandfather, George Bryan, a blacksmith by trade, was born April 7, 1779, and his grandmother Bryan, whose maiden name was Covart, was born March 23, 1775, both in New York. For some years they lived in Seneca county, from whence they moved to Steuben county when their son, Abram C., the Doctor's father, was a small boy. Abram C. Bryan was born in Seneca county October 21, 1806, passed his life as a farmer in Steuben county, and died here February 2, 1895. He married, October 11, 1831, Asenath Conlogue, who was born in Ontario county, New York, August 1, 1806, and who died in Steuben county March 18, 1882. They were the parents of six children: Dr. Edward W.; Catherine J.; William J., who was a physician; Elmina; Laura, and Mrs. Mary E. Orcutt. The latter, now a widow, was born November 2, 1840, and resides in Gorham, Ontario county, New York. All of the children are deceased excepting the subject of this review and Mrs. Orcutt.

Edward W. Bryan was reared on his father's farm and was occupied in agricultural pursuits until he reached his majority, in his youth having meagre opportunity for obtaining an education.

After he was grown, however, he determined to educate himself, and began by utilizing all his spare moments. He worked for seventy-five cents a day at odd jobs at whatever he could find to do. Later he taught school in the winter and spent the summer in the harvest fields, and all the while pursued his studies with a view to entering the medical profession. In the meantime he spent two years and a half as agent for the Erie Railroad Company at Savona. In 1865 he entered the Homeopathic Hospital College at Cleveland, Ohio, where he pursued a three years' course and graduated in 1873. Previous to his graduation he had practiced for a short time in Illinois, and after he received his degree he settled at Ovid, New York, where he opened an office and practiced successfully for a period of eleven years and a half, coming thence to Corning. Here he has had a successful career as a practitioner, covering nearly thirty-five years, and during this time has frequently been called into consultation with other prominent physicians not only at Corning and in this vicinity but also to distant points. He is medical examiner for the Marine Corps of Corning and is city health officer.

All these years Dr. Bryan has maintained membership in various medical organizations. In the New York State Homeopathic Society he has filled several offices, including that of vice-president. He is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, a charter member of the Hahnemann Society of Cleveland, and the only living charter member of the Southern Homeopathic Medical Society of the state. Also he is a charter member of the Corning Medical Association. Other fraternal organizations with which Dr. Bryan has long been identified are the F. & A. M. and the Royal Arcanum. Politically he is a Republican, religiously a Methodist.

EDWARD P. AND CHARLES D. BAKER.—Edward P. Baker, a successful business man of Kanona, New York, member of the firm of Baker Brothers, who own and operate a mill at Kanona, is a native of the county where he now resides, born on what is now the Soldiers' Home grounds, June 14, 1858, a son of John K. Baker. His grandfather and great-grandfather, as well as his father, were millers, and the family came to Steuben county from Pennsylvania.

John K. Baker was born in southern New York May 14, 1824, and was reared to the work of operating a mill, in which his father was engaged. In 1857 he removed to Steuben county and established a grist mill where the Old Soldiers' Home now stands. Several years later he left this location and operated a mill at Howard, Steuben county, and in 1865 established a mill at Kanona, putting in good machinery. He bought the building of L. D. Fay, who had bought of a man named Rowe, and it had first been used as a sawmill. The first proprietor of this mill was a Mr. Gross, who built it in 1840.

Most of the present improvements in the mill were installed by John K. Baker, and he put in the old turbine machinery. Many modern appliances have been installed by the present owners. Mr. Baker married Lucretia Powell, who was born in 1830 in Pennsylvania, daughter of Hon. Joseph C. Powell, a member of an old family in the Keystone state, who married Saloma Ellis. Mr. Baker and his wife had two sons, Edward P. and Charles D., of Kanona.

After receiving his education in the public schools of his locality Edward P. Baker took up the trade of miller and worked for his father. He has followed this line of work since with excellent success and in 1906 the firm of Baker Brothers was formed. They have a reputation for the excellence of their output and are both men of good judgement and enterprise, using the best and most modern methods and carrying on the enterprise in a most businesslike way. Edward P. Baker married Minerva Andrews, a daughter of Lewis Andrews, and three children have been born of this union, namely: J. Powell, aged sixteen years; Ruth Elizabeth, aged fourteen, and Helene Brown, aged ten. Mr. Baker pays strict attention to his business interests, and this is one of the secrets of his success in life. He does not belong to any church and is not active in political affairs, though he votes the Democratic ticket.

Charles D. Baker, younger of the two sons of John K. Baker and his wife, was born December 3, 1862, on what is now the Old Soldiers' Home grounds, and after attending the public schools of his neighborhood until about nineteen he then engaged in the milling business. He and his brother are men of similar tastes and both have a natural aptitude for the work in which they are now engaged.

On April 8, 1890, C. D. Baker married Ida Snell, who was born in Avoca in 1866, daughter of George W. Snell, a farmer along the Mohawk River, who came to Steuben county with the Mohawk colony and settled on a farm. He married Margaret Dillenbeck. No children have been born to Mr. Baker and his wife. He is a member of the Maccabees, and is not actively interested in political affairs, being entirely absorbed in his business enterprises.

WILLIAM W. CLARK.—Among those who have conferred distinction and honor upon the bench and bar of the Empire state is Judge William Walker Clark, of Wayland, who is now serving upon the bench of the supreme court of the state, as representative of the Seventh Judicial District. The distinguished official position of which he is incumbent indicated not only the profundity of his legal knowledge but also the estimate placed upon him by his fellow men.

Judge Clark claims the state of Illinois as the place of his nativity and was born in the city of Elgin, which was then a mere village, on the 14th of February, 1858. His father, DeMarcus

Clark, was born in Kirkland township, Oneida county, New York, and the place of his birth was locally known as Clark's Mills, the family home having there been established in the pioneer days. DeMarcus Clark was a son of Martin Clark, was born in the borough of Colchester, New London county, Connecticut, and was a child at the time when his father, Noah Clark, a native of England, removed from Connecticut to Oneida county, New York. Noah Clark secured a tract of wild land in Oneida county, where he reclaimed a productive farm and where he continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until his death. Martin Clark likewise devoted his entire active career to the great basic industry of agriculture and was a resident of Oneida county at the time of his death, which occurred on the 7th of September, 1870. His wife, whose maiden name was Wealthy Smith, was born and reared in the state of New York and she was summoned to the life eternal in 1858. Both were consistent members of the Baptist church and in politics he originally gave his support to the Whig party, from which he transferred his allegiance to the Republican party at the time of its organization.

DeMarcus Clark was reared to maturity in Oneida county, and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the common schools of the locality and period. He continued to be associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to his legal majority and shortly afterward, in company with his brother and two of his uncles, he engaged in the manufacturing of cotton cloth in Oneida county. The little village that grew up about the factory gained the name of Clark's Mills, and the title has been retained to the present time. With this line of enterprise Mr. Clark continued to be concerned until his demise, which occurred on the 7th of January, 1871, at which time he was but fifty-one years of age, his father having passed away in the preceding September, as already noted. DeMarcus Clark was a man of superior mentality and strong business acumen, the while his impregnable integrity and honor in all the relations of life commended him to the approbation and implicit confidence of all who knew him. He was a stanch and effective advocate of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor and gave yeoman service in behalf of the party cause. Both he and his wife were zealous members of the Baptist church and exemplified their Christian faith in their daily lives. At Utica, New York, was solemnized the marriage of DeMarcus Clark to Miss Mary Ella Walker, whose father, Rev. Warhan Walker, was at that time pastor of the Baptist church in Utica and the maiden name of his wife was Jane Davis. Mrs. Clark was born at Utica, New York, in the year 1831, and her summons to eternal rest came in 1860. She was a woman of most gracious and engaging personality and her memory is revered by her children and others who came within the sphere of her gentle influence. DeMarcus and Mary Ella (Walker) Clark became the parents of

one son and two daughters, and of the number, Judge Clark of this review, and one daughter are now living. Lillian C., the surviving daughter, is now the wife of Robert C. Young, assistant superintendent of the Utica Street Railway Company, at Utica, this state.

Judge William W. Clark gained his preliminary educational discipline in the public schools of the village of Clark's Mills, Oneida county, and supplemented this by a three years' course in Whitston Seminary, at Whitesboro, New York, after leaving which institution he was matriculated in the law department of Hamilton College, at Clinton, in which he was graduated in June, 1878, and from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws. In May of the following year the future jurist established his home at Wayland, Steuben county, where he engaged in the practice of his profession and where his earnestness, devotion and technical ability in the work of his chosen vocation caused him to make rapid and secure progress, until he gained precedence as one of the leading members of the bar of this section of the state, with ultimate precedence as one of the strong lawyers and distinguished jurists of the old Empire commonwealth. His novitiate in his profession was attended by its due quota of hardships, however, and he recalls, with appreciative memory, that when he opened his office in Wayland his financial resources were of emphatically negative order, the while the furnishings of his legal sanctum were summed up in a few well worn law books, one desk, one chair and, perhaps fortunately, one cuspidor. His first fee as a full-fledged attorney was the generous sum of seventy-five cents and was paid to him by Josiah Gray. His first law suit was that involved in the defending of an old rag pedler, from whom he received a fee of three dollars. In 1892 Judge Clark was elected district attorney of Steuben county, and he continued incumbent of this position for three successive terms, during which his administration of the office of public prosecutor did much to heighten his professional precedence. In 1902 he was elected to the bench of the county court, upon which he served for four years, resigning in 1906 with an admirable record,—one that proved the solidity of his legal learning and his fine judicial acumen. He was still serving as county judge at the time of his appointment to his present distinguished office as a justice of the supreme court of the state, in March, 1906. This appointment was conferred by Governor Higgins and was made to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge John F. Parkhurst. In November of the same year Judge Clark was regularly elected to the office for the full term of fourteen years. It is specially significant that in securing this preferment he was the nominee on both the Republican and Democratic tickets, having first been nominated by the Republican party, of whose cause he has ever been a stalwart supporter. That he gained also the support of the opposition party offers emphatic and unequivocal evidence of

his personal popularity and of the objective appreciation of his ability as a legist and jurist.

Judge Clark has continued to maintain his home in Wayland from the time he here initiated his efforts as a young lawyer and as a citizen he has exemplified the highest civic ideals, the utmost loyalty and public spirit. He has done much to further the social and material interests of the community and was one of the principal factors in organizing the First National Bank of Wayland, of which he is president. Both he and his wife are active and valued workers in the Methodist Episcopal church in their attractive little home city and are prominent in the best social affiairs of the community. Judge Clark is affiliated with Patchin Lodge No. 883, Free & Accepted Masons; Wayland Lodge No. 176, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Wayland Camp No. 10,989, Modern Woodmen of America.

On the 18th of September, 1879, was solemnized the marriage of Judge Clark to Miss Hattie M. Hill, who was born at Stetson, Penobscot county, Maine, on the 25th of June, 1857, and who is a daughter of General Jonathan A. and Lucy (Richards) Hill. The former passed the closing years of his life in Towanda, Pennsylvania, and was a gallant soldier and officer in the Civil war. Mrs. Clark was graduated in Wyklan Hall Seminary, in the city of Toronto, Canada, and in 1875 she was also graduated in Cazenovia Seminary, at Casenovia, New York. A woman of culture and much social charm, she proves a gracious chatelain of the beautiful home of the family in Wayland. Judge and Mrs. Clark became the parents of one son, William H., and the great loss and bereavement of their life came when this noble young man was called from the scene of life's mortal endeavors, on the 20th of February, 1910. A brief tribute to his memory is given in the following sketch.

William Hill Clark was born in the village of Wayland, Steuben county, on the 2d of July, 1880, and after completing the curriculum of the public schools, including the Wayland high school, he continued his higher academic studies at the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, at Lima, this state, and Cazenovia Seminary, at Cazenovia. In 1901 he entered the First National Bank of Wayland, of which institution his father was then, as now, president, and he eventually became assistant cashier of the institution, a position of which he continued incumbent until the time of his death, in addition to which he was a member of the directorate. He showed marked executive ability and did much to further the success of this substantial and popular financial institution. From an appreciative estimate of his character given in an obituary notice in the Wayland *Register,* under date of February 25, 1910, are taken the following extracts, with but slight paraphrase: "William H. Clark has been known by the older inhabitants from the cradle, and the noble characteristics of his early days were

steadfast to the end,—intensified and developed with maturity, as God in his wisdom provided. He was a typical American gentleman,—modest, retiring, courteous, sincere, sympathetic, and straightforward and honest in his dealings. His home life was ideal and resplendent with tenderness, love and sympathy, and all his leisure hours were spent in its enjoyment. His earthly body has been removed, but the memory of his sweet and beautiful life and influence will forever linger." To those nearest and dearest must come a measure of compensation and reconciliation from having thus known and touched so strong and so lovable a character, and in this sense death loses its sting and the grave its victory. Mr. Clark was identified with representative fraternal, business and social organizations in his home village, and no young man of the community had a more inviolable place in popular confidence and affection. On the 1st of October, 1903, he was united in marriage to Miss Jeanette C. Smith, only daughter of Edward B. Smith, a representative citizen of Cazenovia, and since the death of her husband she has made her home with Judge and Mrs. Clark.

In politics William H. Clark was a stanch supporter of the cause of the Republican party and he was a devout member of the Presbyterian church, as is also his widow. He was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Modern Woodmen of America, was a charter member of the Wayland Hose Company, and also held membership in the Wayland Board of Trade. When but twenty-one years of age he was elected village treasurer of his native place and he retained this office until the time of his death.

Mrs. Melinda (Wheeler) Bennitt was born in the town of Urbana, February 25, 1831, a daughter of Obediah and Olive (Woodward) Wheeler. Her parents came to Steuben county from Vermont in 1816 and settled in the town of Urbana; where Mr. Wheeler devoted his energies to farming and blacksmithing. The foundation of her education was laid in the common schools and she then entered Clover Street Seminary at Rochester, New York, where she was graduated in 1852. Three years were devoted to teaching school. In 1856 she married Benjamin Bennitt, also of the town of Urbana, who became prominent as a lawyer and soldier in the Civil war. On his first enlistment in the Twenty-third New York Volunteers he became a lieutenant and on the expiration of his service in this regiment, he returned home and raised a company for the Twenty-Second New York Cavalry, which he led as captain. He was advanced to the rank of major and was brevetted lieutenant colonel for meritorious service by President Johnson. He died in Hammondsport in 1889.

Colonel Fred Bennitt, elder son of Benjamin and Melinda Bennitt, is a prominent lawyer of Joliet, Illinois, where he is also interested in manufacturing enterprises. Colonel Bennitt was for many years in command of the Third Illinois National Guard and led that regiment to Porto Rico in the war with Spain. Colonel

Bennitt married Annie E. Reed, a daughter of Samuel B. Reed, a distinguished civil engineer and railroad builder, who was chief engineer in the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad. They have two children, Mrs. Elbert Bates and Fred Dwight Bennitt.

Mark Bennitt, second son of Benjamin and Melinda Bennitt, is also a resident of Joliet. He formerly was engaged in newspaper work in Elmira and Buffalo, New York. He organized the General Press Bureaus of the Pan American and Louisiana Purchase Expositions and managed them during the exposition periods. He was editor in chief of a comprehensive history of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. He is now associated with large organizations in the colonization of western irrigated lands. He married Helen Tallett at Elmira, New York, in 1890 and they have two children, Dorman Tallett and Katharine Esther Bennitt.

Mrs. Melinda Bennitt is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church and an active Daughter of the American Revolution. She is well known for her literary taste and writings for the county press. In 1873 she joined with Mrs. E. B. Fairchild in establishing the Hammondsport *Herald* and continued as its editor for some time. She has long been active in the cause of education and was for twelve years a member of the Board of Education of Hammondsport.

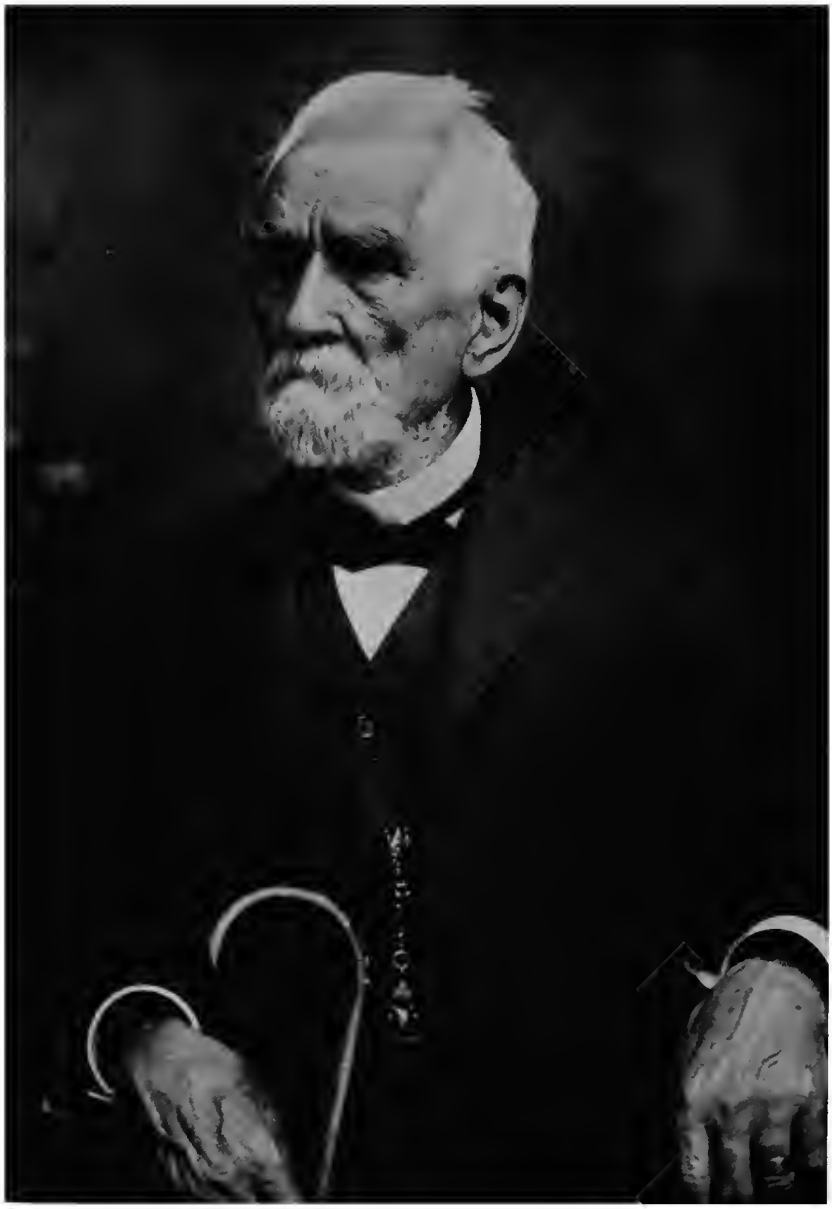
JOHN RANSOM SHELDON certainly deserves representation among the men who have been instrumental in promoting the welfare of Hornell. He has done much to advance the wheels of progress, aiding materially in the development of business activity and energy, on which the prosperity and growth of the state always depend. He has found in each transition stage opportunity for further effort and broader labor and his enterprise has not only contributed to his individual success but has also been of marked value to the community in which he makes his home. Since 1898 Mr. Sheldon has lived retired from the cares of active business affiairs. For more than two-score years he was actively engaged in the hardware business at Hornell, where he is now enjoying a well deserved leisure, his home being at No. 56 Maple street.

Mr. Sheldon was born in Hornellsville, Steuben county, New York, July 6, 1833, a son of Orson Sheldon, the family being of substantial New England ancestry. His grandfather, John Sheldon, a native of Connecticut, followed the march of civilization westward when young, settling in the vicinity of Lebanon, Madison county, New York, in the pioneer days, and directing his attention to agricultural pursuits. Orson Sheldon was born, in 1807, in Lebanon, New York, where he grew to adult age. From 1832 until 1836 he resided in Steuben county and thereafter for two years was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Alfred, Allegany county, New York. Returning, in 1838, to his native county, he was in business in Lebanon for some time. In 1851 he established

his home in Hornellsville, Steuben county, and was here a resident until his death, in 1870, a part of the time being in business as a dry-goods merchant. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane F. Hartshorn, was born, in 1811, in Lebanon, Madison county, and she was summoned to the life eternal in 1892. Her father, Jacob Hartshorn, a native of Connecticut, was of English lineage and was one of the pioneer settlers of Madison county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Orson Sheldon became the parents of two children and of the number John Ransom, the oldest member of the parental household, and Frederick M., of Buffalo, New York, the youngest in order of birth, are now living.

Until attaining his majority John R. Sheldon remained at home, assisting his father in the store and attending the public schools of Lebanon. When ready to assume the real responsibilities of life he decided upon the hardware busines as a good field for operation and accordingly established himself in business as a hardware merchant at Hornell, in 1858. The firm of Sheldon Brothers, retail and wholesale dealers in hardware, was formed and rapidly built up a large and representative patronage, it having an extended trade in this section of the state, and maintaining a number of traveling salesmen on the road. For fully forty years, from 1858 to 1898, was Mr. Sheldon identified with this line of enterprise and with other important financial ventures in Hornell. In the latter year, however, he withdrew from active participation in the affairs of the business world and he has since lived in retirement, in the full enjoyment of former years of earnest toil and endeavor. He has maintained his home in this city for a period of sixty years and is one of the oldest residents in the place. When he first came here, in 1851, Hornellsville was a town of seven hundred inhabitants and it now boasts a population of fourteen thousand. A sound advocate of the principles of the Republican party Mr. Sheldon has been most active in public affairs and served for a number of years as a member of the board of trustees of the village. He is widely known throughout the country and holds a distinctively high place in the confidence and regard of his fellow men.

Mr. Sheldon has been twice married, his first union, in 1862, being to Miss Lydia P Canfield, a native of Elmira, New York. She passed to eternal rest in 1905 and is survived by two children,—William C., who died May 18, 1882, and Mary J., who is now wife of Rev. Thomas Stephenson, residing in Hornell, New York. In 1907 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sheldon to Miss Agnes A. Doyle, of Syracuse, New York. Mr. Sheldon is a devout and active member of the Baptist church, as was also his first wife. He affiliated with this church in 1858 and he has since been a most worthy member and a trustee. For three-score years has Mr. Sheldon been connected with the upbuilding of Hornell and he has just reason to be proud of the fact that to his efforts can be traced many a substantial enterprise or advancement con-



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tributing greatly to the growth and prosperity of this section of the state. In every sense of the word he is a representative citizen, whose loyalty and public-spirit have been of the most prominent order. It is to the inherent force of character and commendable ambition and the unremitting diligence of Mr. Sheldon himself that he steadily advanced in the business world until he eventually occupied a leading place among the active and representative men of Hornell.

GEORGE WOLLAGE PRATT.—Among the prominent citizens whom Corning has been called upon to mourn within the past few years none will be more generally missed than the late George Wollage Pratt, whose death, which occurred at his home, No. 138 Cedar street, at a quarter after two o'clock, Wednesday morning, October 3, 1906, was a cause of deep regret not only to his immediate family and friends but to the public. Taken desperately ill the preceding May, his death was almost momentarily expected for ten days, but his strong vitality conquered and in a few weeks he was able to sit up a while each day. With increasing strength his desire to once more look after his personal interests caused him to be wheeled to the *Corning Journal* office, where the greater portion of his business career had been spent, his last visit to the editorial sanctum having been made on September 27. On September 30, after retiring for the night, he was seized with an attack of acute indigestion, and, unable to recover from the effects of the great suffering and the ensuing prostration he quietly passed to rest in the home in which he had resided since 1860.

Mr. Pratt was born April 17, 1821, at May's Mills, midway between Penn Yan and Dresden, in the town of Milo, then Ontario but now Yates county, New York, a son of Joel B. Pratt. Joel B. Pratt was born in 1795 in Colchester, Connecticut, and in 1819 became a resident of what is now Yates county, New York. In June, 1834, Joel B. Pratt came with his family to Steuben county, locating in the old town of Painted Post, now known as Corning, and for a number of years had a carding and cloth-dressing shop at the Mills, in what is now Hammond street, in the first ward of the city of Corning. A man of much intelligence and of strong convictions, he was an earnest advocate of total abstinence and one of the few stanch and fearless anti-slavery men of his day to be found in this section of the Empire state. He married Cerinthia Wollage, who died October 10, 1867, in Binghamton, New York, aged seventy-three years. He survived her, passing away in Corning, New York, February 21, 1869.

Prior to coming, on June 20, 1834, with his parents to Corning, George W. Pratt attended school at Dresden, and at Avon, New York. He subsequently worked in his father's carding shop, as chance offered attending the local schools and finally becoming a district school teacher. Entering the Geneva Medical College, at Geneva, New York, in 1842, he was there graduated with the degree

of M. D. in January, 1845, and the ensuing four years was engaged in the practice of his profession at Corning. Going to Michigan in September, 1849, Dr. Pratt continued to practice medicine, and in addition embarked in journalistic work, being from February, 1850, until May, 1851, editor of the *Statesman,* an influential Whig paper at Marshall, Michigan. Returning to Corning, he became, in July, 1851, editor and part owner of the Corning *Journal,* which had been in existence at that time for four years. In April, 1853, he purchased his partner's interest in the paper, and, with the exception of a brief period when he had a partner, he owned and edited the *Corning Journal* until his death. In September, 1891, at the age of three score and ten years, he established an afternoon edition of the *Journal,* and in 1905 the *Weekly Journal* was merged with the *Daily Journal,* to save the labor and expense of two newspapers.

In early life Mr. Pratt was a strong anti-slavery man and a stanch adherent of the Whig party, in 1854 joining the ranks of the Republican organization. He was one of two delegates elected from this assembly district of Steuben county to the first Republican state convention held in the state of New York, in Syracuse in 1855, and was one of the eight vice-presidents of that convention. He was afterwards many times a delegate to state conventions, being prominent in party affairs. In 1861 Mr. Pratt was appointed a state canal collecter at Corning, a position which he held a number of years. He was appointed in 1872 by President Grant postmaster at Corning, and held the office four years. Being appointed to the same position in 1890 by President Harrison, he served another four years. In 1887, without his previous knowledge, Mr. Pratt was appointed by Governor Hill as a member of the first board of managers of a projected state hospital for the insane to be located at Ogdensburg. During the four years that he remained on that board a fine hospital was erected at a large cost.

A man of deep religious convictions, he united with the Presbyterian church in early life and was ever afterwards an ardent worker, for many years being a Sunday-school and Bible class teacher. Mr. Pratt was a charter member of the New York State Press Association, which was organized in 1853. He was for over fifty years a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons, and was a life member of the Masonic organizations of Corning.

Mr. Pratt married, September 19, 1846, Helen Melvina Hayt, of Patterson, Putnam county, New York. She died April 4, 1880, at the comparatively early age of fifty-five years. Of the six children born of their union, three have passed to the life beyond, as follows: Theodore Steele, died aged twenty-one years, February 3, 1872, at Riverside, California, where the previous year he had embarked in business as an orange grower; Sophie Steele, the youngest child, died November 27, 1889, in Corning, aged

twenty-three years; Claudius B., the first-born, died May 30, 1850, aged two years. The three children living are George E., of Berkeley, California, third vice-president of The Realty Syndicate, one of the largest corporations on the Pacific Coast, with offices in Oakland, California; Ransom, of Berkeley, California, secretary and manager of the San Francisco office of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company; and Harry Hayt, for many years associated with his father in the management of the *Corning Journal,* of which he is now the editor. Harry Hayt Pratt is also postmaster of Corning.

George W. Pratt was for more than fifty-five years the editor of the *Corning Journal.* He had a high sense of the dignity and power of journalism. His convictions of right were positive; his sense of justice was keen. A writer of unusual force and ability he was fearless in the expression of his views and took rank during his long editorial career as one of the strongest individuals on the "country press" of New York state. In private life he was kindly, helpful, generous and broad-minded. He was a man of unblemished integrity and his influence was constantly exerted for the right. He ever sought to be useful, and when he died it was recognized that one of the ablest journalists and one of the best of men had gone hence.

HARRY H. PRATT.—A man of energy and enterprise, brainy and bright, Harry H. Pratt, editor of the *Corning Daily Journal* and Corning's postmaster, has achieved a large measure of success in his newspaper work, and as a public official, a man and a citizen is influential and popular. He was born in this city November 11, 1864, youngest son of the late George W. Pratt, of whom a brief personal history may be found on another page of this volume.

Brought up in Corning, Harry H. Pratt was graduated from the Free Academy with the class of 1882, and immediately entered the office of the *Corning Journal,* then a weekly paper of which his father was the proprietor. This paper was established in 1847 and six years later became the property of George W. Pratt, who had previously had an interest in it for two years, and who, in September, 1891, began its daily issue. On the death of the proprietor, in October, 1906, the paper passed into the hands of a corporation, and Harry H. Pratt was made president of the company and its editorial manager. Full of personal resources and of undoubted ability, he is enthusiastic in his work, the *Journal,* which is an influential daily, bearing the marks of his individuality. In 1905 Mr. Pratt was appointed postmaster at Corning by President Roosevelt, and in December, 1909, was reappointed to the same position by President Taft.

Active in public affairs, Mr. Pratt was for five years a member of the Corning Board of Health. He is prominent in Republican ranks, having rendered his party effective service with his pen and as a delegate to district, state, congressional and senatorial conventions. Fraternally he has taken the thirty-second degree of Masonry

and for one term was worshipful master of Painted Post Lodge No. 117, Free and Accepted Masons. For two terms he was exalted ruler in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On September 14, 1892, Mr. Pratt was united in marriage with Clarissa Chapman Spencer, a daughter of Hon. George T. Spencer, a prominent citizen of Steuben county, and to them six children have been born, namely: Sophie and George Wollage (twins), Hugh Spencer, Harriet Stacy, Ransom and Helen Hayt Pratt.

JAMES S. HARRISON.—A prominent banker and manufacturer of Steuben county, New York, and a citizen whose loyalty and public spirit have done much to advance the progress and development of Addison is Hon. James S. Harrison. He was born in Woodhull township, this county, on the 15th of February, 1851, his ancestry being of English extraction. His grandfather was long a practicing physican and surgeon in Otsego county, where he resided for a number of years and where his death occurred at an advanced age. James S. is a son of Salmon Harrison, a native of Laurens, Otsego county, whence he removed to Steuben county, settling in Woodhull township, when about thirty-five years of age. He married Miss Amy E. Haight, also of Otsego county, and they became the parents of four children: Charles S. is a resident of Flint, Michigan; L. Adelia is deceased; Howard B. maintains his home in Albany, New York; and James S. is the immediate subject of this review. Salmon Harrison was identified with agricultural pursuits during the major portion of his active business career and he was an influential citizen, filling many important offices of public trust in the community in which he elected to maintain his home. At the time of the organization of the Republican party, in 1858, he became aligned as a stanch supporter of its principles and policies and he ever contributed in generous measure to all matters projected for the general welfare of the community. For about twelve years he was the efficient incumbent of the office of justice of the peace and for a time he was tax assessor of Woodhull township. His religious faith was in harmony with the tenets of the Baptist church, in the various departments of whose work he was an active factor. He was summoned to the life eternal at the age of eighty-four years and his cherished and devoted wife was eighty-two years of age at the time of her demise.

Hon. James S. Harrison was reared to maturity on the old home farm, in the work and management of which he early became associated with his father, and his rudimentary education consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the district schools of his native township. Later he attended Alfred University, at Alfred, Allegany county, New York, being enrolled as a student in that institution for two years, at the expiration of which he turned his attention to business affairs. In 1870 he made his advent in Addison, where he began the manufacture of agricultural wood work, continuing in this line of enterprise to the present time and



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developing it till he now gives constant employment to about fifteen skilled workmen. In 1902 he became extensively interested in banking pursuits and in that year was elected president of the First National Bank of Addison, being incumbent of this responsible office at the present time, in 1910. This substantial financial institution has a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars and a surplus of fifty thousand dollars. Its official corps consists of Mr. Harrison, president, as already noted, E. M. Welles, vice-president; and W. A. Cronk, cashier. Besides the ones mentioned Mr. Harrison has other important interests in and adjacent to Addison and he is considered one of the ablest and most honorable business men in the county. His helpfulness to all measures for the public good is proverbial. In politics he accords a stanch allegiance to the Republican party and in the session of 1905-6 he represented his assembly district in the state legislature, where he was a member of various important committees and took part in the deliberations of the floor of the house, well demonstrating his ability and political integrity. He has filled the office of supervisor of his township and in different ways has had much to do with the public affairs of Addison and of the county. He and his wife are devout members of the Presbyterian church and he is affiliated with various fraternal and social organizations of representative character.

In the year 1883 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Harrison to Miss Carrie E. Griswold, a daughter of Linus Griswold, a representative citizen of Addison. They have two children: Howard G., born in 1884, was graduated in Cornell University as a member of the class of 1907, with the degree of Civil Engineer; and Celestia G., born in 1889, remains at the parental home. The Harrison family is one of prominence in Addison and their spacious and attractive home is a recognized center of gracious hospitality and refinement.

GEORGE S. GOFF, M. D., manager of the Crystal City Gas Company, Corning, New York, has been a resident of Corning since 1894 and has lived in Steuben county all his life. He was born at Cameron Mills, this county, December 7, 1853, son of Finla Goff. He received his early education in the schools of his native town, and upon reaching manhood decided to prepare himself for the practice of medicine. Accordingly, in the fall of 1875, he entered the medical department of the University of New York and graduated there in the spring of 1877. Immediately after his graduation he opened an office in Tollsville, New York, where, however, he remained only a few months. Returning to Cameron Mills he established himself in practice among the people who had known him from childhood, and there for a period of seventeen years he successfully conducted the practice of medicine. In 1894 Doctor Goff moved to Corning. Here he continued his practice for a time, but of recent years has abandoned it. From time to time he has made profitable investments. He was the promoter of

the Crystal City Gas Company, in which he is a heavy stockholder, and for the past five years has been general manager of the company.

Dr. Goff has been twice married. His first wife, Lucinda (Northrop) Goff, was born March 12, 1852, and died December 7, 1890. By her he had three children: Mrs. Josephine Almy, a resident of Oklahoma; Raymond F. Goff, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and George Victor Goff, of Olean, New York. For his second wife, on October 25, 1891, he married Miss Claribel Alexander, who was born March 7, 1875. The only child of this union is M. Winifred, who lives at home.

Dr. Goff has membership in the Steuben County and the New York State Medical Associations, and also is a member of the City Club of Corning. Politically he is a Republican. He served eight years as health officer and nine years as coroner. He and his family are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

S. Gilmore Haight.—A native son of Steuben county who has attained success and prestige as one of its representative business men is Samuel Gilmore Haight, who is engaged in the drug business at Hammondsport, where he is also operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company and incumbent of the office of township clerk. He was born in Urbana township, this county, on the 27th of January, 1873, and is a son of Samuel Charles and Mary E. (Gilmore) Haight, the former of whom was born in Dutchess county, New York, and the latter in Urbana township, Steuben county, being a daughter of Richard and Martha (Osborn) Gilmore. Samuel C. Haight became one of the representative farmers of Urbana township, where he continued to reside until 1885, when he removed to the village of Hammondsport, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred on the 25th of April, 1909, at which time he was seventy years of age. He was a lad of fourteen years at the time of his parents' removal from Dutchess county to Steuben county and he was a son of David W. and Sarah (Tompkins) Haight. His father became a prosperous farmer in Urbana township and there continued to reside until his death, as did also his wife. Mrs. Mary E. (Gilmore) Haight now resides in Hammondsport in the home of her son, S. Gilmore, the subject of this review, and she has attained to the venerable age of seventy-four years. Samuel C. Haight served two years as a loyal soldier of the Union during the Civil war and while in service he was struck by lightning, though the injury did not prove fatal. He was commissioned captain of his company but the result of his injuries from the stroke of lightning compelled him to resign his commission. He was a member of Company E, First New York Artillery. He was a Republican. His daughter, Nancy E., is the wife of M. A. Hoyt, of Hammondsport, and her sister, Mary, is the wife of Rev. John Hickok, who is a clergyman of the Methodist church; he now has pastoral charge of the church at Ashville, Chautauqua county.

S. Gilmore Haight gained his early educational training in the public schools of Steuben county and as a youth he learned the art of telegraphy. When eighteen years of age he became identified with railroad interests at telegraph operator at Rheims, Steuben county, where he also served as station agent for two years. He then came to Hammondsport as telegraph operator and station agent and here he served in this dual capacity for four years, at the expiration of which he entered the service of the Great Northern railway, near Spokane, Washington. He remained in the west one year and he then returned to Steuben county, where he had charge of his father's farm for the succeeding year. Since that time he has been engaged in the drug business in Hammondsport with his brother-in-law, Maurice A. Hoyt, and who controlled a substantial and representative enterprise in this line. Mr. Haight is also serving as operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company at Hammondsport and he has been incumbent of the office of clerk of Hammondsport township, having been elected on the ticket of the Democratic party, of whose principles and policies he is a stanch advocate. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Improved Order of Redmen. He takes a lively interest in all that touches the welfare of his home city and county and is essentially progressive and public-spirited.

In the year 1902 Mr. Haight was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Relyea, who was born and reared in Steuben county and who is a daughter of Frank Relyea, who is now engineer of the city water works of Elmira, New York. Mrs. Haight as graduated in the high school at Prattsburg, later attended Franklin Academy and finally was graduated in the state normal school at Geneseo. Prior to her marriage she was a successful and popular teacher in the public schools for several terms. Mr. and Mrs. Haight have **no children.**

HERBERT A. HEMINWAY.—One of the best known and most successful attorneys that ever graced the Steuben county bar is Herbert A. Heminway, of Corning, who has the rare logical faculty of applying the standard principles of law with wonderful power to the cases he may have in hand, never being led astray from the point at issue. A son of the late Allen Heminway, he was born August 25, 1875, in Nunda, Livingston county, New York, being the third child in a family of four children that grew to years of maturity.

Allen Heminway was born and brought up in New York state and during his active career was variously employed. He lived in different places, spending his last years in Pownal, Vermont, where he passed away at the age of seventy-two years. He married Caroline D. Underwood, who was born three score and ten years ago, and is now living in Pownal, Vermont.

Spending the days of his boyhood in Bennington county, Vermont, Herbert A. Heminway was graduated from the Bennington

High School in 1895, and subsequently attended the Boys' High School in New York city. Entering then Cornell University he was graduated from the law department with the class of 1900, and the same year located in Corning. As a general practitioner he has been exceedingly fortunate, his breadth of wisdom and fertility of resource winning him a noteworthy position among the lawyers of prominence and eminence. He is now attorney for the towns of Erwin and Hornby, and as a leading member of the Republican party he takes an active interest in public affairs. Fraternally Mr. Heminway is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter, council and consistory; is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to Corning Lodge, No. 1071, B. P. O. E.

Mr. Heminway married, June 25, 1902, Ella May Daley, a daughter of John P. and Jane Daley, of Bennington, Vermont, and of their union two children have been born, Caroline Ella and Marion Louise.

DR. PHILO L. ALDEN was born in the town of Howard, Steuben county, New York, August 27, 1856. His father, George V. Alden, was born May 17, 1824, and died in 1887, aged sixty-three years. He was a native of Yates county and came to Howard with his father in 1830. He became a millwright, a lumberman and a civil engineer and did much work as a draftsman. He died in Howard, after a life of activity and usefulness. He took little practical interest in politics, but was well known as a Mason. He married Ann C. Chapman in 1847. She was born in Moskow, New York, in 1825, a daughter of James and Lavinia (Utter) Chapman. Dr. Alden had the following brothers and sisters: Josie died at the age of two; George died at the age of fifty years; Frank died at the age of sixty years; Henry D. died in infancy; Charles is a machinist at Warren, Ohio; Emma is the wife of Charles Hubbell, of Union City, Pennsylvania; Omar resides at Warren, Ohio. The subject's grandfather on the paternal side was Barney Alden, a cabinetmaker, carpenter and builder, who with his brother erected the two churches in Howard. He died August 2, 1871. His wife, who was Nancy Devoe, was born September 11, 1800, and died November 9, 1876. Manoah Alden, father of Barney Alden and great-grandfather of Dr. Alden, settled in Steuben county in 1776 and made a success as a pioneer undertaker and cabinetmaker. His wife lived to be one hundred and three years old. Dr. Alden of this review has a history of John and Priscilla Alden family of the Pilgrims down to 1865, and which includes his grandparents, thus making the Doctor a direct descendant of this historic family.

Dr. Alden completed the course of the public school, was then graduated from the high school and later attended Alfred University at Alfred, Allegany county, New York. From 1878 to 1883 he was a salesman at Buffalo, New York. Then, at Pulteney,



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he began the study of medicine, and in 1887 was graduated from the medical department of the University of Buffalo. He began his professional work in Wayne, remaining there until 1889, when he located at Hammondsport, where he has won high rank both as physician and surgeon. He spent the season of 1905 abroad to better prepare himself for his practice and in England he visited many Alden families, notably in Oxford, the home of the Aldens. He is a member of the Lake Keuka Medical Association and has been for twenty years a member of the Steuben County Medical Association. He is a member of the New York State Sanitary Officers' Association, also president of the Hammondsport Business Men's Association, Incorporated, and was appointed by President Cleveland president of the pension board and filled the office six years.

Dr. Alden finds time from the exacting demands of his profession to keep in touch with the progress of the times. As a Democrat he has been active in party work and has been called to several offices, notably to that of health officer of the town and corporation, which he held ten years. He is a member of the Corning lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1885 he married Miss Mary Emma Nichol of Pulteney, born November 20, 1865, a daughter of Dr. Lyman and Harriet (Thompson) Nichol, who are living at Pulteney, aged respectively seventy-five and seventy-four years. Dr. and Mrs. Alden have had two children: George Lyman, born in 1887, a trained nurse and a graduate of Portsmouth; and Edna May, born in 1891, who died in infancy.

There is nothing of public import at Hammondsport and in the surrounding country in which Dr. Alden is not helpfully interested. His profession has made him more observant than the ordinary citizen in many things affecting the public health and the physical well-being of residents in particular localities, and he is, in truth, a model health officer. His public spirit is such that he seldom turns a deaf ear to any proposition looking to the general good. In all that affects Hammondsport and its people he has keen interest and there is no local movement which in his judgment promises to benefit any considerable number of his fellow citizens that does not have his cordial advocacy and his generous support.

WILLARD S. REED.—A man of scholarly attainments, possessing good business tact and judgment, Willard S. Reed is well qualified for the responsible position he now holds as cashier of the First National Bank of Corning. A native of Steuben county, he was born May 1, 1871, at Hammondsport, of English ancestors. His father, Walter Reed, was born and bred in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, from there coming as a young man to Steuben county. Locating at Hammondsport, he embarked in the grape-growing business, in which, notwithstanding his burden of eighty-two years, he is still successfully engaged. He married Catherine Smith, who was born eighty-two years ago in Tompkins county, New York, a

daughter of William Smith, whose father was one of the original settlers of Tompkins county. Of the children born of their union five survive, namely: Lawrence F.; George W.; Elizabeth, wife of Theo. Bennett; Mary, wife of Asa Robbins; and Willard S.

After receiving his diploma at the Haverling Free Academy in Bath with the class of 1892, Willard S. Reed studied law in the office of Charles F. Kingsley, of Bath, and in 1896 was admitted to the bar. Coming directly to Corning Mr. Reed was here engaged in the practice of his profession for eleven years. Accepting the position of cashier in the First National Bank of Corning in 1907 he has since retained it. This bank is one of the substantial institutions of Steuben county. On November 10, 1910, its liabilities included a paid-up capital of $100,000; a surplus fund of $50,000; undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, of $27,956.31; with individual deposits subject to check, demand certificates of deposit, certified checks, cashier's checks outstanding and United States deposits, amounting to $868,225.93. Its resources at the same time, including loans and discounts, overdrafts, bonds and premiums, house, furniture and fixings, stocks, money due, checks, notes, money on hand, bank reserve fund, specie, legal tender notes and redemption fund, amounting to $1,146,140.25. The bank officers are men of recognized financial ability and integrity, James A. Drake being president; George B. Bradley, vice-president; Willard S. Reed, cashier; and Charles M. Hyde, assistant cashier, while the directors are James A. Drake, George B. Bradley, Willard S. Reed, John L. Lewis, C. Glen Cole, Eran F. Williams and Charles M. Hyde.

In his political affiliations Mr. Reed is a Democrat, and in 1897 and 1898 was city attorney, while in 1900 and 1901 he served as city judge. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and belongs to Lodge No. 1071, B. P. O. E.

Mr. Reed married, July 24, 1893, Estelle Brush, a daughter of James and Malvina Brush, and into their home two children have been born, Walter and Charlotte.

LEE VERNE ROSENKRANS, justice of the peace and dealer in real estate, Wayland, Steuben county, New York, was born on the old Rosenkrans homestead, September 22, 1871, a son of Hamilton S. and Helen M. (Davis) Rosenkrans. His father died December 14, 1897, leaving a widow, three sons and two daughters as follows: Maynard H., of Wayland, is a painter; Merton J. is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company at Kansas City; Lee Verne of this sketch; Jennie J. married Bert Goodno, a farmer living in Rochester, New York; Hattie J. is the wife of Hugh McKay, of Drury's Bluff, Virginia.

Lee Verne Rosenkrans left the public school at eighteen and took a commercial course under the preceptorship of Professor Pangborn of Wayland. To the education thus acquired he has added very extensively by a system of self study, and it was broad-

ened by his study of the law. The latter he carried on while he was managing the manufactory of cider vinegar established by his father and laying the foundation for his present fine business in real estate.

Throughout Steuben and adjoining counties Mr. Rosenkrans is known as a devoted and active and influential member of the Democratic party. For a decade he has been prominent in the public business of the town of Wayland. When he had but just attained his majority he was honored by his fellow citizens with the responsible post of inspector of elections, and at twenty-eight he was elected justice of the peace, which office he has held by successive reelections to the present time. He was a delegate to a state senatorial convention and at numerous important conventions has been placed on committees where the finest ability was demanded and in the work of which he acquitted himself with the greatest credit. It is to such men of the younger class as is Mr. Rosenkrans that Steuben county looks for the carrying forward of the traditions of its glorious past, and nobly are they rising to the responsibility. There is not in Wayland a man of better developed public spirit than that always exhibited by Mr. Rosenkrans in all his dealings with his fellow citizens. Indeed, it is not to be believed that he would refuse his generous support to any measure which in his opinion promised to benefit the general public.

A. D. STEVENS, a stockholder in and superintendent of the Painted Post Lumber Company, was born in Avon, Livingston county, New York, January 19, 1864, a son of Edwin and Juliette (Deming) Stevens. His father, born in Orleans county, New York, devoted his active life to farming and now lives in retirement at Painted Post, aged about seventy-four years. His mother, who first saw the light of day in Livingston county, New York, lived about forty-five years, all of the time at Avon, the place of her birth. She bore her husband children named as follows: A. D., the immediate subject of this notice, and John D., who is a resident of Chicago, Illinois. The former spent his boyhood days in Livingston county and was educated in the Union school at Avon. He began his business career in the lumber trade in his native town, where for about three years he was employed by the firm of Watkins & Bennett. From Avon he came to Painted Post in 1886 as foreman for the lumber firm of Stanton, Crandall & Company. After the dissolution of that concern he was for about two years in Mr. Stanton's employ, and when the firm of Stanton & Brewster was organized he passed into its service, remaining with it till he became one of the organizers and superintendent of the Painted Post Lumber Company, with the management of which he has been efficiently prominent to the present time. This concern, employing in its yards and planing mill about twenty-five men, is one of the leading business institutions of the town.

Not alone in connection with the Painted Post Lumber Company is Mr. Stevens active in the community. With W. A. Clark

he is concerned in real estate transactions of considerable importance, they having platted and offered for sale to home builders a two and one-half acre tract on the street car line near the center of the village. For many years he has taken an active interest in the affairs of Painted Post. He was village trustee four years and then was elected a member of the village board. In 1909 and again in 1910 he was elected to the presidency of the body just mentioned. Throughout the county he is known as a prominent Odd Fellow, having been noble grand of his lodge at Painted Post, district deputy of District No. 1, and a member of the Encampment and of the Rebekahs. As a Mason he is no less well known, having passed from the Blue Lodge into the Royal Arch and Chapter degrees. His connection with Masonry began about eighteen years ago. He was the first noble grand in the local history of Odd Fellowship, and was a member of the building committee that had supervision of the erection of the Painted Post Odd Fellows' temple. His identification with the village hook and ladder company has been long. In fact, there is no important local interest of a public character to which he has not been helpful to the extent of his ability. In political alliance he is Republican, doing all that he can to advance the interests of his party in village, county, state and nation. In 1894 Mr. Stevens married Miss Lydia Fancher, daughter of Delos Fancher, of Corning, New York.

Frank H. Lawrence, M. D., a well known and successful physician of Kanona, New York, is a native of Steuben county, born at Arkport, April 14, 1857, a son of Hiram and Jane (Hill) Lawrence, natives respectively of Connecticut and Pennsylvania. Hiram Lawrence was a farmer and upon coming to Steuben county opened the second grocery store in Hornell, but afterward engaged in farming near Arkport. He was active in political affairs and was a strong Democrat. Besides Frank H. he and his wife had another son, who is a farmer and lives near Arkport. Mrs. Lawrence was a daughter of Joseph Hill. Hiram Lawrence died in 1866, at the age of fifty-two years.

After completing the course in the public schools of his locality Frank H. Lawrence attended Rogersville Seminary two years and afterward entered a medical college of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1880, with the degree of M. D. He immediately took up his residence at Kanona for the practice of his profession and has built up a large and gratifying practice. He is recognized as a physician of considerable skill and readily wins the confidence and esteem of his patients. He served seven years as a member of the medical pension board of the county, and is active in the medical societies of both county and state, having belonged to both several years. In politics he is a Democrat and interested in every movement for the progress or well-being of the community. He served four years efficiently as postmaster of Kanona, assuming office in 1882. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic lodge at Bath and of the Elks Lodge at Hornell.

Dr. Lawrence married, in 1874, Lulu Dagert, daughter of Horace and Nancy Dagert, of Avoca, who died in 1891, at the age of thirty-two years, leaving one child, Robert, who lives at home. Dr. Lawrence married for his second wife Jennie Bonney, daughter of John Bonney, a carpenter living at Prattsburg. No children have been born of this union.

EDWIN CLARKE ENGLISH.—The name of English is well and honorably known in Steuben county, and Edwin Clarke English, one of Corning's leading attorneys, is a native and a life-long resident of this progressive portion of the Empire state. He was born October 27, 1837, at Caton, and is the son of Amzi and Sally (Gorton) English. On his mother's side he comes of a family whose identification with the affairs of the American nation was very soon after the landing of the historic Mayflower. The founder of the family on the shores of the new world was Samuel Gorton, who was born in 1592 at Gorton, within the limits of the city of Manchester, England, and landed at Boston in the month of March, 1637. He was a man prominent in the affairs of the budding New England and one of the early founders of the colonies of Providence and Rhode Island.

Edwin Clarke English, the son of a farmer and Methodist Episcopal minister, passed his youth in Steuben county and received his preliminary education in the public schools, later matriculating in Alfred Academy. He devoted the gifts of an eager intellect principally to the English branches and when his school days were over devoted himself to agriculture, which for a time he thought of adopting as a life work, but abandoned owing to his health being impaired in the army. In the year 1874 he made a radical step by removing from his native town of Caton to what was then the village of Corning, and it has been his pleasure to witness the steady growth and improvement of said village into one of the state's most prosperous centers, at the same time assisting in full measure towards this result. A long cherished desire to become a lawyer had meantime reached fruition, his training for the profession having been acquired in the law office of Spencer & Mills, where he read law for three years. He was admitted to the bar in 1877 and to full practice in 1879, and ever since that date has practiced law here, being recognized widely as conservative, reliable and well-read, and, in short, one of the able representatives of a high calling.

Mr. English is a veteran of the Civil war. When an answer to the importunate inquiry, "Shall the nation live?" could no longer be denied, Mr. English enlisted in the Twenty-third Regiment of New York Volunteer Infantry, the date of this event being October 14, 1861. His service to the Union was of about a year's duration for he was disabled by the breaking down of his health and was discharged from the hospital on November 11, 1862.

Mr. English, in testimony of the confidence in which he was held by his fellow citizens, was made supervisor of the town of Caton in 1873-4. Since the year 1874 he has been an active champion of the cause of the Prohibition party, and on its ticket he was nominated for justice of the supreme court of New York state also for attorney general. He is, indeed, one who may be depended upon to give his heart and hand to all good causes and for forty-six years he has been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The foundation of a pleasant life companionship was laid in May, 1866, when Mr. English was united in marriage to Frances P. Gulliver. They have no children. Mr. English is very prominent in lodge circles and derives no small amount of pleasure from his association with his fellow men. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a Knight of Honor, and belongs to several other fraternal organizations, in all except the Masonic order having occupied the highest chair.

VAN BUREN MCCORN.—Numbered among the progressive representatives of viticulture and wine-producing in Steuben county is Mr. McCorn, who is one of the substantial business men and public-spirited citizens of Hammondsport and who is well entitled to consideration in this publication. Mr. McCorn, whose lineage is traced back to stanch Scotch origin, was born in Newfield township, Tompkins county, New York, on the 1st of November, 1861, and is a son of John Wesley McCorn, who was born in Orange county, this state, and who devoted the greater portion of his active career to the lumber business. He died at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a son of Moses McCorn, who was born and reared in Scotland and who came with his family to America on a sailing vessel, which in due time arrived in the port of New York city. He settled in Orange county, New York, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and he later removed to Tompkins county, where he passed the residue of his life and where he died at the age of eighty-eight years. John W. McCorn, father of him whose name initiates this review, was prominently identified with the lumbering industry in Tompkins county, where he built the first large sawmill, from which was furnished the greater portion of the lumber utilized in the erection of the earlier buildings of Cornell University, in the city of Ithaca. He controlled six hundred acres of timber land and was a man of much pragmatic ability and of sterling integrity of purpose, so that he ever commanded the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. He continued to reside in Tompkins county until his death. He was a stanch Republican in his political proclivities, having united with the party at the time of its organization and having been a zealous worker in behalf of its cause. He was called upon to serve in various local offices of trust and was progressive in his civic attitude. Both he and his wife were devout members of the

Presbyterian church. John W. McCorn married Miss Mary Cutter, who was born and reared in Tompkins county, this state, and who was a daughter of Nirum and Rebecca (Dennis) Cutter. Concerning the children of John W. and Mary (Cutter) McCorn brief record is here entered. Nirum is an expert gun-lock maker and is employed in the Remington Gun Works, and Leroy is associated with his brother, Van Buren, in the grape and wine business at Hammondsport.

Van Buren McCorn, to whom this article is dedicated, was reared on the old homestead farm, to whose work he early began to contribute his quota, and in the meantime he continued to attend the common schools of his native county. He was identified with agricultural pursuits until 1890, when he came to Hammondsport, Steuben county, and associated himself with his brother, Leroy, in the grape and wine business, in which their success has been of unequivocal order. Their vineyards are in excellent condition and produce the finest quality of grapes, from which they manufacture all kinds of fine dry wines. Their wine products are shipped to all parts of the Union and as excellent export trade is also controlled, the same showing a constantly cumulative tendency. On other pages of this work is entered a brief review of the career of Leroy McCorn, who is senior member of the concern.

Though Mr. McCorn has never sought or desired public office he is loyal to all duties of citizenship and takes a lively interest in local affairs. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party and he is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which he holds membership in the lodge at Hammondsport, and the chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Bath. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are actively identified with the various departments of its work.

In the year 1897 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McCorn to Miss Elizabeth David, who was born near the city of Berlin, Germany, and who was a child at the time of her parents' emigration to America. She is a daughter of Carl David and the maiden name of her mother was Hoffman. Her father is a tanner by trade and during his earlier years of residence in America he followed this vocation. Both he and his wife now reside in Elmira, this state, where he is engaged in the hide and fur business and where he is held in high regard as a man of sterling character. Mr. and Mrs. McCorn have one daughter Ruth, who was born in 1899. Mrs. McCorn has one sister and one brother, and the latter is a prosperous merchant in the city of Elmira; he served during the Spanish-American war and later was with the United States troops in China at the time of the Boxer uprising.

THOMAS F. ROGERS.—Ranking high among the ablest lawyers of Steuben county is Thomas F. Rogers, of Corning, who has met with distinguished success in the practice of his profession, to which he is devoted. Thorough and methodical in the preparation of his cases and skilled and judicious in their management, he is always

true to his client, to the court and to himself in the conduct of the numerous criminal cases with which he has been associated, having successfully won the attention of the court, the jury and the bar, and almost invariably gained his case. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born June 26, 1879, in Wellsboro, Tioga county, of Irish ancestry.

Edward Rogers, his father, was born and educated in Ireland. In early manhood, about 1850, he emigrated to the United States, locating at Cooperstown, where he followed his trade of a tanner for a few years. Subsequently removing to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, he was there assistant superintendent or foreman in a tannery for a long time. In 1896 he settled in Corning, New York, and has since been here a resident. He married in Elmira, New York, Margaret Cullinan, who was born in Ireland and came with her parents to Elmira, New York, in 1855. Of the children born of their union nine grew to years of maturity, namely: James, who died in Corning in 1906; Mary, who married Patrick McManus, of Rochester, died in 1897, leaving two children; Daniel C., of Corning, an engineer on the New York Central Railway, who married Elizabeth Haischer and lives in Corning; Edward R., of New York city, in the employ of the New York Central Railway Company as yard superintendent of engines; Ella M. is the wife of Thomas J. Curtin, clerk at the St. James Hotel in Corning; Rose M. is the wife of Dr. J. L. Ronan, of Corning; Emma C. is living with her parents; John J., of Corning, is the proprietor of St. James Hotel; and Thomas F.

Obtaining his first knowledge of books as a boy in Wellsboro, Thomas F. Rogers continued his studies in the public schools of Corning, subsequently attending the Niagara University. He then entered the law department of Columbia University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1901. Coming immediately to Steuben county, Mr. Rogers opened a law office in Addison, from there coming in a short time to Corning, for three years thereafter being junior member of the law firm of Sebring, Cheney & Rogers. He was afterwards engaged in the practice of his profession alone until February, 1909, when he formed a partnership with W. W. Willard, the firm name having since been Willard & Rogers. Mr. Rogers is especially well known as a criminal lawyer of ability, being thoroughly informed on that special branch of law, in the fourteen homicide cases in which he has been retained as counsel having won his cause.

Mr. Rogers possesses excellent business judgment and has large financial interests, being president of the Corning Motor Car Company and also president of the Wright Motor Car Company of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a part owner of the St. James Hotel, and a stockholder in the National Hotel and in the Haischer Brewing Company of Corning. Politically he is actively identified with the Democratic party, and has served his fellow citizens as city recorder. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus,

which he served as grand knight two terms, and of the Corning Lodge, No. 1071, B. P. O. E. Mr. Rogers has never married, his business, mayhap, claiming his attention in the exclusion of matrimonial affairs.

HARRY M. BENNER, artist and photographer, Hammondsport, Steuben county, New York, was born May 10, 1875, a son of William Benner, from Tralee, Ireland, who came when young with his parents to Hammondsport, and is now living there in retirement from active life. He was fifteen when they came in 1855, and he is seventy now. His father, Timothy Benner, had come a little earlier and sent back for his household. He was a wagonmaker by trade. Many of the wagons and buggies used by the farmers and lumbermen of a bygone generation were of his handiwork. It was but natural that his son William should have taken to some branch of his industry. Colors appealed to him and he became an expert carriage painter and worked at his trade till 1895, when he retired. He is a Republican and a man of influence in his party, but has never wanted office for himself. He married Catharine Damoth, a native of the town of Bradford and a daughter of Dennis Damoth. She died in 1899, aged fifty years. They had two children, the immediate subject of this sketch, and a daughter, May Benner, employed in a manufacturing concern and a member of her father's household.

After leaving school Harry M. Benner was employed at Hammondsport five years as a laborer and later he was in the laundry business for a time at Newton, New Jersey, and at Buffalo, New York. He had early developed an interest in photography and had come to be quite proficient in all branches of the art. In 1903 he went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as photographer for an electric railway company, and in that position gained further valuable experience. In 1906 he returned to his old home and engaged in photography and grape-growing and is achieving a satisfactory business success.

Mr. Benner is a Democrat, alive to all local and national issues, but too busy to be a politician for the sake of office. He is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church and a member of the order of Modern Woodmen of America. In August, 1899, he married Grace H. Culver, born at Seneca, New York, in 1878, daughter of John and Mary (Cummings) Culver. Mrs. Benner bore her husband a daughter, Myrtle K. Benner, now seven years old. After leaving school Mrs. Benner was a clerk in a mercantile establishment till marriage. She died June 14, 1910, after a year's illness, and is mourned as a devoted wife and mother. She was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church of Hammondsport. She left, besides her husband and their child, brothers named Fred, Frank and James Culver. The latter married Miss J. Baker, of Geneva, New York.

JOSEPH FRANKLIN BROWN, a farmer of Wheeler township, Steuben county, New York, was born September 13, 1839, in the log cabin on his father's farm near Mitchellville, this county. His father, John Brown, son of Jacob Brown, came from Orange county, New Jersey, to this place in 1826, and settled on a tract of fifty acres, which he cleared and improved. In connection with his farming here in the early days he taught school and also worked at the trade of chairmaker. A stanch Methodist, he was for years an active worker in the church. He died in 1877, at the age of seventy-nine years; his widow survived him until 1884, when her death occurred at the age of eighty-one. She was before marriage Miss Ann Thresher, daughter of Asol and Eva (Churchill) Thresher. Of their children three are now living, the subject of this sketch and a widowed sister, and brother, the latter a veteran of the Civil war and a Methodist minister.

Joseph F. Brown was reared at the old home place and educated in the school near by, chiefly under his father's instructions, and remained with his parents and cared for them while they lived. Farming has been his life-long occupation.

He married Miss Sarah J. Garnell, who was born February 1, 1841, daughter of William and Amy (Somer) Garnell, and one of three children. They came to New York from New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have three children: William G., who married Miss Mary Townsend; Elizabeth N., a stenographer at the Soldiers' Home; and Jenny M., wife of G. Depew, a farmer of Steuben county.

Mr. Brown and his wife, like the other members of his family, are identified with the Methodist church and are active church workers, Mrs. Brown being president of the Ladies' Society. Mr. Brown's connection with the Methodist church at Mitchellville dates back to its organization, his name being among its charter members. For some years this church was on a circuit, and the circuit rider held services here only once in four weeks. The circuit riders and the subsequent pastors have always found a cordial welcome at Mr. Brown's, and his support has always been a substantial aid to the church. Politically Mr. Brown has always been a Republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln for president.

COLONEL PARNACH D. HARADON.—The substantial and well-to-do citizens of Corning, Steuben county, have no more worthy representative that Colonel Parnach D. Haradon, who has here been prosperously engaged in the real estate and loan business for fully twenty-five years, at the present time, in 1910, being at the head of the enterprising and well-known firm of Haradon & Pease. A native of this county, he was born June 17, 1828, in Hornby, where his father, the late Parnach Haradon, was a pioneer settler.

Of English descent, Parnach Haradon was born in Massachusetts during the closing years of the eighteenth century, and was there brought up and educated. He served as a soldier in the



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war of 1812, after which he migrated to the state of New York, settling in Steuben county in pioneer days. A carpenter by occupation, he did much of the building done in this part of the country in early times, and was also engaged to some extent in agricultural pursuits, clearing and improving a good farm. He was active in public affairs, for over a score of years rendering excellent service as a justice of the peace. He attained the venerable age of eighty-seven years, dying an honored and respected man. He was for a number of years a captain in the State Militia. He married Delena Clark, who was born in Massachusetts, but was reared and educated in Hornby, New York, whither her parents settled when she was about two years of age. Six children were born of their union, five sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to years of maturity, Parnach D. being the third child in succession of birth.

Leaving Hornby, his native town, in 1853, Parnach D. Haradon followed the trend of civilization westward to Illinois, locating in Dixon, Lee county, where he embarked in the real estate business. Subsequently buying three acres of land he laid it out in town lots and erected about thirty houses, which he sold at an advantage. During the progress of the Civil war he enlisted in Company D, Fifteenth Illinois Infantry, and served in 1863 and 1864 in Arkansas with the Illinois Militia. He was subsequently transferred to the quartermaster's department, in which he served with the rank of captain until the close of the war.

Returning then to Steuben county, Mr. Haradon established himself as a contractor and builder in Corning, and while following his trade erected a number of buildings, including two brick blocks on Market street and several fine buildings on Bridge and Hugel streets, for fifteen years being a leader in his line of industry. He subsequently established the first real estate office opened in Corning, and has since been successfully engaged in the real estate and loan business, for several years being a member of the firm of Haradon & Nichols. After the death of Mr. Nichols he continued alone for a time, and then formed a partnership with Frank L. Pease, under its present firm name of Haradon & Pease, and has since carried on an extensive and profitable business, with offices at No. 110 Bridge street.

Politically Mr. Haradon is a stanch and loyal citizen, and for twelve years served faithfully as assessor of Corning, his election having been brought about through the combined efforts of the leading members of all parties, these loyal citizens appreciating the high principles and sterling characteristics that distinguished Mr. Haradon above the typical officeseeker. On retiring from the assessorship Mr. Haradon thought to give up all offices of a public nature, but his fellow citizens without solicitation on his part urged him to become the nominee for the position of supervisor, and his name was placed upon the Democratic ticket to represent the Third district on the county board of supervisors.

One of the more prominent members of the J. B. Rathburn Post, No. 277, G. A. R., of Corning, he has served as its commander at different periods for seven years, and it was largely through his activity that the J. B. Rathburn Women's Relief Corps was established. He has been present at many state and national gatherings of the Grand Army of the Republic, often in an official capacity, having served as aide-de-camp on General Sherman's staff at Chicago, holding the rank of colonel; with General Burton at the National Encampment; and on the staff of General Tanner at Minneapolis.

Mr. Haradon married, May 7, 1855, Augusta Wheat, who was born in Steuben county, New York, and prior to her marriage taught school several terms. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Haradon, namely: George, who has been a mail carrier in Corning for twenty years; Charles, deceased; William, living at home; Frederick, of Corning; and Frank, deceased.

GEORGE RUDOLPH, farmer, lumberman and man of business, was born in Westphalen, Germany, April 2, 1887, a son of Frederick and Martha (Miller) Rudolph. The elder Rudolph came to America with his family in 1894, and settled at Germania, Pennsylvania, where he lumbered successfully till February 12, 1908, when he was killed in trailing logs, aged forty-five years. He was a progressive man, a friend to public education and a member of the German Lutheran church and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Martha Miller, who became his wife, was a daughter of Conrad and Catharine Miller. For information concerning her family the reader is referred to a sketch of H. Miller, which appears in this work. George Rudolph has three brothers and one sister living: William Rudolph of Hammondsport; Charles of Galeton, Pennsylvania; Walter, who lives on the Rudolph homestead; and Elizabeth, who is Mrs. George Deisroth, of Germania, Pennsylvania.

After leaving school Mr. Rudolph lived for a time with his parents, helping them in farming and lumbering. Later he was employed by the Schwarzenbach Brewing Company as a solicitor. After working as a clerk in a hotel at Galeton, he came to Hammondsport, where he is farming and giving attention to various interests. He is a young man of good business ability and of public spirit. His friends predict that he will achieve noteworthy success. He is a member of the Lutheran church of Hammondsport.

J. TOWNER HAYT.—Energetic and enterprising, possessing fine business and executive ability, J. Towner Hayt is actively identified with the advancement of the industrial prosperity of Steuben county and is numbered among the useful and valued citizens of Corning, where he is favorably known as the manager of the Southern Tier Roller Mills. A son of the late Hon. Stephen Thurston Hayt, he was born October 28, 1870, in Corning, coming from honored stock on both sides of the house.

John C. Hayt, his grandfather, came from Patterson, New York, to Corning in 1833. He was educated for a physician and for a number of years was actively engaged in the practice of his profession. Being compelled by ill health to retire from practice he subsequently engaged in the lumber business in Corning, continuing until his death in 1854, and is doubtless well remembered by many of the older residents of this part of the county. The maiden name of his wife was Martha Towner.

Stephen Thurston Hayt was born June 5, 1823, in Patterson, Putnam county, New York, where he spent the first ten years of his life. He was educated in the Knoxville schools, and at the age of seventeen years went to Elmira, where for three years he was employed as clerk in a general store. Returning then to Corning he embarked in mercantile pursuits on his own account before attaining his majority, for seven years conducting a store of general merchandise. He then changed his occupation, becoming junior member of the lumber firm of Towner & Hayt, which continued until 1868, when it was dissolved by mutual consent. The same year, in partnership with Mr. Olcott, he built the Southern Tier Roller Mills at Corning, and the following year became sole proprietor of the plant, which he conducted during the next ten years, manufacturing flour by the old process. The buildings were destroyed by fire in 1879, but were replaced the same year with large brick buildings. These were equipped with the latest approved modern machinery, the plant having a capacity of two hundred barrels a day. This the original owner managed successfully until his death, which occurred August 31, 1907. Stephen T. Hayt was one of the leading members of the Steuben county Republicans. He cast his first presidential vote, in 1844, for James K. Polk, in 1872, however, voting for and supporting Horace Greeley. He was a delegate to the convention in 1860 that nominated Abraham Lincoln for president; also to the convention that in 1868 nominated U. S. Grant; and to the one that in 1884 made James G. Blaine a presidential candidate; and to the one that nominated Benjamin Harrison in 1888. In 1863 and 1865 he was nominated and elected to the state senate. In 1866 he resigned his position in the senate and was elected canal commissioner for the state and served for three years. In local affairs he was always greatly interested, holding many public offices. He married, November 19, 1856, Margaret C. Townsend, and they became the parents of eleven children.

Completing his early education in the Corning High School J. Towner Hayt began when young to assist his father in the mill, hustling as a boy at any work assigned to him. He became thoroughly familiar with every department, and is now carrying on an extensive and substantial business as manager of the milling property, keeping ten men busily employed. The mill has been enlarged, having now a capacity of two hundred and fifty barrels of wheat flour daily, and seventy-five barrels of wheat, which he

sells at both retail and wholesale. He has spent his entire life in Corning, for twenty-three years having been engaged in milling. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

EDGAR BAGGERLY, proprietor of a hotel at Kanona, New York, was born April 2, 1847, in Ontario county, New York, a son of Cranson and Sarah Elizabeth (Derr) Baggerly, the latter of whom died when her son Edgar was but four years old. The father, also a native of Ontario county, has followed the trade of a carpenter all his life and is now living in Rochester, New York, having reached the age of eighty-seven years.

After completing his education in the common schools Edgar Baggerly learned the trade of carpenter. At the age of twenty-two years he engaged in wheel making at Shortsville, New York, which he continued ten years, and spent three years at Syracuse in the same occupation. In 1893 he located in Avoca, New York, where he became a contractor and engaged in manufacturing wheels. Some years later he engaged in conducting a hotel at Kanona, which he still continues. He is well established in business and has the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Baggerly belongs to the F. & A. M., No. 673, and to Chapter No. 95, of Bath. He is a Republican, although he has never cared to hold public office.

Mr. Baggerly married Christina Bush Vander Carr, daughter of Clarissa (Canfield) Vander Carr, of Shortsville, New York. Mrs. Baggerly died at the age of twenty-eight years, having borne two children: Guy Canfield, twenty-four years of age, married Nora DeGraff and is a resident of British Columbia, at Wardener, and has one child, Viola; Roma Helen, nineteen years of age, married Frank Corwin, of Clifton Springs, New York, and they have one child, Mina Juaneta. Mr. Baggerly married for his second wife Cora Dillenbeck, born January 6, 1876, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth M. (Near) Dillenbeck. Mr. Dillenbeck died in 1899 at the age of seventy-one years, and Mrs. Dillenbeck, who is seventy-nine years of age, lives with Mrs. Baggerly. Besides Mrs. Baggerly her parents had children as follows: Benjamin, a farmer living near Wallace, Steuben county, New York; William, a plumber living at Kanona and Celesta, wife of Albert Snell, of Wallace. Mrs. Baggerly is a member of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 360, of Avoca, in which she served three years as secretary, and also belongs to the Ladies of the Maccabees of Avoca. She and her husband are well known and popular in social circles.

GORDON M. PATCHIN.—Any history of Steuben county would stultify its consistency and appreciable value if within its pages there were failure to make definite record concerning the Patchin family, whose name has been indissolubly linked with the annals of the county for nearly a century, the while the name has stood

sponsor for sterling integrity, marked pragmatic ability and potent influence in the furthering of the development and upbuilding of this now favored and opulent section of the old Empire state. The fine old homestead farm, now comprising one hundred and ninety acres, and now owned by him whose name introduces this paragraph, has been in the possession of the family since 1814, in which year the tract was secured from the government. This admirably improved property is located in Wayland township, and Hon. Gordon M. Patchin gives his general supervision to its operation, having long been numbered among the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of his native county and having ever held secure vantage ground in the confidence and esteem of the community, where he is not as a prophet "who is not without honor save in his own country." Mr. Patchin has served as a representative of Steuben county in the state legislature and has held other positions of public trust, besides which he has for many years been recognized as a leader in the councils of the Republican party in his section of the state. Both through personal accomplishment and ancestral prestige he eminently merits consideration in this publication.

Gordon M. Patchin was born on the ancestral farmstead which he now owns and occupies and the date of his nativity was December 26, 1850. His father, Myron Patchin, was born in Onondaga county, this state, in the year 1806, and was a lad of eight years when, in 1814, his parents removed thence to Steuben county and established a permanent home in Wayland township, which had not at that time received its name. Myron Patchin was a son of Walter Patchin, who was born at Norwalk, Connecticut, on the 24th of July, 1764, and who was a scion of a family, of English lineage, that was founded in New England in the early colonial days. Walter Patchin was a boy at the time of the family removal from Connecticut to Ballston township, Saratoga county, New York, in which county he was reared to maturity and from which he eventually removed to Onondaga county, which was his place of abode until he came to Steuben county in 1814. As a youth he was in active service as a patriot soldier in the war of the Revolution, and at the time of the burning of the village of Ballston, Saratoga county, incidental to that conflict, he was wounded by the Indian allies of the British forces, but was enabled to make his escape by swimming across the Sacondaga River. He became one of the first settlers of Wayland township, Steuben county, and on the site of the present homestead he erected the first log cabin in the township, the site having gained the name of Patchinville, when it became the nucleus of the pioneer settlement. Walter Patchin reclaimed a goodly portion of his land to cultivation and here continued to reside until his death, in 1854, at the patriarchal age of ninety years. He was twice married, and the two children of the first union were Lawrence and Warren, the latter of whom became a successful physician and surgeon. Nine children were

born of the second marriage, and of these Myron, father of the subject of this review was the seventh in order of birth. Walter Patchin made the journey to Steuben county with a team of oxen, and on the spot now known as Patchin Hill one of the oxen fell and broke its neck, the result being that Mr. Patchin found it inexpedient to proceed farther and consequently selected at that point the site for his new home in the midst of the sylvan wilds.

Myron Patchin was reared to manhood in Steuben county and received his early education in the somewhat primitive schools of the pioneer era. In due time he became the owner of a considerable portion of the old homestead farm and to the same he continued to devote his attention during the residue of his active career. He was a man of superior mentality and sterling integrity, thus wielding no little influence in local affairs and gaining advancement through very intelligible merits. He was one of the founders of the village of Wayland and to the township was later applied the same name. When application was made to the state legislature for a charter for the village some difficulty was experienced in selecting a name satisfactory to that body, and under these conditions Mr. Hess, a sterling pioneer who was fostering the cause of the village before the general assembly, returned from Albany to Wayland for a consultation with Myron Patchin concerning a name for the place, that of Millville having been rejected. Incidentally Mr. Patchin chanced to whistle the melody of the old song of "Wayland," and Mr. Hess forthwith gained the suggestion that no more appropriate name could be secured than that of Wayland, under which the village charter was finally granted.

Myron Patchin was originally a Whig in his political proclivities, but at the organization of the Republican party he transferred his allegiance thereto, ever afterward continuing a stanch supporter of its cause. He served for a term of years as supervisor of Wayland township and for thirty years he was incumbent of the office of justice of the peace. Both he and his wife were zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and their names are held in reverent memory by all who came within the sphere of their kindly influence. Myron Patchin passed to his reward on October 29, 1890, and his cherished and devoted wife was summoned to eternal rest on the 8th of December, 1906, at the age of eighty-three years. She was born in Wayland township, Steuben county, New York, and was a daughter of Aden and Nancy (Kenyan) Parmenter; her given name was Razilla, and her parents were born in Saratoga county, this state, whence they eventually came to Steuben county, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Myron and Razilla (Parmenter) Patchin are survived by one son, whose name introduces this article, and three daughters: Grace, who is the wife of Eugene Sprague, of Wayland township; Gertrude, who is the widow of Frank Baker and resides at Cohocton, this county; and Cora, who is the wife of

William Greene, of Wayland township. The eldest and youngest of the daughters, with their husbands, reside with their brother on the old Patchin homestead.

Gordon M. Patchin was reared to maturity on the aneestral homestead, which has ever been his place of abode, and after availing himself of the advantages of the local sehools he eontinued his studies in turn in Dansville Seminary and Naples Academy. He has never married and his sisters preside over the domestic economies and social activities of the attraetive home. He has long been numbered among the most progressive and successful farmers and stoek-growers of his native county and his high civie ideals have been indicated by his activity in public affairs and his zealous interest in all that touches the soeial and material welfare of the eommunity. He has been a most effeetive worker in behalf of the cause of the Republiean party and served for nearly a quarter of a century as a member of its county committee in Steuben county, besides which he was a member of its exeeutive committee in the county for twenty years. Further distinction came to him in eonneetion with the maneuvering of party forces when he was ehosen a member of the Republiean state eentral committee, an ineumbency which he retains at the present time. He represented his native county in the lower house of the state legislature in 1892-3 and a deeade later he was again eleeted to this offiee, in which he served during the general assembly of 1902-3. As a legislator he took advanced ground and did much to further the best interests of the state and its people and to foster good government and wise legislation. He is interested in various industrial and business enterprises of importance in Steuben county and is one of the substantial, honored and valued eitizens of this favored section of the old Empire eommonwealth.

Chester Scott Cole.—While the great eommonwealth of New York is especially fortunate in the integrity, eharaeter and worth of the noble men whose names stand high on her roll of representative citizens, not one is more deserving of note and of remembrance than that of Chester Scott Cole, late of Corning. He was for many years identified with many of the leading interests and enterprises of Corning, and as one of the leading members of the Republican party was influential in political eircles and active in public affairs. A native of New York, he was born July 1, 1836, in Wirt, Alleghany eounty, and died June 21, 1906, in Corning, Steuben county, his death being regarded throughout the eommunity as a personal sorrow. Ardent and eonstant in his affeetions, he was a most tenderly devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father and a loving and loyal friend and companion.

Brought up and edueated in his native town, Chester Scott Cole came to Corning in 1853, and was afterward for a number of years a passenger conductor on the Erie Railroad. In the early sixties he embarked in business, in partnership with C. H. Thom-

son, as a banker and insurance agent, and also, in company with L. C. Kingsbury, conducted the Corning Gas Company, one of the most beneficial early enterprises of the city. With both of these industries Mr. Cole was actively associated until 1904, when he retired from active pursuits, spending his last years in well-earned leisure.

Activity in public affairs was almost inevitable in a man of Mr. Cole's intelligence and caliber, and as a young man he was president of the village of Corning a number of terms. He was influential in the Republican party until 1872, when he joined the ranks of the Liberals, who nominated Horace Greeley for president of the United States. In 1876 Mr. Cole resumed his former relations with the Republican party, becoming one of its leaders in southern New York. In 1880 he was appointed by Governor Alonzo B. Cornell captain of the port of New York, a responsible position that he filled satisfactorily for five years. Captain Cole served many times as delegate to state Republican conventions, always being an important factor in shaping state politics. He was frequently a member of the Republican State Committee for his congressional district, in 1885 and 1886 being its chairman. As a delegate to the Republican convention held in Chicago in 1880 he supported the movement led by United States Senator Roscoe Conkling in favor of the nomination of U. S. Grant for a third term as president of the United States. The captain was one of the "306" delegates of that convention that voted for General Grant's nomination thirty-six successive ballots, and subsequently received one of the "306" bronze medals given to said delegates in commemoration of one of the fiercest and most notable struggles in the history of American politics.

During the earlier years of his residence in Corning Captain Cole was foreman of the Alliance Hook and Ladder Company, of which he was a life member. He was a charter member of the Corning Club, which he served as vice-president, being first vice-president at the time of his death. During his long and active political career the captain was regarded as one of the ablest and most sagacious political leaders in this section of the state. Had he had ambitions in that line he could doubtless have held high elective offices, but he preferred to direct and shape party politics and to make and unmake men. No man in southern New York for a score or more of years had greater political influence and power than Captain Cole, his opinions and counsel being often sought and invariably heeded. He was a man of culture and refinement, endowed with sterling principles and possessing a keen sense of personal honor. He was a very congenial companion and had a pleasant acquaintance and friendship with distinguished men of both parties.

Captain Cole married, in 1855, Adelaide Eleanor Wheat, of Painted Post, New York, and into their home two children were born, namely: C. Glen, of Corning, of whom a brief sketch may be found on another page of this work; and Ma Belle, widow of the late George T. Hawley, of Corning.

CHESTER GLEN COLE.—A worthy representative not only of the able and progressive business element of Corning but of its native-born citizens, C. Glen Cole occupies a position of prominence in manufacturing and commercial circles, being president of both the Corning Building Company and the Corning Coal Company. A son of the late Chester Scott Cole, of whom a brief personal history is given preceding this sketch, he was born August 10, 1859. He had no brothers, but has one sister, Mrs. Ma Belle Hawley, of Corning, widow of the late George T. Hawley.

Receiving excellent educational advantages, C. Glen Cole completed the full course of study in the Corning High School and was graduated from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, with the class of 1882. During the ensuing eight years he was in the office of the Fall Brook Coal Company, in 1891 becoming associated with the well-known firm of M. D. Walker & Company. In 1894, in company with J. A. Drake, Mr. Cole purchased the entire business of his employers and conducted it successfully for ten years, when, in 1904, it was incorporated as the Corning Company, of which he has since been president. In 1906 Mr. Cole purchased the Corning Coal Company, and of this corporation he has since been at the head. His executive ability, enterprise and integrity are thoroughly understood by his fellow-workers, who have made him one of the directors of the First National Bank of Corning and likewise of the Corning Cooperative Savings and Loan Association.

Mr. Cole married, December 2, 1889, Hattie E. Walker, a daughter of the late Congressman Charles C. B. Walker, in whose sketch, which appears on another page of this work, further parental history may be found. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cole, namely: Sidney T., Glen Walker and Dorothea Drake.

CHARLES C. B. WALKER.—Honored and respected as a man of incorruptible integrity, a loyal and law-abiding citizen, the memory of the late Charles C. B. Walker will long be held in remembrance throughout Steuben county, more especially in Corning, where for many years he was prominent in business and political circles. The descendant of a New England family of worth and distinction, he was born in New Hampshire, among its rugged hills growing to a sturdy manhood. Coming to New York in early life he embarked in the hardware business with Horace Turner, a nephew of Erastus Corning, the father of the village of Corning and one of its most prominent residents. The partnership was dissolved in 1857, and for many years thereafter Mr. Walker conducted an immense credit business with his customers, being enabled to do so through the kindness and generosity of Mr. Corning, who furnished the stock. He was very successful as a merchant, and continued in mercantile pursuits until his death, January 28, 1888.

Mr. Walker entered the field of public activities in 1856, when he was appointed postmaster at Corning by President Pierce. In 1859 he was elected state committeeman, and in the twenty-seven

years that he held the position performed the duties devolving upon him with credit to himself and to the honor of his Democratic constituents. In 1860 he was chosen as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, and in the bitter contest that ensued between the two candidates, Breckinridge and Douglas, he was brought into opposition with Mr. Corning, who supported Breckinridge. It was confidently expected that Mr. Walker would be so influenced by Mr. Corning that he would change his vote, but when the matter was broached to him Mr. Walker boldly replied: "My people are for Douglas, and I am representing them. All of my business future is insignificant in comparison with my duty to fulfill and faithfully discharge the trust imposed upon me by my constituents." His decision was promptly reported to the Breckinridge leader with the comment of Mr. Corning that "Walker was right," and that he would give orders to extend his credit three times as quickly as he would before this trait in his character had been exhibited.

In 1874 Mr. Walker was elected to Congress in a district that was a Republican stronghold, giving a usual Republican majority of five thousand votes. During the Ben Hill-Blaine amnesty debate relating to the charge that rebel prisoners were starved at Elmira, Mr. Walker's emphatic reply contained but these five words "It is a ———— lie," a reply that indicated his directness of speech and the sentiment of loyalty that was ever uppermost in his heart. In 1886 he was elected chairman of the State Committee, and did valuable work during the campaign of that season. Fraternally he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On March 2, 1854, Mr. Walker married Maria D. Townsend, of Elmira, New York, and the four children born of their union are all residents of Palmyra, New York, namely: Isabel, wife of James A. Drake; Charles E.; Hattie E., wife of C. Glen Cole; and Edwin S.

NEIL W. ANDREWS.—By temperament, training and experience well equipped for his professional career, Neil W. Andrews is rapidly climbing the ladder of successful attainments and has established a large and remunerative general law practice in Corning. A son of Jerome A. Andrews, he was born December 28, 1875, in New Albion, Cattaraugus county, of substantial and honored ancestry.

Jerome A. Andrews, a life-long resident of the Empire state, is a man of enterprise and public spirit. As a young man he served with bravery in the Civil war, participating in many engagements of prominence, and he is now active in promoting the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. One of the foremost citizens of Salamanca, he is there prosperously engaged in mercantile pursuits, having an extensive trade. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Emeline R. Lattin, three children have been born, namely: Bret Lattin, of Salamanca, a merchant, being in partnership with his father; Neil W., the special subject of this brief sketch; and Max

W., proprietor of the Teck Theatre at Salamanca and also conducting a theatre at Perry, New York.

Laying a substantial foundation for his future education in the public schools Neil W. Andrews received his diploma at the Salamanca High School and the Cattaraugus Academy, and was graduated from the law department of Cornell University with the class of 1901. A short time later he was admitted to the New York bar, and in 1903 was admitted at Pittsburg to the Pennsylvania bar. Accepting a position as clerk in the office of Thomas Patterson, a leading attorney of Pittsburg, he retained the position three and one-half years, gaining legal knowledge and experience of great value and the appointment of chief clerk. In 1907 Mr. Andrews located in Corning, and during the comparatively brief time he has been a resident of this city has built up an extensive general practice as an attorney-at-law, being the legal representative of several Corning organizations and succeeding to much of the business of John T. Hall, whose office and good will he purchased.

Mr. Andrews married June 29, 1904, Eloise Potter, a daughter of John E. and Margaret Potter, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and to them three children have been born, namely: Jerome A., Walton F. and Margaret G.

An earnest champion of the principles of the Republican party, Mr. Andrews has been active and prominent in political circles, for some time serving as secretary of the Republican County Committee of Cattaraugus county. He is an active member of the Corning Business Men's Association and of the Corning Club. Fraternally Mr. Andrews belongs to Painted Post Lodge No. 117 of Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons and to the Corning Consistory, and he is also a member of Corning Lodge No. 1071, B. P. O. E.

JAMES F. TRANT, M. D., has gained precedence as one of the able and popular representatives of the medical profession in his native county and is engaged in active practice in the village of Prattsburg. He is a native son of Steuben county and a member of one of its old and honored families. He was born on the homestead farm in Prattsburg township on the 10th of August, 1862, and is a son of John J. and Hannah (Dean) Trant. The father was numbered among the representative farmers of Steuben county, and here both he and his wife continued to reside until their death, honored by all who knew them. Dr. Trant was reared to the discipline of the home farm and after availing himself of the advantages of the district schools he continued his studies in Franklin Academy. In preparation for the work of his chosen profession he entered the Long Island Medical College, in the city of New York, in which he completed the prescribed course and was graduated in June, 1886, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After his graduation Dr. Trant engaged in the practice of his profession in New York city, where he remained for a period of ten years, when impaired health

rendered it expedient for him to make a change of location. Under these conditions he returned to his native county and located in the village of Prattsburg, where he has been engaged in successful general practice since 1896 and where his clientele is of representative order. He is a member of the Keuka Medical Society and the New York State Medical Society. Both he and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church in their home village. It is worthy of note that while engaged in practice in the city of New York Dr. Trant resided at No. 28 East Twentieth street, in the old homestead in which Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was born. The Doctor takes a public-spirited interest in all that touches the welfare of the community, and while he has never cared to enter the turmoil of practical politics he accords a stanch allegiance to the cause of the Democratic party.

In New York city, in the year 1893, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Trant to Miss Maude Elkins, who was born and reared in the national metropolis and who is a daughter of the late Augustus Elkins, of that city. The three children of this union are John, Maude and Agnes, and the respective dates of their birth are here noted, April 17, 1894; December 30, 1897, and August 27, 1902.

Henry A. Argue, M. D., a practicing physician of Corning, New York, dates his birth in this city January 23, 1861, and is a son of Thomas and Catharine (Conor) Argue. Thomas Argue and wife were born in Ireland, the former January 23, 1830, the latter in 1836, and they were married in Corning, New York, in 1855. Of their family of four children, Dr. Henry A. Argue was the third born and is the only one now living, the others being as follows: Charles E., born in 1856, died in January, 1871; William, born in 1859, died in 1887; and Mrs. Louise Purtill, born in September, 1864, died in Buffalo, New York, in November, 1908.

Henry A. Argue received his first schooling in Corning Academy. Afterward he spent two years at McGill University, Montreal, where he studied both art and medicine, following his course there with three years in the study of medicine in New York University, of which institution he is a graduate with the class of 1881. The year after receiving his degree of M. D. he settled down to the practice of his profession at his old home, Corning, and here for nearly thirty years he has successfully conducted a general practice. He is employed as physician for the New York Central, Erie and Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad companies, also the street railway of Corning, and is pension examiner for the New York Central Insurance Company. He is a member of the Corning Academy of Medicine, the Steuben County Medical Association and the New York State Medical Association.

On November 25, 1899, Dr. Argue married Miss Tressa Bowes, daughter of Mrs. Anna Bowes, of Bath, New York, and to them has been given one son, Thomas H. Argue, who was born November 8, 1900.

Fraternally Dr. Argue is identified with numerous organizations in addition to the medical societies above named, among them being the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Red Men, Elks and Eagles. Politically he is a Democrat.

MRS. HARRIET L. DAVIS, of Hornell, comes of old New York families, on both sides of the house, and, almost as a matter of course, she has the blood of patriots in her veins; in fact, it was no further back than the fourth generation of her maternal ancestors when her great-grandfather Baker bravely served as a Revolutionary soldier.

Mrs. Davis was born about a mile from her present residence in Hornell, on the 25th of July, 1833, and is a daughter of Leander C. and Minerva (Baker) Stevens. Her father, a native of Steuben county, was born November 26, 1806, her mother's birthday being October 25, 1814, and the place of her nativity, Clarence, Erie county, New York. Reared at Hornell and educated in its public school, the subject of this sketch was married July 8, 1861, to Anson Davis, a son of James and Phoebe (Osborne) Davis, who was born in 1837. The parents resided during the later years of their lives in Fremont, Steuben county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Davis was born, in 1867, a daughter Nettie, who married Alvin G. Miller and became the mother of the following: Grace, Mildred, Elouise, Willie and Clifford, the latter dying in infancy. The father of the family was engaged in the meat trade for twenty-one years, and a citizen of industry and probity. His death, September 12, 1891, meant the great loss to the community of an honest man and a Christian gentleman.

Mrs. Davis was one of the following, of which all are deceased but herself and her sister Joanna and one brother, D. V. Stephens. Mary Eliza, Maria, Betsey, Amanda, Bazy, Delevan and William are deceased.

WILLIAM E. GORTON.—A man of rare business ability, tact and judgment, William E. Gorton has contributed largely towards the material progress of Corning, his native city, and to its substantial development along industrial lines, his widely extended enterprises bringing him into prominence in manufacturing and financial operations. He was born in Corning village October 9, 1854, and acquired his elementary education in the public schools.

An ambitious student, he was graduated from the Corning Academy with the class of 1872, after which he continued his studies at the State Normal School in Mansfield, Pennsylvania, for a year. Going then to Poughkeepsie, New York, he was graduated from Eastman's Business College, after which he studied medicine for three years with Dr. Updegraff, a specialist, in Elmira, New York. Mr. Gorton then entered the Hahnemann Medical College in New York city, where in 1878, after taking a full course of three years, he was graduated with the degree of M. D.

Returning to Corning, Dr. Gorton laid aside his well-earned title of Doctor of Medicine and became a clerk in the Fall Brook Company, of which he was subsequently assistant superintendent for three years. Becoming then a contractor in railway construction, he as junior member of the firm of Griffin & Gorton built in whole or in part several of the southern railroads, including the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago Railroad; a part of the Piedmont Air Line extension in North and South Carolina, and likewise the Roanoke and Southern Railway in North Carolina.

In 1889 Mr. Gorton again returned to Corning, and during the same year established the Corning Iron Works, which he sold later to the American Brake-Shoe & Foundry Company, and of which he was acting manager until the incorporation, in 1893, when he was elected to the responsible position of president and manager. He has other interests of note, and as president of the Munger Candy Company is carrying on a substantial business both as a manufacturer and as a merchant. Noted from earliest youth up for his patriotism and loyal spirit, he was known during the Civil war as the "Drummer Boy of the Southern Tier." Politically Mr. Gorton is a stanch Democrat, and although never an aspirant for public office he served as first mayor of Corning under the city charter. In 1893 he was the Democratic nominee for state senator, but refused the nomination.

On May 18, 1877, Mr. Gorton was united in marriage with Clara Belle Stevens, a daughter of Peabody Stevens, of Buffalo, New York, and to them six children have been born, namely: Ethel Louise, Belle, Alonzo, Hiram, William E. and Gretchen.

Rev. Jesse A. Ryan, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church at Hammondsport, Steuben county, New York, was born at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1875, a son of James F. Ryan, a native of Whitedeer, Union county, that state. Scarcely out of school, a boy of sixteen, James F. Ryan enlisted to fight under the stars and stripes in our Civil war. He was a member of Company H, Fifty-third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was included in the Second Corps, Army of the Potomac. He served through the war, participating in many engagements, great and small, risking his life times innumerable, and after taking part in the Grand Review at Washington was mustered out and permitted to return home. That was a great experience for a lad of from sixteen to perhaps twenty, a beginning in life that might have made such an one fit for any fate, equal to any responsibility to which he might be called. One must have lived in the time of that struggle to comprehend what it was. After the war the young man settled at Lock Haven. He was a Grand Army man, of course, and he was a member of the Union Veteran Legion, too, and a communicant of the Presbyterian church. He married, in 1874, Jennie Elizabeth Smith, a Pennsylvanian by birth, who is living, aged fifty-two. Her father was William Gibbs Smith, who married Mary Holly. Mr. Ryan died in 1902. He left two sons, Ernest Eugene Ryan, of Lock Haven, and the subject of this article.

After leaving school Jesse Asa Ryan entered the Pennsylvania Central State Normal School, where he was graduated in 1895. He taught in the public school at Fairport, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, till 1898. He was graduated from Hobart College in 1903. Later he took a special course in theology at the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Massachusetts. In the intervals of study he worked as a painter in order to procure money with which to meet his educational expenses. He was ordained a deacon on June 10, 1906, in Trinity church, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and was made a priest by Bishop Darlington February 20, 1900, at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He took charge of St. Mary's church at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in July, 1906. On April 1, 1909, he was called to the rectorship of the Protestant Episcopal parish of Lawrenceville and Tioga, Pennsylvania. On February 1, 1910, he was called to Hammondsport, where he is laboring successfully and winning many friends.

Mr. Ryan is a Mason, a member of Blue Lodge No. 106, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; of the Consistory (thirty-second degree) at Corning, New York, and of Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a member, too, of the Sons of Veterans, Camp 46, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and is division chaplain in that order and brigade chaplain with the rank of major. He married, April 22, 1908, Mary Emily Perkins, who was born January 7, 1880, at Baldwinsville, New York, a daughter of Charles Jenckes and Ann Theresa (Holihan) Perkins.

JOHN L. LEWIS.—Noteworthy among the active and progressive citizens of Steuben county is John L. Lewis, of Corning, cashier of the Fall Brook Coal Company. A son of the late Dr. E. W. Lewis, he was born January 21, 1851, in Watkins, Schuyler county, New York, coming from honored New England ancestry, the founder of the branch of the family from which he is descended having been a passenger on the Mayflower. He is of Welsh lineage, and many of his ancestors were people of prominence and influence in Connecticut, where his great-great-grandfather, Eldad Lewis, was a life-long resident. His great-grandfather, John Lewis, a native of Connecticut, was for a long time one of the instructors in Yale College.

John L. Lewis, the first, grandfather of Mr. Lewis, was born and brought up in New Haven, Connecticut, and, eagerly availing himself of the opportunity granted him for advancing his education, was graduated when a young man from Yale College, in which he was likewise a teacher for some time. Following the tide of emigration to New York in 1797, he settled as a pioneer in Geneva, Ontario, where he was engaged as a physician and a teacher for about five years. In 1802 he became a pioneer of Yates county, settling in Benton, where he soon became prominent in public affairs, holding various town and county offices and serving a number of terms as postmaster. He died at the advanced age of eighty-five years, having lived a long and useful life.

A native of Yates county, New York, Dr. E. W. Lewis inherited the scholarly tastes of his immediate ancestors, and having fitted himself for the medical profession was for many years one of the leading physicians of Watkins, where he died at the age of seventy-six years. Dr. Lewis was twice married. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Relief Holden, he had two children, Charles C. and Caroline S. He married for his second wife Mary C. Gardiner, who was born in Rhode Island, a daughter of Captain David Gardiner, a native of Providence, Rhode Island. She survived him, passing away at the age of eighty-three years in Watkins, New York. Four children were born of the second marriage, Edwin A., Martin G., Mary E. and John L. Of these six children Caroline S. and John L. are the only ones now living.

Going to Penn Yan, New York, when sixteen years of age, John L. Lewis lived with his uncle, John L. Lewis, for two years. During the ensuing four years he was bookkeeper for the Morris Coal Mining Company at Morris Run, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Locating then in Blossburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Lewis had charge of the business of Pomeroy & Smith until 1878, when he accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Fall Brook Company at Watkins, New York. Coming from there to Corning, he has won a position of prominence among the leading men of the city, and since 1903 has ably filled his present position as cashier of the Fall Brook Coal Company. He is identified with various city enterprises, being one of the directors of the First National Bank of Corning and treasurer of the Corning Co-operative Savings and Loan Association.

A stanch Republican in politics, Mr. Lewis has been active in public affairs, in 1884 serving as president of the village of Corning, and at the present time being a member of the Corning Board of Education. Socially he is a member of the Society of Colonial Wars of the state of New York, and fraternally he is prominent in the Masonic order, belonging to lodge, chapter and consistory, and has taken the thirty-second degree of Masonry. His uncle, John L. Lewis, for whom he was named, was a thirty-third degree Mason and very prominent in the order, having served as grand master of the state of New York and having been past sovereign grand commander of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction.

Mr. Lewis married, January 20, 1875, Belle Townsend, a daughter of Nathaniel Townsend, of Glenora, New York, and they are the parents of two children, namely: Kate, wife of E. H. Gorton, of Hornell, New York, and Spencer, who was educated at the Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

FRANCIS C. WILLIAMS.—Prominent among the foremost lawyers of Steuben county is Francis C. Williams of Corning, who belongs to the inner circle of the bar. The field of his professional labors has been broad, and his fine legal attainments and his noted success have won for him a wide and merited reputation throughout this section of the Empire state. A native of Corning, he was born

November 26, 1864, in the house in which he now resides and which has always been his home, being a son of the late Francis A. Williams. He comes of Welsh lineage, the emigrant ancestor from which he is descended having emigrated from Wales to this country about 1640. His great-grandfather, Joseph H. Williams, was born and reared in Connecticut, from there removing to Yates county, New York, in 1801, settling in Rushville, where on May 8, 1809, his son, Ira C. Williams, Mr. Williams' grandfather, was born.

Francis A. Williams was born, March 25, 1834, in Prattsburg, New York. He early determined to enter the legal profession, and in 1862, at Rochester, New York, he was admitted to the bar. Locating the following year in Corning, he was here a practicing attorney until his death, which occurred very suddenly, December 21, 1901. He was quite active in public affairs and a valued member of the Presbyterian church. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Clark, was born November 29, 1838, in Urbana, Steuben county, a daughter of Solomon Clark, who came to this part of the state in pioneer days from New Jersey, settling in the midst of the woods. Five children were born of their union, namely; Mary G., a professor at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts; Francis C., the special subject of this sketch; Clark B., professor of mathematics at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Jane, wife of W. H. Insley, of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Elizabeth, who died July 5, 1908.

Acquiring his elementary education in the graded schools of Corning, Francis C. Williams was graduated from the University of Rochester with the class of 1888. He subsequently studied law under his father's tuition, and in 1891 was admitted to the bar. Immediately entering his father's office, he was engaged in the practice of his profession with him until the death of the father in 1901. Since that time Mr. Williams has continued the practice alone, meeting with excellent success in his legal work, his opinions and counsel being much sought for the guidance of large interests and in the solution of perplexing legal problems. He has rendered excellent service as a public official, having been justice of the peace in 1890, city recorder in 1892, city attorney for four years and at the present writing, in 1910, being a member of the Corning Board of Education.

Mr. Williams is prominent in social and fraternal circles, being past master of Painted Post Lodge No. 117, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Corning Chapter No. 94, R. A. M.; a member of Corning Consistory; and has taken the thirty-second degree of Masonry. He is also a charter member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically Mr. Williams is an uncompromising Democrat, and religiously he is an active member of the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder. He is unmarried and lives with his widowed mother in the home which has always been his dwelling place.

WILLIAM MCMICHAEL.—At this point is entered brief record concerning one of the native sons of Steuben county, who has here been actively identified with the great basic art of agriculture from the time of his youth and who is one of the representative farmers of Prattsburg township. The estimate placed upon him in his native township is shown by the fact that he is now serving as its supervisor, a position of which he has been incumbent since 1907 and the duties of which he has administered with great discrimination and ability, as is evident from his continuous retention of the office which involves the handling of the public funds of the township and the fostering of its varied interests.

William McMichael was born in Prattsburg township on the 9th of May, 1866, and is a son of Alexander and Mary (Risdale) McMichael, both of whom continued to reside in this township until their death. They were numbered among the sterling citizens of Steuben county, and here the father was a prosperous agriculturist and an influential citizen of Prattsburg township, where he ever commanded unequivocal confidence and esteem. William McMichael was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the district schools, which he attended until he had attained to the age of nineteen years, in the meanwhile having been associated in the work and management of the home farm. As already noted, his active career has been one of close identification with farming interests, and he eventually purchased the old homestead farm, which comprises three hundred and two acres of most productive land and which is eligibly located two and one-half miles north of the village of Prattsburg. Mr. McMichael is a bachelor, and with him on the old homestead resides his sister and two older brothers. He is a member of the directorate of the Prattsburg State Bank and is one of the substantial citizens of his native county, where he is well upholding the prestige of the honored name which he bears. He is affiliated with Prattsburg Lodge No. 583, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Prattsburg Lodge No. 598, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he has ever given an unqualified allegiance to the Republican party, and he has shown a public-spirited interest in all that touches the welfare of the community, giving his support to measures and enterprises that have conserved the social and industrial advancement of the county. In 1907 he was elected supervisor of Prattsburg township and as a member of the county board he has shown distinctive loyalty and progressiveness the while he has been specially earnest in forwarding the best interests of his home township.

CHARLES M. GAMMON.—Corning, New York, counts among her worthy citizens a sterling Englishman, who has to his credit nearly sixty years of business activity in the town—Charles M. Gammon. He was born in England October 15, 1824, and when a young man was united in marriage, at Christ's church, Marylebone, London, with

Miss Maria Boddington, who was born in England in 1822, a niece of Lord Boddington. She accompanied him to America and here shared his joys and sorrows until her death, which occurred in 1870. To them were given three children who grew to adult age, namely: Mrs. Mima Hood, a resident of Corning, New York; Dr. A. M. Gammon, of Oaklorna, New York; and Mrs. Anna Hill, of Fall River, Wisconsin.

It was in 1848 that Mr. Gammon landed in New York city, after an Atlantic voyage of six weeks in a sailing vessel. Going direct to Philadelphia, he spent six weeks in that city, but at the end of that time returned to New York and entered the employ of John Brooks, a shoe manufacturer on Broadway. In England he had learned the trade of shoe-cutter, and on coming to this country took up that line of work. After remaining in New York one year he spent two years in the employ of a Mobile firm, following that with a few months each in New Albany, Utica and Syracuse. On June 17, 1851, he landed in Corning, and at once entered the service of a Mr. Fuller, a boot and shoe dealer who occupied a store on the same site on East Market street now occupied by Mr. Gammon. He engaged in business here for himself in 1864, and in 1895 built a three-story brick block. Also he owns a store building adjoining the one in which he does business. His honest, active, regular life has kept him in excellent physical condition, and now, although past eighty-six years of age, he looks the picture of health, reads and writes without the aid of glasses, is erect and active as a man of forty and regularly attends to his duties at the old stand. His kindly attitude toward his fellow-men during his long residence in Corning has won for him their high esteem, and he counts among his many friends both the old and the young and people in various walks of life.

Many times Mr. Gammon has been solicited to accept political office, but has always refused. He has ever taken a commendable interest in public affairs, however, voting the Republican ticket and always presenting himself promptly at the polls on election day. He was made a member of Painted Post Lodge, F. and A. M., in 1854 and has advanced in the order up to and including the thirty-second degree. In 1861 and 1862 he served his lodge as worshipful master and represented it in the Grand Lodge of New York. He has long been a worthy member of the Episcopal church.

JEROME J. BARBER.—This well known and highly respected citizen of the town of Prattsburg was born in Pulteney, Steuben county, September 3, 1883, a son of J. C. and Caroline (Mace) Barber, both of whom are yet living there. He was reared on his father's homestead and educated in the primary branches in the district school near by. Later he was a student at Franklin Academy at Prattsburg. From the time he left school until he was twenty-two years old he farmed on his father's land. Then, in 1895,

he married Anna Ringrose, a native of Prattsburg and a daughter of John and Elizabeth Ringrose.

After his marriage Mr. Barber bought a hundred and eighty-seven acres of land a mile and a quarter north of the village of Prattsburg, where he has achieved success as a general farmer and stockraiser. His knowledge of farming was obtained in the practical school of actual experience, and he is as well informed a farmer as is operating anywhere in the county at this time. He is an exceptionally well posted stockman, too. In his hands a farm is handled as scientifically as is possible, the best is planted, the crops are carefully cultivated, they are harvested on time, are properly cared for and are sent to market in good form and in good time to bring the best possible prices. No one in northern Steuben county raises better stock than does Mr. Barber and no one sells to better advantage.

Mr. Barber is a member of Prattsburg Lodge No. 598, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, but he is not an office seeker and has resolutely refused such offices as have been proffered him, yet he is a man of undoubted public spirit, who is ready at all times to do anything in his power to advance any measure for the general good of the community.

MICHAEL F. MCNAMARA.—A man of undoubted legal talent and ability, Michael F. McNamara, of Corning, has won notable success as a general practitioner of law, his clientele being large and remunerative. He was born February 19, 1870, in Howard, Steuben county, New York, being a posthumous son of the late Michael McNamara, who was born in Ireland and died in Howard, New York, in 1869.

Spending his boyhood days in Howard, Michael F. McNamara acquired his first knowledge of books in the common schools, subsequently being graduated from the Canisteo Academy in 1891. He afterwards taught school for a while, in the meantime continuing his studies for six months, preparing himself for college. Taking the Cornell examinations in Hornell, he won a Cornell scholarship and immediately entered the Cornell University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. In June, 1895, Mr. McNamara successfully passed the bar examinations at Rochester, New York, and was admitted to practice before the courts of New York. In 1896 he located in New York city, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession for two or more years, obtaining a fine start as a lawyer. Opening a law office in Elmira, New York, in 1900, he remained there until November, 1907, when he located in Corning, where he has already established a good general practice, being now one of the leading attorneys of the city.

Mr. McNamara married, April 29, 1903, Josephine Lonergan, and they have one son, Francis McNamara. Mr. McNamara takes an active and intelligent interest in local affairs and is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and of the Knights of Columbus.

HERMAN E. LOBECK.—Incumbent of the office of assistant superintendent of the Pleasant Valley Wine Cellar at Rheims, New York, Mr. Lobeck is numbered among the highly esteemed citizens and representative business men of Steuben county, and his standing in the community is such as to well entitle him to recognition in this publication.

Herman E. Lobeck takes a due measure of satisfaction in adverting to the historic Old Dominion commonwealth as the place of his nativity. He was born at Harrisonburg, Rockingham county, Virginia, on the 14th of July, 1849, and is of stanch German lineage on both the paternal and maternal sides. He is a son of Herman and Margaret (Greiss) Lobeck, both of whom were born in the kingdom of Saxony, Germany. Herman Lobeck was reared and educated in his native land, whence he came to America when a young man. He whose name initiates this sketch is the only child of Herman and Margaret (Greiss) Lobeck. The mother ultimately contracted a second marriage, having been united to Frederick Arland, and she passed the closing years of her life at Hammondsport, where she died in 1864, at the age of forty-five years. Her second husband died at Ovid, New York, having survived her by a number of years. Of the second marriage were born three sons and two daughters: Frederick O. is now deceased and his widow resides in Hammondsport, Steuben county; William F. is a resident of Urbana township, this county; Charles R. operates a vineyard in Urbana township; Emma is the widow of Charles Vanderlip and resides at Penn Yan, New York; and Nellie is the wife of Charles Merrill, a resident of Bath, New York.

Herman E. Lobeck was reared to maturity at Rheims, New York, and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the public schools. After leaving school he entered the employ of the Pleasant Valley Wine Company, and he has continued to be actively associated with the affairs of this corporation during the long intervening period of nearly half a century. He identified himself with the company in 1865 and he has proved a valued and effective factor in connection with the upbuilding of its extensive enterprise. He has been assistant superintendent of the company's wine cellar for the past thirty-five years, and in an individual way he also owns a farm and a well improved vineyard. Mr. Lobeck is loyal to all civic duties and takes an earnest interest in all that touches the welfare of his home city and county. He is a Republican in his political allegiance, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church. He is affiliated with Pleasant Valley Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he served as master for two years, and he is also identified with the Hammondsport organization of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is well known in Steuben county and has a secure place in popular confidence and esteem, the while he has gained a due measure of success and is one of the substantial citizens of the county.

In the year 1870 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lobeck to Miss Jane Osterhout, who was born at Mitchellsville, Steuben

county, on the 26th of January, 1851, and who is a daughter of the late Abram and Rachel (Warner) Osterhout. Concerning the children of this union the following brief record is entered in conclusion of this review: Charles C., who is superintendent of Borden's Condensed Milk factory in Algonquin, Illinois, married Miss Sadie McKee, and they have no children; Mignonette is the widow of Louis E. Durham, resides at Rheims, New York, and has one child, Lobeck Durham; Herman E., Jr., a carpenter by trade and vocation and residing at Fairport, Monroe county, New York, married Miss Gertrude Austin, and they have no children; William L., who remains at the parental home, is a bookkeeper and Ernest O., who has charge of his own and the vineyard owned by his father, married Miss Josephine Calkins, of Woodhull, New York, and they have one child, Edward Jesse.

Frank J. Nelson.—The present mayor of the City of Hornell is one of the representative members of the bar of Steuben county and is a citizen whose loyalty and public spirit are uniformly recognized. Mr. Nelson was born at Titusville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, on the 28th of December, 1867, and is a son of Captain Alanson H. and Electa (Strong) Nelson, both of Chautauqua county, New York. Captain Nelson served with distinction as a soldier in the Civil war, a member of Company K, Fifty-Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was in active service for three years and four months and in command of his regiment as acting colonel some months before receiving his honorable discharge. Prior to the war he had been engaged in farming and also identified with lumbering operations. After the close of his military career he became concerned with oil operations in Pennsylvania, in which state he continued to reside until 1884, when he removed to the state of Minnesota, where he has since maintained his home. For nearly twenty years he was editor and proprietor of the *Northeast Argus*, a weekly newspaper, in the city of Minneapolis, and now at the venerable age of eighty-three years is actively engaged in his work. Captain Nelson and his wife became the parents of five sons and four daughters, all of whom attained to years of maturity except one daughter, and of the number four sons and two daughters are now living.

Frank J. Nelson passed his boyhood days on his father's farm in Oil Creek township, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and his early education was secured in the district schools. Through his own efforts he secured the funds that enabled him to pursue a course of study in the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Edinboro, Erie county. Upon leaving this institution he came to Hornell, New York. He was graduated in the Hornellsville Business College and later became a student in Alfred University. In 1892 he began the study of law, under effective preceptorship, and in October, 1895, was admitted to the bar. He at once engaged in the practice of his profession in Hornell. In March, 1895, Mr. Nelson



Frank J. Nelson

was elected justice of the peace, and in 1898 he was elected to the office of police judge, in which position he continued incumbent until 1900, when he was chosen chief executive of the city of Hornell. That year his party placed him in nomination for Representative in Congress and though defeated it was by a greatly reduced majority. He was elected mayor as his own successor in 1902, and after voluntarily retiring was again elected to that office in 1909. His present term will expire January 1, 1912. In politics Mr. Nelson is a progressive Democrat. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which latter he has held important official positions, including that of District Deputy Grand Master, etc.

On the 4th of June, 1901, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Irene M. Clark, daughter of Thomas C. and Mary (Leach) Clark, of Hornell.

HENRY C. OLNEY, JR.—The great industry of agriculture in Steuben county has an able representative in the person of Henry C. Olney, Jr., who is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and sixteen acres in Prattsburg township and who also owns real estate in the village of Prattsburg, where he maintains his home. He is at the present time incumbent of the office of township clerk, and this preferment indicates the unequivocally high esteem in which he is held in the community. Henry C. Olney, Jr., was born in Naples township, Ontario county, New York, on the 25th of December, 1876, and is a son of Henry C. and Sarah (Hill) Olney, both of whom now reside in the village of Naples, that county. Both were born and reared in this state, and the active career of the father has been principally in connection with the vocation of a farmer. He whose name initiates this review was afforded the advantages of the excellent public schools of the village of Naples and supplemented this training by a course in Starkey Seminary. He continued to reside in his native county until 1904, when he removed to Steuben county and purchased his present well improved farm in Prattsburg township. He is known as an energetic and enterprising citizen, and his sterling attributes of character have gained to him unqualified confidence and esteem in the community in which he has elected to maintain his home. In politics he accords a stanch allegiance to the Democratic party and he has the distinction of being the first representative of this party to be elected clerk of Prattsburg township in many years. He is affiliated with Prattsburg Lodge, No. 598, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is serving as warden at the time of this writing, 1910, and both he and his wife are zealous and valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church in the village of Prattsburg, in which he is a member of the board of trustees.

In the year 1898 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Olney to Miss Alida Rippey, of Prattsburg, and they have one son, Hildreth C., who was born on the 18th of May, 1906.

DR. JOHN F. DWYER belongs to the younger ranks of the medical profession in Corning, New York, with which he identified himself about four years ago. A brief sketch of his life gives the following facts:

John F. Dwyer was born May 13, 1880, at Painted Post, Steuben county, New York. He received his early education in the common schools, later attended Mansfield Normal School and Niagara University, Niagara Falls, and made special preparation for his life work at Columbus, Ohio, where in 1901 he entered the Ohio Medical University, of which he is a graduate with the class of 1905. The year following his graduation he began the practice of his profession in Corning. Soon, however, an opportunity for a broader experience presented itself and he went to Buffalo Hospital, Sisters of Charity, where he remained a year and a half, returning at the end of that time to Corning to take up and continue his practice here, where he has met with success and where he now occupies the position of city physician.

Dr. Dwyer is a member of the Corning Medical Association and the Steuben County Medical Society. Politically he is a Democrat, fraternally an Elk and religiously a Catholic. He is unmarried.

WILLIAM N. HALLOCK.—One of the old and substantial financial institutions of Steuben county is the George W. Hallock Bank, founded in January, 1849, in the city of Bath, and the same has had a record covering a period of more than sixty years of consecutive success, and that under the active control and management of members of the Hallock family. He whose name initiates this paragraph is now an executive of the Hallock Bank.

William N. Hallock was born in Bath, Steuben county, on the 19th day of July, 1886, and is a son of William H. Hallock and Louise Nowlen Hallock, the former of whom was born in Bath, New York, in the year 1856, and the latter of whom was born in Avon, New York, in the year 1855. William N. Hallock is a great-grandson of Hon. William S. Hubbell, who was long a prominent and influential citizen of Steuben county, a founder of the George W. Hallock Bank and who served as a member of Congress. George W. Hallock, grandfather of him whose name introduces this article, was born in Dutchess county, New York, in 1819. In 1834 he removed with his family to Steuben county and settled in Bath, which was then a straggling village. Here he established a flour mill and a saw mill, and one of these early mills was located on the present site of the New York State Soldiers and Sailors' Home. He became one of the leading business men and most influential and honored citizens of the county, and the prestige of the name has been admirably sustained by his son, William H. Hallock, and his grandson, William N., who, as liberal, upright and progressive citizens, have contributed much to the material and civic advancement of this favored section of the old Empire state.

William H. Hallock, the only son of George W. Hallock and Mary (Hubbell) Hallock, was indebted to the public schools of his

native place for his early educational discipline, which was effectively supplemented by a course in Trenton College, Trenton, New Jersey, in which institution he was graduated. After the completion of his collegiate course Mr. Hallock became identified with the bank of which his father had been the founder so many years ago, and until the time of his death, April 17, 1908, he continued with this institution, through his effective association with which he gained precedence as one of the representative financiers and substantial capitalists of his native county, where his course was such as to gain and retain to him the inviolable confidence and esteem of those with whom he came in contact in the various relations of life. He showed a deep interest in all that touched the welfare of his home city and county, and while he was never ambitious for public office he served two terms as mayor of Bath, giving a most careful and acceptable administration of municipal affairs. The Hallock family is the owner of much valuable real estate in their native county, including both city and farm property.

William N. Hallock, the present head of the George W. Hallock Bank is a graduate first of the Haverling High School, class of 1904, and then of Cornell University, class of 1907, receiving degree of L.L. B. He is a member of the Sigma Phi fraternity, also of the Phi Delta Phi and numerous college clubs and societies. He was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty-one, and at the death of his father, W. H. Hallock, he, as the third generation, assumed charge of the George W. Hallock Bank. Like his father he has never entered into politics, but he is one of the trustees of Bath. He is a member of Steuben Lodge, No. 112, F. & A. M., and of Bath Chapter, No. 95, R. A. M., and of the Empire State Society Sons of the American Revolution. He is a director of the Wheeler-Holden Company of Buffalo, one of the largest and most successful railroad tie companies in the country, vice-president of the Bath Harness Company and president of the Roualet Wine Company of Hammondsport, New York. On the 19th day of October, 1910, in the city of Washington, D. C., was solemnized the marriage of W. N. Hallock to Miss Shelby Lee Robinson, daughter of the late John Hancock Robinson and Frances Lyn (Scraggs) Robinson, and a granddaughter of Archibald Magill Robinson of Louisville, Kentucky.

Walter S. McCarty.—A man of broad capabilities and indomitable energy and perseverance, Walter S. McCarty is numbered among the more active and valued citizens of Corning, where he is carrying on a general insurance business. He was born December 26, 1879, in Blossburg, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, a son of J. J. and Mary (Ryan) McCarty.

Brought up in Bradford, Pennsylvania, Walter S. McCarty was educated in the public schools of that place, remaining there until twenty years of age. Coming to Corning, Steuben county, New York, in 1899, he was in the employ of the T. H. Wheeler Company as a salesman for four years, during the ensuing three years being

corresponding clerk for the First National Bank of Corning. Gaining business experience, self-confidence and self-reliance while employed in those positions, Mr. McCarty in 1906 established himself in the insurance business, in which he has since been extensively and profitably engaged, being a leader in his line of industry.

Mr. McCarty is prominent in fraternal organizations, being a member of Corning Lodge, No. 1071, B. P. O. E., of the Knights of Columbus, and also of the Corning Club.

CLARENCE A. DUNNING.—Incumbent of the office of bookkeeper for the Urbana Wine Company, with headquarters in the village of Urbana, Mr. Dunning is numbered among the popular young business men of Steuben county and is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this section of the old Empire State. He was born at Bluff Point, Yates county, New York, on the 30th of July, 1881, and is the only child of Hiram O. and Elizabeth C. (Chase) Dunning, the former of whom was likewise born at Bluff Point and the latter of whom was born at Penn Yan, Yates county, being a daughter of Elias Chase, a prominent citizen of that county. Hiram O. Dunning devoted the major part of his active career to agricultural pursuits and to the raising of grapes, and he died at Penn Yan, Yates county, on the 8th of April, 1905, at the age of sixty-five years. He was a son of Alanson J. and Eliza (Cole) Dunning and his father was one of the pioneers and successful agriculturists of Yates county. Hiram O. Dunning was afforded good educational advantages in his youth and for a time he was engaged in teaching in the public schools of his native county. There he later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and grape-growing, and there he continued to reside until 1890, when he located in Wayne township, Steuben county, where he continued to give his attention to the supervision of a vineyard until three years prior to his death, when he removed to the city of Penn Yan, where he lived virtually retired until he was summoned to the life eternal. His widow still resides in Penn Yan and is fifty-nine years of age at the time of this writing, in 1910.

Clarence A. Dunning is indebted to the public schools of his native county for his early educational discipline, which was supplemented by courses of study in Keuka College and the Rochester Business Institute. After leaving the latter institution he was employed for a time by the Bath & Hammondsport Railroad Company and by the Lake Keuka Navigation Company for a period of five years, holding the position of assistant auditor and maintaining his headquarters at Hammondsport, Steuben county. In 1905 he assumed his present position of bookkeeper for the Urbana Wine Company and he is one of the efficient and valued office executives of this important corporation. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Hammondsport, where he is also affiliated with Hammondsport Lodge, No. 459, Free & Accepted Masons, and where his wife holds membership in the Chapter of the

Order of the Eastern Star. In politics his allegiance is given to the Republican party. In the year 1903 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Dunning to Miss Susan C. Casterline, who was born at Bluff Point, Yates county, on the 15th of September, 1882, and who is a daughter of John V. and Sarah (Fulkson) Casterline, who now reside at Hammondsport, Steuben county, where Mr. Casterline is living retired after having been for many years identified with the industry of viticulture. Mr. and Mrs. Dunning have no children.

JOHN N. FLEISHMAN is one of the worthy citizens of Cohocton, whose change and progress he has witnessed through a residence lasting over fifty years. He is German in nationality, but in the half century has served his adopted country in both peace and war, having been among those who took up arms in the cause of the Union. Mr. Fleishman was born in Germany, April 15, 1835, his parents being David and Rosine Fleishman. He was only about nineteen years old when his parents decided to take advantage of the greater opportunities presented by America, which has been well termed "the land of promise." Of their five children only two are living, Mr. Fleishman and a sister, Mrs. C. Mulhenbacher. Two of these died before the removal from Germany and one, Godfred, died in 1904 in Cohocton.

Mr. Fleishman availed himself of the educational advantages presented by the district and worked during his younger years at various vocations, these being all of an agricultural nature. In 1860 he became an independent land owner by his purchase of his present farm of eighty acres in Cohocton township. Besides this estate he owns a house and two lots in Cohocton village, where he now resides. Mr. Fleishman's enlistment in the cause of the Union was made in 1863, when he was enrolled as a member of Company C, Seventy-sixth New York Volunteer Infantry. He was transferred to Company H, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Volunteer Infantry, and later to Company F, Ninety-first New York Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battle of the Wilderness, the seige of Petersburg, the battle of Hatch's Run and other fighting of minor importance. He served for two years and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. Mr. Fleishman is a consistent member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, where for sixteen years he has served in the capacity of elder.

Mr. Fleishman has been twice married, his first union having been in 1857 with Miss Caroline Mastin, born October 15, 1835, and she died June 2, 1877. To this marriage were born thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity. They are as follows: Rosanna, born February 19, 1859; Odelia, born August 25, 1860; Joel M., born September 8, 1861; David G., born February 6, 1863; John G., born June 16, 1864; Jacob L., born April 9, 1866 (deceased); Johanna M., born September 14, 1867; Frederick G. H., born September 1, 1869; Mayette, born February 16, 1871; Herman

J., born April 30, 1872; Helen C., born March 21, 1874; Caspar N., born May 25, 1875; and George M., born May 22, 1876 (deceased). The second wife was before her marriage Miss Clara Ahrans, born in Germany, February 26, 1854. The date of their union was April 9, 1888. Two sons have been born, Frederick W., and Ernest P.

MILNER KEMP, of Corning, New York, is at the head of the largest shoe business in Steuben county—the Lester Shoe Store. He furnishes an example of the self-made man. At the age of twenty-three, with five dollars in his pocket and a change of clothes in his grip, he landed on American soil and worked his way to the success he now enjoys. A sketch of his life is of interest in this connection, and is as follows:

Milner Kemp was born in England, March 1, 1856, son of John and Elizabeth (Blackebrough) Kemp, both natives of Yorkshire, England, where they passed their lives. John Kemp was born in 1830, the same year in which his wife was born, and both died in 1906. They were the parents of eleven children, two of whom died in infancy, and the remainder are all living at this writing, six being residents of England. The father was a shoemaker by trade, which he followed the greater part of his life. When well advanced in years he turned his attention to gardening for health, recreation and business.

In his father's shop Milner Kemp learned the shoemaker's trade. He remained a member of the home circle until he reached the age of twenty-two, when he came to America, Halifax, Nova Scotia, his objective point and where he landed in April, 1879. As he had only five dollars when he stepped ashore it was necessary for him to seek work immediately. He worked and traveled through the southern part of Canada to Toronto, stopping at all the important towns. Arrived at Toronto he entered the employ of a shoemaker by the name of Jackson, on Queen street, with whom he remained three months, at the end of that time, with a companion, he crossed over to Buffalo, and from there walking to Sterling Run, Pennsylvania, the journey requiring five days' time. There he went to work as section hand on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, and was thus employed six months, afterward working on the construction of a road. There, on Thanksgiving Day, he married, and the following January, 1880, accompanied by his wife, he went to Williamsport, Pennsylvania; thence, in April, to Waverly, New York. At the latter place for two years he was in the employ of John Mahoney, a shoemaker, leaving him to enter the service of Andrew Hilderbrand, of the same place, and was with Mr. Hilderbrand for a period of twelve years, doing custom work and also clerking. In September, 1894, he began work for the Lester Shoe Company, and in January, 1895, became a partner in the business and was placed in charge of a branch store at Owego. They sold out in February, and in March of the same year Mr. Kemp took charge of a shoe store owned by the Lester Shoe Company at Corning, while he sub-

sequently bought a share in the business and in 1903 purchased Mr. Kenney's interest, since which time the business has been conducted under the name of Milner Kemp & Company. In addition to the Corning store Mr. Kemp, with Mr. Smith, had a branch store at Hornell, Steuben county, which they sold in 1903, after conducting it five years.

Mrs. Kemp, formerly Miss Amanda H. Chandler, was born at Bradford, Pennsylvania, in 1854, daughter of Nathaniel and Catherine Chandler. While Mr. and Mrs. Kemp have no children of their own they have an adopted daughter, Nora (Kemp) Wetmore, she being a daughter of Mrs. Kemp's sister, Emma (Chandler) Weles, who died when Mrs. Wetmore was an infant. This daughter was born May 10, 1883, and in 1900 became the wife of Irving Wetmore, of Wellsborough, then an employe of the New York Central Railroad Company and now associated with Mr. Kemp in the shoe business. Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore have two children: Victor Milner Wetmore, born in August, 1901, and Ellen, February 2, 1903.

Since he became a resident of this country Mr. Kemp has frequently visited his parents and brothers and sisters in the old home, having made fifteen different trips to England for that purpose. He belongs to the Sons of St. George, an English organization, of which he is grand trustee for the New York state organization. Also he is an Odd Fellow and a Mason, having reached the thirty-second degree in Masonry, and maintaining membership in the Corning Council and Chapter and in the Mystic Shrine of Elmira. In his political views he is what may be termed an Independent; religiously he is a Baptist.

HENRY F. CAMFIELD has borne to the full the "heat and burden of the day" and has marked the passing years with worthy and definite accomplishment. Mr. Camfield is now running a paper route and sells all the popular daily papers. He is well known in Steuben county and here has a strong hold upon the confidence and good will of the community. A considerable part of his life has been passed in this county, with whose annals the name has been identified for more than half a century.

Henry F. Camfield was born in Urbana township, this county, on the 1st of January, 1853, and thus became a right welcome New Year's guest in the home of his parents, Eben and Mary Ann (Mills) Camfield. His father was born in Vermont, where he was reared and educated, and he was a scion of a family that was founded in New England in the colonial days. In 1848 he came to Steuben county and located in the village of Bristol, where he was engaged in the work of his trade, that of cooper, for the ensuing two years. Thereafter he was engaged in farming near Mount Washington for one year, at the expiration of which he located on a farm in Pulteney township. After his marriage he continued to be identified with farm work and other lines of manual labor and eventually he took up his residence in Howard. At the inception of the Civil

war he tendered his services in defense of the Union, having enlisted as a member of an Ohio regiment, and he sacrificed his life in the cause, as he was killed in the battle of Fair Oaks. His wife was born in Seneca county, New York, and she long survived him, as she was summoned to the life eternal in 1897, at the venerable age of eighty-two years. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Bulmer) Mills, of Vermont. Eben and Mary Ann (Mills) Camfield became the parents of five children, of whom three are deceased, and of the two surviving the subject of this review is the elder; his brother, Charles B., is a resident of Bath, New York.

Henry F. Camfield was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and his boyhood and youth were passed in Howard, Urbana township, Steuben county, on the homestead of his maternal grandfather, who was seventy-four years of age at the time of his death. He was afforded the advantages of the district schools, but early began to depend upon his own resources, so that his education was limited in scope, though he has well overcome the handicap through the lessons gained in the school of experience. After the death of his grandfather he was engaged in farming and railroad work for three years, and in 1873, when twenty years of age, he went to Hillsdale, Michigan, in which state he was variously employed during the ensuing thirteen years, at the expiration of which he secured a position with the Hillsdale Gas Company, with which he continued to be connected for eleven years. In 1897 Mr. Camfield returned to Steuben county and engaged in market gardening in Wayland township. Later he was employed for three years in the factory of the Gunlocke Furniture & Chair Company, in the village of Wayland, and thereafter he was employed as a mail carrier from the postoffice to the D. L. & W. R. R. Since 1900 he has been engaged in the newspaper business. He was reared in the faith of the Baptist church, is a member of the Wayland tent of the Maccabees of America, and in politics he maintains an independent attitude.

In the year 1885 Mr. Camfield was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Evans, who was born and reared at Grass Lake, Jackson county, Michigan, and who was a daughter of Frank Evans, a respected citizen of that county. Mrs. Camfield was summoned to the life eternal in 1890, at the age of thirty years, and the only child, Junius, died at the age of three and one-half years.

J. M. Greig.—Prominent among the foremost merchants of Steuben county is J. M. Greig, who is widely and favorably known as president, treasurer and general manager of the J. M. Greig Company of Corning. A man of keen foresight and of sterling integrity, he is a most successful business man, his prosperity being entirely due to his persevering industry, his quick perception of character and to his native good sense and his sound business tact and judgment. Coming from a long line of thrifty Scotch ancestry he was born on the 20th of September, 1853, in bonnie Scotland, and was

there reared and educated, completing his early studies at a business college.

With a keen desire to try the hazard of new fortunes he emigrated to America in 1885, and for three and one-half years was in the employ of the Adam Medrum & Anderson Company of Buffalo, New York. Having become familiar with the business methods of this country while there, he then opened a mercantile establishment in Le Roy, Genesee county, New York, where he remained four years. Locating in Corning in 1891, Mr. Greig stocked a small building, twenty-one feet by seventy feet, with dry goods, and as a merchant established such a good trade that he was forced from time to time to seek more commodious quarters, in the course of the next fifteen years occupying three different buildings. In 1906 his business was incorporated under its present name, the J. M. Greig Company, of which he is the official head, being the president, treasurer and general manager. The building occupied by the company covers twenty-four thousand square feet, is five stories in height, including the basement, and is well filled with a complete and choice assortment of general merchandise, being the largest and best-equipped department store between Buffalo and Binghamton.

Mr. Greig, June 13, 1889, married Antoinette Mitchell, a daughter of Dr. John Mitchell, of Addison, New York, and into their pleasant household two children have been born, Beatrice and Gertrude. Fraternally Mr. Greig is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Corning Lodge, No. 1071, B. P. O. E., and of the Knights of Pythias.

Adsit Bailey, farmer, grape grower and banker, is well known and highly respected throughout the greater part of Steuben county. He is a native son of old Steuben, born at his present home January 8, 1842, a son of David Bailey, of Baileytown, on Geneva Lake, who died in 1872, aged sixty-seven years. David Bailey came to Urbana when he was three years old and the family settled on the present Adsit Bailey farm. That was in 1808. His father, whose name also was David, brought his family and their belongings across Seneca Lake by means of a raft. A part of its cargo was two horses and eight sheep. The undertaking must have presented difficulties, but it was successful, and that is the test of the sanity of all ventures. Mr. Bailey cleared the land of its timber and improved it till it was one of the best farms in his part of the county. David grew up on the farm, gained an education such as was available to him and married Subrina Stone, a daughter of Captain Amos Stone, one of the early pioneers in the town of Urbana. Adsit Bailey has two sisters living: Elzina is the widow of James Ordway of Hornell; Edna is the widow of Douglas Lockwood of Virginia. The father of these children was an Episcopalian. He was a man of character and of action, who thought things and did things, and his children are brainy and intelligent and efficient.

Adsit Bailey, after he left school in 1861, took up farming and grape growing on the home farm with his father and mother, and

has continued the business successfully since the property came to him. He is a stockholder and director of the Hammondsport Bank, being at this time vice-president of the board. He is well known as as active and influential Republican, having attended state conventions of his party as a delegate. He was assessor for the town of Urbana in 1876-81 and supervisor, 1881-85, and has since filled the office of highway commissioner.

In 1872 Mr. Bailey married Miss Edna E. Depew, who was born in 1840, a daughter of Peter and Eleanor (Brundage) Depew. Mr. Depew was an early settler in the town of Urbana. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have no children, but have adopted two—Fanny Depew, Mrs. Bailey's niece, who lived with them from the time she was five years old till she married C. L. Drew, a farmer; and Geneva, now the wife of Daniel Gillette, a farmer in Urbana.

EDMUND G. STEVENS.—A native born citizen and a life-long resident of Steuben county, Edmund G. Stevens has spent three score and ten years of his life in Hornell, for upwards of half a century having been associated with the management of one of its leading industrial plants. By means of industry, thrift and the exercise of good judgment he has accumulated a goodly share of this world's goods, and is now living retired from business activities, enjoying the fruits of his many years of toil, at his pleasant home at 94 Maple street. Coming from English stock, he was born March 29, 1836, in Bath, New York. His father, John Stevens, a native of England, emigrated to this country when young, locating first at Bath, Steuben county, New York, where he lived several years. Coming to Hornell in 1840, he followed his trade of a tailor for a long time, afterward living retired until his death, at the venerable age of ninety-two years. He was a man of good education, an especially good student in history, and while in England was a landholder. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Gill, was born in England and died in Steuben county when but sixty-three years old. Of the four children born of their union but two are living, Anna, the oldest child, born eighty-three years ago, and Edmund G., the youngest child.

Scarce four years of age when he came with his parents to Hornell, Edmund G. Stevens obtained his early education in the public schools, after which he served an apprenticeship of four years at the carpenter's trade. On April 1, 1855, he entered what was then the Morris Smith Planing Mill, but which has since been merged into the McConnell Manufacturing Plant, and was thereafter connected with that organization until 1909. For many years he was foreman of the yard, from 1902 until his resignation, however, being superintendent of its coal office. Resigning the position January 1, 1909, he was succeeded by his son, E. J. Stevens.

Mr. Stevens married first, July 3, 1857, Clara Palmer. She died in early womanhood, leaving six children, namely: E. J., born March 11, 1858; Fannie, born October 3, 1861, is the wife of D. F.



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Potter; Anna, born April 10, 1863, married June Oaks; Fred, born October 5, 1866, is foreman in the McConnell Manufacturing Plant; Alvah, born November 23, 1870; and Flora, born November 26, 1873, is the wife of J. O. Reynolds. Mr. Stevens married for his second wife, January 15, 1882, Alice C. Hemingway, who died October 12, 1895. On November 24, 1896, Mr. Stevens married his present wife, Mary G. Hart, of Ithaca, New York.

WALTER E. HODGMAN.—Among the successful business men that Steuben county has contributed to New York city is numbered Mr. Hodgman, who is incumbent of the office of purchasing agent for the Otis Elevator Company, with headquarters at 559 West Twenty-sixth street. He was born at Bath, Steuben county, on the 21st of May, 1858, and is a son of Lansing D. and Abby C. Hodgman, the former of whom was born at Stillwater, Saratoga county, this state, and the latter at Cohocton, in Steuben county. The father became a resident of Steuben county when a young man and was long and prominently identified with business interests at Bath. In the public schools of his native town Walter E. Hodgman secured his early educational training, and for several years he was engaged in the hardware business at Bath, where he continued to maintain his home until 1890, when he disposed of his interests there and removed to New York city, where he entered the employ of the Otis Elevator Company, one of the most important concerns in this line of enterprise in the entire country. In 1894 he became purchasing agent for the company, and he has since continued incumbent of this important office, the manifold details of whose duties he has discharged with marked discrimination and executive ability. He is also one of the principal stockholders of the Multiple Woven Hose & Rubber Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and is president of this corporation, which controls a successful industrial enterprise. He is aligned as a supporter of the cause of the Republican party, is essentially progressive and public-spirited in his civic attitude and he is actively identified with the Steuben County Society of New York city.

In 1897 Mr. Hodgman was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Kellogg of Orange, New Jersey, and they have one son, Whitney C. The family home is located at Yonkers, Westchester county, New York.

JOHN B. MCBURNEY, who owns and occupies the old McBurney homestead at Corning, New York, is a representative of a family whose identity with this place dates back over a hundred years. Great-grandfather Thomas McBurney, the progenitor of the family in this country, was a Scotch-Irishman. On coming to America he settled in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where in 1796 his son John, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born. A few years later they removed to New York and took up their residence in Steuben county, on a tract of land adjoining the town of

Corning. And here, more than a century ago, was built the two-story, frame farmhouse, with its sixteen rooms and half a dozen fireplaces, which has been kept in a good state of preservation and which stands to-day as a landmark. Here in 1820 was born James McBurney, the father of John B. He was a farmer nearly all his life. When a young man he went west to Illinois, where he married Miss Lucy Bryant, who was born in 1823, in Gilbertsville, Otsego county, New York. When their son John B. was seven years old they returned to New York and took up their residence at the old homestead; and here he grew to manhood and has since made his home. The farm comprises two hundred and ninety-six acres and is utilized as a dairy farm, the dairy averaging about twenty-five cows, and the milk all being sold to regular customers in the city.

John B. McBurney married Miss Rose Bryan, who was born in Canajoharie, New York, in 1868, and who is a cousin of the celebrated William Jennings Bryan. Mrs. McBurney has a brother, James S. Bryan, who for twelve years was employed as cashier by the *Philadelphia Times,* one of the oldest papers published in the state of Pennsylvania. While Mr. and Mrs. McBurney have never had any children to enliven the house, they are jovial, hospitable people, and their spacious old home, with its broad hearths and bright fires, is the scene of many festivities.

James McBurney, a brother of John B. McBurney, was born in 1857. For twenty-two years he has been engaged in the manufacture of cigars as a wholesaler, employing eight people in his establishment at Corning, which he himself represents on the road, traveling and selling his own goods. He married in 1878 Miss Mary A. Gorton, who was born in Corning in 1856, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Decatur Gorton, who passed their lives on a farm near Corning. Her father, born in 1814, died in 1885; her mother, born in 1820, died in 1862. To James McBurney and wife were born four children: Grace, born in 1878, in 1899 married Howard Ryal, and resides in Corning; Thomas Bryant, born in 1879, died in 1884; Raymond Earl, born in 1891; and Marion Lucille, born in 1893.

Politically the McBurneys affiliate with the Democratic party. Their religious creed is that of the Presbyterian church, with which they are identified.

David J. Roff.—Residing in the old homestead place in which he was born, Mr. Roff is one of the successful grape growers of Steuben county and one of the valued and popular citizens of Pulteney township, where he gives his attention to the fine vineyard of twenty-five acres that was established by his honored father many years ago.

David Roff was born in Pulteney township on the 15th of May, 1850, and is a son of Elisha and Mary (Moore) Roff, the former of whom was born in the state of New Jersey and the latter in Yates county, New York. Upon coming to Steuben county, more than half a century ago, Elisha Roff located in Pulteney township, at the foot

of Keuka Lake, where he secured a tract of land and established his home. The place became familiarly known as Roff's Landing, as it is on the shore of the lake. He reclaimed his land to cultivation and made upon the same excellent improvements of a permanent order. He finally started a vineyard and eventually he became one of the successful grape growers and shippers of this county, whose reputation in connection with this interesting line of industry is of the highest order. Upon his homestead he continued to reside, one of the sterling citizens of the county, until his death, which occurred in 1898. His wife was summoned to the life eternal in 1878 and both were zealous members of the Presbyterian church. Of their nine children four sons and two daughters are living.

He whose name initiates this review has well upheld the prestige of the name that he bears and is a successful representative of the industry of grape culture in his native county. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools and early became familiar with the various duties of the home farm and vineyard, so that he was well equipped for the carrying forward of these lines of enterprise on his own responsibility. After the death of his father he purchased the vineyard of twenty-five acres, and the same is one of the best in Pulteney township, its location being specially eligible and great care being taken in keeping the property up to the highest standard of productivity. He has shown a lively interest in all that has touched the civic and material welfare of his home township and county and in politics he is found aligned as a stanch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. Though he has never been ambitious for official preferment he served for three terms as assessor of his township, showing much of care and discrimination in the discharge of the duties of this position. Both he and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian church in the village of Pulteney.

In the year 1882 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Roff to Miss Alice A. Stryker, who was born and reared in Prattsburg township, this county, and who is a daughter of the late William Stryker, an honored citizen of the county. The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Roff is notable for its generous and gracious hospitality, and it is pleasing to record that they have given to their children the best of educational advantages. Otto, the eldest of the three children, was graduated in Penn Yan Academy and in the Bliss Electrical School, of Washington, D. C., and he is now holding a responsible position as an electrical engineer in the city of Schenectady, New York; Harry V., who was born on the 7th of July, 1889, and who was graduated in the Kentucky Military Institute and also in a business college in the city of Rochester, is now employed as a stenographer in the division freight offices of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad; and Lucile, who was born on the 9th of August, 1892, was graduated in Penn Yan Academy in June, 1910, and is now attending Elmira College at Elmira, New York.

M. R. LAKE.—This prominent representative of real estate loan and insurance interests in Steuben county was born in Fremont, that county, September 9, 1855. His father was Israel Lake, a native of Tompkins county, New York, who was an early settler and a farmer well known in his time and who died aged about seventy-two years. His wife was Clarissa White, born in New York state, who passed away when she was about forty-eight. They had five daughters and four sons, all of whom grew to womanhood or manhood, of whom M. R. Lake was the fifth born.

Mr. Lake spent the days of his childhood and boyhood on his his father's farm and in the common school in his native town. He made a start in life for himself at the early age of eighteen and farmed in Fremont till 1880. Then he went to Canisteo and was clerk in a hotel there under three successive managements. Then he put in seven years as a farmer near there. Returning to that village he was engaged in merchandising there until 1896, when, still making Canisteo his headquarters, he began buying and selling farms. To this business he devoted himself profitably about four years, meanwhile having in hand some other interests, among them a bakery and grocery in Canisteo. In 1901 he still had a farm in operation near there. In 1906 he opened a real estate, loan and insurance office in Hornell and has prospered as a business man and financier. Some time since he sold his farm near Canisteo.

In 1884 Mr. Lake married Miss Addie Curtis, daughter of John and Catharine Curtis, old residents in Steuben county. She was born at Canisteo and was well known and popular there. She has borne her husband two daughters—Catharine, wife of Frederick Hull of Canisteo, and Lorena, who was twelve years old in 1910. Mr. Lake is a Republican and as such has wielded a recognized political influence. He very ably filled for one term the rather exacting office of justice of the peace. He is an Odd Fellow and a past grand of his lodge.

JAMES O. SEBRING.—A commanding figure in the professional and business life of Corning, James O. Sebring has won fame and distinction as a skillful and able lawyer, and as a man of financial and managerial ability has acquired considerable property, and has become identified with several of the large manufacturing industries of Steuben county. He was born November 4, 1860, in Pulteney, Steuben county, which was also the birthplace of his father, Charles W. Sebring. His grandfather, Daniel Sebring, a native of Schuyler county, New York, was an early pioneer of Steuben county, taking up wild land and clearing and improving a homestead in Pulteney.

Brought up on the home farm, Charles W. Sebring succeeded to the occupation of his German ancestors, and spent his entire life in Pulteney and Prattsburg. He died recently. He married Catherine A. Miller, who was born in Putnam county, New York, of substantial New England stock, her ancestors having come to this state from Connecticut in pioneer days. Her father, Thaddeus A.



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Miller, came with his family from Putnam county to Steuben county about 1836, making the removal with an ox-team. Taking up land bordering on Keuka Lake, he cleared and improved a good farm, and there spent his remaining years. Mrs. Charles W. Sebring died on the home farm in Pulteney in 1909, aged seventy-seven years. To her and her husband four children were born, as follows: Frank A., wife of Willard Wallis, of Prattsburg, Steuben county; John C., engaged in farming in the town of Wayne, Steuben county; James O., the special subject of this brief sketch; and Burt, of Corning.

Completing his education in the district schools of Pulteney and the Franklin Academy at Prattsburg James O. Sebring remained with his parents until attaining his majority. Starting then in life for himself he taught school during the winter terms for several years, working as a farm laborer during seed time and harvest. While thus employed he began reading law in the office of J. K. Smith, of Prattsburg, afterwards continuing his reading with Hon. I. W. Near, completing his studies under the instruction of John F. Little, of Bath. Being admitted to the bar in June, 1885, Mr. Sebring began the practice of his chosen profession in the autumn of that year at Hammondsport, where he met with fine success, remaining there ten years.

In 1895 Mr. Sebring located in Corning, and has since built up an extensive and exceedingly remunerative law practice. In February, 1902, he formed a partnership with Warren J. Cheney, under the firm name of Sebring & Cheney, which is one of the strongest law firms in Steuben county. Mr. Sebring is a large real estate owner, among his other holdings of value being Sebring Park, which contains one hundred and twenty acres of land adjoining Corning.

On August 29, 1889, Mr. Sebring was united in marriage with Mary A. Bushnell, a daughter of the late Watts Bushnell and Harriet (Wheeler) Bushnell, of Kenona, New York. In politics Mr. Sebring is a Democrat, and is now serving as city attorney for Corning.

JOHN B. R. CAMERON, a prominent agriculturist and grape-grower in Steuben county, also controls a large trade in the meat business in Urbana. He was born at Hammondsport, this county, December 27, 1852, and is a son of Dugald Cameron, a native of Scotland, his birthplace being Glasgow and the year 1817. Dugald Cameron emigrated to the United States in 1817, in company with his parents, and he was summoned to the life eternal in Steuben county in 1893. The Camerons first settled at Bath, whence they removed to Hornellsville, where they became known as farmers and lumbermen. The grandfather of him whose name initiates this review, Dugald Cameron, at one time owned as much as two thousand acres of land in and adjacent to Hornellsville. The maiden name of his wife was Ann Taylor. Grandfather Cameron was a linen weaver by trade and Grandmother Cameron was a lace maker.

After due preliminary education Dugald Cameron, father of John B. R., went, at the age of nineteen years, to Hammondsport

and there found employment as a clerk in the establishment of A. M. Adsit, an old-time concern of considerable prominence. Regularly for twenty-one years this firm sent Mr. Cameron to New York city to attend to business connected with transportation. During that period he became part owner of the old "Navigation Company," then the firm of Adsit & Rice. Associated with him in this enterprise was John W. Davis. In 1860 Mr. Cameron turned his attention to farming on one hundred and sixteen acres of land near Hammondsport and eventually he began to specialize in grape-growing. He was one of the original stockholders in the Pleasant Valley Wine Company and was connected with this concern for a number of years. His religious belief coincided with the teachings of the Protestant Episcopal church and he was an influential factor in the religious life of the community. A Republican in politics, he was active and efficient as a worker for the success of his party and the furtherance of its principles. Incidentally, as they came to him, not as he sought them, he held many offices. He was tax collector and town auditor at different times and was long a deputy sheriff. His public spirit made him a useful citizen, helpful to all worthy local interests. As a citizen he was alert for the advancement of his town and the prosperity of his neighbors. He was ever held in high esteem by his fellow men and he was a man of good judgment and fine mental caliber. He married Miss Rachel Brundage, a daughter of John and Rachel (Conger) Brundage, farmers of Urbana. She passed away in 1895, at the venerable age of seventy-six years. Of their children two now survive: John B. R., of this review, and Azubah, who is the widow of S. S. Smith, of Joliet, Illinois.

John B. R. Cameron was reared and educated in this county and he continued to be associated with his father in the work and management of his farm until the latter's death. Then he relieved his mother of all care relative to the conduct of the business during the remainder of her life and eventually he inherited the property and he has since continued its management on his own account. Besides diversified agriculture he is extensively engaged in the grape-growing industry and since 1906 he has conducted a meat market at Urbana. He is a useful and popular citizen, public-spiritedly devoted to the general good and identified with many important institutions. He is a devout member of the Episcopal church and is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men and the Grange, in addition to which he is also a member of the Hammondsport Hook and Ladder Company. Though not an active politician, his political views are in harmony with the principles and policies of the Republican party and he has ever contributed in liberal measure to all matters projected for the general welfare.

In 1890 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Cameron to Miss Nellie L. Carr, who was born at Hammondsport April 26, 1860, and who is a daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth (Coon) Carr, long prominent citizens in Steuben county. William and Mary (Latimore) Carr, great-great-grandparents of Mrs. Cameron, emigrated to



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America about 1705 from Londonderry, Ireland. They were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians and William Carr was a blacksmith by trade. Tradition has it that Mary (Latimore) Carr was a descendant of Bishop Latturin, the early English martyr. Their son, John Carr, married Amy Armstrong and he was a farmer and a valiant soldier in the war of the Revolution, serving in the Fourth regiment of the Orange County Militia. Amy Armstrong was the descendant of a Scottish chief, concerning whom the following legend is written: In combat to prove the superiority of his clan, Chieftain Armstrong encountered the chieftain of another clan and killed his adversary. The next day he met the chosen one from a second clan and was again victorious, killing his man. The third day a similar meeting occurred, but this time Chieftain Armstrong was less fortunate and tradition has it that he returned to his camp dead, sitting in his saddle. The next in line of direct descent to Mrs. Cameron was John Carr, who wedded Sarah Hutches. He was born in 1775 and was a soap and candle maker. He lived at Pine Island, Orange county, New York, and came to Hammondsport about 1825, his death having occurred at that place about 1850. He had sons, Austin, Lansing, Vincent, John, Alfred, Jackson and Morris, the latter remaining in Orange county,—and daughters,—Mary, Elizabeth and Almeda. Alfred Carr married Elizabeth Coon and they became the parents of Nellie L. Cameron, wife of the subject of this review, as previously noted. Alfred Carr was born in Orange county, New York, November 6, 1825, and he died January 2, 1882. His wife was born at Pulteney, New York, September 11, 1823, and she passed away February 17, 1862. They had seven children, Mrs. Cameron being one of twins. Her twin sister is now the wife of S. A. Breding, of Rochester, and her sister, Mary Carr, resides in the Cameron home. Mrs. Cameron was an expert stenographer prior to her marriage to Mr. Cameron.

Amos B. Straight, M. D., who was formerly in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, is widely known as a gentleman of versatile ability. He was born in the town of Burns, Allegany county, New York, on the 4th of February, 1866. Elijah Abbott Straight, his father, was a native of Avoca township, Steuben county, where he was born on the 31st of October, 1833. From 1867 to the time of his death, which occurred on the 19th of July, 1894, he was a resident of Burns, Steuben county, New York. Dexter Straight, father of Elijah Abbott Straight and grandfather of Dr. Amos B. Straight, was born in Haskinsville, this county, in 1806, and he was summoned to the life eternal October 25, 1855. His father, Elijah Straight, was born in 1776 and died in 1847. He was a pioneer in Steuben county in the days of really primitive things, a friend of education and one of the promoters and builders of the first schoolhouse in the vicinity of his early home. He was twice married, his first union having been prolific of five sons and one daughter, namely—Dexter, John B., Augustus Elijah, Cyrus,

Albert and Maria. For his second wife he married Mrs. Polly Abbott, who was the widow of Elijah Abbott and who had three daughters—Hannah, Betsy and Lucinda. Dexter Straight, the Doctor's grandfather, married Betsy, daughter of his step-mother, thus making the unique history of a son marrying the daughter of his father's wife. Elijah Abbott Straight, father of the Doctor, married Eunice Jane Burdick, who was born at Almond, Allegany county, New York, September 18, 1835, and who passed away in Hornell, New York, October 31, 1909. Her father, Bradford Burdick, was a native of Vermont and an early settler in Allegany county. Their wedding was celebrated at Almond November 14, 1860, and to this union were born five children, two of whom, Bradford and Burdick, died in infancy. Their only daughter, Libby Kate, was born on the 15th of February, 1861, and she died August 18, 1890. Olin Leroy, who was born November 6, 1862, is now a resident of Almond, New York, and Amos B. is the immediate subject of this review.

Dr. Straight was the fourth in order of birth of the above named children and he was about one year of age at the time of his parents' removal over the border line from Allegany into Steuben county, to whose public schools he is indebted for his preliminary educational discipline. After attaining to years of responsibilty he taught school for two years, at the expiration of which he entered the medical office of Dr. J. R. Walker at Arkport, under whose able preceptorship he made rapid progress in the absorption and assimilation of the science of medicine. In the spring of 1891 he was graduated in the College of Physicians & Surgeons at Baltimore, Maryland, duly receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine, and for one year succeeding his graduation he was engaged in practice with his former preceptor, Dr. Walker. Thereafter he entered upon an independent practice at Silver Springs, New York, where was solemnized his marriage and where he resided for three years, after which he removed to Perry, New York, where for seven years he was engaged in a professional way, controlling a large and lucrative patronage and gaining prestige as one of the ablest practitioners in that section.

While living at Perry Dr. Straight felt that he was called to the Christian ministry and in 1899 he was appointed pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Hamlin, Monroe county, this state. One year's work there was crowned with success, his church having the distinction that year of adding more members to its roll than any other church in the Niagara district of the Genesee conference. The following year he was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Canaseraga, Allegany county, New York. He was then appointed to Spencer Methodist Episcopal church, Hornell, New York. After having been pastor of that church for two years he was appointed to the pastorate of the Methodist Episcopal church at Corning, this county, and a large addition to the membership and great financial gain to the church was the result of his labors there. Two years after that appointment impaired health compelled him unwillingly to relinquish platform work. After a post-

graduate course and hospital work in New York city during the winter of 1905 Dr. Straight located the following spring at Hornell as a practicing physician.

On the 23d of December, 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Straight to Miss Eva Eliza Pryor, who is a daughter of George Pryor. Her paternal grandfather was Sylvester Pryor, who traced his ancestry back to stanch English extraction. He was an early settler in Allegany county, where he lived to the venerable age of eighty years. Sylvester Pryor married Olive Brockway, and they became the parents of four boys—Alden, George, Jesse and Luther—and two girls—Mary and Eleanor. George, father of Mrs. Straight, was born in Almond, New York, July 25, 1837, and died at Arkport, New York, June 24, 1877. Mrs. Straight's maternal grandfather was William C. Ward, who was born in the state of Ohio, whence he came to Allegany county, New York, where he lived to the age of seventy-seven years. He married Rachel Head, who passed away at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. and Mrs. William C. Ward had twelve children, five boys and seven girls, namely: Samuel, Ashabel, Otis, Seymour, George, Electia, Mary, Elizabeth, Eliza, Maria, Helen and Harriett. Mary Ward, who married George Pryor, was born on the 27th of February, 1838, in the town of Almond, New York, and she became the mother of five children—three girls and two boys—Ella, Rosetta, Eva Eliza, Frank and William Sylvester. Eva Eliza was born in Almond, New York, May 25, 1872, and she was afforded excellent educational advantages in her youth. Dr. and Mrs. Straight have three children: Katie Natalie, who was born at Silver Springs, Wyoming county, New York, on the 16th of December, 1893; Erie Abbott, born at Perry, Wyoming county, New York, June 9, 1896; and Thomas Benjamin Neely, born at Corning, Steuben county, New York, on the 5th of October, 1904.

In politics Dr. Straight is aligned as a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies for which the Prohibition party stands sponsor, and in 1904 he received the nomination for member of assembly from the thirty-third district. He has done much to advance the general welfare of the community. He is affiliated with various professional and fraternal organizations of representative character, and no citizen in Steuben county is held in higher confidence and esteem than is the Doctor. He has been described as "a broad-minded man, an earnest student, a deep thinker and an eloquent and convincing speaker." His success as a medical man gives him eminence among his fellow-practitioners. His office and residence are on the corner of Seneca and West Genesee streets, in the old William O'Connor residence, which he bought in August, 1906. This is one of the best locations in Hornell, and the property is one of the finest residence properties in the city. Dr. Straight in his professional service has been prompted by a laudable ambition for advancement as well as by deep sympathy and humanitarian principles that urge him to put forth his best efforts in the

alleviation of pain and suffering. He has gained recognition from the profession as one of its able representatives, and the trust reposed in him by the public is indicated by the liberal patronage awarded him.

JAMES J. O'HARA, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Corning, New York, is a Canadian by birth and comes of Irish parents. His father, Patrick O'Hara, was born at Temple House, County Sligo, Ireland, in 1830, and is still living; his mother, Elishie (Burk) O'Hara, born in Ireland in 1836, died in 1870. They left Ireland soon after their marriage and directed their course to Canada, Hullet their objective point, where they spent twelve years, at the end of that time coming to Steuben county, New York. Of the children born to them, now married and scattered, we record that Mary (O'Hara) Baxter lives in Corning, New York; Margaret (O'Hara) Noke is a resident of Brooklyn, New York; James J., the subject of this sketch, was next in order of birth; Martin resides in Michigan, and Julia, at Brooklyn, New York. At the age of twenty-one Patrick O'Hara joined the police force in Ireland, with which he was connected for three years or until his departure for America. Upon his arrival at Hullet, Canada, he went to work as a farm laborer, and was thus occupied there for a period of twelve years. Then he came over into New York state and at Addison, Steuben county, spent another year in farm work. Next he moved to Gang Mills in the same county and turned his attention to the lumber business, as an employe of Fox Weston & Company, with whom he remained until the mill closed its business in 1880. From 1880 to 1887 he was in the employ of the same company in Michigan, and the latter year he returned to Steuben county and settled at Corning, where he went to work for the Corning Glass Works. At intervals, now at a ripe old age, he still works for this concern.

James J. O'Hara was born July 25, 1862, at Hullet, Canada, and in his boyhood accompanied his parents to New York. At the early age of twelve years he began doing chores nights and mornings while he went to school, and thus spent his time for four years. Then he went to Michigan, where for three years he worked in a mill during the summer months, and in the winter in the lumber camps. Coming back to Steuben county with his father, he entered the Corning Glass Works, where he thoroughly learned the glass business and where he remained until about the age of thirty years. Following this service he was variously employed until 1894, when he accepted a position as salesman in the shoe store of J. L. Clark, where he still remains.

For more than twenty years Mr. O'Hara belonged to Corning's volunteer fire department, and he is now an exempt fireman. Politically he is a Democrat. In 1904 he was elected a supervisor, has been re-elected three times, and is now chairman of the board. He belongs to the Elks and to the Knights of Columbus.

In 1894 Mr. O'Hara married Miss Josephine Leary, daughter of Patrick Leary, of Painted Post, New York, and the children given to them are as follows: James, born July 6, 1899; Frances, December 25, 1901; John, May 23, 1903, and Helen, April 22, 1906.

MYRON C. SHERMAN.—This man, well and favorably known in northern Steuben county, an extensive handler of grain and produce, was born in Prattsburg, Steuben county, New York, August 16, 1875, a son of William and Sarah (Lamphere) Sherman. He was reared and educated among the people with whom he now does business, and among his many patrons none are more loyal than are some of his old schoolmates. Soon after leaving school he became connected with the produce business, buying and selling on his own account or otherwise, as conditions were from time to time. He is now the manager of the Scofield-McMichael Produce Company, of Prattsburg, New York, which handles hay, grain and produce on an extensive scale. His relations with the farmers round about him have been long and to them eminently satisfactory, and he is getting the gilt edged business of Prattsburg and vicinity in his line.

Mr. Sherman married Miss Edna Moore, of Prattsburg, New York, and she has borne him three children—Esther, aged nine years; Francis, aged seven years; and Edna, aged six years.

Politically Mr. Sherman is a Republican, zealous for the success of the principles and men of his party; but he is not in the ordinary sense a politician. At the same time he is a discriminating voter and has the reputation of being a man of public spirit who has the welfare of the community at heart and may be depended on to do everything within his means and ability to further any movement for the common good.

H. B. SMITH, M. D.—Devoting his time and energies to the practice of his chosen profession, H. B. Smith, M. D., of Corning, has gained a position of note, being widely known throughout this section of Steuben county as one of its most able and successful physicians. He was born July 27, 1876, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, a son of B. F. and Fannie E. (Ryno) Smith, natives also of New Jersey.

Completing his early studies in the public schools of New Jersey, H. B. Smith began the study of medicine in 1896, and in 1899 was graduated from the medical department of the New York University in New York city, receiving the degree of M. D. After serving in Bellevue Hospital for about one year he came to Corning. He has met with eminent success in his professional career and has built up a remunerative patronage, his knowledge and skill gaining for him the confidence and respect of the people.

The Doctor belongs to numerous organizations of a professional nature, including the Corning Medical Association, the Steuben County Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is

a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to the consistory, and he is also an Odd Fellow. He is a stanch Republican in his political affiliations and is now serving as county coroner.

Dr. Smith married, June 26, 1900, Nora Thomas, and they have one daughter, Marianne Smith.

ERNEST J. GUTTINGER.—The gentleman whose name heads this notice has perhaps had more to do with the development of the silk industry in southern and central New York than any other one man. The history of that industry is so interesting that the little that Mr. Guttinger's modesty permits us to put on record here will be hailed by the average reader as especially edifying material. Mr. Guttinger, like so many experts in our various industries, is of European birth. He first saw the light of day in Lyons, France, June 2, 1880, and was there given a liberal education. When he was nineteen he went to Germany and other silk manufacturing centers and by practical experience acquired expert knowledge of silk making. In 1900 he came to the United States and put in operation for a French company a silk mill at Hazleton, Pennsylvania. From there he went to Hoboken, New Jersey, where he identified himself with the enterprise of the Schwarzenbach-Huber Company, the largest operators of silk mills in the world. In 1904 he started a silk mill at Andover, Allegany county. From there he came to Hornell in 1906. Until September of that year he was foreman in the weaving mills, and then he took charge of the entire mill. This business is operated by the Canisteo Silk Company in connection with other mills at Wayland, all of which are now in charge of Mr. Guttinger. In these various establishments about four hundred people are employed. Their notable success is due in no small measure to the skill and business ability of Mr. Guttinger.

In 1908 Mr. Guttinger married Miss Nina E. Laughlin. They have a son named Jack. Mr. Guttinger is a progressive, up-to-date, public spirited man who takes an interest in the communities with which his business has made him acquainted and may be depended on to do whatever he can to aid their growth and prosperity.

RUFUS C. BALDWIN.—This popular and successful farmer and commercial traveler is a native of Addison and was born February 8, 1857. James Baldwin, his father, was born at Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and was brought to Addison when he was about four years old by his parents, Rufus and Parmelia (Wombaugh) Baldwin. Rufus Baldwin, born in Connecticut, was a soldier, serving the patriot cause in the Revolutionary war, as was Isaac Baldwin, his father. This family of Baldwins is descended from Henry Baldwin, who emigrated from Buckinghamshire, England, in 1627 and settled at Woburn, Massachusetts. His grandson, Isaac Baldwin, Sr., removed with his family from Norwalk, Connecticut, to the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, whence they were driven by border wars to a more peaceable part of Pennsylvania north and west.

In 1787 they settled on the Chemung river, then in Tioga county, New York. Isaac Baldwin, Sr., was born at Norwich, Connecticut, in June, 1730, and married Patience Rathbun in November, 1751. They had eleven children, of whom Rufus Baldwin, great-grandfather of Rufus C. Baldwin, was one. Rufus Baldwin, Jr., his son, was born in Canterbury, Windham county, Connecticut, in 1795. In December, 1812, he became connected with the Light Guards, in which he soon rose to the rank of major. In 1825 he removed to Lawrenceville in Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He married Parmelia Wombaugh, daughter of William Wombaugh, of Addison, New York. In 1838, having disposed of his Pennsylvania property, he settled a mile east of Addison, on a tract of six hundred acres of farming and timber land that he had bought.

In 1851 Rufus Baldwin, Jr., retiring from active life, moved into the village of Addison, where he died June 10, 1854. Ten years later his widow passed away. The following suggestive items of information concerning their children will be of interest in this connection. One of his daughters married Rufus N. Weatherby. William W., who became a lawyer, died in 1852. Walter H. died in 1854. Henry, a lawyer, financier and banker, was supervisor of Addison township from 1859 to 1861 and sheriff of Steuben county from 1886 to 1889. In 1861 he recruited Company E, Thirty-fourth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, was elected its captain, saw service in the Shenondoah Valley, at Yorktown, at West Point, at Fair Oaks, at Seven Pines, in McClellan's seven days' retreat to the Potomac, at Antietam, at Fredericksburg and elsewhere, and came out of the Civil war with high honor as a soldier and as an officer. In 1867 he was brevetted major; in 1868, colonel. Rufus, the next son in order of nativity, died young. Parmelia married the Hon. Byron G. Stout, of Pontiac, Michigan. R. Haskell died in childhood. James, father of Rufus C., was born at Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1834, and was brought to Addison by his parents when four years old. There he was reared, acquiring his primary education in the village school. After having taken a preparatory course at the old Addison Academy he finished his education at a historic old time college at Lima, New York, which was in its day a boon to western New York.

In 1855 Mr. Baldwin married Miss Emma L. Cowley, a daughter of Calvin and Phila (Rathbun) Cowley, and located on what is known as the Woollenmill farm, near Addison. In the spring of 1857 he removed to Woodhull, where he built the first steam mill in that part of the county. In 1866 he came back to Addison and during the remainder of his life was one of the leading men of that town. From that time, indeed, dates that larger, broader history which identifies him with county and state affairs. He was an ardent and outspoken temperance man, and in 1884 was a nominee for congress on the Prohibition ticket. He also ran for the office of treasurer of the state as a nominee of the Prohibition party. In business circles he was active and prominent, as proprietor of the

Baldwin bank and in connection, direct or indirect, with many important interests. As a member of the Presbyterian church he was generously identified with the religious movement in the village. He died January 6, 1903. Of his three sons two died in infancy, Rufus C. Baldwin being the only survivor.

Rufus C. Baldwin was educated at the Addison academy, De Veaux College, Niagara Falls, New York; Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Massachusetts, and at a commercial college at Rochester, New York, where he finished with a business course. From 1880 to 1885 he was in the furniture and undertaking business. After living at Bath three years as under sheriff of Steuben county he returned to Addison in 1889 and soon located on a farm two miles west of the village, where he lived till April 1, 1896. In the year last mentioned he accepted a position as a commercial traveler, which he has filled with much ability ever since, maintaining his residence in Addison. On June 18, 1879, he married Miss Celestia M. Smith, of Addison.

Mr. Baldwin is a member of the Steuben Society of New York city, the City Club of Corning and the Steuben Club of Bath. He was a charter member of the Baldwin Hook and Ladder company of Addison. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, identified with Addison Lodge of the F. & A. M., the chapter at Addison, the Consistory at Corning and St. Omar's Commandery of Elmira. Of his Blue Lodge he is a past master. He is identified also with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Corning organization of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Official and commercial life have not stifled Mr. Baldwin's love of the soil. He has not lost his interest in agriculture, owning, as he does, a fine farm of two hundred and fifty acres near Addison. There is no one who takes a deeper or more abiding interest in the affairs of the village, township, county and state than does Mr. Baldwin. Especially is he interested in the growth and prosperity of Addison, one of the most solid and progressive of the minor trade and manufacturing centers of Steuben county. To no appeal looking to its advancement does he turn a deaf ear.

PHIN. GOULD, known far and near in the athletic world as a champion wrestler, and for the past few years proprietor of a billiard and pool business at Corning, New York, is a native of this state, born in Chemung county, December 17, 1881. Mr. Gould's parents, William M. and Ella B (Smith) Gould, were born in 1851 and 1853, respectively, and were married in 1876. They have one other child, a daughter, Mrs. Elvira (Gould) Adsit, born April 11, 1884, and both their son and daughter were educated at Horseheads, Steuben county. By trade William M. Gould is a carpenter and joiner, which he has followed all his life, at times also doing contract work.

At the early age of fifteen Phin. Gould began life on his own responsibility, working as a glass blower in the Corning Glass

Works, and this business he followed until 1904, when he opened up the billiard and pool business he has since successfully conducted. From boyhood athletic sports had a great fascination for him, and when quite young he became locally famous as a bicycle rider. He was the winner in all the long-distance bicycle contests within a radius of seventy-five miles of Corning. In 1903 he began public wrestling on the mat, catch as catch can, and during the years of his public wrestling has met and defeated such men as Mitchell, of Elmira; Miles, of Buffalo; Curley, of Auburn; Al Swanson, formerly of Sycamore, and George Bothner, champion lightweight of the world and holder of the *Police Gazette* silver belt. Mr. Gould defeated George Bothner in two hours and forty minutes, with two falls. Also he defeated Hanson of Norwich, who had had seventeen years' experience, twelve years being in the old country; and he wrestled with Eugene Trembalay, of Montreal, in a match at Elmira, New York. Mr. Trembalay posted in the *Police Gazette* that he would wrestle any man in the United States for one thousand dollars and that he could beat any man at one hundred and forty-five pounds. Mr. Gould's weight is from one hundred and thirty-five to one hundred and forty and his height five feet and nine inches. He met Mr. Trembalay, and for two hours and five minutes wrestled with him, without a fall, at the end of which time it was called a draw and they were stopped by the police on account of darkness. This was the only drawback Mr. Gould ever had. Also he defeated Bradstreet at Hornell in an hour and fifteen minutes, and two falls. Bradstreet weighed one hundred and sixty-eight pounds. Mr. Gould has offered a challenge to any lightweight wrestler for the world's championship.

His billiard rooms are the finest in Corning, and he has hosts of friends, being a Mason of high degree and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

MRS. SARAH A. SMITH is well known for her many good qualities of mind and heart throughout northern Steuben county, and her late husband is remembered as an upright man and a fine citizen who achieved success in life because he deserved to. She was born in Benton Centre, Yates county, New York, August 9, 1854, a daughter of Jacob H. and Sabra (Mattice) Ouderkirk, both natives of Middleburg, Schoharie county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Ouderkirk came to Steuben county in 1865 and lived on a farm in the town of Cohocton, where the mother died in 1903 and the father in September, 1906. There Mrs. Smith was reared, under the careful oversight of a good father and mother. She gained her primary education in the public school near the home of her girlhood days, then became a student in the high school at Elmira, Chemung county. Returning home, she was a member of her father's household till she married.

Miss Ouderkirk was married to A. E. Smith in 1877. Mr. Smith was born on the farm on which his widow now lives in the

year 1854, a son of Artemas and Sarah (Williams) Smith. Artemas Smith was a son of Elihu B. Smith, who came to this part of Steuben county among the early settlers. His parents were pioneers here in 1815. He was born in 1806 and was, consequently, nine years old when they came. They located on the farm which afterward came down to the late A. E. Smith. There Mr. Smith was born, reared and lived his busy and useful life. He was educated in the common schools and in a school at Havana and was for a time a successful and popular teacher. He was a member of the order of A. K. O. T. M. and a member of the Presbyterian church. He lived on his farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres the life of a man who is sowing well and expecting to reap well—the life of an honest, God-fearing man who loves his fellow-men and never extends a hand to them but the open hand of friendship. His sympathy for the troubled and the afflicted was unbounded. Many a man found in him the friend in need who is truly the friend indeed. He had a kind and encouraging word for all, a generous helpfulness for any who stood in need of it. His house was the home of guests, his table was spread for all who might come. Regardless of any question of personal relations, the visitor was welcomed at the door, fed and entertained or aided as the case might demand and sent on his way with a hearty "God-speed" that made burdens lighter for days and days. In all these good works Mrs. Smith loyally aided him. Her ideas of our duty toward our fellow-men and women do not differ materially from his, and so far as she can she orders her attitude toward humanity in general as she knows he instinctively ordered his. Her charity is well known, and no one needing a true friend ever appeals to her in vain. She is a good business woman, and the farm under her management is not falling back by any means. She is known as a woman of rare intelligence and of more than average attainments and all who know her are proud to call her "friend."

HUGH H. KENDALL.—Prominent among the leading citizens and foremost business men of Corning, Hugh H. Kendall is officially associated with one of the more important industries of Steuben county, being president of the C. R. Maltby Company, of Corning. A son of Amaziah Sheffield Kendall, he was born November 30, 1859, in Jasper, New York, coming from honored New England stock.

Amaziah S. Kendall was born in Massachusetts, and when a child came with his parents to New York, locating in Madison county, where a short time later his father died at about the age of thirty. His mother married a second husband and lived to be one hundred years old. Not fully agreeing with his step-father on many points, Amaziah S. Kendall left home when a boy of ten years and began the battle for himself, working on a farm in Livingston county. In the meantime he continued his studies and subsequently taught school several terms in Jasper, Steuben county. While thus engaged he read law and after his admission to the bar formed

a partnership with Hon. George B. Bradley, for over thirty years being junior member of the law firm of Bradley & Kendall. He continued the practice alone when Mr. Bradley was called to the Superior Court. He was very successful as a lawyer, continuing his legal work until his death in May, 1898, at the age of seventy-four years. Energetic and forceful, he was a fine representative of the self-made men of our country, a record of his life furnishing a fine illustration of the success that may be attained by persevering industry, wise thrift and manly integrity. He married Caroline Lattimer, and to them four children were born, namely: Dr. Arthur A., who became a prominent and successful physician of Steuben county and who died at the early age of thirty-nine years; Hugh H., the subject of this sketch; Lester L., who died in early manhood, was for a brief time engaged in the practice of law with his father; and Adelaide, wife of Charles A. Hungerford, a well-known business man of Bloomfield, New York.

Only a year old when brought by his parents to Corning, Hugh H. Kendall was educated primarily in the public schools of Corning, afterward attending the Corning Free Academy, and a member of the class of 1882 in the University of Rochester. Returning to Corning, Mr. Kendall immediately found employment in the office of the C. R. Maltby Company, with which he has since been associated, at the present time being half owner. This company is a wholesale dealer in groceries of all kinds; buys, roasts and sells coffee in wholesale quantities; and manufactures and packs various kinds of food products; in which it has a large trade. It is finely equipped, among other practical conveniences owning its own large printing plant. Largely through the enterprise and energy of Mr. Kendall the company has extended its interests and is widely known in commercial circles not only in its home city but throughout the county and the state.

Mr. Kendall married in January, 1889, Harriet Maltby, a daughter of Charles R. Maltby, the president of the C. R. Maltby Company, and they have on child, Barbara Kendall. Mr. Kendall was made a Mason in 1882, and has since been very active and prominent in the order, in 1895 receiving the thirty-third degree of Masonry. He has filled almost every office in the order, including that of commander-in-chief of the Consistory. He has made a close study of Masonry in its varied branches and is now historian for this section of the country.

Ray Gifford Lawrence, M. D.—This popular and successful medical practitioner was born in the town of Cameron, Steuben county, New York, March 28, 1869, a son of Andrew James Lawrence, who was born there January 14, 1834, and a grandson of James Lawrence, born in New Hampshire in 1801, a blacksmith by trade, who came on foot to Cameron in 1823, one of the early pioneers in that part of the county. This early settler, who was known as Major Lawrence, was prominent in many ways, one of the

influential men of his time. He was postmaster thirty-six years and town clerk thirty-four years and was an active and helpful factor in the establishment of Presbyterianism in his vicinity. His title came to him for his activities in connection with the old state militia, which he commanded at general trainings. He was a leader, too, in the local work of the Sons of Temperance and was instrumental in organizing lodges of that order. In politics he was an old-line Whig and a hater of slavery and of the "state rights" idea. He married Mary Ann Dickey, of a family that located in the county very early. She bore her husband seven children, of whom William Lawrence and Andrew James are the only ones alive. Andrew James Lawrence was a twin. After the death of his wife Major Lawrence married her sister, Ruth Dickey, who bore him three children—Sarah, wife of William Yates, of Brockport; George N., of Spokane, Washington, and Almyra. The original Lawrence of this American family of the name settled in New Hampshire.

Dr. Lawrence's father was taught the blacksmith's trade by the Major. Later he was employed at railroading. After spending some years in the service of the Erie Railroad Company at Addison, New York, he turned to farming and assisting his father in blacksmithing. His father retired from active life in 1874, after thirty-eight years of honest and strenuous endeavor, which had brought him fair success for the time and locality. In the later years he did quite a business in buying and selling produce. His son took his business and added to it the sale of coal and agricultural implements. In his earlier years the latter was an active raftsman. In 1854 he rafted one hundred thousand feet of timber down the rivers to southern markets. Colonel James Jones, now of Yonkers, was also a noted pilot in those days. Mr. Lawrence retired in 1901 and moved to Hammondsport to pass his declining years with his son. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith. Politically he sided with the Republicans, working zealously for the success of his party. He was a member of the Steuben County Republican Committee and held numerous offices. He was supervisor three terms and was three times elected justice of the peace. He trained with the "Know Nothings" in the time of that party and was in all things consistently American, a lover of freedom for all men, an advocate of equal chances for all. In 1858 he married Alma Chissom, who was born in Cameron in 1842, a daughter of George Chissom, a native of Yates county and a pioneer in Steuben. George Chissom's wife was Ruth Williamson. Dr. Lawrence has two brothers—Matthew D. Lawrence, of Bath, and Charles E. Lawrence, a hardware merchant at Knoxville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

After a course in the schools of Bath Dr. Lawrence was graduated from the high school in the class of 1889. He then went to New York as a student in the New York College of Pharmacy. He was graduated in 1893, and during the following five years was preparing further for his professional career. In 1898 he was graduated from the New York University Medical College, with the degree



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of M. D. He practiced medicine and surgery a year at Rochester, New York, and in 1901 came to Hammondsport and bought the practice of Dr. B. A. Barney. He has achieved an enviable success and has become known as one of the up-to-date physicians of the county, a practitioner of modern attainments and of the best methods of today. He is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Steuben County Medical Society and of the Lake Keuka Medical Association and is a Mason.

On June 15, 1910, Dr. Lawrence married Miss Fredericka Michelfelder, a native of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of George Michelfelder.

FREDERICK A. ELLISON.—A man of keen intellect and superior business ability, public-spirited and progressive in a practical way, Frederick A. Ellison, an accountant for the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, is a prominent and valued citizen of Corning, which he is now serving as mayor. A Pennsylvanian by birth, he was born June 20, 1865, in Tioga county. His parents, G. F. and Mary (Sanderson) Ellison, natives of New York state, are now residing in Elkland, Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

Spending his youthful days in his native state, Frederick A. Ellison was educated in the Tioga High School and in the Elmira School of Commerce, becoming well fitted for a business career. He was subsequently engaged in the lumber business for some time with his father. Entering the employ of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company in 1885, he was for a while telegraph operator at Waterville, Pennsylvania, from there going to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, as accountant. Being transferred to Corning in 1891, Mr. Ellison has since continued as accountant for the company, with which he has been connected for a full quarter of a century, his long record of service bespeaking his ability and his fidelity.

One of the leading members of the Democratic party, Mr. Ellison has been active in the management of public affairs, serving one year as alderman from the Fourth ward and having been elected mayor of the city in November, 1909, a position which he is filling with credit to himself and to the honor of his constituents. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

On March 8, 1894, Mr. Ellison married Stella Bosard, and they are the parents of three children, Henry, Harold and Jessie.

FRANK LEROY PURDY, A. M., M. D., D. O., came from Boston, Massachusetts, to Hornell, Steuben county, New York, August 1, 1909, and is in the active practice of his profession in its various branches at his pleasant offices No. 9 Hakes Avenue. Dr. Purdy's father was the late Dr. Andrew Purdy formerly a physician at Jasper New York and later a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church at various places in New York state and northern Pennsylvania.

Dr. Frank LeRoy Purdy was graduated from the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary in 1888 and from Syracuse University in 1892, after having become prominent on the athletic field and socially as well as a student. He was the first athlete in that university and still possesses a splendid physique. In 1895 he was graduated from the Buffalo Medical College. He spent the ensuing year in the Buffalo General Hospital. In 1899 he was graduated from the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy and has since been granted by examination, certificates of registration for the practice of medicine and surgery in the states of New York, Maryland and Massachusetts. During the past ten years he has practiced osteopathy in Boston and during that period has been also connected with the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy as professor of orthopedic surgery, major and minor surgery, pathology, clinical diagnosis, obstetrics, gynecology and osteopathic technique.

Dr. Purdy, with his fine scholastic and medical training, with his exceptional hospital experience, entered upon the study of osteopathy with a preparation possessed by few, and his distinguished services in osteopathy since have made him a leader in that school. His broad education has enabled him to adopt the best methods of all schools, and his comprehensive knowledge of the structure and function of every part or organ of the human body enables him quickly to diagnose the cause of a disordered condition and intelligently to apply the treatment most exactly indicated.

Dr. Purdy is a Knight Templar and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as steward. While in Buffalo he was a church choir director. He married Miss Mollie Spicer Jones, of Philadelphia, and has had three children, his oldest son being a high school student and also an athlete.

The Purdy family is one of marked intellectuality. Dr. Purdy's brother, Andrew J. Purdy, is a lawyer at Buffalo. His brother Ross C. is at the head of a department in the Ohio State University. His brother Victor W. is an osteopathic physician in Toronto, Canada. Andrew Purdy, M. D., D. D., father of these remarkable young men, was born in Jasper, Steuben county, New York, February 26, 1842. He was graduated from Alfred University, at Alfred, Allegany county, New York, took a post-graduate course in the University of Michigan and then studied medicine and surgery in the University of New York. For twelve years he practiced medicine, for a time being house surgeon in Bellevue Hospital. Becoming dissatisfied with the part he was playing in the world, he studied theology and preached as opportunity was afforded him and eight years later was ordained to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. He had charges in Erwin Center and Cohocton, Steuben county, New York, Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, Victor, Ontario county, New York, Tonowanda, Erie county, New York, and at Asbury church, Buffalo.

The Rev. Dr. Purdy was a man of much prominence on the lecture platform and in conference work, and wherever he was sent he met with great success. His powerful preaching made many

converts. Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, had to show for his labors there an augmented congregation and a new church building and parsonage. Other towns where he preached were in large measure benefited. He died at Corning, October 6, 1896.

RUFUS R. CLEMENT.—The present popular postmaster at Atlanta, Steuben county, New York, is Rufus R. Clement, and he is a man of sterling integrity of character and unquestioned honesty. He was born at Honeoye, New York, on the 25th of December, 1864, and is a son of Peter N. Clement, a native of Bristol, Ontario county, New York. Peter Clement established his home in Naples township, Steuben county, in 1871, and he was identified with farming during the greater part of his active business career. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he was a loyal Republican in his political convictions. He married Lois Bundy, who was a daughter of Rufus Bundy, formerly of Connecticut, whence they removed to Cohocton township, Steuben county. The mother of Mrs. Clement was Lois (Lovejoy) Bundy, and she and her husband passed the closing years of their lives with their daughter, Mrs. Clement. Mr. and Mrs. Clement became the parents of six children, namely: Peter, of North Cohocton; Mary, wife of William Chapman, of Watkins, New York; Ella, wife of John Goundry, a farmer in Naples township, this county; Carrie, wife of Frank Carey, of Naples township; Lola, wife of L. Laird, of Naples township; and Rufus R., the immediate subject of this review. The father was summoned to the life eternal in 1879, at the age of sixty years, and his wife passed away in 1888, at the age of fifty-eight years.

Rufus Richmond Clement was reared to maturity on the old homestead farm of his parents and he was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his native place. He was nine years of age at the time of his parents' removal to Naples, Ontario county, where he completed his education. He was associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm until his marriage, in 1884, and he continued to be identified with farming pursuits until 1895, in which year he removed to Atlanta where he entered the employ of William T. Cornish, who owned a general store, in connection with which he conducted the postoffice. After his death, which occurred in 1904, Mr. Clement was appointed postmaster by President Roosevelt, and he is still incumbent of this position. In politics he is a stanch adherent of the cause of the Republican party and he has ever manifested a deep and intelligent interest in all measures and enterprises projected for the general welfare of the community. He takes an active part in local politics and has served as delegation committeeman for his district. He is a valued and appreciative member of Kanawha Lodge, No. 566, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is a past grand master, besides which he also holds membership in Cohocton Lodge No. 510, Free & Accepted Masons, and Bath Chapter No. 95, Royal Arch Masons.

In 1884 Mr. Clement was united in marriage to Miss Alice Salisbury, who was born at Naples, New York, in July, 1866, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Wilson) Salisbury, the former of whom is a prominent farmer in Naples township and the latter of whom is deceased. Mrs. Clement is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah and is active in the affairs of the local lodge of this order. Mr. and Mrs. Clement have one daughter, Mildred, born in 1886. She was graduated in the North Cohocton high school and also attended the Teacher's Training School of Cohocton. At the present time she is one of the successful and popular teachers in Cohocton township. She is a member of Eastern Star Lodge, of Cohocton, and of the Daughters of Rebekah, of Atlanta.

WILLIAM E. KIMBALL is the owner of a well improved farm of sixty acres in Caton township and is numbered among the successful and popular representatives of the agricultural industry in Steuben county. He is a man of high ideals and sterling integrity and has been prominently identified with church work, as well as with the affairs of the Young Men's Christian Association. His sterling character and his broad humanitarianism have gained to him an inviolable hold upon the confidence and esteem of those with whom he has come in contact in the various relations of life, and as one of the honored citizens of Steuben county he is well entitled to representation in this publication.

William E. Kimball claims the fine commonwealth of Minnesota as the place of his nativity. He was born in Steele county, that state, on the 18th of June, 1868, and is a son of Lazell and Amanda (Hill) Kimball, the former of whom was born in Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Caton township, Steuben county, New York. When William E. Kimball was about one year old his parents returned to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, and he was but three years of age at the time of his father's death. He was reared to the age of eleven years in the home of his maternal grandfather, William P. Hill, of Steuben county, and in the meanwhile he duly availed himself of the advantages of the district schools. When he was eleven years of age his mother contracted a second marriage, becoming the wife of Robert Richards, of Caton township, this county, and Mr. Kimball passed the following seven years in the home of his mother and step-father. At the expiration of this period his mother was summoned to the life eternal and shortly afterward, at the age of eighteen years, he removed to Iowa and located at Clarion, Wright county. He remained in the west about one year and then returned to Steuben county, where he secured a position in the Corning Glass Works, in the city of Corning. Shortly afterward, however, he was tendered and accepted the position of secretary of the Corning Young Men's Christian Association. He was general secretary for fifteen years and assistant secretary for one year and nine months during which time he did much to further the material advancement and general work of the organization. At the expiration of the period noted he went to St. Petersburg, Florida, where he

remained about two winters, spending the summers here. He then returned to Steuben county, and in 1907 located upon his present well improved farm in Caton township, to the supervision and work of which he has since given his attention. Besides his valuable homestead he is also the owner of a number of residence properties in the city of Corning.

In politics Mr. Kimball is a stanch adherent of the Prohibitionist party and he has been most zealous in connection with temperance work. That his convictions in regard to the nefarious liquor traffic are those of action are shown by the fact that he exercises his franchise in support of the cause which he thus advocates. Both he and his wife are earnest and devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church in the village of Caton, and he is not only a member of its official board but is also the superintendent of its Sunday-school.

At Corning, New York, January 12, 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kimball to Miss Cora E. Cleveland, who was born and reared in Elmira, and they became the parents of two children: Everett, who was born in the year 1900, and Erwin, who died in infancy. Mrs. Kimball was summoned to the life eternal in April, 1905, and in 1907 Mr. Kimball was united in marriage to Mrs. Bessie (Deyo) Smith, who was born in Steuben county, where they now live, and who is a daughter of Alonzo Deyo. No children have been born of the second marriage. Mrs. Kimball by her former marriage to Willard Parker Smith had two children: Cornelia, now Mrs. Benjamin Honness, and Pauline, who is at home.

Frank Dixson Kingsbury.—A man of stanch financial and business ability and of broad, practical views, Frank Dixson Kingsbury is at the forefront among those progressive and influential citizens who have given to Corning a bright and enviable name for a superior brand of aggressiveness and evolution. He has been identified with many of the important concerns of the town and was for twenty-seven years treasurer and general manager of that thrifty enterprise, the Corning Gas Company. A public-spirited citizen and one to be depended upon to give his support to any cause likely to result in the attainment of the greatest good to the greatest number, it was indeed appropriate that he should have served as president of the village.

Mr. Kingsbury's father, Lewis Clark Kingsbury, was a son of Jonathan and Artimisia Kingsbury, and was born in Livonia, New York, December 31, 1815, his death occurring at Corning, September 5, 1889. He married Eliza Dixson, daughter of Henry and Louisa Dixson of Livonia, New York, the date of their union being August 22, 1844. The wife was born at Livonia, April 3, 1825, and died at Corning, November 27, 1901. The removal of the family to Corning was in 1854, Mr. Kingsbury being local station agent for the Buffalo, Corning & New York Railroad Company, now the Rochester division of the Erie Railroad. He continued in this position for some time, later becoming a passenger conductor on the Erie Railroad. In 1868

he left the employ of the Erie and embarked in the carriage business at Corning, under the firm name of L. C. Kingsbury & Company, and this enterprise he carried on successfully for a number of years. For twenty-five years previous to his death he was president of the Corning Gas Company. As an evidence of the confidence in which he was held by the community in which he lived he was elected to many public offices, among which was president of the village of Corning and supervisor of the town of Corning, holding the latter office at the time of his death. For several terms he was chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Steuben county. For many years he was the president of the Steuben County Agricultural Society.

He was interested in the great basic industry and the natural resources of the county and was president of the Corning Agricultural Society. He and his wife were the parents of two sons, Frank Dixson Kingsbury, whose name initiates this review, born in Conesus, New York, February 26, 1847; and Fred Stewart Kingsbury, born in Conesus, New York, May 5, 1853, and died at Corning, May 20, 1883. On November 25, 1877, the latter married Carrie Louise Smith, of Painted Post, who died at Painted Post, January 31, 1887. They are survived by one daughter, Ella.

Frank Dixson Kingsbury, as previously mentioned, is a native of the Empire state. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Corning. He later matriculated in Williston Seminary at East Hampton, Massachusetts, and after finishing there he entered the employ of Cole & Thomson, bankers and insurance agents, of Corning, New York. He also became associated with the Corning Gas Company on March 26, 1864. On December 1, 1874, Mr. Kingsbury purchased the interest of Charles H. Thomson in the Corning Gas Company, and on July 12, 1879, he also purchased that gentleman's interest in the firm of Cole & Thomson, and formed a partnership with Chester S. Cole, under the firm name of Cole & Kingsbury, which continued until July 1, 1901. Following that date the business was continued by Mr. Kingsbury as F. D. Kingsbury & Company. As previously mentioned his connection with the Corning Gas Company as treasurer, general manager and director, was of twenty-seven years' duration prior to 1901, in which year he disposed of all his gas and electric interests.

In addition to these important offices and connections Mr. Kingsbury has had various other interests. For many years he was president of the Corning fire department, and previous to that had served in the capacity of treasurer for that organization. He was the president of the board of sewer commissioners and also of the board of river commissioners and is the vice-president and executive officer of the board of water commissioners of the city of Corning. He was instrumental in the organization of the Corning Co-Operative Savings & Loan Association, which was incorporated May 14, 1889, and has served as its president since that date. Since the time of its organization he has been the president of the Corning Opera House Company. This versatile and energetic gentleman, whose



sound judgment and executive ability are of an order which make him a valuable adjunct to any enterprise, is a member of the board of managers of the Corning Free Library and trustee of the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Kingsbury is unmarried and resides at 33 East First Street, Corning, New York.

GEORGE W. RYAN.—A wide-awake, enterprising young man, possessing excellent business qualifications, George W. Ryan of Corning, is actively engaged in the real estate and loan business, in which he is meeting with satisfactory success. A worthy representative of the native-born citizens of Corning, his birth occurred November 13, 1881. His father, William G. Ryan, was born at Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York, and was brought up and educated in Yates county. Coming to Steuben county in 1880, he established himself as a merchant in Corning, where he has since been a respected and valued resident. He married Ellen Dormer, who spent her entire life in Corning, her death occurring here December 15, 1909. Five children were born of their union, namely: William, deceased; Bertha, wife of T. D. Tennant, of New York city; George W., of whom we write; Catherine; and James D., of Corning.

Bred and educated in Corning, George W. Ryan began hustling for himself at the age of twenty-one years, and in addition to dealing in real estate and making loans has other financial interests in Corning. Paying strict regard to honor and veracity in his transactions, Mr. Ryan has met with most satisfactory success in his undertakings, being recognized as an important factor in the promotion and advancement of the material welfare of his city. He is widely and favorably known, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and of the Order of Eagles.

C. E. BEARD.—Steuben county cannot boast of many lawyers better equipped for their profession or of more credit to it than the prominent citizen of Hornell whose name is the title of this article. Mr. Beard was born in what is now the town of Hartsville, Steuben county, July 8, 1843. His father, Erastus S. Beard, of English extraction but of Connecticut nativity, came with an ox team to Steuben county in the days when that was an approved mode of travel. He was a teacher, a hotel-keeper and a farmer, was active and influential in public affairs, first as a Whig and finally as a Democrat, and he died on his birthday in March, 1888, deeply regretted by all who had known him. His wife, who was Emaline Browne, a native of Pennsylvania, lived to be eighty-six years old. The following facts concerning some of their children will be found to be interesting in this connection. Solomon died in infancy. Clara B. married Solomon B. Huy, of Corning. John M. is deceased. Daniel E. lives in Hornell. Asher M. is deceased. Sabra A. is deceased. C. E. was the fourth of the family in order of nativity. He passed the days of his childhood and boyhood in Hartsville, working on the farm and attending public school.

Mr. Beard's real battle for life began when, at eighteen, he went to Canisteo as a clerk in the store of Southworth and Waldo. After he had worked there one year and saved a little money, for the salaries of young clerks were very small, he became a student at Alfred, but was obliged soon to give up his studies because of ill health. After having spent a year on the farm at work and in recuperation, he went to Hornell, where for about two years he was employed by E. G. Durfee, merchant and postmaster. During the succeeding two years he conducted a merchant tailoring business on his own account. Then, after devoting a year to the study of law, he entered the Albany Law School, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1869.

Immediately after his graduation Mr. Beard was admitted to the bar of the state of New York. Returning to Hornell he became connected with the law offices of Bemis and Near and was soon elected a justice of the peace. Under the law existing then the office was called that of justice of sessions and the County Court was composed of county judge and two justices of the peace. He served in that capacity a year. In 1874 he was appointed one of the district clerks of the general assembly at Albany. The session began January 1, 1875, and ran through the winter. Hiram A. Calkins was clerk of the assembly and Daniel S. Lamont was the chief engrossing clerk. At the close of the session he returned to Hornell and resumed the general practice of the law, in which he has since been very successful. In 1876 he took an active part in the presidential campaign in support of the Hon. Samuel J. Tilden. Since then he has been active as a Democrat. He worked in Steuben county for the nomination of President Cleveland in 1892 and in the campaign was active in the advocacy and promotion of his election. He has supported each successive Democratic nominee for the presidency since, doing his best for Bryan, and he is now a firm believer in the destiny of Judge Gaynor of New York city. For twelve years, under the village and under the city government, he filled the office of justice of the peace with rare ability and fidelity.

In 1873, Mr. Beard married Miss Cora Swain. She died in the fall of 1875; and in February, 1898, he married Miss Josephine M. Collins. In connection with his legal practice he has been active in the handling of real estate. He owns considerable real estate in the city and a fine dairy farm near by. His solicitude for the growth and advancement of Hornell is such that it impels him frequently to the exhibition of a commendable public spirit which marks him as a most useful citizen.

VALENTINE RETTIG.—Worthy of special mention in this biographical volume is Valentine Rettig, of Corning, who is a self-made man in every sense implied by the term. Coming to this city from Germany when young, he has risen from humble surroundings and limited circumstances without the assistance of influential friends or the advantages of wealth, steadily working his way up-

ward until today he is a power in the manufacturing and commercial life of the city, being at the head of the "Rettig Bottling Works," a substantial and successful industry. He was born June 11, 1846, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, where he was bred and educated.

At the age of eighteen years ambition impelled him to leave the Fatherland and in America seek the fortune waiting the young men of industry, perseverance and sobriety. Locating in Corning in 1865, soon after his arrival in this country, Mr. Rettig entered a tinning establishment and for two years managed the mercantile department of the company by which he was employed, the next two years being engaged in the grocery business. He was afterwards a dealer in meats and provisions for three years, and then changed his occupation, becoming a hotel keeper. In connection with his hotel, Mr. Rettig in 1875 embarked in the bottling business, beginning on a modest scale but he has now an extensive plant, the productions of which find a ready market in the different towns, cities and villages of Steuben county, his variety of soft drinks being widely known and in great demand. In 1909 Mr. Rettig sold his entire business to his daughter Mabel, and her husband, Thomas O'Connor, but the old firm name is still retained.

Since casting his first presidential vote in 1872 for U. S. Grant, Mr. Rettig has been a zealous advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and has been prominent in public affairs. In 1893 he was elected to represent the Third ward on the Board of Aldermen, and has since been elected to the same position four different times. In 1904 Mr. Rettig was elected mayor of Corning on the Democratic ticket, and in 1906 was elected to the same high office on the Independent ticket, which was supported by the Republicans. Fraternally Mr. Rettig is one of the oldest members of Corning Lodge, No. 1071, B. P. O. E., and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of the Maccabees.

In May, 1870, Mr. Rettig married Mary Greger, and they are the parents of six children, namely: Matilda, Fred, Kate, Elmira, wife of Walter Wood; Hattie, wife of John McAvoin and Mabel, wife of Thomas O'Connor.

TRUMAN S. PRITCHARD.—The descendant of an early family of Corning, Steuben county, Truman S. Pritchard is distinguished as the longest-established merchant in this part of the county, having been continuously engaged in business here for forty-seven consecutive years. A man of noble character and good business capacity, he has won well-deserved success through his fidelity to his trusts and his honest, upright dealings with the people; and the respect and esteem in which he is justly held by all bears evidence of his straightforward manly life. He was born August 11, 1837, in Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, which was also the birthplace of his father, Hiram Pritchard.

Hiram Pritchard was born February 7, 1818. About 1838 he came from Pennsylvania to New York, locating in Corning, where he followed his trade of a miller many years, being also engaged

in the lumber business to some extent, and for some time conducting a grocery store. He died in Corning February 6, 1896, at the good old age of seventy-eight years. He was of Welsh descent, and inherited in a marked degree many of the traits of character that distinguishd his honored ancestors. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucinda Searles, was born December 1, 1817, in Tioga county, New York, and died in Corning, New York, in 1888. They reared two sons and one daughter, Truman S., the subject of this brief biographical sketch, being the eldest child.

About a year old when his parents came to Corning, Truman S. Pritchard was here bred and educated, obtaining his early knowledge in the common schools. Soon after attaining his majority he embarked in mercantile pursuits, from 1861 until 1866 dealing in groceries. In 1867 Mr. Pritchard established himself in the hardware business in the building which he is now occupying, and has since conducted a large and lucrative trade, increasing his stock in quantity, quality and variety as the wants of his many patrons demanded. He is the oldest merchant of the city and is widely known and highly respected.

No man has taken greater interest in the growth and prosperity of his home city than Mr. Pritchard, and none has been more willing to contribute of his time and means to further its interests. For eight years he served as chairman of the Republican County Committee. He was one of the aldermen of the village of Corning in 1865 and 1866, and was collector of the port of Corning four years. He is very prominent in Masonic circles, having passed through all the chairs of Masonry and is one of the few men in this part of the state that has taken the thirty-third degree of the craft.

On December 1, 1858, Mr. Pritchard married Mary W. McCarty, and of their union two sons and two daughters were born. One son and both daughters have passed to the life beyond, the only child living being their son Harrie W.

Harrie W. Pritchard was born August 13, 1863, in Corning, and was here brought up. He received his elementary education in the public schools, afterwards attending the Corning Free Academy. In 1882 he was graduated from the Peekskill Military Academy, after which he continued his studies at the Syracuse University. Returning from that institution to Corning, he has since been actively engaged in business with his father. Following in the political footsteps of his father, he is active in the Republican ranks, and for two terms has served as alderman from the Second ward. He married April 28, 1889, Bertha Roe, and they have one daughter, Margaret Pritchard.

Hon. William Rumsey, son of Supreme Court Justice David Rumsey and Jane E. (Brown) Rumsey, was born at Bath, Steuben county, New York, October 18, 1841. He was educated early in life in the public and private schools of Bath. He early developed a comprehensive desire to investigate all questions of an intricate nature, especially those involving the principles of government, civil rights

and political economy. He prepared for and entered Williams College, in Massachusetts, in 1857, became an industrious and promising student, attracting the attention of the whole faculty. The exciting political campaign of 1860, developed his enthusiasm for the party of Lincoln, and during his vacation in that year he became the captain of and drilled the political marching clubs of that historic political campaign, known as the "Wide Awakes."

In April, 1861, after the assault upon Fort Sumter, and a few weeks before the commencement of his college term, William Rumsey with other young men, closed their books, turned their backs on the classic halls, gave up their cherished hopes and ambition, to answer to the call for troops to maintain the integrity of the Union, but in recognition of his standing and his sacrifice, he was graduated by his *Alma Mater* in June, 1861. Soon after his enlistment in the military service of the United States, he was, at Elmira, New York, appointed aid-de-camp to General Robert B. Van Valkenburg, an uncle (the husband of his father's sister); on October 17 of that year he resigned that office and was appointed first lieutenant and adjutant, in the First New York Light Artillery, commanded by Colonel C. D. Bailey; in November he went with his regiment to Washington and remained there in camp until April, 1862, when Colonel Bailey was assigned to the position of Chief of Artillery, in Casey's division in the Fourth Army Corps, and Lieutenant Rumsey went with Colonel Bailey to his new post. He reached Newport News, Virginia, with his division, in the fore part of April, and went to the front. He was engaged in the siege of Yorktown, Virginia, till May 4, and the next day he participated in the battle of Williamsburg; he was in the Peninsular campaign from that day till May 31, when, in the battle of Fair Oaks, his horse was shot under him and he was severely wounded in the shoulder and sent north. On his return to duty he was promoted to the rank of captain and assistant adjutant general for bravery at Fair Oaks. He was assigned to the command of General William W. Averill, a Steuben county, New York, West Point graduate, with whom he participated in many engagements, mostly in West Virginia. His gallant services rendered his promotion steady, and on the 25th of May, 1865, he was commissioned a major, for bravery at Moofield, West Virginia, when he led one column of the sixteen hundred Federal troops, under General Averill, who attacked and utterly routed thirty-two hundred Confederate troops, killing, wounding and capturing one-half of the entire force, and dispersing the remainder. In further reward for his services he received from President Andrew Johnson a further commission as lieutenant colonel, with rank from March 13, 1865, and stated it was given for distinguished services in the campaign of May, June and July, 1864. In February, 1868, he received from Governor Reuben E. Fenton, of New York, a commission of brevet colonel, for meritorious services in the late war. It was the opinion of general officers, among them General Casey and General Averill, that Colonel Rumsey should have received a much higher commission than he had attained.

Soon after the close of the war General Van Valkenburg was appointed minister to Japan, and Colonel Rumsey went out with him as secretary of the legation. After a sojourn in that country for two years Colonel Rumsey returned to his native state and settled down to the active and serious work of his after life. He studied law in his father's (Judge David Rumsey) law office, a noted feature of which was that it was the training school of five justices of the Supreme Court, namely: The subject of this sketch, General R. B. Van Valkenburg of the Supreme Court of Florida; James M. Barker of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts; Loyd Barber of the Minnesota Circuit Court, and David Rumsey of New York. Colonel Rumsey was admitted to the bar three years thereafter and became a lawyer of executive reputation and large practice. In 1880, Colonel Rumsey was elected a justice of the Supreme Court of the state of New York for the Seventh Judicial District, where he served at special and trial terms and in the Appellate Division of the Fourth Judicial Department, with noted ability. He was afterward designated by the governor of the state to serve as one of the seven justices of the Appellate Division, in the First Judicial Department of the Supreme Court, composed of the city and county of New York. The Supreme Court Reports for that period attest his great learning and judicial ability.

Because of his refusal to yield to the dictations of that political tyrant, Senator Thomas C. Platt, the personnel of the bench of the Appellate Division of the First Judicial Department was changed. Shortly following this Judge William Rumsey resigned from the bench of the Supreme Court and returned to the active practice of his profession in the city of New York. Judge Rumsey is the author of an exhaustive and standard work on the practice in the courts of the state of New York. He was appointed by Governor David B. Hill, with Hon. David Dudley Field and Hon. David L. Follett, a commissioner to revise and prepare a code of evidence. He had a large fund of literary and historical acquirements, and frequently upon request delivered addresses upon those subjects with credit and distinction. Notably was his address delivered upon the occasion of the observance of the centennial of the settlement of Hornellsville and the Canisteo Valley in 1890.

Judge Rumsey married Miss Ella Moore and three children blessed their union, a son, David Rumsey, a well known and prominent lawyer of the city of New York, and two daughters, Mrs. John S. Sheppard, of the same city, and Mrs. Evans, of London, England.

Judge Rumsey was of untiring energy and ceaseless industry; he was possessed of a splendid physical system, but his labors in the field, at the bar, on the bench and in his study were too much for his robust constitution, and he died from overwork at his home in the city of New York, on January 16, 1903. His remains were brought to Bath and there deposited in the family lot in Grove cemetery, mourned by all who knew him.

MORRIS E. GREGORY.—Holding high rank among the active and progressive citizens of Steuben county is Morris E. Gregory, pro-

prietor of the Corning Brick, Terra Cotta and Tile Company. He possesses a natural aptitude for business, being keen and alert to take advantage of opportunities, and broad and bright enough to handle large enterprises, being, in Western parlance, a "hustler." A son of Erwin L. Gregory, he was born in Caton, Steuben county, New York, July 29, 1864. His grandfather, Stephen L. Gregory, a farmer by occupation, was a pioneer settler of this part of the Empire state and actively identified with its early development and growth.

Born and reared in Steuben county, Erwin L. Gregory spent his sixty-six years of life in the county, during his active life being engaged in agricultural pursuits in the town of Caton. He married Laura Hildreth, who was born in Yates county, New York, and died in Steuben county. They reared two children, May and Morris E., the son being the first-born.

Brought up on the home farm in Caton, Morris E. Gregory acquired the rudiments of his education in the district schools, in 1886 being graduated from the Corning Free Academy. He subsequently taught four years in the graded schools of New Jersey, from there coming to Corning to establish himself in business. He entered the employ of his predecessors, proprietors of the Corning Brick Company, and continued as bookkeeper until 1896, when he purchased the entire business, of which he has since been the sole owner. In its management Mr. Gregory has met with eminent success during the fourteen years of his ownership. Mr. Gregory's business includes the manufacture of architectural terra cotta, paving and common building brick, and besides this he is a large dealer in cement, lime, coal, etc., he is also interested quite extensively in the lumber business. The architectural terra cotta manufactured by this plant is shipped throughout a large territory and Corning terra cotta may be found in many large buildings in the east. Mr. Gregory has made a thorough study of paving brick and the result is that his product ranks among the best made in this country.

Mr. Gregory married Miss Anna Creveling on October 29, 1902, and they have two sons, Morris Creveling and George Erwin. Mr. Gregory has long been a member of the Masonic order, ranks as a Sir Knight, has taken the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, and is a member of the Mystic Shrine and of the Consistory. He is likewise a member and past grand in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a member of Corning Lodge, No. 1071, B. P. O. E. Politically he is a straightforward Republican.

GEORGE FOSTER of the town of Prattsburg, Steuben county, was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1817, one of the nine children of Ralph Foster, and came to the United States in 1850. Locating in the town of Prattsburg, he engaged in farming, meeting with good success and winning honor as a citizen. In 1867 he married Ann Stevenson, a native of England. They had six children: Frank, John, Mary, Ann, George and William. Of these two are deceased, John and Ann. Frank and Mary live in Rushville, and George and William reside in Prattsburg. The mother of this family died in

1872. The father later married a Miss Horton. He died November 3, 1899. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a good citizen, helpful in all the relations of life and as a business man thrifty, industrious and prosperous.

His son George was born January 23, 1860. He was educated in the public schools and brought up as a farmer's boy of all work. At sixteen, he began to work out by the month. He now owns one hundred and twenty-two acres of land a mile and a half northwest of Prattsburg. A lover of good horses he raises some of the best in the county. As a general farmer and stockraiser he ranks with the most successful men in his vicinity.

June 22, 1890, Mr. Foster married Lillie Parks, born June 23, 1863, a daughter of Luther Parks, who was a native of Albany, New York. She was reared on a farm and early in life left home to do for herself and was domiciled with the family of Thomas Hutchinson until she married. She has borne her husband two daughters: Clara, born February 3, 1897, and Grace I., born April 16, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are earnest, upright, highly respected people. They are essentially self-made. Both relied on personal resources in youth and made a good and honest start in life. He in his way, she in hers, planned wisely and worked successfully. They are enjoying the rewards of years well spent.

JOHN M. FINCH.—This enterprising business man and prominent citizen of Hornell was born in that city January 29, 1841. Nathaniel Finch, his father, came to Steuben county in 1838 and located at Hornellsville. He was of English descent but of American birth and was a lawyer of ability who practiced his profession about thirty-five years, a part of the time holding the office of justice of the peace and for twenty-five years was the attorney and land agent of the New York & Erie Railroad Company and its successors. He died when he was about sixty-eight years old. His father, a Baptist minister, was a Connecticut man. This family of Finch is descended in the male line from one of four brothers who came over from England in Colonial times. Nathaniel Finch married Samantha Patrick, a native of Dutchess county, New York, and of Irish parentage, who lived to be ninety-one years old. They had nine children, five daughters and four sons, all but two of whom grew to maturity. Three of the sons were living in 1910. John M. Finch was the third son and seventh child in order of nativity, and he is the only member of his parents' family now living in Steuben county.

Mr. Finch spent his youth in Hornell and began his education in local public schools. After having been a student for a time at the old Nunda Academy he read law with his father as a preceptor and was admitted to the bar when he was twenty-two years old. He was for eight years assistant to his father and twenty-five years general land and tax agent for the Erie Railway Company, and he has been from time to time connected with numerous business inter-



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ests. He was one of the chief organizers of the First National Bank of Hornell, and has been its vice-president from its beginning to the present time. He helped to organize and is president of the Hornell Land Company. He was one of the organizers also, in 1886, of the Hornell Electric Company, of which he is president. He was one of the original promoters of the Hope Cemetery Association and has been manager of its business since 1864. He built the present Steuben Sanitarium and was for some years president of the corporation controlling it. He was one of the historic twenty men who organized the Hornell Chamber of Commerce and was the first president of that body. In fact he has been identified for many years with every important public movement in which the citizens of Hornell have been interested. One of the latest is the Hornell and Bath Interurban Electric Road, and he is chairman of the board of directors having this great public improvement in hand. He is the owner of much real estate at and near Hornell.

In 1868 Mr. Finch married Caroline A. Patrick. They have two daughters. One of them is Mrs. Charles A. White, of Chicago, Illinois. Miss Mabel S. Finch is a member of her father's household. Mr. Finch's earliest political alliance was with Republicans. Adhering to Horace Greeley in the great editor's hapless fight for the presidency, he became a liberal Republican. Since that campaign he has acted with the Democratic party. As alderman, as school trustee and otherwise he has officially served his fellow citizens of Hornell. In every public relation to which he has been called he has amply proven his public spirit. Indeed there is no proposition looking with any degree of promise to the general good of the city that does not have his cordial and liberal support.

WARREN J. CHENEY.—Noteworthy among the active and prominent members of the Steuben county bar is Warren J. Cheney, of Corning, who, as junior member of the well-known law firm of Sebring & Cheney, is carrying on a substantial business, having a large and lucrative practice. He is likewise identified with one of the leading business concerns of the city, being vice-president of the Corning Cut Glass Company. A son of Judson Z. Cheney, he was born April 27, 1862, in Saint Lawrence county, New York.

Judson Z. Cheney was born, bred and educated in Saint Lawrence county, New York. Soon after the breaking out of the Civil war, his patriotic spirit being aroused, he cheerfully offered his services to his country, enlisting in the Ninety-eighth New York Volunteer Infantry. With his comrades he took part in many battles, and in September, 1864, at Fort Harrison, during the very last engagement of his regiment, he lost his life, being killed on the field of battle when but twenty-eight years of age. He married Thirza M. Blanchard, who was left a widow when young, with one child, Warren J. Cheney, the special subject of this sketch. She subsequently married for her second husband Charles G. Cheney, and by that marriage had one child, Carroll C. Cheney, of Corning, who is now

shipping clerk in the wholesale grocery house of the C. R. Maltby Company. The mother died December 14, 1908.

Graduating from the classical department of the Potsdam Normal School with the class of 1881, Warren J. Cheney was principal of the Covington Academy during the following five years, while from 1886 until 1889 he held a similar position in the Brasher and Stockholm Union Free School and Academy. During his pedagogical career Mr. Cheney read law, completing his studies in the office of John & Gilbert at Malone, Franklin county. In September, 1890, at Saratoga, he was admitted to the New York bar, and two months later began the practice of his profession in Corning. In 1897 he formed a partnership with James O. Sebring, of whom a brief personal record is found elsewhere in this volume, and he has since carried on a lively and remunerative practice as junior member of the firm of Sebring & Cheney. Successful in his work, Mr. Cheney has acquired valuable business and residential property in city and town, and has large farming interests in the county. He has ever evinced genuine interest in local affairs, and as a loyal adherent of the Republican party served as alderman from 1893 until 1895, and from 1895 until 1899 was city recorder.

On July 3, 1884, Mr. Cheney was united in marriage with Lizzie H. Southwick. She died March 10, 1886, leaving one child, Guy W. Cheney, who was graduated from the classical department of the Syracuse University in 1908 and from its Law School with the class of 1910. He was admitted to the bar at Rochester in September, 1910. Mr. Cheney married for his second wife, August 10, 1887, Addie C. Benedict, a daughter of James T. and Celia Benedict, and their only child, Muriel A. Cheney, graduated from the Corning Free Academy in June, 1910.

Fraternally Mr. Cheney is a member and past master of Painted Post Lodge No. 117, F. & A. M., at Corning, New York; a member and past high priest of Corning Chapter No. 130, R. A. M.; a member of Omers Commandery, K. T., at Elmira, New York; a member of Kalura Temple, at Binghamton, New York; and at present is commander-in-chief of the Corning Consistory. He stands high in the order, being a thirty-second degree Mason. At the meeting of the Supreme Council A. A. S. R., at Detroit in September, 1910, he was elected to receive the thirty-third degree. Mr. Cheney is also a member of Corning Lodge No. 1071, B. P. O. E. Religiously he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

FRANK L. MCCABE.—This successful and widely known citizen of Steuben county is a self-made man whose example should not be lost on the young men of today. He was born at Campbell, July 15, 1861, a son of John McCabe. The latter was born in county Cavan, Ireland, and came to the United States when he was about twenty-one years old. He located in Dutchess county, New York, and went from there to Troy, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where he married Eliza Patterson, a native of Dublin, Ireland. They

came to Campbell in 1854. He found work in the tannery there and was killed by the cars when he was about seventy-eight years old. His widow is living, aged about seventy-five. They had ten children, six sons and four daughters. One of them died in infancy. The others grew to maturity and eight of them are living. All of this large family were born at Campbell. Frank L. was the second son and third child. He spent his boyhood in Campbell, and gained a practical education in the public school of the village. At eighteen he went to Emporium, Pennsylvania, but after working three months there went to Redhouse, Cattaraugus county, New York, where he was a clerk in a store ten years. Then he bought the store and engaged in the lumber business. In 1896 he returned to Campbell, leaving his interests in Redhouse to the management of his brother and partner, John B. McCabe. At Campbell he established a flourishing general store, owns the Erie and D. L. & W. coal yards, and has acquired several farms in the country round about. He is a partner in the McCabe Lumber Company, of Warren, Pennsylvania, which is under the management of his brother, Thomas P., the president of the company.

In 1882 Mr. McCabe married Miss Rilla Fuller, daughter of Howard Fuller, of Redhouse, New York, where she was born in 1860. They have two daughters. Mary L. graduated at the Corning High School and has been a student at the Elmira Female College three years. Elizabeth A. is attending the school at Campbell. Mr. McCabe is a Democrat.

Ardeen Richmond, M. D., of Wayland, one of the most successful medical and surgical practitioners in Steuben county, was born in Independence, Allegany county, New York, March 11, 1879, a son of William H. and Nettie (Baker) Richmond. His father, who was also born in Independence, is a resident of Wellsville, in that county. After he left school he farmed for some years, then became a traveling salesman and was so employed four years. Later, after ten years in the service of a prominent concern, he took up optical work, studying and practicing for fifteen years in New York, whence he moved to Owego, Tioga county, where he remained a year. From Owego he went to Wellsville, Allegany county, where he has had a successful career. He was born in 1859 and married Miss Nettie Baker, daughter of William and Melissa Baker. They have living two daughters and two sons: Sadie, Harry, Gladys and Ardeen. Sadie is the wife of Professor D. Lowell, principal of schools at Wyoming, New York. Harry, of Wellsville, is a student at Syracuse University. Gladys is a member of her parents' household in Wellsville.

From the time he became of school age until in 1898, Ardeen Richmond attended the public schools. Then he entered Syracuse University, where he was graduated with the A. B. degree in 1902. In 1904 he began the study of medicine in the same institution and in 1908, after a four years' course, was graduated with the medical doctor's degree. He came to Wayland in July of the year last

mentioned and began the practice of his profession in partnership with Dr. Peabody. Since November 15, 1907, he has been in independent practice. His preparation for his profession being thorough and his devotion to it very great, he has won a success of which any physician and surgeon might well be proud. He is a member of the Phi Beta Pi Medical Fraternity, a national institution; of the Steuben County Medical Society and of other professional bodies and is examining surgeon for the Metropolitan, Prudential, New York Mutual and New York Life Insurance companies.

Dr. Richmond married, January 25, 1903, Miss Martha Knickerbocker, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Knickerbocker of Port Allegheny, New York. Mrs. Richmond was born November 15, 1885, in Naples, Ontario county, New York. Her parents died when she was but an infant and she was taken to the home and the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Knickerbocker when she was three years old. She has borne her husband two sons: Dexter Eugene Richmond, December 10, 1906, and Hugh Norris Richmond, July 20, 1909.

George M. Hemmer, bookkeeper at the First National Bank, Wayland, Steuben county, New York, was born April 5, 1884, at Perkinsville, New York, a son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Ballinger) Hemmer, who are now living at Wayland. They became the parents of ten children, of whom the immediate subject of this sketch was the eldest except one. He was educated in the public schools and entered the service of the First National Bank of Wayland as a clerk when little more than a boy and has risen to be bookkeeper and assistant cashier. He is a communicant of the Catholic church of Wayland and is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. Though he has definite ideas as to the merits and demerits of every economic question before the people and faithfully does his duty as a citizen, he has no liking for practical politics and takes no active part in political work.

Mr. Hemmer married, September 22, 1908, Miss Lillian Hotter, daughter of John Hotter, a farmer at Springwater, Livingston county, New York. Mrs. Hemmer, who was born in March, 1889, bore her husband a son, Kenneth, on March 5, 1910. She, too, is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

To all matters affecting the development and prosperity of Wayland and its tributary territory Mr. Hemmer is thoroughly alive. There is no measure proposed for the benefit of any considerable number of his fellow citizens that does not have his hearty and generous support.

Orlando W. Sutton, M. D.—A gentleman whom Bath is happy to term a representative citizen is Dr. Orlando W. Sutton, physician, surgeon and postmaster of the capital of Steuben county and one of the leading Republicans of the county. Dr. Sutton is amply qualified to enjoy the confidence and esteem of his associates, and several public offices have been bestowed upon him, among them the presidency of the village of Bath. He is a native son of the



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Empire State, his nativity having occurred at Bradford, Steuben county, on Christmas day of the year 1849. His father, Edwin W. Sutton, was a native of New Jersey and of English descent, who pursued the vocation of a merchant tailor with success and who was called to the life eternal in the year 1887, when in his sixty-fourth year. He married Huldah Hopkins, of Bradford, New York, and of their four sons Dr. Sutton was the first in order of birth.

Early in life Orlando W. Sutton found himself in possession of certain natural inclinations toward the medical profession, and accordingly he began his preparation for this high and useful calling in the year 1865, when a youth only about sixteen years of age. His preparations were interrupted from time to time, for he found it expedient to engage in other occupations meantime, and after serving eight years as deputy postmaster of Bath and two years in the railway mail service he completed his studies, being graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of the City of New York. He first hung out his shingle at Bath and has ever since remained here, building up a practice and acting as the kindly friend and doctor of hundreds of families.

As previously suggested, Dr. Sutton is devoted to the interests of the Republican party and is ever ready to do anything, to go anywhere to promote the cause to which he has given his heart ever since he became, by reason of attaining his majority, able to cast his vote. He has been chairman and secretary of the Republican County Committee, president of the village of Bath, trustee of the village, member of the New York State Board of Medical Examiners, secretary and treasurer of the Southern Tier Medical Society and has given efficient service as coroner for a period of three terms. He is public-spirited, progressive, altruistic and ever ready to lend a hand to any measure likely to result in good to the whole body politic. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and of the Masonic fraternity and finds no small amount of pleasure in these fraternal relations.

In 1898 Dr. Sutton was appointed postmaster of Bath, and he has held this office ever since that time, having proven himself one of the most faithful and efficient of Uncle Sam's servants. He still engages in the practice of his profession and keeps in touch with the latest investigations in the science of which he is an exponent. Since his appointment to the postmastership the service has greatly improved and has proved eminently satisfactory to the people of Bath and the surrounding country.

In 1877 Dr. Sutton laid the foundation of a happy married life by his union with Susan, daughter of Daniel M. Coss, and the issue of the marriage is a son, Frederic C., who resides in Bath, New York, and is at present connected with the Bath postoffice.

Lucius A. Waldo.—Another of the native sons of Steuben county who has achieved success in connection with the work of the legal profession in the city of New York is Mr. Waldo, who is attorney for the Excise Reinsurance Association, with headquarters

at 96 Broadway. He was born in Prattsburg, Steuben county, on the 22nd of February, 1865, and is a son of Daniel D. and Hannah (M.) Waldo. Daniel D. Waldo was born at Edmeston, Otsego county, New York, and he took up his residence in Steuben county about 1860. He became one of the prominent members of the bar of that county, where he continued in the practice of his profession until his death, which occurred in 1879, at which time he was but forty-two years of age. He was an active and influential factor in public affairs of a local order.

Lucius A. Waldo has achieved success in the profession which was honored and dignified by the services of his father, and his early educational training was secured in Franklin Academy of his native place, where he remained until he was fifteen years of age, when he removed to Bath in the same county, where he continued to maintain his home until 1897. At Bath he studied law, being admitted to the bar in 1891, in the city of Rochester. Thereafter he was engaged in the practice of his profession at Bath, until 1897, when he removed to New York city and engaged in the general practice of his profession, in which his success has been on a parity with his recognized ability. He has been attorney for the Excise Reinsurance Association since 1908. He is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and he manifests his continued interest in his native county by his membership in Steuben County Society of the national metropolis. Mr. Waldo has been an active and effective factor in connection with political affairs, is a stanch adherent of the Republican party and has been called upon to serve in various local offices, besides which he was stenographer of the state senate in 1894-5.

In the year 1907 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Waldo to Miss Mabel Allen, of Paterson, New Jersey.

Rev. Carlton H. Norris, Ph. D.—The able and honored pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in the village of Wayland is one of the well known representatives of this religious denomination in the Genesee Conference, and in his various pastorates he has labored with all of zeal and devotion in the guiding and uplifting of his fellow-men. The more interest attaches to his services in his present incumbency from the fact that he is a native son of Steuben county and also on account of the fact that his paternal grandfather was a pioneer minister and "circuit rider" of this section of the state.

Rev. Carlton Henry Norris was born on the old Norris homestead, in Bath township, Steuben county, on the 27th of February, 1852. His father, Case Norris, was born in Middlesex township, Chenango county, New York, on the 26th of January, 1820. He was a son of Rev. Peter and Fedilia (Case) Norris, the former of whom was born at Catskill, Green county, this state, on the 28th of February, 1796, and the latter of whom was born in Canandaigua, New York, on the 14th of November, 1804. Both passed the closing

years of their lives in Steuben county, where the father died on the 3d of July, 1881, and the mother on the 4th of May, 1886. Rev. Peter Norris came to Steuben county in an early day and settled on what is now known as the Wheeler homestead in Bath township. There he secured one hundred and fifty acres of land and developed a productive farm, upon which he continued to reside until his death. He was a clergyman of the Wesleyan Methodist church and in his earlier life endured the vicissitudes and hardships which came to the circuit rider in his ministerial work.

Case Norris accompanied his parents on their removal to Steuben county, and after his school days he continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until his marriage, at the age of nineteen years. He then settled one mile east of the parental home, and his original domicile was a log house of the primitive type. In addition to working his own farm he also had charge of the operation of the old Wheeler homestead for two years. He became one of the successful agriculturists of Bath township, was a man of insuperable integrity and honor in all the relations of life and he continued to reside on his old homestead until his death, which occurred on the 16th of January, 1899, at which time he was seventy-nine years of age. He was for fully half a century a zealous and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as steward and trustee. His name is held in reverent memory by all who came within the sphere of his influence, and the same is true concerning his cherished and devoted wife. On the 4th of December, 1839, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Samantha Wheeler, who was born in Bath township, this county, July 9, 1820, and who was a daughter of Jeremiah and Sally (Glover) Wheeler, the former of whom was born on the 11th of March, 1797, and the latter in the year 1799, at Salem, Washington county, New York. The wife of Case Norris survived him by only four days, and thus in death they were not divided. She was summoned to the life eternal on the 20th of January, 1899. Besides the subject of this review they are survived by two sons and one daughter—Bertha Aldrich, of the city of Chicago; Wheeler Norris is likewise a resident of the great western metropolis; and Rev. Myron Lee Norris, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, is at the present time (1910) incumbent of a pastoral charge at Chicago.

Rev. Carlton Henry Norris gained his early educational training in the public schools of Steuben county, and this discipline included a course in the high school at Bath. In this institution he was graduated when sixteen years of age, and in 1876 he was graduated at Lima, New York. He prosecuted his higher academic studies at Alfred University, New York, in which he was graduated in the class of 1888 and from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1891 his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts, and in 1893 he received from Syracuse University the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. His ecclesiastical course was

taken at Evanston, Illinois, Garrett Biblical Institute. He joined the Genesee Conference in 1882 and was ordained an elder of the same conference in 1884. Mr. Norris began his pastoral career prior to his graduation at Alfred University, and his first charge was at Clarence, Erie county, New York, where he began his labors in 1882 and where he remained for three years. His other pastorates are here briefly noted in successive order, with respective periods of service: Fort Allegany, three years; Friendship, Allegany county, three years; Gowanda, Cattaraugus county, five years; Akron, Erie county, five years; Brockport, Monroe county, five years; and Oakfield, Genesee county, one year. From Oakfield Mr. Norris was assigned by his conference to the pastorate of the church at Wayland, in 1907, and he has found special satisfaction in his pastoral work in his native county. He has administered the temporal and spiritual affairs of the church at Wayland with marked discrimination and zeal, and all departments of the church work have been vitalized and advanced under his effective regime.

Mr. Norris takes a deep interest in matters of public import and keeps himself well informed concerning the questions and issues of the hour, the while he gives his allegiance to the Republican party. He is an appreciative member of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, in which his affiliations are with Monroe Lodge No. 173, F. & A. M., at Rochester; with Daniel Holmes Chapter No. 294, R. A. M., at Brockport; with Mintral Commandery, Knights Templars, in the city of Rochester; and Damascus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the same city.

In 1879 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Norris to Miss Hattie A. Morton, of Angelica, Allegany county, New York. She was born at West Almon, this state, on the 28th of December, 1856, and is a daughter of George and Harriet (Powers) Morton, the father deceased, but the mother is yet living, aged ninety years. Mrs. Norris, like her husband, was afforded the advantages of Alford University, in which she was graduated as a member of the class of 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have one daughter, Olive Bertha. She was born in Clarence, New York, on the 23d of September, 1884, and is now the wife of Roy R. Brockett. Mr. and Mrs. Brockett have two children, Gertrude La Rene and Olive Zoe. Roy R. Brockett, M. E., is a son of Ransom J. and Elvira (Bliss) Brockett, of Angelica, New York. He is now living in Buffalo, New York, and is an insurance engineer. He received his degree from Syracuse University, class of 1905.

Charles P. Robinson.—Again it is a privilege to accord recognition in this work to another of the native sons of Steuben county who have gained prestige as a member of the bar of New York city, and Mr. Robinson is successfully established in the practice of his profession, with offices at 2 Rector street.

Mr. Robinson was born at Hornell, Steuben county, on the 17th of October, 1879, and is a son of Frank Hurd Robinson, concerning whom individual mention is made on other pages of this work, so

that further reference to the family history is not demanded in the present connection. Charles P. Robinson gained his early educational discipline in the public schools and supplemented this by a course in Canisteo Academy, in his native county. Thereafter he continued as a student in Hamilton College until 1897, when he entered historic old Yale University, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1900 and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After his graduation he studied law in the office of his father at Hornell for one year and at the expiration of this period he was matriculated in the New York Law School, from which he was graduated with honors in 1903, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. For the following eighteen months he was engaged in professional work in the office of Edward H. Fallows, attorney for the state comptroller, at 170 Broadway, New York city, and in 1905 he established himself in the general practice of his profession in New York city, where he has shown such energy and ability as to gain to him definite and pronounced success. He is at present a member of the firm of Kindleberger & Robinson, Mr. Kindleberger having been an assistant corporation counsel of New York city and an assistant in the district attorney's office under Hon. William Travers Jerome. Mr. Robinson is a member of the Yale Club and the Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn. He was a corporal in the Seventh Regiment of the New York National Guard. Mr. Robinson has been an enthusiastic worker in behalf of the cause of the Republican party and has been influential in its councils. He was elected a member of the New York County Committee and is the secretary of the district committee of the twenty-fifth assembly district. He also holds membership in the Madison Square Republican Club, besides which he is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

GROVER C. SHEPARD.—Mr. Shepard is numbered among the popular and progressive young business men of Steuben county and is incumbent of the position of bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Wayland. He was born at Chaumont, Jefferson county, New York, on the 19th of June, 1884, and is a son of A. James and Fannie (Waite) Shepard. The father was born at Cape Vincent, Jefferson county, in 1849, and he died at Chaumont, that county, in 1909. As a mere boy he became a skilled engineer, and later he became a marine engineer, in which capacity he was employed on the Great Lakes for several years. He finally located at Chaumont, in his native county, where he was successfully engaged in the grocery and bakery business for thirty years, during a considerable portion of which period his sons were associated with him in the enterprise. He was a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and that he was a great admirer of Grover Cleveland, one of the great exponents of the cause of that party, needs no further voucher than the fact that he named one of his sons, the immediate subject of this review, in honor of that

distinguished former president of the United States. He was influential in the local work of his party and was one of the well known and highly honored citizens of his native county. He was an appreciative member of the Masonic fraternity, with which he was identified for many years prior to his death, and he passed the official chairs in both his lodge and chapter. He served for many years as township supervisor and he was liberal and progressive as a citizen. In Jefferson county was solemnized the marriage of A. James Shepard to Miss Fannie Waite, who was born and reared in that county and who still maintains her home at Chaumont. She is a daughter of the late Horace and Eliza (Smith) Waite, who passed the closing years of their lives in Chautauqua county, Kansas, where the father long served in the office of the justice of the peace. The children of Mr. and Mrs. A. James Shepard are: Grover Cleveland Shepard, whose name initiates this review; Fannie, who remains with her widowed mother at the old homestead in Chaumont; Charles E. is employed as a marine engineer on the Great Lakes; William N. is engaged in a mercantile business and remains at the maternal home; and Louis W. and Horace J. are likewise engaged in business in their native town.

Grover Cleveland Shepard was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Chaumont and supplemented this discipline by a course in a business college at Watertown, New York, where he pursued his studies for eighteen months. For some time thereafter he was incumbent of clerical positions in offices in his native town and finally he became identified with his father's business. On the 10th of February, 1910, he came to Wayland and assumed the position of bookkeeper in the First National Bank, in which he has proved a careful and efficient executive, gaining the confidence and esteem of the stockholders and directors of the institution.

Mr. Shepard has never repudiated the principles for which his Christian name stands significant and is aligned as a stanch supporter of the cause of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in whose faith he was reared, and he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternity.

On the 1st of January, 1907, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Shepard to Miss Lulu Silver, who was born at Chaumont, Jefferson county, on the 1st of August, 1886, and who is a daughter of Chester and Clista (Hogeboom) Silver, who still reside in that county, where the father is a prosperous farmer. Mrs. Shepard has one sister, Pearl, who remains at the parental home. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard are popular in connection with the best social activities of their home town and both hold membership in the local Methodist Episcopal church.

George R. Sutherland has gained prestige as one of the successful financiers and progressive business men of the national metropolis and his banking house is located at 49 Wall street. He was

formerly an influential factor in connection with business interests in Steuben county and has been prominently identified with the Steuben County Society of New York city, of which he has served as president. Mr. Sutherland has also served with marked distinction as a member of the legislature of his native state and is well equipped for leadership in this field, but found it expedient to decline further political honors in order to devote his attention to his large and important capitalistic interests.

George R. Sutherland was born at Candor, Tioga county, New York, on the 21st of October, 1848, and is a son of Leander and Eliza Sutherland, both of whom were representatives of sterling Revolutionary families. The maternal great-grandfather of Mr. Sutherland was George Robertson, who was a commissioned officer in the Continental army during the great struggle that gained the boon of independence to the nation. Mr. Sutherland availed himself of the advantages of the schools of the locality in which he was born and as a young man he removed to Steuben county and established his home in the town of Campbell. He represented this town as a member of the county board of supervisors for a number of years and during the latter part of his services in this connection he was chairman of the board. In 1878 he was elected to represent the Second assembly district of Steuben county in the state legislature and he was chosen as his own successor in 1879. During his term in the general assembly he was a member of the ways and means committee and was assigned to other important duties, besides which he was an active and valued factor in the deliberations of both the floor and the committee room. Concerning his services in the legislature the following statements have been made: "He took an active interest in all legislation relating to educational matters and state charities. The urgency of business demands obliged him to decline further political honors, disappointing his many friends who still desired him to represent them in the legislature."

In the year 1878, soon after establishing his home in Steuben county, Mr. Sutherland there founded the Bank of Campbell, which has continued to maintain high prestige during the long intervening years and with which he is still actively concerned. In 1888 Mr. Sutherland removed to New York city, where he has since been actively and successfully engaged in the banking business, conducting a private banking house at 49 Wall street. For several years he was a member of the board of trustees of the Soldiers & Sailors' Home, at Bath, Steuben county, and for three years he was treasurer of the Steuben County Society in New York city. He holds membership in the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and was a member of the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission. He has served as trustee and executor of several large estates and as counselor is often sought by those desiring to invest capital with a view to the best possible returns consistent with absolute safety. Mr. Sutherland during the past several years has been actively concerned with building and loan associations and through this medium has

done much to further the material and civic progress in New York city and other parts of the state. He is a stanch Republican in his political allegiance and is identified with various civic and fraternal organizations aside from those already mentioned.

LEON G. GODLEY.—It is pleasing to give evidence through various personal sketches appearing in this volume of the fact that a goodly quota of the native sons of Steuben county have had the ambition and ability to gain a secure place among the substantial members of the bar of New York city and in this category is to be classified Mr. Godley, who is there engaged in successful practice. He is serving as assistant corporation counsel of Greater New York and this fact indicates his professional ability, as well as his personal popularity. Leon G. Godley was born in the village of Curtis, Steuben county, on the 5th of April, 1877, and is a son of David and Mary (Chapin) Godley, the former of whom was likewise born in Steuben county, where he continued to maintain his home until his death in 1908, and the mother still resides in that county, which has been her home from the time of her nativity. Of the six children three are now living and Leon G. is the elder of the two sons.

Mr. Godley gained his early educational discipline in the public schools of his native county and later continued his studies in a business college. He initiated his business career as an employe in the offices of the firm of Herendeen & Mandeville, of Elmira, New York, and in 1895 he removed to New York city, where, in 1897, he became private secretary to Edward M. Shepard, one of the leaders of the bar of the city. He retained this incumbency about twelve years and in the meanwhile began the study of law, in connection with which he finally entered the law department of St. Lawrence University at Brooklyn, in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1908. He was forthwith admitted to the bar and he has since continued in the active work of his profession in New York city, where he has also been incumbent of the office of assistant corporation counsel of the city since 1910. He has been a close and appreciative student of his profession and his knowledge of the science of jurisprudence is broad and exact, a fact which has received distinctive recognition as he is now serving as a member of the faculty of the law department of his Alma Mater, St. Lawrence University. In politics Mr. Godley is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party and he has given yeoman service in behalf of its cause. He is an appreciative member of the Steuben Society of New York city; he is past master of Orion Lodge, No. 717, Free & Accepted Masons, in the city of Brooklyn, where he maintains his home, and there he also holds membership in the Crescent Club. He is also affiliated with the Theta Phi law fraternity.

RAYMOND V. INGERSOLL.—At 261 Broadway, New York city, are located the law offices of Mr. Ingersoll, who has gained a place as one of the well fortified members of the bar of the national metropolis and who likewise has been a resourceful factor in connection with

political affairs in his native state, especially in Greater New York. He maintains his home in Brooklyn, New York, and there he served for some time as municipal judge. Mr. Ingersoll was born at Corning, Steuben county, on the 3d of April, 1875, and is a son of Andrew J. and Ellen (Vail) Ingersoll, the former of whom was likewise a native of Steuben county, where the family was founded in the pioneer days and the latter of whom was born in New Jersey. Andrew J. Ingersoll owned and conducted for many years a health resort, known as Pinewood Sanitarium, in his native county and he was an honored and influential citizen who ever showed a loyal interest in all that touched the welfare of the community. He died at the age of seventy-five years and his wife passed away at the age of sixty-eight years. Of their seven children Raymond V. was the sixth in order of birth and of the number four are now living.

Raymond V. Ingersoll availed himself of the advantages afforded in the public schools of his native county, including the local academy, and he then entered Amherst College, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1897, and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For one year thereafter he was employed as a teacher in a high school at Duluth, Minnesota, and he then began the work of preparing himself for his chosen profession. He returned to his native state and entered the New York Law School, in the city of New York, in which he completed the prescribed technical course and was graduated in the class of 1900, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws. Since that time he has been actively engaged in general practice in the national metropolis. In politics he has been a zealous worker in the interests of the independent Democratic contingent in various city campaigns of Greater New York and in 1901 he was elected city magistrate of the borough of Brooklyn, where he maintains his home. He also served as a member of the commission appointed by the appellate court to examine candidates seeking admission to the bar of the state, this preferment having come to him in 1903, and in 1906 and 1907 he served as counsel to the Register of Kings county. He also assisted in the organization of the celebrated "committee of one hundred," which assumed leadership in the New York city campaign of 1909 and he was made chairman of both the campaign and executive committees of this body. Mr. Ingersoll is a member of the Steuben County Society of New York city, is a member of the directorate of the Legal Aid Society and he is one of the directors of the United Neighborhood Guild, which has charge of the work of three effective social settlements in Brooklyn, where it also does a large amount of general philanthropical work. He is also a member of the board of trustees of the Brooklyn League and in addition to his professional associations he has various business interests.

On the 29th of September, 1908, Mr. Ingersoll was united in marriage to Miss Marion Crary, of Warren, Pennsylvania. They have no children.

MAYNARD H. ROSENKRANS.—One of the prosperous business men and highly esteemed citizens of Wayland, where he controls a successful enterprise as a painter and decorator and where he has also given considerable attention to dealing in real estate, is Mr. Rosenkrans, who is a native of Steuben county, which has represented his home from the time of his nativity. He was born in Wayland township on the 16th of July, 1863, and is a son of Hamilton S. and Helen M. (Davis) Rosenkrans, both of whom continued to reside in this county until the death of the father, and the mother still lives here. Here the father devoted the major portion of his active career to farming and real estate operations and he ever commanded a secure place in popular confidence and esteem. Of the children Maynard H. was the oldest in order of birth and concerning the other surviving children the following brief data are given: Laverne is individually mentioned on other pages of this work; Merton J. is a resident of Wayland; Jennie J. is the wife of Herbert Goodenow, who resides in the city of Rochester, New York, and who is a printer by vocation and Hattie is the wife of Hugh McKay, who is a farmer and gardener in the vicinity of Drewry's Bluff, Southampton county, Virginia.

Maynard H. Rosenkrans is indebted to the public schools of Steuben county for his early educational discipline and when eighteen years of age he initiated his independent career, as a dealer in farm products, a line of enterprise with which he continued to be identified for a period of five years. He then perfected himself in the painting and decorating trades and in this line of enterprise he has for many years controlled a large and substantial business as a contractor. The high grade of his work and his fidelity to all agreements having gained to him the unqualified confidence of all with whom he has had dealings. He is the owner of farm property in Wayland township and has also been successful in the handling of real estate, with which line of enterprise he is still connected. He is known as one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of the village of Wayland and has been identified with its fire department for nearly a quarter of a century. He is a charter member of the original volunteer fire department, which was organized in 1883 and which in the early years of its existence utilized the Babcock fire extinguishers. He is now a member of the Wayland Hose Company and it is to be noticed that the facilities and equipment of the department have been brought up to a fine modern standard. In politics Mr. Rosenkrans is aligned as a stanch supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party and he has been a zealous worker in its local ranks, having attended its conventions in his county and congressional district and having also served on the election board of Wayland township, as well as constable and census enumerator. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in the community that has so long represented their home their circle of friends is coincident with that of their acquaintances.

On the 8th of January, 1888, Mr. Rosenkrans was united in marriage to Miss Rose Ryan, who was born at Arkport, this county, on the 29th of October, 1870, and who is a daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Lindsey) Ryan, the former of whom died at Cuba, Allegany county, New York, in 1890, at the age of sixty-two years, and the latter of whom died in 1877, at the age of thirty-five years, being survived by five children. Concerning the other children it may be stated that Catherine is the wife of Daniel Pike, a farmer of Steuben county; Stella is the wife of Thomas Dunn, of Syracuse, New York; and Frank is a manufacturer of New Zealand and Australia. The father of Mrs. Rosenkrans was a blacksmith and wagon-maker by trade and he was a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war, in which he served during practically the entire period of the great conflict. Mrs. Rosenkrans was a child of seven years at the time of her mother's death and she was reared in the home of a Mr. Campbell, of Livingston county, where she remained until the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenkrans have three children, whose names and respective dates of birth are here noted: Paul L., born in 1890, attends the Wireless Telegraph School at Valparaiso, Indiana, and Hugh Hamilton, born in 1894 and Helen Marian, in 1896, are attending the public schools of Wayland.

Augustus dePeyster Harlow.—Numbered among the progressive business men of the younger generation in the national metropolis is Mr. Harlow, who is here engaged in the manufacturing of food products with headquarters at 474 Greenwich street. He is a scion of old and honored families of the Empire state and was born at Bath, Steuben county, on the 30th of December, 1872, a son of Straton and Sarah E. (Dudley) Harlow, the former of whom was born in Genesee county, New York, and the latter at Bath, Steuben county, where she still maintains her home and where the father died when thirty-six years of age. Of the children, the subject of this review is the only one who attained to years of maturity. He is indebted to the public schools of his native place for his early educational discipline and as a young man he entered the employ of the Long-Distance Telephone Company, with which he continued to be connected for ten years and for the greater portion of the period he was special agent for the company and traveled extensively in its interests, in the meanwhile maintaining his official headquarters in New York city. In 1903 he joined the forces of J. W. Beardsley's Sons, manufacturers of various food products. The well equipped establishment is located at 474 Greenwich street, New York city. In politics Mr. Harlow gives his allegiance to the Republican party and he is an appreciative member of the Steuben County Society of New York city, besides which he is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

In the year 1903 Mr. Harlow was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta C. Beardsley, who was born and reared in Newark, New Jersey, and they have one son, John Dudley.

CHARLES INGERSOL DEWITT was born in Wells, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1849, the oldest son of D. Barnett and Rebecca Jane DeWitt. He was married to Mary Jane Knapp, daughter of Annanias and Rachel Knapp, February 20, 1872. Soon after they were married they moved to Bath, New York, where were born to them four sons, Harry B., Eugene Knapp, Harry, and Paul A. Later the home was changed to Hornellsville, until it was broken up on the death of the mother November 29, 1896, at Elmira. The oldest son had died in infancy and the other three were separated when the home was broken up. The father was murdered under mysterious circumstances at Norwich, New York, January 18, 1903. Harry died following an operation for appendicitis August 14, 1906, at the home of George W. Wolfe with whom he had made his home for ten years.

Eugene K. DeWitt was born May 6, 1877. He completed his course at Hornell High School in 1903; Alfred University in 1908; and McCormick Theological Seminary in 1911. He and his wife, who was formerly Elmina Georgiana Titsworth, the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Titsworth of New Brunswick, New Jersey, are now engaged in missionary work among the Mohammedans in East Persia.

Paul A. DeWitt was born February 28, 1883. Although compelled to leave school at an early age, he has improved his opportunities and by reason of his retention as manager of the Wayland branch of the Huguet Silk Company has shown what one can do by keeping everlastingly at it. He entered the employ of Merrill Field & Co. as a weaver and has been advanced until now he has charge of the important branch at Wayland, which was started under his supervision in 1907. Mr. DeWitt removed with his family to Wayland upon assuming his present office and he and his wife are valued and popular factors in connection with the social and church activities of their home town. Though taking an active interest in all that tends to advance the general welfare of the community and to conserve good government Mr. DeWitt is not a strong partisan in politics.

On the 19th of December, 1906, was solemnized the marriage of Paul A. DeWitt to Miss Lelia Evelyn Emory, a daughter of Myron C. Emory one of the representative farmers and honored citizens of Cortland county. Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt have one son, Albert Knapp, who was born February 20, 1908.

HENRY GINNANE.—One of the representative younger members of the bar of New York city who has been contributed to the national metropolis by fine old Steuben county is Henry Ginnane, who is established in the successful practice of his profession with office headquarters at 100 William street. Mr. Ginnane was born at Addison, Steuben county, on the 15th of November, 1880, and is a son of Jeremiah and Susan (Hurley) Ginnane, who still reside at Addison, where the father is now living retired. He is one of the well known

citizens of Steuben county, where he is held in high esteem. Both he and his wife were born in Ireland and are representatives of stanch old families of the fair Emerald Isle. Upon establishing his home in Steuben county Jeremiah Ginnane first located in the village of Rathbone, where he engaged in the work of his trade until his removal to Addison, where he has resided for the long intervening years. Both the parents and their eight children are living. He whose name initiates this review is the youngest of the children.

Henry Ginnane was reared to the age of nineteen years in his native town, where he duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools, including the high school. He then entered the law department of Buffalo University, in the city of Buffalo. In this fine institution he completed the prescribed technical course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1903, duly receiving his well earned degree of Bachelor of Laws and also being admitted to the bar of his native state. He had previously initiated the study of law under the preceptorship of Delmar W. Darrin, a prominent member of the bar of Steuben county. He was admitted to the bar in the city of Buffalo, in January, 1903, and for the following three years he was there engaged in professional work, in the law offices of the firm of Cox, Kernan & Kimball. He then removed to New York city, where he became an attache of the legal department of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, for which he acted as assistant attorney about one year. Since that time he has been a member of the legal staff of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, besides which he gives his attention to the private practice of his profession, for which he has proved himself admirably fortified. He is a member of the New York County Lawyers' Association, is affiliated with the Delta Chi Law Fraternity, and holds membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Steuben County Society of the metropolis.

Edgar A. Lewis.—As principal of the high school at Wayland, Professor Lewis is prominently and successfully identified with educational work in Steuben county and he is thoroughly en rapport with his profession, in which his success has been of unequivocal order.

Edgar Alexander Lewis was born near Smithville, Jefferson county, New York, on the 8th of November, 1869, and is a son of Edgar and Nellie M. (McNeill) Lewis, who still reside on their fine homestead farm near Bellville, where the father took up his residence when a young man. Edgar Lewis served as a gallant soldier of the Union during the Civil war and he manifests his continued interest in his old comrades by retaining membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, whose ranks are being so rapidly thinned by the one invincible foe of humanity. The only child is Edgar A., whose name initiates this review.

Professor Lewis passed his boyhood days on the home farm and his rudimentary education was secured in the district schools. At the age of fourteen he entered Union Academy, at Bellville, Jefferson

county, in which institution he was graduated in 1891, after which he taught in the district schools for three years. He then, in 1893, was matriculated in Brown University, at Providence, where he continued his studies about two years and in the meanwhile he continued his successful efforts in the pedagogic profession. In 1896 he entered Colgate University, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1898 and from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. For the ensuing year he was engaged as a teacher in the public schools of Bellville, in his native county, and for four years thereafter he was similarly engaged at Broadalbin, Fulton county, where he remained until 1903, when he assumed his present position as principal of the high school at Wayland. His long retention of this incumbency stands as the best voucher for the efficiency of his work, as well as for the public estimate placed upon him. He has done much to bring the high school up to a high standard and is indefatigable and enthusiastic in all departments of his work. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is a member of the official board of the church of this denomination in Wayland. Professor Lewis is also affiliated with Warren Patchin Lodge, No. 883, Free & Accepted Masons.

In the year 1901 was solemnized the marriage of Professor Lewis to Miss Minnie Elizabeth Rosendale, who was born at St. Johnsville, Montgomery county, New York, and who is a daughter of Lawrence Rosendale, a native of Germany, whence he emigrated to America when a young man; he and his wife have both passed away, the father dying in California in June, 1910, and the mother in 1894. Mrs. Lewis was graduated in the high school of her native town and also took a special normal course, after which she was a successful and popular teacher in the public schools until the time of her marriage and for four years afterward. She is a woman of gracious presence and is a popular factor in the best social activities of the community, as well as an earnest worker in the Methodist Episcopal church at Wayland. Professor and Mrs. Lewis have no children.

Lewis F. Wilson.—Steuben county has not failed to contribute its due quota to the professional and business circles of New York city and he whose name initiates this sketch may properly be accorded recognition as a successful member of the bar of the national metropolis, where his labors have not only been creditable to himself but also to the county of his nativity.

Mr. Wilson was born at Corning, Steuben county, on the 13th of November, 1867, and is a son of Benjamin Carr Wilson, who was born at Cooperstown, Otsego county, this state, and who was for upwards of twenty years engaged in the clothing business at Addison, Steuben county. He served as a gallant soldier of the Union in the Civil war and was made lieutenant of his company. He died in 1888, at Auburn, New York, where he had resided for about a year at about

fifty-five years of age. He was a stanch Democrat in his political proclivities, was affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic and his religious faith was that of the Episcopal church. His wife, whose maiden name was Martha D. Biles, was born at Bath, Steuben county, a daughter of Lewis Biles, who was one of the sterling pioneers of that county, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred after he had attained to the venerable age of seventy-nine years. He was of English lineage, and this is also true of the Wilson family. The mother of Mr. Wilson is still living and resides with the elder of her two sons, R. Carr Wilson, at La Gloria, Cuba. The only daughter, Helen Elizabeth, died in New York city in the year 1903.

Lewis F. Wilson completed the curriculum of the public schools of Addison, Steuben county, in 1884 and he then went to Hornell, that county, where he became a student in the law offices of I. W. Near, under whose preceptorship he continued his studies for a brief period. He then entered the law class of Bemis & Orcutt, in the same city, where he continued his studies about two years. Upon the death of the senior member of the firm, in 1889, Mr. Wilson removed to New York city and entered the law office of Frank Sullivan Smith and in 1893 he was admitted to the bar of his native state. He continued to be associated in professional work with Mr. Smith until 1901, and since that time he has given his attention largely to the affairs of the Cuban Land & Steamship Company, of which he is the president. He has been very successful in the development of the interests of this corporation and the demands of the same are such that he has largely withdrawn from the practice of his profession. He is also secretary of the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern Railroad Company, besides which he is president of the La Gloria Transportation Company, which is concerned with the development of the colony of La Gloria, Cuba. He is connected with other interests of importance and is known as a business man of administrative ability. He is a member of the Bar Association of New York city, is an independent Democrat in politics and is a member of the Steuben County Society of New York City.

On the 17th of April, 1901, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Marian Harper Udall, daughter of Charles E. and Fredericka (Folhauber) Udall, who was born at Dubuque, Iowa, where her parents resided for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of two children: Marian and Fairfield.

DANIEL E. BURROWS is identified with the operations of the Borden Condensed Milk Company in New York city, where the offices of this popular corporation are located at 108 Hudson street. He was born at Campbell, Steuben county, this state, on the 17th of January, 1866, and is a son of Josiah T. Burrows, who still resides in Campbell, where for many years he was actively identified with contracting and building, being a carpenter by trade. He is now serving in the office of justice of the peace and still continues to be more

or less active in business affairs. His wife, whose maiden name was Amanda Nute, was born and reared in Steuben county, where her father settled in the pioneer days, and she died when comparatively a young woman. Of the four children two are deceased and of the two surviving the subject of this review is the younger. His sister Etta is the wife of Charles H. Eygabroat and they reside at Campbell, Steuben county.

Daniel E. Burrows is indebted to the public schools of his native town for his early educational training, which was supplemented by a course in a business college at Warren, Pennsylvania. He initiated his active business career as a bookkeeper and in 1888 he became identified with the Borden Condensed Milk Company, in whose employ he has continued as bookkeeper during the long intervening period of a quarter of a century and he is a valued and trusted attache of the company's offices in New York city. He is the owner of a well improved farm in Orange county, New York, and has other capitalistic investments of substantial order. His political support is given to the Republican party and he is identified with the Steuben County Society of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows are Presbyterian in their religious affiliations.

In August, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Burrows to Miss Maude E. Blood, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania, and the seven children of this union are Gail, Etta, Martha, Daniel, Josiah, Charles and Alta. Gail, the eldest son, married Rose Brooks and they reside on his father's farm in Orange county, this state. They have one daughter, born November 8, 1910, Florence J. Burrows.

SALEM A. MARSH.—Numbered among the representative contractors and builders of Steuben county is Mr. Marsh, who is engaged in business at Wayland and who controls a most prosperous enterprise in his chosen sphere of endeavor. He was born in Naples township, Ontario county, New York, on the 25th of September, 1868, and he is a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of that county, where his grandfather, Stephen G. Marsh, who was born at Southbridge, Worcester county, Massachusetts, took up his residence when a youth, there securing a tract of wild land, which he eventually reclaimed to cultivation. He returned to Massachusetts after he had selected his land and in his native state his marriage was solemnized. He then returned with his bride to the new home in the Empire state, making the trip with horse and wagon, and he and his wife lived up to the full tension of the pioneer epoch, enduring the deprivations incidental thereto but finding it possible to enjoy peace and prosperity after the farm had been reclaimed to cultivation. Stephen G. Marsh was born in the year 1810 and he died at an advanced age; his wife, whose maiden name was Esther Cave, was born in 1808 and was seventy-two years of age at the time of her demise. Stephen G. Marsh was a stanch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and was influential in

local affairs of a public nature. Both he and his wife were zealous members of the Universalist church.

Frank A. Marsh, father of him whose name introduces this article, was born on the old homestead farm in Naples township, Ontario county, and he died on the 29th of December, 1909, at the age of sixty-three years. He never severed his allegiance to the great basic industry of agriculture, and he eventually became the owner of the old homestead farm in Naples township, Ontario county, where he resided until a few years prior to his death. He was one of the successful farmers and highly honored citizens of his native county and his farm gave every evidence of thrift and prosperity. In connection therewith he gave special attention for many years to the growing of hops. He was liberal and loyal as a citizen but never cared to enter the domain of practical politics. He was affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees and his religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his widow likewise is a devout adherent. He married Miss Julia A. Morrison, who was born in Cohocton township, Steuben county, on the 1st of October, 1845, a daughter of one of the early settlers and prosperous agriculturists of the county. Mrs. Marsh survives her honored husband and now resides at Cohocton, the subject of this review being the only child.

Salem A. Marsh was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his native township. He continued to be associated with his father in the work and management of the farm until he had attained his legal majority, and he then entered upon a practical apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, in which he became in due time a skilled workman. In the spring of 1895 he located in the village of Wayland, where he has since been engaged in contracting and building, in which connection he has erected many excellent buildings that stand in evidence of his ability and faithful service in the line of his chosen vocation. His work has far transcended local limitations, as he has erected fifteen residence buildings in the city of Rochester, besides many substantial structures in various parts of Steuben and adjoining counties. He has marked facility as an architect and has drawn and perfected the plans and specifications for many of the buildings which he has erected. He is recognized as one of the representative contractors and builders of Steuben county and his fair and honorable business methods have gained to him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has had dealings. He had the supervision of the erection of the Gun Lock Chain Factory in Wayland, in 1909, and in 1910 he secured the contract for the erection of the Wayland hospital for the Sisters of Nazareth. This hospital when completed will be thoroughly modern in all facilities and appurtenances and will represent a total expenditure of twelve thousand dollars for the buildings alone. Mr. Marsh has completed other important contracts and during the active season of building work he gives employment to about twenty men.

Mr. Marsh is ever ready to give his influence and co-operation in the furtherances of measures and enterprises projected for the

general welfare of the community, but he has naught of desire for public office and in politics he maintains an independent attitude. He is affiliated with Warren Patchin Lodge No. 883, Free & Accepted Masons; with Wayland Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was vice-grand in 1910; and with the local organization of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also an active member of the Wayland Hose Company, a part of the volunteer fire department of the village.

In the year 1889 Mr. Marsh was united in marriage to Miss Carrie A. Briggs, who was born in Naples township, Ontario county, this state, on the 29th of April, 1870, and who is a daughter of David and Phoebe (Arnold) Briggs, the former of whom still lives in Naples township and the latter of whom is deceased. Mrs. Marsh has one brother and two sisters, namely: Myron, who is a resident of Avoca; Emma, who is the wife of William Springstead, a farmer of Naples township, Ontario county; and Minnie, who is the wife of Byron King, of Wayland, Steuben county. Mrs. Marsh received excellent educational advantages and was a successful and popular teacher in the schools of her native county prior to her marriage. She is prominent in church work and social activities in Wayland and the attractive home over which she presides is known for its gracious hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have one child, Vera Julia, who was born on the 23d of May, 1895, and who is a member of the class of 1912 in the Wayland High School.

Delos Bliss.—One of the prominent and influential business men of New York city is Mr. Bliss, who is vice-president and general manager of Dodge & Bliss Company and president of the Meredith Shook Lumber Company, the former corporation having plants at Jersey City, New Jersey, and Tonawanda, New York, and the headquarters of the latter company are in Meredith, New Hampshire. Mr. Bliss has his office headquarters in New York City, at 50 Church street, and he is one of the prominent representatives of the lumber and packing box industry in his native state.

Delos Bliss was born at Truxton, Cortland county, on the 26th of January, 1841, and he is a son of George and Charlotte (Ames) Bliss, the former of whom was born at Rehoboth, Rhode Island, and the latter of whom was born at Leyden, Franklin county, Massachusetts, being a representative of a family that was founded in New England in the Colonial era. George Bliss devoted the major portion of his active career to agricultural pursuits and about the year 1820 he established his home in Cortland county, New York, where he operated a farm and also was identified with the lumbering business. Later he came with his family to Steuben county, where he continued to be identified with the same lines of enterprise until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-two years of age. His father likewise was a native of Rhode Island, in which state the family was founded in an early day. Mrs. Charlotte (Ames) Bliss survived her honored husband and attained to the venerable





age of ninety-one years, having passed the closing years of her life in the home of her son, Delos, whose name initiates this review. Of the nine children three died in infancy. All of the others attained to adult age and of the number three are now living, Egerton A., who is engaged in the jewelry business in New York city is one of the interested principals in the E. A. Bliss Company, in which concern his brother, Delos, is a director; Sarah E. is the widow of Elikaim Rice and she resides with her brother Delos, who was the eighth in order of birth of the nine children and the eldest of the three now living.

Delos Bliss was a child at the time of his parents' removal to Steuben county, and here he was reared to the age of sixteen years, in the meanwhile having duly availed himself of the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period. On the 7th of February, 1857, he went to New York city, where he secured a position as errand boy in a jewelry establishment, at No. 13 Cortlandt street. After having been in the service of this concern about two years he was given a position as traveling salesman for the same, then being but nineteen years of age. He represented this house in the territory along the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and proved a very able and successful salesman. In 1860 he entered the employ of McGraw & Company, a prominent concern in the lumber business in Jersey City. In 1861 he engaged in an independent enterprise in connection with the above concern by establishing a box factory, in which he manufactured wood boxes for the government, having initiated this enterprise about the time of the inception of the Civil war. In 1864 the business was disposed of to William E. Dodge, of New York city, and the enterprise was thereafter continued for some time under the title of Dodge & Company. In 1878 Mr. Bliss became associated in the organization of the present Dodge & Bliss Company, of which he is vice-president and general manager, and the other offices of which are as here noted: D. Stewart Dodge, president and William F. Brown, secretary and treasurer. This concern has finely equipped plants at Jersey City, New Jersey, and Tonawanda, New York, and has prestige as being the largest box manufacturing concern east of Chicago. Mr. Bliss was the originator of the effective device for the nailing and printing of boxes by machinery and he has also perfected a number of other mechanical inventions which have proved of great value in connection with this line of industry. The products of the Dodge & Bliss Company are shipped into divers sections of the world, a large trade being controlled in Europe and also in South America. The factories of this corporation utilize an average of twenty-five million feet of lumber each year. The Meredith Shook & Lumber Company is also a large and substantial corporation and has mills in Meredith, New Hampshire. In the factory of the Dodge & Bliss Company at Jersey City employment is given to two hundred and forty men. Mr. Bliss is recognized as a business man of great initiative and administrative capacity and his success has represented the direct results of his own efforts,

giving him precedence as one of the veritable captains of industry in the national metropolis. In politics he gives a stanch allegiance to the Republican party and he takes a loyal interest in public affairs, though he has never had aught of ambition for political office. In New York city he holds membership in the Steuben Society and also the Genesee Society, besides which he is identified with the Englewood Club. He holds membership in the St. Paul Episcopal church, as did his wife.

In the year 1864 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bliss to Miss Emily F. Field, of Jersey City, and after a long and happy life companionship Mrs. Bliss was summoned to the beyond, November 19, 1910, her demise occurring at her home at Highwood. In an account of her death published at the time the following lines of tribute were contained: "This sad event has plunged her relatives into a grief which is shared by a large number of their friends, who sincerely mourn the loss of one whose genial personality won such a warm place in the community. As a friend and neighbor Mrs. Bliss commanded an honored position socially that will cause her to be greatly missed and deeply regretted. Her illness was of less than a week's duration, but it defied all that care or skill could render for her relief. She passed away at the age of sixty-nine, leaving her husband and six daughters surviving."

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bliss: Emily B., who is the widow of William M. Kidder, and who subsequently married Mr. Edward Roberts, of Manchester, England, and resides in New York city; Miss Susan F., who remains at the parental home; Laura B., who is the wife of Thomas B. Cummings, of New York city; Bertha, who is the wife of Charles Bumsted, of Jersey City; Ethel, who is the wife of Daniel Fellows Platt, a successful stock broker in New York city and Alma, who resides at the parental home.

Robert W. Gardner.—In New York city Mr. Gardner has gained distinctive prestige and success as an architect and he is well entitled to consideration in this publication by reason of the fact that he is a member of one of the well known and highly honored families of Steuben county. He was born in the city of Jackson, Mississippi, on the 17th of November, 1866, and is a son of Major Hezekiah R. and Eliza (Wheeler) Gardner, the former of whom was born at Belvidere, Illinois, on the 31st of October, 1839, and the latter of whom was born in Steuben county, New York, where the family was founded in an early day. Major Gardner was summoned to the life eternal on the 25th of April, 1901, and his widow still resides at Hammondsport, Steuben county. From an article published in the *Wine Press* at the time of the death of Major Gardner are taken, with but slight change of phraseology, the following appreciative statements:

"Few men were better or more widely known in the wine trade than Major Gardner. For the last thirty years he has been connected with the business in one way or another and he was personally

known to the leading wine makers and wine dealers of the country. He had traveled extensively and had visited all the prominent centers of grape-growing and wine-making from New York to California. Everywhere he went he made friends by reason of his fine qualities as a man. It was only natural that Major Gardner should have endeared himself to a wide circle of friends. He was honorable and straightforward in all his dealings. His word was as good as his bond. He was very frank and outspoken and he did not hesitate to call things by their right names. There was no sham about Major Gardner. You could always tell where he stood and what he thought. He despised meanness and mean things, for he never did a mean action in his life. He appreciated a good story and could tell one himself, as he had a keen sense of humor.

"Hezekiah Ripley Gardner was born at Belvidere, Illinois, on the 31st of October, 1839. He was seven years of age at the time of the death of his father and soon afterward his mother removed to Hammondsport, Steuben county, New York. He showed his loyalty to the cause of the Union when its integrity was jeopardized by armed rebellion and in 1862 he assisted in the organization of Company I, One Hundredth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he went to the front as captain. He served with great credit and distinction on the staff of General Buell and in the battle of Missionary Ridge, in November, 1863, he received the wound which resulted in the loss of his right leg. He was discharged for disability in August, 1864, but joined the Veterans' Reserve Corps, and soon afterward enlisted in the regular army, being brevetted major. He did provost marshal and reconstruction duty at Jackson, Mississippi, and later commanded the Forty-fourth Infantry for several months, while stationed in the rear of the White House at Washington, D. C.

"Soon after retiring from service Mr. Gardner became identified with the grape and wine industry at Hammondsport and he always took great interest in his vineyard and grape culture. For several years Major Gardner represented the Pleasant Valley Wine Company and in the '70s, when American champagne was not so well known or appreciated as it is today, he had plenty of missionary work to do in the trade. Later on, after retiring from this position, he was induced to travel in the interests of the Urbana Wine Company, in which connection he made a splendid record. The ability and experience of Major Gardner were recognized by his appointment as special agent of viticulture for the United States census of 1890. His census work will always stand as a lasting record of patient industry. It was the first time that the statistics of grape-growing and wine-making had been gathered in the United States. Having no data or material to guide him, Major Gardner had to collect personally and with great pains the figures at first hand. So well did he do his work that he received the praise of his superior, and his report is one of the few that were printed over the agent's signature in the complete volume of the Census Report. Early in 1900 he was appointed to collect the exhibits of wines from the eastern

states for the Paris Exposition and it was largely due to his experience and ability that such a fine exhibit of our eastern wines and champagnes was made at that exposition."

Major Gardner was a stalwart Republican in his political allegiance and was affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, with the Military Order of Loyal Legion and other fraternal and social organizations. He was a member of St. James' Episcopal church, as is also his widow. Of their children two sons and two daughters are now living.

Robert W. Gardner was a child at the time when the family home was established at Hammondsport, where he received his preliminary educational discipline in the public schools, after which he continued his studies in the high school in the city of Buffalo. In 1886, when twenty years of age, he removed to New York city, where he began the study of architecture in the office of one of the leading architects of the national metropolis. He gained a thorough knowledge of all the details of this important profession and has been concerned with much important work in his chosen vocation. In 1904 he engaged in business on his own responsibility and in the private practice of his profession his success has been of the most unequivocal order. He makes a specialty of fire-proof country dwellings and is one of the pioneers in this important field, as well as in the utilizing of reinforced concrete for such architectural purposes. He designed all of the dairy buildings for the Briar Cliff Farms in Dutchess county, New York, and it is worthy of note that these farms are the largest producers of certified milk of all in the world. These farms maintain a herd of fully one thousand Jersey cows and the buildings are model in design, sanitary appliances and all facilities. Many buildings designed by and erected under the direction of Mr. Gardner have attracted wide attention and it may be said without fear of legitimate contradiction that he is one of the leading representatives of his profession in the great metropolis. He has designed many fine modern residences in New Jersey and New York city and his experience in his chosen profession has been wide and varied.

In politics Mr. Gardner is aligned as a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Republican party and he is a charter member of the Steuben Society of New York City, besides which he holds membership in the Planters' Society of Boston, Massachusetts. He is a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, senior warden.

In the year 1893 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gardner to Eleanor (O'Neill) Dean, daughter of William O'Neill, a representative citizen of Elmira, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner became the parents of one daughter, Persis, who died at the age of ten years.

JOHN HARVEY HULBURT.—A citizen whose enterprise has done much to further the commercial and agricultural interests of Wayland and who is now proprietor of a saloon, and an influential factor in the community, is John Harvey Hulburt, formerly a farmer. Mr.

Hulburt was born September 9, 1851, and is the son of Clark Hulburt. The father, a native of Warsaw, New York, was a millwright by trade and a well known man, whose demise occurred in the year 1887, at the age of seventy-five years. He married Lavina E. Phillips, who survived him until 1891, her age being sixty-three years. After his retirement the elder Mr. Hulburt made his home with his son until summoned to the life eternal. There were three children in the family, the two sisters of the subject being deceased.

After the termination of his school days Mr. Hulburt adopted farming as an occupation. He continued thus employed for a great many years, or until 1903, when he embarked in the hay shipping business and in the sale of timber. In the latter branch he bought timber land and cut and shipped the logs. He was successful in this and in a very few years found no small amount of financial gain. In 1909 he removed to Wayland, where he now makes his residence, secure in the enjoyment of a large circle of friends.

Mr. Hulburt laid the foundation of a happy married life by his union with Mary Letitia Curry, daughter of James and Nancy Curry, natives of Ireland, who answered the beckon of opportunity from the shores of the new world, and crossed the Atlantic to claim their share of the good things on this side. Shortly after their arrival they settled in Canisteo, where the father pursued the trade of a shoemaker. The name of the wife of the foregoing was Nancy Gregg. To Mr. and Mrs. Hulburt have been born the following children: Ray C., aged twenty-six, who married Pearl Mann, and their two children, Gladys and Edward, giving to the subject the pleasant role of grandfather; Erwin, aged twenty-three, who resides beneath the home roof; Mabel, aged seventeen, and Edith, aged fourteen, both of whom are at school.

The Democratic party claims the allegiance of Mr. Hulburt and he is very public-spirited, always giving his support to those causes likely to result in the attainment of the greatest good to the greatest number. He has held the office of trustee of the school district of Livingston county for two terms.

J. Nelson Shumway, M. D., physician and surgeon, was born at Addison, Steuben county, February 13, 1862, a son of John and Mary (Wettenhall) Shumway. John Shumway was born at Oxford, Massachusetts, October 4, 1825, and died at Addison, November 17, 1910, aged about eighty-five years. He was brought by his parents to Oxford, New York, in 1827, when he was about two years old. The family remained there about ten years, then moved to Addison, where his father and his elder brothers secured a considerable tract of timber land. His father was connected with the lumber interests in the vicinity of Addison from that time until he died. Mary Wettenhall, who became the wife of John Shumway and the mother of Dr. Shumway, was born in Massachusetts July 30, 1826, married September 7, 1845, and died June 10, 1892, having borne her husband five daughters and three sons, all of whom grew to manhood

or womanhood. The family of Shumway in America is descended from emigrants from the border region between France and Germany.

These meager facts concerning the children of John and Mary (Wettenhall) Shumway other than Dr. J. Nelson Shumway, the eldest son and sixth child in order of nativity, will be of interest in this connection: One of them is Mrs. Gertrude Page of Hancock, New York. Another is Mrs. F. H. Wheaton of Addison, New York. Sarah is Mrs. Kilbourne, of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. Ella died aged seventeen years. Cora became Mrs. Hepworth and was killed in a railroad accident. William and Rush are deceased.

Dr. Shumway passed his boyhood days at Addison and acquired his primary education in the Addison public schools and at the Addison academy. He was graduated in 1889 from the New York State Normal School at Geneseo, Livingston county, and taught school for seven years thereafter. Then, after two years' study in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland, he entered the medical department of the University of Buffalo, New York, where he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1895. He soon located in Woodhull, Steuben county, for the practice of his profession, but remained there only about eight months. In 1896 he removed to Painted Post, where he has won satisfactory success and has a large and increasing practice. He is a member of the Steuben County Medical Association, of the New York State Medical Society and of the Corning (New York) Medical Association, of which he is vice-president. In politics he is strictly Republican. His interest in his community is such that he is helpful to all measures which in his judgment promise to benefit any considerable number of his fellow citizens. He has served as trustee of the village of Painted Post and has from time to time served his townsmen in other capacities.

In 1888 Dr. Shumway married Miss Nettie Stapley, of Geneseo, New York, a daughter of Humphrey and Jane Stapley, and they have a son and a daughter, named Clare and Fannie. The son, aged about nineteen years, is a student at the Buffalo Medical College, Buffalo, New York.

Dr. Shumway's honored father, above mentioned, was a pioneer in this vicinity, lumbering in the early days when the product of his mill was taken down the river by rafters to be marketed and later until about 1880, when he retired from active life. His father, the doctor's grandfather, was born in Massachusetts January 24, 1790, and passed most of his mature life at Addison, where he is enshrined in the memory of old citizens as one of those by whom the wheels of civilization were put in motion in that vicinity.

JOHN EARL PHILLIPS is incumbent of the responsible position of chief engineer of the Wayland Light & Power Company and is one of the well known and popular officials of the village in which he maintains his residence. He was born in Livonia township, Livings-

ton county, New York, on the 15th of August, 1882, and is a son of Henry and Hattie (Shepard) Phillips, the former of whom died in 1894, at the age of forty-five years, having been a successful farmer and stock-grower of Steuben county, and the latter of whom still resides in the village of Wayland. Three children besides the subject of this review survive the honored father and all of them reside in Wayland, namely: William, Edward and Hazel May.

John E. Philips attended the public schools until he had attained to the age of thirteen years and for the ensuing two years he was employed in a sawmill. He then came to Wayland, where he was identified with farm work and teaming for some time, after which he removed to the city of Rochester, where he engaged in the dealing in and training of horses. Later he returned to Wayland, where he was employed for a time as a painter and later as a miller and fireman. Since 1907 he has held his present position as chief engineer of the power house of the local light and power company and he has shown much discrimination and care in the handling of the duties devolving on him in this connection. In politics he gives his allegiance to the Democratic party and he takes a loyal interest in all that touches the welfare of the community.

In the year 1903 Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Ada Kittle, who was born in Attica in 1878, and who is a daughter of Holton and Alice (Robinson) Kittle, the latter of whom died in 1908 and the former of whom is now residing in the home of Mr. Phillips, the subject of this review. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have two children, Ruby and Ruth, twins, who were born on the 20th of June, 1906.

Calvin G. Hungerford.—This well known citizen of Corning was born in Hornby township, Steuben county, August 26, 1855, eldest son of Elias B. and Jane E. (Gibbs) Hungerford and brother of Charles A. and Harry H. Hungerford, who are represented in this work by biographical sketches which throw light on the family history not particularly suggested here. He was educated principally in the good public schools of Corning. Some of his earlier active years he passed as a steam engineer on the Great Lakes, visiting many western and northwestern ports, then he was likewise employed on the Hudson river by the West Shore Railway Company. He abandoned that work to become a liveryman at Corning, and as such he had a successful career for twelve years. In 1896, when the Standard Manufacturing Company was organized, he was one of its stockholders and was made its manager, in which capacity he has since directed its affairs. The concern employs an average of fifteen men the year around. Its catalogue shows that it makes a fine and comprehensive line in its peculiar field.

Mr. Hungerford married in 1888 Miss Cora L. Sanford, a native of Corning and a daughter of Alfred Sanford. He is popular and prominent as a citizen, is a member of the Corning board of water commissioners and has fulfilled other public obligations, and is an Odd Fellow well known throughout the county.

Daniel C. Hungerford, son of Elias B. and Jane E. (Gibbs) Hungerford and brother of Calvin G. Hungerford, was born at Elmira, New York, April 8, 1865, and is foreman for the Standard Manufacturing Company. The family had removed from Hornby to the city of his birth. From there they came to Corning when he was about three years old. After leaving school he was for about eight years in the grocery business at Corning. When the Standard Manufacturing Company began business he assumed his present responsible position.

In 1887 he married Miss Nettie Mercereau, daughter of Mack and Belle (Armstrong) Mercereau, a native of Union, near Binghamton, Broome county, New York, who has borne him nine children: Percy M., Cedric E., Marguerite, A. Bell, Nellie M., Adeline, Leiella, Daniel C., Jr., and Lacy. As a Republican Mr. Hungerford takes an active interest in local politics. He is a man of influence in the city, scarcely less well known throughout the surrounding country than is his brother Calvin G. In all the relations of life the two represent all that is creditable in good citizenship.

Rev. James M. Bustin.—This devoted and efficient minister of the Roman Catholic church, pastor of St. Mary's parish, Corning, was born in Towanda, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1860. His boyhood days were spent there and he was graduated at seventeen from the graded school. He was graduated from Niagara University in 1881, with the A. B. degree, received the A. M. degree in 1883, and was ordained on May 30, 1885. After a brief temporary pastorate at Cuba, Allegany county, he was for about two years assistant pastor at Ellicottville, Cattaraugus county. Then his abilities were recognized by his appointment to organize a new parish at North Tonawanda, Niagara county, with his headquarters at Buffalo. In that undertaking he was successful, building a fine church edifice in 1888 and a parochial residence in 1889. In 1893 both church and residence were destroyed by fire, and with characteristic energy he set about rebuilding them. In this effort he succeeded in 1894. He remained at North Tonawanda till July, 1896, when he was called to St. Mary's parish, Corning, where he has since labored with the most satisfactory results, increasing the membership of the church from about three thousand to nearly three thousand six hundred. He has organized another parish of about one thousand seven hundred members and has a fine parochial school at Corning, in which about six hundred and thirty-five children are being educated. His influence in the town is in all things for the best interests of society and he is popular with citizens of all creeds and of all shades of political belief. His success has not been attained without great zeal and much hard work. His administration of the affairs of his parish marks him not only as a good man but as a business man of conspicuous constructive ability.

Lawrence B. Bennett.—For nearly a quarter of a century has Mr. Bennett been identified with railroad service and he is now incumbent of the position of telegraph operator at the station of

the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, in the village of Wayland. He is well known in Steuben county and his popularity is of unqualified order.

Lawrence Burdon Bennett claims the Wolverine state as the place of his nativity, though he is a scion of families that were early founded in the state of New York. He was born in Van Buren county, Michigan, on the 10th of April, 1870, and is a son of Guy B. and Olive Bennett. Mr. Bennett was eight months old at the time of his mother's death and he was shortly afterward brought by his father to Steuben county, where he was reared to maturity and where his educational advantages were those afforded in the public schools of Wayland. Here he entered the high school when ten years of age and he was graduated therein as a member of the class of 1892. When sixteen years of age Mr. Bennett entered upon an apprenticeship to the trade of telegrapher in the Wayland office of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad and after perfecting himself as an operator he continued in the employ of this company as such for two years, when he was also made station agent. He held this position at various points on the line of this road and finally returned to Wayland, where he became station agent and telegraph operator for the same railway system, with which he has been identified for twenty-four years. He is now serving as operator for the company and the business of the office is adequate to demand his full time and attention, so that he is not now station agent. In politics Mr. Bennett is a zealous and effective advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and he has been active in its local councils. He is affiliated with the Wayland Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Evangelical church.

On the 9th of October, 1902, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Waitie Batholomew, who was born and reared in Wayland and who is a daughter of Albert A. Bartholomew, who is here engaged in the buying and shipping of produce upon a large scale. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have one child, Margaret Alta, who was born on the 30th of August, 1908.

Philip R. Kinsella, who at the end of his present term will have served his fellow-citizens with great ability and credit for more than twelve years as supervisor of Erwin township, was born at Gang Mills, in that municipal division of Steuben county, April 24, 1868, a son of Lawrence and Margaret Kinsella. His father, a native of Ireland, came with his parents, Richard and Elizabeth Kinsella, to the United States and located at Corning when that now flourishing city was yet a small village. He found employment with the firm of Fox & Weston, the then great lumber concern which was so influential in the days of the earlier history of this vicinity. For twenty-six years he was engineer at their lumber manufacturing establishment at Gang Mills, and from time to time was called to the performance of other important duties in their interest. He

married, in Erwin township, Miss Margaret Hogue, a native of Canada, who passed away in 1900, he surviving. They were the parents of four children, all of whom lived to manhood and womanhood. John A. is employed as an engineer by the New York Central Railroad Company. Elizabeth is the wife of John Gallagher of Corning. Thomas L. is a member of his father's household.

Philip R. Kinsella, second child and second son in the family just mentioned, passed his boyhood in his native place, attending public school in his home district and at Painted Post. His first work away from home was as fireman under his father in the Fox & Weston mill. Thus he was employed three years, then he turned his attention to farming land, which he rented of W. S. Hodgman & Company. On this farm, located not far from Painted Post, he has lived since that time. This life-long resident of Erwin township is widely known as one of old Steuben's most loyal sons. A stanch Republican, he has always been devoted to the furtherance of the policies of that party so great in the history of our country. In its local work he has long been active and influential. By successive reelection, without opposition in his own party, he has filled the responsible office of supervisor of Erwin township for more than eleven years. His public spirit is such that he is in the forefront of every movement which in his opinion promises good to any considerable number of his fellow-citizens. His prominence in township and county affairs has made him well known in Steuben and adjacent counties. He and his family are identified with the Roman Catholic church.

On June 18, 1893, Mr. Kinsella married Miss Mary E. Cowley, a daughter of Levi and Margaret Cowley, of Corning. They have two children—Margaret and Philip.

HIRAM P. BADGER.—This well-known gentleman, now long retired from active life, is a son of a pioneer in his vicinity in point of settlement and a pioneer merchant of Steuben county. He was born in Painted Post, in the house in which he now lives, August 18, 1845, and during all the sixty-five years since has been a resident of that town. His parents were Harvey P. and Louisa (Potter) Badger. Harvey P. Badger, a native of Colesville, Broome county, New York, came to Painted Post in 1841 and was married that same year. It was in that year also that he opened a general store at Painted Post, which he conducted successfully until 1867, when he retired from business. But he was too ambitious to abandon all business projects, and in 1869, with his son Herbert as a partner, he again engaged in merchandising, establishing another store, which was in profitable operation till in 1873, when it was burned. Mr. Badger, then advanced in life, retired permanently. He lived to be about seventy-eight years old. His wife, who, as has been stated, was Miss Louisa Potter, a daughter of ex-sheriff Hiram Potter, deceased, of Steuben county, was born in the town of Pompey, Onondaga county, New York, and died when she was about sixty-three



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years old. She bore her husband a family of three sons and three daughters, five of whom lived to manhood and womanhood. Hiram P. is the immediate subject of this sketch. Herbert L. lives in Erwin township on a farm and is mail carrier on Route 2 from Painted Post postoffice. Samuel W. is a practicing physician at Athens, Pennsylvania. Anna married W. J. Gilbert and is living in Brooklyn, New York. Sarah married W. H. Calkins and died in January, 1869. Louise died at the age of two years and ten months.

Of this family, Hiram P. Badger was the third child and the second son in order of birth. His entire life thus far has been passed at Painted Post. There he was educated in the best schools in the town. At eighteen he began to learn the machinist's trade under W. H. Calkins, and in that business his energies were expended for the long period of a quarter of a century, and he has been nearly as long in retirement. He was assistant postmaster at Painted Post for six years and was the town assessor for thirteen years, also village trustee for one term. In politics he is Republican in all that the word has implied, and he has always devoted himself to the general good of the town. His prominence and influence as a citizen have been long established on so firm a foundation that his advice is invariably sought in any work for the general benefit and improvement.

Colonel Henry G. Tuthill.—Distinguished not only for his gallant service in the Civil war but as an enterprising and prosperous business man of Corning, Colonel Henry G. Tuthill is widely known as one of the leading architects of this part of Steuben county and also as a dealer in real estate and as an insurance man. He was born, September 25, 1833, in East Otto, Cattaraugus county, New York, of thrifty New England ancestry, being the lineal descendant of one of three brothers named Tuthill who emigrated from England in Colonial days, settling in the Green Mountain state.

His father, Samuel Tuthill, was born at Bellows Falls, Vermont, where his father, a life-long resident of Vermont, was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1882 he made his way to New York state, a large part of the way following a path marked by blazed trees, and settled as a pioneer in Cattaraugus county. Taking up a tract of wild land, he cleared a farm from the dense wilderness, in the meantime bravely bearing all the trials and privations incident to pioneer life. A man of much intelligence and energy, he became active in public affairs, serving many years as justice of the peace. He lived on the homestead place until his death, at the ripe old age of seventy-six years. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Guernsey, was born in Vermont of English ancestry. She survived him, passing away at the age of eighty-six years. Of their family of four daughters and three sons, all but one child grew to years of maturity. Henry G., the fifth child and eldest son, and his brother, Harvey Tuthill, living on the parental homestead in East Otto, are the only members of the family now living.

With the exception of two years spent as a youth in Ohio, Henry G. Tuthill remained beneath the parental roof-tree until nineteen years old. Going then to Livingston county, New York, he served an apprenticeship at the cabinet maker's trade in Nunda with his uncle, Daniel M. Tuthill, who at the end of two years gave him two hundred dollars for his services. He paid his father one hundred dollars for his time, and at the end of his two years had a bank account of fifty dollars. He subsequently worked with his uncle as journeyman for a year, and then, in 1856, came to Corning and the following year was foreman in the Townley & Lower factory. He then formed a partnership with William F. Townley, his brother-in-law, and continued in business with him about two years, when he moved with his family to Nunda, Livingston county.

Few veterans of the war between the states can look back upon a war record as thrilling and gallant as Colonel Tuthill. On September 30, 1861, at Nunda, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Fourth New York Volunteer Infantry, of which he was at once commissioned captain. This regiment, known as the Wadsworth Guards, he had been instrumental in raising, and his company, A, was the second to leave Nunda. The regiment was organized at Albany, March 4, 1862, with John Rohrbach, colonel; R. Wells Kenyon, lieutenant colonel; Lewis C. Skinner, major. Serving bravely on the field of battle, he was promoted from captain to lieutenant colonel in October, 1862. At the battle of Bull Run, Virginia, August 30, 1862, he received a piece of shell in his right leg, and at Antietam, Maryland, September 17, 1862, he was severely wounded, two fingers on his right hand being shot off, after which disablement he returned to Corning on leave of absence. His wounds healing, Colonel Tuthill reported to the medical director at Washington, D. C., and was sent to Elmira, New York, where he had command of the post from December 15, 1862, to March 4, 1863, when he was ordered to join his regiment, which had been assigned to the First Army Corps, commanded by General John A. Reynolds, of Rochester, New York, and subsequently participated in many important and fiercely contested engagements. He was wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 3, 1863, receiving a gunshot in his left leg, and again at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 1, 1863, a ball, which he still carries, entered his right groin. For four days thereafter he lay on the battlefield in the hands of the enemy, without care of any kind. When able to be removed he was sent to the officers hospital at Annapolis, Maryland, where he was examined by a board of army surgeons of which General Graham was president and was discharged from the service November 7, 1863, on account of disability from a wound received in action at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 1, 1863.

On January 22, 1864, he was commissioned by President Lincoln as captain in the Veteran Reserve Corps, U. S. A., and assigned to duty at Newark, New Jersey, having charge of all the troops at this important station. From there he was ordered to Washington,

D. C., in January, 1865, where he remained on detached duty until March 4, 1865, he was ordered to Baltimore, Maryland, with two companies of reserves. He furnished the guard of honor at the catafalque when the martyred president was laid in state at the government building. He remained on duty at Baltimore, furnishing guards for the hospitals and forts until October, 1866, when he was ordered to Washington, D. C., and mustered out by general orders November 7, 1866. He was brevetted colonel of New York Volunteers on December 11, 1868, for meritorious services during the war.

His services included the ensuing campaigns and engagements: Campaign against Jackson in Shenandoah Valley, May-August, 1862; battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9; northern Virginia campaign, August 16 to September 2; Rappahannock Station, August 20-23; Rappahannock River, August 21-22; White Sulphur Springs, August 5-27; Thoroughfare Gap, August 28; battle of Bull Run, August 30; Little River Turnpike, September 1; Maryland campaign, September 3-20; battle of South Mountain, September 14; battle of Antietam, September 17; battle of Fredericksburg, December 11-15; Burnside's second campaign; Mud march, January 20-23, 1863; Chancellorsville campaign, April 27-May 6; operations at Pollock's Mill Crossing, April 29-May 1; battle of Chancellorsville, May 3-4; battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863. His last field duty was performed at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Returning to Corning, Colonel Tuthill engaged in business as an architect, and in this line has built up a fine business and won an extensive reputation as a skillful and practical architect. He erected a summer house, or cottage, on Keuka Lake in 1882, and has also built many of the finest public buildings in Corning and some of the most desirable residences. He is also extensively engaged in the real estate and insurance business and has large real estate interests in Corning.

Colonel Tuthill has long been prominent in the Grand Army of the Republic, in 1868 having organized Logie Post, then No. 80, now Hayt Post No. 276, of which he was the commander. The colonel is one of the oldest members of the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons, having joined Painted Post Lodge No. 117, F. & A. M., in 1857. At this writing, in 1910, there is but one older member of this lodge, in which he served as an officer prior to the Civil war. Colonel Tuthill is one of the directors of the Corning Co-operative Savings and Loan Association. He has been active in public affairs, from 1869 until 1872 serving as superintendent of the poor for Steuben county, and for three years being police commissioner of Corning.

On May 20, 1857, Colonel Tuthill married Catherine A. Townley, and of the children born of their union five sons are living, namely: James S., a graduate of Cornell University, has been superintendent of the Middletown, New York, schools for the past nineteen years; L. H., also a graduate of Cornell University, is prin-

cipal of Public School No. 16, Brooklyn, New York; Eugene, who was graduated from Cornell University, is an architect at Corning, New York; Charles G. is propriotor of a cut glass company at Middletown, New York; and Frank W. is an engineer on the New York Central Railroad. Colonel Tuthill celebrated his golden wedding anniversary on May 20, 1907, at which gathering all of his children were present.

EDWIN C. SMITH.—This is the era of the comparatively young man. Time was when the prominence already gained by the progressive son of Yates county whose name is above would have been attainable only to a man on the shady side of the half-century mark. Mr. Smith, who is district attorney of Steuben county, was born at Dundee, Yates county, New York, December 15, 1870. His father, Charles A. Smith, formerly a farmer and operator of vineyards, is living in retirement at Hammondsport. He was born in Steuben county, a son of Ameron Smith, an early settler from central New York and a member of one of the old Mohawk Dutch families so influential in that region. His wife, mother of Edwin C. Smith, was born at Dundee, Yates county, New York, a daughter of Addison B. Lewis, of Scotch descent. Two sons—Edwin C. and Frank A. —were born to Charles A. and Emma (Lewis) Smith. The father, who had gone from Steuben county to Yates county, returned to his native county when his eldest son, Edwin, was about eight months old, locating in the town of Urbana, where the future prosecuting attorney passed the years of his boyhood. Mr. Smith was duly graduated from the schools of Hammondsport and of Bath and then was for five years a school teacher in Steuben county. Three years he held the office of school commissioner for the first commissioners' district of the county, performing its duties with characteristic thoroughness and integrity. He was graduated from the law department of Union College in 1897; was admitted to the bar and entered at once upon the practice of his profession at Addison, where he has been in continuous practice thirteen years. In November, 1905, he was elected supervisor of the town of Addison. In May, 1906, he was appointed district attorney and resigned the supervisorship in order the better to handle the responsibilities of the more exacting office. In his political convictions he is stanchly Republican. His father is and his grandfather was in his time of the same political faith, and the three have gone to the polls together and in turn voted the same ticket, showing three generations of Republicans in line. In that time Edwin C. was the nominee of his party for the office of commissioner of schools and had the honor and pleasure of seeing his sire and grandsire cast their ballots for him.

Mr. Smith is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, an Elk and a Modern Woodman. In Masonry he has attained to the thirty-second degree and is a past district deputy of the thirty-fourth district. He is past grand of his lodge of Odd Fellows. He married, in 1900,

Miss Bertha Ferrow, of Addison. He owns a fine farm near that village. In all his active career he has demonstrated that quality of public spirit which makes for good and useful citizenship. To the duties of his office he brought adequate professional learning, ample business experience and an honest determination to succeed along the straight line of right and justice, respecting the court, respecting the public and, what is better, respecting himself; and his administration of the office has won him the good opinion of his fellow-citizens of all shades of all political beliefs.

CHARLES F. PARK, vice-president of the Park, Winton and True Company, manufacturers of sash, doors and blinds, Addison, and well and favorably thought of in southern New York, was born at Addison, October 15, 1871, the younger son of James H. and Theresa Adelaide (Reynolds) Park, his brother being William R. Park, a citizen of Addison and also an official of the manufacturing concern mentioned. Their father, who began manufacturing in Addison in 1855, died there in 1901. The mother is living in that village.

The immediate subject of this notice was reared and educated in Addison and when he was about twenty-one years old was taken into his father's business, with the understanding that he would very likely become prominent in it. But he made the right beginning, working in the yards and at whatever there was to be done, side by side with ordinary employes of the factory. After his father's death he became buying agent, with sole responsibility for the equipment and general efficiency of the plant. The Park, Winton & True Company was organized in 1910, with George I. True as president, Charles F. Park as vice-president and purchasing agent and William R. Park as secretary, and the enterprise ranks as Addison's oldest manufacturing enterprise and as one of the oldest concerns of its class in the country. Mr. Park is a stockholder in the Yadkin Lumber Company, of Yadkin, North Carolina, which owns fifty-five thousand acres of timber lands in the western part of that state; also in the Embreeville Lumber Company, of Embreeville, Tennessee, which holds title to thirty thousand acres of timber in eastern Tennessee.

A life-long resident of Addison, Mr. Park is one of its most public spirited citizens. He has been a member of the local fire department many years and is its assistant chief, is a member of the village fire board and as a member of the board of education is influential in the direction of the affairs of the Addison Union school. He is a Mason and an Elk and a vestry-man in the Episcopal church of Addison. Mrs. Park was Miss Caroline Stratton, daughter of George W. Stratton, of Addison, formerly prominent in the tanning business. She has borne her husband two sons—James Stratton and Francis A. Park.

BURT C. PATCHIN.—No name has been more prominently and worthily identified with the civic and industrial development and upbuilding of Steuben county than that of Patchin, which has

numerous representatives within the borders of the county at the present time. The name has stood exponent of the highest integrity and honor, of utmost civic loyalty and progressiveness and of distinctive constructive power, as the members of the family, as one generation, has followed another on the stage of life's activities, have each contributed to the advancement of those interests which make for social and material prosperity. He whose name initiates this review is one of the representative citizens of his native county, and he has directed his course along lines of productive energy, so that he has gained status as one of the leading agriculturists and stock-growers of this favored section of the state, with special reputation in the breeding of fine standard-bred horses. His splendid homestead place, known as the Patchin farm, is one of the finest rural demesnes in south-central New York and is eligibly located in Wayland township about three miles distant from the village of the same name. In all respects he is well upholding the prestige of the honored name which he bears and which has been inseparably linked with the history of Steuben county for nearly a century.

Burt Cameron Patchin was born on the farmstead which now constitutes his home, and the date of his nativity was February 12, 1869. He is a son of Cameron and Harriet M. (Glines) Patchin. Concerning the ancestral history, apropos its association with the annals of Steuben county, excellent record was made in a history of Wayland prepared by Charles M. Jervis and published in 1901, and from this record the following statements are taken, with but slight paraphrase:

"The Patchin and Hess families came to Patchinsville in 1814 and the years immediately following. The advent of these two families gave to that section of the town the vast preponderance of vigor and enterprise, and for many succeeding years it was, and seemed destined to remain, the business center. Walter Patchin was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, July 24, 1764. When he was a child his father removed to Balston, Saratoga county, New York, and here, while a mere boy, he joined the Continental army and took part in the defense of the town against the British and Indians. The town was burned, and young Patchin was wounded by an Indian, but saved his life by swimming the river. He was afterward pensioned by the government for the injury he received. Later he settled in Marcellus, Onondaga county, and in 1814 he removed to Steuben county, where he took up a large tract of land, on which he built a log house. This pioneer domicile stood nearly on the site of the house now occupied by Hon. Gordon M. Patchin. Walter Patchin was twice married, his first wife being the mother of two children—Loraine and Dr. Warren Patchin. Of the second marriage eleven children were born. Walter Patchin died in 1854, at the age of ninety years, and is buried in the East Wayland cemetery.

"When Walter Patchin moved to town he transported his goods with an ox team, and in coming down the East Patchin hill, over

which the old road led, one of the oxen fell and broke its neck—a most serious loss for a pioneer farmer. On inquiry of Benjamin Perkins he learned of a settler near Dansville from whom an ox could be obtained, but Mr. Patchin was not prepared to pay for the animal just then and, being a stranger, was in a predicament, from which Mr. Perkins relieved him by picking up a chip on which he scratched his initials, 'B. P.,' and gave it to Mr. Patchin to hand to the settler, which he did, whereupon he returned home with the ox. This is the first recorded bank check in the town.

"Dr. Warren Patchin, who was born at Balston, in 1784, had graduated from Fairfield Seminary and had seen service in the war of 1812-14. He followed his father from Marcellus to the 'far west,' as this country was then known, and in 1816 he settled on what is now the Marlette farm. He was the most noted medical practitioner of his period in this locality, his clientele extending over a radius of fifty miles of territory, and at a time when bridle paths were the principal highways it was not an uncommon occurrence for him to be compelled, if overtaken by night, to fasten his horse to a tree and make himself as comfortable as possible until daylight permitted him to continue his journey. He was an active member of the Steuben Medical Society from the time of its organization, in 1818, and was its first president. He again held the presidency of the organization in 1824 and in 1843-4. Aside from his professional work he found time and energy to devote to business matters, and in 1820 he built the Patchinville saw mill, which burned the following year, and in 1822 he erected the grist mill. The long-time famous Patchin's Mills hotel was built by him in 1824. It was his intention to make it of brick, which he endeavored to manufacture, but the clay was deficient and the bricks proved worthless, so the wooden structure was erected. It stood where now is the house of John P. Morsch and was a typical country tavern. Dr. Patchin became the father of six children: Warren, 1804-1879; Jabez, 1806-1825; Harriet (Mrs. Warring), 1808-186—; Ira, 1812-1898; Cameron, 1820-1896; Minerva (Mrs. John Young), 1826-1900. Dr. Warren Patchin died in 1872."

Dr. Cameron Patchin, the fifth in order of birth of the six children of Dr. Warren Patchin, was born on the homestead farm in Steuben county on the 29th of February, 1820, and he died on the 13th of August, 1896. He was a man of fine intellectual and professional talents, and no citizen held more secure place in popular confidence and esteem. Concerning him the following pertinent statements have been made: "Dr. Cameron Patchin was a man most highly esteemed by our older citizens, and but little known to the younger generation. A natural dignity of bearing lent a sternness of appearance that caused him to be frequently misunderstood by those who did not know the real man. In youth his desire to study medicine was not encouraged by his father, but his steadfast determination in the matter at last gained paternal sanction. He carried the same fixed determination to succeed into the work of

his profession, for which he admirably prepared himself, and the result was that he attained to at least equal eminence with his father as a practitioner and in consultation, as well as in making substantial additions to his inheritance."

On the 27th of January, 1860, Dr. Cameron Patchin was united in marriage to Harriet M. Glines, who was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of October, 1832, and whose death occurred on the 6th of January, 1895. She was a daughter of Winthrop T. and Harriet (Beeman) Glines, the former of whom was born December 5, 1803, and the latter May 26, 1809, their marriage having been solemnized on the 24th of January, 1828. Dr. Cameron Patchin and Harriet M. (Glines) Patchin are survived by two sons, of whom the younger is Burt C., who retains the old homestead and is proprietor of the Patchin farm. The elder son, Frank G., was for nine years editor of the *Rochester Post-Express*, in the city of Rochester, and is a man of fine literary ability. He is the author of various books and at the present time devotes his attention almost entirely to literary work of various kinds. He is a resident of Rochester. The mother was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Burt Cameron Patchin, whose name initiates this review, gained his early education in the public schools of Wayland township and supplemented this by a course of one year in Dansville Seminary and by one year's attendance in the state normal school at Geneseo. He then entered Columbia Institute, in New York city, but before the completion of his course the illness of his father caused him to return home and assume the practical management of the estate. He has since continued to reside on the magnificent old homestead known as "Patchin Farm," and the same now comprises two hundred and fifty acres, upon which the improvements are of the best order. He erected, in 1900, the present beautiful mansion, which is conceded to be one of the best in this section of the state. "Patchin Farm" has gained a national reputation through the breeding of high-grade trotting and pacing horses.

Mr. Patchin is one of the most extensive farmers and stock-growers of this section of the old Empire commonwealth, and under his able supervision the reputation of the "Patchin" breeding stables has been greatly amplified and emphasized. On the farm is a one-eighth mile track, all under cover, also a one-half mile open, and this is utilized for the training of the fine standard-bred horses raised on the place, while a specialty is made of raising only the best type. Mr. Patchin is enthusiastic in his work, and his success has been of the most unequivocal type. "Patchin Farm" has its own electric plant, which is utilized for the lighting of the residence and other buildings and also for various mechanical purposes incidental to the various departments of enterprise conducted on this beautiful place. The residence and other buildings are supplied with water from a private plant, and the improvements throughout are of the best modern order. Mr. Patchin is the owner of an independent

telephone line from Wayland to Loon Lake, and he gave his capitalistic support to the organization and incorporation of the Inter-Ocean Telephone Company, besides which he is a stockholder in various other corporations of important order and concerned with a number of local enterprises that have had definite bearing on the progress and upbuilding of his native county. From 1897 to 1901 he was associated with Martin W. Snyder in the retail drug business in the village of Wayland, where he is the owner of valuable realty, including the Patchin block, one of the best business buildings in the village.

Though he finds insistent demands upon his time and attention in the management of his fine estate and its varied interests, Mr. Patchin is known as a loyal and public-spirited citizen—one who is every ready to lend his influence and co-operation in the promotion of enterprises and measures tending to advance the general welfare of the community. Though he has manifested naught of ambition for official preferment and the turmoil of practical politics, he gives an unwavering allegiance and support to the cause for which the Republican party stands sponsor, and he is an appreciative member of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, in which he has completed the circle of the Scottish rite body and attained to the Thirty-second degree. He is also affiliated with the Corning Valley Consistory, and as a master Mason he is a member of Warren Patchin Lodge, No. 883, Free & Accepted Masons, at Wayland. He is also identified with Damascus Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in the city of Rochester.

On the 27th of August, 1902, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Patchin to Miss Sally Gregory Nuttall, who was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 3rd of September, 1876, and who is a member of one of the distinguished families of that city. Her father, Robert Peel Nuttall, was born in England, and was a boy at the time of his parents' immigration to America, the family home being established in Philadelphia. He eventually became a manufacturer of surgical instruments. He continued to reside in Philadelphia until his death, and his wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Hardy, is now also dead. Mrs. Nuttall likewise was born in England and she was seven years of age at the time when her parents came to the United States and established their home in Chester, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Patchin has two sisters and two brothers—John and Robert, who reside in Philadelphia; Mary is the wife of Benjamin F. Jones, of Buffalo, New York; and Miss Hannah resides in Philadelphia. Mrs. Patchin was graduated in the high school of Philadelphia and later continued her studies in a normal school of her native state. For three years prior to her marriage she was a successful teacher in the public schools of Philadelphia. She is a woman of most gracious personality and social charm and presides most effectively over the beautiful home, which is a center of generous hospitality. She is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which she holds membership. Mr. and Mrs. Patchin have no children.

EDWARD JACOBS.—Numbered among the well known and highly esteemed citizens of the thriving little village of Wayland, where he conducts a successful teaming and general transfer business, Edward Jacobs is well entitled to representation in this work. He is a son of the late Elias Jacobs, and as definite record concerning the family history appears on other pages of this work, in the sketch of the career of an elder brother, John E. Jacobs, it is not necessary to repeat the data in the article at hand.

Edward Jacobs was born in Springwater, Livingston county, on the 6th of April, 1862, and his early experiences were those of the home farm, upon which he was reared to maturity, in the meanwhile duly availing himself of the advantages afforded in the public schools of the locality. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained the age of thirty years. He then went to Levona, Livingston county, where he lived twelve years, and in the later years he had practical supervision of the home place. In 1906 he removed to Wayland, Steuben county, where he has since been successfully engaged in teaming. Mr. Jacobs is an energetic and enterprising business man, and through his well directed industry has achieved success worthy of the name. He and his wife are held in high regard in the community, and he takes a lively interest in all that touches its welfare. He is a member of the German Lutheran church, and Mrs. Jacobs holds membership in the United Evangelical church, in which she is actively identified with the Ladies' Aid Society and the Christian Endeavor Society. Mr. Jacobs has never had any desire to identify himself with practical politics and in this connection is non-partisan. He is affiliated with the Wayland lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In the year 1886 Mr. Jacobs was united in marriage to Miss Ella Hamsher, who was born in Sparta township, Livingston county, on the 12th of July, 1864, and who is a daughter of Albert and Mary (Chart) Hamsher. Mr. Hamsher was numbered among the prosperous farmers of Livingston county at the time of his death, which occurred in July, 1890, when he was fifty-two years of age. His widow, who is now seventy-two years of age, resides at Springwater, Livingston county. Of her two surviving children Mrs. Jacobs is the elder, and Frank is a prosperous farmer of Steuben county.

THOMAS E. HARDEN, proprietor of the American House, Addison, was born at Sandy Hill, Washington county, New York, August 13, 1842, a son of Abner and Martha (Eldredge) Harden. His father had come to Sandy Hill from the Mohawk Valley. He was a shoemaker and worked there at his trade till 1848, when he went to Sabinsville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, passing through Steuben county on the way. He died at Sabinsville when he was about sixty years old. Mr. Harden's mother was a daughter of Thomas Eldredge, of English descent, and a native of Tompkins county, New York. She died at Sandy Hill, New York, when more than

eighty-six years old. The extraction of the Hardens, of whom the subject of this notice is a family member, is traced to Germany. He was the third born of his parents' two sons and two daughters, of whom, besides himself, his sister Frances J. is the only one living. She is the wife of Ralph P. Richards, of Sandy Hill, New York.

Mr. Harden was six years old when his father went by way of Steuben county, New York, to Sabinsville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. When he was twelve he went back to Sandy Hill to live. In 1863, when he was about twenty-one, he returned to Sabinsville, stopping on the way at Addison, where he was for a short time clerk in the village hotel, then owned by one of his uncles. He returned to Addison and from there went to Syracuse, New York, where he was clerk in the Globe Hotel about a year. After that he was employed ten years as a commercial traveler by A. H. Gillett, of that city. In 1877 we find him back in Addison, proprietor of the American House, which he has conducted continuously to the present time. For a time he was interested in the manufacture of bicycles, was also interested in the LaCost dry goods store and has had to do with other local business concerns, but first and foremost he has been the village "landlord" and one of the most popular ones in his part of the state.

In 1866 he married Miss Minnie M. Bennett, a daughter of Urson G. Bennett, and A. G. Harden, their son, is president and general manager of the Columbus Exhibition. Mr. Harden is a high Mason, a member of the Blue Lodge No. 118, of the Chapter No. 145, of St. Omar's Commandery No. 19, at Elmira, of the Shrine at Binghamton and of the Consistory at Corning. Everywhere among Masons he is greeted as of the thirty-second degree. He is a member also of lodge No. 364 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1882 he was elected master of Union Lodge No. 118, F. & A. M., of Addison, and he was a member of the Council at that place while it was in existence. He is a man of public spirit, who takes an active and helpful interest in all that promises to promote the best interests of Addison and its tributary territory and is consulted by his fellow-citizens in all matters of general importance.

Lorin B. Aldrich.—This well known citizen of Steuben county has been connected with one business plant at Addison about fifty-one years and has for the same length of time been a contractor of sash, doors and blinds. He was born at Plymouth, Chenango county, New York, March 29, 1834, a son of Ethan Aldrich, a native of Rhode Island, who came to Addison, bringing his family, about 1844. His wife (Esther Brewer), a native of Chenango county, bore him eight children, of whom Lorin was the fourth in order of nativity. Mr. Aldrich was a farmer during his active years, but retired to Elmira, where he and his wife both passed away.

Mr. Aldrich was about ten years old when his parents took up their residence at Addison. He attended common schools as a boy,

and in 1860, when he was about twenty-six years of age, became connected with the business of McKay and Bliss, whose plant has been absorbed in that of the Park, Winton and True Company. Two years later he began contracting. For half a century he has been in the same position with successive firms on the same ground, performing the same duties, each year confronting a task larger and of more responsibility than that which he had confronted the year before, until now he is with the Park, Winton and True Company, one of the largest of its kind in the country. He has long been active in the affairs of his village, township and county. He was a member of the corporation board of Addison fourteen years, six years of the time as its president, and he was twenty years on the school board, and has for twenty years been a trustee of the public library. In his politics he is Republican. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and is high in Odd Fellowship, with which he has been affiliated thirty-five years. He has been married twice, first to Huldah Houghtelling, who bore him two children, named Carmitia and Ermine. The first wife is deceased, and he has married Ella Roberts, of Elmira, by whom he has a son named Harold.

ALONZO A. JACOBS.—He whose name initiates this article is incumbent of the position of engineer and general mechanician for the Gunlocke Furniture & Chair Company, one of the prominent industrial concerns of the thriving little city of Wayland. He has been a resident of this section of the old Empire state from the time of his nativity and has so ordered his course as to retain the unqualified confidence and regard of all who know him. Concerning the family history more specific data may be found in the sketch of the career of his brother, John A. Jacobs, on other pages of this work.

Alonzo Albert Jacobs was born in Springwater township, Livingston county, New York, on the 10th of June, 1872, and is a son of Elias Jacobs, who was a prosperous farmer and highly honored citizen of this section of the state. Mr. Jacobs passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm and gained his early educational discipline in the public schools. He continued to be concerned with the work of the home farm until he had attained to his legal majority and shortly afterward he purchased an interest in a threshing outfit, with the operation of which he continued to be identified for eight years. In 1899, fortified with the practical experience thus gained, Mr. Jacobs established his home in Wayland and assumed the position of engineer of the power house of the electric light system. One year later he secured a similar position at the plant of the Gunlocke Furniture & Chair Company, of this place, and this incumbency he retained for three years. He then removed to Cohocton, this county, where he erected and equipped a canning factory, with the operation of which he was actively identified for the ensuing three years. He passed the following eighteen months as engineer for the Wayland electric light plant and then assumed his

present position as engineer and general mechanician for the Gunlocke Furniture & Chair Company, with which he had previously been employed. Mr. Jacobs is found arrayed under the banner of the Democratic party, but has never had aught of ambition for public office.

In the year 1895 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Jacobs to Miss Carrie Belle Kimball, who was born and reared in Steuben county and who is a daughter of Sylvester and Lydia (Schutt) Kimball, who now reside in the village of Wayland, where the father is living retired after many years of earnest effort as one of the representative farmers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have five children, namely: Ruth May, Vera Catherine, Roy Albert, Dorena and Lillian Lydia.

WILLIS L. HAMILTON, a manufacturer of Campbell, Steuben county, New York, was born there April 14, 1860. John D. Hamilton, his father, a native of the state of New York, settled there in the middle of the last century and established a tannery at Curtis. He established another at Campbell and a large one at Emporium, Pennsylvania, and had an interest in a leather store at Boston, Massachusetts, where some of his products were marketed. As a Republican he was several times elected supervisor of the township of Campbell. As a member of the Presbyterian church he was liberal in its upbuilding and support. In a general way it may be said of him that he was a man of much public spirit, who contributed generously toward the support and promotion of all causes having for their object the enhancement of the general good. He died at his home in Campbell, aged sixty-two. Lewis Hamilton, his father, grandfather of Willis L. Hamilton, was of Scotch extraction and was among the pioneers in Steuben county. John D. Hamilton married Miss Harriett Lovell, who died, leaving a son and a daughter. The latter is Mrs. Sarah H. Pope, of Campbell.

Willis L. Hamilton was reared and educated in Steuben county and early in life became associated with his father in the management of the latter's business, of which he was sole owner and manager after his father's death till he closed it out to the United States Leather Company. About 1886 he engaged in the manufacture of wood alcohol at Newton, McKean county, Pennsylvania. His business is one of the largest of its kind in the country and is constantly growing.

Mr. Hamilton married Mary E. Platt, a daughter of C. F. and Mary E. Platt, of Painted Post, New York. They have a daughter, Harriet, who married Henry E. Joint, of Campbell. Mr. Hamilton is a stanch Republican and a Son of the American Revolution. Following in his father's footsteps, he is open-handedly helpful to all worthy local interests at Campbell.

ANDREW REDSECKER.—Among the loyal and public-spirited business men of Steuben county, New York, Andrew Redsecker holds a secure place in popular confidence and esteem. Though a native

of Germany, his patriotism to the land of his adoption has ever been of the most insistent order. He gave valiant service as a soldier in the Civil war, as did also his father and three brothers, and his entire life course has been marked by upright honesty and sterling integrity of character. He was born in Germany, and the date of his nativity was March 17, 1838. His father, Nicholas Redsecker, was a coachman in a noble family in the fatherland, and there was solemnized his marriage to Miss Barbara Strauss, who was summoned to the life eternal in 1907, at the age of eighty-seven years. They became the parents of twelve boys and two girls and of the number Andrew was the only one born in Germany. Nicholas Redsecker emigrated with his family to America in 1845, at which time Andrew was about seven years of age. They settled near Patchinsville, this county, where the father engaged in farming, and he became a man of prominence in public affairs in the early days. At the time of the inception of the Civil war he enlisted as a private in Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-first New York Volunteer Infantry, and he sacrificed his life in the cause of the country, as he was killed in 1864 at the battle of Gettysburg, at which time he was fifty years of age. Four of his sons likewise gave gallant service in defense of the Union and three of them were killed.

Andrew Redsecker received his rudimentary education in the common schools of Steuben county and he is now the only one living in the family of fourteen children. He was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm, in whose work he early began to assist his father. When nine years of age he left the farm and entered the employ of Dr. Patchin, serving as a hired man for a period of five years. After his father's death he was drafted for one hundred days' service in Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-first New York Volunteer Infantry, his command being assigned to the Army of the Potomac, under General Grant. He served until the close of the war and was mustered out of service on the 14th of April, 1865. Thereafter he initiated his independent business career as an hotel man in Wayland and he continued to be engaged in this line of enterprise for a period of five years, at the expiration of which time his hotel burned down. He then engaged as an agent in the tombstone and undertaking business, with headquarters at Wayland, and he has been identified with this most important field of endeavor during the long intervening years to the present time. He is a stanch Republican in his political convictions and he has aided materially in the progress and development of this section of the state. He is a charter member of Wayland Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and his religious views are in accordance with the tenets of the German Lutheran church, in whose faith he was reared. In public life he is fair, honorable and outspoken—in private life he is true, kind and tender and at all times, under all circumstances he is just, loyal and markedly courteous. He is a man of most generous impulses and his charity knows only the bounds of his opportunities.

In 1860 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Redsecker to Miss Catherine Wolfinger, and to them were born ten children, four of whom are now living, namely: John, who is engaged as a baker at Rochester, New York; Henry, who is in Rochester; Catherine, who is the wife of Casper Schultz, of Livingston county; and Rose, who is unmarried, resides in the city of Rochester. Mr. Redsecker married in 1884, Matilda Richard, who died in 1902, leaving one step-child, Nettie Richard, known as Nettie Redsecker. She was raised by Mr. Redsecker.

HENRY V. PRATT, lawyer and ex-president of Wayland, is one of the best known citizens and Democrats of his part of Steuben county, New York. He was born at Prattsburg, Steuben county, February 5, 1865, a son of William B. Pratt, late of Prattsburg, deceased, and a great-grandson of Captain Joel Pratt, the first settler in the town of Prattsburg. His mother occupies the old Pratt homestead, where he was born and which has been in the Pratt family more than a century. Two brothers, William B. and Ira C. Pratt, live at Prattsburg, and two sisters, the Misses Emily B. and Alice C. Pratt, are members of their mother's household.

Henry V. Pratt attended Franklin Academy at Prattsburg, where he was duly graduated in 1885. In 1890 he was graduated from Cornell University and in 1891 was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of his profession at Wayland in February, 1892, and has there won a commendable success. From 1894 to 1906 he was junior member of the law firm of Clark & Pratt, the other member of the firm being William W. Clark, now a justice of the supreme court. He has been a director of the First National Bank of Wayland since it was incorporated and is interested in one way or another with other enterprises at Wayland in the country round about. He is now and for many years has been corporation attorney for Wayland, served as president of the village, and is high in the counsels of the Democratic party in Steuben county.

In 1896 Mr. Pratt married Miss Amelia C. Folts, of Wayland, daughter of George Folts, now at Pasadena, California, but formerly a merchant at Wayland. Two children have been born to them: Kathryn C., born October 31, 1897, died September 12, 1899; Schuyler B. was born October 31, 1902.

In many ways Mr. Pratt has demonstrated the public spirit that makes him so good and patriotic a citizen. In all his career at Wayland, covering a period of nearly a score of years, he has never failed to yield hearty co-operation and support to any measure that has appealed to him as likely to be conducive to the public good. In office and out of office he has done all that has been within his power to advance the best interests of his fellow citizens, and especially as an official has he commended himself by his fidelity and indefatigable devotion to public duty to the good opinion of all who have watched his course with commendation of his past and friendly predictions of success for his future.

H. Burr Willard, druggist and postmaster, Campbell, Steuben county, was born at Hornell, September 1, 1849. His father, Henry G. Willard, a native of Worcester, Massachusetts, was brought as a little boy to Steuben county by his parents. Stephen Willard, father of Henry G. and grandfather of H. Burr Willard, came of an old Massachusetts family and was a pioneer in Steuben county. He located in Thurston township about 1832, having bought a large tract of land there. He bought much timber land and came in time to own many thousand acres. He was a blacksmith by trade, and also owned land, but he himself, did very little farming. Henry G. Willard resided in Steuben county until 1867, when he moved to a farm near Lansing, Michigan. His wife was Miss Jane Love Eddy, a native of Tompkins county, New York. They had three sons and a daughter, all of whom grew to maturity.

H. Burr Willard, the eldest of the children just mentioned, remembers his removal with his father's family to Cameron Mills when he was about nine years old. A year later they moved from Cameron Mills to Thurston. At fourteen he went to Bath, where he remained some years. Going to Michigan, he attended the agricultural college at Lansing, and remained with his father until he attained to his majority. After living about a year and a half in Kansas he went to Avon, New York. In 1873 he returned to Steuben county and in 1874 entered upon employment in the Curtis lumber office at Curtis, New York, in which he continued some years. In 1883 he located at Campbell, engaging in the drug trade, in which he has since continued with much success. He has been postmaster there since 1899. He has been in business twenty-eight years in Campbell.

Mr. Willard married Miss Amelia Northrup, daughter of Norman and Marilla (Harwood) Northrup, representatives of a family long prominent in the county, closely identified with its earlier history. They have four children. Harriet married E. C. Peebles, of Springfield, Massachusetts. George Northrup Willard lives in New York city. Frances is Mrs. Darius L. Dean, of New York city. May is a member of her parents' household. A strict and active Republican, Mr. Willard is influential in local affairs. He was for many years a member and a part of the time president of the school board, and held the office of supervisor six years. He is president of the Hope Cemetery Association and a member of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church. In all ways in which a man of broad views may do so, he has demonstrated his public spirit, and it has had much to do with the advance of Campbell during the two decades last passed.

Peter Johannes Kimmel.—The commercial interests of Wayland are in part vested in the capable hands of Peter Johannes Kimmel, who is one of the important factors in the Kimmel Hardware Company, one of the thriving business interests of this progressive and up-to-date center. He is a native of the place, his birth having

occurred here on September 15, 1871, and his parents being Martin and Clara (Vogt) Kimmel. The father had his nativity in Germany, that country which has given to America one of her finest sources of emigration, and shortly after becoming a citizen of the land of the stars and stripes he settled in South Danville, and made his living as a day laborer. He married and gave to the state a number of boys and girls who developed into good citizens and who are, to enumerate, as follows: Martin, a farmer residing near Wayland; John, of Wayland, manager of the Cohocton Canning Company; Frank, a farmer living near Wayland; Jacob, of the Cohocton Canning Company; Catherine, who married Edward Ritz, engaged in the tailoring business in Rochester; Anna, wife of William Sanbier, a resident of Wayland; Clara, wife of Frederick Schmitz, of Wayland; Elizabeth, bookkeeper and cashier of the Kimmel Hardware Company, and Helen, who resides upon the old homestead.

Peter Johannes Kimmel received a public school education, attending both the common and high school of Wayland and later securing employment with the company of Whitted & Jervis, dealers in dry goods, with whom he remained in the capacity of clerk for four years. Ambitious for a more thorough education Mr. Kimmel matriculated at the Canisius College in the city of Buffalo and pursued his studies at that institution. His father had established a dry goods business and upon his return home he entered the store and remained for a year. He then left for Cohocton, where a branch hardware store had been opened by the Kimmels, and for two years he had charge of this branch, showing a great deal of executive capacity for a young man of his years. He subsequently bought his brother's interest at Cohocton. The Wayland house had been changed to M. Kimmel & Sons and it thus remained until March, 1909, when the business was incorporated as the present firm, known as the Kimmel Hardware Company, which consists of Mr. Kimmel and his brothers, John and Jacob, the subject serving in the capacities of secretary and treasurer. He was associated with his father for eleven years and greatly profited by that gentleman's excellent commercial ideas. His interests are not limited to the hardware enterprise, but likewise extend to the Cohocton Canning Company, which was founded by himself, his father and his brothers, John and Martin.

Mr. Kimmel inaugurated a happy and congenial life companionship, when on December 4, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Merz, who was born in 1871. She is a daughter of Christian Merz, a native of Cohocton, and a mason and contractor by trade. To Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel has been born one child, a son, Cornelius, born November 17, 1896, and now in attendance at the high school of Wayland. Mr. Kimmel and his wife and son are members of St. Joseph's church and the former belong to the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. His political inclinations are with the Democratic party, but he is not an office seeker, having no desire for the honors and emoluments of public station.

FRANK R. AULLS, proprietor of the Campbell Roller Mills, was born in Bradford, Steuben county, August 7, 1878. Frank Aulls, his father, born near Urbana, this county, was reared, educated and married in "Old Steuben." His father, Ephraim Aulls, was born in Connecticut, became a pioneer in Steuben county and settled at Pleasant Valley as a farmer and lumberman. Frank Aulls, a farmer and lumberman in his turn, married Mary E. Rowlett in Wayne, Steuben county, in 1863. She was a daughter of the Rev. James Rowlett, a native of Scotland and educated in Dublin. He early settled in Steuben county, where he labored as a minister of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Aulls died, aged fifty-three years. His widow is living at Bath in 1910. They had five children. Leslie died at the age of twenty-four. Fred died when he was eight years old. Velnett married Dr. J. P. Longwell, of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, and died when she was about thirty-four. Anna is the wife of D. Beach Bryan, deputy postmaster at Bath. Frank R. Aulls, youngest of this family of children, lived in Bradford until he was twenty-one years old, attending the common schools there and the Haverling High School at Bath. After farming about two years he built a feed mill at Bradford in 1898. He operated it about two years, then sold it and in 1900 bought the water-power roller mills at Campbell, which have a daily capacity of fifty barrels of wheat flour and thirty-five barrels of buckwheat flour. He is interested also in the Steuben County Creamery at Campbell.

In 1900 Mr. Aulls married Miss May Charlton, of Peekskill, New York, who died in 1906.. His present wife, whom he married in 1909, was Miss Marguerite E. Cox, daughter of William O. and Anna E. Cox, of Cleveland, Ohio, and a native of that city. He is a Republican, active and influential in the local work of his party, and a member of the Campbell school board. An alert, up-to-date business man, he is at the same time a public-spirited citizen, generous in support of all progressive movements.

VINCENT L. TRIPP.—The subject of this sketch, Vincent Leroy Tripp, was born at Cohocton, New York, October 24, 1869. As a lad he removed with his parents to Cambridge, Maryland, in 1876, where he attended the boys' school. Later the family returned to New York state and became residents of Hammondsport, which nestles among the vine-clad hills at the head of Lake Keuka. It was here he grew to young manhood, attending the Hammondsport High School, formerly the old academy.

In 1887 Mr. Tripp entered the office of the *Hammondsport Herald,* then as now ably conducted by Llewellyn H. Brown, to learn the newspaper and printing business. Upon the completion of his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman printer in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Buffalo and other cities. In 1892 he went from Buffalo, where he was employed in the office of the *Buffalo Express,* to Atlanta, New York, where with his brother, Milton R. Tripp, as a partner he purchased and conducted the *At-*

lanta News. In the following year, 1893, the business was removed to Cohocton, New York, and the name of the paper changed to the *Cohocton Index.* This partnership continued until 1899, when, owing to poor health, his brother sold his interest in the business to Mr. Tripp, who has since successfully conducted it. In October, 1902, Mr. Tripp bought the plant and good will of the *Cohocton Valley Times,* which was established in 1871, and consolidated that paper with the *Index,* changing the name to the *Cohocton Valley Times-Index,* under which title it is still published.

The building which is the present home of the paper was purchased by Mr. Tripp in 1908. The paper enjoys a wide circulation and holds the good will of its readers to a remarkable degree. It is printed all at home on its own presses and in its own building. The job printing department has attained a splendid reputation for the execution of artistic printing.

Mr. Tripp was united in marriage with Miss Emma Zimmer, December 6, 1893, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Zimmer. Mr. Zimmer is a prominent vineyardist of Lake Keuka, New York. To this union one son, Harold Curtis Tripp, was born November 27, 1896. He died January 30, 1911, after a short illness with scarlet fever, being fourteen years of age.

To glance at the parentage of Mr. Tripp, he is the son of Sidney Reynolds and Jane Jenks Tripp, both natives of the Empire state, but now residents of Delta, Colorado. The former was born in Cohocton, New York, and the latter in Sparta, New York. The family of Sidney R. and Jane Tripp consisted of six children, four of whom survive at the present day. Bertha S. is a trained nurse at Delta, Colorado; Vincent L. is the subject of this sketch and resides at Cohocton, New York; Milton R. is engaged in the poultry business at Delta, Colorado, and Earl C. conducts a newspaper at Kennewick, Washington.

Mr. Tripp's paternal grandfather was Job Tripp, a native of Seneca county, New York. The Tripp family history in this country dates back to the early settlement of Rhode Island.

MONROE D. RAY.—For a number of years has Monroe David Ray been actively identified with the viticultural interests of Steuben county, New York. Energetic, enterprising and successful in a material way, he is also honored and respected as a citizen, and has so indelibly stamped his individuality upon the community as to become a potential factor in its civic and public affairs. Mr. Ray was born in Pulteney, Steuben county, New York, on the 7th of May, 1887, a son of Thomas and Minnie (Hughes) Ray, both of whom were residents of Pulteney, New York, at the time of their marriage. Thomas Ray claims Port Hope, province of Ontario, Canada, as the place of his birth, the day of his nativity being May 17, 1860, and the mother was born at Mexico, Oswego county, New York, on the 5th of January, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ray now reside at Hammondsport, the father being a vineyardist by occupation, and their only child is him whose name initiates this review.

Monroe D. Ray was reared to adult age in the place of his birth and as a youth he attended the district schools, rounding out his education by a course of two years in the high school at Hammondsport. When sixteen years of age he entered the office of the Columbia Wine Company, at Hammondsport, in the capacity of clerk and at the present time he has risen to the important position of bookkeeper in this thriving industrial concern. The Columbia concern is one of the most important of its class in the town. In politics Mr. Ray accords an unswerving allegiance to the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor; he is a man of great public spirit and one who lets no opportunity pass to aid to the extent of his ability any movement which in his good judgment promises to benefit a considerable number of his fellow citizens. Fraternally he is affiliated with Keuka Tribe, No. 386, Improved Order of Red Men, and he is also connected with the Hammondsport Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1. In his religious faith Mr. Ray is a devout communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which he is a member of St. James' parish, at Hammondsport.

HENRY B. NEWELL.—For fully three decades was Henry B. Newell engaged in the newspaper business at Wayland, Steuben county, New York, and during that time he was editor of the *Union Advertiser,* which was a paper of broad influence in this section of the state. He was born in Wayne county, New York, on the 4th of July, 1847, and is a son of Cyrus and Sally (Edwards) Newell, both of whom were born at Sodus, New York, and both are now deceased. The father was a shoe manufacturer by trade and he settled at Avoca, Steuben county, in 1848. Some time later he removed to Wayland, where he erected a tannery, the first and for a number of years the only tannery in Wayland. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Newell became the parents of eight children, seven of whom are now living. The father was summoned to eternal rest in 1908 at the patriarchal age of ninety-five years and his devoted wife passed away February 8, 1898, at the age of seventy-four years. Both were prominent and influential citizens in this county during their lives and they held a secure place in popular confidence and esteem.

Henry B. Newell, the immediate subject of this review, received his early educational training in the public schools of Steuben county and he was apprenticed at the shoemaker's trade for a period of two years, at the expiration of which he was associated with his father in the work at the tannery for the ensuing three years. Thereafter he turned his attention to the newspaper business and in 1874 he became editor of the *Union Advertiser,* at Wayland, which he continued to conduct for thirty years. Under his management the *Union Advertiser* became one of the most important publications in Steuben county, and it is now run by other parties, who purchased it at the time of Mr. Newell's retirement, in 1904. During the last few years Mr. Newell has been engaged in literary work, writing extensively for many of the best periodicals in the country.

In politics he endorses the cause of the Democratic party and he is affiliated with many fraternal and social organizations of representative order. His religious faith is in harmony with the tenets of the United church, and he has ever been a liberal contributor to all matters projected for the good of humanity. He is a man of fine mentality and broad information, is possessed of considerable literary talent and is public-spirited and loyal in the largest sense of the word.

Catherine, wife of Mr. Newell, was born at Sandy Hill (this county) in 1852. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Engel, reside in Wayland. He is over ninety years of age and his wife some years younger. Eight children were born to them, and all yet survive. Two children were born to Henry B. Newell and his wife, Katie, born in 1882, and Julia, born in 1886, both living.

MARTIN A. TUTTLE, who has been for nearly fifty years one of the active citizens of Hornell, was born in Columbus, Chenango county, March 2, 1842. His ancestors immigrated from England in 1635 and settled in New England. His grandfather, Uri Tuttle, was one of the pioneers of this state, having moved from Connecticut to Columbus, Chenango county, in 1798, where he made a home for himself and family. He died in 1859. His father, Harley Tuttle, was an active and prominent man in his native town. He died in 1851, aged forty-four years.

Mr. Tuttle's mother was Alma M. Adsit, a daughter of Leonard Adsit and Fannie Davenport, also pioneers of Chenango county. His mother died in 1843 at the age of thirty-three years, leaving six children. Alma M. Adsit's maternal ancestors were English and her grandfather, Noah Davenport, served as a private soldier during the Revolution; her paternal ancestors were Welch, and her grandfather, Martin Adsit, and her great-grandfather Benjamin Adsit, were soldiers of the Revolution.

Martin A. Tuttle, the youngest child, received his education in the common school of his native town. Taking charge of the home farm at sixteen years of age, from that time he has passed a life of continued activities. In 1864 he came to Hornellsville and entered the general store of Martin Adsit & Co. as clerk. In 1868 he became a member of the firm of Adsit & Tuttle. In 1874 this partnership was dissolved. Mr. Tuttle with Messrs. John and Ira Davenport of Bath, having the year before bought the Erastus Stevens farm in the southern part of the village of Hornellsville, which they laid out into city lots with Mr. Tuttle in charge.

Six years later the dry goods firm of M. A. Tuttle & Co. was formed, L. W. Rockwell being the company. In 1882 a branch store was started in Wellsville. The following year Mr. Rockwell withdrew from the firm, taking the Wellsville store. In 1889 the firm of Tuttle & Rockwell Bros. was formed, which was a few years later incorporated as the Tuttle & Rockwell Co. with M. A. Tuttle, president, and L. W. Rockwell, treasurer.

Mr. Tuttle's activities in other lines have been numerous, as farmer, produce buyer, temperance advocate, president of the Business Men's Association, member of Board of Managers for Hornell Fair, and of the Hornell Chamber of Commerce, at present president of the Maple City Land Co. of Hornell. As an active party Prohibitionist he has done much hard work in no license campaigns and for the Prohibition party.

In 1869 he married Malene Hart, daughter of Charles N. and Eliza Allen Hart of Hornellsville, who were among the earliest settlers of the town of Hartsville, where Mr. Hart became prominent as an extensive lumber dealer and buyer of fat stock. The town of Hartsville takes its name from the Hart family. Both the Harts and Allens are of English origin and were represented in the Continental Army by Jeremiah Hart and Barnabas Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle are the parents of ten children, eight of whom are now living. As follows,—Alma E. (Mrs. Mark H. Milne), Madelia Hart, Gertrude S., Charles N., Marion Bell, Abbie Allen, Edith A. (Mrs. Adam L. Davidson), Ruth Hart.

ALLEN M. BURRELL is one of the veteran attorneys of Steuben county, a man of ability and sterling character, whose record of more than half a century is an ornament to the profession. Now, crowned with years and honor, he is gradually transferring his practice to his son, Charles Burrell, who is in partnership with him; the firm of Burrell & Burrell enjoying high prestige in Steuben county. Mr. Burrell is a native son of New York, his birth having occurred at Lansing, Tompkins county, April 8, 1828.

Allen Burrell spent his early years on a farm near Greenwood, in Steuben county, and there acquired those habits of industry and thrift which have insured his success in life. At a later date he was associated with his brother in the carriage building industry, their establishment being in the village of Greenwood. It was successfully conducted for some seven years. During this period Mr. Burrell commenced to realize his youthful ambition by reading law with Hon. Martin Grover and Lewis Simons, who were then engaged in the practice of their profession at Angelica, Alleghany county, as among the foremost members of the bar of that section of the state.

In the fall of 1854 Mr. Burrell became a resident of Hornell, concluding his law studies in the office of John K. Hale, a well known attorney of that place, and in December of the year named was admitted to the bar at Rochester. Having mastered his profession, in 1855 he entered into another distinct phase of his life by marrying; and still another in the spring of 1860, when he moved to Canisteo, which has since been his home and the main field of his professional advancement. As before mentioned, his son Charles is in partnership with him; the junior member of the firm also holds the office of justice of the peace. In politics Allen M. Burrell is a Republican.

In the month of June, 1855, Mr. Burrell's happy married and domestic life was inaugurated by his union with Mary A. McClay, whose father was a prosperous dairyman of Greenwood, and the parents have been residents of Canisteo since May 10, 1860. During this period of more than half a century, both they and their children have earned deep respect and high honor. Two of their offspring died in infancy, the living sons and daughter being Glen, Harry, Ella, William and Charles. The only daughter of the family married Fred C. Goff, a resident of Racine, Wisconsin.

JOHN MILNE.—The parents of John Milne were born in Scotland and many of the good traits associated with the citizens of that country belong to him. In every nook and corner of the wide world the traveler will find the Scotchman; everywhere plodding, patient, determined, steadfast, reliable, prosperous. It is of such stock that this estimable business man, engaged in gas plumbing and fitting, comes, and the name alone would divulge the secret of his nationality. David Milne was born in Glasgow, and the mother, Catherine McDougall Milne, in another part of the land of the thistle. When they were still young people they emigrated to the Land of Promise lying across the Atlantic and their union was solemnized in Oswego, New York. David Milne was engaged in business similar to that which occupies his son, the subject of this sketch, for he was a builder of gas light plants. He was superintendent of a gas light plant at the time of his death, which occurred in 1873.

John Milne was born on February 15, 1867. He received his education in Hornell and early concluded to follow in the paternal footsteps in the matter of choosing his life work. In 1871, when he was a lad about fourteen years of age, he began to learn this important and intricate business in which so much skill is required. The steadiness of his race has been with him and he has climbed up the ladder, until he is now the superintendent of the Hornell Gas-Light Company and has filled this position since May, 1896.

Mr. Milne laid the foundation of a happy household by his marriage on May 30, 1889, to Miss Hannah Haggerty, a daughter of Jeremiah and Katherine Haggerty. Three children are growing up beneath their roof, these being: Chester, born in 1900; Mary, born February 28, 1905; and Julia Ann, born on December 18, 1908.

The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Milne is Catholic. The head of the house gives his support to the men and measures of the Democratic party and is interested in the issues of the day. He holds membership in the Royal Arcanum. He is a thoroughly self-made man. His father died when he was a boy and left his mother with eight small children. Every one who was old enough, and some who were not, had to help in the struggle to keep the wolf away from the door and all of them have been prospered by their hard work, industry and integrity. Mr. Milne is a respected citizen and commands the respect of all who know him. A brother of Mr. Milne is an Episcopal clergyman, and another brother is a dentist in

Rochester, New York; one brother is in the gas and plumbing business, and there are two unmarried sisters.

IRA EGELSTON has been a resident of Steuben county from the time of his nativity and is a scion of one of the old and honored families of this county, with whose history the name has been identified for more than a century. He is the owner of a fine landed estate, in Pulteney township, and he still gives a general supervision to its work, though he maintains his residence in the village during the winter seasons.

Mr. Egelston was born in Pulteney township on the 9th of May, 1849, and is a son of Thomas and Betsey M. (Clark) Egelston. His father was likewise born in Pulteney township, in the year 1812, and was a son of Benjamin Egelston, who likewise was born in the same township, a fact that clearly indicates that the family was founded in Steuben county in the very early pioneer epoch. The parents of Mr. Egelston continued to reside in Prattsburg township until their death and were folk of sterling characteristics, ever holding a secure place in popular confidence and esteem in the community.

Ira Egelston was reared to the discipline of the home farm and he has never found it expedient to sever his allegiance to the great basic industry of agriculture, in connection with which he has achieved distinctive success and carried forward the work instituted by his father and grandfather in the earlier days. His educational advantages were those afforded by the district schools of his native township and he has long been numbered among its successful farmers and stock-growers. He is a substantial capitalist and he takes a lively interest in all that touches the welfare of the county that has so long represented his home and to the development and upbuilding of which he has contributed his due quota.

In politics Mr. Egelston has been actively identified with the Republican party from the time of attaining to his legal majority and he has been influential in connection with its affairs in his home county. He served from 1901 to 1909 as supervisor of his native township but has never been ambitious for public office. Though not formally identified with any religious organization he attends and is a liberal supporter of the Presbyterian church, of which his wife is a zealous member. He is affiliated with Hornell Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in the village of Hornell.

Mr. Egelston was married to Miss Anna DeKay, who was born and reared in Pulteney township. Mr. and Mrs. Egelston have one son, P. T., who was born in April, 1872, and who now has practical charge of his father's farm; he married Miss Eva Gibson, of Pulteney township.

GILBERT K. ELLIS, M. D.—Though he has been engaged in the practice of his profession but a short time in Pulteney township Dr. Ellis has gained distinctive popularity both as a physician and

surgeon and as a citizen of utmost loyalty and public spirit. He maintains his home in the village of Pulteney and his practice is of a distinctively representative character, giving him prestige as one of the successful physicians and surgeons of Steuben county.

Dr. Ellis was born at Clayton, Jefferson county, New York, on the 29th of May, 1857, and after availing himself of the advantages of the public schools of his native town he continued his studies for some time in Hillsdale College, at Hillsdale, Michigan, to which state his parents removed when he was very young. In preparation for the work of his chosen profession he entered the medical department of the celebrated University of Michigan, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1887, and from which he received his well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine. He initiated the practice of his profession in Erie county, New York, and thereafter followed his professional work at different points in the west. He finally returned to his native state and in April, 1910, he established his home at Pulteney, Steuben county, where he has since continued the work of his profession with unqualified success. He is a member of the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. The doctor is a close student of his profession and keeps in touch with the advances made in both medicine and surgery. In politics he accords a stanch allegiance to the cause of the Republican party and he is affiliated with Pulteney Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In the year 1879 was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Ellis to Miss Sparks, who was born and reared at New York, and the three children of this union are George L., Belle J. and R. A.

HENRY R. BARDEEN.—This life long citizen of Steuben county was born in the town of Prattsburg, November 17, 1837, a son of Moses and Margaret (Edson) Bardeen. His parents, natives of Massachusetts, were early settlers there and acquired about three hundred acres of land. His father was a soldier under the stars and stripes in the War of 1812 and became a man of recognized influence in this part of the county. He was twice married. His second wife bore him nine children, as follows: Edna, Mary Ann, Luther, Catharine, Moses, Edmund, Olive, Letitia and Henry R. Edna is dead. Olive is the wife of Thomas Cornish, of Rochester, New York.

Henry R. was reared on the home farm and sent to the common school near by. In September, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Civil war in Company C, One Hundred and Eighty-eighth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and was in active warfare till the end of the struggle. He participated in six engagements, including that at Stony Creek. Returning to Steuben county in October, 1865, he began farming on the land he now occupies and has made a notable success which marks him as one of the best farmers in the north part of Steuben county.

December 29, 1860, Mr. Bardeen married Ellen Smith, a native of Schuyler county, New York, who has borne him children as fol-

lows: Charles, Emma, Herbert, Elmer, Orpha, Ella May, Bertha, Carrie. Ella May and Bertha are dead. Carrie is the wife of Frank Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Bardeen are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Prattsburg, and are among the foremost of those who contribute to its support and promote its advancement. Mr. Bardeen has been active in connection with Grange No. 12, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is proud. In his political alliances he is stanchly Republican. He owns two hundred acres of land four miles northwest of Prattsburg, well improved and with a good residence and ample barns and other storage facilities. Until his retirement he worked at various times as a carpenter.

STERLING T. BOYD is one of the popular native sons of Steuben county, where he is now incumbent of the office of game and fish commissioner, in which he is giving most discriminating and effective service. He resides on the fine old homestead on which he was born, in Pulteney township, and here gives his attention to diversified agriculture, the while he finds ample demands upon his time in connection with his official duties. He is a young man of marked ability and enjoys unalloyed popularity in the county which has been his home from the time of his nativity.

Sterling T. Boyd was born in Pulteney township on the 26th of May, 1884, and is a son of George and Adell (Wagener) Boyd, the former of whom was likewise born in Pulteney township. George Boyd became one of the successful agriculturists and grape-growers of Pulteney township, where he continued to reside until his death, on the 13th of January, 1910, and his wife still resides in the old homestead. George Boyd was a man of sterling character and was influential in legal affairs of a public nature. He made his life count for good in all its relations and his death was uniformly deplored in the community which had been the place of his abode throughout his entire life. He was Republican in his political proclivities.

Upon the homestead where he now resides Sterling T. Boyd was reared to maturity and after completing the curriculum of the district school he continued his studies in Cook's Academy. After leaving school he was employed for a time as clerk in a hardware store at Bath and later there came due recognition of his popular and specific eligibility when he was appointed to his present office of fish and game commissioner of Steuben county. He was reared in the faith of the Republican party and has never deviated from his allegiance thereto. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and he still remains with his widowed mother at the old homestead, which is endeared to him by the memories and associations of the past.

MRS. MARION (HAMPTON) WEBB, of Hornell, is a native of Livingston county, New York, and was born July 1, 1854, a daughter

of Philo and Clarissa (Wright) Hampton. Her father, also a native of Livingston county, New York, born in 1831, was a fine mechanic who gave his attention to mill-wrighting as a specialty. In his political affiliations he was a Republican. Of a domestic turn of mind, he never aspired to a public life and never sought or accepted political office. He united with the Baptist church when he was eighteen years old and was a consistent member of that great religious body as long as he lived. Mrs. Clarissa (Wright) Hampton was born in Rochester, New York, February 5, 1829, and is living at Batavia, New York, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Philo Hampton was one of eleven children of his parents' family. The others were named Polly, John, Sabia, Thaddeus, Isaac, Sally, Fanny, Benjamin and Andrew, and one who died young. All of them are now deceased.

Marion Hampton and Shepherd Webb were married May 8, 1875. The following information concerning their children will be interesting in this connection. Wade Hampton Webb, born August, 1876, is a farmer. He enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-seventh New York Regiment, but got no nearer to the seat of hostilities than Camp Alger, where he was honorably discharged and mustered out. Herbert Webb was born March 3, 1879, and married Miss Alma McCrevey May 7, 1909. He is a locomotive engineer and they live at Fitzgerald, Georgia. Anna was born April 23, 1881, and died January 8, 1886.

Peter Bricks.—A respected farmer and a man well known not only in Perkinsville, where he now makes his home, but throughout the county, is Peter Bricks. He is a native of Germany, in which country he was born in 1843. His parents, Anthony and Mary (Backus) Bricks, became citizens of the United States in 1846, Mr. Bricks being but three years old at the time they crossed the Atlantic. They lived for a while in South Dansville, but eventually the father bought fifty acres of land west of Wayland in Wayland township, where he farmed on a limited scale. He lived here until his death in 1873, his widow surviving him for twenty-two years. This couple were the parents of five children, Stephen, Margaret, John, Peter and Elizabeth, Peter being the only one alive at the present time.

Mr. Bricks gained his education in the public schools of Steuben county and while a lad learned the trade of harness maker, which he followed until his enlistment at the time of the Civil war. This was in 1864, in which year he became a member of the military band attached to the Second Brigade, Twenty-second Army Corps. He received honorable discharge at the close of the rebellion. Upon his return home he abandoned his trade and took up agriculture, in which he has proved eminently successful. He has accumulated one hundred and ninety-seven acres in three separate tracts, this constituting a very valuable property. Mr. Bricks operates his farms in the most modern style, using scientific methods and the most improved implements. He also has various other holdings.

Mr. Bricks has been excise commissioner four times and four times assessor, the latter office being held by him at the present time. He is an enthusiastic Grand Army man, being post commander of Theodore Slick Post, No. 314, of Wayland, New York. After he returned from army life he organized the Perkinsville Cornet Band of fourteen pieces, and he has held the leadership of this for over thirty years. This band is known far and wide for its excellence, this quality being in large part due to the vigilance and inspiration of its guiding spirit.

Mr. Bricks assumed marital ties on June 3, 1866, when he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Gross. Their union has been blessed by the birth of thirteen children, eight of whom are living, as follows: Nicholas, Elizabeth, Catherine, Joseph J., George, Mary, Theresa and William.

GEORGE P. ELLIS, Hornell, was born in Steuben county, August 28, 1860, a son of Albert and Matilda (Newson) Ellis, the former a native of Livingston county, New York. He was educated at Mt. Morris, Livingston county and began life on his own account as a farmer at the age of twenty years. His present farm of ninety-six acres he bought of Dr. Walker. He is a Republican in his political convictions, but takes little active part in political work and has no aspirations for office holding.

March 12, 1880, Mr. Ellis married Miss Diana McMichael, a daughter of Philip and Mary (Hyde) McMichael, both of whom are dead. The McMichaels are an old Pennsylvania family, and it was in the Keystone state that Mrs. Ellis' parents passed their lives, busy and useful people in their community. To Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have been born six children, named as follows in the order of their nativity: Mary, Lorin, Esther, Ira, Lee and Leo. The last mentioned is dead.

Mr. Ellis is a man of public spirit, who is ready at any time to do his full share for the advancement of any cause which in his opinion promises good to any considerable number of his fellow citizens. As a business man he is progressive and successful. He is of the type of man sometimes referred to as "forehanded," as is evidenced by the fact that he carries a good policy on his life in the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company.

NANCY S. CLARK was born at Naples, New York, November 21, 1833, a daughter of John L. and Sophia Clark, who were born in Ontario county of that state. The death of the father in 1835 and the passing away of the mother shortly afterward left the little daughter an orphan when but two years old, and she was then taken into the home of Mrs. George Wheeler and reared to the age of maturity. Of the eight children which were born to her foster parents, only a son, Jackson Wheeler, survives, and his home is in Kanona, New York, but he spends his winters in Florida. The Wheeler place, which is one of the oldest family estates in Steuben

county, is managed by a granddaughter of Mr. Wheeler, whose home is in Illinois. Miss Nancy S. Clark is a member of the Methodist church at Kanona, and is prominently associated with its Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies.

PHINEAS G. WARREN is a sterling representative of one of the fine old pioneer families of Steuben county and it is interesting to note here that the homestead on which both he and his father, Francis M. Warren were born, has been in the possession of various members of the name for more than a hundred years. On the 4th of March, 1865, in Bath township, this county, occurred the birth of him to whom this sketch is dedicated. He is a son of Francis M. and Sophia Willis (Howard) Warren, the former of whom was born on the 19th of August, 1838, and the latter on the 26th of March, 1841. The father was reared a farmer and his preliminary educational training included a course in the high school at Bath. He has now reached the venerable age of seventy-two years and now maintains his home with his son on the fine old ancestral estate, where resides also his wife, who is sixty-seven years of age. Francis M. Warren is a stanch Republican in his political proclivities and he and his wife are devout members of the Presbyterian church, in whose faith they were reared. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Warren are three, namely: Evangeline, who is the wife of F. E. Bradley, a farmer in Bath township; Adeline, who married James Little, also resides in Bath township; and Phineas G. is the immediate subject of this review.

The Warren family traces its ancestry back to stanch English extraction and the original progenitor of the name in America was one John Warren, who was born and reared to young manhood in England, whence he immigrated to the New World, in 1630, settling at Waltham, Massachusetts, where he became a prominent real estate and business man and where he wielded a potent influence for good in community affairs. His grandson, Jonathan, was born at Waltham, was a gallant soldier in the war of the Revolution and he died on the 4th of October, 1824, at Marlboro, Vermont. The latter's son Phineas was a major in the Twelfth Massachusetts Militia in the War of 1812 and in 1836 he was a colonel in the Ninety-sixth Massachusetts state militia. Dwight Warren, a brother of Francis M. Warren and an uncle of him to whom this sketch is dedicated, was first lieutenant in the One Hundred Eighty-ninth New York Volunteer Infantry in the Civil war and he is now living in retirement at Three Oaks, Berrien county, Michigan. The foregoing shows the remarkable loyalty and public-spirited interest ever manifested by members of the Warren family in matters affecting the welfare of the nation from earliest Colonial times.

Phineas G. Warren early availed himself of the advantages afforded in the common schools of his native place and then attended the high school at Bath, Steuben county. He has passed his entire life thus far on the old homestead farm on which he was

born and in addition to his general farming he makes a specialty of the raising of breeded poultry and of Holstein cattle. While he endorses the cause of the Republican party in all matters of national import he maintains an independent attitude in local affairs, preferring to give his support to men and measures meeting with the approval of his judgment. Although reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church he usually attends the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is a member. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Knights of the Maccabees and with the Grange.

On the 8th of March, 1894, at Fairport, Monroe county, New York, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Warren to Miss Lottie J. Havens, the only child of Francis M. and Phoebe (Hart) Havens, the former of whom was a mechanic in early life but who is now a retired farmer. He was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, participating in many of the important conflicts marking the progress of that sanguinary struggle, in which he served for a period of four years. Mrs. Warren is a high-school graduate and was afforded an excellent musical education in her girlhood. She is a woman of most pleasing personality and is deeply beloved by scores of admiring friends. To Mr. and Mrs. Warren have been born three children, namely: Hazel C., whose birth occurred on the 17th of March, 1895; Hilda, born February 22, 1898, and Dwight Francis, born on the 17th of September, 1904.

Mr. Warren is a man of broad and liberal views, there being nothing narrow or intolerant in his nature. He is enterprising and progressive in all the terms imply, lives in the present, and, taking a pardonable pride in his community and state, has faith in their future and uses his power and influence to make this faith realize the largest possibilities. Socially, he is an affable gentleman, genial in manner, agreeable in conversation, courteous to all with whom he mingles, and he impresses those with whom he has business or other relations as possessing a power of mind and force of personality indicative of the natural leader in large and important undertakings.

Emery A. Robinson.—It is pleasing to record in this publication that many of the native sons of Steuben county have here found ample scope for successful effort along industrial and commercial lines of enterprise and among this number is Mr. Robinson, who has been actively identified with agricultural pursuits from the time of his youth, save for a brief interval. Emery Adelbert Robinson was born in Dansville, this county, on the 5th of September, 1860, and is a son of Eliphalet and Susan (Kridler) Robinson, the former of whom was born in Steuben county, on the 31st of December, 1820, and the latter in Pennsylvania, in the year 1838. The father died on the 16th of December, 1893, and the mother passed away in the preceding year. The Robinson family is of stanch English extraction and was founded in New England in the colonial epoch of our national history. The Kridler family found representatives among the early citizens of the state of Pennsylvania and the

lineage is traced back to German origin. Eliphalet Robinson devoted his entire active business career to agricultural pursuits and he was one of the representative farmers and stock-growers of Steuben county for many years, having been the owner of a well improved farm in Dansville township. Of the children two sons and four daughters are now living.

Emery A. Robinson was reared to the sturdy discipline of the old homestead farm, which was the place of his birth, and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the district schools of Dansville township. He has never broken his allegiance to the great basic art of agriculture except for a period of five years, during which he was employed in the oil refinery of the Standard Oil Company at Franklin, this state. When he was seventeen years of age he initiated his independent career and for a long time he was employed by the month at farm work. In politics though never an aspirant for public office Mr. Robinson is found arrayed as a stanch supporter of the cause of the Democratic party and he shows a distinctive interest in local affairs, doing all in his power to further such measures and enterprises as tend to advance the general welfare of the community.

On the 3d of July, 1885, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Came, who was born in Wayland township, Steuben county, on the 22nd of November, 1864, and who is a daughter of Reuben and Charlotte (Koash) Came, who were residents of Dansville township at the time of their death. Reuben Came was born in the year 1827 and his wife was born in 1828; she came with her parents from Germany when ten years of age and the family settled in Wayland township, Steuben county. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have three children, concerning whom the following brief data are given: William Frederick, who was born on the 27th of August, 1886, married Miss May Loohn and resides in Hornellsville; Charles E., who was born November 8, 1888, died on the 24th of January, 1892; and John E., who was born on the 13th of March, 1893, is now attending the district schools near the parental home.

Moses Davison.—He whose name initiates this review has long held prestige as one of the representative business men of Steuben county and is still actively engaged in the mercantile trade, at Bath, where he has a large and well equipped establishment devoted to the handling of dry-goods, carpets, boots and shoes, groceries, etc. It was his to give loyal service as a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war and his sterling integrity of purpose in all the relations of life has retained to him the inviolable confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

Moses Davison was born in County Cavan, Ireland, on the 17th of October, 1845, and is a son of William and Margaret Davison, who were born and reared in the Emerald Isle and who were representatives of stanch old families of County Cavan. In 1846 they emigrated to America, and soon after their arrival they estab-

lished their home at Bath, Steuben county, where they passed the residue of their lives. They were folk of sterling characteristics, honest, earnest and industrious, and they were not denied the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem. He whose name initiates this article was afforded the advantages of the old Haverling school, at Bath, an institution well known as Haverling Academy, and in 1861, when about fifteen years of age, he assumed a position of clerk in the dry goods store of J. & L. Buhler at Bath. When this firm retired from business Mr. Davison entered the employ of W. W. Willson, who here conducted a general mercantile establishment, and this position he retained until 1864, when he enlisted as a private in Company H, One Hundred and Eighty-ninth New York Volunteer Infantry. He proceeded with his regiment to the front and took part in all the engagements in which it was involved from the time of his enlistment until the surrender of General Lee and the close of the war. Mr. Davison received his honorable discharge on the 13th of May, 1865, and then returned to Bath, where he entered the employ of H. W. Perine, who was here engaged in the general merchandise business. In 1882 Mr. Davison and two others entered into partnership with Mr. Perine, under the firm name of H. W. Perine & Company. This partnership alliance was dissolved in 1884, but Mr. Davison continued with the concern until 1890, when he formed an individual partnership with Mr. Perine, under the title of Perine & Davison. This pleasing and effective alliance continued until the death of Mr. Perine, in 1896, and shortly afterward F. N. DeCamp, a son-in-law of Mr. Davison, became associated with him in the conducting of the business, which has since continued under the firm name of Davison & DeCamp. Mr. Davison is recognized as one of the leading business men of Bath, and the large and substantial trade built up by his establishment is based upon careful and conscientious methods and progressive ideas. Each of the several departments of the large and well equipped store is maintained at a high standard, and the trade of the concern is of an essentially representative character.

Mr. Davison has not hedged himself in with private business interests, but has shown a loyal concern in all that has touched the general welfare of his home town and county. He is a stanch supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party and has served as township clerk, besides which he has been called upon to serve in other offices of public trust. He is a member of the directorate of the Bath Savings & Loan Association and is the owner of valuable real estate in his home town. He is past master of Steuben Lodge No. 112, Free & Accepted Masons, and is affiliated with Bath Chapter No. 95, Royal Arch Masons, and DeMolay Commandery No. 22, Knights Templars, at Hornell. He also holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the year 1873 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Davison to Miss Eva Hall, who was born and reared in Steuben county. She is a daughter of the late Alexander Hall, who was long numbered

among the well known and highly honored citizens of Bath. Mr. and Mrs. Davison became the parents of two children, William and Anna B., who is now the wife of F. N. DeCamp. Mr. and Mrs. DeCamp have one daughter. As has already been noted, Mr. DeCamp is associated with Mr. Davison in business, and he has proved an able coadjutor in the conducting of the enterprise.

HON. FRANK CAMPBELL is a son of one of the old and honored families of Steuben county and is one of its essentially representative business men. He has wielded much influence in political affairs as a stanch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and he served two years as state comptroller. He maintains his residence in the attractive little city of Bath, where he is president of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank.

Mr. Campbell was born at Bath, this county, on the 28th of March, 1858, and is a son of Hon. Robert and Frances (Fowler) Campbell. His father was likewise a native of Bath, where he was born on the 1st of May, 1808, a son of Robert Campbell, who was one of the first settlers of Bath, where he took up his residence in 1795, having come to America from Glasgow, Scotland. Robert Campbell, Sr., was a carpenter and builder, and he became one of the prominent and influential citizens of Steuben county. The maiden name of his wife was Martha McCauley, and she likewise was of stanch Scotch lineage. Hon. Robert Campbell, father of him whose name initiates this review, was afforded excellent educational advantages, including a course of a preparatory character in Hobart College, which was then located at Geneva, New York, and in 1826 he began the study of law in the office of Kruger & Howell, which was then the leading law firm of Steuben county. He was admitted to the bar in 1829, and in initiating the active work of his profession he associated himself with William T. Worden at Auburn, Cayuga county. About two years later he returned to Bath, where he became associated in practice with his former preceptor, General Kruger, under the firm name of Kruger & Campbell. He later formed a partnership with Hon. Samuel H. Hammond. He gained prestige as one of the leading members of the bar of this section of the state and long controlled a large and important practice. He was a stalwart in the camp of the Democratic party and gave effective service in behalf of its cause. In 1842 he refused the nomination of his party for the office of state senator, and in 1844 he was a member of the Democratic National Convention, which nominated James K. Parker for president. In 1846 he was elected by the legislature a member of the board of regents of the University of New York, and he continued incumbent of this office until the time of his death. He was a member of the state constitutional convention of 1846, and in this position he gave most effective service in formulating the new constitution. He was twice elected lieutenant governor of the state—in 1858 and 1860—and as ex-officio president of the senate he manifested marked ability and dignity. As

a member of the state canal board and in all other official positions to which he was called his course was characterized by utmost loyalty and fidelity, and he was indefatigable, in his efforts to promote the best interests of the state and its people. As a member of the bar he achieved prominence, though he was never notable as an eloquent advocate. The solidity of his legal learning was uniformly recognized, and his briefs were models in diction and in the presenting of the salient points at issue. He was very systematic and laborious in his business habits and was a dignified and courteous gentleman of the old regime, genial and kindly in his association with his fellow-men and a man who ever commanded a secure place in popular esteem and confidence. Both he and his wife continued to reside at Bath until their death.

Hon. Frank Campbell gained his early educational discipline in Haverling Academy, in Bath, and in a well-ordered educational institution at Trenton, New Jersey. He early identified himself with business interests, and in this connection he has been very successful, having shown distinctive initiative and administrative ability. In 1883 he became associated with his brother Clarence and others in the organization of the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank of Bath, and of this solid and popular financial institution he is now president.

Mr. Campbell has long been a potent factor in connection with the affairs of the Democratic party in this section of the state, and he served several years as a member of the Democratic state committee, to which position he was first called in 1889. In 1891 he was elected state comptroller, of which office he remained incumbent for the regular term of two years and in which he gave a most careful and effective administration. In 1892 he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention, and from 1896 to 1900 he was a member of the Democratic national committee. He is identified with various fraternal and social organizations of representative order.

Mr. Campbell married Miss Louise Willson, a daughter of Warren W. Willson, a representative citizen of Steuben county. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have one son, Willson R., who is now vice-president of the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank.

JOHN B. SMITH.—A native son of Steuben county, New York, John B. Smith is now engaged as engineer at Wayland, and he is recognized as a loyal and public-spirited citizen whose contribution to progress and development in this section has been of prominent order. Mr. Smith was born near Hornell, this county, on the 20th of July, 1880, and is a son of Nicholas and Mary (Lisman) Smith, the former of whom is a native of Wayland township, this county, where his birth occurred on the 14th of September, 1839, and the latter was born in Prussia, on the 15th of August, 1838. Nicholas Smith is a son of Jacob Smith, who was born and reared in Prussia, a province of Germany, whence he came to America with a family of six children in 1831. Settlement was made in the township

of Wayland, Steuben county, New York, where the father engaged in farming and the timber business, reclaiming a fine farm from the virgin wilderness. The nearest market for lumber in those days was Rochester, New York. About the year 1846 Jacob Smith disposed of his first farm and purchased two hundred and sixty-five acres of most arable land in the vicinity of Perkinsville, where he operated a saw mill, sending his lumber to Dansville by way of the old plank road. He was a devout communicant of the Catholic church, and his death occurred in 1875, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Raber, was summoned to the life eternal in 1849, at the age of forty-five years. It is interesting to note here that Jacob Smith built the first log house in Wayland township, and many a time the family awoke in the morning and found snakes coiled up near the old fireplace.

Nicholas Smith received such educational advantages in his youth as were afforded in the locality and period, and after leaving school he farmed for his parents until he had attained to the age of seventeen years, at which time he entered upon an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, at Perkinsville, where he remained for two years, at the expiration of which he began to travel, working at his trade for the ensuing six years. He married and started blacksmithing at Hornellsville in 1861, residing in that village until 1865, in which year he removed to Patchinsville, where he was similarly engaged for three years. In 1868 he removed to Perkinsville, where he maintained his home for some ten years. Thereafter he lived for two years at another town and for another two years at still another, then returned to Perkinsville for six years, and in 1885 he came to East Wayland, where he was identified with agricultural pursuits for the ensuing twelve years. In 1897 he went to Cohocton, where he engaged in the hotel business, and in 1899 permanent residence was made at Patchinsville. In 1865 was recorded his marriage to Miss Mary Lisman, who was born in Prussia on the 15th of August, 1838, a daughter of John and Mary (Schat) Lisman. The Lisman family came to America in the year 1848 and located at old Sandy Hill, near Perkinsville, where the father engaged in farming; he was county highway commissioner at one time. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Smith became the parents of eleven children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Peter is a farmer near Patchinsville; Nicholas is similarly engaged in the vicinity of Rogersville; Jacob is a farmer near Cohocton; William is a machinist in the city of Rochester; John B. is the immediate subject of this sketch; Lena is the wife of Mr. Grant and resides in Butte, Montana, as does also Mary, who wedded William G. Smith; Barbara is the wife of Charles Brizette, who has a book bindery at Butte, Montana; Lizzie married a Mr. Romey, of New York; and Katie and Susie both maintain their home in Rochester, New York.

John Benjamin Smith received his preliminary educational training in the public schools of his native county, and he was associated with his father in his various enterprises until he had at-

tained to his legal majority. In 1901 he went to Rochester, where he engaged in the restaurant business for a period of four years, after which he became manager of a similar establishment for another firm, and thereafter he spent three years as an engineer in that city. In May, 1907, he established his home in Wayland and here became interested in the hotel business, continuing to be identified with that line of enterprise until he again turned his attention to the work of engineering. Though never ambitious for the honors or emoluments of public office, Mr. Smith is a stanch Democrat in his political proclivities, and he gives his aid in support of all worthy projects advanced for the general welfare. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with various representative organizations of a local character, and in his religious faith he is a devout communicant of the Catholic church. He is highly respected and trusted by his fellow-citizens.

GEORGETTA SMITH was born at the old Smith home, Bath township, Steuben county, New York, April 4, 1854, a daughter of Matthew Smith. Her father, a native of Scotland, learned the stone mason's trade when young and worked at it in the intervals of farming after he came to the United States. He bought a farm near Savona, to which he added another, purchased later. He married Agnes Smith, daughter of another Matthew Smith, but no known relationship to himself. Her mother was Harriet Richardson. Mr. Smith of this sketch was a Democrat, active and influential in the work of his party and in religion a Presbyterian, liberal and helpful in advancing all the interests of his church. He was accidentally killed by a horse in 1875.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had five children, only one of whom—Miss Georgetta Smith—is living. Their son John died aged fifty-six years and their daughter Jeanette aged twenty-four. The others died in infancy. Their mother died January 23, 1895, aged seventy-six years. Miss Georgetta Smith was her father's favorite and was much with him as long as he lived. After his death she devoted herself to the care of her mother, whose faithful and sympathetic companion she was until she too passed away.

Miss Smith is a woman of many accomplishments, friendly, helpful, charitable—a member and supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church. She has given her life for the comfort of those dear to her and looks forward hopefully to the true Christian's reward.

HARRY C. BROWNSON.—A native son of the fine old Wolverine state, Harry Clark Brownson has been variously engaged in different cities and states since attaining to his legal majority and he is now following the trade of painter and paper-hanger in Wayland, where he has resided since 1905, and where his contribution to progress and good government has been of the most insistent order. He was born at Jackson, in the county of the same name, Michigan, on the 27th of May, 1883, and is a son of Clark and Cora (Hotchkiss) Brownson,

the former of whom was summoned to eternal rest in 1883, at the age of thirty-four years, and the latter is still living, her home being in Jackson, Michigan. Mr. Brownson was engaged as a carpenter during his short life. He became the father of three children,—John Wesley, who is a shoemaker at Dansville, Livingston county; Maud, who is the wife of Charles Mayer, resides at Jackson, Michigan; and Harry C., the immediate subject of this review. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Brownson contracted a second marriage, being united to James W. Holmes, who is now deceased. They became the parents of one child, Jennie, who is the wife of Frank Staub, of Jackson.

Harry C. Brownson was an infant at the time of his father's death and his rudimentary education consisted of the advantages afforded in the public schools of his native county and Eaton Rapids, Michigan. He began to work when fourteen years of age and later engaged in the lumber business in northern Michigan. Later he was similarly engaged in the lake region and subsequently he spent seven years at Exeter, Michigan, attending school in the winter time and following the lumber business in the summers. He returned to Jackson, his parental home, and entered the employ of the Michigan Central Railroad Company. He continued to be identified with railroad interests in this city for one year. He was then employed by the Pennsylvania Montpelier Railroad Company for another year. Proceeding to Cleveland, Ohio, he spent seven months in that city operating machinery, at the expiration of which time he removed to Dansville, Livingston county, New York. There he was engineer in the Blumther factory and in 1901 he severed his connections with this concern to accept a position with the A. J. Werding Company in Dansville. Four years later, in 1905, he established his home in Wayland, Steuben county, where he was employed by Maynard Rosenkrans, and thereafter for about one year he worked at the Gunlock Chair factory. In 1907 he turned his entire time and attention to the trade of painter and paperhanger and in this line of enterprise he is achieving most gratifying success. In politics Mr. Brownson accords a stalwart allegiance to the cause of the Republican party and though he has never desired public office he has ever given freely of his aid and influence in support of all measures and enterprises advanced for the general welfare of the community. He is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his wife is a zealous communicant of the Catholic church.

On the 6th of February, 1907, Mr. Brownson was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Barbara Kuhn, who was born in Wayland on the 13th of November, 1878, and who is a daughter of Jacob and Thekla (Vogt) Kuhn. Mr. and Mrs. Brownson have two children—Walter Jacob, who was born in 1908, and another child, born on the 13th of November, 1910.

Frank Doughty.—In the matter of concrete accomplishment Frank Doughty has marked the passing years with very intelligible

and appreciable achievement, and he is today numbered among the oldest and essentially representative business men of the thriving little city of Wayland, where he is a successful dealer in farm produce and where his course has been so guided as to retain to him unqualified popular confidence and regard.

Frank Doughty is a native son of Steuben county and a scion of one of its old and honored families. He was born on the old homestead farm of the family, in Wayland township, on the 22d of September, 1839, and is a son of Wesley Doughty, who was born in New Jersey. He passed the closing years of his life in the village of Wayland, where he died in 1896, at the venerable age of eighty-two years. Wesley Doughty was a son of Zachariah and Phoebe Doughty, both of whom were born and reared in New Jersey, whence they came to Steuben county in the pioneer days, making the journey with two ox teams and wagons, by means of which were transported their household goods. Zachariah Doughty secured one hundred acres of wild land in Wayland township, selecting a tract on which were large pine trees and a creek. He erected a slab shanty and in this primitive dwelling established a home for his wife and two children. He set to himself the herculean task of reclaiming his farm from the forest and eventually brought the greater portion of his land under cultivation. He erected the first saw mill in this locality, and his farm was two and one-half miles distant from the present village of Wayland. Here he continued to reside until his death, in 1864, at the age of eighty-two years, and his wife preceded him to eternal rest, both having been zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics Zachariah Doughty was originally a Whig, but he transferred his allegiance to the Republican party at the time of its organization, thereafter supporting its cause with all of loyalty, besides which he did all in his power to support the Union at the time of the Civil war, before the close of which his death occurred.

Wesley Doughty was a child at the time of the family removal to Steuben county and here he was reared to manhood under the conditions and influences of the pioneer era, assisting in the development of the home farm and securing such advantages as were afforded in the primitive schools of the locality and period. He eventually engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own responsibility and became the owner of a good farm near the village of Wayland. The locality has long been known as Doughty's Corners. Eventually he purchased the old homestead secured by his father in the early days, and members of the family have been prominently identified with the development and upbuilding of this section of the county, the name standing exponent of sterling integrity, well directed industry and generous accomplishment in connection with normal lines of enterprise, including not only agriculture and stock-growing but also dealing in timber, lumber, horses, cattle, produce, etc. Wesley Doughty continued to be identified with farming and stock-growing, as well as with the lumber industry, during his entire active career, and he became one of the substantial business men and influential

citizens of this section. He was loyal and progressive in his civic attitude and contributed in large measure to the furtherance of enterprises and measures conserving the prosperity and advancement of the county. He was one of those largely concerned in the building of the plank road between Wayland and Dansville, and in the early days this was maintained as a toll road, having nine toll stations. He assisted in the upbuilding of the village of Wayland, where he lived virtually retired during the closing years of his life. He was a zealous and intelligent supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party and both he and his wife were devout members of the Wesleyan Methodist church. He served six years as county commissioner and was also called to other local offices of trust. In a reminiscent way it is interesting to record that he was the first citizen of Wayland township to have the distinction of owning a buggy, and the vehicle attracted much attention at the time. Of the six children of Wesley Doughty the subject of this review and the four others survive: Murray, who is a representative agriculturist of Springwater township, Livingston county, this state; Danford, who is a successful farmer in Steuben county; Elijah W., who is now a resident of Batavia, Genesee county; and Mary, who is the wife of Mr. Loucks, of Avoca, Steuben county.

Frank Doughty passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm and early began to contribute his quota to its work, the while he availed himself of the privileges of the local schools, whose discipline was supplemented by a two years' course in Starkey Seminary. He purchased a farm in Springwater township, Livingston county, but two years later he sold that property and took up his residence in the village of Wayland, where he was employed in a warehouse for the ensuing five years and where he became the owner of a good residence property. He finally sold his house and lot in the village and purchased a farm near Avoca, where he remained one year. He then returned to Wayland, but shortly afterward he purchased his father-in-law's farm, in Springwater township, Livingston county, a property which he still owns. After residing on the farm for one year he returned to Wayland, where he served for nine years as salesman and bookkeeper for the firm of Humphrey & Morris. Since 1901 he has been successfully established in business as a dealer in farm produce, as junior member of the firm of Oliver & Doughty. The firm controls an extensive business in the buying and shipping of produce and branch establishments are maintained at Perkinsville, Dansville and Cohocton, with headquarters at Wayland. The firm ships an average of five hundred cars of produce each year and the enterprise thus proves a valuable adjunct to the industrial and commercial activities of this section of the state. Hay, grain and wool are handled in large quantities and the reputation of the firm for fair and honorable dealings is unassailable. In politics Mr. Doughty gives his allegiance to the Republican party, and while he takes a loyal interest in all that touches the welfare of the community he has never had aught of ambition for official preferment. He is affil-

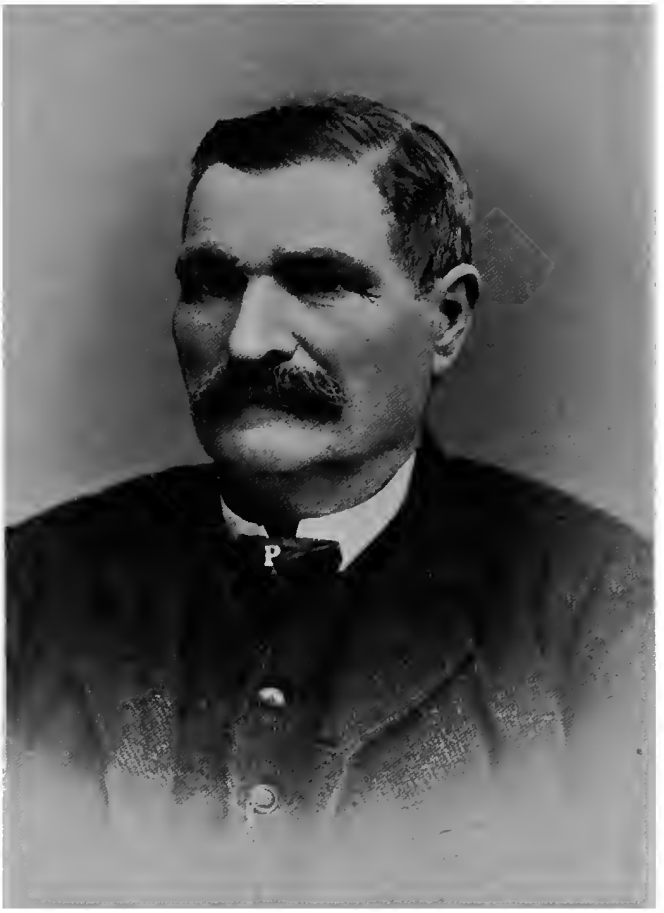
iated with Phoenix Lodge, No. 115, Free & Accepted Masons, at Dansville, Livingston county.

In the year 1867 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Doughty to Miss Frances Robinson, who was born in Springwater township, Livingston county, this state, on the 7th of October, 1837, and who is a daughter of the late Mason and Emma (Parshall) Robinson, honored pioneers of that county, where they continued to reside until their death and where the father was a prosperous agriculturist. Mr. and Mrs. Doughty have one daughter, Nora, who was born in the year 1869 and who is now the wife of H. F. Masten, of Bentley Creek, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Masten is a prosperous merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Masten have one child, Lenora, who was graduated in the piano department of the conservatory of music at Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and who is now pursuing courses in vocal music and pipe-organ work.

Lowell Alpheus Penney, M. D.—This pioneer physician and surgeon, prominent as a specialist in the treatment of cancers, was born in Waterville, Maine, March 11, 1826, and his death, April 26, 1910, removed from Hornell one of its most venerable and distinguished citizens. George Penney, his father, was also a native of the Pine Tree state, within whose borders he lived the simple, industrious life of a farmer and died, aged seventy-five, after having enjoyed the spiritual and material rewards of years well spent. The New England family of Penney is of Scotch extraction and its earliest representatives there were pioneers in the New World. George Penney married Miss Malinda Bickford, who was born in Maine and lived to be ninety-seven years old.

George and Malinda (Bickford) Penney had twelve children, all but one of whom grew to maturity, Dr. Penney being the third child and second son in order of nativity. He was educated in the common schools near his boyhood home and in the historic old academy at Waterville. He learned the trade of buggy-making and in 1852 emigrated to Pennsylvania, settling at Lockhaven, Clinton county, where he found employment at his trade and was later in business for himself fourteen years. He married there in 1853 Miss Catherine Silvis, who was born and reared in that old town and who has now reached the venerable age of seventy-five years, having first seen the light of day November 19, 1835.

In 1866, the subject of this review removed to Emporium, Pennsylvania, and began the practice of medicine, for which he had prepared to a great extent by study in his spare time at Lockhaven. He continued his studies and was graduated in medicine at Philadelphia in 1869. He was successful at Emporium, but decided to remove to Wellsville, Allegany county, New York, which he did in 1874. There he built up a good practice, of which he disposed in order to locate in Hornell, where he was engaged in practicing his profession uninterruptedly since 1880. For more than forty years he made a study of the nature, cause and cure of cancer. The subject interested



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him so deeply that he naturally made a specialty of cancer treatment, in which he achieved much success. His discoveries in this peculiar field of medical and surgical investigation marked him as one of the most eminent practitioners in his line in this or any other country. He was a member of the Eclectic Medical Society and he was for a time connected with the Steuben Sanitarium.

Dr. Penney was known as one of the "fathers of Republicanism." Until in the early fifties he was an unquestioning Democrat, content with things national as they were. The questions which had eventually to be answered at the polls and on the field of battle drew him out of his conservatism and brought him to a new conception of his duty as a citizen. He affiliated with abolitionists and other reformers and was soon so much of a reformer himself that he helped to organize Republicanism, voted for Fremont and for Lincoln and shouted for the Union, as all Republicans and most of the northern Democrats did in the days of the Civil war. From that time on he acted consistently with the Republican party in all its history-making work. He was one of the oldest members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Hornell and he has been a Mason for more than half a century. In addition to his other interests he was the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and thirty acres at Cameron Mills.

Dr. and Mrs. Penney became the parents of five children, one of their sons dying in infancy. Their daughter Malinda is Mrs. D. A. Cole, of Cohocton, Steuben county. Edith M. is a member of the household of her widowed mother. She was an assistant to her honored father in his professional business, and is now a graduate professional nurse specializing in the treatment of cancers. She possesses the formula of her father's remedies. Harry J. is a plumber by trade and Margery is Mrs. Henry McEvoy, of Hornell.

William J. Smith, a prominent farmer near Bath, Steuben county, New York, was born in Elmira, Chemung county, New York, July 21, 1872, a son of Otis H. and Elizabeth (Sherwood) Smith. Otis H. Smith enlisted in 1861 in the One Hundred and Sixty-first Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and served through the Civil war, receiving his honorable discharge as first lieutenant of his company. He was variously employed till 1874, when he returned to Bath and engaged in the tinware buisness. Later he was in the warehouse enterprise for some years. Then, for many years, he was known in connection with butchering and insurance interests, either together or singly. In politics he was stanchly Republican, active to the time of his death. He was for twenty or thirty years an official of the Bath Soldiers' Home. His wife was the daughter of a Baptist clergyman. They left a son and a daughter. The latter, Maud by name, is the wife of F. E. Wood, of New Mexico.

William T. Smith was brought up on a farm and educated in public schools near his home. After leaving school he turned his attention to farming, to which he has devoted all his active years

with satisfactory success. He is a Republican and a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. Though he wields a recognized political influence, he is not himself an office seeker and has persistently refused such as have been proffered him. He married Mary S. Pinchin, who was born May 12, 1873, a daughter of Albert and Polly (Griswold) Pinchin, the first mentioned of whom died in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had children named as follows: Ernest, fourteen years old; Charles Otis, twelve; Frank, ten; William T., eight; Albert, six; Kenneth, four; George, two.

ALLISON SIDNEY MANN.—A wide-awake, industrious young man, full of American vim and energy, Allison Sidney Mann, of Bath, is carrying on a substantial business as an ice dealer, and is well known as a valued and trustworthy member of the community in which his life has been spent. He was born on the parental homestead, in Bath, December 11, 1883, of English ancestry.

His father, the late George Mann, was born in Suffolk county, England, and was there bred and educated. Immigrating to this country in 1875, he bought land in Bath, Steuben county, New York, and embarked in agricultural pursuits. He met with excellent success as a general farmer, and subsequently devoted a portion of his time to the ice business, building up a good trade in this almost indispensable article of commerce. He died on the home farm, in 1902, at the comparatively early age of fifty-three years. He was a man of high moral principles, and a consistent member of the Episcopal church. He married Emily Dament, who was born fifty-five years ago, in Suffolk county, England, a daughter of George and Jane (Nichols) Dament, and she still occupies the old home in Bath. Seven children blessed their union, namely: Allison Sidney, with whom this brief sketch is chiefly concerned; Eliza, wife of Charles Wallace, who is engaged in farming in Bath; Mabel, wife of Oran Thomas, a plumber in Buffalo; Cora, wife of William Morse, lives on the homestead; Florence, wife of Frank Mullen, of Buffalo; Laura, a stenographer, lives at home; Lillian, attending school; and M. Noble.

Leaving school at the age of fourteen years, Allison Sidney Mann assisted his father in the ice business for several seasons, obtaining an insight into the details of its management, and on the death of his father took entire management of the ice plant, and has since had charge of both that and the home farm. He has met with success as an agriculturist, and the Mann Ice Company, of Bath, is carrying on a very prosperous and lucrative business under his supervision. Mr. Mann has never married, his time, mayhap, having been too much engrossed by other matters. True to the religious faith in which he was reared, he belongs to the Episcopal church. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

FAY H. WHITE.—Actively engaged in the practice of a profession that demands a large measure of veritable talent as well as a

comprehensive and technical knowledge, Fay H. White, of Corning, is meeting with unquestioned success in his chosen vocation, his high position as a man and a lawyer clearly entitling him to representation in this biographical compilation. A son of Dr. Ezra M. White, he was born, August 11, 1873, in Elmira, New York.

Born and reared in Caton, Steuben county, New York, Eugene M. White, M. D., early resolved to enter the medical profession, and having received his degree of M. D., was for nearly forty years actively engaged in the practice of medicine in Steuben county, the greater part of the time being located in Cohocton. At the present time, however, he is practicing in New York city. Dr. White married Mary E. Van Wormer, a daughter of Valentine Van Wormer. She was born in Cohocton, in 1844, and there died at the age of forty-nine years. Her paternal great-grandfather immigrated from Holland to Massachusetts, where her grandfather, Lawrence Van Wormer was born. Coming from the old Bay state to the Empire state in 1806, Lawrence Van Wormer settled in Cohocton, and there spent the remainder of his life. Valentine Van Wormer was born in Steuben county, New York, in 1812, and was here a resident until his death, in 1897. The union of Dr. and Mrs. White was blessed by the birth of two sons, namely: Dr. Ernest C. White, a practicing physician in Paris, France; and Fay M., with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned.

After his graduation from the Cohocton High School, Fay H. White embarked in the real estate business, for two years being located in Bath, Steuben county. Going from there to New York city, he opened an office in that metropolis, and for twelve years carried on an excellent business as a real estate broker. Ambitious, however, to enter upon a professional career, Mr. White subsequently became a student at the Wesleyan College, in Genesee, New York, and was graduated from its law department with the class of 1909, and has since been successfully engaged in the practice of law at Corning, having already won a good standing among his legal brethren.

Mr. White married, in 1903, Emma C. Cullen, a daughter of William H. Cullen, of Macedon, Wayne county, New York, and they have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth. Mr. White has large real estate interests in Steuben county, and is active in social circles. He is a member of the Steuben Society; of the Delta Chi Fraternity of New York city and of the Corning Club.

Richard E. Enright.—Lieutenant Enright is one of the efficient and popular officials of the police department of Greater New York and is now acting captain in charge of the Vernon Avenue Station in the borough of Brooklyn. He has been an active member of the police department for nearly a decade and a half and his record in this connection has been marked by fidelity to duty and by his promotion to the office of lieutenant, of which he has been incumbent since 1905.

Lieutenant Enright was born in the village of Campbell, Steuben county, New York, on the 30th of August, 1871, and is a son of Michael and Jett (Bennett) Enright, both of whom were born in Ireland. Michael Enright was reared to about sixteen years in his native land and he then came to America and settled in Steuben county, where he continued to maintain his home for more than half a century and where he died in 1904, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a man of sterling integrity and his career was marked by consecutive industry and honesty of purpose. Both he and his wife were communicants of the Catholic church, in whose faith they were reared. Mrs. Enright was a girl of about twelve years at the time of her parents' removal to America and she was reared to maturity in Steuben county, where she continued to reside until her death, in 1877. Of the nine children all but one attained to years of maturity and of the number seven are now living. All of the children were born in Steuben county. In that county William and Jeremiah still maintain their homes; John and Michael reside in Elmira, New York; Patrick is a resident of Los Angeles, California; Jett resides in Brooklyn, New York; and Lieutenant Enright, of this review, is the youngest of the children.

Lieutenant Enright is indebted to the public schools of his native county for his early educational training and as a youth he learned the art of telegraphy. After perfecting himself in the same he was employed at various places in the state and he finally removed to New York city, where he was employed for a time as operator for the Delaware & Lackawanna Railroad, later by the Erie & Western and finally by the Long Island Railroad. Besides which he was for a time in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company. In 1896 he made a radical change of vocation by joining the police force of New York city and he recalls with satisfaction that at this time Theodore Roosevelt was police commissioner of the city. In 1897 the Lieutenant was appointed secretary to General Theophilus F. Rodenbaugh, Superintendent of Elections in New York city. In 1902 he was promoted to the position of police sergeant by Colonel John M. Partridge, who was at that time police commissioner. In 1904 he was chosen Superintendent in charge of the Bureau of Repairs and Supplies of the Police Department and at the same time was advanced to the rank of lieutenant, by Commissioner William McAdoo. In 1905 he received his well-earned promotion to his present rank of lieutenant. In 1909 he was appointed Acting Captain of Police at the Gates Avenue Station, in Brooklyn, and later he had charge of the Elizabeth Street Station, the jurisdiction of which extended over the famous "Chinatown" of New York. He assumed his position as Acting Captain at the Vernon Avenue Station in 1910, and here he has since continued to give most efficient administration of the duties devolving upon him.

For several years Lieutenant Enright was president of the Police Sergeant Benevolent Association, which at that time had a

membership of nearly six hundred and fifty police sergeants identified with the Police Department of New York city. For the past five years he has been president of the Lieutenants' Benevolent Association, which has a membership of seven hundred and fifty men, and he is also chairman of the Federated Police Organizations of Greater New York, in which capacity he has presided at many important social and business meetings of the organization. He is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, Brooklyn Lodge, No. 22, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is well known in the borough in which he resides and in which his popularity is of the most unequivocal type. He is a Democrat in his political proclivities. The captain is a bachelor.

CLAUD V. STOWELL.—A rising young attorney of Corning, devoting all of his energy to making a success of his chosen profession, Claud V. Stowell is fast winning for himself a prominent and honorable name in the legal circles of Steuben county. He was born July 26, 1882, in Lindley, Steuben county, and has spent his entire life in this section of the state.

His father, Harry Stowell, and his grandfather, Richard P. Stowell, have both been residents of Steuben county for upwards of thirty-five years, and both have been active in public affairs, serving as justice of the peace many terms, each discharging the duties of his office with ability and fidelity.

Receiving his preliminary education in the district schools, Claud V. Stowell subsequently prepared for college at the North Side High School of Corning, and in 1908 was graduated from the Law Department of the Syracuse University, at Syracuse, New York. Locating in Corning on February 1, 1909, Mr. Stowell formed a partnership with Neil W. Andrews, and was with him engaged in the practice of law until March 1, 1910, when the partnership was dissolved. Talented and capable, he has made rapid strides in his professional career, his legal skill and ability winning him the confidence of the people, and he is now serving as acting city judge, and as justice of the peace, in the latter capacity closely following in the footsteps of his immediate ancestors. He is a stanch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and is much interested in public matters.

Mr. Stowell married, November 4, 1907, Elizabeth J. Harrison, a daughter of Edgar J. Harrison, a well-known agriculturist. On April 27, 1909, she passed to the higher life. Mr. Stowell is a member of the Delta Chi Law Fraternity of the state of New York.

BELMONT M. LARUE.—At 180 Broadway, in New York city, are established the headquarters of Mr. LaRue, who is here successfully engaged in the real estate business and who is one of the worthy representatives of Steuben county in the national metropolis. He was born at Hornell, Steuben county, on the 2d of December, 1869, and is the elder of the two sons of Henry Belmont LaRue,

who was born in the city of New York, whence he removed to Hornell, Steuben county, about the year 1867. There he has since maintained his home and for many years he has been one of the honored citizens and prominent business men of Steuben county.

Belmont M. LaRue gained his early educational discipline in the public schools of his native place and in 1889, when nineteen years of age, he removed to New York city, where he secured employment in the transportation department of the Erie Railroad. Shortly afterward he assumed the position of private secretary to the president of the Title Guaranty & Trust Company, of New York city, and this incumbency he retained for three years, within which he gained most valuable business experience. He finally resigned his position to accept that of secretary to Colonel Samuel B. Dick, president of the Pittsburg, Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad, with headquarters in the city of Pittsburg. He was thus engaged about three years, at the expiration of which he returned to the city of New York, where he became secretary to Marcellus Hartley, one of the directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Company and prominently identified with many other capitalistic enterprises. Mr. LaRue finally resigned his position and secured one with the firm of Price, Waterhouse & Company, of London, England, a concern that maintains offices in New York. In 1908 Mr. LaRue began his independent operations in connection with the real estate business, and in the same he has been very successful, having represented on his books at all times most desirable investments, both city and country property, and also giving attention to the renting of properties, as well as to collections. He is prominently concerned in the exploiting of the Kelvin Grove addition to Westfield, New York a tract of about ninety acres that has been effectively platted and upon which improvements of the best order are being made, including the erection of attractive houses, which have been placed upon the market.

Mr. LaRue is an aggressive and enterprising business man and is bringing to bear splendid executive powers in the handling of his business interests, through which he has gained prominence as one of the successful real estate dealers of the metropolis. Though never manifesting any ambition to enter the turbulence of practical politics, he takes a loyal interest in public affairs and his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He is a popular member of the Steuben County Society of New York City and retains a deep interest in his native county. In the year 1897 Mr. LaRue was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Benedict, daughter of Delos and Letitia Benedict, of Worcester, Massachusetts.

CHARLES GRIFFITH YOUNG.—A nation's efficiency, its greatness in a material sense, as well as its moral wellbeing, depends upon whether its people can find their proper work, distributing themselves like a well-ordered army where each can do his best. There can be no modicum of doubt that in his chosen field of endeavor

Mr. Young has so placed himself as to make his efforts and activities most productive and beneficent, as in his profession as a consulting and construction engineer he has shown marked technical and initiative power and has achieved large and definite success as well as wide reputation, giving him prestige as one of the distinctively representative members of his profession. He has his office headquarters at 60 Wall street, New York city, and since initiating his independent career has added materially to the distinction which he had previously gained in the employ of others. Steuben county may well find pride in the character and accomplishment of this native son, and he is a scion of old and honored families of the county. Within the compass of a sketch of this order it is, of course, impossible to enter into details concerning the various stages of his professional career, but sufficient data will be offered to convey an idea of the consistency of the foregoing statements.

Charles Griffith Young was born at Bath, Steuben county, on the 1st of November, 1866, and is a son of Charles H. and Marian (Kellogg) Young, the former of whom was born at Benton Center, Yates county, New York, and the latter at Kanona, Steuben county, where the Kellogg family was founded in the pioneer days. Mrs. Young passed on in June, 1879, at the age of thirty-nine years. Charles H. Young was a lad of twelve years at the time he removed to Steuben county, where he was reared to manhood and eventually became one of Bath's successful merchants. About the year 1898 he removed to Naples, Ontario county, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred on the 7th of September, 1908, at which time he was about seventy-three years of age. Of the two surviving children the subject of this review is the elder, and the other is Marianna Young Quinby, now residing in Buffalo, New York.

Charles Griffith Young gained his educational discipline by a course in Haverling Academy, at Bath, Steuben county, from which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1885. In the early part of the following year he began his technical training in the establishment of the Schuyler Electric & Manufacturing Company at Hartford and Middleton, Connecticut, where he familiarized himself with all departments of manufacturing, experimental and testing work and with the practical erection and operation of electric lighting plants. In 1888 he became general superintendent of the Mount Morris Electric Lighting Company, of New York city, with which he continued to be prominently identified until 1892, when he became identified with the interest of J. G. White & Company and the White-Crosby Company, representing one of the most important engineering-contracting concerns of the kind in the world. In 1900 he associated himself with J. G. White & Company, Limited, in London, England, and in this connection he made special financial and engineering examinations, investigations, reports and negotiations for contracts in South America, New Zealand and various places throughout many other sections of the

world. From 1902 to 1905 he had entire charge of all construction for the J. G. White interests in America, and with this great concern he continued to be actively identified until February, 1909, when he established himself independently in the work of his profession. While with the White corporations Mr. Young did a large amount of expert financial and construction work in many of the leading cities of the United States, as well as in the Philippine Islands, Australia, Holland, Argentine Republic, Ceylon, Cuba, Canada, Uruguay, Brazil, Porto Rico, China, Chili, New Zealand and Japan. After establishing himself in the independent work of his profession Mr. Young made his third trip around the world, having been engaged to make certain important examinations and reports in the far east. He left New York in February, 1909, and during his absence of about seven months he again visited Honolulu, Japan and the Philippine Islands, after which he passed through China, Manchuria and Korea, thence to Vladivostock and over the Siberian railroads to Moscow, and finally to Berlin, Paris and London. He returned to New York city in September, 1909, and here has since made his headquarters for his large and important work as a consulting and constructing engineer, in both of which lines he is a recognized authority.

Mr. Young is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Engineers' Club of New York City, the New York Railroad Club, the National Electric Light Association, the New York Electrical Society, the National Geographical Society, the American Electric Railway Association, and the Steuben County Society of New York City. He is a man of much initiative and marked resourcefulness, and his high standing in his chosen field of endeavor affords the best evidence of his fine technical and executive powers. He is a man of genial personality and his sterling characteristics have gained to him the confidence and good will of those with whom he has come in contact during his wide and interesting business experience as well as those met in connection with social activities. His political allegiance is given to the Gold-Democratic party, but, subordinating all other interests to his profession, he has never cared to enter the turmoil of so-called practical politics, although interested in and identified with civic activities.

In October, 1891, Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Curtis Leonard, daughter of Solomon M. and Elizabeth (Hastings) Leonard, the former of whom was born at Troy, Pennsylvania, and the latter at Hammondsport, Steuben county, New York, where her father was an honored pioneer and influential citizen. Mr. and Mrs Young have one daughter, Elizabeth Gordon Young.

WILLIAM H. FARNHAM.—Few citizens of Addison contribute in larger measure to the prosperity of that attractive little city than William H. Farnham, a gentleman who is well known in the tobacco



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trade throughout the southern tier of New York counties and in Northern Pennsylvania. It is he who figures as captain of the important firm of Farnam & Reynolds, packers and wholesalers of leaf tobacco, the business mentioned being one of those which lend prestige to Steuben county. He is also one of the county's large landowners, his property including several farms of great value.

Mr. Farnham has particular reason for that loyalty he gives to Addison and the county, for it is dear to him through many associations, among them the primary tie of birth, for in Addison his eyes first opened to the light of day, November 11, 1860. The scene of the early history of the Farnham family in America is New England, that cradle of so much of our national history, and the state of Connecticut was the birthplace of Mr. Farnham's father, George Farnham, who came a pioneer to Steuben county in 1856, only a few years previous to the birth of the subject. The father was a merchant and lumber dealer and played a prominent and praiseworthy part in the affairs of the community in which his interests were centered. He was a man of remarkable business sagacity and energy and there were few matters looking towards the advancement and upbuilding of the community in which he was not concerned. He was a Democrat, subscribing with enthusiasm to its articles of faith and very influential in politics. This well-remembered citizen died when seventy-six years of age. His wife, mother of the subject, was a daughter of Steuben county, her maiden name having been Julia Wambaugh. Her father, William Wambaugh, was an early settler here and has a place in history among the leading pioneers. A man of force and ability he became a large land owner and proprietor of sawmills and gristmills, and his active and useful career was terminated by his death about 1856. George Farnum and Julia Wambaugh were married in Steuben county and became the parents of three children. Hannah C. is the wife of Hon. Byron C. Stout, of Pontiac, Michigan; George, Jr., is a wholesale dealer in boots and shoes in Buffalo, New York; and William H. is the youngest in order of birth.

William H. Farnham has given Addison unmistakable proof of the sincerity of his devotion by electing to pass his active career within its borders. Here he passed his boyhood and early youth and to the excellent public schools is he indebted for his early educational advantages. He was fortunate in securing an exceptionally good education, following his public school career with attendance at Alfred University, in Alfred, Allegany county, and going thence to that noted institution, the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. He had had some experience in the management of agricultural property and after receiving his degree from the last-named university, he took charge of the home farm for a time. He eventually engaged in the produce and leaf tobacco trade and was chiefly instrumental in developing the concern now known as Farnham & Reynolds. In Masonry Mr. Farnham is locally prominent.

SHERMAN SMITH, an enterprising and successful farmer in Bath township, Steuben county, New York, is a native of the township, born on his present home, January 14, 1866. He is a son of Andrew Jackson and Zidana (Le Gro) Smith, and grandson of Charles and Azilla (Morgan) Smith. He great-grandfather, Andrew Smith, immigrated to America in 1793 and the following year took up three hundred acres of land in Bath township, as mentioned in the sketch of Miss Nancy Smith, found elsewhere in this work. Charles Smith, a pioneeer farmer of Bath township, was born in 1796 and died in 1864. His wife was a daughter of General Morgan, a soldier in the Revolution, who was captured by the British and kept a prisoner in a man-of-war in New York harbor, where he died. Andrew Jackson Smith was born on the old Smith home, October 24, 1827, and died November 26, 1889. His wife was a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dudley) Le Gro. His early married life was spent in Columbus, Ohio, where he kept a tin shop. Later he returned to New York state and became a farmer. Mr. Smith and his wife had nine children, as follows: Jeannie Azilla, Samuel Le Gro, Mary Angeline, William Charles, Sherman Tecumseh, Hoxie Wilber, Fred Douglass, Nellie Louisa and James Lee.

After completing his education, Sherman T. Smith began farming with his father. He has been a farmer all his life, and has a good dairy, keeping twenty cows and making a specialty of Holstein cattle. He has been a Republican in politics, although he has never cared for public office. He has always been identified with every good cause and used his influence to promote the welfare of the community. He is a worthy representative of a family that has been most highly esteemed for many generations in Steuben county and is accounted a public-spirited, useful citizen.

Mr. Smith married, March 14, 1900, Lizzie Grace Hadden, daughter of James L. and Eliza Adelia (Silliman) Hadden, of Bath township. She was born July 31, 1873, in Bath township. Children as follows have blessed this union: Sherman T., Jr., nine years of age, and Leon Burton, six years of age.

DR. GEORGE CONDERMAN was born October 15, 1868, in Fremont, Steuben county, New York, and is a son of John D. and Aseneth Conderman. His father first saw the light of day in Warren, Herkimer county, New York, and eventually became one of the early settlers of Steuben county. The grandfather, Adam Conderman, brought his family to this section many years ago, John D. being young at the time of the exodus. The maiden name of the mother of the subject was Aseneth Spaulding, she being a native of Tompkins county, New York, and a daughter of George Spaulding, also born there, and who subsequently became a prominent resident of Howard, New York. The father died July 30, 1890, in Hornellsville, New York, at the age of seventy, and the mother is living in Hornellsville at the age of eighty-five. They

reared a family of four sons—Frank, Laverne and George now being residents of Hornell, while Charles met with an accidental death at the age of thirty-eight.

Dr. George Conderman was the youngest of the children born to his parents. When six years of age he was brought by them to Hornellsville, now Hornell, where he has since resided, his early education being received at the public schools, he graduating from the Hornell Free Academy in 1884. Taking up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Clair S. Parkhill, he entered the College of Physicians & Surgeons, of New York city. Taking his degree from the University of Vermont in 1889, he completed his medical education at the New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital in 1890. For twelve years he followed the practice of his profession in Hornellsville, New York.

In 1892 Dr. Conderman became financially interested in the Clemons Belt Sander, a machine which eventually revolutionized the question of sanding and today the same is in use in all the principal countries of the world. He organized the Clemons Machine Company in 1892 and has served as its president since its incorporation. The profits resulting from the manufacture and sale of their product netted the company very satisfactory returns and inasmuch as Dr. Conderman has ever been a firm believer in the future of Hornell, he has invested largely in Hornell real estate and today is the owner of some of the choicest property in the city.

Politically Dr. Conderman has been prominently identified with the Republican party. He has represented his city for six years on the board of supervisors and is at present a member of the board of public safety. He is past exalted ruler of Lodge No. 364, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and has been prominent in other fraternal societies. He affiliates with medical associations, has been a contributor to professional literature and he owns a fine and constantly growing library. In 1884 he married Miss Mildred J. Boyd, of Hornellsville, New York.

Dr. Conderman is a type of citizenship characterized by those of Dutch descent. He is liberal in his views, temperate in his habits, upright and honorable in all his relations in professional, business and social life. He is conservative in his business dealings and possesses a well-poised intellect which qualifies him as one of sound judgment. He is therefore able to hold positions of responsibility and trust in a manner to merit the confidence of the public.

Fary Buchanan Beecher, a leading lawyer of Atlanta, Steuben county, is also a prominent Democrat of this section of the state, and has demonstrated his reliability, as well as merited popularity in the community, by his many years of service as justice of the peace. A native of Fremont township, he was born on the 2nd of June, 1856, and is a son of Randall F. and Statira (Sandford) Beecher. The father, who was born June 4, 1814, after

receiving a thorough education, according to the standard of his day, adopted veterinary and agricultural matters as his life work. In 1835 he settled in Howard township, where he remained until 1850, when he moved to Fremont township, purchasing a homestead near Joab's Corners. There he resided and honored the family name until his death November 12, 1876.

The wife and mother was a native of Bald Hill, Ontario county, New York, born on the 7th of September, 1821, and she died at Atlanta, New York, October 6, 1909. She was of substantial New England and German blood her father, Hezekiah Sandford, being a native of the Green Mountain state, and her mother, Catherine Yerton (before marriage), a daugter of the Germanic fatherland, whose family first took root in the United States in 1817.

Although there were fourteen children in the family, Mr. Beecher managed to give them all a good education, and as Fary B. evinced a special aptitude for the acquisition of intellectual capital he was particularly encouraged to continue his studies beyond the average standard. After mastering the common branches, at the age of seventeen he commenced a course at the Rogers Union Seminary, and afterward entered the office of O. S. Scool, of Cohocton, as a law student.

Admitted to the bar in 1891, Mr. Beecher was granted the privilege of practicing in all courts of the United States, 1894, and still later received his LL. D. diploma. He has spent his entire professional life in Atlanta and is a most worthy representative of his calling and of the best citizenship of the Empire state. He commenced his official service as justice of the peace in 1880, and in his capacity as a citizen has actively promoted the interests of Democracy through his membership on the county committee and his private efforts in behalf of the party which he so stanchly supports.

As a man of domestic tastes and virtues, Mr. Beecher inaugurated this phase of his life by his marriage to Miss Emma E. Johnson, daughter of William L. and Eliza J. (Ellsworth) Johnson. His wife was born on Christmas day of 1862. She certainly has proven to be a precious gift to him and has presented him with two sons and two daughters who have matured in a way to gladden the hearts of their parents. Don. L., the eldest, is a department head in the large Sibley store of Rochester, New York; Dana C., a progressive electrician of Canada: Una M., a teacher now in Geneseo, Livingston county, and Marion is a bright student in the Atlanta high school.

Mr. Beecher is a descendant of Hezekiah, one of three famous brothers, Dr. Lyman, Hezekiah, and Linas, being descendants of two brothers who came to this country on the Mayflower in 1620. Mr. Beecher has devoted some time in collecting historical records of the county and state, and that of the Randoll family, one of whom was his father's mother, as well as the Beecher family, and is now in possession of many interesting facts connected with this subject.

Rev. Walter L. Lee, pastor of St. Patrick's parish, in the eastern section of the city of Corning, is one of the most eminent members of the Catholic priesthood of Steuben county, New York. Devoted heart and soul to the cause to which he has given his fine intellect, inspiring character and splendid executive traits, he is revered and honored by priesthood and laity, and his work, although virtually but begun, has been one of high and admirable achievement. Father Lee was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario, February 10, 1871, coming to Buffalo in early childhood. His parents were John and Honora (Walsh) Lee, both of whom had their nativity in Ireland, the former in County Westmeath, and the latter in County Clare. John Lee was born May 9, 1834, and when a lad but sixteen years of age he hearkened to the call of opportunity from the shore of the New World and crossed the Atlantic to claim his share. He made permanent location in the state where he first touched American soil, drifting to the city of Buffalo, where he resided almost continuously for the rest of his days. The clever young Irishman learned the carpenter's trade and later became a general contractor, the independence and prosperity of which he had dreamed falling to his share in fullest measure. He was a man of undoubted ability and among the responsible offices held by him was that of lumber inspector at Buffalo. The mother's birth was upon March 25, 1835. She came to America in 1854, when a maiden less than nineteen years of age, and two years later, June 2, 1856, she and John Lee were united in marriage. After fifty years of devoted and ideally happy married life, in 1906, they celebrated their golden wedding in Holy Angels church, Buffalo, the church in which they had first exchanged their marriage vows. The father died in Buffalo, June 28, 1909, and the mother survived him only a little over a year, her demise occurring September 14, 1910.

Rev. Father Lee received his preliminary education in the Holy Angels' school, of Buffalo, and subsequent to that entered St. Joseph's College, where he completed his classical course, graduating in 1888. In September of the same year he entered Niagara University, at Niagara Falls, where he began his seminary course in preparation for the priesthood. In 1891 he received his Baccalaureate and in 1893 the degree of Master of Arts from Niagara University. He is a student of rare attainments and that a useful and brilliant career lay before him was evident even at that time. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 1895, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ryan, at Niagara University, and a few days later took up the work to which his many years of valiant preparation had looked. It was in fact on June 20, 1895, that he was appointed by Bishop Ryan, assistant to Very Rev. Dean Colgan of St. Mary's church, Corning, New York. In this important field he had an opportunity of manifesting his zeal and ability, and of assisting in no small measure in the growth of the parish. In 1902, in evidence of the marked approval of the elders of the church he was assigned

by Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid, of Rochester, to the pastorate of the new St. Patrick's parish, founded that year in the eastern section of the city of Corning, and in that pastorate he has since continued his labors which have been crowned with the greatest success. As an expounder of the Scriptures Father Lee is eloquent and enlightened and the affection and respect in which he is held by his flock is of the highest order. He maintains fraternal relations in two of the organizations for which the Catholic church stands sponsor,—the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association to which he has belonged since 1898, and to the Knights of Columbus, his membership being with Corning Council No. 281. In both of the above he has several times served as chaplain or spiritual director.

In the ensuing paragraphs is given a brief sketch of the history and affairs of St. Patrick's parish, of Corning, New York, to which have been devoted for the past decade the labors of Father Lee. St. Patrick's parish was organized August 10, 1902, by Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid, Bishop of Rochester, who appointed as its first pastor Rev. Walter J. Lee, who, as previously mentioned, at that time was assistant pastor of St. Mary's parish, of Corning, from which parish the new St. Patrick's was detached. During the first year, the services of St. Patrick's were held in the building which stood at the corner of Market and Steuben streets, but these humble quarters of course, were understood to be but temporary. In 1903 Father Lee began the erection of a handsome new building, designed to serve as a parochial school, with church quarters on the first floor, a plan adopted by the bishop of the diocese for every new parish. The cost of this building was about $23,000. The corner stone was blessed on June 21st by Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid, who also officiated at the dedication of the church and school on the 1st of November, 1903. The site includes about two hundred and eighty-two feet on East Erie avenue, west of Steuben street, on the corner of which is located the rectory of St. Patrick's parish. The school is under the supervision of the rector and is taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph, who have their residence in the adjoining convent on East Erie avenue. The parish numbers over 1,100 souls and the school has an enrollment of two hundred and sixteen pupils. Regents examinations are held in the school each year and at their conclusion are held the graduating exercises for the pupils entitled to diplomas, such admitting them to the Corning Free Academy. The Alumni Association, at the end of eight years numbers over one hundred members. The building is of the most commodious character, and in the basement of the combined church and school building is an assembly hall and library for the church societies. St. Patrick's parish is now (in 1910) practically free of debt and a building fund is in progress to provide the future new church.

Horace Dyer Baldwin, who was lawyer and prominent citizen of Steuben county, represented one of its pioneer families. He was born at Sherburne, Chenango county, New York, June 24,



Horace D. Baldwin

1838. His family history presents many distinguished members, the name having been one to which attached much honor in Colonial days, and its luster having by no means dimmed with the present generation. Abram Baldwin, great uncle of him whose name initiates this review, was born November 27, 1754; graduated from Yale College in 1772; was chaplain in the Revolutionary war; studied law; and settled in Savannah, Georgia. He was a member of the Continental Congress from 1785 to 1788 and a member of the convention which framed the constitution of the United States. He was representative in Congress from 1789 to 1799 and a member of the United States senate from 1799 to 1807. He died March 4, 1807. A detailed history of this eminent statesman and patriot is to be found in the American Monthly Magazine (published by the Daughters of the American Revolution) for March, 1910, pp. 313, 314, 315 and 316. Joel Barlow, the renowned author of "Hasty Pudding" and other productions, one of the "Hartford Wits," married Ruth Baldwin, a member of the family of the subject. He was brigade chaplain in the Revolutionary war and published the "Columbiad" in 1808. He was minister to France in 1811. Another distinguished Baldwin was Judge Simeon E. Baldwin, of the Connecticut supreme court.

Horace Baldwin, father of Horace Dyer Baldwin, was born at Goshen, Litchfield county, Connecticut, August, 1796, and came to Woodhull, Steuben county, in 1840. He was a merchant, one of the first, in fact, in the village. He became well known and influential in the county and was active as a business man until his death, which occurred February, 1854. Horace Baldwin's father, Elisha Baldwin, a native of Goshen, Connecticut, lived and died there. He was of English descent and his family history was of the most interesting character. By occupation he was a farmer. Rev. Theron Baldwin, son of Elisha and brother of Horace Baldwin, clergyman and educator, was born at Goshen, Connecticut, July 21, 1801, and was graduated from Yale College in 1827. After two years' study in the theological seminary there he was ordained a home missionary in 1829 and became one of the celebrated "Yale College Band," or "Western College Society," of which he was corresponding secretary during most of his life. He was settled as a Congregational minister at Vandalia, Illinois, for two years and was active in procuring the charter of Illinois College at Jacksonville, of which he was a trustee from its organization to his death. He served for a number of years following 1831 as agent of the Home Missionary Society of Illinois and in 1838 became the first principal of the Female Seminary at Monticello, Illinois, of which he was at the head for five years. He died at Orange, New Jersey, April 10, 1870. Abram Baldwin, brother of Horace and Theron Baldwin, also a graduate of Yale, died in the foreign missionary service.

Horace Baldwin married Penelope Allen, who was born at North Kingston, Washington county, Rhode Island, in 1796. Their

wedding took place in 1835. He died in 1854, she in 1879; he aged about fifty-eight, she aged eighty-three. They had but two children, Horace Dyer and Clarendon. The latter was born in Norwich, Chenango county, in April, 1836, and died in September, 1897.

Horace Dyer Baldwin passed his boyhood days in Woodhull, attending district school and J. S. Dolson, of Hornell, was one of his earliest teachers. He later studied at Troupsburg Academy, under the principalship of Professors Newell and Reynolds; he attended the historic school at Woodhull in 1851; and was graduated from Oxford Academy, Oxford, Chenango county, under the principalship of Prof. Humphrey, in the fall of 1855. In 1859 he matriculated at Alfred University, Alfred, Allegany county, where he was graduated in 1863. In this latter interval—in 1861, almost immediately after the outbreak of the Civil war—he enlisted in Company E, Thirty-fourth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, at Addison, and served with that organization until honorably discharged for disability. After completing his education, he taught school at Rathbone, Erwin, and Addison, Steuben county, for three years, meantime studying law in the office of Hon. F. C. and Col. J. W. Dininny, at Addison. He was admitted to the bar at Rochester, New York, at the general term of the supreme court of the state of New York, in June, 1866, and was for three years thereafter associated in the practice of law with his former preceptors at Addison. Since then, individually, he gave his attention to general practice in all the courts of the state, with a degree of success that is well known to his fellow citizens at Addison. He presented the somewhat remarkable record of having been for forty years continuously a notary public. He inherited Republican principles and naturally and without debate with himself became a member of the Republican party when he became a voter. From that time he acted consistently with that great and progressive political body, voting for Lincoln in 1864 and voting at every presidential election afterward for the Republican nominee.

In 1882, Mr. Baldwin married Adelaide F. Birdsall, daughter of Henry H. and Rachel Birdsall, at Afton, Chenango county, New York, the Rev. Dr. Parke, of Binghamton, New York, performing their wedding ceremony. Mr. Baldwin was a member and three times commander of the Grand Army Post, No. 373, of Addison. He was a communicant of the Presbyterian church. In all his relations with his fellow citizens he demonstrated that he possessed such public spirit as makes for the advancement and improvement of all local conditions. There is no movement proposed for the public good that did not have his active and liberal support. A resident of Old Steuben during all his active life, he won a personal reputation that is the best monument to his patriotism and the most conspicuous mark of his success. He died suddenly November 23, 1910.

DAVID H. TRAVIS, president and general manager of the J. H. Strait Milling Company, of Canisteo, is by every argument to be accounted among the representative and influential citizens of that particularly favored portion of our great commonwealth—Steuben county. As the head of one of Canisteo's large industries, he contributes by his public spirited conduct of its affairs to the material prosperity of the whole community. He is also interested in Steuben county's agricultural welfare, having for twenty years—from 1884 to 1903—stood as one of the most successful and enlightened of the agriculturists of this district. He is a stanch American in all that the term implies—ancestry, independent ideals and fine achievements, and in an uncompromising loyalty to "the land of the free and the home of the brave." For nearly one hundred and fifty years the Travis family has flourished upon American soil and has figured in some of the most stirring events of national history.

The founder of the Travis family in America was Amasa Travis, who was born in Dutchess county, New York, September 29, 1770, and died in 1859. He was a farmer and a stanch Protestant and it was his distinction to be the second settler in the town of Howard, this county. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, being well on toward middle life at the time of that British-American conflict. He took as his wife Phoebe Baker, who was likewise a native of Dutchess county, where her eyes had first opened to the light of day, December 25, 1783. Also like her husband she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. It was her portion to live far beyond the usual length of life, and when summoned to the life eternal she was one hundred and four years of age, this being in the year 1887. More wonderful still she retained her mental faculties until within a year of her death, at which time they began to weaken somewhat. During her long life this intelligent woman witnessed most amazing progress in the section in which her life was passed and where no one was better known than she. Among the children born to Amasa and Phoebe Travis was Charles B., grandfather of him whose name initiates this review, who was born March 22, 1805, in Sheshequin, Pennsylvania. In 1834 he married Sylvia Crosby and they came to Steuben county and settled on the creek now known as Travis Creek. The present site of Canisteo and the county roundabout was then an unbroken wilderness, but about the stream upon whose banks they built their home and reared their children many other pioneer families came to live, and the subsequent flourishing settlement bore their name on account of the leading part they played in the community. Their son, Amasa Travis, was born on the first day of the year 1837, and died August 2, 1894. This highly respected and well remembered gentleman was born in the town of Canisteo on Travis creek and he followed the example of his honored and useful ancestors when it came to choosing a vocation in life. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the militia, but was never called upon to serve. He was a loyal adherent of the Republican party and his religious con-

viction was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was united in marriage with Sarah J. France, who, like her husband, was a native of the Empire state, the scenes upon which she first opened her eyes having been those of Stark, Montgomery county. The date of her birth was November 6, 1841, and she survives, making her home at Jasper, New York. Her father, David H. France, was a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, having preached for forty-five years, and her mother, whose maiden name was Eliza Farquharson, could trace her lineage to the land of the thistle.

David H. Travis, named for his maternal grandfather, was born in Canisteo, February 3, 1863, was reared upon his father's farm and passed his youth amid wholesome rural surroundings. After attending the district schools he entered Canisteo Academy and was graduated from that excellent institution in 1883. After finishing his education he adopted the vocation of his forebears as his own, practical experience having made him familiar with scientific agriculture in all of its details, his land, consisting of three farms, 160 acres being situated in Woodhull, where he resided until the spring of 1896, when he moved to Greenwood and there purchased two farms containing 356 acres; living there until 1905, he then moved to Canisteo and has since sold the three farms and invested in the milling business. During this period of time he was engaged in general farming and dairying and the breeding of thoroughbred Holstein cattle, being a member of the Holstein Fresian Association. The possessor of splendid executive gifts it was but natural that he should be inclined to an occupation which put these gifts into full play and in 1903 he purchased stock in that very important concern, the J. H. Strait Milling Company, and in a short time he assumed the position of president and general manager. This company was incorporated in 1902 and has a capacity of about 225 barrels of flour per day. It handles about 100 cars of grain per year, doing $150,000 worth of business each year. In short, he has won the success which always crowns well-directed labor, sound judgment and untiring perseverance, and at the same time has concerned himself with the affairs of his native county in a loyal public-spirited way. In his political proclivities Mr. Travis pays fealty to the principles and policies of the Republican party, in whose wisdom he reposes much confidence, having served the town of Greenwood as justice of peace. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Canisteo, as was Mrs. Travis until her death, March 17, 1910.

Mr. Travis established a happy life companionship by his marriage, which was celebrated July 1, 1884, in the town of Greenwood, New York, Anna E. Miller, daughter of William and Ruth Miller, becoming his bride. Though Mrs. William Miller's maiden name was Ruth Miller, she was no relative of her husband. The occupation of William Miller was farming and he was a well-known citizen of his locality. The union of the subject and his wife has been blessed by the birth of the following children, con-

cerning whose lives it is possible to give the ensuing data. The eldest son, Miller Amasa Travis, was born at Woodhull, New York, July 12, 1885. After graduating from the high school of Greenwood, he took a four-year course in agriculture in Cornell University, where he earned the degree of Bachelor of the Science of Agriculture. He has made excellent use of his thorough preparation and now holds the position of superintendent of the celebrated Rockroane Dairy at Irvington, New York. He was married in June, 1910, the young woman to become his wife being Miss Margaret Kiernan, of Irvington, New York. The second son, Glenn D. Travis, was born in Greenwood, New York, August 8, 1887, and died November 12, 1888. Lynn France Travis was born in Jasper, New York, April 15, 1889. He is a graduate of the Canisteo high school and Hornell Business College and is now employed by the J. H. Strait Milling Company. Andrew David Travis was born at Woodhull, New York, November 20, 1891. He is a graduate of Canisteo high school and is now preparing for a course in Cornell University. The youngest child is a daughter, Mary Anna Travis, born February 5, 1896, in Woodhull, New York, and now in attendance at Canisteo high school. The Travis home is one of the hospitable and attractive abodes of the community.

HENRY W. BOWES.—In the thriving little city of Bath Henry W. Bowes is successfully established in the produce and coal business, and he is numbered among the representative business men of his native place, where he has a secure hold upon popular confidence and esteem. He was born at Bath on the 22nd of December, 1859, and is the son of Martin and Mary (McMahon) Bowes, both of whom were born in Ireland, the former on the 15th of June, 1836, and the latter in the year 1831, their marriage having been solemnized in Steuben county, in 1856. Martin Bowes was about twelve years of age at the time of his parents' immigration to America, and the family home was established in Steuben county in 1848. Here he was reared to years of maturity and in 1857, about the time of attaining to his legal majority, he purchased a farm in Bath township, where he continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until 1859, when he established his home in the village of Bath, where he engaged in business in the transportation of passengers and freight, building up a successful drayage and omnibus line. In 1870 he turned his attention to the retail coal business and he also became a successful dealer in grain and other produce. He is now virtually retired from active business and is enjoying the just rewards of former years of earnest toil and endeavor. He is held in high esteem in the village that has so long represented his home and he served six years as a member of the board of trustees of the village of Bath. He is a stanch Democrat in his political proclivities and both he and his wife are zealous communicants of the Catholic church. Of their five children Henry W., of this review, is the eldest; Thomas F., is living

in Boston, Massachusetts; Ambrose is engaged in business at Bath; Mary is the wife of Warren W. Faulkner, of Bath; and Katherine remains at the parental home.

Henry W. Bowes, whose name initiates this article, was reared to maturity in his native village of Bath, which has been his home during the intervening years, and here he has found ample scope for the utilization of his energies and ability along normal lines of productive enterprise, through association with which he has gained prestige as one of the substantial business men of his native county. He gained his early educational discipline in the public schools and supplemented this by a course in Buffalo and at Haverling Academy, in Bath, an institution which figures as the alma mater of many of the representative citizens of Steuben county. He early became associated with his father's business affairs and for the past ten years he has been successfully established in business on his own responsibility, as a dealer in coal and farm produce. His political support is given to the Democratic party and he shows a lively interest in all that touches the welfare of his home town. He was reared in the faith of the Catholic church, in which he is a communicant, and as a citizen he is essentially loyal and public-spirited, the while he has not been denied the respect and esteem of the people of the community which has ever been his home.

In 1901 Mr. Bowes was married to Clara G., daughter of David M. and Sarah (Gaston) McMaster, of Bath. They have had three children. Sarah A., and David M., living, and Virginia, deceased. He served his native village four years as trustee, and one year as president. For twelve years he was a member of the Board of Health acting as its president most of that time. At present he is serving his third term as a member of the Board of Education. He was one of the founders of the prosperous Bath Savings and Loan Association, and for a long time its treasurer. He has been an active fireman thirty-five years, during which time he has served in nearly every official capacity in the department. He is a member of the Board of Trade, treasurer of the Steuben Club, and a charter member of Elmira Council, Knights of Columbus. In 1910 he was appointed one of the Commissioners for the Hudson-Fulton Celebration by Mayor McClellan, of New York City.

William G. Dean.—The Dean family of Steuben county, and for that matter very largely throughout central and western New York, claim descent from Walter Deane, who with his brother John came from South Chard, near Taunton, Somersetshire, England, and settled at Taunton, Massachusetts, in 1638. Without tracing the intermediate generations it is sufficient for the purposes of this article to say that William Dean and Hannah, his wife, in 1762, were occupying four hundred and seventy-seven acres of the "Phillipse Patent" near Carmel in Dutchess county, New York, that tract having been opened up to settlers shortly before. Among his children was John, who had been born in Connecticut in 1740, became a sol-

dier in the French and Indian war and was one of the army with Wolfe at Quebec. He also served in the Continental army in the War of the Revolution. He came with his son, Dr. William N., to the town of Pulteney, in Steuben county, in 1815, having previously made a tour of inspection by horseback, and he died there at a venerable age. He was three times married, though only one wife, Mary Niles, bore him children. They were among the early settlers of the town. Dr. William N. Dean was born at Carmel, New York, in 1795, married to Polly Terry in 1815 at Red Mills, in Dutchess county, and spent his life from young manhood on in the town of Pulteney. He was a man of strong mind and purpose, keen, active, and as a physician took high rank in his profession. He left five children, the youngest of whom, George R., was born in 1832. He became interested in the reports of the discovery of gold in California and shortly before reaching his legal majority joined the hegira of gold-seekers to California, making the long trip by way of the Isthmus of Panama. He remained in California and Nevada for thirteen years, engaged in mining or other business, holding office, fighting Indians, and playing his full part in maintaining law and order in the wild life of the frontier. He returned to Pulteney in 1866 and was married to Jennie M., daughter of Harry and Theresa (Weed) Godfrey in 1867. The Godfrey family also were early settlers in the town, having settled there about the same time that Dr. Dean came. Their former home was South East in Putnam county, New York. Harry Godfrey was supervisor of the town for a number of terms, justice of the peace and a successful farmer, lawyer and financier. His keen insight and wisdom in choosing investments enabled him to amass a fortune that was in those early days considered large. Soon after the marriage of his daughter Jennie M. to George R. Dean he left the farm to them and removed to Prattsburgh, where he died in 1887. To George R. Dean and wife were born five children, as follows: William G., March 1, 1868; Minnie G., a graduate of Elmira College and now of the Department of Education at Albany, New York, July 11, 1870; Alice, now Mrs. Dr. William W. Bachman, of Prattsburgh, July 2, 1872; Stella, still living at home with her mother, October 13, 1875; and Harry G., who owns and occupies the old farm, June 25, 1878. George R. Dean spent most of his life after his return from the west in farming. In 1887 he removed to Prattsburgh, where he lived till his death in 1904. Mrs. Dean still lives at Prattsburgh.

The subject of this sketch lived at home until fourteen years of age, when he came to Prattsburgh as a student at Franklin Academy, from which institution he graduated in the classical course in 1887. Before leaving school he had been called upon by his grandfather, Harry Godfrey, to assist him in the management of his affairs and at his death the settlement was left largely in his hands. This work, which occupied his mind for a number of years, com-

pelled him to abandon his plans for college and to be content with the education already obtained.

In 1904 he, with Dr. Robert J. Scott and others, organized the Prattsburgh State Bank and bought from W. Frank McLean the banking business which had been conducted by him as a private bank. The bank was organized with a capital of $25,000 and its record has been one of uninterrupted success and progress. It has paid dividends almost from its organization and has amassed a surplus now nearly as large as its capital. Mr. Dean and Dr. Scott for over six years had equal voice in its management, the former holding the office of president, the latter that of cashier. Recently Dr. Scott retired from active participation in the affairs of the bank and Mr. Dean increased his holdings of stock in the bank and correspondingly his voice in its management. It is worthy of note that since the organization of the bank its losses have been less than one per cent per annum of the aggregate amount of loans. Mr. Dean has other real estate interests to which he devotes some time. He was for twenty years a member of the Board of Education of Franklin Academy and its president for a number of years. He is a member and one of the trustees of the Presbyterian church, and holds membership in the Masonic and Oddfellow bodies.

In 1894 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Dean to Miss Grace Conine, of Bath, this county. She was the daughter of Lorenzo and Abigail Townsend Conine, the former a well-known business man and representative citizen of Bath. The death of Mrs. Dean occurred September 13, 1910, and, beloved by all who knew her, it may well be said of her in the words of the poet,

"To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die."

Her parents removed from Pittsburgh, Green county, to Bath, about fifty years ago, and there she was born, May 9, 1871. Her education was obtained in Haverling Academy, from which institution she was graduated with the class of 1889. For a short time previous to her marriage she was a clerk in the village postoffice under the administration of her brother, Gamaliel T. Conine, and in this capacity won many friends by her prompt and efficient service and her obliging and cheerful manner. An appreciation of the life and character of this admirable lady was given in a local publication at the time of her demise and from this extracts are taken, with some slight paraphrase.

After her marriage on August 8, 1894, Mrs. Dean gave herself to the establishing of a home of culture and refinement. Soon, however, tubercular trouble came to cast its shadow over her life and she was obliged to spend some time in the Adirondacks, where she did in large measure regain her strength, until two years ago, when the trouble was renewed, gradually increasing in intensity until the close. At the early age of nine years she united in mem-

bership with the Methodist church, and transferred her fellowship to the Presbyterian church when she came here to live. As all so well know, she was most devoted to her home and could not think of remaining long away from it, although absence might mean the regaining of her powers; other places and other scenes could not compensate for the home joys. Mrs. Dean loved the best books and the great authors became her personal friends. She delighted herself not with the ephemeral books of the day, but with the tried and true works of past years. Emerson, Scott, Cooper, Dickens, Hugo, Eliot, and Whittier were her delight, as well as the better class of writers of our own time. Reading was the pleasure of her last years when sickness had compelled her to withdraw from social life and duties in which formerly she had found pleasure.

Perhaps that which touched all hearts most deeply was the silent and heroic struggle with disease, to which a weaker will would have succumbed long before. In our intercourse with people we occasionally meet with those who seem to bring out the best in our nature; we are loathe to speak the unworthy thought in their presence, and there was this about Mrs. Dean's personality; she had the faculty of drawing out the best in the lives of those who came in touch with her own. Such personalities are rare and when one passes out we truly mourn the loss, yet the influence, the sweet perfume of the life still remains.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Dean was survived by four brothers, G. LaValle, Frank B., David E., and Clinton F., and also by a sister, Mrs. W. A. SinClair, all of Bath.

Clarence H. Fay.—A native son of Steuben county, who has gained success and prestige as a member of the bar of New York City, is Clarence H. Fay. He was born in Steuben county, on the 4th of August, 1877, and is a son of Henry C. and Mary Ostrander, both of whom were likewise born and reared in Steuben county, where the respective families were founded many years ago. His paternal grandfather, Lewis Fay, was numbered among the pioneers of Steuben county, where he was identified with the operation of a stage line in the early days and where he also engaged in the express business. He was one of the first conductors on the Erie Railroad and was well known throughout the section of the state which represented is home for so many years. His maternal grandfather, John Ostrander, likewise was numbered among the pioneers of Steuben county.

Clarence H. Fay, the only son in a family of three children, was reared to adult age in Steuben county and completed the curriculum of the public schools, including the high school at Bath. He thereafter became a student in Cornell University, at Ithaca, this state, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1901 and from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1903 he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the New York Law School. In the same year he was admitted to the bar

of New York city and here he has since been engaged in the active practice of his profession. He manifests his continued interest in his native county by his membership in the Steuben County Society of New York city and in politics he gives his allegiance to the Republican party.

JAMES E. JONES.—As president of the Steuben County Society of New York City Colonel James E. Jones keeps in close touch with the affairs of Steuben county, where he was born and reared and where much of his life has been passed. Although Colonel Jones has reached the venerable age of eighty-one years (in 1911) he is still most active and retains in much of their pristine vigor the splendid mental and physical powers of his youth. His business offices in New York city are maintained at No. 143 Wadsworth avenue.

Colonel James E. Jones was born at Cameron, Steuben county, New York, on the 27th of July, 1829, and is a son of James E. and Sally (Orcutt) Jones, both of whom are now deceased, the former having been born on Duncans Island, Pennsylvania, and the latter at Chemung, Chemung county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Jones became the parents of five children and of the number two are now living, the Colonel having been the last in order of birth. After due preliminary training in the public schools of Steuben county, Colonel Jones attended and was graduated in the Addison Select School, conducted by the renowned Professor Lockwood, as a member of the class of 1849. In 1852 he was elected town clerk of Cameron and in the following year was made under sheriff, by G. T. Harrower, and resided at Bath, the judicial center of the county, for two years. In 1857 Colonel Jones decided to seek his fortunes in the west and accordingly journeyed to Fort Scott, Kansas, where he edited and published the Fort Scott *Democrat,* a free state journal. Because of his opposition to the "Jan Hawkin" faction he was ordered by old John Brown to leave the territory. We quote his own words in this connection: "I did not obey him and when I subsequently heard that he was justly executed at Charleston, Virginia, I shed no tears." He continued to reside in Kansas until 1861.

At the time when the dark cloud of Civil war obscured the national horizon Colonel Jones tendered his services in defense of the cause of the Union. He entered the army on the 15th of April, 1861, as a private in the Frontier Guards of Kansas, and soon after being mustered into service he was appointed, by President Lincoln, a captain and assistant quartermaster and assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He continued as a valiant and faithful soldier until the close of the war, being three times brevetted for gallant and meritorious service upon the recommendation of General Grant. He participated in many important conflicts marking the progress of the war and after General Lee's surrender he was ordered to Albany, New York, in which connection his duties as a soldier

covered the entire state with the exception of New York city. He continued in the volunteer service until May, 1866, at which time he was honorably mustered out. In 1870 he purchased a large tract of land in Addison, which he improved, erecting buildings and cultivating this extensive farm. At this time he also was a member of the firm of Barber, Palmer and Jones, of Utica, manufacturers of statistical instruments.

Fraternally, Colonel Jones is affiliated with many important organizations of representative character. He was made a master Mason in 1851 and a Royal Arch Mason, at Addison, in 1869. In 1852 he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Sons of Temperance. He has ever retained a deep and sincere interest in his old comrades in arms and signified the same by membership in Angle Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Addison, of which he is a charter member. In 1872 he was appointed captain of the Post of New York by Governor Hoffman, and in 1885 was appointed by President Cleveland deputy collector of the port of New York and held the position for six years. Colonel Jones was appointed port warden by Governor Hill and reappointed by Governor Flower, subsequently being made director of the New York Aquarium, which position he has held for six years. At the present time he is a member of the Democratic Club of New York city, where he has resided since 1885. He was particularly active in the organizing of the Steuben County Society of New York City, and of the same has been president. In politics he is aligned as a stalwart in the ranks of the Democratic party and he has been a most potent influence in promoting all measures advanced for the general welfare.

In the year 1868 Colonel Jones was united in marriage to Miss Mary Steele, who was a granddaughter of Judge Steele, an eminent and distinguished citizen of the old town of Painted Post. She was born and reared at Elkland, Pennsylvania, and has now reached the age of sixty years. Mrs. Jones is a woman of rare culture and refinement and she and her husband are devout members of the Episcopal church.

HENRY C. DUDLEY.—The name of Dudley is one which has figured prominently and admirably in the history of the United States and in the preceding Colonial period. The first Dudley came to the shores of New England but a decade later than the Mayflower, and in scarcely less than three centuries the family has given to the nation scores of distinguished men—soldiers, patriots, and statesmen, and men whose honor and integrity has withstood every test. Down through the generations there came in uninterrupted course the stanch Puritan principles of these illustrious forbears to Henry Clay Dudley, lately deceased, who met the best of them as a peer in the highest capacity granted to mankind—that of a good man and a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Dudley was born at Bath, New York, December 22, 1837,

and he lived to pass by a few years the psalmist's allotment, his demise occurring May 8, 1910. As said before, the Dudley family is one of the oldest in America and the founder of the family on these shores was Thomas Dudley, the ship "Arbella," which had carried him and his family across the Atlantic, arriving in 1630 on the coast of Massachusetts. He was the son of Roger Dudley, captain of Queen Elizabeth's army and a Puritan, and he was destined to become a leader in the new world. With fifteen hundred others he settled at Salem, and did a valuable part in the founding of Boston and of Harvard College. He was several times governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, alternating with John Winthrop, and he died after twenty-two years of usefulness at Roxbury, Massachusetts, July 31, 1653. It is probable that Thomas Dudley's wife died before the exodus from England; at any rate, her name and origin are not known. Glancing further, it is found that the next in line with the subject was the Rev. Samuel Dudley, eldest son of the Governor. He was born in England, possibly at Northampton, his father's birthplace, and he was thrice married and became the father of eighteen children. His first wife, to whom he was united two years after coming to America, was Mary, daughter of Governor John Winthrop. The eleventh child, Stephen, the offspring of his third marriage, was the ancestor of him whose name stands at the head of this review. Like his father, he was a citizen of Exeter, New Hampshire, and he thrived, becoming a well-to-do yeoman and the father of eleven children. The third of the children born to him was Lieutenant James Dudley, his birthdate being 1690, and that of his death 1746. A cooper by trade, he was also one of the large landowners of New England, much of his property being in the vicinity of the present town of Raymond, New Hampshire. He was a daring soldier and scout, being present at the siege of Louisburg, and he served with distinction as an officer in the third Inter-Colonial war with France in 1744-47. The third of Lieutenant James Dudley's eight children was Lieutenant Samuel Dudley, born in 1720, and died in 1797. Like his father, he was a valiant soldier and side by side with him he displayed his valor in the war above-mentioned, his office at that time being that of a sergeant. At the siege of Louisburg he captured a French captain in the woods. There were several military Dudleys in that day, one of Samuel's uncles being a captain and another a major. Samuel Dudley, soldier, answered to numerous other callings, being a Quaker preacher, a farmer and a lumberman, and the scene of these diversified labors was Raymond, New Hampshire. Of the seven sons born to his three marriages two died from accident, four were preachers who left illustrious descendants, and one, Jeremiah—in line with the subject—was a Revolutionary soldier.

Jeremiah Dudley, fourth son of Lieutenant Samuel Dudley, was born in Raymond, New Hampshire, in 1753, and had the distinction of serving through the war of the Revolution under a num-

ber of famous generals—under the great Washington himself, under Generals Gates and Sullivan, and at one time Benedict Arnold was his commander. He was one of nineteen Dudleys who were Revolutionary soldiers. In later life Jeremiah became a shipbuilder and located in Bangor, Maine, whence he removed in sleighs with his large family to Bath, New York, in 1814. He purchased fifteen hundred acres of land south of Bath village, now known as Dudley settlement, and thus in him we see the founder of the family in the Empire state. He was a Republican and a well-informed citizen, and while in Maine held several minor offices. His cousin, Nathaniel Dudley, wrote of him in 1817: "He obtained a better education than his brothers, though it was not extraordinary. He was a man of strong mind, of very industrious and prudent habits while living in Maine and had the faculty to keep, as well as to get, property." His life was bounded by the years 1752 and 1838, and through him ten good citizens were given to the state. Moses Dudley, eighth child of the foregoing, was born at East Pittston, Maine, July 13, 1797. He was a pious man and a citizen who enjoyed the popular esteem and he prospered as a farmer. He received a common-school education, but his learning was not measured by the time he had spent behind a desk in the school room. Politically he gave his support to the Republican party. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Atwood, was born October 14, 1802, at Bangor, Maine. Her mother was a Longfellow and preceded by two generations that noted member of the family, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Mary A. Dudley died February 4, 1898, a woman of very advanced years and generally beloved in the community. She and her husband were the parents of ten sons and daughters.

Henry Clay Dudley was the eighth of the children of Moses and Mary A. Dudley, and his birth occurred upon the ancestral homestead in Bath township, Steuben county. In this brief review it must be apparent that never American citizen had ancestry more worthy of pride and self-satisfaction. He was, however, one of the most modest and simple of men, content to do his duty in that state to which he had been called; an Abolitionist in his convictions at the time of the nation's disruption; a Republican in politics, though not a rabid one, ever placing the good of the whole social body above mere partisanship; an advocate of Prohibition in his latter days. He was not a church member, but he gave his right hand to all good causes and any measure likely to result in the general welfare was sure of his support.

Mr. Dudley was educated in the public schools and early elected to devote his energies to farming, his property consisting of four hundred acres located in Dudley settlement and possessing commodious buildings, among them an attractive home of renowned hospitality.

On the 2nd of February, 1869, occurred the marriage of Mr. Dudley to Rhuetta Z. Havens, daughter of Elijah and Susan

Havens, of Phelps, New York, their union being celebrated at that place. Through her mother Mrs. Dudley is a descendant of the same stock which produced the eminent American clergyman, Edward Everett Hale. Rev. Elijah Havens was a Wesleyan Methodist minister and was burned to death at Bath when Mrs. Dudley was but eight years of age. This marriage was blessed by the birth of six sons and two daughters, of whom the ensuing mention is given.

The eldest son, Plummer A., was born at Bath, October 21, 1869, and died March 17, 1895. Carrie was born July 8, 1871, and at Bath, October 18, 1893, became the wife of George Z. Harder, a farmer. They have one son, Clay. Egbert H. was born August 31, 1873, and was united in marriage to Edith Morrow, November 9, 1898. He received a high school and collegiate education and is successfully engaged as a produce merchant and lumberman at Bath. He and his wife are the parents of five children. Susan P., born January 24, 1879, on February 8, 1899, married Fred L. Robinson, a machinist, and died January 4, 1903, leaving one son, Byrd. George H., born December 7, 1882, received his preliminary education in the high school and is a graduate of Hamilton College. He married Arthella Philo at Washington Mills, New York, June 2, 1908, and has one daughter, Muriel. He is a produce dealer by occupation. Frank E. was born March 13, 1884; was educated in the Bath high school and at Oberlin (Ohio) College, being a graduate of the latter institution. He was married in Buffalo, New York, December 8, 1910, Eva Boyle becoming his wife, and he is now occupied as a restaurant keeper at Bath. Clay, born February 5, 1886, received a high school and part college education and was married August 20, 1908, to Katherine Parkhurst, their union being celebrated in Bath. He is a member of the firm of E. H. Dudley & Company, produce dealers. He and his wife have two children—a son, Egbert P., and a daughter, Dorothy. The youngest member of the family, Floyd, was born July 9, 1890, received a good public school education, and married at Bath, November 18, 1909, Alice Orcutt, they being the parents of a daughter, Edith. Floyd Dudley is engaged in farming. Bath is the birthplace of all the children.

The widow of Henry Clay Dudley is a woman who enjoys the respect of the whole community. Of Mr. Dudley it has been said by one who knew him well, "He was provident; a careful farmer; industrious; of good habits; a Puritan in principle; an accommodating neighbor; a good man."

Could simpler, sincerer, less bombastic, more desirable tribute be paid?

SAMUEL B. BALCOM.—He whose name initiates this sketch is one of the substantial and progressive business men contributed to the national metropolis by Steuben county, and for nearly a quarter of a century he has been established as a wholesale dealer in butter, eggs and cheese at 151 Read street, New York city. He has built up a large and appreciative trade within this long interval

and his definite success has been well justified by his fair and honorable methods. Mr. Balcom was born at Curtis, Steuben county, on the 15th of September, 1865, and is a son of Benjamin and Melvina E. (Dunkles) Balcom, the former of whom was born May 14, 1830, a son of Benjamin F. Balcom, who took up his residence in Steuben county about 1829, becoming one of the successful farmers of that section of the state. Mrs. Melvina E. Balcom was born and reared in Steuben county, where her parents settled in the pioneer days. Benjamin Balcom still resides in the village of Curtis and is one of its venerable and highly honored citizens, being an octogenarian at the time of this writing. He has witnessed virtually the entire development and upbuilding of that favored section and in a reminiscent way recalls many interesting incidents in connection with the pioneer days in that county, where he made his advent as a lumberman and farmer, and which he has always pursued successfully. His cherished and devoted wife was summoned to the life eternal in 1900, at the age of sixty-three years. They became the parents of three children, all of whom are living—Uri, who resides at Curtis; Eliza, who is the wife of Guy E. Calkins, of Painted Post, Steuben county; and Samuel B., of this sketch, who is the eldest of the three children.

Samuel B. Balcom was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and early commenced to contribute his quota to the various departments of its work. In the meantime he availed himself of the advantages of the district schools, which he attended principally during the winter seasons and in which he laid the foundations for the broad and practical knowledge which he has since gained in the school of experience. Upon attaining to his legal majority Mr. Balcom severed his active allegiance with the great basic industry under whose influences he had been reared and removed to New York city, determined to gain for himself as great success as he could achieve under metropolitan conditions. He thus took up his residence in New York city in 1886 and in 1888 he began his independent operations as a wholesale dealer in butter, eggs and cheese, with which line of enterprise he has since been actively identified, with headquarters from the beginning at his present favored location on Read street. As may be naturally inferred, he began operations on a modest scale, but by energy and good management, fortified by his thorough knowledge of the handling of farm products, he has built up an extensive and substantial business, in connection with which he gives employment to a large corps of men.

Mr. Balcom has been one of the most appreciative and enthusiastic members of the Steuben County Society of New York city and had the distinction of serving as its president in 1908. He was one of the organizers of the society and has been zealous in perfecting and cementing its social ties. He has also completed the circle of York Rite Masonry and is identified with the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and the Benevolent

& Protective Order of Elks. He is a stanch Democrat in his political proclivities and is a member of the Machinery Club of New York city.

On the 26th of October, 1887, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Balcom to Miss Sarah M. Haynes, who was likewise born and reared in Steuben county, and who is a daughter of David R. Haynes, one of the representative farmers of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Balcom have two daughters, Louise S. and Helen J.

Glenn Hammond Curtiss, of aerial navigation fame, was born at Hammondsport, Steuben county, New York, and part of his name was given him in honor of that village. His father was Frank R. Curtiss, who settled at Hammondsport and was a harness maker there till his death, which occurred in 1880, when he was twenty-eight years old. Leah Andrews became the wife of Frank R. Curtiss and the mother of Glenn H. and Rutha Curtiss. She is living at Buffalo, New York. Miss Rutha Curtiss, who has been deaf since her childhood, is a teacher at the Deaf Institute at Rochester, New York.

After leaving school Glenn H. Curtiss studied photography two years, then engaged in the bicycle business, eventually taking part in national and international tournaments and becoming one of the most noted wheelmen of his time. From the bicycle business to the motorcycle business was but a natural step, following the development of the bicycle and its evolution to the motor vehicle stage. While winning fame throughout the wide world he still owns his motorcycle enterprise at Hammondsport and it is kept in profitable operation. During the last few years he has devoted himself to invention and adventure in aerial navigation and has become one of the men foremost in this field. The story of his work and of his triumphs would fill a volume. Since he made his first flight in 1908, on the old Stony Brook farm, his achievements have filled large space in the newspaper press of the whole civilized world. On March 7, 1898, Mr. Curtiss married Miss Lina Neff, born at Prattsburg, Steuben county, September 14, 1879, a daughter of Guy L. Neff. Mr. Neff came of an old pioneer family. He was born October 13, 1850, prospered as a lumberman and died April 27, 1903. His wife was Jennie Potter, daughter of Seneca and Marion (Chase) Potter, of Yates county, New York. Mrs. Curtiss' mother is living, aged about fifty-three years; her grandfather Potter is also living, aged about eighty-nine. Mrs. Curtiss was the only child of her parents. She is a member of the Episcopal church.

Hammondsport and Steuben county are proud of Mr. Curtiss and he shows his loyalty to Old Steuben and his love for his birthplace and boyhood home by continuing to live there in these days of his great prosperity, making the little town among the hills and at the foot of the lake the scene of operations which must add lustre to its already world-wide fame gained through the juice of its grapes, the product of its wine presses.

GEORGE RAY HALL.—Through ambition, energy and perseverance George Ray Hall, of Hammondsport, has won a high place for himself among the substantial citizens of Steuben county, New York. In addition to his duties as a wine manufacturer he is manager and financial secretary for Glenn H. Curtiss, the eminent exploiter of the aeroplane and promoter of aerial navigation.

Mr. Hall is a native son of this county, his birth having occured at Bath on the 13th of February, 1871. His parents, Alexander and Eliza (Waterous) Hall, were likewise born in New York, but both are now deceased. The father was identified with agricultural pursuits during the major portion of his active business career, and was a son of Reuben and Nancy (Gilmore) Hall, early settlers of Hammondsport and the Lake Keuka region. Mr. Hall traces his family history on his father's side through Lyman Hall, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and on his mother's side through Benjamin Waterous, through the Revolution and back to the early history of this country. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hall became the parents of ten children, seven of whom are now living and concerning whom the following brief data are here recorded: Emmet resides at Cameron Mills, Steuben county; Ida is the widow of Franklin G. Churchill, and she lives at Lansing, Michigan; Eva is the wife of Moses Davison, of Bath, New York; Elmer maintains his home at Batavia, Genesee county, this state; Lettie is now Mrs. Charles C. Cook, of Lansing, Michigan; William is a citizen of Hornell, this county; and George Ray, the youngest member of this family, is the immediate subject of this review.

After completing the curriculum of the public schools of his native place George Ray Hall continued his studies for two years at Holland, Michigan, residing with his sister, Mrs. F. G. Churchill, and at the expiration of this time he returned to Elmira, New York, and entered the Elmira Business College, from which he was graduated in June, 1888. In January, 1889, he became bookkeeper for the Hammondsport Wine Company, at Hammondsport. In 1892 he accepted a position with the George W. Hallock Bank, Bath, but one year later he returned to the Hammondsport Wine Company for one year; then he went to Warsaw, Wyoming county, this state, where he was identified with the Blue Stone industry for about six years, when he again returned to Hammondsport and founded the Crescent Wine Company, of which he has since been secretary, treasurer and general manager. This company was started in 1902 and incorporated under the laws of the state of New York in 1905. It caterers to a large wholesale and retail trade and its general prosperity is constantly on the increase.

In May, 1909, Mr. Hall was appointed manager and financial secretary for Glenn H. Curtiss, the widely renowned aeroplane inventor and operator, whose success in his particular field of endeavor has aroused the admiration and wonder of nations.

In his religious faith Mr. Hall is a devout communicant of the

Protestant Episcopal church, holding membership in St. James' parish at Hammondsport, in which he is a vestryman. He is an active and zealous factor in church work and liberal contributor to all worthy philanthropical projects. Holding definite views on all political subjects and exerting considerable influence in local affairs, Mr. Hall is not in the ordinary sense an active politician and has resolutely declined all proffered public offices. In politics he is not, strictly speaking, a party man. He exercises his franchise in favor of the party most likely to give clean government with the changing civic conditions, and no measure or enterprise advanced for the general welfare fails of a most hearty and sincere support from him. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the time-honored Masonic order and he is also a valued and appreciative member of the Knights of Pythias.

In the year 1896 Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Anna Belle Lewis, who was born at Prattsburg, Steuben county, on the 19th of March, 1872. She is the daughter of Jeremiah and Marium (Anderson) Lewis, the latter of whom is a daughter of John and Jane (Wyckoff) Anderson. John Anderson was a son of John and Patience (Andrews) Anderson, who were early settlers in Steuben county. Jeremiah Lewis, who died at the age of sixty-nine, was a son of Graudus and Cornelia (Swarts) Lewis, descendants of the earliest settlers of Prattsburg, Steuben county. The mother of Mrs. Hall is a gracious old lady of seventy-two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have one child, Wilber Lewis Hall, whose birth occurred on the 5th day of July, 1900.

William Henry Chamberlain, of Bath township, Steuben county, New York, is one of the prominent citizens of his county and belongs to a family long resident here. He was born August 15, 1866, on the homestead where he now lives, a son of Jesse Mark Chamberlain and wife, Erville, nee Ingham.

Jesse Mark Chamberlain, also a native of the Chamberlain homestead, was born September 27, 1824. His parents were Joseph Chamberlain, born at Wardsboro, Vermont, July 28, 1790, and Esther, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Josselyn) Wheeler. It was in 1810 that the Chamberlains came to New York and settled near Kanona, in Steuben county, on the land which is still retained by the family, being owned and occupied by William Henry. Joseph Chamberlain was by trade a clothier, but after coming to New York was interested in farming and milling. He dug a mill race and built the first mill at Kanonaville, which he later sold to a man by the name of Otis. On April 26, 1833, he accidently fell from a high beam in his barn and sustained injuries from the effects of which he died June 17, 1834.

Joseph Chamberlain's father, also named Joseph, was born at Charlestown, Massachusetts, December 27, 1762. He married Lucy, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Cheney) Whitney, of Milford, Massachusetts, and removed to a farm in Vermont in 1782, which

had been given him as bounty for services in the Continental army. His father was Wilson Chamberlain, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Joanna (Call) Austin, of Charlestown. Wilson was born September 24, 1724, and resided at the old home in that town until the spring of 1775. At the time of the burning of Charleston and the battle of Bunker Hill his family fled with other women and children before the invading enemy. Wilson was also a soldier of the Revolution and received partial compensation from the commonwealth for the loss of his house and property, destroyed June 17, 1775. He was a son of John and Thankful (Wilson) Chamberlain, of Charlestown.

The earliest ancestor of the family that settled in this country was probably Henry Chamberlain, who came from Bingham, county Norfolk, England, in the ship Diligent, and settled at Hull, Massachusetts, in 1638. He brought with him his wife, mother and two sons, Henry and William, and was admitted freeman March 13, 1639.

Ervilla (Ingham) Chamberlain is a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Lewis) Ingham. She was married to Jesse Mark Chamberlain October 25, 1860, and they are the parents of two sons and a daughter, namely: Joseph Redington, William Henry and Mrs. Lucy C. Baker, of Springfield, Massachusetts. Joseph R. married Hope Sommerell and resides at Raleigh, North Carolina. Their children are Mary Mitchell, Jesse Mark and Gratia.

William Henry Chamberlain graduated at high school in 1885 and at Cornell University in 1889, after which he went to North Carolina, where he spent four years employed as secretary to John T. Patrick, commissioner of agriculture. Returning to Kanona in 1893, he settled on the old home place, where he has since resided. For years he has been interested in fine stock, breeding and raising horses, cattle and sheep, making a specialty of Morgan horses and Jersey cattle. For three years he was secretary of the New York State Breeders' Association, and he served as vice-president of the Steuben County Agricultural Society. Also he was elected and served as one of the expert judges of cattle for the state convention. And in addition to his interests in his home county he owns a large amount of property in the southern states.

For years Mr. Chamberlain has been prominent in Republican politics. In 1905 and again in 1907 he was elected to the General Assembly of the state, the last time receiving a majority of over one thousand seven hundred votes, and in the legislature he figured prominently, serving in such responsible positions as chairman of the committee on the Soldiers' Home, member of the taxation, public lands and forestry committees, and member of the state forest commission, also the committee on state fishing, game, etc. In addition to his Greek fraternity, Kappa Alpha, be belongs to the Grangers and to the Masonic order at Bath.

On October 27, 1898, Mr. Chamberlain married Miss Carrie Belle Stickney, who bore him three children: William Henry,

born January 3, 1901; Julius John, May 31, 1903; and Melina Erville, May 20, 1904. William Henry died March 5, 1903. Mrs. Chamberlain was born March 10, 1873, a daughter of Julius and Katie (Aulls) Stickney, natives of Steuben county, and she died October 1, 1907. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in every respect a most estimable woman, loved by all who knew her.

DANIEL SHOEMAKER.—This well-known, highly respected and venerable farmer of Steuben county is a native son of the Emerald Isle, which has given to America some of her most progressive stock. His eyes first opened to the light of day in county Limerick, Ireland, the date of his nativity being April 26, 1826. His father, Philip Shoemaker, was born in 1798, at the time of the Irish rebellion, and farmed in Ireland, on land, which it is extremely interesting to note, was granted by William of Orange, the estate having been in the subject's family during successive generations. The father came to "the new land of promise"—America—in 1852, some few years after the arrival on these shores of the son whose name initiates this review, and with his family he located on land in Steuben county where his son Daniel had previously settled. His wife, Mary Kinney, born in 1798, died in 1889, when more than ninety years of age. Of these seven children of this worthy couple only two are living—Daniel and his brother Amos, the latter a citizen of Rochester, New York. One of his brothers was coachman for Archdeacon Warburton, of the church of England.

Daniel Shoemaker was the first of the family to hear the call of opportunity from the shores of the new world, and after arriving in the United States he first located in Seneca county, New York, subsequently removing to Keuka, Steuben county, where he was living when he sent for his parents and others of his family. From that place he came to Bath, where he was employed by the late Judge Rumsey, his term of service for that gentleman lasting until 1867, and being of fifteen years' duration. He then bought a farm near Kanona, to which he made additions until he owned four hundred and fifty acres, which he eventually deeded to his children. He is a Republican and was formerly active and influential in local political movements. During the administration of President Hayes he was postmaster at Kanona, and then relinquished the office in favor of his son Daniel. In the matter of religious conviction he is affiliated with the Episcopal church.

Mr. Shoemaker laid the foundation of a happy married life, when Elizabeth Kelley, a young woman of the North of Ireland, became his wife. She was a daughter of Owen Kelley, and was the scion of a family very old and of high honor in Ireland. The demise of this worthy woman and faithful wife occurred in 1885, her years at the time numbering fifty-eight. She bore to her husband a number of children, concerning whom it is possible to include the following facts of biography. Clara married F. Evans and through

her the subject has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. George, of Kanona, married Cora Shultz, and through him Mr. Shoemaker has three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Kate is the wife of William Goodman, a shoemaker of Kanona. Daniel, a farmer and postmaster at Kanona, married Eva Snell, and they are the parents of one child. Phillip, not married, is a farmer near Kanona. Mary is the wife of C. Woods, of Hammondsport, Steuben county.

Mr. Shoemaker is peacefully passing the closing years of a long and well-spent life, happy in the knowledge that he possesses a prosperous and estimable family, sons and grandsons who have done honor to his name. He confidently looks forward to the reward due to the man who lives honestly and usefully. He has done his part in the development of the county and the advancement of its interests and gladly lays the burden on younger shoulders, not doubting that the Providence that has watched over the making of our history thus far will favor even greater and better things in the years to come. In his more than sixty years of residence in this section he has witnessed great change and progress, while at the same time contributing in due measure to the same and he is very loyal to the adopted country, which has been the scene of the greater part of his active and successful life.

FRANK O. GAY, a farmer of Bath, New York, was born March 8, 1861, in the township of Pulteney. He is a son of Andrew and Marietta (Rice) Gay, both natives of Steuben county, New York. Andrew Gay was born in Howard, October 12, 1835, the son of John and Permelia (Lounsbury) Gay. John Gay was born in Rochester, New York, and his father, Joseph Gay, had his nativity in Baltimore, Maryland, April 14, 1779, the latter settling first in Rochester and subsequently removing to Steuben county. Joseph Gay was a relative of the Gay who, according to the records of history, raised a company at his own expense at the time of the Revolutionary war and assisted Lafayette on his progress south through Virginia. Joseph Gay married Sarah Laffler, July 26, 1801, and they were the first of the Gay family to settle in Prattsburg, Steuben county. He died in 1832 and his son, John Gay, was born October 26, 1813, and followed farming all his life.

Andrew Gay, father of him whose name initiates this review, was engaged in farming for forty years in Steuben county, and he is now living retired in Avoca village. His marriage to Marietta, daughter of Henry and Eliza (Smith) Rice, was solemnized March 16, 1858. His wife traces her ancestry back to the Puritans of New England and she is of the seventh generation of the family who came to Boston in 1629 with Endicott. The subject is one of two sons, the younger, Benjamin R., being a produce dealer of Avoca, New York.

Frank O. Gay is a graduate of Haverling High School, of Bath, and as a young man he took up the work of school teaching, an oc-

cupation in which he was engaged for three years. Then he settled down to farming and has carried on farming and stock raising, of which he has made a success, on his farm one mile north of the village of Bath, on the Hammondsport road, to the present time.

Mr. Gay has always been a stanch Republican, active in party work, and has filled various party offices, at present being town superintendent of highways. He is the present county committeeman, having held that office for several years.

In 1882 Mr. Gay married Miss Adela Durnian, who was born in Bath, Steuben county, October 10, 1861, a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Stewart) Durnian. Mrs. Adela Gay died March 2, 1905, after more than twenty years of happy married life, in which she knew the joys of motherhood, and her beautiful Christian character was a potent influence for good not only in her own home but also in the circle of her acquaintance. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church, as also is Mr. Gay. They were the parents of three daughters and a son. Lillian, born in 1884, is the wife of M. H. Taylor, a farmer of Bath township; Edna and Edwin, twins, were born in 1886, the former being the wife of F. B. Quinby, of Elmira, New York. The latter, a pharmacist and a graduate of Brooklyn College, is manager of a drug store. Marietta, born in 1895, is a student in the Bath high school.

For his second wife Mr. Gay married Louise, daughter of William Allison, of Bath. In his church the subject has long been prominent and active, for years having filled the office of steward. Fraternally he is a Mason and belongs also to the Grange.

Mrs. Martin Argus, of Urbana, Steuben county, has a double claim to honorable mention in this historic picture of sectional progress and individual achievement. For some three decades she performed, with faithfulness and love, the many and exacting duties of a helpful wife and the mother of a large family, and, as has always been the case since family records commenced, took upon herself the greatest weight of the burdens involved in rearing the sons and daughters to useful and honorable manhood and womanhood. Then when all this had been accomplished, the husband was taken from her in the strength of his middle age, and she assumed the responsibilities of his business, which she had successfully carried for more than twenty years. The result could not be less than it is, namely—that no member of the community is more respected for her ability and more revered for her good works than the widow of Martin Argus, the venerable but still active proprietor of one of the best vineyards in Steuben county.

Mrs. Argus is a native of Rheinpfalz, Germany, born on the 24th of October, 1834, and is a daughter of Matthew and Gertrude (Hubschmitt) Rieks. Her father died in 1847, at the age of forty-four, a man of high intelligence who had filled for many years the office of notary. The mother, who passed away in 1872, in her seventy-third year, was a daughter of Sebastian and Apollina

(Ochsner) Hubschmitt, who cultivated their vineyard with contentment and profit during all the years of their quiet married life.

In 1857, when a sturdy young woman of twenty-three, the subject of this review emigrated to the United States and commenced her life of industry in her adopted country near Rochester, New York. Later she migrated westward and became a resident of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, where she met and married the late Martin Argus. Two years afterward the young couple moved to Urbana, where husband and wife engaged in the culture of grapes; and it may be that Mrs. Argus had inherited a certain liking and skill in this branch of horticulture from her maternal ancestors of the Fatherland. Mr. Argus continued as active head of the business until his death in 1890, since which it has been conducted by his faithful and capable widow.

The deceased was a successful and honored man; a member of the Roman Catholic church, and strictly moral in the conduct of life. His fraternal relations were with the Knights of Honor, and his Democracy was never questioned, although he never proclaimed it as an office-seeker.

To Mr. and Mrs. Martin Argus were born the following: Apollina, who is now a widow with three children—Cecelia, Eugene and Maynard; George, deceased; Charles, a resident of Rochester, New York; Mary, who married S. Kueffen, of Urbana, and is the mother of Walter, Harry and Paulina; Fred, who married Lottie Eaton and has two children; Catherine, an artist and a member of her mother's household; and Martin, who is a machinist residing at Bath. Mrs. Argus has a brother and three sisters still living. The first named, Thomas Reiks, is a resident of New York city, and of her sisters the following facts may be mentioned: Catherine is the wife of J. Gordon; May married J. Ropelt, the piano manufacturer; and Lizette has never left the old family home in Germany.

J. B. Conrad is prominently known in Wayland as a produce dealer, with which line of business he has been associated since 1904 and in which he has been very successful. In addition he also owns sixty acres of good farming land in Perkinsville. On both the paternal and maternal sides he descends from German families. His paternal grandparents, Philip and Elizabeth (Schwengel) Conrad, on emigrating to this country settled in Steuben county, New York, where they became the owners of a farm. They were upright members of society and loyal citizens of their adopted country, as well as acceptable members of the German Lutheran church. The maternal grandparents, Philip and Elizabeth Dentz, after coming to this country prospered in their chosen calling of farming. Philip and Elizabeth (Dentz) Conrad, the parents of J. B., are living in Steuben county, the place of their nativity, and he is the youngest of their three children, the other

two being daughters, Ida, now Mrs. Hickey, and Mary, Mrs. Mahenbacker.

J. B. Conrad was born at Perkinsville in Steuben county in 1879, and he received his education in the Cohocton high school. His earlier years were spent in agricultural pursuits, and in course of time he won and wed Miss Elizabeth Dides, their wedding occurring in 1910. Both are members of the German Lutheran church in Perkinsville.

THOMAS HASSETT.—He whose name initiates this paragraph is a native son of Steuben county and a scion of one of its old and honored families. At the present time he maintains his home in the city of New York. He was formerly associated in no insignificant way with municipal affairs in the national metropolis, and he is recognized as a progressive and reliable business man and able executive, the while his course has been so guided and governed by the principles of integrity and honor as to retain to him the confidence and uniform regard of those with whom he has come in contact in the various relations of life.

Mr. Hassett was born at Bath, the judicial center of Steuben county, on the 7th of February, 1865, and is a son of John and Ann (Coyle) Hassett, both of whom were born and reared in Ireland. John Hassett established his home in Steuben county about the year 1860, and the major portion of his career was one of active identification with normal lines of productive business enterprise, through the medium of which he gained a due measure of success. He was a man of sterling character and alert mentality, and he ordered his life in such a way as to merit the high esteem in which he was held in the community that so long represented his home. He was a Democrat in his political proclivities and both he and his wife were zealous communicants of the Catholic church, in whose faith they carefully reared their children. Both continued to reside in Steuben county until their death. They became the parents of four sons, all of whom attained to years of maturity: Frank is deceased; Edward, who became a representative member of the bar of New York city, died on the 23rd of February, 1910; and to whom a special memoir is dedicated on other pages of this work; Hugh is a resident of Buffalo, New York; and Thomas, whose name forms the caption of this article, is the youngest of the number.

Thomas Hassett is indebted to the parochial and public schools of his native town for his early educational training, which was supplemented by a course of study in Haverling Academy, one of the excellent educational institutions of Steuben county. As a young man Mr. Hassett went to Albany, the capital city of his native state, and there remained for three years, as official stenographer in the general assembly of the state legislature. At the expiration of the period noted, in 1896, he removed to New York city, where for a time he was associated with his brother Edward.



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Upon the election of Hon. George R. McClellan to the office of mayor of the national metropolis this honored executive appointed Mr. Hassett his private secretary, and the latter continued incumbent of this positon during Mayor McClellan's first term. In 1905 Mr. Hassett was appointed secretary of the board of water supply of the ctiy of New York, and after serving a few years in this capacity he resigned the office.

In politics Mr. Hassett accords a stanch allegiance to the Democratic party, and he has given effective service in behalf of its cause. He is identified with various social and fraternal organizations, is an appreciate member of the Steuben County Society of New York City, as well as of the Manhattan Club, and is a communicant of the Catholic church. Mr. Hassett is a bachelor.

EDWARD HASSETT.—Pure, constant and noble was the spiritual flame that burned in and illumined the mortal tenement of the late Edward Hassett, who was large of heart and large of mind and who marked the passing years with accomplishment of distinguished and benignant order. He gained prestige as one of the able members of the bar of New York city, and this mere statement bears its own significance. Though not a native of Steuben county he was but an infant at the time when his parents established their home in Bath, the judicial center of this county, and here he was reared to manhood, so that he may well be claimed as a true son of the county which he so greatly honored by his worthy life and worthy deeds. He was a son of John and Ann (Coyle) Hassett, both of whom were born and reared in the fair Emerald Isle, whence they came to the United States in their youth. John Hassett located at Bath, Steuben county, in the early '60s and in this county both he and his wife passed the residue of their lives. It was not theirs to attain to wealth or prominence, but industry and worth of character were theirs, and they made the most of their lives under the conditions that compassed them, thus gaining and deserving the respect and confidence of their fellow men. They were devout communicants of the Catholic church and showed forth their faith in their daily lives. Frank, the first born of their four sons, is deceased. Edward, subject of this memoir, was the next in order of birth; Hugh is a resident of the city of Buffalo, this state; and Thomas is individually mentioned on other pages of this volume. No better estimate of the life and character of Edward Hassett could be desired than that given by one familiar with his career and fully appreciative of his worth to the world; therefore it is deemed fitting to reproduce and perpetuate, with but slight paraphrase, in this work the estimate thus given.

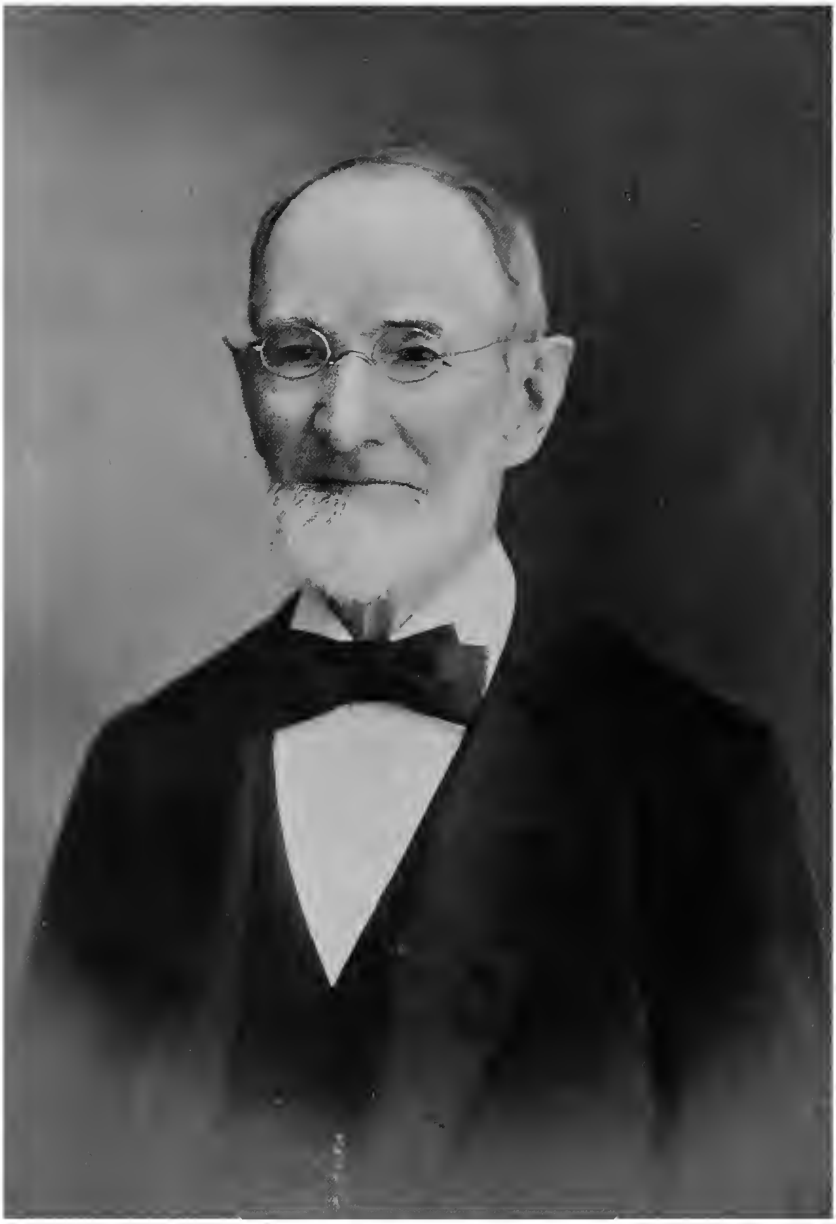
Of the many sons of Steuben county whose gifts and services shed luster on its history, none better deserves perpetual memory that Edward Hassett. Born to no other heritage than that of intellect and honor, by his own unaided effort he carved for himself an enviable niche among the great lawyers of the state of

New York and a still rarer place in the affections of all who know him.

Although born outside of Steuben county, he was but an infant at the time of the family removal to Bath, where he spent his youth and early professional years, and ever afterward he was one of Steuben county's most loyal sons. He studied law in the office of Ruggles & Little, commenced practice at Bath, and from the first he met with flattering success. His view of the law was a broad and noble one. If he could not deserve success he did not want it. He looked at the law as a means of righting wrongs, and he applied its principles with that end in view. From the outset he shunned all efforts to compass undeserved success by arts of sophistry or tricks of rhetoric. In his hands the exposition of legal principles seemed the light of pure reason. If he avoided the arts of the orator it was only that he might set forth his contentions, as he did, with the logic of a master and the force of a mind honest with itself. So he came, even in his early years, to enjoy the confidence of the courts and the complete respect of associates and opponents alike.

In 1889 Mr. Hassett removed to the city of New York, and in this field of wider opportunities he repeated, in larger measures, the professional triumphs of his earlier years. Not seldom did he take charge of great issues where lawyers of high repute had failed, and by applying his profound learning and logical methods quietly worked out to complete success problems that had seemed impossible of solution. The famous Barber asphalt paving case was one of these, although by no means the only one. In this case Mr. Hassett succeeded in recovering more than eight hundred thousand dollars where some of the most distinguished lawyers in the country had failed to reach satisfactory results. Concerning his connection with this cause célébre another authority has given the following statements: "One of the great cases in which he was employed was that of General Averill versus the Barber Asphalt Paving Company—a case that had been before the courts for more than ten years. This case was originally brought by ex-Governor Hoyt, of Pennsylvania, and after his death was continued by Hon. Thomas Ewing. These great lawyers failed to bring the matter to a successful conclusion and it was turned over to Mr. Hassett, who, after several years of most incessant labor and deep thought and in contest with able and eloquent counsel, obtained from the referee a judgment of eight hundred thousand dollars. The appellate division unanimously sustained the referee's report and the case was finally settled by General Averill's receiving a large sum of money—beyond the legal fees, which amounted to over one hundred thousand dollars."

But to view Mr. Hassett only as a lawyer would be unjust to one of the noblest of men. If he was broad in his profession he was even broader and nobler in all his relations to his fellow men. A devoted son, a loyal brother, a consistent churchman, a



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friend without a peer—he has left a wealth of loving memories such as is given to few men to earn. For his friendships, his charity, his hospitality, his kindly thought for others far outran the limits of creed or sect, party or class. Firm in his adherence to that which he believed, he extended to the convictions and belief of others the same generous consideration which he claimed for his own. So he came to a wonderful place in the affections of all who knew him. A prince in all but the title, with all the graces that adorn a noble soul, he was the chief spirit in every gathering. It is no idle speech to say that he symbolized in his life the true idea of the brotherhood of man.

All too soon his closer friends noted the resistless approach of man's one implacable adversary, death. The splendid form slowly yielded to malignant disease, till, in the very prime of his life, he was summoned home. He passed to eternal rest on the 23rd of February, 1910, in his fifty-second year. On a bitter winter day the cemetery and the Catholic church at Bath were thronged with sincere mourners who had known him long and loved him well for what he was his whole life through—one of the purest and best of men, an honor to his country, his state, his profession and his race. The breeze which fans the flowers in the valley of his early home sings a gentle requiem over his last resting place, but no song of bird or breeze or chanted hymn can equal in eloquent harmony the loving memories which live and speak in the heart of every friend who knew Edward Hassett as he was in life.

ZENAS L. PARKER.—One of the most interesting and highly esteemed residents of Steuben county is its well-known poetical writer, Professor Zenas L. Parker of Bath. He was born in Charlemont, Franklin county, Massachusetts, on February 10, 1819, has just passed his ninety-second birthday, and is the only survivor of a family of ten children born to Captain James Parker and Lucretia Fales, who were married on April 9, 1795.

After completing his education in the common schools and Charlemont Academy, he was for eleven years a successful teacher in the rural schools of his native state, and in 1852 became assistant principal of the public schools at Ithaca, New York. There his abilities found wider scope, and there he remained until 1856, when he was called to the very responsible position of principal of the Corning Free Academy, at a time when it numbered only three hundred and ninety-three pupils and when seven different private and denominational schools were scattered about the city. All of these were consolidated into one school of over thirteen hundred pupils during his administration of about ten years. Through individual contact with his students in their sports, as well as in the class-room, and by adherence to the highest ideals of moral and religious principles, Professor Parker won their confidence and inspired in them such a high sense of honor and honesty that during his last year there the school almost disciplined itself. At a

time when the Board of Education were considering the discontinuance of the use of the Bible in the school, he said to them, "If you want the Bible taken out of the school, I will take it under my arm and walk out with it," and this closed the incident. The power of his personality is indicated by the following, written by residents of the Crystal City more than forty years afterwards: "Character building as well as scholarly attainment was his watchword, and the splendid work he did is still an inspiration to all who were under his instruction."

He took up his residence at his present home in Bath in 1865, on the memorable day that Lincoln was assassinated, and for four years continued his educational work as principal of Haverling High School. From 1870 to 1873 he served the first district of Steuben county as its school commissioner, and about that time established the Parker Insurance Agency, a business he has followed ever since, with the exception of six years, 1888 to 1893, when he devoted his whole time to the responsible duties of county treasurer with such fidelity that upon his retirement the board of supervisors appropriately expressed its appreciation of his long, honest and efficient service to the county. He cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, was a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and was one of its campaign speakers and most earnest workers for many years.

Reared on a farm through which ran a trout stream, he became an ardent sportsman and so continued as long as he could see to bait a hook or load a gun. At the age of eighty-eight he caught two nine-pound trout from Lake Keuka. Some time back in the sixties he killed two deer near Coopers Plains, and the last one seen at Lake Salubria near the village of Bath was a target for his gun, but escaped by swimming the lake and running off over Winegar Hill. As president of the Steuben County Sportsmen's Club he was largely instrumental in securing to Steuben county the New York State Fish Hatchery located at Cold Springs, in the town of Urbana, and his love for outdoor sports may account for his longevity and unusual vigor of mind, which enabled him to produce such lines as the following extracts from his "Birthday Dream," written at the age of ninety-one:

The birthday dream
Is here our theme,
    And echoes through the soul,
As on the tide,
We calmly glide
    Toward man's immortal goal.

Before our prime,
In childhood's time,
    The years too long would last;
But now our days,
Like morning rays,
    Are speeding on too fast.

As eagles fly
Athwart the sky,
When searching for their prey;
So birthdays flee,
With you and me,
Whose locks are long and gray.

They bring us near
The gladdest year
That mortals ever know;
When clouds and night,
Give place to light,
Majestic in its glow.

So what care I
How birthdays fly
Out toward the Christian's goal;
Each passing year
Will bring us near
The homeland of the soul.

Yes, Ninety-one
Its race has run;
It will come back no more,
Till we sit down
To wear the crown
On Canaan's happy shore.

He penned the historical poem for Bath's Centennial Celebration in 1892, and for several years annually reduced to rhyme a resume of the events of the closing year, and so many interesting occasions in the life of the county seat and its people for almost half a century have been put into the rhythm of his verses that they would prove a valuable history for future generations could they be brought together in one volume.

Perhaps one of the best of his shorter poems was the hymn written for the centennial celebration of the Presbyterian church of Bath in January, 1908, the lines of which follow:

O God of peace and battle,
O God of time and space,
Thou art the King Eternal,
Yet no man sees Thy face.
Thou art a God of mercy;
Thou art a God of power;
We praise Thy matchless glory
At this centennial hour.

We thank Thee, O our Father,
We bless Thy holy name,
That into this loved valley
Thy spirit ever came;
That here a church was planted,
And here a house was reared,
Where Christians met to worship
The God they loved and feared.

We bless Thee for the battles
Here fought on bended knees,
When this church led the conflict
Beneath the native trees;
For fathers and for mothers,
And children yet ungrown,
Who bowed in humble worship
At altars of their own.

Through Thy abounding goodness,
While in Thy house to-day,
We make new consecration
As here in song we pray.
Lead us, O loving Father,
From this memorial hour,
And Thine shall be the glory,
The honor and the power.

The strong religious character of the author predominate: his life and permeates all his writings. Beginning in the first S day-school ever held in the old town meeting house of his I England home about 1825, he has been a regular attendant at l church and Sunday-school for eighty-five years, serving as an e in the Presbyterian church ever since 1857, first in Corning for the past forty-five years in the Bath church, where he is the senior elder. He has frequently been its representative Presbytery, and was once delegate to the General Assembly.

But perhaps Professor Parker is best known throughout county at the present time as the president and founder of Steuben County Old Folks' Association; and the increased re ence for age on the part of the young folks and the numbei blessings that have come to the honored old folks of the cou throught that organization, inspired and perpetuated largely his indefatigable energy during the closing years of his active useful career, will be a lasting memorial to his honored name the capstone of a life lived in the faith of the Son of God spanning almost a century of time.

On January 1, 1852, he was married to Nancy J. Warfi also a native of Franklin county, Massachusetts, born April

1827, who for fifty-eight years was spared to perform the sacred duties of wife and mother and to be the light and joy of a happy Christian household. She passed to her reward on November 6, 1910, leaving behind her entire family, consisting of her aged husband and two sons, George Hamilton and Eugene Fales, both well-known and respected citizens of Bath.

CHARLES L. RINGROSE.—Four miles southwest of the village of Prattsburg, in the township of the same name, is located the finely improved farm of Mr. Ringrose, who is known as one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of his native county, where he has been identified with his present line of enterprise from his youth to the present time. He was born in the township that is now his home and the date of his nativity was April 1, 1869. He is the eldest of the five children born to Thomas B. and Mary (Korn) Ringrose, both of whom continued to reside in this county until their death.

Charles L. Ringrose waxed strong in mental and physical powers through the sturdy discipline involved in the work of the home farm and the privileges granted him in the district schools. It is gratifying to note that he has never wavered in his allegiance to the great basic industry of agriculture and through his independent indentification with the same he has achieved success worthy of the name. His fine landed estate comprises two hundred acres of excellent land and is eligibly located four miles southwest of Prattsburg. Energy and good management have characterized his work as a farmer and stock-grower and the results are tangible in the unmistakable evidences of thrift and prosperity at his fine homestead. He is loyal to the duties of citizenship and while he has never been ambitious for public office he gives a stanch support to the cause of the Democratic party. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church.

On the 20th of September, 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ringrose to Miss Early, who was born and reared in Steuben county and whose father is a prosperous farmer of Prattsburg township. Mr. and Mrs. Ringrose have one son, Warren T., who was born on the 9th of December, 1896. Mr. Ringrose is a member of Prattsburg Lodge, No. 598, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also identified with the Prattsburg Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees.

LEON K. WILLIAMSON, who is ably filling the office of superintendent of the poor Steuben county, New York, maintains his home at Avoca. He was born on the 21st of September, 1853, and is a son of Ezariah Williamson, who is deceased. In 1857, when Leon K. was a child of but four years of age, he came to Avoca, New York, with his parents, and in that vicinity the father turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. After the death of his wife, Ezariah Williamson maintained his home with his daugh-

ter, Mrs. John Waters, of Avoca. He was summoned to the life eternal in 1902 and is survived by four children, namely, Leon K., who is the immediate subject of this review; William, who is a farmer in this county; George, a resident of Rochester, New York; and Lida, who is the wife of John Waters, who is in the employ of the Avoca Supply Company, with business headquarters and residence at Avoca.

After completing the curriculum of the common schools of Avoca Leon K. Williamson became identified with farming, most of his attention being devoted to the egg and provender business. He later engaged in the livery business at Avoca and subsequently he became a public auctioneer. In politics he endorses the cause of the Democratic party and in 1910 he was elected to the office of superintendent of the poor of Steuben county. In connection with the affairs of his office he is acquitting himself most creditably and as a citizen he is widely renowned for his devotion to all matters pertaining to the best interests of the community. Fraternally he is connected with several representative organizations of representative character and he supports and attends the Baptist church, of which his wife is a devout member.

In 1908 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Williamson to Miss Fanny Moss, who was born at Bradford, this county, on the 7th of March, 1868. She is a daughter of Philip Moss, who was a soldier in the Civil war, in which he was seriously wounded, being troubled with the injuries so received until the time of his death in 1906, at the age of seventy years. He was an agriculturist by occupation and married Miss Vera Champlain, whose death occurred in 1871. They were the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters, of whom three of the sisters are deceased, those living being Mrs. Williamson, Edward and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson have no children. Mrs. Williamson is a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

JOSEPH STRONG.—This successful and popular representative of the great industry of viticulture in Steuben county is one of the sterling citizens contributed to this county by the fair Emerald Isle, with whose annals the family name has been identified from remote times. He is the owner of a well-improved and most productive vineyard in Urbana township and is prominently identified with the manufacturing of high-grade wines—a line of enterprise that has given Steuben county wide repute.

Joseph Strong was born in Kings county, Ireland, on the 24th of November, 1849, and is a son of Joseph and Ann Jane (Kelley) Strong, both of whom were likewise born and reared in that same county of the Emerald Isle, where their marriage was solemnized and where they continued to maintain their home until 1852, when they emigrated to America and established their residence in the city of Albany, New York, where the father engaged in the grocery and produce business, with which line of enterprise he had pre-

viously been identified in his native land. Both he and his wife continued to reside in the capital city of the Empire state until their death, and both were well advanced in years when they were summoned to the life eternal. Joseph Strong, Sr., was a son of Joseph Strong, who was a prosperous farmer in the county of Kildare, Ireland, where he served as high sheriff for a period of fifty-four years and where he was a prominent and influential citizen. The business established so many years ago by Joseph Strong (II) in the city of Albany is still conducted by members of the family and represents one of the pioneer enterprises of its kind in the capital city. Joseph and Ann Jane (Kelley) Strong were zealous communicants of Grace church. All of their surviving children with the exception of the subject of this review still reside in Albany, namely: Robert, William, George and Lucy.

Joseph Strong, Jr., whose name initiates this article, was a child of about three years at the time of the family emigration to the United States, and his early educational training was secured in the schools of the city of Albany. As a youth he became a clerk in his father's store, where he continued to be thus here engaged for a period of five years. On the 1st of January, 1870, Mr. Strong came to Steuben county and secured a position in the employ of the Urbana Wine Company, with which he has been connected during the long intervening period of forty years, within which time he has been advanced to a position of executive importance. He is the owner of a well-improved vineyard in Urbana township, and is one of the well-known and successful viticulturists and honored citizens of the county that has so long represented his home. He has been progressive and loyal as a citizen and it should be noted that he was one of the most influential factors in establishing the Wine Cellar road, in 1876, and in securing the establishment of the Soldiers' Home at Bath, this county. He served on the staff of Lieutenant Governor Woodruff for a period of five years, and has long shown marked interest in the affairs of the state militia. He is affiliated with the Knights of Honor and both he and his wife are attendants of the Protestant Episcopal church, in which they hold membership in the parish of St. James' church, at Hammondsport.

In the year 1872 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Strong to Miss Alice Smith, who was born in Urbana township, this county, on the 9th of January, 1849, and who is a daughter of the late Silas and Rebecca (Fairfield) Smith. In the maternal line Mrs. Strong is a great-granddaughter of Judge Baker, a distinguished representative of one of the old and honored families of the Empire state. He was most probably the first white man that took up his abode in Pleasant valley, and for many years he lived close to an Indian camp. Concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Strong the following brief data are consistently entered for perpetuation in this article: Charles, who is associated with the Urbana Wine Company, married Miss Martha Albright; Emma is the wife of Benjamin Early, of Urbana; and Gertrude is the wife of Jacob Dittiacur, of Wayne, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Strong have two grandchildren.

LUCIUS N. MANLEY.—One of the prominent lawyers of Queens county is Judge Manley, who has been for many years engaged in the practice of his profession at Long Island City. He now has his office at 103 Third street, Long Island City. Judge Manley was born on a farm in the township of Addison, Steuben county, on the 24th of June, 1843, and is a son of Nehemiah and Jane (Baker) Manley, the former of whom was born at Otsego county, New York, and the latter in Charleston, Pennsylvania. Nehemiah Manley became one of the early settlers of Steuben county, where he was prominently identified with the lumbering and agricultural industries for many years. He was supervisor of the town of Tuscarora in 1861, soon after it was set off from the town of Addison. He was born in the year 1800, and his death occurred in 1879. His father, George Manley, was a native of Connecticut and a representative of a family that was founded in New England in the early Colonial days, the same being of English descent. George Manley passed the closing years of his life in Steuben county and his name merits a place on the roster of the honored pioneers of the old Empire state. The mother of Judge Manley was of Scotch-Irish descent and she was born in the year 1811 and died 1890. Of the children of this couple Judge Manley is the only son that attained to years of maturity.

Lucius N. Manley was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and under the direction of his honored father he gained splendid training in connection with the practical affairs of life. He duly availed himself of the advantages of the common schools of his native county and he continued to be associated in the work of the home farm until he was nineteen years of age, when he entered Alfred University, at Alfred, Allegany county, where he continued his higher academic studies for two years. Thereafter he put his scholastic acquirements to practical test and utilization by teaching in the public schools about four terms. He then began the study of law under effective preceptorship at Addison, Steuben county, and in January, 1872, he proved himself eligible for and was admitted to the bar of Steuben county. In the autumn of the same year he established his home in Long Island City and here the work of his profession has engaged his attention during the long intervening period of more than thirty-eight years. He has been prominent and influential in connection with public affairs of Queens county and has given yeoman service in behalf of the cause of the Republican party, being one of its leading representatives in this county. He has been twice elected to the office of local judge. At one time he was the candidate of his party for the office of mayor of the city, but was unable to overcome the normal Democratic majority. He was a member of the state constitutional convention of 1894 and in 1904 he was the candidate of his party for the office of surrogate, and while in this election he received more votes in Long Island City than were accorded to the presidential nominee, Theodore Roosevelt, he was defeated. The judge is a

valued member of the Queens County Bar Association and holds membership in the Steuben Society of New York City, where he also holds membership in the City Club. He is a member of the congregation of All Souls' church (Unitarian), New York city.

Judge Manley has been twice married. In the year 1877 he wedded Miss Olive P. Weatherby, of Addison, Steuben county, who died in 1881, being survived by one son—Edward W., who now resides in the city of New York. In 1885 Judge Manley was united in marriage to Miss Elsie H. Hillmann, of New York city, and the four children of this union are Frederick, Martha, Helen and Alice.

ALEXANDER M. STEWART, M. D.—A representative physician and surgeon at Atlanta, Steuben county, New York, Dr. Alexander McClaren Stewart has gained distinctive precedence as one of the ablest medical practitioners in this section of the state and he has maintained his home in Atlanta since 1903. He was born in the province of Quebec, Canada, on the 14th of April, 1872, and is a son of Robert and Janet (Grant) Stewart, the latter of whom is deceased and the former of whom is now living, at the age of eighty-two years, on his fine farm of two hundred and fifty acres in Canada. Robert Stewart was born in the county of Lanark, province of Ontario, Canada, and he was but four years of age at the time of his parents' removal to Quebec, in 1832. He has been engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his entire active business career and in this line of enterprise he has achieved most noteworthy success. He married Janet Grant, a daughter of William Grant, a native of Glasgow, Scotland. Mrs. Stewart was summoned to the life eternal in 1872, shortly after the birth of the Doctor, at which time she was but forty-two years of age. Mr. Robert Stewart is a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has been an elder for a number of years.

Dr. Stewart is the youngest in a family of seven children and concerning his brothers and sisters the following brief data are here entered: William is engaged in ranching in Montana; Robert is identified with the furniture business in the city of Rochester, New York; George, who is a doctor by profession, resides in the province of Alberta, Canada; Mary is the wife of L. Beal, professor of music at Brockville, Canada; Janet is the wife of D. Chinderson, a farmer in Alberta, Canada; and Sarah is married, and resides in the city of Buffalo, New York. Dr. Stewart was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and he continued to be associated with his father in the work and management thereof until he had attained to the age of nineteen years, at which time he went to Rochester, New York, where he secured employment in a carpet and furniture house and where he attended night school, in preparation for the Academy of Rochester, which he attended for one year. Thereafter he was a student in the high school at Atlanta for two and a half years, at the expiration of which he spent four years

in a medical college in Syracuse. After leaving Syracuse he spent some time in Canada, under Dr. McFarland, and in the fall of 1903 he made permanent settlement at Atlanta, where he has since resided. He has built up a large and lucrative practice and is proving most successful in his particular field of endeavor. He is giving most efficient service as medical examiner in the lodge of the Knights of the Maccabees and in a professional way he is affiliated with the Steuben County Medical Society. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in the time-honored Masonic fraternity he holds membership in Liberty Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Cohocton, and with the Royal Arch Masons at Bath. He has ever given freely of his aid and influence in support of all measures projected for the general welfare of the community. He and his wife are devout members of the Presbyterian church, in the various departments of whose work they have been most liberal and active factors.

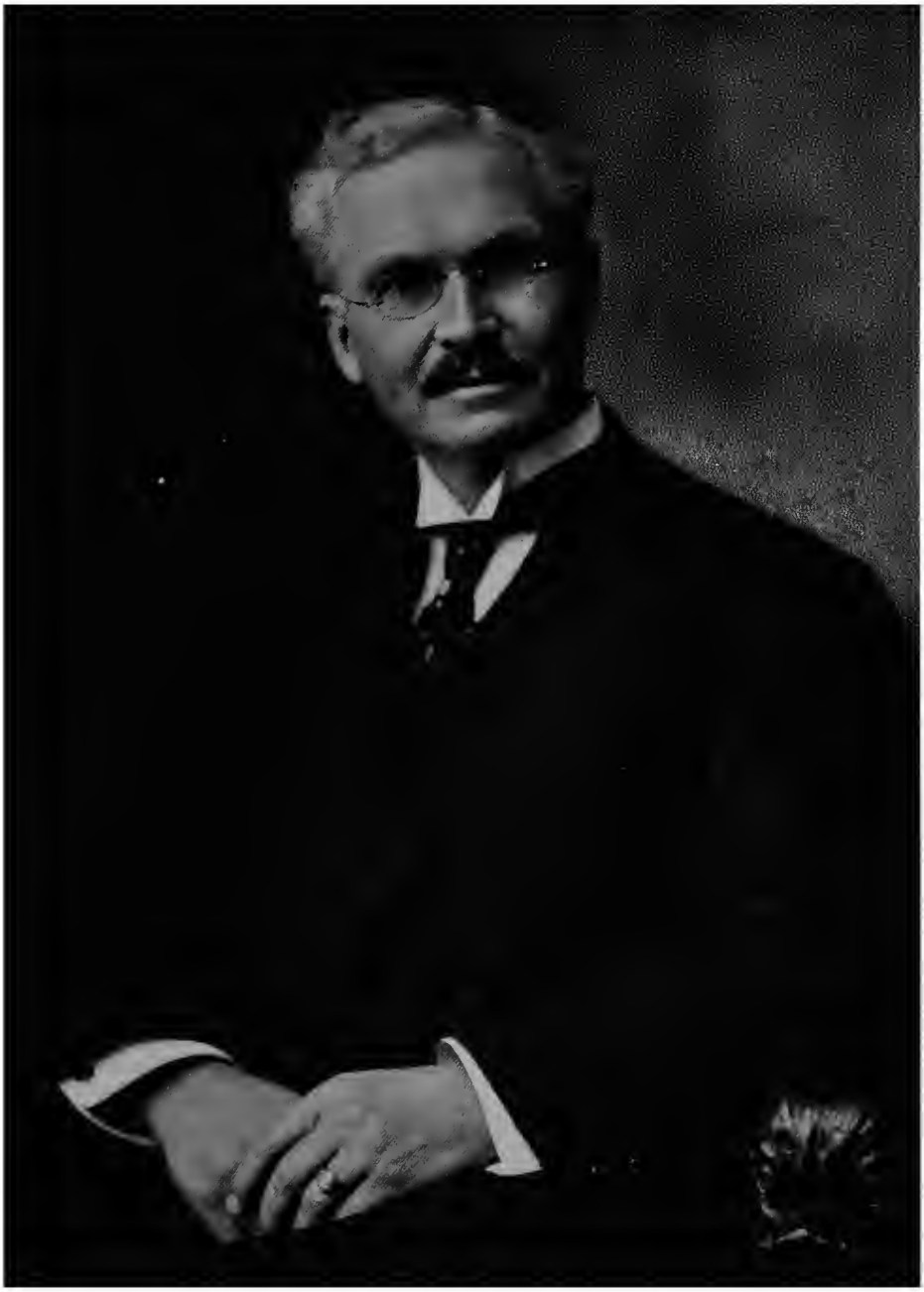
Dr. Stewart married Miss Marie Goundry, a daughter of John and Ella (Clement) Goundry, the former of whom is engaged in agricultural pursuits, and the latter of whom is deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Stewart have no children.

JAMES E. WALKER, M. D.—Other men's services to the people and state can be measured by definite deeds, by dangers averted, by legislation secured, by institutions built, by commerce promoted. The work of a doctor is entirely estranged from these lines of enterprise, yet without his capable, health-giving assistance all other accomplishments would count for naught. Man's greatest prize on earth is physical health and vigor. Nothing deterioriates mental activity as quickly as prolonged sickness—hence the broad field for human helpfulness afforded in the medical profession. The successful doctor requires something more than mere technical training—he must be a man of broad human sympathy and genial kindliness, capable of inspiring hope and faith in the heart of his patient. Such a man is Dr. James E. Walker, who for the past sixteen years has been superintendent of the Steuben Sanitarium. The years have told the story of a successful career due to the possession of innate talent and acquired ability along the line of one of the most important professions to which man may devote his energies—the alleviation of pain and suffering and the restoration of health.

Dr. Walker was born in Nunda, Livingston county, New York, on the 21st of May, 1854, and he is a son of Henry L. and Susan (Perry) Walker, both of whom are now dead. The seventh in order of birth in a family of nine children, Dr. Walker received his preliminary educational training in the public schools of his native town, this discipline being later supplemented by a course of study in the State Normal School at Geneseo, New York. At sixteen years of age he began teaching school, studying most assiduously during all his leisure time. At eighteen he became a student of medicine and surgery in the office of an able physician, and in 1874



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he was matriculated in the Cincinnati Medical College, from which excellent institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1876, duly receiving his well-earned degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately after his graduation he initiated his active practice of the profession at Arkport, Steuben county, and here he built up a large and representative patronage, gaining precedence as the ablest physician and surgeon in the county. In 1883 he pursued a post-graduate course requiring several months' work, in New York city. Thereafter he continued his practice in Arkport until 1892, when he sold his home and drug store and removed to Buffalo. After a few months' practice there he became chief of staff of Sterlingworth Sanitarium, filling this position with utmost ability for one year. In October, 1893, he went to London, England, and spent some time at the Brompton Hospital for diseases of the chest, also taking a course in bacteriology and microscopy at Kings College. Extending his travels to the continent he visited the various hospitals and the Pasteur Institute of the French capital, and then proceeded to Germany, stopping for a time at the celebrated Sanitarium for Tuberculosis at Honiff on the Rhine. He then went to Berlin to investigate the methods of the Koch institute and to visit the hospitals of the German capital. Not being able to get the work he desired, he went to Vienna, remaining for some months, taking special courses in medical and surgical subjects. At the meeting of the International Medical Congress held in Rome, he was made a member of that great body. Returning to the United States he toured the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific, studying its climatology in its relation to tuberculosis. In November, 1894, he was proffered and accepted the superintendency of the Steuben Sanitarium at Hornell, which position he has filled to the present time, as previously noted. There has been scarcely a year that he has not been in Europe, where he has combined medical work with pleasure, and there are but few cities on the other side of the Atlantic with which he is not familiar, particularly with their hospitals. Having crossed the ocean sixteen times, he feels quite as much at home in one part of the world as another, and he has introduced into the Steuben Sanitarium whatever he has found to be of benefit to suffering humanity. In the winter of 1910 he spent some time in Spain and Portugal, afterward going to Bad Nauheim, Germany, the celebrated resort for the care of those suffering from heart diseases. Here he remained some weeks studying their physical and hydrotherapeutic methods, which he had introduced in his work fifteen years ago and with which he has been so successful. The Doctor does no medical or surgical work outside the Sanitarium, excepting in consultation with his professional friends, who are many, throughout western New York and northern Pennsylvania.

When the Doctor assumed charge of the Steuben Sanitarium this institution boasted but one patient; now it is one of the best equipped and most admirably conducted medical and surgical insti-

tutions in the country, filled with patients not only from different states, but from foreign countries as well. The foregoing record concerning the Doctor's studies and preparation for his profession is ample voucher of his ability and his success has been on a parity with his well-directed endeavors.

In a professional way Dr. Walker is a valued and appreciative member of the Hornell Medical and Surgical Association, of which he was at one time president; the Keuka Lake Medical and Surgical Association, of which he is also an ex-president; the Steuben County Medical Society and the New York State Medical Society; and the American Medical Association. He is also an honorary member of many other medical bodies. In the time honored Masonic fraternity he has passed through the circle of York Rite Masonry, holding membership in Steuben Chapter, No. 101, and DeMolay Commandery No. 22, Knights Templars, besides which he is also a member of Ismalia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Buffalo.

In both politics and religion the Doctor is exceedingly liberal, but he is a firm believer in righteousness and whatever tends toward the upbuilding of society and the general welfare of the community. He is very fond of art and music and is something of a student of both. His extensive travel has given him an opportunity to enjoy much in these directions, as he is familiar with almost every part of the globe. He has never been married, except to his profession, of which he is very fond.

HENRY P. WILCOX.—One of the representative citizens and progressive business men of his native county is the present efficient and popular postmaster of the village of Cohocton, which has been his home from the time of his nativity and in which he is successfully engaged in the lumber and produce business, the while he has served continuously as postmaster since 1900.

Henry Plato Wilcox was born in Cohocton on the 3d of June, 1870, and is a son of Albert H. and Fannie (Parmenter) Wilcox, representatives of families whose names have been prominently identified with the history of this section of the state since the pioneer days. Albert Hopkins Wilcox was born in Springwater township, Livingston county, New York, on the 9th of February, 1844, and the old homestead farm was not far distant from the Steuben county line. He was a son of David H. Wilcox, who moved to Livingston county from Homer, Cortland county, in an early day and established his home in Springwater township, where he purchased land and where he also engaged in the operation of flour and saw mills, having also a mill at Slab City and one in Perry township. In 1850 he established his home in Cohocton, where he purchased a grist mill, which he continued to operate until 1867, besides which he also owned and operated a saw mill which he here

established in 1856. He sold his mill properties in 1867 and his death occurred in June of the following year, when he was of venerable age. He was a man of ability and sterling character and did much to advance the civic and material prosperity of the county. He united with the Republican party at the time of its organization and he served seven terms as supervisor of his township. He wielded much influence in connection with public affairs of a local order and was a citizen to whom was ever accorded the fullest measure of confidence and regard. He was the prime factor in affecting the organization of the Cohocton Universalist church, and both he and his wife were most zealous members of the same. He was affiliated with Liberty Lodge, No. 510, Free and Accepted Masons, and also with the Cohocton lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married Miss Delia A. Hopkins, of Springwater township, Livingston county, and they became the parents of nine children.

Albert H. Wilcox was a lad of six years at the time when the family moved to Cohocton, where he was reared to maturity and where he duly availed himself of the privileges afforded in the common schools. As a youth he was associated with his father's varied business activities and in 1868, when twenty-four years of age, he became manager and superintendent of the business of Thomas Warner, of Cohocton. He thus continued until 1882, in which year he removed to Kanona, this county, where he was associated with a partner in the lumber business until 1885. In 1883 he had become a member of the lumber firm of Warner, Turner & Wilcox, which conducted operations at Elmira, New York, and in Pennsylvania. In 1886 he returned to Cohocton and here engaged in the lumber, shingle and coal business, both wholesale and retail, and in addition to these interests he here became the owner of a well equipped planing mill. With these lines of business he is still actively identified and he has gained precedence as one of the most aggressive and influential business men of this part of the county, besides which he has been influential in public affairs and has an impregnable hold upon popular confidence and esteem. He is a zealous supporter of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor, and in 1891-2 he served as supervisor of his township. He was a member of the first board of water commissioners of Cohocton and was its president for two years, and since 1892 he has been president of the Cohocton Dime Loan Association.

In 1864 was solemnized the marriage of Albert H. Wilcox to Miss Fannie Parmenter, who was born and reared in this state. Mr. Wilcox, of this review, has a brother and sister living: Edmund Parmenter Wilcox, who is a member of the United States navy and who is now in charge of the navy recruiting station in New York city, and Helen, who is the wife of James C. Barber, a successful contractor and builder in the city of Rochester.

To the public schools of Cohocton Henry P. Wilcox is in-

debted for his early educational discipline, which was supplemented by a course of two terms in a business college in the city of Elmira. In 1886 he became associated with his father in the lumber, coal, produce and building-material business, and this alliance has since been continued, under the firm name of A. H. Wilcox & Son. He is also the owner of valuable farm property in Steuben county, besides real estate in Cohocton.

In politics Mr. Wilcox has given an unwavering allegiance to the cause of the Republican party, and he has given effective service in the promotion of its interests in his native county. In 1900 he was appointed postmaster of Cohocton, and of this office he has since continued incumbent. He has made many improvements in the local service and his administration has met with uniform commendation. Mr. Wilcox is affiliated with Liberty Lodge, No. 510, Free and Accepted Masons, and is thus a representative of the third generation of the family to be identified with this lodge, in which he has passed various official chairs. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Wilcox married Jennie L. Allen, who was born in Avoca township, this county, on the 15th of February, 1872, and who is a daughter of William and Mary Catherine (Foults) Allen, the former of whom died on his homestead farm in Avoca township in 1876, and the latter of whom now resides in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilcox. The father was a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox became the parents of three children, one of whom, Louise, died in infancy; Allen Albert, who was born August 19, 1894, and Lester Edward, who was born October 16, 1903, are both attending the public schools.

David Travis Darrin was born at Elmira, New York, July 4, 1823, and removed with his parents while still young to Barrington, Yates county, New York. His father, Ira Darrin, was a native of Hillsdale, Columbia county, New York. He removed to Elmira, where he was married to Margaret Knapp, daughter of Jabez Knapp, a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and resided at Chester, Orange county, New York.

Daniel Darrin, the father of Ira Darrin, was a native of New Britain, Connecticut, and served under General Putnam in the war of the Revolution. Jabez Knapp was a descendant of Nicholas Knapp, who came to America with John Winthrop in 1630 and settled at Watertown, Massachusetts. Daniel Darrin was a descendant of Ephraim Darrin (Darwin), residing at Gilford, Connecticut, in 1640.

David T. Darrin received his education in the country schools of Yates county and at Starkey Seminary at Eddytown, in that county. On March 26, 1848, he married Mary Jane Matthews, also a graduate of Starkey Seminary. In 1853 Mr. Darrin removed with his wife and son Delmar to the village of Addison, Steuben county,

where he engaged in the manufacture of wagons continuously thereafter until his death, January 30, 1897.

From earliest boyhood Mr. Darrin was interested in all matters pertaining to religious and educational life and to the great public questions of his day. He was one of the founders of the Church of the Redeemer at Addison and served as vestryman and warden of the church for upwards of forty-three years, and the affection and respect in which he was held by all who knew him testify convincingly to the sincerity and earnestness of his religious beliefs. He engaged actively in organizing the Addison Free Academy, one of the first schools organized in the state under the New Union Free School Act, and thereafter as a member of his district School Board and as a trustee of the Board of Education of the village of Addison he devoted himself earnestly and intelligently to the improvement of the schools of the village for more than twenty-five years.

Mr. Darrin became a member of the Republican party at the time of its organization and remained a consistent and earnest supporter of its principles and devoted himself to its welfare throughout his life. During the Civil war he, with Josiah Curtis and Rowland Griswold, were constituted a committee to raise the quota of soldiers required to be furnished by the town of Addison. At the conclusion of their services the governor complimented them and the town of Addison by saying "that in the matter of filling his quota it certainly was the banner town of the state."

Mr. Darrin's wife died March 30, 1891. They left three sons, Delmar Matthew Darrin, David Herbert Darrin and Ira G. Darrin, sketches in regard to whom appear below.

DELMAR M. DARRIN was born in the town of Barrington, Yates county, New York, June 6, 1849, and is the son of David T. and Mary Jane (Matthews) Darrin. In 1853 the family removed to Addison, Steuben county, where Mr. Darrin received his early education and prepared for college in the then famous Addison Academy. He graduated in the first class at Cornell University, in the year 1872. At the conclusion of his college course he engaged in the study of law with Col. John W. Dininny, one of the leading lawyers of Steuben county, and was admitted to the practice of law in 1875. Since his admission to the bar Mr. Darrin has continuously practiced law at Addison and in the city of Corning, where since 1902 he has maintained offices in association with his son, Hugh Webster Darrin, under the firm name of Darrin & Darrin.

Mr. Darrin has always been interested in religious and educational affairs. As a vestryman and warden of the Church of the Redeemer in his home town he has devoted the best of his abilities to the promotion of the welfare of the church. As a member of the Board of Education for a period of over twenty-three years, as clerk, trustee and president, and since the year 1893 as trustee of the Addison Public Library and as president of the Library

Board, he has manifested the keenest interest in all matters relating to the educational welfare of the community. An earnest Republican in politics, he has throughout his life devoted himself to the promotion of its principles and welfare. For many years he served as corporation counsel of the village of Addison, and since 1901 he has been referee in bankruptcy in his district.

On June 26, 1876, Mr. Darrin married Miss Mary Hill Dawson, of Plainfield, New Jersey, a daughter of John W. Hill and adopted daughter of her uncle, Charles C. Dawson.

IRA G. DARRIN was born in the village of Addison, Steuben county, on the 5th day of August, 1858, and is a son of David T. Darrin and Mary Jane (Matthews) Darrin. In the fall of 1879 Mr. Darrin entered Columbia College Law School and was admitted to the bar December 12th of the same year.

In 1881 Mr. Darrin commenced the practice of his profession at Bolliver, Allegany county, New York, where he remained until the fall of 1884, when he removed his office to Corning, Steuben county. In 1886 he removed to the city of New York and has since continued the practice of law in that city. Mr. Darrin was elected and served a term as district attorney of Queens county, from January 1, 1906, to December 31, 1908. A Republican in politics, he has for many years taken an active interest in its welfare.

Mr. Darrin is a member of the Association of the Bar of the State of New York, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the Queens County Bar Association and, of course, of the Steuben Society of the City of New York.

Mr. Darrin's wife was Mary S. Davies, daughter of James Davies and Angeline, his wife, of Durhamville, Oneida county, New York, to whom he was married in July, 1886.

DAVID H. DARRIN was born in the village of Addison, Steuben county, April 22, 1867, and is a son of David T. and Mary Jane (Matthews) Darrin. In 1885, at the age of eighteen years, he entered upon a mechanical and electrical apprenticeship at the city of Elmira, Chemung county, and later removed to the city of Buffalo and engaged in the same line of business until 1895, at which time he removed to the city of New York and engaged in the manufacture of elevators and automatic electrical controllers. Mr. Darrin has been exceptionally successful as a mechanical and electrical engineer, to which profession he devotes his entire energy. While an ardent Republican in politics, he has never engaged in the active work of the party.

Mr. Darrin is a member of the New York Electrical Society, General Society of Mechanical Engineers and Tradesmen, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and of the Engineers' Club of the city of New York. He is also a member of the Hendrick Hudson Yacht Club.

JUDGE ALMON WHITNEY BURRELL, of Canisteo, former district attorney of Steuben county and present county judge, is, to speak with all due conservativeness, one of the most prominent and highly esteemed of the citizens not alone of the town fortunate enough to claim his residence but also of the county in whose affairs he plays a leading role. Since his admission to the bar in 1894 he has enjoyed splendid standing as a lawyer, which eventually found unmistakable expression in his elevation to the county bench, and it has been his to serve his county and state with distinction as a public man and as a private citizen. He is a representative of old and honored families of New England, that cradle of so much of our national history, and he is descended from the same stock as some of the most admirable and interesting of our American heroes and patriots, notable among these being Colonel Ethan Allen.

Mr. Burrell is a native son of the state, the place of his nativity having been Angelica, Allegany county, and its date October 15, 1865. His father is Alphonse H. Burrell, lawyer and district attorney of Steuben county, and the maiden name of the mother was Sarah C. Allen. This worthy couple gave to the state four good citizens, Mr. Burrell having three brothers—Fred, Marshall M. and Marcellus E. It has been the pleasant fate of the family not to suffer disintegration, and the father and four sons all reside in Canisteo. The mother, a woman worthy of all honor and admiration, died December 27, 1900. As mentioned in the preceding paragraph, Mr. Burrell is descended on the paternal side from the same stock as Ethan Allen, who was his great-great-grandmother's brother, while on the maternal side he comes from good, hardy American stock, his ancestors having been men of fine actions and high principles. In the subject one is reminded that, "Mental and moral capital are treasures invested for us by our forefathers. Nature takes the grandsire's ability and puts it out at compound interest for the grandson."

Alphonse H. Burrell, father of the subject, and his wife, moved to Canisteo from Angelica, Allegany county, in the latter part of 1866, and the step was an important one, for here the family residence has ever since been maintained. The father is still living, in his eighty-fifth year, sound and well-preserved both mentally and physically and daily engaging in the practice of the law, to which profession he has since his youth been an ornament. Mr. Burrell was only about a year old when his parents made their change of residence. As soon as his years were sufficient he began his attendance in the public schools and he subsequently entered Canisteo Academy, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1884, when nineteen years of age. Like Oliver Twist, hungering for more, he subsequently matriculated in the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, at Lima, New York, and was graduated in 1887 from its classical department. He was led very naturally to take up the law from the fact that his father was a lawyer and that he helped more or less in his office, and his first step after leaving the portals of the

Genesee Wesleyan Seminary was to attack his Blackstone as a general attacks a hostile entrenchment, pursuing his studies in his father's office at Canisteo. He was already familiar to some extent with legal matters, for he had frequently acted in the capacity of a clerk for his father, indeed fairly growing up in an atmosphere of the law, and even as a youth having legal terms at his tongue's end. An uncle was also an active practitioner at the bar and, as in many similar cases, a fondness and predilection for the profession seems to have been inherent.

Very successful in his preparatory studies, Judge Burrell was admitted to the bar in 1894, at Buffalo, New York, and ever since that time he has been actively engaged in the practice of the law at Canisteo, where he has built up a large and loyal clientele, being associated with his father under the firm name of A. H. & A. W. Burrell. A remarkably good equipment has easily won for him high repute and professional success, and he ever meets grave questions with perfect valor and incomparable ability. Inspiring the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact and what is more important, retaining it against all events, he is one to whom the community which knows him best looks as the proper incumbent of public office. His career as a public servant has been varied, for he was elected justice of the peace in 1887, while a law student. He served as village attorney of Canisteo for several years, and in November, 1900, distinctive mark of the strong hold he had gained upon popular esteem in the community was given in his election as district attorney of Steuben county, and his re-election in 1903 for a second term was in eloquent testimony of the satisfactory character of his services. He served until May 1, 1906, at which time he was appointed Steuben county judge by Governor Higgins, there being a vacancy in that office succeeding Judge William W. Clark, who had been appointed to the supreme court bench. Mr. Burrell, upon being notified of his appointment, immediately resigned as district attorney, and wiring his resignation to the governor, his appointment was at once confirmed by the senate and he entered upon his duties as judge of the county court. In the fall of 1906 Judge Burrell, having already "given a taste of his quality," was nominated and elected county judge for a full term of six years from January 1, 1907, and is now serving that term, the renown of his wisdom and ability having spread far beyond the confines of Steuben county. He gives the best of himself to every duty and while district attorney he was frequently complimented upon the able manner in which he prepared his cases before the grand jury and at the trial court.

Politically Mr. Burrell is an ardent Republican, coming from a family which has ever endorsed that political faith. He is familiar with the articles of its faith, from his youth having poured over the pages of its history and found inspiration in all of its high traditions. In fact, he has championed Republican principles on the stump in every campaign since he became of age. He is a prac-

tical orator schooled in the principles of platform address, rich and fluent of speech and possessing the rare ability to baptize himself in his subject and to carry his audience with him to each climax. In addition to his many other distinctions, Judge Burrell is one of the most prominent of Steuben county Masons. He is a member of Morning Star Lodge, No. 65, F. & A. M., of Canisteo, New York; of Steuben Chapter, No. 101, R. A. M., of Hornell, New York; DeMolay Commandery, No. 22, Knights Templars, of Hornell, New York; and he is a Thirty-second degree Mason, being a member of Corning Consistory, of Corning, New York. His other fraternal relations extend to Mountain Lodge, No. 503, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Canisteo Tent, Knights of the Tented Maccabees. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Canisteo and for many years was secretary of the Sunday-school. Ever in the forefront of any movement calculated to bring benefit to the community at large, he was active in the organization of the public library at Canisteo, known as the Wimodaughsien Free Library. Judge Burrell was the first president of the board of trustees, which office he still holds, having been re-elected from time to time by the Wimodaughsien Ladies' Club, whose members were the sponsors for the new library and selected its board of trustees. It was they who furnished the funds necessary for its maintenance, although a part of this responsibility has now been assumed by the village of Canisteo.

One of Judge Burrell's most prominent characteristics is his love of reading and good books, a quality evinced in his earliest boyhood and one which has suffered no diminution with the passage of the years and the encroachment of many duties.

An ideally happy life companionship was inaugurated when on November 28, 1894, Judge Burrell was married at Richmond Mills, Ontario county, New York, to Miss Lalla Olive Townsend, of that place, a daughter of Alonzo W. Townsend, a lumber manufacturer. Mrs. Burrell at the time of her marriage was a teacher in the Canisteo Academy, at Canisteo, having held that position with great efficiency for ten years. The birth of two daughters has blessed this union. Dorothy Helen, born March 9, 1900, died April 17, 1901; and Katherine T. was born August 26, 1904. Mrs. Burrell's ancestors were prominent in the war of the American Revolution and also in the War of 1812, and she possesses a badge worn by Captain Daniel Townsend, a member of the Fourth Massachusetts Cavalry, in the Revolutionary war. She is in a direct line of descent from Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame, as is her husband, Judge Burrell, it being a surprising fact that the great-great-grandmother of each were sisters of Captain Ethan Allen.

The home of Judge and Mrs. Burrell is one of the most cultured and attractive of the abodes of Steuben county, and is widely known as the centre of a gracious hospitality.

HON. EDWIN STEWART UNDERHILL, of Corning, publisher of the *Evening Leader* and the *Steuben Farmers' Advocate* and member of congress from the Thirty-third New York district, was born in Bath, that state, October 7, 1861. His parents were Anthony L. Underhill and Charlotte McBeth. His father was for over forty years editor and publisher of the *Steuben Farmers' Advocate* in Bath; was postmaster of Bath and Democratic presidential elector on the Cleveland ticket in 1884. He is a direct descendant in the eighth generation of Captain John Underhill, at one time governor of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and who obtained fame as an Indian fighter in the war which the early settlers of Massachusetts had with the Pequot Indians.

Mr. Underhill, of this sketch, graduated from Haverling High School in Bath and entered Yale, where he graduated from the academic department in 1881. Soon after graduation he entered the office of the *Steuben Farmers' Advocate* and was associated with his father in its publication during the latter's life time. In the presidential year of 1884 he was chosen chairman of the Democratic County Committee and served in that capacity several years. In 1888 he was the nominee of the Democratic party for presidential elector for his district. For a time he was editor of the *Canandaigua* (N. Y.) *Messenger*, which was published by his father. In September, 1899, with his father, he purchased the *Corning Daily Democrat*, since changed to the *Corning Evening Leader*. Since his father's death, in 1902, he has been the publisher of the *Advocate* and the *Leader*.

Mr. Underhill is a vestryman in St. Thomas Episcopal church, at Bath; vice-president of the Davenport library, and a member of the Board of Education. He was district deputy grand master of the Thirty-fourth Masonic district for two years. He is also a member of Corning Consistory, of Kalurah Temple, Mystic Shrine and of the Elks. In 1902 he was elected president of the New York State Press Association, and in 1907 was honored with the presidency of the New York State Associated Dailies. In 1910 he was elected representative in congress for the Thirty-third district of New York, to succeed J. S. Fassett, Republican, whom he defeated by about two thousand plurality.

Mr. Underhill was married October 9, 1884, to Minerva Elizabeth, only daughter of William W. Allen and Helen M. Gansevoort. Two sons, William Allen Underhill, born January 28, 1888, and Edwin Stewart Underhill, Jr., born April 18, 1890, are their only children. The former graduated from Yale in 1910 (academic) and the latter in the class of 1911 (scientific), and both are now associated with their father in the newspaper business.

ABNER T. NIVER is a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of Steuben county and in his native county he is following the sturdy trade which constituted the vocation of his honored father. He is a skilled artisan as a blacksmith and has



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built up a large and successful business, the while his impregnable integrity in all the relations of life has gained him the unequivocal confidence and esteem of the community which has been his home throughout his life.

Abner T. Niver was born in Caton township, Steuben county, on the 2nd of October, 1854, and is a son of Evert D. and Charlotte A. (Clark) Niver, the former of whom was born in Orange county, this state, and the latter in Reading, Schuyler county. The parents continued to reside in this county until the time of their death, the father having here established his home about the year 1850 and being engaged in the work of his trade, to which he here devoted his attention until 1876, when his son Abner, the subject of this review, assumed charge of the shop. Not only was Evert D. Niver a skilled blacksmith but he was also successful as a wagon maker, in which connection he controlled for many years a prosperous business. Upon withdrawing from the work of his trade he removed to Hammondsport township, where he secured a tract of land and turned his attention to grape culture, which he continued during the residue of his active career and in which he met with a due measure of success. He passed to his reward in 1887 and his cherished and devoted wife was summoned to the life eternal in 1890. Both were members of the Baptist church and in politics he gave his allegiance to the Democratic party. Evert D. and Charlotte A. (Clark) Niver became the parents of eight children, all of whom are living and concerning them the following brief record is consistently entered: Ruth is the wife of L. H. Curtis, of Rochester, Monroe county; Marian is the wife of Carmon Carr, of Grove Spring, Steuben county; Abner T. is the immediate subject of this sketch; Frederick and D. O. reside at Hornell, Steuben county; Belle is the wife of M. V. Margeson, of Hammondsport, this county; Andrew F. of Savona; and Lillie is the wife of William Covel, of Elmira.

Abner T. Niver was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his native township and under the direction of his father he served a thorough and practical apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith. This ancient and important line of industry has been given his attention during the long intervening years and he has been signally prospered through his well-directed efforts. His shop is well equipped for the handling of all kinds of blacksmith work and a specialty is made of repairing vehicles and agricultural implements. Mr. Niver has achieved success through his own efforts and is the owner of valuable real estate in his home village of Caton, besides which he is a stockholder of the Bell & Century telephone companies. He and his wife hold membership in the Baptist church and are zealous in the various departments of its work. He is affiliated with the local tent of the Knights of the Maccabees and is also identified with the Sons of Veterans. In politics Mr. Niver has ever been aligned as a stanch supporter of the cause of the Democratic party and he has been a zealous worker in its local ranks,

being at the present time a member of the Steuben county committee of the party. He has served as tax collector of Caton township and has been given other evidences of popular confidence and esteem.

Mr. Niver's eligibility for membership in the Sons of Veterans is based upon the valiant service of his father as a soldier of the Union in the Civil war. The father enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-first New York Volunteer Infantry, and he continued in active service for one year, at the expiration of which he received his honorable discharge.

In the year 1879 was solemnized the marriage of Abner T. Niver to Miss Mary E. Johnson, who was born in Yonkers, Westchester county, New York, on the 15th of October, 1856, and who is a daughter of Jacob G. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Niver became the parents of four children, all of whom are living and their names and respective dates of birth are here entered: W. Clay, February 21, 1882; Cloy D., May 16, 1884; Pansy E., August 1, 1887; and Drexel U., July 7, 1888. Pansy E., the only daughter, is now the wife of William E. Beeman, of Corning, Steuben county. Jacob G. Johnson, father of Mrs. Niver, was likewise a gallant soldier in the Civil war. He enlisted at the inception of the war as a member of Company F, Third Connecticut Regiment, with which he was in service from May 14, 1861, until the 12th of the following August, when he received his honorable discharge, at the expiration of his term of enlistment. On the 2nd of September, 1864, he again enlisted and he continued in service until the close of the war, having received his final discharge on the 2nd of May, 1865.

David Burton Winton was born at Camillus, New York, March 3, 1837, and as he lost his parents at an early age his home was with an aunt in Lancaster, Massachusetts, and an uncle in Havana, the Empire state. This covered the earlier years of his life until he joined his older brother in California.

At the age of eighteen he sailed from California for Australia and China, on business for his brother, and after his return he located in Chicago. In 1859 he married Miss Frances J. Gillet, of Addison, New York (where he had spent two years at an earlier date), and their home was in Chicago for five years, when they returned to Steuben county. There Mr. Winton entered into partnership with Mr. Lattimer in conducting the Addison Bank. At eleven years of age the former had joined the Presbyterian church, and for some years before his death was ruling elder of the church in Addison. He died in 1898, leaving a wife and six children.

Michael Joseph Reagan is a valued member of the New York State Board of Mediation and Arbitration and has charge of its office in New York city at 381 Fourth avenue, and he is one of the sterling citizens given to the national metropolis by Steuben county. He was born in Hornellsville, that county, on the 12th of December,

1865, and is a son of William and Julia (McCarthy) Reagan, who took up their abode in Hornellsville about the year 1850. There the mother died on November 4, 1906, and there the father still maintains his residence, the city being now known as Hornell. Of the family of four sons and four daughters, three sons and three daughters are now living, and he whose name initiates this article is the youngest of the number.

Mr. Reagan was reared to maturity in his native town and he secured his early educational training in the parochial school conducted by the Sisters of Mercy and in the public schools. He later completed a course in the Albany Business College, in the capital city of the state, being graduated in this institution as a member of the class 1889. In his early childhood he traveled about quite considerable for one of his years. He attended all the noted events at the time, such as the Courtney and Hanlon boat race on the Potomac River May 19, 1880, at Washington, D. C.; the funeral of President of the United States James A. Garfield in Cleveland, Ohio, September 26, 1881; the opening of the Brooklyn Bridge May 24, 1883. His first employment was as a brick haker at fifty cents a day for the Thatcher Brick Company and as helper at the Rawson Foundry Company. The next employment was as trainman on the Western Division of the Erie Railroad. On June 1, 1883, he left the service of the Erie Railroad and went as far west as Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, where he secured a position as clerk in the Townsend House, a summer resort, where he remained until the house closed, about September 10, 1883. His next employment was in a like capacity with the Southern Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained from October 1, 1883, until July 1, 1884. On account of the serious illness of his mother at this time he was summoned to his old home at Hornellsville. He remained at home and re-entered the service of the Erie Railroad as trainman and baggageman, and was employed with Conductor Hiram Hurty on trains 3 and 12 between Elmira and Dunkirk, and afterwards served with such old timers as Jerome Farnham, Clarence Stannard, H. L. May, W. S. Kimble, George Wright, LeGrand Tillman, Edward Carroll, Del Wescott and Doctor R. N. Thomas, nearly all of whom have gone to the great beyond from whence no traveler returns.

In January, 1886, with other friends (Arthur Maloney and John Weldon) he organized a railroadmen's union known as Local Assembly 7460, Knights of Labor, and was its first master workman. On September 20, 1887, he was appointed to a clerkship in the Bureau of Labor Statistics at Albany, New York, by Commissioner Charles F. Peck, having been endorsed for the position by Mayor James B. Day and the late Hon. John McDougall. Soon after accepting this position he passed a state civil service examination and was promoted to the position of special agent of the Bureau, where he remained through the consolidation of the Bureau of Labor Statistics with the Factory Inspection Bureau and Board of Mediation and Arbitration by Governor B. B. Odell during the legis-

lative session of 1901, and now presided over by Commissioner John Williams and known as Department of Labor. On December 1, 1906, Mr. Reagan was further promoted by being named as Industrial Mediator and member of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration (this being a subdivision of the Department of Labor) by Commissioner P. Tecumseh Sherman and placed in charge of the branch office of the Bureau in New York City. Mr. Reagan has served under Commissioners Peck, Dowling, McDonough, McMackin, Sherman and Williams since the beginning of his employment in the state service.

In the meantime he had identified himself with the Tenth Battalion National Guard, New York, having enlisted in Company B April 22, 1890, with the following military record both in the National Guard of the State and the United States Volunteers during the Spanish American war.

In National Guard, New York.

Private Co. B, Tenth Battalion, April 22, 1890; full and honorable discharge March 10, 1897. Re-enlisted same day. Corporal April 29, 1898. Sergeant September 25, 1899. Full and honorable discharge October 17, 1899. Commissioned First Lieutenant as Inspector of Small Arms Practice Tenth Battalion N. G. N. Y. July 26, 1904. Rendered supernumerary May 1, 1905. First Lieutenant and Battalion Quartermaster Tenth Regiment Infantry May 5, 1905, with original rank. Supernumerary and re-assigned January 21, 1908, with rank from July 26, 1904.

In United States Volunteer Army.

Corporal Company B, First Regiment Infantry May 20, 1898, Mustered out at Camp Presidio, San Francisco, California. July 19, 1898, on account of promotion, having been commissioned as Second Lieutenant 202d Regiment Infantry N. Y. Volunteers July 6, 1898, and assigned to Company M. First Lieutenant October 1, 1898, and mustered out of United States service at Savannah, Georgia, April 15, 1899. Served with the latter regiment, which was the first United States troops to go through Havana, Cuba (December 9, 1898), after its capitulation, and was stationed with the regiment at Pinar del Rio and Guanajay as the army of occupation until relieved by the First Infantry United States Army in command of Major Dougherty. The regiment left the Island of Cuba about March 25, 1899, and was stationed at Camp Onward, Savannah, Georgia.

Mr. Reagan is particularly proud of the Commissions he has held in the United States volunteer service and the New York National Guard signed by Governors Black, Roosevelt, Odell, Higgins and Hughes.

Lieutenant Reagan with his other duties was acting quartermaster and had charge of all railroad transportation while serving with the regiment both in the United States and Cuba. While at Camp Meade with his regiment a vacancy occurred as first lieutenant of Company M, of which he was the second lieutenant.

Several applications were made by members of the regiment of the same grade in rank as Mr. Reagan, all of whom were his senior. When filing his application for the first lieutenancy, Colonel Seyburn informed him that he had not only endorsed him for first lieutenant in writing but had telegraphed same to Adjutant General Tillinghast at Albany, as follows: "I nominate Second Lieutenant Michael J. Reagan for First Lieutenant in this regiment. Reagan has done the work. Signed S. Y. Seyburn. Colonel 202d Regt. Inf. N. Y. Vols."

While with the First Regiment Infantry, New York Volunteers, at Fort Wadsworth, New York Harbor, orders were received from the War Department by Colonel Barber to proceed to the Philippine Islands, via San Francisco, and the regiment left Jersey City, New Jersey, over the Erie Railroad on the morning of July 7, 1898, but the orders were changed and the regiment went to Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, instead. When the section of the train in which he was en route arrived at his old home early in the morning of July 8th a great reception had been arranged by his friends and neighbors in good old Hornell. The committee in charge were Judge James H. Clancy, Colonel James Schwarzenbach, Honorable Milo M. Acker, William H. Murray, Charles H. Armsted and W. H. Prangen. With the band out in full regalia and a crowd of at least five thousand people gathered at the Erie Depot the send off and good cheer Mr. Reagan and the soldier boys received by the assembled multitude before the train departed on its western journey was certainly immense and will always be cherished most highly by him as one of the proudest moments of his life.

Mr. Reagan is an ex-commander of Frank Rockwell Palmer Camp, No. 28, United Spanish War Veterans; a charter member of Albany Council No. 110, Knights of Columbus; a member of the Catholic Union; Branch 83, the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association; Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 4; the Robert Emmet Association; and Old Guard, Company B, Washington Continentals of Albany, New York. He is a member of the Army and Navy Club, the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish American War, Society of American Wars, Commandery of the State of New York, president of the Bronx Borough Taxpayers' Protective Alliance, member of the Bronx Lodge, No. 871, B. P. O. E., and the Steuben Society of New York City.

Mr. Reagan has a very extensive acquaintance throughout the state among the leading business and professional men and with officers and members of labor organizations, he having traveled for about fifteen years throughout the state for the department with which he has been connected as special agent, which required such travel and investigation. He has always been a great admirer of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and the late governor of New York, Frank W. Higgins, with each of whom he has had a very friendly acquaintance.

On April 10, 1901, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Reagan

and Miss Mary E. Burke, of Albany, New York, at the Sacred Heart church, by the Rev. Father Peyton, and they have four children: Mary B., William Harold, Frank Higgins and Ralph.

DR. CHARLES A. CARR.—The Carr family, which is represented in Steuben county by Charles Audubon Carr, the well known practitioner and citizen of Corning, has given of its industry, integrity and ability in the pioneer activities and progress of three states—Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and New York. Wherever its members have planted their homes, there have been found worthy examples of those staying qualities which have always marked the best types of the Anglo-Saxon or the Englishman and his American sons of the eastern United States.

To reach the source of the Carr family in America it is necessary to revert to Benjamin Carr, a native of the world's metropolis, born August 18, 1592, ten years before the first English navigator explored the shores of Massachusetts and New England, and twenty-eight years before the Pilgrims established their colony at Plymouth, on the shores of Massachusetts bay. When Benjamin Carr was a few weeks past his majority—or, to be more precise, or September 2, 1613,—he took to wife Martha Hardington. They were married in London and died there, having become the parents of five children, the eldest of whom, Robert Carr, founded the American branch, of which Dr. Carr is an offshoot.

This American forefather, who was born in London, England, on the 4th of October, 1614, boarded the ship "Elizabeth Ann," May 5, 1635, and, with his brother Caleb, sailed for Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island. They came as pioneers to that region and, as is the custom of the far-sighted Englishman, at once commenced to buy land. It appears from the records that Robert was admitted as an inhabitant of Portsmouth February 21, 1639, and as a freeman in Newport, Rhode Island, March 16, 1641. He was one of the original purchasers of the island of Conanicut in Narragansett Bay, buying of the Indians a considerable share of its six thousand acres. He also acquired a considerable property in Newport, and died in 1681, a substantial citizen of most honorable standing. Of his six children, Caleb Carr was born in Newport and married Phillis Green, daughter of deputy governor Green of Warwick, Rhode Island, where she was born in October, 1658. At his death in 1690 his widow was made executrix of a considerable estate. Caleb Carr and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom their son, Caleb Carr, Jr., was a direct forefather of Dr. Carr of this sketch.

Caleb Carr, Jr., was a native of Jamestown, Rhode Island, born on the 26th of March, 1670, and was married at that place to Joanna Slocum, by her father Ebenezer Slocum, warden—the ceremony occurring April 30, 1701. The husband afterward settled, with his family, at West Greenwich, that state, became a

freeholder in 1731, and died in 1750, leaving a large property to his five sons.

Caleb Carr (the third American by that name) was, like his father, a native of Jamestown, Rhode Island, where he was born November 6, 1702, and died at West Greenwich in 1769. His wife Sarah was born November 8, 1711, and died in November, 1798, mother of thirteen children.

The great-great-grandfather of the doctor was Eleazer Carr, who was born in West Greenwich, Rhode Island, April 22, 1746, and married Eleanor Stafford; settling in Rensselaer county, New York, where he died July 19, 1816. They had six children.

Rev. Stutely Carr, son of the above, was a vigorous, patriotic and Christian man, born in Rensselaer county, New York, on the 5th of July, 1773; he married Sybil Dyer (daughter of George and Ann Dyer) in West Greenwich, Rhode Island, on the 16th of February, 1791. His wife was born in that town on the 1st of August, 1772, and died December 4, 1839. Mr. Carr settled in Salisbury, New York, where he lived many years. He was much interested in military matters, as well as in religious work, and served as captain in the New York State Militia, his commission from Governor George Clinton bearing date of March 5, 1802. He died in the town of Spring, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, on the 3rd of June, 1840, and was the honored sire of sixteen children.

Captain George Carr, the grandfather of Dr. Carr, was born in Salisbury, New York, June 28, 1794, marrying Nancy Griswold, at Dryden, that state, on the 22nd of August, 1813, being then little more than nineteen years of age. His wife was his senior by nearly four years, having been born in Dryden September 16, 1790, and dying at the extreme age of ninety-one. For some years they resided at that place, then settled at Almond, New York, where they lived until about 1855, when they located in Hector, where the husband and father died April 13, 1870, at the home of his son, Stutely H. Carr. He received his military title for the fine service which he rendered in the war of 1812, receiving an honorable discharge at its close, as well as a land warrant and a pension in special recognition of his standing as a soldier and a patriot.

Stutely Hurd Carr, the father, was one of seven children and was born at Dryden, New York, January 11, 1822, his wife (whom he married at Almond, New York, February 24, 1848), being a native of Westfield, Pennsylvania, born May 13, 1829, and a daughter of Christopher Schoonover, one of the first settlers and pioneers of Cowanesque valley. In 1854 Mr. Carr moved upon a wilderness farm in Potter county, Pennsylvania, and at the outbreak of the war had made a comfortable homestead of it. But in the fall of 1861 he left wife and family to join the ranks of Company D, Fifty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, and later served in Company G, Two Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers. He followed the varying fortunes of these commands with

the faithfulness of a true soldier whose family fought so well in the war of 1812, and at the close of the war had participated in many of its great battles. At the notable charge of Fort Steadman he received a gunshot wound in the calf of one of his legs, from the effects of which he was confined in hospital when the Army of the Potomac was disbanded after Lee's surrender; so that he did not reach home until about eight weeks after the virtual close of the war. He received two honorable discharges, carrying with them a land warrant and a pension. Both parents died at the home of their son, Dr. Carr, in Corning; the father, March 23, 1904, and the mother, on the 21st day of March, 1905, two days before the anniversary of her husband's death. The father of the family of six children was a farmer and a blacksmith who had enjoyed a fair common-school education; was a life-long Methodist, always a Christian gentleman, and a sturdy representative of the American middle class, upon which is based the best of the nation's life.

Dr. Charles A. Carr is a native of Hector, Pennsylvania, and was born on the 19th of February, 1864. He received his early education in the district schools of Pennsylvania, and completed his preliminary literary studies in the Westfield Graded school and The Knoxville (Pennsylvania) High School. In 1887 he was matriculated at the Baltimore Medical College, from which he graduated in April, 1890. In the following June he located for practice at Caton, Steuben county, where he continued until 1895. He then entered the School of Ophthalmology, Otology and Laryngology of New York, and after finishing the course in that institution became a resident practitioner in these specialties at Corning. His career there has given him a high reputation as a practitioner and a citizen.

Dr. Carr has taken deep interest in local public affairs. In politics he is a Republican; has served two terms as alderman in the Corning city council, and was health officer of Caton and Corning for about eight years. In a more strict professional sense, he is a member (vice president) of the Corning Medical Association, of the Steuben County Medical Association and the New York State Medical Association; is visiting physician of the Corning Hospital and lecturer to its training classes for nurses. He is also earnestly identified with the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

On May 7, 1891, Dr. Carr wedded Miss Effie D. White, daughter of John C. and Lucy Ella (Davis) White, her father being a farmer who died October 7, 1872. Mrs. Carr was educated in the Corning Free Academy, from which also her son (Harold, born in June, 1892), graduated in June, 1911.

Dr. Carr is the sixth and youngest son of Stutely H. and Julia S. Carr. He has four brothers living, viz.: Dr. James G. Carr, a noted Optometric Eye Specialist located at Harrison Valley, Pennsylvania, where he enjoys a large and lucrative practice; W. W. Carr, who resides in Bath, New York; H. E. Carr, of 218

Bridge street, Corning, New York; S. A. Carr, of Clayton, Kent county, Delaware.

W. W. Carr was born in Almond, New York, January 5, 1854, and is the father of five children by his wife, Bertha Chisholm, whom he married in Cameron, New York, January 1, 1878. She died in February, 1898, and he has since remarried. His children are: Alfa May (Carr) Shattuck, born December 22, 1879; William Clifford Carr, born July 2, 1881; James Earl Carr, born April 29, 1883; Bessie Eva (Carr) Shattuck, born April 4, 1889; Minnie Adelia Carr, born June 3, 1895. They all reside in Steuben county, New York, at or near Bath.

H. E. Carr was born in Hector, Pennsylvania, June 16, 1855. He married Eva Dorr in Elmira, New York, October 25, 1881. She was born in Elmira, New York, November 27, 1861. They have two sons, viz.: Dr. Fred D. Carr, born July 22, 1882, who graduated from the University of Vermont, College of Medicine, with high honors, on June 24, 1908. He followed this with a year's hospital practice, after which he located for the practice of his profession at Caton, Steuben county, New York. He was married to Mary Thaler on December 25, 1909. They had one child, Margaret Louise Carr, born December 25, 1910. Leigh S. Carr, born August 1, 1884, was married to Winnie Lovejoy October 6, 1909. They are located at 218 Bridge street, Corning, New York, and he is connected with the Corning Cut Glass Works.

DELANO D. COTTRELL.—An enterprise that has added materially to the commercial prestige of North Cohocton is the subscription business of Mr. Delano Dempster Cottrell. It is most interesting to note the evolution of this business from the beginning to the present time and in a following paragraph this matter will be dwelt on in full detail. Mr. Cottrell was born at Oswego Center, Oswego county, New York, on the 8th of June, 1864, and is a son of Rev. Andrew Jay and Harriet Elizabeth (McKee) Cottrell, the former of whom was born at Sandy Creek, Oswego county, New York, on the 6th of January, 1836, and the latter is a native of Ellisburg, Jefferson county, New York, the date of her nativity being July 9, 1838. As a youth Rev. Cottrell learned the shoemaker's trade and early became interested in church work. He attended the Adams Academy in Jefferson county, New York, and in 1863 entered the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal church, but was obliged to give up the work after two years' service. He followed business pursuits until 1879 when his health having become better, he again entered the ministry. He retired from the ministry in 1903 and was summoned to the life eternal on the 12th of December of that year. Rev. Cottrell had three brothers, one who is living in the south, one who served in the Union Army in the Civil war and who now resides at Albany, New York, and a third, also a veteran of the Civil war, who died some twenty-five years ago. Mrs. Cottrell was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wild)

McKee and was a twin sister of Helen E., who married Ward Sprague, Sandy Creek, New York. Mrs. Cottrell died at the home of her son March 1, 1911, having made her home with him since the death of her husband. The Cottrell family is descended from one of three brothers which emigrated from England to Rhode Island about three hundred years ago and the proprietor of the noted Cottrell Printing Press Company is a descendant of one of these brothers. On the mother's side Mr. Cottrell is of Scotch-Irish extraction.

Mr. Delano Dempster Cottrell received excellent educational advantages in his youth and for a time he was engaged in the pedagogic profession. He was graduated from the Sandy Creek high school in 1880 and in the following year he pursued a business course in the Belleville, New York, Academy, and the winter of 1881 taught school in Point Peninsula, New York. In 1882 he was matriculated in Syracuse University at Syracuse, New York, as a member of the class of 1886. The two years beginning fall of 1884, he taught school at Deer River, and New Bremen in this state. For a period of nearly ten years he was traveling salesman for the E. L. Kellogg Company, at that time the largest publishers of educational papers and professional teachers' books in the United States. In connection with this work he covered a territory of twenty-five different states and attended many national, state and county educational gatherings, where he met many of the prominent teachers and leaders in the educational world. In 1894 he located at North Cohocton, New York, where he began his present business, concerning the history of which a brief article from the *Elmira Star Gazette,* of November 11, 1907, is here incorporated, with but slight paraphrase.

Mr. Cottrell began the subscription-agency business in a small way. His first attempts were made in the house of his mother-in-law, where he utilized the dining-room table in the evening when the family work was done. He then removed to a house between North Cohocton and Atlanta, New York, where he remained for one year. In April, 1895, he removed his ever increasing business into a building next to the hotel in North Cohocton, known as the "Three-story Building," which at that time was considered a pretentious structure. The business was a great success from its inception under the guidance of Mr. Cottrell, so that, in 1900, he erected a fine office building, thirty by forty-eight feet, with the postoffice in one side of the same building, he having been appointed postmaster in January of that year. This building was very much enlarged in 1897 so that now its complete dimensions are forty-five and a half by eighty-eight feet, the new postoffice on one side being fifteen and a half feet by thirty-five. It is one of the finest postoffices in the country in a town of this size and is finished with steel ceiling and side walls painted white, is splendidly lighted and meets all the requirements of the town and Mr. Cottrell's business. The subscription department includes large offices, working

rooms and a fire-proof vault. The structure is a model building and seventy-five or more persons are here employed during the busy season. When Mr. Cottrell first started his business he found it difficult to secure enough one-cent stamps at the local postoffice, and an effort on his part to buy fifty dollars' worth from the North Cohocton postoffice led to a government request to the postmaster for an explanation as to why he needed so many stamps. Some appreciation of the business of the office can be obtained when it is stated that the postage paid by Cottrell's Subscription Agency to the North Cohocton postoffice has been nearly six thousand dollars in a single month. The postoffice became a third-class office on the first of January, 1900, and a second-class one on the first of July, 1905. Mr. Cottrell was appointed postmaster by President McKinley, in 1900, and reappointed by President Roosevelt in 1904 and in 1908. He is allowed a deputy, a clerk, and temporary clerks as needed in the postoffice.

Mr. Cottrell's first issue of catalogs was ten thousand, and it has now run up to nearly a million a year. In addition to this he issues circulars to the extent of some six to ten million per year, doing mailing for a large number of publishing houses. As the name indicates, his business is that of securing subscriptions for all kinds of American and foreign publications and during the busy season several thousand of such subscriptions are received daily. The total number of subscriptions annually amounts to a number of hundred thousand, the Ladies' Home Journal and the Saturday Evening Post being the leaders at this office. The agency is one of the largest in the United States and is by far the largest of any in the country in a town of the size of North Cohocton. Orders are received from all parts of the world. A large business is received from the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands. Every civilized country in the world is represented in their list of customers and there is hardly a postoffice in the United States that does not send orders to the Cottrell Agency.

Several years ago the Periodical Publishers' Association of America was organized. The association at once made an effort to secure uniformity in all clubbing offers advertised and called the larger subscription agencies into a conference concerning this matter. The result was a complete schedule of clubbing offers. The responsibility of having this schedule complete and correct to date of publication is generally placed on Mr. Cottrell. This schedule is sent to all the subscription agencies of the country by the leading publishers, who require that subscriptions must not be taken for their periodicals except in accordance with its terms and conditions. His wide experience, business tact and a special genius in this line make him naturally a leader, so that he is one of the most prominent figures at the present time in this business in the world. Under his management and through his clubbing offers the public has been able to get more for the same money than previously, and the publisher nets a larger price for his publication, as the expense for ad-

vertising and securing subscriptions is largely borne by Cottrell's Agency. It is estimated that their customers altogether saved one hundred thousand dollars in the year of 1910 by placing their subscriptions through the agency instead of sending them direct to the respective publishers and paying the publishers regular prices. The great foundation principle of Mr. Cottrell's business has been to make the money of his customers as safe in his hands as in their own pockets. The clerks are uniformly trained to treat their customers just as they themselves would like to be treated.

Mr. Cottrell supplies hundreds of libraries, reading rooms and clubs with all their periodicals, and so high is the reputation he has built in this business that he frequently receives signed checks from old customers left blank for him to fill in the cost of the periodicals desired. His long experience in this business has resulted in a splendid system of handling subscription orders which, although laborious and full of detail, insures accuracy and satisfaction to both subscriber and publisher. His agency enjoys the advantage of being closer to the large publishing centers of the country than any other large agency, and a letter from his office is the next day in the hands of any publisher in the eastern cities. Mails arrive and depart from the North Cohocton office ten times daily. Mr. Cottrell's general catalog and bargain list of periodicals should be in the hands of everyone in the United States interested in reading. The catalog contains information that every reader of periodical literature should know, and will be mailed free to anyone on request.

Mr. Cottrell is often honored by invitations to the Periodical Publishers' banquets, gatherings of the leading editors, authors, artists, publishers and advertising agents of the country. He is intimately acquainted with and enjoys the personal esteem of many of the foremost literary men and publishers of the United States. He is a gentleman of the highest personal and business standing and his agency has been the means of bringing much of the best literature of the world into American homes.

In politics Mr. Cottrell gives an uncompromising support to the principles and policies of the Republican party and he is a liberal contributor to all movements projected for the general welfare of the community. He is giving efficient service as a member of the board of school directors and he manifests a deep and intelligent interest in all educational matters. He is also trustee of the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the time-honored Masonic order and both he and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church in which he is steward and financial secretary.

On the 2nd of June, 1894, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Cottrell to Miss Edith Charlotte Megaffee, who was born on the 15th of November, 1868, the place of her birth being Hillsdale, Michigan. She is the daughter of Edward Megaffee and Cynthia (Smith) Megaffee. Her father, Edward Megaffee, died at Somer-

set, Michigan, in 1876, but her mother resides at North Cohocton. Mrs. Cottrell came to North Cohocton in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Cottrell have two children, Edward Jay, who was born on the 8th of March, 1895, and Lora Belle, born on the 25th of May, 1903. The son was graduated from the high school at North Cohocton in June, 1910, and from the Military Academy at Bordentown, New Jersey, in June, 1911, at which school he won the Buckley scholarship medal for highest standing in his studies during the year.

LEVERETT J. SIMPSON.—The career of Leverett Jerome Simpson, who resides at Canisteo, Steuben county, New York, is a splendid example of what may be accomplished by young manhood consecrated to ambition and high purpose. He is a lawyer, a self-made man, recognized throughout this community for his ability and conscientious dealings with his clients. His start in getting a higher education was particularly difficult, and in similar circumstances many young men would have become discouraged and given up the fight, but obstacles, instead of discouraging Mr. Simpson, spurred him onward, giving him that aggressive, persistent determination which has resulted since the period of his first struggles in steady progress and success, and brought him the esteem of both the judiciary and associate attorneys.

A native son of Steuben county, New York, Leverett J. Simpson was born in the town of Jasper, the 7th of March, 1871. His father, Jerome Madison Simpson, was born in the town of Lenox, Madison county, New York, on the 20th of January, 1829. As a young boy 13 years of age Jerome M. Simpson came to Steuben county, locating in the town of Jasper, where he passed the residue of his life. He was successively a harness-maker, a farmer and a carpenter. He was active in the local formation of the Republican party, to whose principles and policies he gave an uncompromising support and in the local councils of which he was ever a zealous factor. He was ever public-spirited in his views, and active so far as he had opportunity to advance the general welfare of the community and county in which he lived. He served most creditably as justice of the peace for a period of forty years, being incumbent of that position continuously except for a term or so. He was a great and enthusiastic reader of the very best books and papers and although his preliminary educational training had been of somewhat meager order he had, by reason of his studious habits, acquired more than an average mind at the time of his death, which occurred August 13th, 1895, at the age of sixty-six years.

He married Miss Nancy Ann Griffin, who was born in Cazenovia, Madison county, New York, on the 23d of May, 1831. She was a daughter of Asa Griffin, who removed to the town of Jasper when she was a young girl 8 years old, where she still lives, loved and respected by all. To Mr. and Mrs. Jerome M. Simpson were born four children: DeWitt, Asa, Leverett J. of this review, and Leslie, all of whom are living, the third in age being the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Simpson, of this notice, was reared to adult age in the town of his birth, where he attended the public schools until he had reached the age of eighteen years, at which time he entered Canisteo Academy, in the village of Canisteo, from which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1890. After leaving the Academy he worked at the carpenter's trade for two or three years, in the meantime continuing his studies as he worked and doing post-graduate work in the Academy. He then took up the study of law under the able preceptorship of Eli Saule, of Canisteo, one of the best lawyers in Steuben county. At the end of a three years' clerkship he passed the bar examination at Rochester, in June, 1899, being admitted to the New York bar in the following July. He immediately began the active practice of his profession in the village of Canisteo and November 5, 1900, entered into a partnership for the practice of law, with Eli Saule, continuing therein until the death of the latter, in 1902. Mr. Simpson was decidedly successful in the legal profession from the beginning, building up and controlling a valuable clientage. In addition to his law practice, he is deeply interested in business affairs in Canisteo and in connection therewith is vice-president of the First State Bank.

At Jasper, New York, on the 8th of August, 1900, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Simpson to Miss Eva L. Taft, who was reared and educated at Jasper and who is a daughter of Merritt M. and Maria N. Taft. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have no children. They are popular and prominent in connection with the best social activities of Canisteo and their attractive and beautifully located home is recognized as a center of gracious refinement and generous hospitality.

In his political convictions Mr. Simpson endorses the cause of the Republican party but while he has never manifested aught of ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office he is deeply and sincerely interested in all public questions whether local or national, contributing in generous measure to all projects advanced for the good of the general welfare. He has been a member of the Board of Education for a number of years past and at the present time is president of that body. In his religious faith he is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his wife, and they are both very active in connection with church and charitable work. He has been superintendent of the Sunday school since 1901 and is deeply interested in temperance work. He is a total abstainer from all intoxicants and tobacco and he is a strong influence for good among the younger generation in Canisteo. He is affiliated with a number of professional organizations of representative character and in fraternal way is a valued and appreciative member of the time-honored Masonic order. Mr. Simpson has achieved marked distinction in this section and his success is the more gratifying to contemplate inasmuch as it is the direct result of his own well directed endeavors. He is an extensive reader, a

keen lawyer, and a safe counselor, and a man whose whole life is founded on the motto that while greatness is desirable, goodness is indispensable to the most useful life, and that ethical and religious theories are only valuable to the extent in which they successfully work out in practice. Guided by these he has sought to make himself highly respected by the bar, of use to the community and a citizen to be trusted.

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