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WILLIAM L. MILLIGAN.—One of the best known and highly honored Masons in Illinois, who has devoted thirteen years to the study of Freemasonry, and whose knowledge of Masonic

history, jurisprudence and ritualism is second to none, is Mr. W. L. Milligan, Past Eminent Commander of Ottawa Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar, and Thrice Illustrious Master of Oriental Council, No. 63, Royal and Select Masters. He has always been an industrious and enthusiastic *frater*, and the result of his unabated labors is the present prosperous condition of the local bodies in Ottawa. Mr. Milligan was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason October 13, 1879, in Occidental Lodge, No. 40; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason December 17, of the same year, and passed the circle of perfection March 2, 1881; was created a Knight Templar and a Knight of Malta April 28, 1881, and attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Chicago, October 7, 1881. In recognition of his faithful and meritorious services in the order he was promoted to the office of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, the thirty-third and last degree, at Providence, Rhode Island, on September 20, 1887. Mr. Milligan has made a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the

desert, and has been constituted a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Milligan has held many offices in the craft and has discharged the duties pertaining to them in a manner that has reflected credit upon himself and with honor to the fraternity. The various chairs he has occupied are as follows: Worshipful Master of Occidental Lodge, No. 40, 1884 to 1886; High Priest of Shabona Chapter, No. 37, Royal Arch Masons, 1881 to 1887; Thrice Illustrious Master of Oriental Council, No. 63, Royal and Select Masters, 1883 to 1887; Eminent Commander of Ottawa Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar, 1886, 1887, 1891, 1892.

In 1886 Mr. Milligan was Val. . . Grand Almoner, of Chicago Council, Princes of Jerusalem; was District Deputy Grand Master of the ninth Masonic district of Illinois, 1886 to 1888, and 1896 and 1897, and was a member of the board of trustees of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home from 1886 to 1891, and holds life membership certificate No. 1, and is at present second vice-president of the Illinois Masonic Home for Aged Freemasons. He has represented the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of South Australia near the Grand Lodge of Illinois since 1887, with the honorary rank of Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Australia, conferred on him October 21, 1886, by that grand body. He is also the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of Quebec, and the

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Tennessee, with the honorary rank of Past Deputy Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Tennessee. Mr. Milligan takes considerable pride in holding a certificate of honorary membership in Fortitude Lodge, No. 47, of La Grange, Kentucky. In 1895 he was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, and is Grand Illustrious Principal Conductor of the Work in the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters.

As a citizen and a brother Mr. Milligan is firm and true, never neglecting a duty or leaving a promise unfulfilled. As a friend his hospitality and considerate kindness are too well known to be commented upon.

Mr. Milligan is a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, came with his parents to Ottawa, Illinois, at the age of four years, where he attended the district schools until fifteen years old, then moving with his parents upon a farm, where he spent the next seventeen years, which he designates as the happiest of his life. In the fall of 1881 he came to Ottawa and secured employment as a clerk in a hardware and implement store, and remained there for about a year, when his father, William R. Milligan, was elected sheriff of La Salle county, and our subject went into the office as first deputy. At the expiration of four years Mr. Milligan accepted a position as general agent for the W. A. Wood Harvester Company, his territory being located in Illinois and Iowa.

In December, 1877, Mr. Milligan was united in marriage to Miss Louise Eichelberger, and three sons and four daughters have been born to them, all of whom are bright and intelligent, and the joy and pride of their parents.

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**E**LIJAH B. SHERMAN. — While its tenets are incapable of misconstruction, its teachings clear and plain, its principles decisive and binding, Masonry is still in harmony with all known agencies for the improvement of mankind. It emphasizes

the truth of universal brotherhood, fosters a chivalrous devotion to woman, upholds patriotism, promotes benevolence, and has emblazoned on its standard truth and right. Catholic in its aim and spirit, Masonry welcomes all the beneficent influences of the age, jealous of neither sect nor party, but silently enlarging the boundaries of human achievement and pouring into life streams of deeper and richer experience. It is practically universal, embracing in its membership men of every rank, faith, and tongue, but its vows bring before all a uniform purpose and a noble aim. It therefore logically follows that the representatives of the order are men of moral worth, and in all nations it has numbered among its members the greatest of the land.

Among those who have won distinctive preferment in professional circles, whose superior abilities class them with the leaders in the walks of life which demand the highest intellectual endowments and attainments, and who follow the teachings of this ancient and honorable fraternity is Elijah B. Sherman, one of the foremost lawyers of Chicago. He is a Master Mason of William B. Warren Lodge, No. 209, A. F. & A. M., is interested in capitular Masonry as a member of Washington Chapter, No. 45, R. A. M.; took the cryptic degrees and was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Siloam Council, No. 83; and was created a Sir Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19. He received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory on July 29, 1886, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

For many years Mr. Sherman has also been prominent in the circles of Odd Fellowship and has been honored with distinguished preferment in that order. In 1874 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and in 1875 and 1876 he was its representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. In 1871, while the great fire which made so many hundreds homeless, was still raging, Mr. Sherman saw the necessity for immediate aid and called upon the Odd Fellows of the United States for

assistance. The prompt response of the society to this appeal was of inestimable relief to the order in the city, and Mr. Sherman, who was made secretary of the relief committee, assisted in the distribution of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars among the needy members of the society.

Mr. Sherman is connected with various organizations for the promotion of knowledge and the advancement of social interests, having served as president of the Oakland, Alliance and Saracen Clubs, also of the National Association of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and the Illinois Association of the Sons of Vermont; and it has been said "that a Vermont dinner without Sherman would be like a clan dinner without McGregor." He is a member of the Union League Club, and has been identified with the Chicago Philosophical Society and numerous other literary and scientific associations. He was one of the founders of the Illinois State Bar Association in 1877, and was its president in 1882. He is also an influential member of the American Bar Association and for many years has held some official position in that organization. The associations of his army life are renewed through his participation in the meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Illinois Commandery of the military order of the Loyal Legion. There are few men of a more perfectly rounded character than Mr. Sherman. Though he may seem the life of a social gathering, he is none the less prominent in the domain of politics,—using that much abused word in its best sense; and in the legal profession he stands among the foremost jurists of Chicago.

Vermont, as the state of his nativity, numbers him among her sons, but Illinois claims him by adoption. He was born July 18, 1832, in Fairfield, Vermont, of Anglo-Welsh ancestry, and is a descendant of Edmund Sherman, who came from England to America in 1634 with Rev. John Sherman, who was for forty years pastor of the Congregational church in Watertown, Connecticut.

The life and work of the farm were familiar to Mr. Sherman in his early youth. His elementary education acquired in the common schools was supplemented by study in Brandon and Burr seminaries, after which he entered Middlebury College, where he was graduated with honors in 1860. In 1884 he was called to deliver an address before the alumni of his *alma mater*, and a year later the honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him, a compliment which he appreciated the more since that conservative college confers that degree upon few of its distinguished sons. While in college he had paid his way by teaching for a portion of the time, and during the year following the completion of his collegiate course he taught school in South Woodstock, while the following year he served as principal of the Brandon Seminary.

The war for the preservation of the Union was then in progress and the duties of the educator became irksome to one of Mr. Sherman's loyal nature. From his boyhood he had been reared in a liberty-loving atmosphere, the writings of William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and John G. Whittier were familiar to him, and his father's home was a station on the "underground railroad." Early in 1862 he went to the front as second lieutenant of Company C, Ninth Vermont Infantry, which was, in the following September, captured by the Confederates at Harper's Ferry, and immediately paroled and sent to Camp Douglas, at Chicago. This forced inactivity, in connection with a desire to prepare for the bar, led Mr. Sherman to resign in 1863, and he entered the law department of the University of Chicago, where he was graduated in 1864. For twelve years he was attorney for the auditor of Illinois and carried on the important litigation which resulted in the suspension of business by several irresponsible insurance companies of Chicago. In 1879 he was appointed master in chancery of the United States circuit court and is still holding that position.

From the organization of the Repub-

lican party Mr. Sherman has been unwavering in the support which he has given its principles, and few men have a more accurate or comprehensive understanding of national issues and party principles than he. But he is in no sense an office-seeker, and the positions he has filled have been given him in recognition of his merit and not the result of self-seeking. In 1876 he was elected to the state legislature, was chairman of the committee on judicial department and a member of the judiciary committee. In 1878 he was re-elected and became chairman of the committee on corporations, and a member of the committee on militia. He aided in securing the passage of the act of 1877 organizing the National Guard, and was appointed by Governor Cullom judge advocate of the First Brigade, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, a position which he held for six years.

The high literary attainments, the cultured taste and the brilliant intellectual powers of Mr. Sherman, combined with a courteous, social nature, make him a favorite in all companies, and in the various societies with which he is connected he is held in the highest esteem. While he has attained marked prestige at the bar, his best work has been done in his official career of almost twenty years as master in chancery of the federal court. Here his patient industry in the investigation of facts and clear comprehension of the principles of equity applicable thereto, have made his decisions models of perspicuous statement and legal acumen, and have won for him the esteem of the bar and the confidence and respect of the judges of the federal court, who have rarely overruled his decisions.

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**J**OHAN RAYMOND HOFFMAN, M. D., is a successful practicing physician of Ottawa, Illinois. Greater than in almost any line of life is the responsibility which rests upon those of the medical fraternity, and he who wins success in that calling and gains eminence is possessed of careful dis-

crimination, accurate and comprehensive knowledge and a broad and generous nature that has a keen sympathy for the sorrows and ills of life, resulting in a desire to alleviate the same by practical and effective methods. Dr. Hoffman, although one of the younger representatives of the medical profession in Ottawa, has attained considerable distinction and doubtless the future holds in store for him still greater successes.

He is a native of the city which is still his home, his birth having occurred on the 18th of June, 1865. He acquired his literary education in the schools of Ottawa, completing the high school course and later entered the Chicago Medical College, where he prepared for the work to which he is now giving his attention. He conducted a general practice for four years and has since confined his attention to the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Studying closely along these lines he has attained a high degree of proficiency and has been very successful in his practice, which has been followed by most satisfactory results.

The Doctor is at present serving as health officer of Ottawa, having filled that office for two years. For three years he has been a member of the Illinois National Guard, was assistant surgeon of the Third Regiment and is now examining surgeon, his term extending from 1895 to 1897. In June, 1892, he married Miss Mary F. Hope-man, of Ottawa, and they have one son, Douglas T. Their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality and they have many friends in the city where their entire lives have been passed.

Dr. Hoffman is numbered among the worthy representatives of Masonry in Ottawa, having taken the degree of Entered Apprentice in Occidental Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M., in 1892. In due course of time he passed the Fellow-craft degree and eventually was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He has been a constant and consistent member of the organization and is accorded the esteem of his Masonic brethren, the regard of his pro-

fessional associates and the warm friendship of many whom he meets in social circles.

**W**ILBUR HARVEY TOUSLEY has for a third of a century been a member of the Masonic fraternity,—united with that vast body which recognizes the brotherhood of mankind and extends the helping hand to all. He was made a Mason in 1863, in Jefferson Lodge, of Jefferson, Wisconsin, and took the Royal Arch degrees in the chapter of Fort Atkinson, that state. He joined the ranks of Knights Templar in Janesville Commandery, No. 2, of Janesville, same state, served as Worshipful Master of the blue lodge, and is a member of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. His present affiliation is with Englewood Lodge, No. 690, Englewood Chapter, No. 176, and Englewood Commandery, No. 59, of which he is a charter member and has held the office of Senior Warden. He is one of the older Masons of the west and has ever been a zealous and loyal member of the fraternity, doing all in his power to advance its interests and promote its welfare.

Mr. Tousley is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Wadsworth, Medina county, on the 19th of March, 1841. He spent his early boyhood in his native town and then removed to a farm, where he remained for six years. During that period he acquired his education in the common schools, after which he learned the painter's trade, serving an apprenticeship at the same. When about seventeen years of age he came west to Illinois, where his parents had previously located, and followed his chosen occupation until after the inauguration of the Civil war. On the 4th of June, 1862, he responded to the country's call for aid to crush out the Rebellion and joined Company K, Sixty-ninth Illinois Infantry, of which he was made first lieutenant. He participated in all the engagements of his command, serving until the close of the war, and was ever found at his post of duty, valiantly defending the old flag and the cause it represented.

When hostilities had ceased and he was mustered out of service Mr. Tousley removed to Jefferson, Wisconsin, where he engaged in the publication of the Jefferson Banner until 1873. In that year he went to Fond du Lac, where for four years he served as foreman of a job office and from 1877 until 1880 he was one of the publishers of the Janesville City Times. He then came to Englewood, where he has since made his home and for sixteen years he has been connected with the Englewood Eye. He is now its vice-president and general manager and has made it a leading journal of that section of the city. His political support is given the Republican party, and in 1870 he represented his district in the general assembly of Wisconsin.

Mr. Tousley has been twice married. In 1861 he wedded Miss Jennie Weed, and they became parents of three children, but only one is now living, Edward C. Mr. Tousley was again married in 1873, his second union being with Miss Genoa G. Fittz. They had four children, two yet living, namely: Victor H. and John H.

**G**EORGE R. CURTISS, editor and publisher at El Paso, is a "high" Mason; and one reason for this is that his intellectual acumen and his sympathy for human distress find proper exercise in the work of that ancient order, and a resulting satisfaction that cannot be obtained in any other way. He is a native of Galesburg, this state, born January, 17, 1859, and was reared and educated in the "College city." Coming to El Paso, he sought a knowledge of esoteric Masonry, and accordingly the first three degrees were conferred upon him here, in El Paso Lodge, No. 246, A. F. & A. M. Proceeding, he attained the Royal Arch degrees in Mackey Chapter, No. 130; R. A. M., the cryptic degrees in El Paso Council, No. 62, R. & S. M., and the chivalric in Cœur de Leon Commandery, No. 43, K. T. Of the blue lodge he has been Senior Warden, in the chapter he has filled the office of Royal Arch Captain, of the

council he has served as Thrice Illustrious Master, and of the commandery he was Eminent Commander in 1894 and 1897. As a Mason and as a citizen Mr. Curtiss is an influential and consistent example, and his work in the various lodges has been highly appreciated.

Learning in his youth the printer's trade at Galesburg he has, ever since 1889, been the editor and publisher of an enterprising journal at El Paso, which is the most influential paper in Woodford county. Politically he has been active and zealous in the Republican party. He has been a delegate to a number of nominating conventions, and has done much work for the success of those principles of public economy in which he so sincerely believes.

In 1889 he was united in matrimony with Miss Catharine McLaferty, of Hutchinson, Kansas.

**A**LBERT T. MISCH, manager of the George A. Misch stained-glass establishment, No. 346 Wabash avenue, Chicago, is a young man of much business ability, and has since his initiation into Masonry taken a deep and appreciative interest in the workings of this time-honored order. He has a membership in Lincoln Park Lodge, F. & A. M.; Lincoln Park Chapter, R. A. M., and Lincoln Park Commandery, K. T., having received the degrees of the first two organizations in 1892 and having been knighted by St. Bernard Commandery the following year. Mr. Misch takes a pride in Freemasonry, is a regular attendant and in the chapter has filled one of the "Veil" offices. He was one of the petitioners for and charter members of Lincoln Park Commandery, which he helped to organize. Also he is a member of that popular auxiliary of Masonry, the Order of the Eastern Star, and is identified with Golden Rod Chapter. He is also a member of the Turngemeinde.

Chicago is Mr. Misch's birthplace. He was ushered into life October 20, 1869, and in the public schools of his native place he

received his early training, completing his education with a course in the Chicago Manual Training School. He learned the stained-glass business in his father's establishment, and in 1894 was given the management of the same, which he has since successfully conducted, this being one of the leading concerns of its kind in the city, and now furnishing employment to forty men.

Mr. Misch was married in October, 1896, to Miss Antoinette Stauber, a native of Chicago.

**D**R. JOHN F. RUNNELS, physician and surgeon, No. 233 Webster avenue, Chicago, was made a Master Mason on the evening of August 14, 1891, Lincoln Park Lodge, F. & A. M., conferring the degrees. His initiation into the blue lodge was soon followed by application for the Royal Arch degrees, which were duly given him by Lincoln Park Chapter, R. A. M., and still later he was made a Sir Knight by Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, K. T., in all of which he maintains membership at the present time. He has also threaded the labyrinth of the Eastern Star, and for one year was Chaplain of the chapter to which he belongs. And while he has taken a deep interest in all the branches of Masonry to which he belongs, he has not been an active worker officially, for the reason that his professional duties demand nearly the whole of his time. In addition to being a Mason, Dr. Runnels is an Odd Fellow and a Columbian Knight.

Dr. Runnels was born in Huntington, Indiana, September 30, 1849, and his early associations are with Hillsdale, Michigan, where his youthful days were spent in toil upon the farm. The life of a farmer being distasteful to him, he turned to the professions and made choice of medicine, taking up its study and entering a medical college at Louisville, Kentucky, where he graduated in March, 1879. His career as a practitioner began at Highland, Wisconsin, where, however, he remained only a short

time, coming from there to Chicago in December, 1880. Here he has built up an excellent practice, his specialty being children's diseases, and as a skilled and successful physician he stands high in the ranks of his profession.

He was married in 1884 to Miss Geneva Harrison, a native of Union City, Indiana.

**E** J. ABELL, M. D., a practicing physician of Joliet, has affiliated with the Masonic fraternity since 1880, when, as an Entered Apprentice, he was received into Braidwood Lodge, No. 704. He passed the Fellow-craft degree, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and later was dimitted to Mount Joliet Lodge, No. 42. In 1881 the secrets of capitular Masonry were revealed to him, when he was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Wilmington Chapter, No. 142. His membership is now with Joliet Chapter, No. 27; and from Blaney Commandery, No. 5, in which he was dubbed and created a Sir Knight in 1881, he was dimitted to Joliet Commandery, No. 4. While not an office-holder, his professional duties preventing him from taking an active part in the work of the lodge room, Dr. Abell is faithful in the practical part of Masonry, whereby charity often relieves the needs of the unfortunate and a sympathizing spirit lightens the burdens of the distressed. Nor is his social connection confined alone to Masonry. He is also a member of Stevenson Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, the Order of Foresters of America, and the Sons of St. George, serving as physician of the last named.

Dr. Abell was born in Bloomington in 1855 and completed his literary education by his graduation in St. John's College of Manitoba, Canada, in 1872. Having determined to make the practice of medicine his life-work he was afterward enrolled among the students of Hahnemann Medical College, of Chicago, where he was graduated in 1880. He first opened an office in Coles City, Illinois, where he re-

mained in active practice until 1892, when seeking a broader field he came to Joliet. Here a high degree of success has attended his effort. His pronounced ability soon won recognition and as a result he has secured a large and lucrative patronage. He belongs to the State Medical Society and the Joliet Medical Scientific Society, and is an assiduous student of his profession, utilizing every means at hand to perfect himself in the science of medicine. He was married and has two living children—Harry and Annie. His political belief is in harmony with the principles of the Republican party.

**M**ON. LOUIS CHARLES STARKEL, of Chicago, has attained to a high position of prominence in the Masonic fraternity and is one of its most consistent, zealous and active members. His connection therewith has aided in forming the Masonic history of the state, for he has been instrumental in promoting the interest and upbuilding of the society through a quarter of a century. He was made a Mason in 1870, in St. Blair Lodge, No. 24, of Belleville, Illinois, and was raised to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Belleville Chapter, No. 106. After removing to Chicago he was dimitted from those organizations and is now affiliated with Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611, F. & A. M., and Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, R. A. M. He was knighted in Belvidere Commandery, No. 2, of Alton, Illinois, and dimitted in order to become a charter member and aid in the organization of Tancred Commandery, of Belleville, of which he served as Eminent Commander for five years. He is also a charter member of Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, of Chicago. In October, 1880, he became a member of the Oriental Consistory, completing the thirty-two degrees of the Scottish Rite. From his earliest connection with the society he has been most deeply interested in its welfare and has done all in his power to promote its growth and insure

the adoption of its principles. His devotion has been recognized by his brethren of the craft who have frequently honored him with official preferment, and he has served as Senior Warden in the blue lodge, High Priest in the chapter and Eminent Commander in the commandery. He has had the Past High Priest degree, is a member of the Grand Commandery and therein has served as Grand Warden, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Junior Warden and Grand Senior Warden. His close study of Masonry has made him well informed concerning its various branches, its teachings and its fundamental principles, and he exemplifies in his life the practical workings of the order. Thus the name of Mr. Starkel has become inseparably connected with Masonry in northern Illinois and in its annals is well worthy of mention.

A native of Germany, Mr. Starkel was born in Prague, Bohemia, on the 1st of September, 1839, and began his education in that land. He came to America in 1850, when eleven years of age, and lived for a time in Columbus, Ohio, and later in Washington Court House, of that state, where he completed his education in the high school. At an early age he took up the study of medicine, and was graduated at the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati. He began practice in Carlisle, Illinois, where he remained two years and then removed to St. Clair county, where he practiced until 1869, when he was forced to abandon his chosen profession on account of muscular rheumatism. He was elected county clerk of St. Clair county, holding the office for nine years, and in 1886 he was appointed analytical chemist for the government and stationed at Washington, District of Columbia. In February, 1890, he resigned the position and came to Chicago, where he has since made his home. The following year he became manager of the Germania Life Insurance Company, of New York, which position he still fills, and his able administration of the affairs of the company have resulted to its profit and substantial improvement. He is a progressive

business man, and his care and faithfulness in the performance of his responsible duties is recognized by the other officers of the company, who entertain for him the highest regard and respect.

Mr. Starkel is a member of the Germania Club of Chicago. Aside from the official duties before mentioned, he has filled the office of representative in the state legislature, having been a member of the thirty-third general assembly of Illinois. He was married in 1859 to Miss Anna Bryant, a native of Ohio, and they have five sons, namely: Dr. Charles H., of Belleville, a Knight Templar Mason, the commandery degrees being conferred upon him by his father; Louis T., Walter B., Edgar and Ferdinand H.

**V**IRGIL MARION BLANDING, who was the first Eminent Commander of Everts Commandery, No. 18, K. T., at Rock Island, has been closely identified with Masonry for a period of more than forty years. His entire life has been in perfect harmony with the teachings of the fraternity, and his support and influence have been potent factors in bringing about the present prosperity of the local branches of the great organization to which he belongs. Mr. Blanding was made a Master Mason in 1855, in Honesdale Lodge, at Honesdale, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, from which he dimitted, and on February 1, 1866, became a member of Trio Lodge, No. 57, in which he served as Worshipful Master from December 27, 1867, until December 26, 1868. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Eureka Holy Arch Chapter, No. 179, at Carbondale, Pennsylvania, and was created a Sir Knight in Palestine Commandery, in the same city. He also dimitted from those bodies and affiliated with Barrett Chapter, No. 18, in which he was soon called upon to fill various chairs, including that of High Priest. When Everts Commandery, No. 18, was organized at Rock Island, Mr. Blanding was honored with the highest position in the gift of its

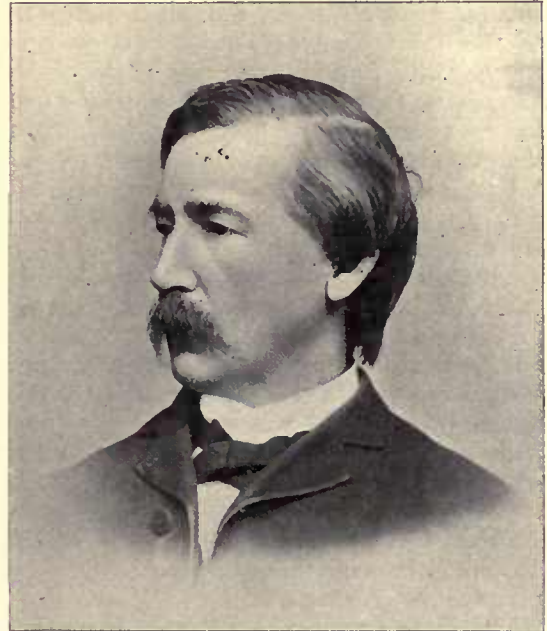


members, serving as Eminent Commander while it was under dispensation, and has since been twice elected to that office. He received the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in the southern jurisdiction from the hands of T. S. Parvin, of Iowa, who conferred all of them upon him, up to and including the thirty-second. Mr. Blanding as Thrice Illustrious Master was also an active and prominent Royal and Select Master in Rock Island Council, No. 20, which is now defunct.

Reverting now to the general history and genealogical record of Mr. Blanding and his family, we learn that he is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Wayne county on December 8, 1834. His ancestors in a direct line can be traced back to Upton-on-Severn, England, who came to this country and landed at Plymouth in 1640, and who, according to tradition, were Huguenot refugees of French origin. His four great-grandfathers—Noah Blanding, John Martin, Michael Grennell and Elijah Marshall—were soldiers in the Revolutionary war, the last named being a member of Arnold's expedition against Quebec and one of the first inside the enemy's works. He was wounded, made a prisoner and exchanged, and afterward fought under General Wayne at Stony Point, continuing on active duty until the close of the war, from which he emerged with the honorable record of a brave, faithful, and gallant patriot. The maternal great-grandfather, Michael Grennell, was a participant in the battle of Saratoga and in that engagement distinguished himself by his courage and devotion. The early history of our subject's ancestors shows them to have been identified with agriculture and the professions, and in their religious faith they were Protestants. Grandfather Joseph Blanding, son of Noah Blanding, was born in Attleborough, Massachusetts, where he married Miss Hulda Martin and lived to the ripe old age of ninety years. Great-grandfather Michael Grennell attained the remarkable age of one hundred and six years. Reba Blanding, the father of our subject, was born

in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, in 1801, and he and his wife—whose maiden name was Beulah Ann Grennell, and who was a native of Connecticut—became the parents of seven children, of whom six are still living. The father spent his life in his native state, where he followed the vocations of farmer and lumberman. The venerable mother is still living, in her eighty-first year.

Virgil M. Blanding is the eldest of the children. He was reared and educated in



*Virgil M. Blanding*

the city of his nativity and received the degrees of A. B. and M. A. in Bucknell University, completing his course there in 1852. He read law in the office of Hon. William H. Dimmick, and later under the tuition of Hon. I. O. Wilkinson, and was duly admitted to the bar of Illinois, his license being signed by Hon. Sidney Breese, Hon. John Walker and Hon. John Dean

Caton. In 1857 he took up his abode in Rock Island, where he has since maintained his home and with the varied interest of which he has been closely associated. He served as county superintendent of schools of Rock Island county, was city attorney for several terms, and elected mayor of the city, serving in all of these positions with ability and intelligence. It was while he held the last named office that the street-paving ordinance was enacted, and besides inaugurating that enterprise he was also active in bringing about the paying of city bonds, his administration being marked by the payment of thirty thousand dollars of the debt, additional to the usual expenditure for city improvements. While he occupied the mayoralty chair Rock Island was for the first time effectually protected from inundation by the annual floods of the Mississippi river at the west end, and the growth of the city in that direction has since rapidly developed.

Politically Mr. Blanding affiliates with the sound-money Democrats, and his reputation as an accomplished parliamentarian and an impartial presiding officer has never been excelled in the history of the city. During the war he was stanch in his support of the Union, and was among those who went forth to protect the old flag. At St. Louis he was a member of Company A, Missouri National Guards, under Colonel B. Gratz Brown, the company being commanded by Captain George B. Kellogg. He was also enrolled in the militia and took part in the pursuit of General Price.

Mr. Blanding's efforts in behalf of the common schools, especially in the city and county of Rock Island, have been a marked personal characteristic. As county superintendent of schools he was the first to personally visit and inspect every educational institution in the county, and as a member of the board of education he was equally zealous and interested. Various addresses delivered by him before college societies and literary institutes have received favorable commendation, none memorably more so, perhaps, than his eulo-

gy before the conclave of Knights Templar on the death of President Garfield.

During the greater part of Mr. Blanding's business career he has been more or less interested in railroad enterprises, contracting for and building roads, and in this way he has aided in the construction of the great net-work of railways that overspread Illinois and the adjoining states. He is connected, as a member, with the constructing firm having the building of seven railroad bridges across the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers, and at present is a director and the secretary and treasurer of the Davenport & Rock Island Bridge Railway and Terminal Company.

Mr. Blanding was married in 1861 to Miss Anna McNeil, who was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, and they have two children: Lowrie Church, who holds the position of national bank examiner for the state of Iowa; and Mae Josephine, who is now pursuing her education in college. In his religious proclivities Mr. Blanding is an Episcopalian, and a devout believer in the Apostle's creed.

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**C**HARLES K. HERRICK, prominent in business and political circles of Chicago, is also a Mason of high rank, having attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is an ardent advocate of Masonry, which is as broad as the universe in its scope, in which hand clasps hand in a circle that bounds the globe and unites all races with the bonds of brotherhood. Masonry is coextensive with civilization, and from the earliest times the order has borne aloft its glorious banners emblazoned with those inspiring and sacred words: God, Liberty and the Brotherhood of Man. Tyrants, usurpers and the enslavers of man's spiritual freedom, in every age, have read those words in trembling, in fear and in hate. And the great army of Masons in every land beneath the sun, now constantly increasing in numbers and in power, steadily marches forward, bearing

those banners of light ever onward toward that glorious era of perfect freedom and justice for all men, to which the spirit of the age, now swiftly and now slowly, but inevitably, leads on.

In Blair Lodge, No. 393, A. F. & A. M., the initiatory degree of Entered Apprentice was conferred upon him. Having passed the Fellow-craft, he was later raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and has since affiliated with that organization which first welcomed him into the grand brotherhood. In Chicago Chapter, No. 127, he was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason and the honors of chivalric Masonry were conferred upon him in Chicago Commandery, from which he has since dimitted to St. Bernard Commandery. He took the degrees of Van Rensselaer Grand Lodge of Perfection, of Chicago Council Princes of Jerusalem, Gourgas Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, D. H. R. D. M., and is a life member of Oriental Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. The thirty-third degree, or that of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, was conferred upon him in Boston, in 1888, and he became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple. Mr. Herrick is also the oldest living member of Wayne Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F.

A native of Posen, Prussia, he was born on the 10th of January, 1835, and his life is remarkable for the success he has achieved in the face of many obstacles and without the aid of adventitious surroundings. He did not have the opportunity of attending school after nine years of age, but experience in the practical affairs of life, reading and observation have made him a well-informed man, whose general information is extensive and accurate. In early life he was apprenticed by the Prussian government at the tailor's trade and worked at that pursuit until thirteen years of age, when in 1848 he came to America. Landing in New York he worked at his trade there for some time, dependent entirely upon his own resources for a livelihood, and

securing advancement as he demonstrated his capabilities and trustworthiness. In 1854 he came to Chicago and secured employment in a hat store, but at the first call for troops entered the service of the Union and remained at the front until the government was established.

After the war he embarked in business on his own account, in Chicago, and for thirty-one years has been proprietor of a hat store, having one of the oldest, most popular and most reliable establishments in his line in the city. With the growth of the city his enterprise has kept pace, and he is one of the leaders in his line of trade,—a position which he has secured and maintained through his honorable dealing and the uniform courtesy which the patrons of the house always receive.

In 1860 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Herrick and Miss Margaret Kerr, and they have one son, William, who married Flora Gessey, and has one son, Robert, who is now attending the military academy at Highland Park.

Mr. Herrick is numbered among Illinois' patriots. No native son of America displayed more loyalty in the hour of the country's peril than he, when at the firing on Fort Sumter in April, 1861, he joined the three-months volunteers to aid in crushing out the rebellion. When it was seen that the south was not to be easily conquered, he re-enlisted in June as a member of Company K, Nineteenth Illinois Regiment, and participated in all the service of his company until November 9, 1862, when being disabled he was honorably discharged. He has been prominent in the Grand Army of the Republic and is past commander of Columbia Post, one of the most prominent in the organization in the United States, and by that post was presented with a very expensive and handsome badge. He also belongs to the Veteran Union League, the Army of the Cumberland and the Cumberland Gun Club.

From the time when the Republican party became the champion of the Union cause during the war of the Rebellion, Mr.

Herrick has been one of its supporters and staunchly advocates the principles of reciprocity, protection and sound money. He has been an active worker in party ranks in this city, and in July, 1896, was elected to the important position of secretary of the Cook county Republican central committee, in which capacity he has since served with marked fidelity and ability.

**O** W. MOON, M. D., a leading and successful physician, surgeon and druggist, is a pioneer of Will county and also of the Masonic fraternity in Lockport, where he makes his home. He joined the order in Joliet, becoming a member of Joliet Lodge, No. 42, A. F. & A. M. In 1867, on the organization of Lockport Lodge, No. 538, he became one of its charter members and is one of its most honored and able representatives. He is thoroughly informed concerning its methods of work and has served as its Worshipful Master and as Treasurer. His connection with capitular Masonry came through his identification with Wilmington Chapter, No. 176. He passed the circle and was greeted a Royal and Select Master of Joliet Council, No. 2, and was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Joliet Commandery, No. 4. Carefully guarding the ancient landmarks, following the teachings of chapter and council and serving with fidelity the vows of knighthood, he is a worthy exemplar of the ancient and honorable fraternity which in point of age antedates all other societies and in the measure of its usefulness also passed all other organizations of a fraternal nature. He also belongs to Sarah Moon Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, which was named in honor of the Doctor's wife. He also belongs to the order of Knights of Pythias, has filled all the chairs in the local lodge and is now Past Chancellor.

Dr. Moon was born in Monroe county, New York, August 19, 1840, and when fifteen years of age became a resident of Lockport, where he completed his literary

education in the high school. Hardly had the smoke from Fort Sumter's guns cleared away at the outbreak of the Rebellion, when he offered his services to the government, enlisting in April, 1861, for three months' service in the Lockport Light Artillery. This organization became Company D of the Fourth Illinois Cavalry, with which Dr. Moon served throughout the war, having re-enlisted on the expiration of his first term and again when three years had passed away. He was honorably discharged in June, 1866, and having participated in all the engagements of the Western army returned with a most honorable war record. His meritorious conduct won him promotion, and he rose from the rank of sergeant to second lieutenant, afterward to lieutenant and later to major.

After his return home the Doctor began the study of medicine and was graduated at the Chicago Medical College, in 1870. He practiced in Braceville, Illinois, for about twenty years, and in 1884 returned to Lockport, where he has since carried on a drug store and successfully followed his profession. He is a member of the State and National Medical Societies and is a skilled physician whose ability and natural aptitude for the profession has gained him a large and profitable patronage. In politics the Doctor is a Republican and has served as a member of the Lockport school board and as mayor of the town. In 1871 he married Miss Sarah A. Dart, who died July 28, 1891, leaving one son, Harry B. The Doctor is an old resident of Will county and is widely and favorably known in social, professional and Masonic circles.

**J**OSEPH SPIES.—There is perhaps no greater satisfaction to be felt than for a man who has reached the top round of the ladder of success to look back upon the weary road over which he has toiled in order to reach the goal at which he aimed. Success brings its own reward. The work of years is forgotten or only serves to cause a greater appreciation of the comforts of

life than it has brought to the possessor. The record of Mr. Spies will no doubt prove interesting, showing as it does how an indomitable will, and a desire to get ahead, will overcome all obstacles and secure the desired end.

Mr. Spies was born in Coblenz, Germany, in 1843, and was brought to Chicago by his parents when a child of eighteen months. His education was acquired in the public schools of this city, which he attended until fourteen years old, when, having an ambition to begin life in the business world, he secured employment with Frank Newhall, a dealer in fruit, who is still in business here, and with whom Mr. Spies remained for sixteen years. His first compensation was a dollar and a half a week for two years, after which time he received an increase to five dollars.

At the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Spies enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Thirteenth Illinois Volunteers, which was one of the Board of Trade regiments. At that time he was a member of a volunteer fire department of Chicago—Supply Hose No. 7—consisting of about sixty members. A meeting was held one night, at which it was agreed that they should all enlist as a body with the Board of Trade regiment, which they did, with one exception. Out of the fifty-nine who went to the front only eighteen returned. Mr. Spies served in the army over three years and was promoted to the rank of sergeant. He was in the secret service under General Washburn for about two years and was in a number of engagements, including Nashville and Vicksburg. After the close of the war he went back to his old employer and remained a few months, when he opened a commission house at No. 127 South Water street in 1865, and has been continuously in that business ever since. He has the proud distinction of being the oldest commission man now on the street.

During the great Chicago fire, which plunged so many thousands of people into sorrow and despair, Mr. Spies was in Missouri buying apples. He was apprised of

the disaster and was told that both his business and his home were destroyed by the dread element. He immediately started for the doomed city, leaving his force of men in Missouri, asking them to remain at work one week more and leaving them their pay. Upon going to the steamboat landing he found that no vessels would leave for the north for several days, so he bought a canoe and paddled down the river to Alton, a distance of twenty miles, and there caught the Alton & St. Louis train for Chicago, landing here on Sunday morning. He at once went in search of his family, and was fortunate enough to find them about two o'clock Sunday afternoon, homeless and penniless, and almost overcome with grief, as Mr. Spies had been reported as being killed in the fire. The meeting between him and his loved ones can better be imagined than described. With a strong hand and a willing heart, his family first in his thoughts, he went to look for a house to shelter his dear ones. After a long search he found a two-story building and tried to rent a part of it, but the landlord told him he would have to take all of it or none at all, and that the rent would be fifty dollars a month, which Mr. Spies gladly paid, and furnished up the lower part as well as he could. Shortly after he had been settled a police officer came along and pleaded for a place to shelter his family. Mr. Spies, out of the kindness of his heart, gladly gave him the use of the upper part of the house. In a few days one of the officer's children was taken with the smallpox, and Mr. Spies' favorite child, a son, contracted the disease and died. The officer's family was obliged to come down stairs for their water, but kept secret the fact that the dread disease was in their midst until the death of their little girl obliged them to reveal the truth. Mr. Spies moved to the West Side before the month's lease, for which he had paid rent, expired, and located in more permanent quarters. He rented an old blacksmith shop on Clinton street, and he says he never did a more successful business than

he did that winter. He remained there about eighteen months, and his trade increased so rapidly that he was obliged to rent two other places, 52 and 72 West Lake street. In 1873 he moved to 165 South Water street, being one of the first merchants to locate there after the fire. Mr. Spies has met with success from the beginning of his career, and to-day he is the largest commission merchant in Chicago. He does an immense business and occupies the greater part of the building at 101 South Water street, which is four stories high. The firm name is Joseph Spies & Company.

Fraternally Mr. Spies is prominently connected with Freemasonry, and there is perhaps no man in Chicago who has taken a greater interest in the workings of that organization than he, and he is as favorably known in Masonic circles as in business. He is a Master Mason in Apollo Lodge, No. 642, was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, No. 43, about 1880; was made a Royal and Select Master in Palestine Council, No. 66; was created a knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1; and is one of the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret in the Oriental Consistory of the Scottish Rite. He has taken an active part in the workings of the order, which has given him considerable pleasure. He has taken the thirty-third degree, being elected in Boston, and the degree conferred upon him in New York city in 1885.

Mr. Spies was married in 1867 to Miss Mary Barcal, a native of Chicago, and they have five children,—Mrs. Schurrel Prickett, Edna, Walter, Delpin and Helen. They are all members of a church. Mr. Spies owns his beautiful home in Kenwood, where he frequently entertains his host of friends.

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**M**ON. JAMES B. BRADWELL, editor of the Chicago Legal News, bears a name that is too well known to need introduction here; but as an honored member of the Masonic order it is fitting that his life history be given a place in this work, and

we turn with pleasure to a *resume* of his active and useful career, showing first his prominence as a Mason.

Judge Bradwell was made a Master Mason by Blair Lodge, No. 393, F. & A. M., of Chicago, and at the organization of Union Park Lodge, No. 610, his name was among its charter members. He still maintains membership in this lodge. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason by Chicago Chapter, No. 127; was knighted by Apollo Commandery, No 1; and was given the Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second by Chicago Consistory; with all the above named bodies he still affiliates. He was Treasurer for several years of Apollo Commandery, was Grand Orator of Chicago Consistory, and in the Lodge of Perfection he served as Senior Grand Warden, Thrice Potent Grand Master, and Treasurer. Also he is an honorary member of the Supreme Council with its Grand East at Boston, and sustains the same relation to the Ancient Ebor Preceptory at York, England.

The Judge is an Englishman by birth, having been born at Loughborough, England, April 16, 1828, but from his infancy has been a resident of America. His parents were Thomas and Elizabeth Gutridge Bradwell. They left England with their family when James was sixteen months old and made the voyage to America, locating at Utica, New York, where they maintained their home until 1833, when they removed to Illinois and settled at Jacksonville. In May of the following year they made another move, this time to what is now Wheeling, Cook county, Illinois. On a farm in Cook county young Bradwell spent a number of years,—years filled with various kinds of hard work as then found on the farm and which served to develop a strength of both mind and body. His primary education was received in a log school-house. Later he attended Wilson's Academy, of Chicago, and completed his studies at Knox College, Galesburg, supporting himself while in college by sawing wood and working in a wagon and plow shop afternoons

and Saturdays; and for a number of years before his admission to the bar he worked as a journeyman at several different trades in Chicago, being a natural mechanic and turning with ease from one trade to another, always finding something to occupy his time and attention. Indeed, after he had entered upon a professional life he made it a practice for years to devote a portion of each day to some kind of manual labor. It is said of him that "he could earn his living to-day at any one of seventeen trades. As a process artist he has few superiors. He invented a process of his own for doing half-tone work, and has the honor of having made the first half-tone cut ever produced in Chicago: that of Chief Justice Fuller, of the United States Supreme Court."

Nearly four decades ago the subject of our sketch was admitted to the Illinois bar, and as in other things so in law, he proved himself a hustler and soon established a paying practice. In 1861 he was elected county judge of Cook county, receiving a larger majority than any previous judge of the county, and four years later was re-elected for another term. In 1873 and 1875 he was elected a member of the Illinois state legislature, where he figured prominently as one of its most influential members and aided in securing the passage of a number of measures for the benefit of the state and the city of his adoption. He holds advanced views as to the rights of women, and introduced a bill making women eligible to all school offices, which bill was passed, largely through his efforts; also a bill making women eligible to be appointed notaries public. He has held many offices in charitable and other institutions; presided at Cleveland during the organization of the American Woman Suffrage Association; was president of the Chicago Press Club; president of the Chicago Rifle Club, and for many years was considered the best rifle shot in this city; president of the Chicago Bar Association; president of the Illinois State Bar Association and for many years its historian; president of the Chicago

Soldiers' Home; chairman of the arms and trophy department of the North West Sanitary Commission and Soldiers' Home Fair of 1865; one of the founders of the Union League Club of Chicago, and president of its board of directors the first year; and was president of the Chicago Photographic Society for three years.

As is well known, Judge Bradwell is at the head of a family of lawyers. His wife Myra, now deceased, was the founder and editor of the Chicago Legal News. His son, Thomas Bradwell, his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Helmer, and his nephew, James A. Peterson, are all members of the Illinois bar.

**M**ASKEL LEE, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Atlanta, Illinois, has been a Master Mason for nearly twenty years and has advanced through other degrees of the Masonic order up to and including those of the commandery. The degrees of ancient-craft Masonry were conferred upon him by Wayne Lodge, No. 172, F. & A. M., in 1877. In 1886 he was made a Royal Arch Mason in Atlanta Chapter, No. 189, while the degrees which made him Royal and Select Master were given him in Bloomington, Illinois, and he was knighted at Lincoln, this state, in Constantine Commandery, No. 51. He maintains membership in all of these organizations except the first named, he having been dimitted from Wayne Lodge in order to affiliate with Atlanta Lodge, No. 165, where he now belongs, and of which he has been Worshipful Master since 1893, during this time representing his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the state; and during the years 1890 to 1893 inclusive he filled the office of High Priest in the chapter, and those years represented it in the Grand Chapter. In the commandery also he has been honored with official position, having been elected and served in 1894 as Warder.

Dr. Lee is a native of Illinois. He was born in Fulton county, near Atlanta, October 7, 1855, and was educated at Lincoln

University, Lincoln, this state. He entered Rush Medical College in 1886, graduated in 1888, and immediately after his graduation entered upon the practice of his profession at Atlanta, where he has since lived and prospered.

August 31, 1881, near Waynesville, Illinois, was consummated Dr. Lee's marriage to Miss Ruth Shipley, and their happy union has been blessed in the birth of three sons,—Don, Jerry and Burch.

**A**UGUST GEORGE REINHARDT, who has recently assumed the management of the National Hotel, at Peoria, Illinois, is a gentleman whose high rank in Masonry entitles him to personal consideration in this compendium. A *resume* of his life is as follows:

August George Reinhardt was born at Battenburg, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, September 15, 1862, and comes of a respected family, many representatives of whom have been in the hotel business. His father was for years in the hotel business at Battenburg, and for forty years his grandfather ran the Solnser-Hof Hotel at Hungen. In 1880, on account of the military requirements of Germany, the subject of our sketch left his native land and went to Paris, where he spent nine months and a half in the study of French, and from there came that same year to America, landing in New York. In New York city he was employed as storekeeper in different hotels until 1884, when he came west as far as Cleveland, Ohio. There he accepted a position as steward in the Stillman House, which place he occupied for seven years, severing his connection with that hotel in order to accept a similar position with the Union Club, with which he remained six years. After the death of J. B. Moore, of the National Hotel, Peoria, Mr. Reinhardt resigned his stewardship at the Union Club and came to Peoria to take charge of the National Hotel, the date of his arrival here being July 15, 1896.

Mr. Reinhardt was married in Cleve-

land, Ohio, in February, 1887, to Miss Harriet B. Brown, of that city, and to them has been given a daughter, whom they have named Hilda Romaine.

To Mr. Reinhardt's Masonic history we would now turn. His connection with this ancient and honored order covers only a brief period of time, but is marked by rapid progression, he having taken all the degrees from that of Entered Apprentice up to and including that of the thirty-second of the Scottish Rite. He was created a Master Mason in Iris Lodge, No. 229, A. F. & A. M., of Cleveland, in March, 1895; joined Webb Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M., in May, 1895; became a member of Cleveland Council, No. 36, R. & S. M., in June, 1895; was knighted in Oriental Commandery, No. 12, K. T., in September, 1895, and shortly afterward attended the conclave at Boston. On his return to Cleveland from his eastern trip, he joined Lake Erie Consistory, the thirty-second degree being conferred upon him on the evening of December 13, 1895. October 16 of that year he received the degrees of Al Koran Temple, Mystic Shrine.

On leaving Cleveland to come to Peoria, in July, 1896, Mr. Reinhardt was the recipient of handsome tokens of appreciation. His comrades of Al Koran Temple presented him with a beautiful tiger-claw badge, and a second badge equally beautiful was given him by the Union Club, both of which, it is needless to say, are highly appreciated by him.

**H**OMER HERSCHEL GREEN, the leading druggist of Bloomington, Illinois, was born in Crawford county, this state, December 31, 1854. He has been in the drug business for a period of twenty-three years, excepting two years he was engaged in the practice of law. In 1889 he went to Ann Arbor, and after graduating in the law department of the University of Michigan at that place located at Bloomington and for two years practiced law here. The legal profession, however,



was not to his liking and at the end of the two years he returned to the drug business. He was appointed by the governor to a position on the state board of pharmacy in 1890, and has been on the board ever since, in 1895 serving as its president. Mr. Green is interested also in other business enterprises, notably the Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, of Bloomington, of which he is president.

He was married in 1876 to Miss Belle Barnes, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Dr. A. T. Barnes, of Bloomington. They have one daughter, Maurine by name.

Mr. Green has been an active Mason for twenty years. In 1876 he joined Anna Lodge, at Anna, Illinois, afterward was dimitted and united with Bloomington Lodge, No. 43, with which he now affiliates. In 1885 he took the chapter degrees in Bloomington Chapter, No. 26, of which he is a Past High Priest, having served as High Priest in 1888. He joined Bloomington Council, No. 43, in 1891, and De Molay Commandery, of Bloomington, in 1885. In 1889 he was Eminent Commander of De Molay, and in 1895 was elected Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of the state of Illinois. In his annual address to De Molay Commandery in 1889, at the close of his term, he touched upon the policy of succession, stating that a tenure of office beyond a year was, in his opinion, unnecessary and ill advised. He spoke of the year being the happiest of his life and wished his successor the greatest blessing that he could conceive of, namely, that he be surrounded by the same loyal hearts that had supported him. It is only just to Mr. Green to state here that he is perfectly adapted to the commandery work, being military in bearing and a thorough student of Masonry.

**A**LFRID AUGUSTUS WHIPPLE.— Closely allied to the principles upon which is based the brotherhood of Freemasonry—charity, unselfishness, the fraternal relationship between men, and a confi-

dence in the goodness and mercy of a Supreme Being—are the qualities necessary to the successful practice of the medical profession. Brought daily face to face with the sterner side of life, in constant juxtaposition with sickness and suffering, the physician must possess a character consistent with the duties inseparable from his life and whose predominating attribute must necessarily be a generous consideration for his fellow men. For over a quar-



*A. A. Whipple M. D.*

ter of a century Dr. Whipple has followed the noble calling which in his youth he determined to devote his future career, and that he has succeeded in his laudable ambition is amply attested by his present honorable standing in the medical world; and now, in the prime of life, he can look back upon the unrecalable past with a calm sense of having conscientiously performed his duty to his God and to humanity in general.

Dr. Whipple's connection with the Ma-

sonic order dates back thirty years. Appreciating the fact that by becoming associated with a society which had for its object the mental and moral elevation of the human race he would be more fully equipped for the exigencies of his profession, he applied for admission in Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, and after receiving the first two degrees was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 30, 1868. He was exalted to the august degrees in cryptic Masonry, which he received as follows: Mark Master, March 10, 1870, Past Master, March 24, Most Excellent Master, April 28, and Royal Arch Mason, May 12. Obtaining a dimit from these two bodies the Doctor became affiliated with Quincy Lodge, No. 296, in which he has held the office of Worshipful Master, and Quincy Chapter, No. 5, in the latter being elected to the office of High Priest. His further membership in the York Rite is with Quincy Council, No. 15, serving as its Illustrious Deputy Master, and El Aksa Commandery, No. 55, receiving the degrees of Red Cross Knight on August 30, 1882, and of Knights Templar on the following September 14. In this body he presided most efficiently as Eminent Commander, and is a courteous and accomplished Sir Knight. In the Scottish Rite Dr. Whipple has attained to the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, which was conferred upon him in Quincy Consistory on January 19, 1887, and he was subsequently elected Commander-in-Chief. In the Grand Chapter of Illinois the Doctor has filled the following offices: Grand Master of the First Veil, 1893-94; Grand Master of the Second Veil, 1894-95; Grand Master of the Third Veil, 1895-96; and Royal Arch Captain, 1896. Mr. Whipple was the first Principal Sojourner of Salamanca Chapter, No. 266, at Salamanca, New York, while under dispensation in 1871 or 1872, and has held the appointment of Surgeon of the Second Regiment in the Tenth Division at the Triennial Conclave held in Boston in 1895. He has been a faithful, enthusiastic and

consistent member of the fraternity, always ready to accept any duties that he may be required to assume, and rendering to the different bodies any service of which his energetic nature is capable. Thoroughly well versed in the laws and usages of Masonry, he is a most valued brother, and well merits the high consideration and fraternal affection with which he is universally regarded.

Dr. Whipple is a native of New York, his birth having occurred in Cattaraugus county on October 31, 1845. Although not a member, he is a regular attendant of the Baptist church.

**J**OSEPH W. HOUGH, a prominent and enthusiastic Mason who makes his home in Chicago, where he takes an abiding interest in the local lodges of which he is a member, was initiated in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, on the 29th of September, 1892, passed October 10th, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 24th of October. The degrees of capitular Masonry were conferred upon him in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, in the following order: Mark Master, October 27, 1892, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, November 10. He received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Temple Council in 1895 or 1896, and the orders of knighthood were conferred upon him in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, he being created a Red Cross Knight on the 26th of January, 1893, and constituted a Sir Knight Templar on the 27th of that month. Mr. Hough has attained to the ineffable degrees of Scottish Rite, including that of thirty-second, and on the 29th of June, 1893, he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. In 1892 he performed a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert and became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his affiliation being with Medinah Temple.

A native of the Dominion of Canada, Mr. Hough was born in Greenville county,

province of Ontario, on the 6th of January, 1852, and is a son of George and Mary Hough. Reared upon the paternal country homestead, the first eighteen years of our subject's life were spent in pursuing his studies in the district schools and in performing such duties as were required of him on the farm. Upon attaining his eighteenth year Mr. Hough began learning the carpenter's trade, serving an apprenticeship at Prescott, Ontario, with his brother, Alfred, with whom he worked until the fall of 1879, coming to Chicago in that year and securing an engagement as a carpenter at the Stock Yards. In 1888 he was appointed superintendent of construction, and such was his ability, as displayed in performing the duties of that office, that he has continued to fill that position down to the present time to the eminent satisfaction of all concerned and in a manner that redounds greatly to his own credit. In his social relations Mr. Hough is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which society he has passed all the chairs, and in his political faith he is an ardent supporter of the Republican party.

In 1882 was celebrated the marriage of Brother Hough to Miss Jessie L. Buell, of Morristown, New York, and two children were born to them—Walter B. and Ida J. Mrs. Hough departed this life in 1889, and in 1892 our subject contracted a second marriage, this time with Miss Laura J. Sproul, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hough have one child, named Cora J. They are adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church, and contribute liberally to its support.

**M**ARTIN W. BACON, physician and surgeon, Chicago.—The professional man, as well as the humblest mechanic or gardener, finds great satisfaction in the institution of Freemasonry. The reasons for this are repeated in this volume in various phraseology, so that we can say, as the Church of England says to the public con-

cerning the great architect of St. Paul's church, London, Sir Christopher Wren, *Si monumentum requiris, circumspice*. By paraphrase we might say: If you wish to find a table spread with intellectual and moral dishes, here they are in the lodge room; and if you wish to see the work of Masonry in the cold world, look around you, and, although not able to trace the benefits seen to the individual hand of the donor, you can rest assured that you will be right in attributing many of them to the benevolence of the brethren in the noble institution of Masonry.

But we are digressing,—only, however, to revive some idea of the grandeur of the institution with which the subject of this biographical outline is connected. Dr. Bacon received the ancient-craft degrees in Auburn Park Lodge, No. 789, A. F. & A. M., in 1892, the capitial degrees in Auburn Chapter, No. 201, R. A. M., the chivalric in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, also the same year, and the cryptic in Imperial Council, No. 85, in 1896. His present affiliations are with the same blue lodge, council and commandery in which he was initiated, and with Normal Park Chapter, No. 210, R. A. M. He has also crossed the sands of the desert and been accepted in Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Chicago.

Dr. Bacon was born in Geauga county, Ohio, May 13, 1845, and when seven years of age his parents moved to Michigan, where he was reared and educated, graduating at the high school. His medical education he received in the medical department of the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, graduating in 1875. After practicing his profession in Michigan three years he came to Chicago, and for seven years he had his office on the North Side. In 1882 he moved to Englewood, where now he has for over fourteen years remained in the practice of medicine, enjoying that success which attends the career of but few medical men, and having also a wide reputation as a surgeon. He is a member of the Chicago Medical Association, the American

Medical Association, the South Side Medical Society and the Physicians' Club. In his religious relations he is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church.

May 10, 1873, he was united in matrimony with Miss Dora Green, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and they have two accomplished daughters, Rose and Edith.

**J**OHAN D. TOBEY.—Cosmopolitan is the never-ending procession of travelers which one sees on the highway of success. All classes and conditions are represented as the individual presses forward with the hope of ultimately reaching the goal of prosperity. The race often becomes fast and furious, and the rights and privileges of others are frequently forgotten by those who are making rapid progress, but there is an influence working among men which often causes the fortunate to extend aid to his less fortunate fellow traveler. The Masonic fraternity has for countless centuries inculcated among men the spirit of helpfulness; it is this imperishable institution that takes by the hand the brother who has fallen in the battle of life, that kindly raises him to his feet again, that gently brushes from his brow the dust of defeat and encourages him to enter again the race with renewed strength and a firmer determination to accomplish something in life. It is an axiom of the craft that one should be a Mason not for what he may get but for what he may attain,—what he may do for others. This is the glory of Masonry; this is what makes it the synonym of charity throughout the civilized world; this is what will shed brighter and yet still brighter luster upon her fair name, as the centuries, one by one, shall be added to the past, even down to the "last syllable of recorded time."

Mr. Tobey has for five years been affiliated with the ancient and noble fraternity, being initiated into the order as an Entered Apprentice of Golden Rule Lodge, F. & A. M., in 1892. The same year he received the Fellow-craft degree, was raised

to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and became a companion of the chapter, his membership being in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, R. A. M. With these organizations he has since retained his connection and also taken the Knight Templar degrees in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, in 1892, and the Scottish Rite degrees in Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S. Of the commandery he is a life member. He has never held office in these lodges, his time being occupied with his business interests, but is a worthy and faithful member of the craft, his fidelity to its principles and teachings being above question. He is also connected with the social division of the order, through his membership in Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

John D. Tobey, who is now president of the Tobey Hay & Grain Company, of Chicago, is one of the native sons of Cook county, his birth having occurred in the township of Worth, on the 3d of September, 1859. He is indebted to the common schools for the educational privileges which he enjoyed, and his business training was along the line of his present business. When only thirteen years of age he became connected with hay and grain dealing and has since followed that pursuit. He worked for others for some time and applied himself assiduously to the mastery of the business, the principles which govern it and the best methods to follow in conducting a successful enterprise. As time passed his industry was rewarded by a constantly increasing capital, and to-day he is at the head of a thriving business, which is constantly growing in extent and importance.

Mr. Tobey was united in marriage to Miss Clara Burt, of West Point, New York, and by this union have been born two children, Gracie and Daisy. In connection with the Masonic fraternity Mr. Tobey is also a member of Henry W. Longfellow Council, Royal Arcanum; the order of Knights of Pythias and the American National Union.

There are always lessons of incentive

and inspiration in the life of the man, who, without other means than a clear head, a strong arm and a true heart, conquers adversity, and toiling on through the work-a-day years finds that he has won not only a handsome competence but also something far greater and higher,—the deserved respect and esteem of those with whom his years of active life placed him in contact. Such a man is Mr. Tobey, and the Masonic society of Chicago may well be proud to number him among her representatives.

**J**AMES MALCOLM TENLEY, well-known as the popular furniture dealer and undertaker of Farmington, Illinois, and equally well known and popular in Masonic circles, is a native of McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania, but has never known any other home than that of Farmington, Illinois, having been brought here from the east when a child of two years. He was born June 27, 1847, and it was in 1849 that he accompanied his parents and other members of the family to this state; and here for many years he has been engaged in his present occupation.

Mr. Tenley's Masonic history covers more than a dozen years, dating back to 1883, and has all along been attended with ardent interest. Having been duly elected to receive the degrees in Farmington Lodge, No. 192, he was initiated on the evening of June 15, 1883; August 10 he was passed to the Fellow-craft; and August 24 became a Master Mason. December 30, 1887, he was first elected Senior Warden, was re-elected and served for three successive terms in the same office, and December 26, 1890, was honored with election to the east. December 2, 1892, he was again elected Worshipful Master, and served a second term, both being prosperous years in the history of the lodge. Nor has Mr. Tenley's interest in Masonry stopped with the blue lodge. He has advanced through the chapter, council and commandery to the Scottish Rite, having affiliations with Eureka Chapter, of Yates City, of which he became

a member April 9, 1884; Canton Council, No. 23; Peoria Commandery, No. 3; and Peoria Consistory, having taken the Scottish Rite degrees November 6, 1895. In Canton Council, No. 23, he has served as Deputy Master, having twice been elected to this office and without a dissenting vote.

Mr. Tenley's religious belief is that of the Baptist church, of which he is a consistent and active member.

**F**RANK M. TIMMS, secretary of the Mallory, Son & Zimmerman Company, live-stock commissioners of Chicago, is identified with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has risen to the Knight Templar degree. He took the initiatory degree of Entered Apprentice in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, A. F. & A. M., passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. His identification with capitular Masonry came through Englewood Chapter, No. 176, in which he was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. He joined the Englewood Commandery and has since been a worthy follower of the beauseant, and with all these organizations he is now affiliated as a consistent and loyal member. His relationship with the Knights Templar permitting his membership in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, he is now a Noble of Medinah Temple.

Mr. Timms is also well known in business circles and possesses the true western spirit of progress and enterprise. He is a native of Michigan, born in Hillsdale, February 25, 1859. There he remained until seventeen years of age, his time being passed midst play and study. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges. On leaving Hillsdale he came to Chicago, and in the fall of 1876 began dealing in live stock, a business which he has since followed with good success. He has been the architect of his own fortunes, and has builded wisely and well, for by his own exertions he has accumulated a handsome competence. The company of which he is

now secretary is doing a very extensive business, its sales reaching a high figure, and to the capable management, sound judgment and indefatigable industry of Mr. Timms this is largely due.

In 1884 Mr. Timms was united in marriage to Miss Mable Brach, of Hillsdale, Michigan, and they have two children, Grace and Gladys. He is a member of the Harvard Club and the Royal Arcanum.

**F**RED SCHULTZ, of Chicago, is a Royal Arch Mason who takes an active part in the work of the fraternity and is an ardent and zealous adherent of its tenets. The history of the past furnishes many illustrations of the beneficent work of the order, and to-day its utility in the affairs of men is even greater than before. With the new conditions of civilization have arisen new conditions of life, that require the ameliorating influences of some humanitarian organization, and extending the field of its labors to meet these Masonry has become one of the most potent elements for the uplifting of the race, for doing away with the asperities of life and making smooth the many rough places on life's journey. In this work Mr. Schultz has ever borne his part and is numbered among the valued adherents of the order in the metropolis of the west. He was made a Mason in 1885, taking the degrees of Master Mason, Fellow-craft and Entered Apprentice in Waubansia Lodge, No. 160. His fidelity is recognized by his brethren of the craft, who have three times honored him with election to the office of Worshipful Master, in which he served in 1892, 1893 and in the present year, 1897. In 1886 he was advanced as Mark Master, installed as Past Master, received as Most Excellent Master and exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, of Chicago.

Mr. Schultz is a native of Prussia, born on the 25th of February, 1848. When a child of four years he was brought to Chicago, where he was reared and educated.

His business training was in the line of merchandising, and in 1880, as a member of the firm of Schultz & Hirsch, he began the manufacture and sale of mattresses, and the handling of feathers and upholsterers' supplies. His plant is located at No. 260 South Desplaines street, and he has built up an excellent trade, to which he is justly entitled by reason of his honorable dealing, his enterprise and close application. On the 21st of December, 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Schultz and Miss Mary Shaffer, a native of Pennsylvania. They have two daughters.

**F**RANCIS G. SPREYNE, a faithful and energetic adherent of the craft in Chicago who governs his life according to the twenty-four-inch gauge, was initiated in Constantia Lodge, No. 783, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1882. In 1896 he attained to the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago, and, having conferred upon him the thirty-second degree, he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He made a successful pilgrimage across the burning sands of the desert and became a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order, his membership being in Medinah Temple. He exemplifies the honorable teachings of the order in his daily life, and is esteemed as a worthy and acceptable *frater*.

A native of Germany, Mr. Spreyne was born in Hanover on July 8, 1848, and was reared and received an excellent education in the public schools of that country, which are noted for the thoroughness of their system, and in his youth he was apprenticed to the confectioner's trade. In 1866 he went to Paris, France, remaining in that city for a year, and then came to the United States, locating in Jersey City, New Jersey, for a year and a half, going thence to Omaha, Nebraska, and from there to Kansas City, Missouri. In 1873 he came to Chicago, and here, through the influence of his father-in-law, Mr. Podolsky, he secured

the position of confectioner at the Grand Pacific Hotel, filling that position most acceptably for a period of two years. His father-in-law was an undertaker, and our subject became interested in that business; subsequently, after careful study and preparation, he joined Mr. Podolsky in that calling, the firm name being known as Podolsky & Spreyne, they being among the first in the city to make a practical use of embalming and to introduce it in their profession. This partnership continued until 1892, when Mr. Podolsky retired, and our subject has since conducted the business alone, meeting with the success that is a natural result of industry, integrity and a thorough knowledge of his work, in the pursuance of which his adaptability and honorable methods have placed him in the foremost ranks among his *confreres*. Mr. Spreyne's prosperous career is the sequence of a life spent with an honest purpose in view, in consequence of which his present position is the outcome, resultant from most praiseworthy motives. He is a progressive, energetic citizen of whom Chicago may well be proud, and he richly merits the success he has attained in the country of his adoption.

The marriage of Mr. Spreyne was solemnized in 1876, when he was united to Miss Helen Podolsky, who is a native of the Garden City. This union has been blessed with six children, three sons and three daughters. Mr. Spreyne is of a genial disposition, domestic in his habits, and obtains a great deal of enjoyment from his home life. Numerous friends extend to him their good will and warm regard, and as a man and a Mason he is a credit to himself and his fraternity.

**E** F. L. HARTMAN, of Chicago, has been for three years a member of the fraternity whose record forms the subject of this volume, having taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Waubansia Lodge, in 1894. He is still an affiliate of that organization,

and at the last election was honored by his brethren of the craft by being chosen for the office of Junior Warden, in which incumbency he is now serving.

Mr. Hartman is a son of Erin. He was born on the Emerald Isle, November 18, 1864, but was chiefly reared in England, whence he came to the United States at the age of fifteen years. In his youth he received the business training of a mercantile establishment. He came to Chicago in 1891 and for the past five years he has been in the employ of the firm of Rand & McNally as chief janitor, and in that position has earned a well-merited reputation for efficiency and fidelity to the interests committed to his care. He was married in 1890 to Miss Florence Lewis, a native of Chicago, and they have two children—Chester and Gladys.

**C**OLL McNAUGHTON, of Joliet, is a worthy and talented member of the Masonic order who has since his initiation taken a great interest in the workings of the blue lodge and has been active in advancing its welfare and giving it the benefit of his energetic support. He was made a Master Mason in Matteson Lodge, No. 175, and quickly acquiring the ritual and thoroughly informing himself on the subject of Masonic ethics and usage, he was elected to the chair of Senior Warden, which he held with credit to himself and to the honor of the fraternity. He was advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry and exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Joliet Chapter, No. 27, received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Joliet Council, No. 82, and was constituted a Sir Knight in Joliet Commandery, No. 4, serving as its Junior Warden for one term with ability and circumspection. By his enthusiasm and unremitting labors he has won the good will and kindly consideration of all his *fraters*.

A native of Scotland, Mr. McNaughton was born in Campbellton, Argyleshire, on August 11, 1860, receiving his elementary

education in the public schools of that city, pursuing his studies until 1878, when he set sail for the United States and subsequently located in St. Clair, Michigan, securing work on a farm and in the pine woods of that state. In 1880 he moved to Oswego, Illinois, and for the succeeding five years taught school in Kendall county, making the best possible use of his leisure time by borrowing books and reading law, which he had determined to follow as a profession; and in 1885 he entered the office of Flanders & Shutts, of Joliet, under whose guidance he studied with such diligence that in May, 1887, he was admitted to practice, and since then he has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative business, and occupies a position in the front ranks of the leading attorneys in Illinois. In 1888 he was appointed deputy postmaster at Joliet, serving as such one year; in 1891 he was elected town supervisor, and in 1895 he was chosen city attorney, holding that office for a term of two years.

Mr. McNaughton was married in November, 1888, to Miss Agnes Conlon, of Joliet, and they are the parents of two children, Bessie and Jean. Mr. McNaughton is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is a consistent adherent of the Universalist church. As a self-made man the record of Mr. McNaughton is one deserving the highest commendation, coming, as he did, to this country with no advantages and possessing no other capital than a pair of strong arms and a willing heart. By the perseverance and indomitable energy that characterize his race, he has steadily worked his way up until he has acquired a comfortable competency, and enjoys the sincere respect of a large number of friends.

**O**RRIN J. WILSEY, one of the most active blue-lodge members residing in the city of Lena, has the following commendable record: He was made a Master Mason in Lena Lodge, No. 174, in 1876, and served two years each as Senior War-

den, Junior Warden, and Senior Deacon, and then finished the term of a brother who had served as Master, since which time he has been elected and officiated in that capacity for fourteen years, taking a great interest in the order and accomplishing a large amount of work, not only in his own lodge, but giving also his able assistance to the brethren in the adjoining towns. During his long administration brother Wilsey has contributed no little to the gratifying success attending his lodge, which is out of debt, possesses a membership of sixty fratres, is well stocked with excellent apparatus, and has one of the best floor teams in the country. Mr. Wilsey has been a close student of the ethics of Masonry, is one of the most thoroughly informed men in the ritual, and enjoys the high esteem and regard of his *confreres*. His record is one that not only redounds to his personal credit but to that of his lodge, and is deserving of the most exalted encomiums of praise.

On the 3d of September, 1857, occurred the birth of Mr. Wilsey in the city of Syracuse, New York, his ancestors being Holland-Dutch. His father, Hoffman Wilsey, was a native of the Empire state, where he married Miss Eliza Baldwin, and in 1859 emigrated to Illinois with his family, consisting of his wife and five children; and here he pursued an honest, industrious life, dying in November, 1891, at the venerable age of seventy-four years. His wife had preceded him to their eternal rest at the age of sixty-two years, survived by three of their children. Our subject was educated in the public schools of Lena and Rockford until old enough to attend college, when he was sent to Wisconsin State University at Madison, at which he was subsequently graduated. Returning to Lena, he engaged in business and now has a large farm-implement store, which he has conducted successfully for a number of years and occupies a prominent place in the front ranks among the merchants of his home city.

Politically Mr. Wilsey is an adherent of the Democratic party, and has been justice of the peace for four years, township as-



essor, a member of the board of trustees of Lena, and has the honor of having been appointed postmaster of the city by President Cleveland, and is now serving in his fourth year. In every position in life it has been his duty to fill he has been faithful, energetic and efficient, giving eminent satisfaction to all with whom he has been associated.

In 1882 Mr. Wilsey was married to Miss Nellie Howard, also a native of Lena, and they have one son, Grover H. Mr. and Mrs. Wilsey are valued members of Isabella Chapter, No. 322, Order of the Eastern Star, in which he is Worthy Patron and she is Assistant Worthy Matron. Both of them are residents of whom Lena may well be proud, and they are held high in the respect and kindly consideration of their numerous friends.

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**F**RANK W. CAMPBELL, Chicago, who holds the distinction of being Past Eminent Commander of Apollo Commandery of Knights Templar in Chicago, has long been conspicuously identified with the business life of the western metropolis, and his connection with Masonic affairs has been such as to render particularly consistent a review of his life in this connection.

Mr. Campbell's initiation as a member of the Masonic order occurred on the 30th of September, 1865, when he was inducted into William B. Warren Lodge, No. 209, A. F. & A. M., since which time his advancement in rank has been consecutive and creditable. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and at present holds the distinguished fraternal preferment of being Most Eminent Junior Grand Warden of Chicago Council, Princes of Jerusalem. He is also Junior Deacon of the Nineteenth Grand Pontiff and Past Eminent Commander of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, K. T., this being the oldest commandery in the state of Illinois. As a Noble of Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine he holds official position as Ceremonial Master. The first office which he filled in

the fraternity was that as Prelate of Apollo Commandery, and later he was elected Commander of the same, and in 1895 he attended the conclave in Boston as Eminent Commander of this commandery. He is a member of La Fayette Chapter, No. 2; of Palestine Council, No. 66, and a life member of William B. Warren Lodge. During his term of office in 1895 Mr. Campbell knighted fifty-three members in Apollo Commandery, this being the second largest number ever knighted in that commandery in one year, while among the number were not a few of the prominent and well-known business men of the city, including D. K. Hill, of Willoughby, Hill & Co.; George H. Moncur, general manager of the firm just mentioned; Walter Bogle, a well-known politician and coal dealer; Mr. Kent, assistant cashier of the National Bank of Illinois, and many others equally prominent in business circles. In addition to his distinguished association with this great fraternity Mr. Campbell is also a member of the Hamilton Club and of the Veteran Union League, being held in the highest esteem in both business and social life.

Frank W. Campbell is a native of Scottsville, Monroe county, New York, where he was born on the 25th of August, 1843, and where he received his elementary educational discipline, removing with his parents to the west in 1852, at which time he was a lad of nine years. The family took up their abode on a farm near Elgin, Illinois, where they remained for the period of three years, after which they resided for one year on a farm in Fayette county, Iowa. In the year 1857 Mr. Campbell came to Chicago and here apprenticed himself to learn the jewelers' trade, serving for a period of seven years, under the direction of an older brother, Mark Campbell.

In 1868 he identified himself with that line of enterprise with which he has ever since been so prominently concerned and in which he has done much to further the substantial growth and prosperity of the city. He associated himself with his brother, James L., the well-known alderman from

the twelfth ward, in the conduct of a general real-estate business, and the firm name of Campbell Brothers was a familiar one in Chicago for a period of more than twenty years. Within this period the brothers erected and sold over eight hundred houses, utilizing their own capital for this purpose. Our subject has been continuously in the real-estate business since 1868, and is one of the oldest and best known operators in this line in Chicago, where his unvarying honor and integrity and his correct business methods have gained and retained to him the respect and confidence of the public. The Campbell Brothers platted a number of subdivisions to Chicago and thoroughly improved the same. Campbell avenue was named in their honor, while Campbell Park, which was donated by them to the city, will ever stand in evidence of their public spirit and well-directed generosity. Our subject has individually conducted his real-estate business since 1889, and is still the owner of a considerable amount of valuable realty in the city and its suburbs.

On the 7th of February, 1872, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Campbell to Miss Laura E. Remington, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and they are the parents of four children: Frank W., Jr., Ella D., Laura Blanche and James L.

**C**HARLES R. CHARLTON.—Masonry, in its moral foundation, being as strong in its obligations as it can be made by the Holy Bible, the system of its philosophy is practical, as it does not rely on the dicta of church creeds, orthodox ceremonies or pious memberships. The fraternity has an enthusiastic following in Wilmington, the lodges of which receive firm support from many loyal and zealous Masons, among whom may appropriately be mentioned the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. Mr. Charlton was initiated in Gardner Lodge, No. 573, from which he was dimitted to become affiliated with Braidwood Lodge, No. 704, in both of which bodies he served as Worshipful Master. He was

exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Wilmington Chapter, No. 142, in which he held the office of King, and was knighted in Blaney Commandery, No. 5. He is a member of the Mystic Shrine, his association being with Medinah Temple.

Mr. Charlton was born in Westchester county, New York, September 6, 1840. His father having died when he was four years old, he was placed on a farm and there remained until eighteen years of age, working for five dollars a month during the day time and attending school at night, and in this way acquired his education. On emigrating to Illinois he located near Gardner, at the time the Chicago & Alton Railroad track was being laid through that section. Subsequently he drifted into the drug business at Gardner, and later went to Braidwood, where he conducted a drug store for thirteen years. In 1886 he came to Wilmington and has ever since been successfully engaged in the same business. Mr. Charlton is a self-made man in every respect, and deserves great credit for the energy and enterprise that has resulted in his present prosperous condition. He is in comfortable circumstances and is now able to enjoy the fruits of his early industry.

In 1862 our subject was married to Miss Mary Atkinson, who has since deceased, survived by her husband and two children. Mr. Charlton is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and is a universal favorite both socially and in his business relations.

**J**OSEPH KOPF.—The institution of Freemasonry is a grand and glorious cause, consecrated by oft repeated vows, by many a solemn pledge and a holy tie, teaching its lessons of love and charity, and earnestly striving to secure the consummation of a universal brotherhood of mankind. Mr. Kopf is one of the consistent and loyal members of the craft in Streator, Illinois, and has always taken a keen interest in the workings of the local bodies. He was made a Master Mason in Streator Lodge, No. 607, was exalted to the august degree of Royal

Arch Mason in Streator Chapter, No. 157, and served as its Secretary for a term, received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Streator Council, No. 73, holding the chair of Secretary in that body also, was created Knight Templar in Ottawa Commandery, No. 10, and has attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, in Peoria Consistory. In all his dealings with the fraternity Mr. Kopf has evinced that spirit of charity and friendship that ever characterizes the true believer in the ritual.

Mr. Kopf is a native of Lahr, Germany, where he was born November 19, 1852, and there attended the public schools until the age of sixteen, when, hearing of the wonders of the new world, he decided to try his fortunes there and consequently took passage for the United States. He located at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and there finished his education. In 1875 he came west and stopped for a while at Chicago, where he became engaged as a tonsorial artist for about a year and then moved to Streator, following the same occupation there for a time. He later established a meat market, which he conducted for a brief space of time, after which he embarked in the insurance and building and loan business, and now holds the position of secretary of the Streator German Building Association.

Politically Mr. Kopf is a Democrat, and has taken an active interest in the local condition of his party. In the spring of 1895 he had the honor of being elected mayor of his home city, and is the present incumbent of that office. His administration has been clean and praiseworthy and has given entire satisfaction to his constituents. He has also been collector and assistant supervisor, and discharged the duties of those positions in a most efficient manner. Mayor Kopf is one of the most prominent men in La Salle county, and has risen to his present high place among his fellow citizens through his personal merits, unaided by the powers of wealth or influence. Coming to this country while yet a youth, a stranger to the habits and

language of the people, he manfully struggled against all obstacles, overcame all difficulties that beset his pathway, and has secured to himself a place of honor in the home of his adoption.

**M**ARCUS S. CRAWFORD, who is now residing in Rockford, placed his name on the roll of Masons in 1894, at which time he took the blue-lodge degrees in Rockford Lodge, No. 102. He is now filling the office of Junior Steward therein and he is classed among those whose time-tried devotion to the order has made them valued members. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, has passed all the chairs in the lodge and is now serving as Past Chancellor.

Mr. Crawford has for many years made his home in Rockford and has a wide acquaintance here, embracing many friends. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Tyrone, Blair county, on the 18th of August, 1848, and is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the founders of the family having sought a home in America during the early days of settlement in the Keystone state. His father, Thomas Crawford, was born on the family homestead in Tyrone, and after attaining to years of maturity married Miss Harriet Wilson, also a native of Tyrone. They were industrious and respected farming people who left to their children little wealth, but endowed them with the better heritage of an honorable name. The father died in 1853, when comparatively a young man, leaving a family of four children, who were carefully reared by the mother. By her practical training she fitted them for life's duties and lived to see them become respected men and women. Her death occurred in 1879, at the age of fifty-five years.

Marcus S. Crawford was the youngest of the family and was but seven years of age when the father died. He completed his literary education in the Methodist College of Mount Morris, Illinois, after which he learned the carpenter's trade, which he

followed for a period of twelve years. He first came to Rockford in 1868 and resided continuously in this city until 1880, engaged on the construction of a number of its important buildings. He then was in Pennsylvania for a time, until 1891, when he returned to Rockford and accepted a clerical position in the office of the Emerson Manufacturing Company, with which he has since been connected.

He is a reliable, progressive business man and enjoys the confidence of all with whom commercial or social relations have brought him in contact. In his political adherence he is a supporter of the Republican party, and though he keeps well informed on the issues of the day has never sought or desired political preferment.

**W**ILLIAM M. STEARNS, M. D., occupies a conspicuous place among the most able medical practitioners of Chicago and stands equally high in Masonic circles. There could probably be no greater harmony between business and social interests than there is between the profession which he follows and the Masonic fraternity, both having for their object the help of humanity; therefore the society connections of Dr. Stearns form a complementary supplement to his business life. His fidelity to the obligations of those who hold membership in this ancient order is most marked, and he is indeed a consistent, worthy member of the craft. He was made a Mason in Mount Joliet Lodge, No. 42, of Joliet, Illinois, in 1881, and was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Joliet Chapter, No. 27, in 1882. The same year he was knighted in Joliet Commandery, No. 4, and in 1885 he affiliated with Apollo Commandery, No. 1, of Chicago. In 1886 he took the Scottish Rite degrees in Oriental Consistory and was also made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. His advancement in the order has been rapid, but he has made its principles fully his own and its teachings he closely follows. Such is one of the

worthy representatives of Masonry in Illinois,—a man well deserving of mention in the history of the order in the state.

Born in Dale, New York, on the 20th of June, 1856, the Doctor is a son of George W. and Harriet N. (Chaffee) Stearns. The father was a native of the Empire state, and the grandfather and great-grandfather were soldiers in the war of 1812. The remote ancestry, however, lived in New England and the family was founded in America by one of the name who came to this country in the ship *Arabella* with George Winthrop in 1630. The Doctor's mother was also born in New York, where her ancestors located in the early part of this century, removing from Boston to the Empire state. George W. Stearns removed with his family to Will county, Illinois, during the infancy of the Doctor, who was reared and educated there, attending the common and high schools. At the age of eighteen he began teaching, a profession which he followed for three years, and during two years of that time he was in charge of classes in Latin, geometry and physiology. A man of studious habits, he has carried his research far and wide into the fields of science and general literature and possesses such a high degree of general learning as makes him one of the scholarly men of the city.

At the age of twenty-one the Doctor took up the study of medicine and was graduated at the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College with the class of 1880. He then spent nearly three years as house physician and surgeon in the Illinois state penitentiary, in Joliet, but desiring to still further perfect himself in his chosen calling he resigned his position in order that he might have the opportunity to go abroad and study in the centers of medical learning in the old world. In 1883 he crossed the Atlantic and spent two years in the best clinics of Berlin and Vienna, studying the methods of practice by the best physicians and specialists of Europe. His knowledge of German and French enabled him to make rapid progress in his studies and

merit the many personal certificates of proficiency given him while abroad. He gave particular attention to the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and has made a specialty of the same in his practice. In 1885 he returned to his native land and soon after reaching Chicago was appointed assistant to the chair of otology and ophthalmology in the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College. In 1890 he was elected professor of rhinology and laryngology in the same institution, and is still filling that position. He is a member of the Homeopathic Medical Society, of Chicago, Chicago Academy of Medicine, the State Homeopathic Medical Society and the American Institute of Homeopathy, and has been secretary of the College Alumni Association since its organization.

His standing in the profession is among the foremost; he has ever been a close student of the science of medicine, and his comprehensive knowledge thereof has won him a merited prestige. He is especially eminent in the line of his specialties and is considered authority on all matters pertaining to diseases of the ear, nose and throat. He is still comparatively a young man and his laudable ambition to still further perfect himself in his chosen calling will undoubtedly win for him added fame and fortune in the future. His business has already grown to extensive proportions and well attests his superior ability.

In 1887 was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Stearns and Miss Fannie Foote, daughter of Dr. William S. Foote, a prominent dentist of Belvidere, Illinois. They have one daughter, Helen. Mrs. Stearns is a lady of intelligence and culture, fond of art, and her painting in oil and water colors far exceed in quality those of the amateur. The Doctor and his wife spend much of their leisure time in travel and have visited all parts of this country and many of the places of beauty and historic interest in Europe. Fond of mountain climbing, he has spent considerable time profitably amid the Alps. In politics he is a Republican in principle, but does not feel himself bound by party

lines. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum and several other social clubs of the city, and his genial, courteous manner makes him a favorite in all circles. In his earlier life he took a very prominent part in the work of the Masonic fraternity and was honored with various offices in the different lodges with which he was connected, but while he still feels a deep interest in the order, meeting fully its obligations and exemplifying in his daily life its teachings, his many professional cares prevent him from working in the society as he once did.

**D**AVID R. CREGO, a trunk manufacturer of Chicago, is one of the representative business men of this city and one who stands high in Masonic circles, his connection with Masonry covering a period which reaches back to 1864. That year he was made a Master Mason in Garden City Lodge, No. 141, A. F. & A. M., and the following year he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason. He was knighted in Apollo Commandery, June 3, 1871, of which he is a life member, and November 10, 1876, he received the sublime degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, with which he has since affiliated. During the more than thirty years he has been a Mason his interest in the order has been unabating. From time to time he has been honored by his Masonic brothers with various official positions, has discharged his duties in the same with the strictest fidelity and in a manner that has reflected credit both upon himself and Masonry, and in his daily life as well as in the lodge-room he has exemplified many of the teachings of this the greatest of all civic societies. He has filled the offices of Captain-General seven years, Generalissimo two years, and Eminent Commander, the last named position having been occupied by him in 1894. At the Triennial in 1881 he assisted in laying out the encampment, and his work at that time was pronounced as nearly perfect as it was possible to make it.

Reverting to Mr. Crego's birth and early

history, we find he is a native of Albany, New York, and was born February 17, 1832, son of Francis and Charlotte (Ray) Crego, the former a native of New York and the latter of Massachusetts. When David R. was about one year old his parents removed from Albany to Buffalo, New York, where he was reared and educated, the educational advantages he enjoyed being those of the public schools. In Buffalo he learned the trade of trunk-maker, a business he has followed throughout life. In 1853, on reaching his majority, he came west to Chicago, coming by way of the lakes and on the steamer which was afterward known as the ill-fated "Lady Elgin." Here in 1862 he engaged in business on his own account, from that time to the present being at the head of a trunk manufactory, and in his operations has met with signal success.

During the late war Mr. Crego was among the brave Union men who gave staunch support to the old flag. He was a member of the Chicago Mercantile Battery, won an enviable reputation as a private, and was commissioned second lieutenant, an honor most fittingly bestowed; and, like most veterans of that sanguinary war, he is an enthusiastic and active member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Crego was married in 1854 to Miss Sarah Hughes, a native of Wales.

**J**OHAN G. STEBBINS, superintendent of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, is devoting his life to the practical work of the honored fraternity which in the early dawn of civilization had its origin, and which has come down through the centuries as one of the most potent agencies for the amelioration of the woes of life. His kindly nature and humanitarian principles find expression in his tender and wise care over the homeless little ones whom fortune has left unprovided for, but who through the beneficence of the Masonic order have the attention and the mental and moral training which will fit them to become useful men and women and important factors in

society. Such is the work that Mr. Stebbins is doing in the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home. In May, 1887, he was appointed to this position and has since acceptably filled the same, discharging his duties with marked ability and zeal, such as has won him the high commendation of all who have an oversight of the institution.

Mr. Stebbins has affiliated with the Masonic order since 1872, when he was made a Master Mason in Newton Lodge, of Wilbraham, Massachusetts. In 1883 he placed his membership in Star of the Lake Lodge, No. 158, of South Haven, Michigan, and the same year he took the degrees of capitular Masonry in South Haven Chapter, No. 58. In 1895 he passed the circle of cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Select Master of Tyrian Council, No. 78, of Chicago. In 1893 he was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Columbia Commandery, No. 63, and in 1897 attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

Mr. Stebbins was born in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, on the 23d of February, 1851, obtained his education in the common schools and remained on his father's farm until fifteen years of age, when, not wishing to devote his life to agricultural pursuits, he began learning the machinist's trade, at which he worked for five years. He then removed to Michigan, locating near South Haven, where he engaged in fruit-raising for seven years. In 1884 he came to Chicago, and since May, 1887, has occupied his present position as superintendent of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home.

In June, 1882, Mr. Stebbins was united in marriage to Miss Carrie A. Height, who was born in Chicago, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of this city. She ably assists her husband in his work, furnishing the motherly care so much needed by the little orphaned ones, and giving that womanly touch and dainty supervision to the Home, without which it would be incomplete. Both Mr. and Mrs.

Stebbins belong to the Order of the Eastern Star, the former becoming a member of Siloam Chapter, No. 119, while Mrs. Stebbins is a charter member of Queen Esther Chapter, No. 41. They are most estimable people, well fitted for the beneficent work which they are doing, and in Masonic circles they have many warm friends.

**J**OHAN R. ROBINSON has for almost forty years been identified with the Masonic fraternity and is thoroughly in sympathy with the principles of this order which for centuries has been perfecting a system of moral education for the upbuilding and perfection of human character. He is a true man and Mason and his labors in behalf of the society in this section of the state have been most efficacious. In 1862 he became identified with the order and is now one of the three charter members of Mississippi Lodge, No. 385, A. F. & A. M., who are still connected with the organization. In the charter which was granted the lodge he was named as its Junior Warden, in which capacity he served for several years. He was also honored with the office of Worshipful Master on several different occasions and has been one of the most active and reliable members of the lodge. The other charter members of this lodge now known to be living are F. M. Jenks, of Savanna; Frank Steadman, assistant cashier of the Bank of Savanna; and C. G. White, of Hanover. Having passed the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason, Mr. Robinson joined Freeport Chapter, being exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in 1863. He was a charter member of Lanark Chapter, No. 139, R. A. M., and later he was dimitted and became one of the charter members of Savanna Chapter, No. 200. He served as Captain of the Host under dispensation, and is a worthy companion of the order, who faithfully follows its teachings. A Templar Mason, the order of Knighthood was conferred upon him in Freeport Commandery, No. 7, on the 27th

of February, 1867. He is now a life member and also one of its oldest members. Mr. Robinson is thoroughly informed on the ritual and is one of the representative brethren of the order who daily strives to regulate his life by its tenets.

John R. Robinson is one of the native sons of Jo Daviess county, Illinois, born in Elizabeth township on the 13th of January, 1841. His father, William J. Robinson, was born in the town of Petigo, county Donegal, Ireland, on the 31st of October, 1804, and on attaining his majority came to the United States, in 1825. He located in Galena, Illinois, in 1835, and was united in marriage there to Miss Sara A. Oliver, who was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, and was the daughter of John Oliver, a veteran of the war of 1812. He was born and reared on a Virginia plantation adjoining Mount Vernon, and knew George Washington. When the second war with England was inaugurated he entered the service of his country and was with General Hull's forces at the time of the surrender, but with some companions he succeeded in making his escape and returned to his home. William J. Robinson carried on farming until 1852, when he removed to Hanover in order to provide his children with better educational advantages than could be obtained in the country schools. For several years he engaged in merchandising. He died in 1868, at the age of sixty-four years. The mother still survives and makes her home with her son John, being now in the eightieth year of her age. He was an Episcopalian in religious belief, and Mrs. Robinson holds membership in the Methodist church.

The gentleman whose name forms the caption of this article obtained his education in the public schools of his native county, and on laying aside his text-books joined his father in the mercantile business. He was thus engaged until April, 1864, when he put aside all personal consideration and offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry. In October of the same year he

was mustered out, but afterward served for thirteen months in the commissary department.

On returning to his home, Mr. Robinson became prominently identified with the business interests of Savanna, and for a number of years devoted his energies to steamboating and railroading. Since 1882 he has carried on a coal and wood yard in Savanna and has built up an extensive business. He did not have wealth to aid him in the beginning of his business career, but placed his reliance in the more substantial qualities of perseverance, untiring enterprise, resolute purpose and commendable zeal, and, withal, his actions have been guided by an honesty of purpose that none have questioned. He possessed the true spirit of western progress and enterprise and his prudent business methods and reliable sagacity have combined to make him one of the ablest business men of Savanna.

In 1868 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Robinson and Miss Louisa Steadman, a native of Illinois. They have a pleasant home in the city and are valued members of the Episcopal church, in which Mr. Robinson has been an active worker since its organization. His political support is given the Republican party, and he has been township collector of his town for a number of terms.

**E**DWARD R. PORT is one of the younger representatives of the Masonic fraternity in Chicago, his identification with the order dating from 1893, when he joined Englewood Lodge, No. 690. The same year he became a member of Englewood Chapter, No. 176, R. A. M., and was knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1. He has served as Warden in the commandery and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is a most loyal and devoted member and has advanced rapidly through the various degrees.

Mr. Port is numbered among the native sons of Chicago, his birth having occurred in this city on the 23d of November, 1871.

He was reared and educated here, attending the public schools, and was only fifteen years of age when he laid aside his textbooks and entered upon his business career, joining his brother in the shoe trade. The firm of Port Brothers was formed and has since existed. They deal in boots, shoes and men's furnishing goods, their establishment being located at No. 5046 State street. It is one of the finely appointed up-town establishments, well equipped with an excellent stock of goods to please all classes of patrons, and they are now enjoying a good trade. Our subject is regarded as one of the enterprising, progressive young men of the city, a typical representative of the Chicago thrift and advancement, and his present honorable course followed in the future will undoubtedly bring to him splendid successes.

**J**AMES EDWARD OTWAY, the popular clerk of the Union Hotel, Galesburg, Illinois, is well known as a devoted member of the ancient and honored fraternity of Masons, in which he has advanced through the several degrees up to and including that of Knight Templar. He maintains a membership in good standing in Vesper Lodge, No. 584; Galesburg Chapter, No. 46, R. A. M.; Galesburg Council, No. 15, R. & S. M.; and Galesburg Commandery, K. T., in three of which bodies he has been honored with official position. He has served as Junior Warden of the lodge, Principal Sojourner and King of the chapter, and Senior Warden of the commandery. His household of religious faith is that of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Mr. Otway is of Canadian birth and dates his nativity in the city of Toronto, August 24, 1860, being the eldest of five children born to James Hunt and Sarah Jane (Woolley) Otway, both natives of England. They are both deceased,—the father dying at the age of forty-seven, the mother at the age of forty-three, devoted members of the Protestant Episcopal church.



**F**REDERICK GUND, deceased.—The Masonic fraternity has included within its membership some of the most prominent business men of the country, among whom was Mr. Gund. In studying the lives and characters of prominent men we are naturally led to inquire into the secret of their success and the motives that prompted their action. A study of the life work of those whom the world acknowledges as successful shows us that success is not the result of genius, however bright, or of

might well have been termed the keynote of his character. Thus he won the confidence which was so universally given him; thus he gained a success that was most creditable in its extensive proportions.

Mr. Gund was a native of Germany, born in 1842, and when five years of age was brought to the United States by his parents. His father, George Gund, settled with his family at Silver Creek, Stephenson county, where in 1852 both he and his wife died of cholera. Our subject was the youngest of six children. After the death of his parents he lived with a sister in Galena, Illinois, and received his education in that town. When a youth of fifteen he came to Freeport and lived with his brother-in-law, M. Hettinger. Here he pursued a course in commercial college, and then began to earn his own living by clerking in a clothing store. When twenty-one years of age he was elected secretary of the German Insurance Company, an institution then in its infancy. He was connected with it from that time, serving continuously in the capacity of secretary up to the time of his death, and during that period it became one of the most important, extensive and reliable insurance companies in the entire west, while its assets were increased to two and a half million dollars. Much of the success which attended this corporation is attributable to the splendid executive ability and business capacity of Mr. Gund. He was far-sighted and possessed an energetic spirit that pressed forward in the face of stern obstacles that would have utterly discouraged a less resolute man. He was the soul of honor in all business transactions, and thus the company became known as one of the most reliable and trustworthy in the country. The efforts of Mr. Gund were not confined alone to the insurance business, but were extended to other fields of labor wherein he prospered, for he carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook. He was the president of the German-American Trust Company of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and was an important factor in advancing



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a fortunate combination of circumstances, but it is a matter of experience and sound judgment, combined with thorough preparation for a life work. Those that have won prominence are in almost every case the ones who have risen gradually by their own efforts, their diligence and perseverance. These qualities were undoubtedly possessed in a large measure by the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, and added to them was a devotion to principle which

many interests in Freeport. He was one of the organizers of the German Bank at this place, was vice-president of the Freeport Water Company, was secretary and treasurer of the Telephone Company, and a stockholder and director in various other enterprises which have aided in the growth, development and prosperity of Freeport.

Mr. Gund was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Hettinger, a native of this city, and theirs was a most happy married life; and their home was blessed with five children. In 1879 Mr. Gund purchased a delightful home at the head of Carroll street, where they resided until called to the home beyond and where their children are still gathered. These are Frederick, Erastus Torry, Joseph, Bessie and Margaret Gund, and the family is one of the most highly esteemed in the city, its members occupying an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Gund was a member of the Evergreen Lodge of Masons, and his brethren of the fraternity entertained for him the warmest regard. He died February 21, 1889, and his wife survived him only a brief period, her death occurring on the 11th of July, 1894, when she had reached the age of forty-four years.

Frederick Gund, the eldest son, is a wide-awake, energetic young business man and holds a responsible position with the German Insurance Company. He was born in Freeport, November 17, 1871, was educated in its public schools and in the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor. He has followed his father's example in affiliating himself with the Masonic order, with which he united in April, 1894, taking the Consistory degrees in 1895, and the Mystic Shrine degrees in 1896. In manner he is unassuming, but those essential qualities of the honorable, straightforward practical business man are his, and he commands the respect of all with whom he is brought in contact.

**C**HARLES SCHORN.—The life record of this gentleman will be the history of one who for thirty-one years has been a

worthy representative of the business interests of Rockford, while the crowning points of his career have been energy, industry and integrity. The period of his residence in this city only surpassed by ten years the time of his connection with the Masonic fraternity. Twenty-one years have passed since, as an Entered Apprentice, he crossed the threshold and became one of those who form the hosts of Masonry. He has since marched in the ranks of that honored fraternity, which is constantly being augmented by the addition of men of noble purpose and sterling worth, men who uphold the true and good, and who recognize the ties of universal brotherhood and the claims of the weak upon the strong. Charles Schorn has ever been a consistent Mason since he took the initial degrees in Rockford Lodge, No. 102, A. F. & A. M., in 1875. He was afterward created a Royal Arch Mason and is very familiar with the working of both blue lodge and chapter, while to their teaching he closely adheres. He is also a member of the Germania Lodge and has served as its president.

Mr. Schorn is a native of Germany, born on the 4th of March, 1841. His parents, Frederick and Mary (Urlau) Schorn, were also natives of the same country and descended from old families of that land. The mother died there, and in 1851 father and son emigrated to America, settling on a farm near Chicago, Illinois. After a residence there of three years they moved to a point near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the father continued to reside the remainder of his days, dying at the age of seventy-nine years. The parents were members of the Lutheran church.

The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in Illinois, and in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, learned the butchering business, which he has since followed. In 1865 he came to Rockford, then a young man without capital, but energetic, earnest and determined. For a year he was in the employ of a butcher in this city and then embarked in business on his own account on a small scale. He labored earnestly to

achieve success, and his honorable dealing and his courteous treatment of his patrons at length brought to him a liberal patronage. He worked on and fortune dealt kindly with him, so that he is to-day numbered among the substantial citizens of the community. As his financial resources increased he purchased land and has erected thereon an excellent two-story brick business block, and he also built a comfortable and commodious residence, which stands as a monument to his thrift and enterprise. Purchasing the land many years ago he secured the same at a low rate, but with the building up of the city the property has steadily increased in value and now commands a high figure on the market.

Mr. Schorn was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Stigman in 1866. The lady is also a native of Germany and their marriage was celebrated in Rockford, where all of their children have been born. The eldest, Clara, is at home; Frank is his father's assistant in business and is an obliging, capable business man; Ida is now the wife of M. A. Banks, of Detroit, Michigan; and Louie is also with his father in the market. This family possesses considerable musical talent, and the proficiency that they have attained in this art has enabled them to add to the enjoyment of many social functions. Mrs. Schorn is a consistent member of the Congregational church and the family attend services there. In politics Mr. Schorn is a Republican, but has never sought or desired office, preferring to give his time to his business, in which he has met with a well merited success.

**E**DWARD J. HARTWELL, of Rockford, is an active and esteemed member of E. W. F. Ellis Lodge, No. 633, A. F. & A. M. He joined the fraternity in 1893, taking the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason within three weeks, and at once became a most enthusiastic and active member of the lodge.

Mr. Hartwell well deserves representa-

tion in this volume. He is one of the native sons of Rockford, his birth occurring in this city on the 7th of January, 1865. His parents were David and Eliza (Fuller) Hartwell, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Vermont.

**J**ACOB HARTMAN.—Clearly defined purpose and consecutive effort in the affairs of life will eventuate in the attaining of a measure of success; but in following out the details of a career of one who has attained success by his own efforts there comes into view the intrinsic individuality which makes such accomplishment possible, and thus is granted an objective incentive and inspiration, while there is created a feeling of respect and admiration. The subject to whose life history we now direct attention is one who has for many years been associated with important business industries in the city of Freeport, has made his own way in the world and has attained to distinction as one of the most able, honorable and progressive citizens of the community with whose interests and normal development he has been conspicuously identified.

Jacob Hartman, whose residence in Freeport dates from 1849, is a native of Union county, Pennsylvania, born on the 1st of February, 1820. He is of German lineage and his parents were George and Barbara (Fry) Hartman, also natives of the Keystone state. Removing westward they located in Sandusky county, Ohio, in 1833, and there spent their remaining days, the father dying in 1844, the mother in 1855. They were industrious and respected people and were members of the Evangelical church. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom only three are now living.

Mr. Hartman, of this review, was a youth of thirteen years when, with the family, he went to Ohio, where he was reared to manhood. His educational privileges were limited, for at that early day public schools were widely scattered. However, experience and observation have proved valuable instructors to him and the lack of

his early years has been replaced by the broad knowledge that comes of business life and sound judgment. When very young Mr. Hartman learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed continuously for many years. The rapidly developing west attracted him, and thinking that he might have better opportunities for the pursuit of his chosen vocation in Illinois, he came to Stephenson county, in 1848, and in the spring of 1849 located in Freeport, where he has since resided. Almost half a century has passed—years in which he has attained to an eminent degree of success in business and in which his upright, unblemished career has drawn to him the esteem and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He began work at carpentering and soon became one of the leading contractors of the city,—a position which he maintained until he retired from business to enjoy the competence that his years of labor had brought. For thirty-five years he was connected with the building interests of the city and on all sides stand handsome buildings which are as monuments to his handiwork. The faithfulness with which he lived up to the terms of a contract, the fine workmanship which was executed by those in his employ and his honorable dealing at all times won him a reputation which enabled him to command a large share of public patronage. He has erected three residences on Clay street for himself, in one of which he resides with his family.

Mr. Hartman was married in 1852 to Miss Malvina Thomas, a native of Pennsylvania, and they became parents of three children, but only one is now living, Lucinda, wife of J. W. Anderson. Their friends throughout the community are many and they occupy an enviable position in the circles of society where true worth is received as the passport.

Mr. Hartman exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party, and on that ticket has been elected to the city council, where he has labored for the best interests of Freeport with a singleness

of purpose that makes his fidelity to duty above question. His connection with Masonry has been most honorable and long continued. For a third of a century he has been identified with this grand fraternal order and his life embodies its principles of fellowship and charity. He was made a Master Mason in 1863 and has taken all the York and Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second. He has been a faithful member of the fraternity, has efficiently served in various offices and is now V. G. A. of Freeport Council, P. of F.; R. P. K. H., Freeport Chapter Rose Croix, and in the Consistory is I. G. H.

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**J**OHAN WILLIAM SCHRAMM.—A community peopled wholly or even in great part by members of the Masonic fraternity cannot but possess a high standard of morals and an exalted degree of excellence, and the city of Elgin is favored by having within its corporate limits a large share of the brotherhood, among whom none is better known or is regarded with greater consideration than the subject of this review, who, in 1884, was initiated in Elgin Lodge, No. 117, A. F. & A. M., and in less than five years all the degrees of the York Rite had been conferred upon him. Besides the blue lodge Mr. Schramm now holds membership in L. L. Munn Chapter, No. 96, R. A. M., and Bethel Commandery, No. 36, K. T., and having accomplished a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert he became a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, Chicago. Otherwise socially considered Mr. Schramm is a member of Bethel Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Lochiel Lodge, No. 105, Knights of Pythias; Silver Leaf Camp, No. 60, Modern Woodmen of America; the National Union, and the Elgin Turners. Mr. Schramm's connection with the fraternity has been of the most agreeable kind, his genial nature, sociable disposition and kindly consideration, added to his earnest efforts in behalf of the craft,

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making him a valued and much respected *frater*.

In referring to the past life of Mr. Schramm we learn that he was born in Elgin, Illinois, on July 19, 1857, and is the eldest child of Conrad and Margaret (Damisch) Schramm, the former of whom died in 1871: the mother is still living. Our subject received his mental discipline in the public schools of Elgin until attaining the age of fifteen years, when his father's death threw the burden of supporting the family upon his youthful shoulders, and with intrepid courage and a brave heart he went out into the world, seeking the means to gain a livelihood and assist the loved ones at home. He was willing to accept any work by which he could earn an honest dollar, and finally secured employment on a farm, where he performed the various duties required of him until nineteen years old, when he obtained a position in the insane asylum and remained there for three years, at the end of that time entering the employ of the National Watch Company. In 1884 he gave up his position there, and, in company with his brother George C., he opened a confectionery and ice-cream store on a small scale, all the capital at their command being the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; but by steadfast application, honest dealing and strict integrity, their business rapidly increased, their stock was added to, and their room increased to such an extent that they are now the leading firm in their line in the city, dealing in fruits and oysters, and being wholesale manufacturers of confectionery and ice cream, with a large and commodious establishment at No. 15 Douglas avenue. Mr. Schramm is a man who possesses the highest qualifications for business enterprises, as is evidenced by the success that has accrued to him during the past thirteen years of his career in Elgin; his standing and reputation for honesty in this city is of the highest order, and he retains the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact in the mercantile world.

As a representative and public-spirited

citizen, Mr. Schramm has been instrumental in greatly advancing the interests of Elgin, and stands for anything that will materially add to the city's welfare. In this respect his loyalty, zeal and energetic efforts in behalf of his home place has been publicly recognized and for the past nine years he has been an active member of the city council, where his services have been of the most varied and valuable character, and no movement that has had for its object the development and progress of the community, has been projected without Mr. Schramm giving to it his strongest support; and in everything pertaining to public affairs his opinions are always consulted by his fellow citizens.

In 1882 Mr. Schramm was married to Miss Alida M. Simonds, of Belvidere, Illinois, the daughter of Platt Simons, one of the early settlers of that town. They had one child, Deviven, who is now eleven years of age. Mrs. Schramm was called to her eternal rest on February 14, 1896, her demise being mourned by a large circle of friends. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she acquired considerable popularity, and was a woman of many charming qualities of character, a true wife, and a kind, loving mother.

**J**AMES ANDREW HAWLEY, a leading citizen of Dixon, is one of the few thirty-third-degree Masons of Illinois. He has sounded all the depths of the order and has found its beautiful and symbolic truths well worthy of the highest commendation and most faithful emulation. It has been said that Masonry is grand because it is old; but Masonry is old because it is grand. It has withstood the ravages of time, the revolutions of ages and the unrelenting crusades directed against it, because it is founded upon a philanthropic basis; and, unimpeded in its progress by opposition, it has gone on and on carrying with it the spirit of benevolence, helpfulness and brotherhood, bringing to many homes happier conditions and to many hearts nobler purposes.

For more than forty years Mr. Hawley has been a follower of Masonic banners, having as an Entered Apprentice been admitted to Lee Center Lodge, No. 146, A. F. & A. M., in 1856, wherein he passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A year later he dimitted to Friendship Lodge, No. 7, of Dixon, with which he has since affiliated. From his reception into the lodge he has manifested a deep and active interest in its work, is thoroughly familiar with the ritual and all Masonic observances, and his zeal and diligence have led to his election to various offices. He served for nine years, from 1859 until 1868, as Worshipful Master of the lodge, which period proved an era of growth and prosperity to the organization.

The symbols of the Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason contain the germs and are the foundation of all Freemasonry, and when Mr. Hawley had mastered the teachings of blue lodge he took up the study of capitular Masonry, which illustrates in its beautiful and impressive legends the history of the past. In the fall of 1859 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Nachusa Chapter, No. 56, of Dixon, in which he was shortly afterward honored with the office of Secretary. He was later elected to the position of Principal Sojourner, was Captain of the Host, and for three years was High Priest. In 1871-2 he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, thus being honored with the highest office within the gift of the Companions of the state. Through the two succeeding years he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, of which he he has been a member since 1859, and since 1874 has served on the committee on jurisprudence. He passed the circle and was greeted a Royal & Select Master of Peru Council, No. 12, and was Grand Master of the Royal & Select Masters in 1866-7. He received the grades and orders of knighthood in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, and in 1866 aided in the organization of Dixon Commandery, No. 21, becoming one

of its charter members and its first Eminent Commander. He had that office at different times for seven years, and in the autumn of 1873 was elected Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, a position in which he served with marked ability and where he made many pleasing acquaintances and lasting friendships. In 1869 he received the grades and orders of the Ineffable Lodge of Perfection and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Occidental Consistory, now Oriental Consistory, in the Valley of Chicago, of which he is now a member. In 1875 he attained the highest degree in Masonry—the thirty-third—which was conferred upon him in Portland, Maine, by the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America; and in 1893 was crowned an active member of the Supreme Council.

Having thus completed the circle of Masonry and been honored with the highest offices within the gift of the brethren of Illinois, it will be seen that Mr. Hawley occupies an eminent position in the fraternity. He is known in the order throughout the country, and is held in the highest esteem everywhere, for his life is an exemplification of Masonic teachings and virtues. A good man is a better man for adding to his other qualities those of a true Freemason as Mr. Hawley has done, and he may well be mentioned as a worthy representative of a fraternity which is catholic in its aims and spirit, welcoming all the beneficent enterprises of the day, jealous of neither sect nor party, but ever toiling to enlarge the boundaries of human progress and to pour into life the streams of deeper and richer experience.

Mr. Hawley came to Illinois from the Empire state. He was born in Webster, Monroe county, New York, August 20, 1830, and is descended from a prominent English family that settled in Connecticut in early colonial days. His father, James Hawley, was a son of Stephen Hawley, and was born



in Connecticut in 1791. He married Miss Sarah Stratton, and gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, which, however, were interrupted by his service in the war of 1812. He reached the age of four-score years, and his wife lived to the advanced age of ninety years. Although the ancestors of the family were connected with the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches, they were devout members of the Methodist church, and their righteous lives won them the good will and confidence of all with whom they came in contact. They had a family of six children, of whom five are still living.

James Andrew Hawley, the youngest of the family, was educated in the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, now the Genesee College, and also attended the Rochester Institute. In his early life he was for some time engaged in teaching school, and from that profession turned his attention to the book business. For some time he was in the employ of Wanzer, Beardsley & Company, of Rochester, New York, and in 1855 became the representative of A. S. Barnes & Company and Ivison, Phinney & Company, of New York city, introducing their school-books into the schools of Illinois. He located in Dixon in 1855 and continued with those houses until 1861. Since that time he has been prominently connected with the business interests of this city. For a short time he conducted a book-store here. From that time forward for many years his time was filled with official duties. For twenty-one years, from 1861 until 1882, he served as county clerk of Lee county, discharging his duties in a manner that was above reproach and secured his continued re-election to that office. He was a member of the board of education for ten years, and for two years was county superintendent of schools, largely promoting the educational interests of the locality by the faithful discharge of the trusts committed to his care. As mayor of Dixon for two years he promoted the best interests of the municipality and gave his aid and influence to all measures calculated to advance the material, moral or social welfare of the city. His unswerving recti-

tude and determined loyalty in all civic positions was unquestionable, and he ever retired from office as he had entered it—with the good will and confidence of the public.

In 1878, however, Mr. Hawley turned his attention to private business interests, and for fifteen years occupied the position of cashier of the Dixon National Bank. He was also one of the organizers of the Dixon Water Works Company, was its first president, and is now its secretary and treasurer. He owns considerable stock in this concern, which controls one of the best and most thoroughly equipped plants of the kind in the state, affording every facility for fire protection and for supplying pure water for house purposes.

On the 20th of June, 1855, Mr. Hawley was united in marriage to Miss Mary Augusta Gardner, a daughter of Dr. Charles and Mary A. Gardner. Their union has been blessed with five children, as follows: Mary A., wife of Judge Powell, who occupies the bench of the circuit court at Omaha, Nebraska; Charles G., of New York, who is a Knight Templar; Lloyd R., who is living in Chicago; George W., of Dixon; and Laura S., who is with her parents. They are members of the Episcopal church. Mr. Hawley is a man of strong character and intellectual force, of superior executive and business ability, and the success he has achieved is the merited reward of well directed efforts guided by sound judgment.

**D**AN QUINCY WEBSTER, Worshipful Master of Monmouth Lodge, No. 37, A. F. & A. M., Monmouth, Illinois, is one of the highly respected young men of this city, where he has passed his whole life, having been born here February 20, 1865. His Masonic history dates from 1890. In the summer of that year he made application for admission to Monmouth Lodge, No. 37, was in due time elected to receive its degrees and July 1 was initiated, August 15 was passed, and October 14 was raised. Quick to appreciate the beauty and impressiveness of the work and to familiarize him-

self with the ritual, he was soon chosen to fill official positions, and as an officer has been of strength and value to the lodge. In 1892-3 he was Senior Deacon, in 1894 was Junior Warden, and in 1895-6 filled the office of Worshipful Master. The year 1894 marked his exaltation in Warren Chapter, of Monmouth. The Mark Mason's degree was conferred upon him June 15; Past Master's, June 15; Most Excellent Master's September 25; and Royal Arch, October 12. In the chapter also was he soon honored with official station, being elected to the Principal Sojourner's chair for the years 1895-6, and filling the same with his usual fidelity and dignity. Also he has been the recipient of honors in Monmouth Chapter, No. 277, Order of the Eastern Star, the labyrinth of which he threaded in 1894, and in which at this writing, 1896, he is the incumbent of the office of Worthy Patron. Mr. Webster is a most zealous Mason, never shirking a duty, always at his post, prompt to do and direct, and, loving the order, he strives earnestly to live up to its teachings.

At present Mr. Webster is employed as clerk in the hardware store of George A. Schussler, where he has been for some years and where his promptness, his courtesy and his genial manner make him a favorite and a valued employee.

**O**H. SCHUTT.—Freemasonry is vitally concerned in building higher ideals and loftier standards of manhood. When a brother has once mastered the ritual of the blue lodge and has gained a full appreciation of its precepts, he is better and more fully equipped to undertake life's burden and to abide with his fellow men in a spirit of friendship, charity and truth. Whatever his vocation in life may be, political, professional, or mercantile, the ragged edges of competition are worn smooth by the gavel of this grand brotherhood, every day's duties are made plain by the twenty-four-inch gauge, and devotion to God and a distressed brother, faithfulness to one's calling, and the blessings of rest and re-

freshment are the powerful lessons taught by the fraternity. Since Mr. Schutt's admission to the order he has evinced a deep interest in all the work pertaining to his lodge, and has proved himself in every way worthy of the confidence reposed in him by his brothers. He was initiated in Waldeck Lodge, No. 674, and in 1894 was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. In the same year he attained the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago. He is also affiliated with the social branch of Masonry, having made a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert, thus becoming a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Schutt is a native of Germany, his birth taking place in that country March 12, 1853. He received an excellent education in the public schools, and then turned his attention to making a place in the mercantile world. He secured employment in a meat market, where he remained until nineteen years of age, when he decided to seek a larger field for his labors, and consequently in 1872 he set sail for the United States, landing at New York, which he made his home for the following eight years. In 1884 he came west and located in Chicago and engaged in the same business he had previously learned in the old country. In 1890 he established a meat market and grocery store of his own, which he has since conducted in a most successful manner. Mr. Schutt possesses the characteristic traits of his ancestors—thrift, industry and perseverance—and bears an enviable reputation for integrity and honesty in all his business dealings. He is one of the enterprising and progressive citizens of Chicago, loyal to the country of his adoption, and retains the friendship and respect of all who know him.

On October 10, 1875, Mr. Schutt was united in marriage to Miss Emelia Siebels, who is also a native of Germany. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schutt,—Annie and Emelia.

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*John B. Hamilton.*

**J**OHAN B. HAMILTON, M. D.—The influence of Masonry is a potentiality which is immeasurable, but through many centuries, and especially in this latter development its force is strongly felt, and it has become an important element in the civilization of the race. Quietly but strongly it has cemented the ties which bind man to his fellow man and made manifest the universal truth of brotherhood. The order embraces within its membership the highest and the humblest of the land united in one harmonious effort for the common good.

Among those whose marked abilities have gained them distinctive preferment in the affairs of life, and who in the ranks of Masonry stand for the promulgation of its ennobling principles, is Dr. John B. Hamilton. He was made a Mason in Jerseyville Lodge, No. 394, of Jerseyville, Illinois, in 1869, and was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in the chapter in Carrollton, Illinois. In 1870 he dimitted to King Solomon's Lodge, No. 197, where he was successively Senior Warden, Worshipful Master, Secretary and Senior Deacon. In October, 1874, he was knighted in Hugh DePayens Commandery, of Carrollton, with which he maintained his relationship until 1888, when he joined Washington Commandery, No. 1, of the capital city. In 1891 he received the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in Albert Pike Consistory, of the Southern Jurisdiction, at Washington, District of Columbia.

Dr. Hamilton is known throughout the country as one of the most distinguished members of the medical profession in the United States, and his opinions are recognized as authority throughout a great portion of America,—not a man whose labor has had local significance and value alone, but one whose reputation, whose work and its practical results, and whose precedence, belong not to any one place or period, but go to enrich and dignify and vitalize throughout the world the cause he represents.

John B. Hamilton was born in Jersey county, Illinois, December 1, 1847, being the eldest of the nine children of Benjamin

B. and Mary (Chandler) Hamilton. He descends from an ancient and honored Scottish family, whose memoirs and deeds are recorded on numerous pages of Scotch history. The great-grandfather of the Doctor, Nathaniel Hamilton, was one of the heroes of the Revolution, serving under the gallant Ethan Allen. When the war was over he located at Point Harmer, in Ohio, now the city of Marietta. His son, Thomas McCluer, was drafted for service in the Indian wars, but in his stead the father went forth to battle. After the battle of Tippecanoe he served as a member of the second Ohio legislature and became a very prominent and influential citizen.

Thomas M. Hamilton spent his early years in the Buckeye state, and in 1818 removed with his family to Monroe county, Illinois. He married a daughter of Captain Benjamin Brown, who served throughout the Revolutionary war and was a captain in Washington's body-guard. The Brown family, also, was well represented by valiant soldiers battling for their country's freedom, four brothers participating in the battle of Bunker Hill, where one was wounded. Thus from sturdy, honored ancestry is the Doctor sprung, and in the affairs of the nation which his ancestors helped to found he has been alike prominent in the line of his profession. The Hamilton family removed from Monroe county, Illinois, to Greene county, same state, in 1830, there joining Dr. Silas Hamilton (a younger brother of Nathaniel), who founded the first free school in the state of Illinois.

Benjamin B. Hamilton, father of the Doctor, acquired his elementary education in the free school mentioned, and later was a student in Shurtleff College. He became one of the leaders in the anti-slavery movement, and in 1835 was the secretary of the Loftoris Prairie Anti-slavery Society, of which William Palmér, father of Senator John M. Palmer, was president, and of which Elihu Palmer was also a member. Benjamin Hamilton wedded Mary Chandler, whose grandfather also was in the army of Ethan Allen, being a descendant

from Captain John Chandler, who was a colonial sheriff of Worcester county, Massachusetts, receiving his commission from the crown. Benjamin Hamilton died in October, 1894, at the age of seventy-two years, but his widow is still living and makes her home at Upper Alton, Illinois. He was a regularly ordained minister in the Baptist church and preached in Jersey, Greene and Scott counties up to the time of his death. He served with distinction in the Civil war, having been chaplain of the Sixty-first Regiment of Illinois Infantry from 1862 until 1865.

In the state which is yet his home Dr. Hamilton was reared, acquiring his early education in the Hamilton school, after which he obtained a classical education under the instruction of Professor John Grant, a famous Latin teacher from Edinburg, Scotland. In vacation time he worked on a farm, in a printing office or at whatever else he could find to do. A man of his mental caliber naturally turns to professional life, and his choice led him to take up the study of medicine. He began his preparation in 1863, in the office of Dr. Joseph O. Hamilton. In 1864 he enlisted as a private in Company G, Sixty-first Illinois Infantry, but being a minor was never mustered in. In 1867 he entered Rush Medical College, of Chicago, where he was graduated in February, 1869, and from March of that year until 1874 he engaged in general practice. In the latter year, having passed an examination before the army examining board, he received the appointment of assistant surgeon, and was first lieutenant of the United States army and served at the barracks in St. Louis and in the department of the Columbia, at Fort Colville, Washington, resigning this position in 1876. In September of that year he entered the United States marine hospital service as assistant surgeon, and was ordered to Boston, where, in June, 1877, he was promoted to the rank of surgeon. His fitness for responsible position and his superior merit and skill were thus recognized, and in April, 1879, he was again promoted, being made supervising sur-

geon-general to succeed General John M. Woodworth, who died on the 10th of March of that year. General Hamilton immediately began the reorganization of the service, and congress finally passed a law placing the corps upon practically the same footing as the medical corps of the army and navy. He caused the first visual examination of pilots to be made, and the first physical examination of seamen as preliminary to shipment. During his incumbency of the office he succeeded in having the national quarantine acts passed, most of which passed as drafted by him; successfully managed the campaign against two epidemics of yellow fever, and in 1889 established the famous Camp Perry near Jacksonville, Florida. In June, 1891, the house of representatives having for the second time failed to pass the senate bill providing for the equalization of the salary of the office with that of the surgeon-general of the army and the surgeon-general of the navy, Dr. Hamilton resigned his commission and once more returned to the ranks of the service.

The appreciation of the service of Dr. Hamilton as surgeon-general is shown in the action taken by the senate, resulting in the passage of the senate bill mentioned, and the official records stand in evidence of the high appreciation placed upon the labors of the Doctor, while endorsement came to him from the most distinguished individual and official sources.

In connection with his other work the Doctor served as professor of surgery in the University of Georgetown, which conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, in 1889, and was also surgeon of the Providence Hospital, where he attended the charity surgical ward for eight years. On returning to Chicago he was made professor of the principles of surgery in Rush Medical College and surgeon in the Presbyterian Hospital, and was also professor of surgery in the Chicago Polyclinic. He holds a weekly surgical clinic at the college. On the 12th of October, 1896, he resigned his commission in the Marine Hospital Service, his resignation taking effect November 12. He

then opened an office in the Reliance Building, and his well known ability always insures him a liberal patronage.

In 1887 he was unanimously elected secretary-general of the Ninth International Medical Congress, which convened in Washington, and in 1890 was sent as a delegate by this government to the International Medical Congress held in Berlin, where he made the response on behalf of the American delegates to the address of welcome. In 1892 he established Camp Low on Sandy Hook, New York harbor, on account of the threatened introduction of cholera.

The Doctor is the editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, a paper that is regarded as authority on all matters connected with the science and practice of medicine and surgery. Its high standing made it desirable to have one of the most able men of the medical fraternity at its head, and the eminent abilities of Dr. Hamilton at once recommended him to the position he now fills. The standard of the paper has been raised still higher under his management, until it is now without a superior in that line of literature in America. As a graceful recognition of the Doctor's appointment as editor, he was unanimously elected president of the American Editors' Association in 1894-5.

His researches and investigations have been extensive, and he is the possessor of a very fine library of ten thousand volumes, the greater part of which are works on surgery, some being exceedingly rare and of great value,—probably the largest private library on surgical subjects in the United States West of the Alleghanies. This library now includes not only his own collection, but also the library of the late Dr. Frank Hastings Hamilton, of New York, who died in April, 1887, one of the most noted surgeons of the day. With general literature in English and French Dr. Hamilton is also familiar,—an accomplishment which he finds exceedingly valuable and which he has utilized on the lecture stand.

With various societies, professional and

social, Dr. Hamilton is connected, a valued and highly esteemed member. He was once an active worker in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; he belongs to the Loyal Legion and is a member of the Army and Navy Club of Washington, the Chicago Press Club, the Union League Club and the Illinois Press Association. Since 1873 he has been a member of the Illinois State Medical Society and was for five years its permanent secretary; is also a member of the District of Columbia Medical Society, the Medical Association of the District of Columbia, the National Associations of Military Surgeons and the British Medical Association, is an honorary member of the Kentucky and West Virginia State Medical Societies, the Medico-Legal Society of Chicago, and an honorary member of Société Française d'Hygiène, of Paris, France. He introduced the system of merit appointments into the marine hospital service, and made it a strictly non-partisan service. His original recommendation for merit appointments was contained in his first report as supervising surgeon-general, made to Secretary John Sherman in 1879, and was transmitted to congress by that officer with his approval. Every succeeding secretary of the treasury renewed the recommendation, and it finally became a law in 1889. The regulation of 1879 drawn by General Hamilton, however, contained the provision of merit appointment after thorough examinations, and its final enactment in statute form did not require any change in the regulations in this respect.

He was appointed a director of the public library of Chicago, in 1896, and consulting hygienist of Chicago, by Mayor Swift; was appointed superintendent of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane by Governor John R. Tanner, March 23, and he is a professor of the principles of surgery in Rush Medical College.

Dr. Hamilton was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Frost, and they have two children,—Ralph Alexander and Blanche. Mrs. Hamilton is a lady of rare intellectuality, culture and refinement, and is a most

charming hostess in their pleasant home, which is noted for its hospitality. She is a granddaughter of Judge Richard I. Lowe. Doctor Hamilton is a social, genial gentleman, interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the metropolis of his native state, is charitable and benevolent, and the worthy demands of the needy are seldom made in vain. He has a large circle of warm friends, and his friendship is most prized by those who know him best. In his professional capacity as a surgeon he is known throughout the country, and he honors the profession by which he has been especially distinguished.

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**J**AMES G. McBEAN, president of the Garden City Paving and Post Company, is a gentleman well known in Chicago and neighboring towns and cities. He wears the Masonic emblems and wherever he goes is recognized as a member of this, the greatest of all civic organizations, the A. F. & A. M. Both as a Mason and a business man his name is worthy of a place in this work, and to a brief history of his life we now turn.

Mr. McBean has for years been a Master Mason and has climbed step by step up the Masonic ladder until he has neared the topmost round, having taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and having penetrated the mysteries of the Mystic Shrine. He maintains a membership in Washington Chapter, R. A. M., and Chicago Commandery, K. T., both of Chicago. In his every-day life he has striven to live up to the time-honored teachings as set forth in the various branches of this order.

By birth and early association Mr. McBean is a Canadian. He was born in Glen-gary county, Canada, January 25, 1841, son of John McBean, and was reared and educated there, retaining his home in Canada until September 22, 1857, when the family came to the United States. Young McBean started out in life on his own account at the age of twenty-one, going then to a mining camp in British Columbia, and spending

three years in the mines. His next venture was in the mercantile business at New Westminster, British Columbia, where at the end of two years he was overtaken by reverses and failed. The following two years he was in Memphis, Tennessee, engaged in contracting and street paving, and in 1869 he became a resident of Chicago. Here he gave his attention to the same line of work in which he was interested in the south, and has continued contracting and paving ever since. He was four years a member of the firm of McBean Brothers, ten years a member of A. J. McBean & Company, and since 1890 has been at the head of the Garden City Paving and Post Company, which he organized. This firm has done an extensive business in this and other cities, including St. Paul, Kansas City and Springfield.

Mr. McBean adheres to the principles advocated by the Democratic party, but is not a politician, nor has he ever been an office-seeker or holder, his extensive business demanding the whole of his time and attention. His family are members of the Reformed Episcopal church.

Mr. McBean was married in 1870 to Miss Lizzie A. Hawley, of Lockport, Illinois, and they have children named as follows: LeRoy Hawley, George Martin and James Archibald.

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**T**HOMAS WESLEY BECKWITH, a prominent practicing dentist of Sterling, Illinois, is the present Eminent Commander of Sterling Commandery, No. 57, and occupies a high place in Masonic circles in this section of the state. He has studied closely the teachings and tenets of the craft and gives to its beneficent and uplifting principles his hearty indorsement, while his loyal service in its interests has materially promoted its growth and progress. On the 17th of February, 1882, he became an Entered Apprentice in Rock River Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., passed the Fellow-craft degree on the 7th of March, and on the 31st of March was



raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He has served as Junior Deacon of his lodge and is most faithful in his advocacy of the fundamental truths upon which the ancient fraternity rests. He received the Royal Arch degrees in Sterling Chapter, No. 57, becoming Mark Master on the 5th of July, 1882, Past Master and Most Excellent Master on the 31st of July, and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason on the 30th of October. In 1884 he was knighted and became one of the charter members of Sterling Commandery, No. 57, with which he is still affiliated. He has filled various offices in the chapter, and for the past three years has been Captain of the Host. In the commandery he has filled nearly all of the offices except those of Prelate, Recorder and Treasurer, and in 1891 was elected Eminent Commander. Again he was called to that office in 1895, and is now (1896) serving his third term therein. He takes great pride in the order and in the efficient work of the societies with which he is connected, and his unswerving fidelity is deserving of praise and cheering commendation.

Mr. Beckwith is a native of Sycamore, Illinois, and of English descent. The first of the family to leave their native England home was Mathew Beckwith, who emigrated in 1635 to the United States and established a home in Connecticut, and representatives of the family were numbered among the pioneers of Ohio, where the father, Chauncey Beckwith, was born. Having arrived at years of maturity, he married Miss Mary A. Woolsey, a native of Ohio. They were married in Sycamore, Illinois. She was a daughter of Thomas Woolsey, a prominent Methodist minister. They took up their residence in Sycamore, where they became widely known and were held in the highest esteem. Mr. Beckwith was an active member of the Masonic fraternity and Past Master of the lodge in Sycamore.

Thomas W. Beckwith was the eldest of their three children. He acquired his education in the common and high schools of his native town and in the Michigan State

University, where he was graduated in the dental department with the class of 1880. Immediately afterward he came to Sterling, entered upon the practice of his chosen profession and has since remained in this city, practicing dentistry for sixteen years with satisfactory success. He has been a close and thorough student, keeping abreast with all the improvements and theories which are advanced in connection with dentistry, and his superior skill and ability has gained him an eminent position in the ranks of his professional brethren. The public accords him a liberal patronage, and his excellent methods and honorable dealings well entitle him to the prosperity which has crowned his labors.

The Doctor was happily married in 1884 to Miss Hattie K. Tracy, a native of Massachusetts and a daughter of John D. Tracy, a prominent business man of Sterling. Their union has been blessed with three children—Clara, Louise and John Tracy. Mrs. Beckwith departed this life in 1892. She was a lady of great beauty of character and her death is deeply mourned by all who knew her. The Doctor devotes his time to his profession and the care of his children. In politics he may be said to be a Democrat, for he usually votes with that party, but he does not blindly follow party leaders; his opinions are the result of careful investigation and sound judgment. His pleasant, courteous manner and social disposition have won him the regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

**E**DGAR M. WEBSTER, M. D., a well-known physician of Chicago, was made a Mason in Triluminar Lodge, No. 767, about 1888, and has since been most active in support of the order, most loyal to its teachings and most earnest in his advocacy of its principles. He is now holding the office of Senior Warden therein. In 1889 he was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Sinai Chapter, No. 185, and in 1891 was knighted in Englewood Commandery, but was dimitted in order to be-

come a charter member of Calumet Commandery, No. 62, in 1892. He served as Captain of Cavalry in Calumet Commandery while working under dispensation. He took the Scottish-Rite degrees in Oriental Consistory in 1895, and since 1891 has been a member of Medinah Temple. Thus with various branches of Masonry he is connected, active in support of one and all, and, though the pressing duties of his profession sometimes prevent his work in the order to the extent that he might otherwise carry it, he is known as a most consistent Mason, and the basic principles of the order find in him a worthy exponent.

In December, 1896, he was elected Worshipful Master of Triluminar Lodge, No. 767.

Dr. Webster is a native of Ohio, born in St. Marys on the 15th of December, 1859. His boyhood days were spent in Van Wert, that state, where in addition to the time spent in school he was variously employed. His father died when he was only six years of age, and from that time he was not only largely dependent upon his own labors for a livelihood, but as soon as able he also aided in caring for his mother's family, sharing this task with an older brother. The school of adversity, however, often seems to bring forth the best and noblest in nature and to strengthen a man for future battles. Mr. Webster became self-reliant, energetic and purposeful, and his life, following in this course, has been earnest, helpful and strong. He served as deputy postmaster for a time in Van Wert and after making choice of the medical profession as one which he wished to enter as a life work he began his studies in the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio, where he was graduated in March, 1884. He began practice in Mercer county, Ohio, where he remained three years, and in 1887 he came to Chicago, since which time he has been a member of the medical fraternity in this city. It did not take long for him to demonstrate his ability and his right to be classed among the most able physicians of the city, and he is a very popular and suc-

cessful practitioner, enjoying a large business. Such is the outcome of the well directed efforts of a poor boy who, from earliest childhood almost, has been dependent upon his own resources. He may truly be called a "self-made man," a proud American title. In politics he has always been an ardent Republican.

In 1889 Dr. Webster was joined in wedlock to Miss Allura J. Beam, who was born in Celina, Mercer county, Ohio. They now have three children, two sons and a daughter.

**Z**ECHARIAH LACY GILBERT, bookkeeper for the Elmwood Coal Company, Elmwood, Illinois, and city clerk of this place, has been a Mason four years, and his interest in the order is such that it entitles him to personal mention in this work, devoted to members of the Masonic order in Illinois.

Mr. Gilbert was made a Master Mason in Elmwood Lodge, No. 363, in 1892, receiving the first degree of the blue lodge October 18, the second November 29, and the third December 20. The Royal Arch degrees were conferred upon him in Yates City, in Eureka Chapter, No. 93, in 1894. He was made a Knight Templar in Peoria Commandery in 1896, and June 9, same year, was received in Mohammed Shrine at Peoria, where the beauties of that exalted branch of Masonry were made known to him. He is now serving as Senior Warden of his lodge.

Mr. Gilbert is a native son of the "Prairie State." He was born in Astoria, Fulton county, Illinois, April 19, 1846, and was reared and educated in this state. Since becoming a resident of Elmwood he has been employed as bookkeeper and clerk for the Elmwood Coal Company. His interest in local affairs has been appreciated by his fellow citizens and he has on several occasions been elected to fill official position. For three years prior to 1892 he served as a member of the board of trustees of the town. In May, 1892, by special act of the general assembly, the town of Elmwood

became incorporated as the city of Elmwood, and he was elected the first city clerk, and April 18, 1893, was re-elected for two years; also again in April, 1895 and 1897. For three successive years he has been elected township clerk, and is filling both positions most acceptably.

Mrs. Medora L. Gilbert, his wife, is also interested in esoteric work. In 1893 she was one of the charter members and the first Worthy Matron of Elmwood Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. The present year, 1896, she was elected a second time to be the presiding officer of this auxiliary branch of Masonry, and is filling the same with becoming dignity and in her usual charming manner. She indeed performs her duty in this responsible position "in a spirit of faith and prayer," and the success of Elmwood Chapter is largely due to her discretion and her earnest and untiring labors.

**D**ANIEL HAWKINS DEAN is one of Princeton's prominent Masons and is one of the oldest and most highly respected members of the fraternity in the city. The Masonic creed is brief and all-embracing—the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man—and its far-reaching influences are immeasurable. It began at a period when tradition had not been superseded by authentic history, and it will end with time itself, for its basic elements are truth, and truth is eternal. On the 9th of March, 1858, Mr. Dean was made a Master Mason in Bureau Lodge, No. 112, of Princeton, and at once entered upon the active work of the order, serving as Secretary from February of that year until the close of 1861, and again in 1863. He was dimitted from Bureau Lodge to assist in the organization of the Princeton Lodge, No. 587, of which he became a charter member as well as one of its most efficient and useful workers. He has faithfully served in all its offices except those of Secretary and Treasurer; he was Master during the years 1893 and 1894. On the 23d of March, 1859, he had the Royal Arch degrees conferred upon him in Princeton Chapter, No. 28, and the same

year was created a Select Master in Orion Council, No. 8. In the chapter he has held almost all the offices, being Royal Arch Captain, Captain of the Host, and in 1895 was its Excellent High Priest, while in the Council he was Captain of the Guards ten years, Master two years, and Recorder for seven years. He was admitted to the Order of Scottish Rite in Princeton Valley Consistory in 1867, and has taken all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second. His intention in joining the order was for the good that he might do to his fellow men, and he has therefore proved one of the best and most worthy members of the fraternity. He has mastered the work of the order in all of the bodies, can give the whole of the ritual verbatim, and has the upright tenets of the order written upon his heart. His is true Masonry, and he enjoys the highest confidence and esteem of the brethren.

Mr. Dean was born on the 3d of January, 1834, in Keene, Chester county, New Hampshire, and is descended from an old English family who were among the earliest settlers of Taunton, Massachusetts, William Dean being the progenitor of the family in America. The noted Silas Dean, of Revolutionary fame, was also a member of the same family. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject married a Miss Hawkins, the daughter of Colonel Hawkins, who also aided the colonies in their struggle for independence. George Crossman Dean, the father of our subject, was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, and spent his entire life in that state and in New Hampshire. By occupation he was a merchant tailor. He married Miss Dolly Bennett, a daughter of Thomas Bennett, of Massachusetts. The father lived to be only thirty-five years of age, and at his death left a widow and eight children, of whom all of the sons and one daughter still survive. The mother, who was a Unitarian in religious belief, departed this life in July, 1856, at the age of fifty-six years.

Our subject was the youngest of the family and was but an infant at the time of

his father's death. He received very limited educational privileges, and at the age of eighteen began learning the printers' trade, which he has since followed. While at his work he has acquired a good stock of general information, and may truly be called a self-educated man. In September, 1856, he came to Princeton, where from 1861 until 1863 he rented the job rooms of the Bureau County Republican, and since that time has successfully engaged in job printing, by close attention to his business securing a large and lucrative trade, which is justly merited by the high class of work which he turns out.

In November, 1855, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Dean and Miss Mary Elizabeth Anderson, by whom he had five children, but only one grew to years of maturity: Elizabeth, now Mrs. George D. Foster, of Preston, Jackson county, Iowa. The wife departed this life in 1876, when in her thirty-ninth year. Subsequently Mr. Dean wedded Miss Elva Ann Masters, a native of Dover, Illinois, and they have had five children, three living, namely: Winona Eliza, Dolly Isabelle and Henry Richard. The family occupy one of the most pleasant residences of the city and hold an enviable position in social circles. The parents are both consistent and earnest members of the Methodist Protestant church, and also belong to the Knights and Ladies of Honor. Ever since the organization of the party, Mr. Dean has been a stalwart Republican.

**D**ON STUART HARVEY, M. D., has attained a high degree in Masonry and his advancement in the order has been very rapid. He joined the fraternity on the 10th of May, 1893, the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry being conferred upon him in Triluminar Lodge, No. 767. In 1894 he received the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Sinai Chapter, No. 185. The same year he took the vows of knighthood in Calumet Commandery, No. 62, and in

1895 passed the circle and was greeted a Royal and Select Master of Calumet Council, No. 76. He received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory in 1896 and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He also became a member of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in the same year. Such is the history of his affiliation with the most ancient and useful of all the fraternities. Through the dim, misty regions of the past its history can be traced, permeated by the noble purpose of teaching universal brotherhood. While its basic principles remain the same it has adapted itself to the needs of advancing civilization and become an important factor in the amelioration of human suffering and distress.

The physician in his noble work of ministering to the needs of humanity finds ample opportunity to put into practice the beneficent teachings of Masonry, and Dr. Harvey has in this respect been a worthy exemplar of the order. He is one of the younger physicians of the city, but has already by his skill and ability won recognition in medical circles and from the public. He was born in Lake Mills, Wisconsin, on the 18th of November, 1867, and obtained his literary education in the public schools of that town. With a natural predilection for the science of medicine he entered Rush Medical College, of Chicago, to prepare himself for practice, and after completing a thorough course was graduated on the 31st of March, 1891. He began practice in South Chicago and soon won a liberal patronage. With a laudable ambition he has embraced every opportunity to add to his college lore and has continued his studies until his knowledge of the science of medicine is comprehensive and accurate. He is a member of the Chicago Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Medico-Legal Society. He now enjoys a good practice and his devotion to the interest of his patrons is proverbial. He is conscientious and earnest in his work and is rapidly traveling the road of advancement.

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L L Bond

**L**ESTER L. BOND. — Proportionately with the growth of Chicago has been that of the Masonic fraternity in this city. Not long after the founding of the little village on the site of old Fort Dearborn a Masonic lodge was established, and the order has grown and developed until its following in Chicago now forms a vast army, whose mission, however, is peace. Among its early members in the metropolis of the west is Mr. Bond, who for more than forty years has been identified with the craft, having been initiated into William B. Warren Lodge in 1856. Passing the Fellowcraft he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and in the blue lodge was elected to the office of Senior Warden. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter in 1873, and the same year was dubbed and created a Sir Knight in Chicago Commandery, of which he is Past Commander. In 1885 he passed the circle of cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Select Master in Palestine Council. He received the grades and order of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in 1867, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory.

Lester L. Bond has won national fame as a patent lawyer. No country has made as great advancement in invention as America. Since the establishment of the Republic it has given to the world the most useful machinery and the most utilitarian implements that civilization has known capable of producing in a maximum degree at a minimum cost; but while its inventions far exceed in number and utility those of any other country, in consequence of the great number of productions in this line, there have arisen conflicting claims, which has developed a new and intricate branch of law, known as patent-right law. So important has it become that it has long ceased to be classed under some general head, and now forms a most distinct and prominent branch of jurisprudence, and has formed the field of labor wherein the efforts of Mr. Bond have won him renown.

He was born in Revenna, Ohio, on the 27th of October, 1829, and traces his ancestry back to John Bond, who located in Massachusetts soon after the historic little band of Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. The name has become well known through the worthy achievements of several who have borne it in different generations, and the maternal ancestor of Mr. Bond is no less distinguished. Having attended the public schools of Ravenna, Ohio, he afterward spent some time as a student in several well-known academies, but his education was acquired under disadvantages which would have disheartened a man of less resolute will and strength of character. His own labor had to furnish him the means whereby he paid his tuition, and at mechanical work he found the avenue to knowledge. His boyhood comprehended the almost invariable conditions from which the energy of our large cities is each year recruited. He had ambition without apparent opportunity, but what he then supposed were limitations upon his life were in reality the highest opportunities. In his mechanical work to secure an education he acquired an insight into invention and machinery which has influenced him in his practice as a lawyer and has proven an important factor in his successful handling of patent-right cases.

Determining to enter the legal profession, Mr. Bond began the study of law in the office of F. W. Tappan and completed it under the preceptorage of Bierce & Jeffries. He was admitted to the bar on the 15th of October, 1853, and with keen sagacity chose the new but rapidly developing city of Chicago for the scene of his professional labors. He arrived on the 8th of May, 1854, and for five years engaged in general practice, steadily and surely winning a reputation which would grow brighter and brighter with the passing years. About this time some patent cases were entrusted to his care, and his knowledge of mechanics, combined with his masterful understanding of the law, made him the victor in the forensic combats and won him an enduring fame. After ten years he relinquished all

other practice and devoted himself exclusively to the law of patents, copyrights and trademarks, a branch of practice in which he has won a reputation second to that of no other lawyer in Chicago.

From the organization of the Republican party Mr. Bond has been unfaltering in his advocacy of its principles, believing that the tenets which it promulgates are best adapted to the welfare of the majority of citizens who form this vast republic. At the beginning of the Civil war he offered his services to the government as a defender of the Union, but the examining surgeons rejected him on account of the impaired condition of his health and he had to content himself with upholding the cause of the north at home. He has been very prominent in municipal affairs and few men have shown a more devoted and unselfish attachment to the welfare of Chicago than he. From 1862 until 1866 he was a member of the common council and for two years was chairman of the finance committee. In 1868 he was a presidential elector from Illinois and supported General Grant; in 1871 he was again elected to the common council and during a portion of his two years' service was acting mayor of Chicago. In 1866 he was elected to the Illinois house of representatives, remaining a member of the legislature for four consecutive years, during which time he was instrumental in inaugurating legislation that has been of incalculable benefit to the west side of Chicago. The issue of the campaign had been the establishment of the South Side park system, and Mr. Bond had been elected on the anti-park ticket. Soon after reaching Springfield, however, he saw how futile would be his efforts to oppose the establishment of the South Side park system and therefore determined to secure for the west side the same privileges as would be conceded to the other district. He labored indefatigably to this end and at last accomplished his purpose, the beneficial results of which are acknowledged by all. His labors on the board of education have produced some needed changes and improvements in the school

system of Chicago, and in many other directions he has promoted the educational and material welfare of the city.

Mr. Bond was married, October 12, 1856, to Miss Amy S. Aspinwall, daughter of Rev. N. W. Aspinwall, of Peacham, Vermont. They have one daughter, Mrs. John L. Jackson. Mr. Bond is an esteemed member of the Union League and Illinois Clubs and is a liberal contributor to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has long held membership. Charitable and benevolent enterprises acknowledge his ready assistance, and thus he exemplifies the spirit of universal brotherhood as taught by the noble order of Freemasonry. His most pleasurable source of recreation is travel, and with one exception he has visited every state in the Union. He has twice gone abroad, visiting many points of interest in the old world and gaining that knowledge and culture which only travel can impart.

**Z**IMRI A. ENOS, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens and zealous Masons of Springfield, Illinois, is a native of St. Louis, Missouri, born September 29, 1821. He is a son of Pascal P. and Salome (Paddock) Enos, natives of Vermont. When Mr. Enos was two years old his parents moved to Sangamon county, Illinois, and located on the present site of Springfield, and here his early education was received in an old-fashioned log school-house. Later he had better educational advantages. He was a student in Springfield Academy, the Jesuit University of St. Louis and the Illinois University at Jacksonville, and after completing his course in the last-named institution he began the study of law under the instructions of Col. Baker and Albert T. Bledsoe, of Springfield. Here he passed a creditable examination and was admitted to the bar in 1845, immediately after which he entered into legal practice in this city. For a time he was associated in practice with James H. Matheney and Vincent Ridgely. The law, however, was not suited to his taste, and on quitting it he en-



gaged in the commission business. For three years he was a commission merchant in Springfield. Then he turned his attention to the original purpose of his education, namely, civil engineering and surveying, entering this field of labor in 1854 and from that date to the present giving his time to it. Twice he has been elected and served as county surveyor.

Mr. Enos was married in Springfield, Illinois, June 10, 1846, to Miss Agnes D. Trotter, who was born February 15, 1825, in New York city. They had six children,—four sons and two daughters.

It is more especially, however, to Mr. Enos as a Mason that we would make reference in this connection. His identity with the Masonic order has been long and honorable. He has passed through all the degrees of Masonry up to and including that of the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, eighteen degrees having been conferred upon him in Springfield and the rest in Chicago. He affiliates with Lodge No. 71, A. F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 2, R. & S. M.; Springfield Commandery, No. 6, K. T.,—all of Springfield, and Oriental Consistory, of Chicago. In his lodge he served several years as Worshipful Master and in the chapter filled the office of High Priest in 1892 and 1893. He is familiar with the lodge ritual from beginning to end, can fill any office and also perform the work on installation and funeral occasions, and is frequently called upon to do so. It being a recognized fact that Mr. Enos never does anything by halves, his services are in demand, and his brother Masons are justified in the pride they take in his ability and willingness to perform any of these duties.

**A**MOS GRANNIS, deceased, a thirty-second degree and Knight Templar Mason, was for many years identified with the Masonic fraternity, and his connection therewith was most honorable, embracing on his part a most efficient service in the interests of the order, and a high apprecia-

tion of his efforts on the part of his fellow members of the craft. He was thoroughly familiar with its teachings, conformed his life to its beneficent principles and fully discharged every obligation that his membership in the ancient fraternity imposed upon him. His life and good works will stand as an everlasting monument to the sublime principles of the magnanimous order. Its various branches many times called him to positions of trust and responsibility therein, and his labors materially promoted the welfare of the organization. He passed all the chairs in the blue lodge and for three years served as Worshipful Master of Home Lodge, No. 508, A. F. & A. M. He has been Treasurer since 1877. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, and for twenty consecutive years held the office of Treasurer therein. In 1867 the order of Knighthood was conferred upon him in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, K. T., and in 1881 he was chosen Eminent Commander. He faithfully observed the vows of Knighthood, was a loyal defender of the beauseant, and to Templar Masonry has left a rich legacy of noble deeds and high ideals. A Scottish Rite Mason, he received the Ineffable Degree of Perfection in Oriental Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, in 1868, and with the various branches of the order continued to affiliate until

“Night came,  
Releasing him from labor,  
When a hand, as from the darkness,  
Touched him, and he slept.”

He was also active in those organizations which were the outcome of the practical workings of the society, was a director and vice-president of the Masonic Fraternity Templar Association, and was prominently connected with the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association, the largest of the kind in the world, having more than fifty-five thousand members. For several years he served as one of its trustees, was vice-president, served as chairman of the executive committee and for about fourteen years held the office of Treasurer.

The life record of Amos Grannis is one that contains many valuable lessons; it is a history of successful accomplishments, and demonstrates in an unmistakable way the possibilities open to the ambitious man, who has a genius for earnest and persistent labor. Moreover, his name is inseparably connected with the history of Chicago, where for sixty years he made his home. He resided in Cook county before the city was incorporated, and was a most important factor in its upbuilding, being prominently connected with its industrial interests. It seems hardly probable that within the lifetime of one man this marvelous metropolis should have been planted on the swampy soil of northeastern Illinois and grown to such gigantic proportions that it largely controls the commerce of the New World and rivals in size and importance the Knickerbocker city of the east, which for more than two hundred and fifty years has flourished; yet this wonderful development occurred within the memory of Mr. Grannis, and was largely advanced through his labors.

He was born in Attica, Genesee county, New York, April 17, 1825, a son of Samuel Johnson and Clarissa (Ford) Grannis. His father was a native of Fair Haven, Connecticut, and on removing to the Empire State located in Marcellus, whence he afterward went to Batavia and later to Attica. There his wife died in 1829. On the 25th of August, 1836, he started with his six children for Chicago, making the journey by steamer from Buffalo to Detroit, Michigan. During that time they encountered such severe gales that they put ashore and continued the journey overland by team, reaching their destination on the 25th of September, just one month after leaving their New York home. The family were in limited circumstances, but they located in a pioneer settlement where all the people around them were also trying to secure homes and fortunes in the new and undeveloped west. They located on a farm which had previously been entered by Henry Crannis, a brother of our subject, who had entered the land from the government two

years previously. It was situated in the township of Maine, a half mile from the Des Plaines river. Neighbors were widely scattered, and from their own log cabin but one other was in sight. Prairie wolves were numerous and hardships plentiful. Amos Grannis went to live with his brother and had ample opportunity to assist in the arduous task of transforming the wild prairie into richly cultivated fields. After two years his sister married and he went to live with her on a new farm near the present site of Oak Park. Three miles across a bleak prairie he made his way to a district school, which he attended for three months during three successive winter terms. He profited by the simple instruction there given and received no other save in the school of experience, where he learned many valuable and practical lessons. Thus for several years he worked at farm labor, while his boyhood days passed, bringing him near man's estate, where still greater duties awaited him. His early trials, however, served to develop a self-reliance and determined purpose that characterized his entire business career and led to much of his success.

On leaving home Mr. Grannis went to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he was employed for several months by the Peshtigo Lumber Company. Returning then to Chicago he served a three-years apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, during which time he received only one hundred and twenty-five dollars in compensation for his services; but he mastered the business in all its details, becoming a very proficient workman; and this practical knowledge of the trade served not only as a stepping-stone to something higher but also enabled him in later years to superintend his men more efficiently and manage his extensive building interests so that they would bring the best returns. He began business for himself in 1851 and steadily worked his way upward until he had secured a large and lucrative patronage. He was a leading factor in the building interests of Chicago, and passed through the various progressive stages in Chicago

architecture from the log cabin and the little frame dwelling to the magnificent office buildings of the business districts, and the highly ornate and beautiful residences that adorn the boulevards of the city. He has erected all kinds, including some of the most important structures of Chicago and its suburbs. He was progressive, and kept abreast of the growth in architectural designs. After the great fire of 1871 he was especially active in the building of the new Chicago, which arose with new grandeur to cover the tomb of the old city. He erected the first Rock Island depot, the Trinity Methodist and Grace Episcopal churches, the American Express Company's buildings, the Grannis Block and the Calumet Block, and his contracts in the beautiful suburban town of Riverside in one year aggregated eighty thousand dollars. His business life was an era of prosperity, and he made judicious investments in various enterprises which brought to him rich returns. He was financially interested in the Globe National Bank, and for many years was one of its directors. He was one of the organizers and at the time of his death was treasurer of the Chicago Mechanics' Institute; was a charter member and for several years treasurer of the Builders & Traders' Exchange; was treasurer of the Masonic Building & Loan Association at the time of his death. His sound judgment, keen discrimination, honorable methods and capable management brought to him success, and the poor boy who came to Chicago was transformed through the medium of his own labor into one of the substantial citizens of Chicago, which relation he sustained for the long period of nearly fifty years.

On the 24th of December, 1850, Mr. Grannis was united in marriage to Miss Jane Taylor, and erected a little cottage on a lot where the ruins of the government building now stands. Their home was blessed with six children, four of whom are yet living, namely: Albery A., Harry A., Frank L. and Mrs. Charles Murray. Mr. Grannis with his family attended the services of the Methodist church and although

not a member he contributed liberally to its support, and for some years prior to his death served as trustee of the Trinity Methodist church. In his political adherency he was a Republican, supporting that party from the time of its organization. He served as a member of the city council from 1878 until 1880, and in 1886 was elected a member of the reform board of county commissioners, serving out an unexpired term of three months, after which he was elected for a full term. This was at a time when the exposed villainy of county officials had awakened a popular demand for officers who were men of known integrity, probity and high business character, and as a member of the reform board Mr. Grannis did effective service for the county in the administration of its public affairs. He passed away November 20, 1896. His life was devoted to his family, his friends and to the support of those principles which he believed to be right. His unswerving purpose, his unquestioned fidelity, his unfaltering honesty and his unchanging will commanded the highest respect of all.

**E**LISHA BENTLEY HAMILTON, who has attained honorable distinction at the bar of Quincy, is a Knight Templar Mason who wears the insignia of the order with a dignity that fully sustains the lofty purpose of the temple. His identification with Masonry dates from 1887, when, on the 8th of April, he took the Entered Apprentice degree in Quincy Lodge, No. 295, A. F. & A. M.; on the 13th of May he passed the Fellow-craft degree, and on the 4th of May was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He began the study of the lessons of capitular Masonry the same year and on the 22d of December was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5. He took the vows of the Temple in 1897, and was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in El Aksa Commandery, No. 55, of Quincy. There is no weak indecision in the character of Mr. Hamilton, and when

he became a member of the Masonic order the fraternity felt that it had gained a valuable acquisition to its ranks. Although his professional labors have prevented his official service in any of its branches, he is most faithful to its teaching, and his upright life is in harmony with his Masonic professions.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Carthage, Illinois, on the 5th of October, 1838, and is a descendant of the prominent Massachusetts family of that name. His father, Artois Hamilton, was a native of that state and was married there to Miss Atta Bentley, a native of New York. In 1835 they removed to Carthage, Illinois, then a pioneer settlement. Mr. Hamilton became proprietor of the village tavern, then a most important institution of the town, and entertained in his hostelry Abraham Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas and other noted men of his day. At the time of the great Mormon excitement in that locality the Mormon prophets, who were killed by their opponents, were laid out in his tavern. He was prominently connected with many of the historic events that centered in that section of the state and was most widely known. His wife died in her fiftieth year, and he passed away in the eightieth year of his age. In early life he was a member of the Methodist church, and his wife belonged to the Baptist church.

Mr. Hamilton, of this review, was the youngest of their six children. After attending the public schools he continued his education in the Illinois College, of Jacksonville, where he was graduated in 1860, and received the honorary degree of A. B. in June, 1878. On the 13th of August, 1862, he offered his services to the Union and enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry, as a private. Upon the organization of the regiment he was made quartermaster sergeant, and on the 8th of November, 1863, was commissioned first lieutenant of his company. He was with his regiment in Sherman's campaign in the vicinity of Vicksburg, participated in the capture of Arkansas Post in

January, 1863, and was in Grant's campaign in Mississippi, and at the capture of Vicksburg. He afterward participated in the vigorous and continued service in Louisiana and was stationed at Baton Rouge, that state, when news was received of General Lee's surrender. He was at that time adjutant-general on the staff of General Funda. He remained in the army until the 13th of November, 1865, when he was honorably discharged and returned to his home. He was a valiant soldier, never shirking any duty, and since the war he has been prominently connected with the military affairs of the state.

For three years prior to the war General Hamilton was a member of the state militia, and from 1872 until 1877 he was again a member, during which period he held the offices of lieutenant, captain, colonel and brigadier-general, being successively promoted. He was in command of the Eighth Illinois Regiment when it was ordered to St. Louis to quell the insurrection of the strikers at that point in 1877, and his service in that regard was most highly recommended. A man of the highest courage and fearless in his devotion to duty, he nevertheless exercised the caution and calm judgment so necessary in such a crisis and as far as possible had his men protect rather than take life. He was appointed brigadier-general and chief of artillery on the staff of Governor Cullum, and was later inspector general of the state under the administrations of Governors Hamilton and Oglesby. He was appointed surveyor of the port of Quincy by General Grant. A prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, he has served as commander of the post in Quincy and was senior vice commander of the state. He also belongs to the Loyal Legion and further continues his association with his comrades of the "blue" through his membership in the society of the Army of the Tennessee. His office is largely adorned with swords, guns and other relics of the great strife whereby the men of the north maintained the sovereignty of the Union, and many of these are connected

with interesting incidents which give to them great value.

While Mr. Hamilton has long been prominent in military circles, all this is but supplementary to his real work, which is as a member of the bar. He is a leading and one of the most able lawyers in practice in this section of the state, and began preparation for his profession as a student in the law office of Warren & Wheat, the suite of rooms used by the firm being the same in which he has since performed all of his legal work outside the court-room. He was admitted to practice in the United States courts in 1869 and became a partner in the firm with which he had previously studied. After a time Mr. Warren withdrew and was succeeded by Judge Ewing, while the firm name of Wheat, Ewing & Hamilton, was assumed. This connection was continued until the death of Mr. Wheat. Mr. Ewing afterward removed to Chicago and for three years Mr. Hamilton was in Kansas City, but with the exception of that period our subject has been continuously at the bar of Quincy. In July, 1891, the present law firm of Hamilton and Woods was formed, and is now recognized as one of the strongest in this section of the state. Mr. Hamilton's mental characteristics and training have peculiarly and eminently fitted him for the prosecution of his chosen profession, and he is imbued with a cordial and sincere love of his work, which largely contributes to render it facile and thorough. An intellect unusually acute and discriminating enables him to employ, with precision and effect, the store of information gathered by constant and industrious research. Faithful and untiring application and the most scrupulous attention to detail have characterized the preparation and conduct of his cases, and he has earned a high and well-merited reputation.

On the 10th of September, 1878, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Fisk, a native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and they have two children, a son and daughter, Elisha Bentley, Jr., now a student in the high school of Quincy; and Lucy Atta, at home.

**R**OBERT L. SNOW, M. D.—Few men of his years have attained to such distinction as has fallen to the lot of Dr. Snow, demonstrator of anatomy in Hahnemann Medical College, of Chicago, who is without a superior in his special line. In his profession he is known not only throughout Chicago, but his reputation extends to all parts of this country. The social side of Dr. Snow's nature, however, is less familiar to the general public, but in Masonic circles he is a general favorite and has many warm friends in that fraternity. He was made a Mason in Cambria Lodge, No. 278, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of January, 1891; and the teachings of universality, mutual kindness and brotherly aid found ready acceptance in his broad and generous nature. His study of capitular Masonry was continued until he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Delta Chapter, No. 191, of Chicago, in 1893. The same year he was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Calumet Commandery, No. 62, and received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite, attaining the thirty-second degree in Oriental Consistory, whereupon he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is also a Noble of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. He is thus identified with almost every degree of Masonry, and his hearty endorsement of its purposes and his practical fulfillment of its teachings makes him an acceptable member of the craft.

The years of Dr. Snow's connection with the science of medicine are not many, but within the period he has attained to eminent distinction. He is a native of Ohio, born on the 9th of April, 1865. The greater part of his youth was passed in New York city, where he acquired his primary education. He made choice of the medical profession as a life calling and began preparation for his work in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of New York. In 1891 he came to Chicago and further pursued his studies in Hahnemann Medical College, where he was graduated in the class

of 1892. For five years he has held the position of demonstrator of anatomy in his *alma mater*. His study of the subject has been most thorough and comprehensive, and has not included alone the knowledge that is gained in textbooks, but he has also carried his investigation into unexplored fields of knowledge along original lines. His superior skill and ability led to his selection for the performance of some of the most difficult anatomical dissections during the World's Columbian Exposition, a work that made him renowned among the medical fraternity throughout the country. In addition to his college work he has a most extensive private practice and enjoys a handsome pecuniary remuneration as well as the fame that comes from his superior ability.

The Doctor was married on the 9th of October, 1896, to Miss Nellie Christman, a native of Ottawa, Illinois, and their home is the center of a cultured society circle.

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**W**ILLIAM CHARLES MAGILL.—The vast army that follows the standard of Masonry goes not forth for purposes of conquest and plunder,—to bring into subjection the weak or to overthrow the powerful: its mission is peace, fraternity and benevolence. Its cardinal principles, perpetuating all moral teaching, have awakened the respect and admiration of thousands and gained a following whose strength is as the force of gravitation,—silent, unseen, but irresistible. It has been one of the chief agencies in humanizing mankind, lifting its followers to a higher and nobler plane.

Among those who have advanced the cause of Masonry in Chicago is William C. Magill, who for fifteen years has been numbered among its members. He was initiated March 2, 1881, becoming an Entered Apprentice in A. O. Fay Lodge, of Highland Park, Illinois. On the 6th of April he took the Fellow-craft degree and on the 15th of June was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. On the 11th of April, 1882,

he was dimitted to Evans Lodge, No. 524, A. F. & A. M., of Evanston, with which he is now affiliated. He took the Royal Arch degrees in Evanston Chapter, No. 144, being advanced as Mark Master, August 18, 1882; installed as Past Master, September 23; received as Most Excellent Master, September 29, and exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason on the same date. He was made a Sir Knight in Montjoie Commandery, No. 53, K. T., of Chicago, but is now affiliated with Evanston Commandery. He took the Scottish Rite degrees in Oriental Consistory and is now a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. On the 23d of October, 1891, he became a member of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has held the office of Junior Warden in Evans Lodge, and Captain and Secretary in Evanston Chapter, is deeply interested in the fraternity and is one of its most worthy and acceptable members, conforming his life to its principles and following closely its honored teachings.

Mr. Magill was born in Buffalo, New York, on the 14th of June, 1850, was educated in its public schools and after his graduation engaged in the commission business on the Chicago Board of Trade. In April, 1875, he first became connected with the fire-insurance business, as an employee, but since 1879 as a principal, and at the head of the firm of William C. Magill & Company since October, 1895. With pleasant headquarters at No. 168 La Salle street, they are now doing an extensive business. In the extent of business written, this is one of the largest as well as one of the oldest and most reliable insurance agencies in Chicago. Mr. Magill is also a member of the Chicago Fire Underwriters' Association.

For the past twenty-three years he has maintained his residence in Evanston, and from 1888 until 1892 he served as a member of the board of trustees there. In politics he has always been a supporter of the principles of Republicanism, but has steadily avoided public office, wishing nothing to interfere with his business interests.

He is a member of the Episcopal church, of Evanston.

On the 12th of November, 1873, Mr. Magill was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Montgomery, the wedding being celebrated in Buffalo, New York. They have six children, two sons and four daughters. In his varied relations Mr. Magill has maintained a manly bearing and by reason of his integrity of purpose, his splendid abilities and his nobleness of character, he enjoys well-merited confidence and esteem.

**L**OYAL LEVI MUNN. — Of the vast number of Masons in the United States, but comparatively few have attained to the thirty-third degree, but the gentleman whose name introduces this review is thus distinguished. He is one of the honored representatives of this noble fraternity in America and his name occupies a conspicuous place on the pages of Masonic history by reason of what he has done for the advancement of the order, for its introduction into new communities and for the inculcation of its benevolent and grand principles among his fellow men.

Mr. Munn was made a Mason in Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, October 27, 1853. For almost forty-five years, therefore, he has been identified with the fraternity, advancing step by step through its various degrees until he has reached the highest plane. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in Freeport Chapter, No. 23, June 27, 1856, and received the degrees of the Royal and Select Masters in Springfield Council, of Springfield, Illinois, in 1862. He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in March, 1857, in Janesville Commandery, No. 2, of Janesville, Wisconsin, and received the degrees and grades of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree, in April, 1864. He was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the thirty-third and last degree of Masonry and made an honorary member of the Supreme Council for the Northern Ma-

sonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., June 18, 1870, at the session of that body held in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. He has been honored with various official positions, has filled all the offices in the blue lodge, chapter and commandery, and is now Commander-in-Chief of the Freeport Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree, located in the valley of Freeport. In 1865-6 he was Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois, and has been President of the order of High Priesthood continu-



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ously from 1867 up to the present time, 1896. He was also Right Eminent Commander of the Knights Templar of Illinois in 1881. During his incumbency as president of the council of High Priesthood, he has had the honor of anointing to the order nine hundred and eighty-nine companions, while the number anointed since the formation of the council has been one thousand, one hundred and thirty-five, showing how efficient and eminent has been the service of Mr. Munn. At all times and in all places he has been found ready to fill any

of the offices of the order, and his intelligent and efficacious labors have been productive of great good. His service for twelve years as Grand Secretary of the order was most capable and received the highest commendation of all connected with the fraternity. He is an enthusiastic worker, whose untiring labors and active promotion of Masonry amounts to an inspiration, and while Masonry occupies the most honored place among fraternal societies his name will appear as one of its most worthy exponents.

Mr. Munn is a native of Madrid, St. Lawrence county, New York, born September 1, 1829, a son of Abel and Susanna (Barnum) Munn. He comes of a family of long identification with American interests, his ancestors having been early settlers of Massachusetts and Vermont. Among them a number were participants in the Revolutionary war, who valiantly fought for the independence of the colonies. The grandfather, Daniel Munn, served as a captain under Ethan Allen and had the distinction of being the third man to enter Ticonderoga when that place surrendered to the Continental army.

The subject of this review acquired his early education in his native town and when seventeen years of age came to Freeport, Illinois, having now made his home in Stephenson county for half a century. For three summer he was engaged in farm work and during that time spent the winter season in attendance on the public schools. He afterward engaged in school-teaching in the northern part of the county, and in 1850 became the agent of several New York insurance companies for the states of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Indiana. In 1853 he became one of the organizers of the Stephenson Insurance Company, was elected its secretary and served in that capacity until 1865. In 1857 he aided in the organization of the American Insurance Company, in Freeport, and in 1867 was chosen its president, being the incumbent of that office until 1870, when the company removed its headquarters to Chicago and Mr. Munn re-

tired from the presidency, but continued as one of its directors. From 1866 until 1869 he was successfully engaged in the dry-goods business. He has for many years been a most prominent factor in the commercial and industrial interests of Freeport, and has been the leading spirit of many enterprises which have materially promoted the welfare and prosperity of the city.

Mr. Munn became a Republican on the organization of the party, and during the exciting times of its early history rendered it much important assistance, and is still one of its reliable adherents, although he has never sought or desired office. He and his family are valued members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is now serving as elder, and his practical Christianity is seen in his benevolence and sympathy which are so frequently extended to his fellow men less fortunate than himself.

Perhaps the true character of the man, however, is seen in his home, where he is the tender husband and father, the gracious host and the courteous, genial gentleman. He was married in 1857 to Miss Lenora Lott. Her married life, however, was soon terminated by death, and in 1861 he wedded Mrs. Mary Louisa Hardy, a native of Haverhill, New Hampshire, who in her maidenhood was Miss Ladd. Their family includes four children: Ella E., at home; George Ladd, now a prominent lawyer in Tacoma, Washington; Loyal Levi, who is secretary of the Arcade Manufacturing Company; and Florence L., at home. They have a beautiful and commodious residence in Freeport, and it is the center of a brilliant, cultured, though quiet, society circle. Mr. Munn, though nearing the age of three-score years and ten, is still a man of fine physical force and business ability, and a splendid representative of the American gentleman, independent, true and progressive.

**R**EV. JOSEPH McDONALD McGRATH, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church, residing in Morgan Park, a few miles south of Chicago, is a na-



tive of Detroit, Michigan. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason September 10, 1878, exalted a Royal Arch Mason December 2, 1879, and constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight May 13, 1880. His present affiliations are with Tracy Lodge, No. 810, at Tracy, Illinois, and with the Englewood Commandery. He has served as a Worshipful Master of Corunna Lodge and Prelate of the Corunna Commandery. He was appointed Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at Denver in 1892, and officiated as such at Trinity church and the Twenty-sixth Triennial Conclave at Boston in 1896.

**F**RANCIS WATERMAN HANCE, M. D. —The record of a busy life must ever prove fecund in interest and profit as scanned by the student who would learn of the intrinsic essence of individuality, and who would attempt an analysis of character and trace back to the fountain head the widely diverging channels which mark the onward flow, consecutively augmentive progress, if we may be permitted to use the phrase, of such individuality. All human advancement, all human weal or woe—in short, all things within the mental ken—are but mirrored back from the composite individuality of those who have lived, and the history of a nation, a state, or a community is but the record of the lives of its inhabitants. One of the residents of Freeport, whose eminent connection with its leading interests makes him a fit subject for biographic honors, is Dr. Hance, a pioneer physician of the city who for forty-three years administered to his fellow men, winning their gratitude and respect by his ever thoughtful kindness and consideration. The history of one who is so widely and favorably known cannot fail to prove of interest.

The Doctor is a native of Barnsville, Belmont county, Ohio, born July 23, 1822, and is a descendant of one of the old southern families long resident in the state of Maryland, where its representatives were

honored and influential people. John Hance, the father of the Doctor, inherited a large number of slaves, but, becoming convinced of the wrong of holding any individual in bondage, he removed to Ohio in 1818 and liberated his slaves in that state. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Mary Ann McKall, was also a native of Maryland and sprung from an equally well-known family there. In Ohio the family of four sons and a daughter were born, and in 1853 the parents came with their children to Stephenson county, Illinois, locating on a farm near Freeport, where the father continued to live until his death, which occurred in the seventy-ninth year of his age. His wife survived him and reached the very advanced age of ninety-eight years. They were devout Methodists in religious belief, and in early life the father was a Whig in politics, but on the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks and gave it his ardent support. He was a man of pure motive, generous impulses and lived a conscientious and most honorable life.

Such was the parentage of Dr. Hance. He was the eldest child of the family and was educated in Athens, Ohio. He acquired his medical education in the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated with the class of 1849, and then began the practice of his profession in the east. In 1853 he came to Freeport, where for forty-two years he cared for the sick and suffering, performing his duty in sunshine and in storm, by day or by night, never stopping to ask of the patient's financial standing or thinking of the pecuniary reward which he might receive, but answering each call for assistance that came to him from a pure, unselfish interest in his fellow men and a desire to bring to them relief. His own personal comfort was ever sacrificed for the good of others, and many a household has reason to cherish, next to the sacred place the mother occupies, the memory of their family physician, Dr. Hance. In 1895 Dr. Hance retired from active practice and is now living quietly in the enjoyment of a well-earned competency.

The Doctor was married in 1849 to Miss Mary B. Chamberlin, a native of New York, who departed this life in 1873, and he has since remained true to her memory. It was in 1862 that he was made a Mason in Moses R. Thompson Lodge, which was afterward consolidated with Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, of which he is now a member in full standing. He is in politics a Republican, and by election has been called to the mayoralty of the city of Freeport, wherein he labored zealously for the interests and upbuilding of the city. Few men in Stephenson county are better known than Dr. Hance, and none are held in higher regard. His public life and private career are alike above reproach, and he is honored and esteemed by a very large circle of friends.

**T**HOMAS MCGIFFIN McILVAINE, M. D., is one of the prominent and influential practicing physicians of Peoria, Illinois, and, like many of the leading members of the medical profession, has thought it worth his while to give a portion of his time and attention to the mystic teachings of Masonry and to enjoy the secret communion of its inner chamber. He was made a Master Mason in Peoria, in Peoria Lodge, No. 15, with which he has ever since affiliated, and he is also a member of the Scottish Rite in Peoria, in the workings of both of which he takes an active and enthusiastic interest, finding pleasure and profit therein.

Dr. McIlvaine is a native of the Keystone State and was born in the city of Pittsburg in the year 1853. His medical education was received at Rush Medical College, Chicago, of which institution he is a graduate with the class of 1881. Of a warm, sympathetic nature, with an earnest desire to alleviate the sufferings of humanity, and untiring in his labors, he has built up a large practice in Peoria and enjoys the confidence and high esteem of all who know him; and he is known here not only as a skilled and popular physician, but also as a public-spirited citizen, one interested in and ever ready to promote the general welfare

of the city. At this writing he is one of the directors of the public library of Peoria, and member of board of education.

His religious creed is that of the Presbyterian church.

**W**ILLIAM HOWARD BERGSTRESSER.—There is perhaps no one in the State of Illinois who has been more enthusiastic in his fealty to Freemasonry, or who has performed more arduous labor on its behalf, than the brother whose name appears at the head of this sketch; and his record as a member of the fraternity redounds greatly to his credit. Mr. Bergstresser was elected an Entered Apprentice in Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38, on July 23, 1884, passed January 13, 1885, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason February 3, 1885. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degrees in Vermilion Chapter, No. 82, being made a Mark Master March 24, 1885, Past Master and Most Excellent Master on March 30, and Royal Arch on April 13; received the degree of Royal and Select Masters in Danville Council, No. 37, at the time of its organization; was ordained a Sir Knight in Athelstan Commandery, No. 45, the degree of Red Cross being conferred upon him September 17, and that of the Black Cross September 25, 1885; and he attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, November 12, 1886.

Mr. Bergstresser has filled many offices of importance in the order with credit to himself and honor to the craft. He was elected Worshipful Master June 30, 1891, serving two terms, and is the present Deputy Grand Master for the sixteenth district. On June 30, 1890, he was placed in the chair of High Priest, which he occupied for one year; was Thrice Illustrious Master for two terms, and is the present incumbent of that office; and was Eminent Commander for one year, dating from June 30, 1889. He is a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, and is a member of Troy Chapter, Order of

the Eastern Star, and a charter member of Iris Chapter.

Brother Bergstresser was born in Flat Rock, Seneca county, Ohio, November 17, 1856, and attended the district schools of that place until sixteen years of age, when he began to learn the carriage-painting trade, and followed that for seven years. In 1872 his parents moved to Ladoga, Montgomery county, Indiana, and five years later came to Danville, where our subject took up the art of photography, which he has followed most successfully ever since. For eight years Mr. Bergstresser served as first sergeant of Battery A, Illinois National Guards. He is a loyal citizen and popular in both business and social circles.

**M**ATTHEW B. BLISH, one of the prominent members of the Masonic fraternity at Kewanee, is at present High Priest of the chapter, and is still a resident of his native town. He was made a Mason in Kewanee Lodge, No. 159, in 1876, and being an intelligent and appreciative student, at once became a capable worker in the fascinating craft. His first office was that of Senior Deacon for one year; then he was Junior Warden a year, and Senior Warden two years. These offices were of course satisfactorily filled by him. In 1877 he joined Kewanee Chapter, in which he became equally active as a Royal Arch Mason, and as such, after election, served in the offices of Principal Sojourner, Captain of the Host, Scribe and Most Excellent High Priest. In the last named position he served from 1886 to 1891 and from 1895 to 1897. He has given the order much of his time and energy, and, being a man of judgment, his services have been efficient; he is a good instructor. He was the first member "raised" in the lodge after the election of A. B. Ashley (now Grand Deputy) as Worshipful Master, from whom he received a good training and became an expert in the work. He was made a Knight Templar in Temple Commandery, No. 20, at Princeton, in 1882.

He was born on his father's farm near Kewanee, December 5, 1848, and received his education in that town, which meantime grew from village to city; and he has always made Kewanee his residence, and is therefore one of the best known citizens.

His father, C. C. Blish, was born in Glastonbury, Connecticut, in 1812, and came to Illinois in 1837, a single man, and was one of the charter members of Wethersfield Lodge, No. 159, which received its charter October 3, 1855, and afterward changed to Kewanee Lodge, same number. He had previously been made a Master Mason at Cambridge, was prominent in bringing about the organization of the lodge at Kewanee, and had the honor of being its first Worshipful Master by election. During his younger life and in the early history of the lodge he was one of its firmest and most helpful adherents. He inherited the three hundred and twenty acres of land adjoining the present city of Kewanee which his father, Sylvester Blish, had taken from the government in 1837. He married Miss Elizabeth Boner and resided on this fine farm to the time of his death, which occurred in 1890, when he was about seventy years of age. He had been one of Kewanee's most worthy citizens, and being a pioneer was one of the active citizens in the organization of Henry county. His wife survives, being now seventy-six years of age, an esteemed member of the Congregational church, as was her husband. They had six children—four daughters and two sons.

Matthew B. Blish, one of the sons, has been a farmer all his life, having inherited the fine homestead of his father and grandfather; but while he still owns it he rented it in 1893 and erected one of the beautiful and commodious residences in the western portion of Kewanee, where he now resides.

December 23, 1868, he was united in matrimony with Miss Martha E. Morrill, a native of Ripley, West Virginia, and they have three children, viz.: Katie Elizabeth, now Mrs. Charles D. Handley, residing in Kewanee; Charles B. and Dwight M. Mr.

and Mrs. Blish are members of Harmony Chapter, No. 43, Order of the Eastern Star, of Kewanee.

Mr. Blish has been a life-long Democrat, and during the recent presidential campaign sustained the "gold-standard" wing of the Democracy.

**R**OBERT RALPH GIBONS, a Sir Knight Templar residing in Princeton, Illinois, is a leading and prominent lawyer of that city and also ex-county judge of Bureau county. When the past and present of Freemasonry is considered, whether the founding of the order is attributed to one or another, all will admit that the wisdom of those who founded the society is entitled to the admiration of all the wise and good through the centuries. The strength of the order is to-day greater than ever, and many are its faithful followers in Illinois. Mr. Gibons was initiated into the esoteric doctrines of the craft in Princeton Lodge, No. 587, F. & A. M., in 1886, and has the honor of being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by General J. C. Smith. He has also taken the Royal Arch degrees, in Princeton Chapter, No. 28, the council degrees in Orion Council, No. 8, Geneseo, and was created a Knight Templar in Temple Commandery, No. 20, Princeton. His devotion to his large law practice has somewhat interfered with his active work in the different bodies to which he belongs, but he justly prizes the order and its teachings and has shaped his course in harmony with the same.

Mr. Gibons was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania, December 7, 1840, and is a son of John S. Gibons, a native of Brattleboro, Vermont, who was a prominent member of the Masonic order, serving as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Pennsylvania in 1820. By profession he was also a lawyer, and was one of the most influential and distinguished citizens of his community, representing his district in both the lower house and senate in Pennsylvania, where he introduced and championed the

free-school law of that State. He married Miss Sallie Rupp, a native of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, and to them were born seventeen children, of whom fourteen reached years of maturity, and of the five sons and one daughter who are still living our subject is the eldest. The father died in 1850, at the age of forty-eight years.

Judge Gibons, of this review, received a good academic education, and as his family were faithful members of the Presbyterian church they tried to induce him to enter the ministry. It was in 1857 that he took up his residence in Princeton, Illinois. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Yates' Sharpshooters, which was a part of the Sixteenth Army Corps, and was in the Mississippi and Atlanta campaigns. At the battle of Kenesaw mountain he was wounded both in the head and side, and for meritorious conduct was promoted from second lieutenant to captain of his company, in which capacity he was serving at the end of his term in the fall of 1864, when he was mustered out, at Chattanooga.

Returning to Princeton, the Judge prepared for the legal profession, reading law in the office of Stipp & Gibons, the junior member being his brother G. G., who later moved to Chicago and there died. Under their instruction he pursued his studies, and was duly admitted to the bar after a thorough examination before the supreme court at Ottawa, Illinois. On the removal of his brother to Chicago, he was admitted to partnership by Major Stipp, under the firm name of Stipp & Gibons, the partnership continuing until the election of Mr. Stipp to the bench. The son of Judge Stipp was then his partner for a time, and later M. U. Trimble, who is now deputy county clerk. In 1886 the present firm was constituted, under the firm name of Gibons & Gibons, the junior member being Ira C. Gibons, a graduate of the Chicago Law School, and a son of our subject. The firm have a large practice in the various state courts, and rank among the ablest practitioners at the bar.

In 1890 our subject was elected county

judge and faithfully discharged the duties of that office for four years. He is an attorney of marked ability, a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, and his party recognizing his worth made him their candidate for congress; but as they were in the minority that year he was defeated, though he made an active and strong canvass. He has acceptably served as trustee and mayor of the city, and has always done all in his power to promote the best interests of the community. His powers as an advocate have been demonstrated by his success on many occasions. He is an able lawyer of large and varied experience in all the courts, and his career as judge won the commendation of all. Thoroughness characterizes all his efforts, and he conducts all his business with strict regard to a high standard of professional ethics. He was at one time in partnership with Judge Stipp.

In 1862, Judge Gibbons led to the marriage altar Miss Margaret M. Thompson, a native of Princeton and a daughter of Robert E. Thompson, a pioneer, who located in that city in 1839, becoming one of its first merchants. One child blesses this union,—Ira C.,—who is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is now successfully engaged in the practice of law as his father's partner.

**N**ORMAN B. REAM.—Freemasonry has drawn to itself the allegiance of strong men and true in all the walks of life, and in the fact that it appeals to such lies the intrinsic element of its perpetuity from the remote past. There is a symmetry in the make-up of a man who, having attained to a splendid success in connection with the material affairs of life, yet finds it a cherished privilege to lend his aid in fostering that broad fraternal spirit and that deeper humanitarianism with which the time-honored institution of Masonry is so vitally instinct. The subject of this review stands in marked exemplification of that alert intellectuality and almost stubborn determination which have made the magnificent me-

tropolis-of the west what it is,—the greatest and most absolute representative of the progressive American spirit,—and to-day he holds place among the leading citizens and most successful business men of Chicago, where he took up his permanent residence just prior to the ever memorable fire of 1871. He has rendered to his country the loyal service of a patriot when treason and rebellion would trail her flag in ignominious dust, and his career as a citizen has shown him to be animated by the same principles of honor and integrity which prompted him to go forth to do battle for a righteous cause. Such a man honors the great fraternal order of Masonry, which does not deny its quota of honor in return.

Mr. Ream was made a Mason in the year 1867, when he became an Entered Apprentice in Princeton Lodge, No. 587, A. F. & A. M., at Princeton, Illinois, and in this body he was duly raised to the degree of Master Mason. He was subsequently dimitted and placed his affiliation with the lodge at Osceola, Iowa, where he still retains his membership. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in Pantalfa Chapter, at Osceola, and is still identified with that capitular body. Mr. Ream received the grades and orders of Knighthood in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, in Chicago, eventually withdrawing from the same and becoming a charter member of Montjoie Commandery, No. 53, in which is represented his only local affiliation at the present time. He has shown himself thoroughly appreciative of the teachings and the exalted aims of Masonry and is a consistent member of the great craft, though he has never sought or accepted official advancement in the same.

Norman Bruce Ream is a native of the old Keystone State, having been born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of November, 1844, the son of Levi and Highly (King) Ream, the ancestral line tracing back several generations in that state. The paternal lineage is of German origin, and that on the maternal side of blended Scotch and German, so that the subject of

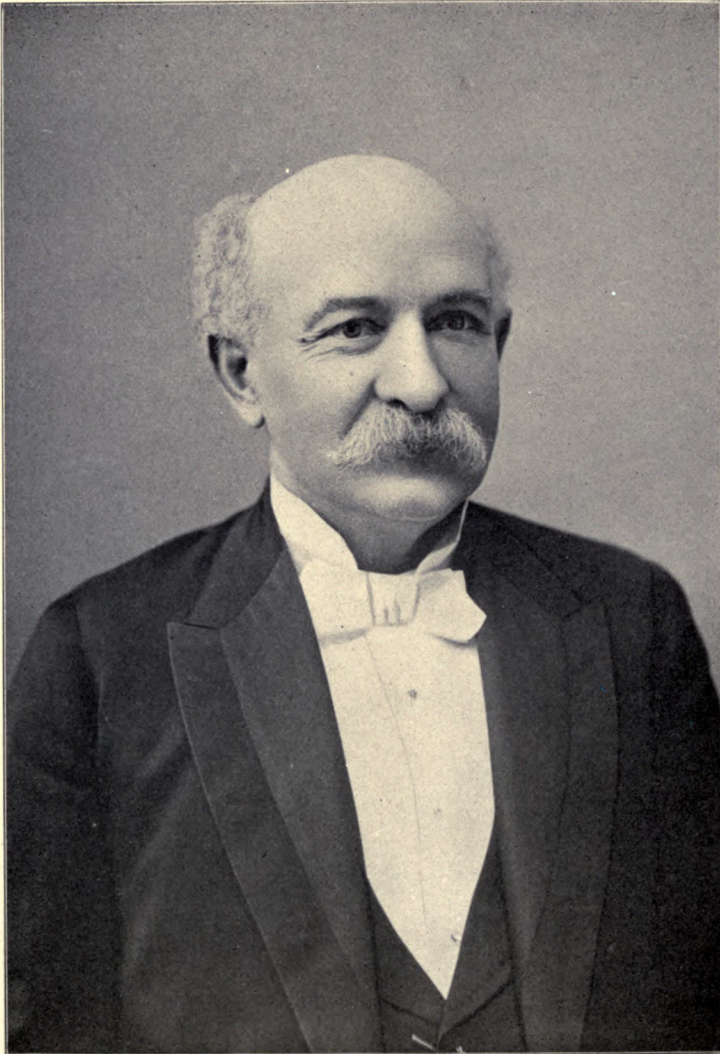
this review has been favored by heredity, for through the sources named America has gained many of her most prominent characters,—men and women of intellectual and physical vigor and of utmost integrity in all the relations of life. Levi Ream was a prosperous farmer in Somerset county for many years, having recently resigned his more active labors and taken up his abode in Sacramento, California. Norman B. received his preliminary educational discipline in the common schools of his native county, supplementing this by effective study in local normal institutions and so profiting by the opportunities afforded him that he was enabled to take charge of a district school when but fourteen years of age, successfully coping with the obstacles he had to encounter in his pedagogic endeavors and manifesting that determination and self-reliance which have conserved his pronounced success in later years and in fields of magnificent scope and importance. After teaching for one term he learned the art of making portraits by the ambrotype process, which was at that time just coming into public favor. To this line of enterprise he devoted his attention, in connection with work on the farm, until he had attained the age of seventeen years. His intrinsically loyal nature was now roused into decisive action, for the nation called upon her sons to defend her honor and integrity against armed rebellion. He enlisted as a member of Company H, in the Eighty-fifth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in the year 1861, being assigned with his command to the Army of the Potomac, then in North Carolina. His regiment was a part of Key's corps, with which he served throughout General McClelland's peninsular campaign of 1862, in December of which year and in the month following, he was with General Foster in his campaign against Goldsboro, North Carolina. Soon after his enlistment he was made sergeant, and for meritorious service at the battle of Kingston, North Carolina, he received commission as second lieutenant. About this time his command joined that of General Gilmore in South

Carolina, and he thus participated in the siege of Charleston, within which interval he was promoted first lieutenant. While acting adjutant of his regiment, he was severely wounded in the groin, in an engagement which took place near Savannah, Georgia, on February 22, 1864, the result of his injuries being that he was incapacitated for service until the following June, when he rejoined his command, which had been transferred to the Army of Virginia, under General Butler. Immediately after his return to his regiment it was attacked by the enemy, and Mr. Ream was again unfortunate, receiving severe wounds in his knee. His valor could not be subordinated, and in the August following he again presented himself for service with his regiment, but his physical condition was such that he was now compelled, with manifest reluctance, to withdraw from active service. He received an honorable discharge, after which he returned to his home.

After completing a course of study in a commercial college at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Ream was employed for a brief interval as a clerk in a general store. In 1866 he determined to try his fortunes in the west, and he located at Princeton, Illinois, where he eventually engaged in the mercantile business, in company with Charles Mosshart. About a year later he disposed of his interests to his partner and removed to Osceola, Iowa, where he engaged in the grain, live-stock and agricultural-implement business, in connection with farming operations. His efforts were attended with excellent success for a period of three years, when a failure of crops in the state caused him to encounter severe losses and to eventually close out his business. The integrity of the man was such that he did not seek to avoid any obligation or one implied, and his adjustment of his affairs was such that he suffered no loss.

Mr. Ream arrived in Chicago just before the great fire of 1871, locating at the Union Stock Yards, where he engaged in the live-stock commission business, eventually be-

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*Edward Kirk, Jr.*



coming an extensive dealer on his own account. From this time his success was consecutive and of no uncertain order. He for a time operated quite extensively in railroad stocks, having been a member of the New York Stock Exchange. In 1888 he ceased to operate on the exchanges, though retaining a membership in the Board of Trade. He has made large and eminently judicious investments in Chicago realty, and also in property outside the city and state, his manipulation of such important interests having resulted in the erection of such grand and magnificent buildings as the Rookery, in Chicago, and the beautiful Midland Hotel in Kansas City. Of his broad capacity for business of the widest scope it is hardly necessary to speak in this connection, but an idea of the prestige which is his as one of the substantial capitalists and business men of the west may be gained by reference to certain of his associations. He is a heavy stockholder in city railways and has large interests in cattle ranches in the west, as well as in fine agricultural lands and valuable timbered tracts. He is a director of the First National Bank of Chicago, of the Illinois Central Railroad, and of numerous other important corporations in the city and elsewhere.

As to the personal characteristics of Mr. Ream, we can not do better than quote from a previously published review of his life, which pronounces him "a valuable citizen, realizing to the fullest degree that citizenship under a popular government means individual responsibility. He belongs to that class of typical western business men who think for themselves and can not be led by the demagogue and will not submit to the party lash. He is an independent Republican in politics, taking deep interest in all public questions, but despising politics as a profession. The best candidate is sure to receive his support, on whatever ticket the name of such candidate may be found."

In addition to his relations with the Masonic fraternity Mr. Ream is identified with the Chicago, Calumet, Washington Park,

Athletic and Commercial Clubs, of Chicago, and with the New York and the Union Clubs, of New York city.

In 1876 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ream to Miss Caroline Putnam, daughter of Dr. John Putnam, of Madison, New York, and they are the parents of six children—four sons and two daughters.

**E**DWARD KIRK, JR.—That broad fraternal spirit which permeates and has solidified the noble order of Freemasonry, and which, as a logical result, has extended its scope until it encompasses all of human kind, has been exemplified in so marked a degree in the person of him whose name initiates this paragraph, that there can be no element of incongruity in referring to the same in this connection, even though the innate modesty of the subject himself might fail to sanction the indulgence. His interest in the work and well-being of the great fraternity has been so pronounced and of so long duration that he can not but be considered as one of the leaders in the Masonic circles of the state, while his personality is such as to have gained him not only the esteem but the affection of his confreres. This statement has enthusiastic voucher in the words of one of the prominent members of the commandery with which Mr. Kirk is so conspicuously identified, and the tribute is not one of individual opinion but of general application.

Mr. Kirk's identification with the Masonic order dates from the time when, as a young man of twenty-five years, he became an Entered Apprentice in Abrams Lodge, No. 20 (now Pioneer Lodge), of New York city, his initiation having occurred on the 13th of January, 1863. That his zeal and interest were of more than cursory sort is manifest in the fact that in December of the same year he was elected Senior Warden of his lodge and that he served as Worshipful Master of the same during the years from 1864 to 1867, inclusive, thus being honored with the highest office in the lodge for three successive terms. He received the degrees

in Zetland Chapter, No. 141, R. A. M., of New York city, and upon removing from the metropolis to Westchester county, in the same state, he assisted in organizing Ivy Chapter, No. 238, in which he served as Most Excellent High Priest for the three first years of its existence. Prior to his removal from New York city he had become a Royal and Select Master in Adelpia Council, and had received the orders of knighthood in Morton Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, in the year 1867. He was concerned in the organization of Constantine Commandery, of New York, of which he was a charter member and in which he was the incumbent as Senior Warden for a period of three years.

In 1873 Mr. Kirk came to Chicago, where he remained for a time and then went to La Salle county, where he aided in the organization of a lodge at Sheridan, serving as its Worshipful Master under dispensation. In January, 1877, he became a resident of Englewood, one of Chicago's most attractive suburbs, and he has since been prominent in the Masonic bodies of Chicago. He is an honorary member of Englewood Lodge, No. 690, A. F. & A. M., and has been one of the most zealous members of Englewood Chapter, No. 176, to which he transferred his affiliation. The Sir Knights of Englewood Commandery, No. 59, must ever hold Mr. Kirk's efforts in highest estimation, since to him was very largely due the organization of the commandery, in 1885, while its affairs have ever been since a matter of peculiar interest and solicitude to him. Not only is he one of the most prominent and influential members, but he has been aptly termed the father of the commandery. He is devoted to its interests, untiring in the work of its upbuilding and most zealous and enthusiastic in its support. His peculiarly buoyant and happy temperament and his never-failing courtesy have gained him a distinctive popularity in the commandery, where his friends are in number as his acquaintances. Mr. Kirk was for two years Eminent Commander of this truly representative commandery. Having passed the vari-

ous degrees in the York Rite, Mr. Kirk advanced through the Scottish Rite bodies, until he had attained the thirty-second degree, becoming a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, on the 19th of March, 1884, while in the succeeding year he penetrated the barren wastes of the desert and gained title of nobility in Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

Edward Kirk, Jr., is a native of England, having been born on the 5th of June, 1837, the son of Edward and Ann (Hefford) Kirk, who came to America while he was still a very small boy, taking up their abode in New York city. There he was reared, receiving his educational discipline in the public schools, after which he began the practical duties of life by becoming connected with the hardware business, with which he has ever since been identified in some one of its branches. At the present time he conducts an extensive business in the manufacture of sheet-metal cornices. The output of his finely-equipped establishment finds demand in an extended trade territory, and the enterprise has assumed so extensive proportions as to place him among the representative business men of the great industrial city of the Union. There is an element of peculiar interest attaching to the record of his success in temporal affairs, since Mr. Kirk is to be held distinctively as the architect of his own fortunes. At the outset of his business career he was not fortified by financial resources or influential friends, but his equipment was adequate without these adventitious aids, as results have clearly demonstrated. Resolute purpose, perseverance, indomitable industry and unswerving integrity joined forces with mature judgment and keen business sagacity to enable him to compass desired ends and to attain a measure of success which has placed him among the substantial citizens of the community, while the methods employed were ever such as to retain to him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he had to do.

Mr. Kirk is thoroughly American in character and spirit, and his sterling patriotism and loyalty have not been of the

supine order, as was shown at the time of the late war of the Rebellion. At the time he was a member of the Twelfth Regiment of the National Guard of New York, and his active service in the Union army covered a period of three years. He held the rank of adjutant, and in 1863 he was promoted to the office of first lieutenant. He participated in the ever-memorable battles of Bull Run and Gettysburg and in others of minor importance, being signally faithful to the old flag and the cause it represented. He maintains a lively interest in all that concerns his old comrades in arms, being a prominent member of George E. Meade Post, No. 444, Grand Army of the Republic, and having served as its commander in 1889-90. Though not an aspirant for the honors and emoluments of political office, Mr. Kirk has a thoroughly proper and intelligent interest in the questions of the hour, and in furthering good government in every department of public service. He renders allegiance to the Republican party, and is thoroughly fortified for defending his opinions and beliefs.

In the year 1859 was consummated the marriage of Mr. Kirk to Miss Kate Cunningham, and they have three children now living,—James C., Grace E. and Edward J. Mrs. Kirk's death occurred in 1874, and in the Centennial year our subject was united in marriage to Miss Elvira A. Weston. They have two children,—Corona W. and Hazel C. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk are communicants of the Reformed Episcopal church, and their home is one in which is dispensed a gracious and refined hospitality to a large circle of friends.

**A**NSON L. CLARK, M. D.—There are none who can more fully appreciate the beauties and exalted principles which form the basic elements of Masonic teachings than those who have been called upon to minister in a professional way to their afflicted fellow men. As the physician must invariably come into close contact with pain and suffering, so he naturally gains the

higher regard for the kindly offices performed by and in the name of the great craft whose history traces back into the remotest past. The true, earnest physician is ever a deep humanitarian, and the teachings of Freemasonry are intrinsically along this line, so that it can not be held as strange that the great fraternity holds in its membership rolls the names of many of the most eminent medical practitioners, not only of this end-of-the-century period, but through the many years that have been told into the realm of yesterday.

The immediate subject of this review is known as one of the old and honored physicians of Illinois, and as one of strong intellectuality and high professional attainments, one to whom a full measure of success has come as the natural result of ability, well directed effort and conscientious ordering of every thought, word and deed of his active and useful life. His identification with the Masonic order dates back to August, 1858, when he became an Entered Apprentice in Palatine Lodge, No. 314, at Palatine, Cook county, Illinois, entering the same while under dispensation, and duly advancing to the Master Mason's degree.

In 1867 he received the capitular degrees in L. L. Munn Chapter, No. 96, R. A. M., at Elgin; and also became a Royal and Select Master in the local council, his lodge membership having been transferred to Elgin Lodge, No. 117, A. F. & A. M., where it has since remained. In 1868 the Doctor passed onward to receive the chivalric degrees, becoming a Sir Knight of Bethel Commandery, No. 36, Knights Templar, of Elgin. He has held official position in the various Masonic bodies of which he is a member, having been Worshipful Master of the blue lodge for seven years, Principal Sojourner of the Chapter and Eminent Commander of Bethel Commandery, in which last-mentioned position he served one term, proving a most popular and signally efficient officer. He is also identified with Bethel Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. The Doctor is an earnest worker in the Masonic ranks, and has

proved himself worthy as an exemplar of the sublime teachings of the order. He is well known in the Masonic circles of the state, and a review of his life is altogether consistent in this connection.

Anson L. Clark was born in Clarksburg, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, in October, 1836, being the son of Thomas S. and Almedia (Ketchum) Clark. His parents removed to the west in 1841, locating at Palatine, Illinois, where our subject received his preliminary educational training in the public schools, after which he became a student in Lombard University, at Galesburg, Illinois, where he completed his more purely literary discipline, receiving the degrees of A. B. and A. M. He had early announced his desire to become a physician, and to some considerable extent had directed his studies with this end in view. He began his technical or professional study in the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he graduated in February, 1861. He forthwith established himself in practice at Franklin Grove, Illinois, remaining for one year, when, in May, 1862, he took up his residence in Elgin for the purpose of continuing his professional work. But a higher duty called, and it was but the nature of the man to respond. He promptly determined to contribute his quota in defending the nation against impious rebellion, and thus, in September, 1862, he enlisted as assistant surgeon of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, the regiment being assigned to the Army of the Tennessee. After the war he returned to Elgin, to resume the labors so summarily laid aside, and here he has ever since maintained his home and here labored to goodly ends, his reputation as a physician of eminent ability having brought him distinctive recognition in professional circles, while his practice, drawn from representative sources, has been extensive and duly remunerative. He is one of the most successful and honored physicians of the state.

In his political proclivities Dr. Clark is

a supporter of the Republican party, and his eligibility and his interest in public affairs led to his being chosen as a member of the state legislature, in which he served with signal efficiency, during the general assembly of 1871-2. The Doctor was appointed a member of the state board of health at the time of its organization, and so continued for a period of fifteen years. He was the incumbent as president of the Elgin board of education for five consecutive years, and for twenty years he has served as surgeon of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. He has been one of the members of the directorate of the Home National Bank of Elgin for a number of years.

Doctor Clark was one of those most prominently concerned in the organization of the Bennett Medical College, at Chicago, and he has been president of the board of trustees of this institution for a full quarter of a century, while for nearly three decades he has been a member of the faculty of the college, lecturing upon obstetrics and gynecology. He is a member of the National Eclectic Medical Association, of which he served as president one year; is a member of the State Eclectic Medical Society, and an honorary member of the State Medical Societies of Wisconsin and Ohio. The Doctor is identified with Veteran Post, No. 49, Grand Army of the Republic, and is a member of the Loyal Legion of the state of Illinois.

Dr. Clark was married in 1858 to Miss Phœbe J. Lemon, of Metamora, Illinois, and they became the parents of two children,—Otis A., who died at the age of eighteen years, and Percival L., superintendent of the Morgan & Wright Rubber Works, Chicago. Mrs. Clark died in the spring of 1868, and in 1872 the Doctor consummated a second marriage, being then united to Miss Mary F. Dunton, of Spencer, Massachusetts, who now graciously presides over the attractive home. The Doctor is a member of the Universalist church, being a trustee of the same. Mrs. Clark is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES A. KITCHEN, D. D. S., is one of the oldest and most influential members of the Masonic fraternity in Rockford, and his name deserves a conspicuous place on its rolls. Almost a third of a century has passed since he took the degree that first admitted him to the councils of the craft, and as he has advanced farther and farther in the order, becoming familiar with its teaching, he has embodied its benevolence and helpful spirit in his life. It was in the fall of 1864 that he was made a Mason in Galena Lodge, No. 243, of Galena, Illinois. For some time he affiliated with that society, served as its Junior Warden and for a number of years was its efficient Secretary. In 1870 he was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Kewanee Chapter, of Kewanee, Illinois, and held therein various offices, including that of King, but after seven years he was dismissed to Rockford Chapter. The same year he took the Knight Templar degrees in Crusader Commandery, No. 17, was for two years its Recorder, was also one of its Trustees, and has ever been a most creditable and valued member of these various branches of Masonry.

Dr. Kitchen is a native of the Buckeye State, his birth having occurred in Troy, Ohio, on the 20th of October, 1839. His first American ancestry were Welsh, and came to America during the colonial epoch in the history of the country. His father, John Kitchen, was born in Milton, Pennsylvania, and married Miss Hannah Ambrose, who was born near Berkeley Springs, Virginia. They had a family of six children, three of whom are living. The father was a reliable merchant tailor, and did a successful business in that line. For many years he and his wife were valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and were people of sterling worth. Mr. Kitchen died at the age of seventy-two years, his wife when seventy-eight years of age.

The Doctor was the eldest in their family. His elementary education, obtained in the public schools, was supplemented by a course in the Wesleyan University in Bloom-

ington, but he left college in response to President Lincoln's calls for troops. He went from the campus to the battlefield as a member of the Thirty-third Illinois regimental band, enlisting on the 18th of September, 1861. He was promoted drum major and served for eighteen months, when he was mustered out under the general order dispensing with the regimental bands.

Dr. Kitchen then returned to the north and took up the study of dentistry in Bloomington. He began the practice of his profession in Toulon, Illinois, and afterward practiced in Galena for eleven years before coming to Rockford in 1874. Since that time he has conducted business here and his skill in the line of his chosen vocation has brought to him a large and lucrative practice. He is thoroughly informed in all departments of dentistry, is conversant with the most improved methods, uses the latest appliances, and his work is of that superior quality which enables him to command a large patronage. He is a member of the Illinois State Dental Society, was for five years its treasurer, one year its vice-president and one year its president. For nine years he has served as a member of the Illinois State Dental Board of Examiners, a fact which well attests his standing in the profession.

In October, 1866, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Kitchen and Miss Abbie E. Gardemere, a native of Toulon, Illinois. Three children were born to them, but all died in early life. Their home is the happy center of a cultured society circle, and is ever open to receive their many friends. The Doctor is especially fond of music, and has done much to advance the interests of that art in Rockford. He is now the president of the Choral Union of Rockford, and has been very active in securing music for the Grand Army Post, of which he is a member. His business career has been one of prosperity, and he is now a stockholder in some of the Rockford banks. He also owns a nice home, and his property has all been self-acquired. In manner the Doctor is social, genial and most courteous, and

wherever known he has a large circle of warm friends, among whom he is very popular.

**JAMES HENRY RAMSEY.**—What Lord Macaulay once said of the perpetuity of the Roman Catholic church, can, with a little change of words, probably be more appropriately said of the Masonic order: "It will exist in undiminished vigor and splendor when some traveler from New Zealand shall, in the midst of a vast solitude, take his stand upon the bank of the Tiber and sketch the ruins of the great church of St. Peter;" for the principles upon which that church are founded cannot be said to be eternal, while those upon which Freemasonry are founded are those of brotherhood, which, above all else in the world are considered the most eternal, as well as the most universal. No one needs to preach them; they preach themselves with all the force that can be given them. Among the millions who recognize this fact with reference to Masonry we list the subject of this sketch, who is a Sir Knight Templar residing at Aledo, the county seat of Mercer county, and following the jewelers' trade.

This gentleman was initiated into the noble order in Aledo Lodge, No. 252, as Entered Apprentice, August 24, 1875, Fellow-craft August 31, and Master Mason October 8 following. In this lodge he has filled the office of Junior Deacon three years, Junior Warden two years, and afterward was elected Worshipful Master, but declined to serve, on the ground that he could not give to the office as much of his time as its duties would require, while some of the other members could. He received the capitular degrees in Illinois Chapter, No. 27, Keithsburg, in 1878, and became a charter member of Cyrus Chapter, No. 211, at Aledo, under its dispensation, filling one of its offices. The chivalric degrees were conferred upon him in Everts Commandery, No. 18, at Rock Island, in 1881. Mr. Ramsey endeavors to live up to all the requirements of the various branches of Masonry with

which he is connected, and he fully understands the ritual. He is indeed a good Mason and a No. 1 citizen.

Mr. Ramsey is a native of the state of Ohio, born in Cadiz, Harrison county, on the 14th of February, 1847, and is of Scotch ancestry who came to this country before the American Revolution. His grandfather Ramsey was a soldier in the American cause, both in the Revolution and in the war of 1812. There is an actual physiological reason for the phrase, "getting one's Scotch up," for of all people in the world the spirit of independence is exhibited by that people; and were it not for Scotch blood we Americans would never have had the Revolution we did, achieving independence of the government of Great Britain. John Ramsey, the father of James H., was born in West Alexander, Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1819, emigrated to Cadiz, Ohio, where he married Miss Nancy Maffit, of that city, and they had three sons and four daughters; five of the children are still living, and the father and mother also, who still reside at Cadiz, highly respected members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. James H. Ramsey, the second child in the above family, was educated in the public schools of Cadiz, and when but thirteen years of age began to learn the jewelry business. Nearly ever since has he devoted his life to that beautiful trade, with the success that ability and perseverance always bring. He is thorough and reliable. He came to Aledo in the autumn of 1870, opening out in business, and he is now the oldest jeweler in the city and has the largest trade, enjoying the confidence and good will of the people throughout the city and surrounding country. In politics he is a Democrat, and was for six years in succession a member of the board of education of Aledo.

He was married on the 29th of February, 1876, to Miss Sarah C. Wilson, of Aledo, the daughter of James M. Wilson, also of Aledo, and they have three sons, namely: James Wilson, who is a student in the university at Lake Forest, Illinois; John Rollin and Paul Harrold. They have

a beautiful home in Aledo, where the parents are members of the Presbyterian church and consistent Christians. Mrs. Ramsey has been the Worthy Matron of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, which she and her husband were charter members.

**D**ANIEL GEORGE SPAULDING has been a leading factor in the business interests of Rockford, was one of the valiant Union soldiers during the Civil war, and is a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity. For thirty years he has resided in this city and his identification with its commercial history has been most honorable. His public career and private life are alike above reproach and he enjoys the warm regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

Mr. Spaulding was born in Ackworth, New Hampshire, on the 25th of November, 1839, and is of Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, John Spaulding, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and with his family emigrated to America, locating in Marlow, New Hampshire, where he resided for many years. He was a man of influence and prominence in that community and took an active part in public affairs. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight years, and his wife died at the ripe old age of ninety-nine. Their son, Nehemiah Spaulding, father of our subject, was born in Scotland, and during his childhood accompanied his parents on their trip across the Atlantic. He was reared and educated in Marlow, New Hampshire, and was united in marriage there to Miss Betsey Hayward, a native of Ackworth, that state. He was a physician and throughout his entire life engaged in the practice of medicine, in which he met with a desired success. He passed away at the age of seventy-two, and his wife died in the thirty-eighth year of her age. They were Methodists in religious faith and were people whose sterling qualities commended them to the confidence and regard of all. In 1855 Dr. Spaulding

removed to the west and from that time until his death engaged in the practice of medicine in Illinois and in Iowa.

Daniel G. Spaulding was the second in a family of seven children, four of whom are yet living. In the public schools of the Granite State he acquired his education and afterward learned the trade of mason, but had hardly entered upon his business career when the sectional differences between the north and the south precipitated the country into civil war, and in answer to the president's call for volunteers to crush out the rebellion he enlisted, in August, 1862, as a member of Company I, Seventy-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was attached to the Army of the Cumberland and with his command he participated in the battles of Champion Hills, Stone River, Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain. He distinguished himself as a brave and valiant soldier, and on the 4th of April, 1865, was commissioned first lieutenant of Company D, Sixth United States Infantry, the regiment being stationed at Salt Lake City, Utah. On the 9th of August, 1866, he resigned his commission and returned eastward.

Lieut. Spaulding located in Rockford, where he embarked in the grocery business, conducting his store until 1890, when he sold out and retired from trade. Through all these years of his active business cares he was known as one of the most reliable and trustworthy merchants of the city. Success attended him, for his interests were conducted with energy and enterprise, guided by sound judgment, conservative methods and a strict regard for the ethics of the commercial world. As his financial resources increased he invested his capital in realty, and is now the owner of three good farms, besides valuable city property. He has erected a number of good residences in Rockford, and thus aided in the upbuilding and growth of the city. His own commodious and substantial home is located on one of the best residence streets in Rockford, and amid his family and friends he is living a happy life, free

from troublesome care and responsibility, his former toil having relieved him of all such.

Mr. Spaulding has been twice married. In 1860 he wedded Miss Priscilla Smith, a native of Rockford, who died in 1867, leaving one son, George D. In 1872 Mr. Spaulding was again married, his second union being with Miss Sophia R. Rannie, a native of Edinburg, Scotland. They have one daughter, Lulu B. Mrs. Spaulding is a valued member of the Presbyterian church and takes a deep interest in its work.

Mr. Spaulding has been numbered among Rockford's Masons since 1888, when he took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Star of the East Lodge, No. 166, and with that organization he has since affiliated. He is in good standing in the lodge, and to its principles gives a hearty endorsement. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with which he has been identified for a quarter of a century. A veteran of the Civil war, he naturally holds membership in that popular organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, and delights there to renew the associations of camp life and recall the scenes when, shoulder to shoulder, the brave men of his command fought for the supremacy of the stars and stripes. From its organization he has been a supporter of the Republican party, has served as supervisor and also as alderman of Rockford. In all the relations of life he is true and faithful, manifesting the same loyalty which marked his defense of the Union in the days of the country's peril.

**J**OHAN P. WEBSTER, M. D.—The subject of this review has been identified with the Masonic order since 1883, and has maintained a lively and devoted interest in its affairs, while in the line of his profession he has attained a distinguished position in the great western metropolis, his prestige being the logical result of ability and that discrimination so essential to success in the practice of medicine and surgery.

Dr. Webster was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry at Bay City, Michigan, where he became an Entered Apprentice in a local lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was in due time raised to the Master Mason's degree. In 1891 he passed the capitular degrees in Delavan Chapter, at Delavan, Wisconsin, where he still maintains his affiliation in that body, as well as in the blue lodge, to which he was dimitted from the one in which his original membership was placed. The year 1894 marked the Doctor's assuming of the chivalric honors, since he was then created a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templar.

John P. Webster is a native of the Badger State, having been born at New Lisbon, Wisconsin, in the year 1852. He received his preliminary education in the public schools, having, at the age of ten years, accompanied his parents on their removal to Sparta, Wisconsin. He early formulated plans for his future life work, having decided to adopt the profession of medicine and surgery. With a view to preparing himself for this vocation he came to Chicago in 1880 and entered the Hahnemann Homoeopathic Medical College, where he completed the prescribed course and graduated as a member of the class of 1883, securing the coveted title of Doctor of Medicine. He subsequently completed a post-graduate course in Harvey Medical College, where he graduated in 1886. The Doctor began the practice of his profession in Bay City, Michigan, where he remained two years, after which he removed to Delavan, Wisconsin, where he did a successful business. He, however, desired a broader field of endeavor, and accordingly, in November, 1894, he took up his abode in that attractive suburban district of Chicago known as Englewood, and here he has secured a large patronage of representative order, his high professional attainments and personal honor and courtesy insuring him recognition and precedence. He received the appointment as surgeon for the Chicago & Erie, the Chicago & Western Indiana and the Belt Rail-



roads, in which capacity he rendered effective service. He is also surgeon for the Englewood Union Hospital and is professor of surgery in the Harvey Medical College.

In 1875 Dr. Webster was united in marriage to Miss Dora Sargent, and they became the parents of two children,—Mabel A. and Jessie E. Mrs. Webster died in 1879, and in 1883 the Doctor consummated a second marriage, being then united to Miss Clara R. Jack. They are members of the First Baptist church of Englewood, and enjoy a distinctive popularity in social circles, their home being a center of refined hospitality.

In political matters the Doctor supports the Prohibition party, and aside from his connection with the Masonic fraternity he is also identified with Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**C**HARLES A. BISHOP, who for eleven years has occupied the bench of the county court of DeKalb county, at Sycamore, represents the legal fraternity in the Masonic order, which numbers its members from among all callings, eliciting the support of the best men in all classes of business life. Judge Bishop is one of the distinguished jurists of northern Illinois and is therefore a valued member of the Masonic society. In 1886—the same year of his elevation to the bench—he joined Sycamore Lodge as an Entered Apprentice, passed to the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He has since closely followed the principles of charity and hospitality which form the basis of ancient-craft Masonry, and his brethren have manifested their appreciation of his diligence by electing him to the office of Treasurer, in which capacity he is now serving. In 1887 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Sycamore Chapter, No. 49, and for four years was High Priest, exercising the rites of capitular Masonry, and by his zeal and ardor largely promoting the work of the chapter. In 1888 he passed the circle and was greeted a Royal and Select Master of Sycamore Coun-

cil, and in 1887 he received the orders of Templar Masonry in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, wherein he was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight of the valiant and magnanimous order of the Temple. In 1894 he served as Eminent Commander. A Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership is in Medinah Temple, of Chicago.

Widely known in both Masonic and legal circles, the life record of Judge Bishop cannot fail to be of interest to many of our readers.



CHARLES A. BISHOP.

He was born near Bangor, Maine, September 26, 1854, a son of Adolphus and Joanna (Willett) Bishop. When he was eighteen months old his parents removed with their family to Kings county, Nova Scotia, where he was reared and educated, his literary training being received in Acadia College, of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, and in Mt. Allison, of Sackville, New Brunswick. He afterward engaged in teaching school in Sackville, where he remained for two years, when in June, 1878, he came to Illinois, locating in DeKalb county, where he read

law. During that time he was also engaged in teaching through the winter months. He was admitted to the bar in Ottawa, Illinois, in June, 1880, and through the following year was a clerk in the office of his former preceptor, working for two hundred and fifty dollars per year. When twelve months had passed he entered into partnership with Mr. Jones. This business relation was maintained until October, 1886, when Judge Bishop withdrew from the firm to enter the race for the judgeship of the county court. He was elected on an independent ticket by a majority of three hundred and thirty-four over the regular Republican nominee, and again in 1890 and 1894 he was nominated by acclamation and triumphantly elected, so that when his present term will have expired he will have held the office for twelve years. On February 3, 1897, Judge Bishop was nominated by the Republican party for one of the circuit judges of the twelfth judicial district, comprising the counties of DeKalb, Kane, Dupage, Kendall, Boone, McHenry and Lake. Together with Judges Willis, of Kane, and Brown, of Dupage, he received the unanimous vote of the district.

Judge Bishop is remarkable among lawyers for the wide research and provident care with which he prepares his cases. At no time has his reading been confined to the limitations of the questions at issue; it has gone beyond and compassed every contingency and provided not alone for the expected but also for the unexpected, which happens in the courts quite as frequently as out of them. His logical grasp of facts and principles of the law applicable to them has been another potent element in his success; and a remarkable clearness of expression and precise diction, which enables him to make others understand not only the salient points of his decisions, but also his every fine gradation of meaning, may be accounted one of his most conspicuous gifts and accomplishments. The entire community has closely watched his progress, scanned his official career as an upright, impartial and just judge, and the verdict has been most commendatory.

Judge Bishop affiliates with the Republican party, and from 1880 to 1886 served as a member of the school board of Sycamore. He is now president of the DeKalb County Savings & Loan Association and of the Alida Young Temple Company. Socially, besides the Masonic order, he is connected with Sycamore Lodge, No. 105, I. O. O. F., and with Ellwood Camp, Modern Woodmen of America.

He was married August 26, 1880, to Miss Parmelia J. Wharry, of Sycamore, who died April 13, 1889. On the 25th of November, 1890, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Martha E. Stuart, daughter of Charles T. and Nancy D. Stuart. They now have two children—Stuart A. and Marion O. The Judge and his wife attend the Congregational church and move in the highest social circles.

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**E**LON BEACH GILBERT, M. D., a valued member of Stewart Lodge, No. 92, Geneseo, and a prominent practicing physician of that city, was made a Master Mason in that lodge in 1891, having been initiated as Entered Apprentice February 6, passed November 12, and raised November 27.

He is also a native son of that city, born February 23, 1860, of old English ancestry who were early settlers of New England, being pioneers in Connecticut, New York and even Illinois. Elias Gilbert, a great-grandfather, born in Halfield, Connecticut, was a Master Mason, and for a time Master of his lodge; was prominent as a Mason and active even up to his ninety-sixth year, the last year of his life, in which year it is said that he acted as Master of his lodge! The Doctor has now the pleasure of being the possessor of his lambskin and jewels. The Gilberts were prominent in the affairs of the country in its colonial days, and were also active participants in the Revolution.

The Doctor's father, Elias C. Gilbert, was born in Richmond, Ontario county, New York, and emigrated to Illinois in the

spring of 1857, locating two miles southwest of Geneseo, where he was for years a successful farmer and stock-raiser and an influential and highly esteemed citizen. He filled the office of county supervisor for a number of terms, was one of the organizers and the vice-president of the Farmers' National Bank of Geneseo, and for many years was a useful and valued member of the Congregational church of this city. He departed this life in 1889, at the age of fifty-two years. His wife, whose name before marriage was Florinda Beach, survives him. They had six children, three of whom arrived at the years of maturity and are still living, leading lives of high respectability.

The eldest of these, who is the subject proper of this sketch, received his education in the Geneseo public schools and at Knox College, at Galesburg, this state, and his medical education in the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he graduated with honor in 1885. Returning to his native city he opened out in the practice of his profession, which he has since continued; and, on account of his skill and thoroughness, he enjoys a good reputation as a practitioner and has a lucrative patronage. By good traits of both head and heart he at once made himself a worthy member of a most useful profession. He is a conspicuous example of a prophet having honor in his own country—indeed, he has the greatest honor where he is best known. He is an active member of the Iowa and Illinois Central Medical Society.

On the 12th of April, 1885, he married Miss Cora Thomas, and they have a daughter, whom they have named Alice Beile. In religion they are Congregationalists, and in politics the Doctor is a Republican. He takes an interest in public affairs and in the educational welfare of his community, and at present is a member of the school board. He has a nice residence in Geneseo, and he and his family enjoy the esteem of all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance. Personally, the Doctor is a pleasant, unassuming man, enthusiastically devoted to his profession.

**G**EORGE W. CURTISS, of Peoria, a thirty-third-degree Mason, has for twenty years been active and zealous in all the grades of Freemasonry, and by his genial disposition, his Masonic knowledge and fraternal deportment has won the respect and confidence of his brethren everywhere. Few representatives of the fraternity are better known throughout Illinois than he, and some of the highest honors of the craft have been conferred upon him by his brethren who have thus shown their appreciation of his constancy, his fidelity and his zeal. He has ever taken a deep interest and sincere pleasure in carrying forward the work that was begun in the remote past and has come down through the years as one of the strongest potentialities for good among men; and his Masonic work is an aspiration to others.

He was made a Master Mason on the 12th of August, 1870, in Western Star Lodge, No. 240, of Champaign, Illinois; was advanced as Mark Master, installed as Past Master and received as Most Excellent Master in Champaign Chapter, No. 50, and exalted to the Royal Arch degree on the 15th of April, 1871. He obtained a dimit from those bodies in 1874 to become a member of Urbana Lodge, No. 157, and Urbana Chapter, No. 80, at Urbana, Illinois. He passed the circle of cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Select Master in Urbana Council, No. 19, and was created a Knight Templar in Urbana Commandery, No. 16, June 15, 1874. He still maintains his membership in all these bodies. In November, 1886, he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Peoria Consistory and received the degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Supreme Council N. M. Z., September 17, 1889, in New York city. In lodge, chapter, council and commandery he has held many offices. He was for several years High Priest of Urbana Chapter, No. 80, and Thrice Illustrious Master of Urbana Council. He was elected and served as Eminent Commander of Urbana Commandery and has held many of the subordinate offices in all these bodies. He was elected and served as M. E. S. G. M.

of Peoria Council, Princes of Jeruslaem, and is at present M. W. and P. M. of Peoria Chapter of Rose Croix and First Lieutenant Commander in Peoria Consistory, S. P. R. S.; was elected Grand Master of the First Veil in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois, and passing through all of the line offices became Grand High Priest in 1886, was Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of Illinois in 1883, and is at present Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Illinois.

Mr. Curtiss was born in Chicago, on the 27th of January, 1849. His father, James Curtiss, was twice mayor of that city at an early day, and in 1854 he removed with his family to Champaign, Illinois, where George W. grew to manhood. He was only thirteen years of age when he started out in life for himself, and since that time has been dependent entirely upon his own efforts. The success that he has achieved is due entirely to his own labors. He has worked steadily, perseveringly and energetically, and his ability has been recognized by promotion. In January, 1869, he entered the bank of D. Gardner & Company at Champaign, and continued in that institution for five years, during which time he completely mastered the business. In the fall of 1873 he organized the bank of Gardner, Curtiss & Burpee, at Urbana, Illinois, and afterward purchased the interest of the senior partner, continuing in the banking business until 1888, when he sold out and became a member of the firm of C. E. & C. M. Anthony, at Peoria, dealers in mortgages and loans, now the Anthony Loan & Trust Company. He is secretary, treasurer and assistant general manager of the company, and his superior ability and keen discrimination has added to the success which attends the firm.

Mr. Curtiss was married in Urbana, Illinois, November 29, 1871, to Pauline C. Somers, daughter of Hon. W. D. Somers, then one of the most prominent lawyers in eastern Illinois. Their only child, Maude S., was graduated at the Peoria high school, in the class of 1892, after which she pur-

sued a four-years literary course in Smith College, of Northampton, Massachusetts, and was graduated in 1896. The family is prominent in the social circles of Peoria, and Mr. Curtiss is an honorable and leading factor in business and Masonic circles.

**F**ORD & PECK, Galva, are bankers and prominent business men. Mr. Ford is vice-president and Dr. Peck cashier of the Galva State Bank. They are both members of the Masonic fraternity, and herewith we present a brief sketch of these highly-respected citizens.

Dr. Peck was made a Mason in Stromsburg Lodge, No. 126, Nebraska, in 1888, dimitted and affiliated with Galva Lodge, No. 243, in January, 1895.

He is a native of the state of New York, born in Oswego, May 24, 1845. His first American ancestors came from Yorkshire, England, to Massachusetts during the early history of this country, and subsequently removed to Rhode Island, where they were active participants in public affairs and in the Revolutionary war. A grand uncle was an officer in the colonial army. George R. Peck, the father of the Doctor, was born in Rhode Island, at the old homestead, which had been in the possession of the family ever since the first immigration of the ancestors of the family. He married Miss Margaret C. Smith, of Bristol, Rhode Island, and in 1852 emigrated to Galesburg, Illinois, and near that village purchased a farm, which afterward became a part of the city plat and occupied. He was a successful and valued citizen, a member of the Presbyterian church, and departed this life in 1879, at the age of seventy-two years.

Dr. Peck, the eldest of the four sons of George R. Peck and the subject of these paragraphs, was educated at Knox College, at Galesburg, graduating in 1866, after which he pursued a medical course at Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, graduating there in 1872, with honor. After practicing his profession a few years he became interested in merchandising and

lending money, in company with his brother-in-law, Dyer Ford, at Stromsburg, Nebraska, where they had a successful business for ten years. In 1894 they sold out and returned to Illinois, locating at Galva, and organized the Galva State Bank, of which they are heavy stockholders and managers, as already stated. They are business men of ability and of the highest probity of character, and as bankers they have the patronage of a large portion of the best people in Galva and vicinity. They do a general commercial banking business, and, as they are genial and popular business men, the bank from its commencement has been a popular financial institution. Oliver P. Stoddard, an old and prominent business man and Mason, is the president of the bank.

In politics Dr. Peck is a staunch Republican, and while in Nebraska he was president of the board of trustees of the town of Stromsburg, and also president of the school board of that place. While in Galesburg he did a great deal of building there, and is still largely interested in Galesburg city property. He is also a stockholder in the Homestead & Loan Association of Galva, an enterprise which has proved a great success and done much for the building up and improvement of the town.

In 1875 Dr. Peck was married to Miss Florence Ford, a native of New York and daughter of the late Hon. M. M. Ford, of Galva. Dr. and Mrs. Peck are esteemed members of the Congregational church, of which religious body he is a member of the board of trustees.

Mr. Dyer Ford was made a Mason in Galva Lodge, No. 243, in 1876, of which he has served as Junior and Senior Warden for several terms. As a Royal Arch Mason he received his degrees in Kewanee Chapter, No. 47, and was made a Sir Knight Templar in the Galesburg Commandery, No. 8, in 1883. He is also a member of the Mystic Shrine, joining Sesostris Temple, at Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1892. Dimitting from Galesburg Commandery, he joined the Joppa Commandery, No. 17, at York, Ne-

braska. While in that state he became a member of Solomon Chapter, No. 33, and while residing at Lansing, Michigan, he was a member of Capitol Lodge, No. 66. In 1895 he was dimitted to his home lodge at Galva again.

Mr. Ford was born at Penn Yan, New York, March 5, 1855, of English descent. His first American ancestry settled in this country in early times. His father, Hon. Milton Morris Ford, was born in Milo, New York, was a prominent merchant in Penn Yan, and came to Galva, Illinois, in 1860, where he was a prominent merchant and general business man, and also a prominent Republican, being largely identified with the offices of the state. He was elected and served both in the lower house and in the senate of the Illinois state legislature, was intimately acquainted with Lincoln, Logan and other prominent men of their times, and he was a man of great ability and influence. He departed this life in 1894, at the age of seventy-two years. For his wife he married Laura Spencer, of the state of New York, and they had five sons and two daughters. Four of the sons died in infancy.

The subject of these paragraphs was educated in the public schools of Galva, and spent one year at Griswold College in Davenport, Iowa, and three years in Oberlin College, Ohio; was in mercantile business with his father at Galva from 1873 to 1881, at which time the firm of Ford & Peck was formed; and they removed to Stromsburg, Nebraska, in 1883, where until 1893 they did a successful business. Mr. Ford was next in business in Lansing, Michigan, for a year, and then returned to Galva and incorporated the Galva State Bank, of which he has since been vice-president. He also is largely interested in various other business enterprises of the city; is a stockholder in the Homestead & Loan Association of Galva; is a stockholder and director in the Hayes Pump and Planter Manufactory of Galva; and while in the west was an active worker as a member of the Republican central committee.

He was married in September, 1874, to Miss Mary E. Mitchell, of Davenport, Iowa (her birth-place being Exeter, New Hampshire), a daughter of Col. A. L. Mitchell, of Davenport, Iowa, who was a colonel in the Union army in the late Civil war. They have three children,—a daughter and two sons, namely: Laura B., Morris M. and Everett P. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are highly esteemed members of the Congregational church of Galva, of which he is one of the trustees.

**E**RNEST J. GLANCY, Secretary of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 113, and a prominent grain and coal dealer of the city of Keithsburg, was initiated into the sublime mysteries of Masonry in that lodge in 1873, receiving the degree of Entered Apprentice January 27, Fellow-craft April 25, and Master Mason, May 23. In his lodge he at once became an active and capable worker; was Junior Warden, Senior Deacon twelve years, and is now the efficient Secretary of his lodge. He has always been one of the most reliable and enthusiastic members of the order at Keithsburg, and is highly esteemed by his brethren. He is also a member of Mary Burns Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. His good wife, whom he has had the misfortune to lose by death, was its Worthy Matron. He has always taken a deep interest in that order, aiding the sisters to the extent of his power in the work of the lodge.

Mr. Glancy is a "native son" of Mercer county, born on his father's farm within seven miles of the city of Keithsburg, May 17, 1848. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, his grandfather, Joseph Glancy, coming from the north of Ireland and locating in York county, Pennsylvania, where our subject's father, also named Joseph Glancy, was born, May 27, 1794. The latter came to Mercer county in 1834, when there were but six families in the entire county and but one family at the locality now occupied by the city of Keithsburg. Taking up land and building a mill, he carried on two lines

of business, with success, and became a prominent citizen of the county. He married Miss Elizabeth Jack, a native of the state of Indiana, born in 1810, and he died February 24, 1870.

Mr. Ernest J. Glancy was educated in the public schools of Mercer county and brought up principally in the milling business, and afterward he was engaged in railroading, merchandising, etc., and is now the leading grain and coal dealer in Keithsburg. In this line he is prospering, having the confidence and good will of all with whom he transacts business or has any social relation.

In his views of national questions he is a staunch Republican, and in his general character he is well known as an upright citizen and a good Mason.

On the 31st of October, 1878, he was happily united in marriage with Miss Lillian Kurlin, a native of New Boston. They had two children; but when the second child was only two days old Mrs. Glancy died, on the 12th of February, 1893, and the infant died afterward. Thus Mr. Glancy was left with one little daughter, named Murl. The loss of his wife and infant child was a sad bereavement to Mr. Glancy, for Mrs. Glancy was a refined and loving wife and kind and judicious mother, greatly beloved by all who knew her.

**W**ILLIAM K. FORSYTH, of Chicago, was made a Mason in Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, in 1870, and has advanced to a prominent place in the order. In 1873 he took the Royal Arch degrees in Lafayette Chapter, No. 2, became connected with the Royal & Select Masters of Palestine Council, No. 66, and in 1876 joined the Knight Templars of Chicago Commandery, No. 19. He retains his membership in all these save the last named, having in 1880 become a charter member of Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52. He has been honored with various offices, was Worshipful Master of the blue lodge for four years, High Priest of the chapter, Past Illustrious Master of

the council and Eminent Commander of the commandery. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District for ten years, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council, a member of the Grand Lodge, and a member of Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Thus he is prominently identified with Masonry in Illinois, is well known in the fraternity and has been honored with some of its high positions. He is true to its principles and is a zealous, loyal adherent, well deserving of mention in a volume devoted to the history of Freemasonry in the state and to recording the lives of those who have become eminent in its circles.

Mr. Forsyth was born in Cumberland county, England, on the 11th of December, 1848, and was educated in private schools in his native country. There he learned the drug trade and has since engaged in that line of business as a life work. In 1868 he bade adieu to friends and native land, having resolved to seek a home beyond the Atlantic, and on landing in New York city he came direct to Chicago, where he soon secured a good position as a salesman in a drug store, where he remained until 1880. In that year he embarked in business on his own account, at the corner of Wabash avenue and Twenty-second street, where he remained for several years. He then removed to his present location at 3100 State street, where he has a fine establishment, elegantly fitted up with first-class modern appointments. He carries a large and well-selected stock of drugs and everything found in a thoroughly equipped city drug store. In June, 1896, he was elected president of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Forsyth attends the Episcopal church, and in connection with his Masonic relations is a member of the Royal Arcanum. His hope of realizing a comfortable competence in this land has been realized. Taking advantage of the opportunities here afforded for self-advancement he has worked his way steadily upward by means of his business ability, and may well be classed

among the enterprising, progressive druggists of this western metropolis.

Mr. Forsyth was united in marriage, in 1894, with Miss Anna Robinson, a native of Cumberland county, England. To this union are born three daughters.

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**N**OAH H. GUTHRIE, Aledo. — Only men of intellect and sympathy can appreciate fully the symbols of Freemasonry. While the religions of the world take little or no notice of the incapacity, intellectual and moral, of a large portion of the human race, Freemasonry fully recognizes these facts, works with its eyes open and scientifically operates its machinery for the good not only of its own members but also of every citizen, especially of those citizens who are well disposed. Inherent disposition, after all, is the most important thing to consider in the selection of men for public duty, and, next to that, intellectual capacity.

We are reminded of these things by a review of the life and character of the subject of our sketch, Mr. Guthrie, who was made a Mason in Aledo Lodge, No. 262, in 1873. He was initiated as Entered Apprentice March 5, 1872, passed the degree of Fellow-craft May 20, and raised a Master Mason June 20, all in 1872. Of this body he has served as Junior and Senior Warden. He received the Royal Arch degree in Cyrus Chapter, No. 211, at Aledo, May 6, 1897. He has always been a worthy and acceptable brother of the "mystic tie," enjoying the confidence and good will of the members of the order.

He is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Greene county, on the 6th day of March, 1842, and is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, who were early settlers of New England and had to fight the Indians in many an encounter. His great-grandfather Guthrie was killed by the red savages, and several members of his family were taken captive by them. His father, Jacob Guthrie, was also born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, married Miss Lucinda Hobbs, of the same place, and emigrated to Illinois in 1863. He died in

his sixty-second year, in Mercer county. His wife died in the sixty-third year of her age. Being consistent Methodists, they were devout Christians, chaste in language and temperate in their habits. Of their eleven children only two survive.

Mr. Noah H. Guthrie, the eighth in the above family, passed his youth in his native state, attending school in winter to a limited extent. His opportunities were very few and meager. He was in his nineteenth year when the great Civil war began to threaten the life of the nation, and the aid of the loyal citizen was asked to put down the rebellion. He answered the call by enlisting, September 17, 1861, in Company A, Seventh West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, Second Army Corps, the Army of the Potomac, and he bravely participated in the battles of Antietam, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Court House, in which last mentioned he received a severe gunshot wound in the leg below the knee; and this resulted in the loss of eight inches in length of the bone! This section of the bone is now preserved in the Army Medical Museum. It was remarkable that the wound did not result in the entire loss of the use of the limb. It incapacitated him, of course, from further service in the army. He was retained in the hospital until his three-years term had expired, when he was mustered out and discharged, at Chester, Pennsylvania, at the United States general hospital.

After his return from the army he naturally endeavored to secure a better education, so that he might earn the full wages of a man in some position. By trial he found that he could not do this in farm work. Accordingly he attended the Illinois Soldiers' College until 1870, securing a good English education. Then he had a brief task in taking the United States census in the eight townships composing the eastern part of Mercer county. That summer he was nominated for the office of sheriff of the county, and was elected; and at the expiration of his term of service he was re-elected to that position. After the expira-

tion of his second term he resided for a time upon his farm. In 1892 he was nominated and elected a member of the general assembly of the state of Illinois, and in 1894 re-elected. His able and honest service in the legislature reflected honor upon himself and his constituents. He has been a life-long staunch Republican, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has been a member of the board of supervisors and served in other local offices. In every way he has been, and is, a useful citizen, reflecting credit upon his party by a good civil record as well as military.

In 1870 he was united in matrimony with Miss Delilah Hardy, a native of Mercer county, Illinois, and they have had four children. The son, Fred A., is now a prominent physician of Aledo; he graduated in a class of two hundred and nine, receiving nine hundred and eighty-eight points out of a possible one thousand, and standing second in that large class. He was awarded the gold-medal prize. The student standing highest in that class had only one more point. Edward N., the second son, is a teacher and is reading law. Lottie Grace is attending the public school, now in the higher grade; and J. Roy is also attending the public school.

Mr. Guthrie, with his pleasant family, occupies a delightful residence in the city, while the farm is rented to a tenant.

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**W**ILLIAM O'R. BRADLEY, M. D., of Galesburg, Illinois, has been a resident of this city for six years and has in this time attained high standing here both as a professional man and as a citizen; and, like many of the leading men here and in other countries, his impressions of Masonry were such that they caused him to seek an entrance to the council chambers of this ancient order. From one degree to another he has advanced until he now holds membership in Alpha Lodge, No. 155, of Galesburg; Galesburg Chapter, R. A. M.; Galesburg Council, R. & S. M.; Galesburg Commandery, K. T.; and Mohammed Temple,



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Mystic Shrine, of Peoria. Taking for his motto, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," and having firmly impressed upon him the many beautiful truths as exemplified in these various Masonic bodies, he starts out in life with an equipment the value of which is inestimable.

Dr. Bradley is a native of the "Empire State." He was born in the city of Rochester, New York, October 14, 1861, and had excellent educational advantages in the east. He attended Conesus College at Buffalo, New York; St. Michael's College, Toronto, Canada; and completed his studies in the medical department of the University of Buffalo, New York, graduating with the class 1883. From 1884 until 1891 he was engaged in the practice of his profession at Washington, Kansas, and in the last-named year took up his abode in Galesburg, where, as already stated, he has maintained his residence during the past five years, and conducted a successful practice.

**A**LBERT E. GLENNIE was made a Mason in Oriental Lodge, of Chicago, in 1893, and the following year was raised to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lafayette Chapter. He was chosen a member of Palestine Council, Royal and Select Masters, in 1894, the following year was knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and took the ineffable degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory. He is likewise a noble of the Mystic Shrine, Medinah Temple, and is deeply interested in the order whose philosophy is so practical, teaching helpfulness, brotherly kindness and humanitarian principles.

Mr. Glennie is a native of Burford, Ontario, Canada, born August 3, 1858. His father, Alexander Glennie, was a native of Scotland and died when our subject was a child of only four years. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Isabella Weir, was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and during her early girlhood crossed the Atlantic to Canada. There our subject lived with his

mother until sixteen years of age, during which time he acquired a good practical education in her public schools. He then came to Chicago, where he has made his home since 1875, and his business career has been an honorable one, in which he has gained the confidence and regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He has been largely associated with club life, having been cashier of the Chicago Club for five years and of the Milwaukee Club for eighteen months. For the past ten years he has been superintendent of the Union League Club. He is a most popular, genial gentleman, who easily makes friends and has the happy faculty of winning their warmer regard as the years go by. In politics he is an ardent Republican.

**E**UGENE E. LOOMIS.—It has been said that Masonry is grand because it is old; but Masonry is old because it is grand. It has withstood the ravages of time, the revolutions of ages, the unrelenting crusades against it, because it is founded upon a philosophic basis. It is an imperial institution whose sublime principles, unswerving faith and noble deeds challenge the admiration of all men. Thus it may be ever taken as a signal of honor and of subjective appreciation when a man becomes identified with the great craft. The subject of this review has maintained a distinctive interest in Masonic affairs, has been devoted to the work thereof and stands as a worthy exemplar of its principles. On the 9th of January, 1879, Mr. Loomis became an Entered Apprentice in Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago, thereafter passing onward to attain the Master Mason's degree, after which, on the 2d of January, 1863, he became identified with Englewood Chapter, No. 176, R. A. M., while in the year 1895 he also became a Royal and Select Master and a charter member in Imperial Council, No. 85, while on the 27th of November, 1883, he received the order of Knighthood in Apollo Commandery, No. 1. With each of these bodies he still main-

tains his affiliation, with the exception of the commandery, having transferred his membership to Englewood Commandery, No. 59, in 1890. In the council he has served as Captain of the Guards, while in Englewood Commandery he was honored with distinguished preferment by his election to the office of Eminent Commander, in which capacity he served, with signal ability, during the year 1895. By virtue of a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert, he has gained title and honor as a Noble in Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. As a Mason he has been fraternal, philanthropic, sagacious and enthusiastic, having from the time of his initiation been impressed with the beauties of the craft and an active and earnest worker in the temple.

Eugene E. Loomis was born at Russell, Massachusetts, on the 15th of March, 1849, being but eleven years of age when, in 1860, he accompanied his parents upon their removal from the old Bay State to Chicago, which has ever since been his home. He completed his theoretical education in the public schools of this city, and his identification with practical business life had inception while he was still a mere youth. It is interesting to revert to the fact that he has been concerned with one line of enterprise consecutively—that of railroading, for he secured employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1864, when not yet sixteen years of age, and by fidelity and cumulative ability has risen step by step to a position of importance and responsibility. He remained with the Pennsylvania Company until September, 1887, when he entered the employ of the Chicago & Erie Railroad Company, of which he is now local freight agent at Chicago, discharging the manifold duties of his exacting office with marked tact and discrimination.

In August, 1872, Mr. Loomis was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Briggs, and they became the parents of three children,—Frank E., Orson B. and Cora V. Mrs. Loomis departed this life on the 16th of June, 1884, and on the 1st of June, 1886,

Mr. Loomis consummated a second marriage, being then united to Mrs. Ida E. Newport, a sister of the late Gen. I. N. Stiles, of Chicago. She was called upon to obey the inexorable summons of death in January, 1894. In January, 1896, Mr. Loomis wedded Mrs. F. B. Clark.

In his religious associations our subject is a member of the Universalist church, and socially he is a member of the Harvard Club, one of the leading organizations of the sort in Englewood, in which attractive suburb of Chicago Mr. Loomis has a delightful home. He is a member of the Local Freight Agents' Association of Chicago, and is president of the same, his acquaintance in railroad circles being very extended, and his popularity unmistakable.

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**M**ENRY C. CLEAVELAND.—Although Freemasonry has lived through ages of dim uncertainty, during which time empires have been crushed, thrones have crumbled and dynasties have fallen; gone through vicissitudes, wars and revolutions, and witnessed the rise and growth of all the civilized nations now on the face of the earth, yet its eye is not dim nor its strength failing. It has no known alpha, and its omega will be only when is sounded the dirge of time. The field of Masonry is the world. Its objects touch all mankind. Catholic in its aims and spirit, the great craft-hood welcomes all the ameliorating agencies of the day—jealous of neither sect nor party, but ever toiling to enlarge the boundaries of human progress and to pour into life the streams of deeper and richer experience. The consecutive perpetuation of the time-honored order has been the diametrical result of the intrinsic and cordial virtues which it has, for these have been such as to appeal to the better elements in human nature and to draw to it the allegiance and devotion of good men and true in all walks of life. The state of Illinois holds high prestige in the number and character of its devotees to Freemasonry, and from the great metropolis whose open gates

look forth on the blue waters of the fair inland sea, to every village and hamlet, are to be found those who honor the craft by their identification therewith, even as they receive a reciprocal honor in return. The subject of this review is a prominent business man of the city of Rock Island, has attained to distinguished position and unmistakable popularity in the Masonic circles of the state, and in private and social life has been the synonym of his Masonic professions, thus commanding the respect and esteem of the fraternity and the confidence of all who know him in other departments of life. He rendered to the nation in our hour of peril the valiant service of a true patriot and son of the republic, and though the ranks of that army which fought as patriots have ever fought and which preserved to the nation its integrity and the boon of freedom, grow smaller and smaller as time speeds remorselessly on, the memory of their heroic deeds will not be forgotten by those who live to enjoy the blessings which their bravery and patriotism thus made possible. Both as a man and a Mason Mr. Cleaveland is peculiarly worthy of representation in this compilation.

Mr. Cleaveland has been identified with the Masonic fraternity since the year 1865, having received the degree of Entered Apprentice on the 25th of February in that year, in Trio Lodge, No. 57, A. F. & A. M., at Rock Island, Illinois. He was passed to the Fellow-craft on the 2d of March and was raised Master Mason on the 9th of the same month. It is interesting to note the fact that he still maintains his Ancient Craft affiliation with the same lodge in which he was initiated into the esoteric mysteries of the order, more than a quarter of a century ago. As the light was revealed to him he became an earnest and enthusiastic worker on the Temple, and his interest in and earnest devotion to the fraternity have continued unwavering through all succeeding years. He has filled the various offices in the blue lodge, having served four terms, not consecutively, as Worshipful Master of Trio Lodge, his preferment showing the strong

hold which he has maintained on the respect and appreciative regard of his fratres. The record of his advancement in Masonry is one of gratifying order, and higher honors were accorded him as the fuller knowledge of his zeal and fidelity was impressed. Mr. Cleaveland received the capitular degrees within the year 1865, in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, in which he was exalted to the Royal Arch and of which he has served as Principal Sojourner three terms and High Priest thirteen terms. This is a significant record, as is also that touching his connection with chivalric Masonry. In the year 1867 he was constituted, created and dubbed a Knight Templar in Everts Commandery, No. 18, and here his portion has been to be the recipient of distinguished honors. He was the incumbent as Eminent Commander for seventeen years—a record of service unprecedented in the entire history of the commandery. He has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is Past Junior and Past Senior Grand Warden of this supreme body, as well as Past Grand Marshal. He has been twice honored with the appointment as District Deputy, and is now Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of Illinois Knights Templar. Mr. Cleaveland has also received the three cryptic degrees, having been greeted Select Master in Rock Island Council, No. 20, and being Past Thrice Illustrious Master of this body. He is a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of the State of Illinois, and his Masonic career, thus briefly outlined, can but barely suggest the wide scope in which his kindly disposition, mature judgment and generous impulses have ever found fertile fields for the expression of those attributes which bind together the great brotherhood.

Henry Clay Cleaveland is a native son of the old Green Mountain state, having been born in Woodstock, Windsor county, Vermont, on the 25th of October, 1844, tracing his lineage back to prominent families early established in Massachusetts, and representative in the colonial history of the nation as well as in the great struggle by which the

freedom of the nation was determined. The parents of our subject were William Alonzo and Betsey (Pratt) Cleaveland, both of whom were natives of New England. While he was a mere boy Henry C. was deprived by death of a father's care and guidance, and his educational privileges were such as were afforded in the public schools of his native state. These he was enabled to attend for a few months each winter, while in the summer months he devoted his attention to assisting in the work of the farm. This early discipline, though somewhat severe, was that of the average boy of the place and period and was one of invigorating and valuable order, teaching the lad the value of consecutive industry and the dignity of honest toil, and the while begetting the spirit of independence and self-reliance which has conserved his success in life and developed a strong and worthy manhood.

Mr. Cleaveland was but seventeen years of age when President Lincoln issued his first call for volunteers to aid in suppressing the rebellion, but patriotic enthusiasm burned deeply in his soul and he was roused to responsive protest. Accordingly, on the 9th of May, 1861, he enlisted as a member of the First Vermont Volunteer Infantry, proceeding with his command to the front and seeing his first active service on the battlefield in the engagement at Big Bethel, Virginia, on June 10th of the same year. On the expiration of his three-months term of enlistment Mr. Cleaveland was mustered out, in August, 1861. His loyal devotion would not permit him to be long inactive, and on the 5th of the next month he re-enlisted as a member of Company E, Sixth Vermont Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the 15th of December, 1863, when he was mustered out, only to re-enlist on the same day and in the same company and regiment as a veteran volunteer, for a term of three years or "until the close of the war." His fidelity to duty and his ability led to his promotion. He was appointed corporal and later color-sergeant of his company, serving in the latter capacity until temporarily incapaci-

tated for duty by injuries received in the battle of the Wilderness, where he sustained a gunshot wound, the ball passing entirely through both thighs. Several months passed before he was sufficiently recuperated to again report for duty. On the 14th of June, 1864, President Lincoln appointed him second lieutenant of a company of colored infantry in the United States volunteer service. He was later promoted to the office of first lieutenant, and on the 12th of August, 1865, was appointed quartermaster, in which capacity he was retained until the close of the war, being mustered out on the 21st of March, 1866. His military record is one which redounds to his credit, was one of signal fidelity and honor, and yet was but the service which one so thoroughly loyal could not fail to render. Among the principal engagements in which Mr. Cleaveland participated may be mentioned the following: Big Bethel, Lee's Mills, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, second Bull Run (Virginia), Crampton Pass, Antietam, Fredericksburg (Maryland), Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run and the Wilderness. The kindlier memories of the days when he bore arms in the great war of the Rebellion are kept inviolate by his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, John Buford Post, No. 243, Rock Island, Illinois.

In 1864 Mr. Cleaveland was for a time assigned to duty at the Confederate prison located at the United States arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois, and after the close of the war he came to this city for the purpose of making it his permanent home. In the year 1866 he established a modest enterprise here in the line of an insurance and real-estate business, and to this he has ever since devoted his attention, and has gained a distinct and honorable success. With the period of reviving business enterprise and substantial prosperity his operations naturally increased in scope and importance until a precedence was gained which insured a consecutive and profitable industry. His business

career has been characterized by the most absolute integrity and by marked discrimination, while he has proved himself at all times public-spirited and progressive, and has done much to forward the substantial development and material prosperity of the beautiful city of his home.

In his political adherency Mr. Cleaveland is unswervingly arrayed in the support of the Republican party and its principles, and he has been an active and zealous worker for its cause. He has been honored by his party with the nomination as representative of his county in the state legislature, in which he served two terms, doing all in his power to conserve wise administration of the affairs of the commonwealth and to insure effective legislation. His labors in this regard stand creditable to him and to the judgment of those who effected his election. Mr. Cleaveland served for six years as a member of the school board of Rock Island, was city collector two terms, and has been a member of the county board of supervisors. While a member of the legislature he did yeoman service in the great struggle to elect John A. Logan to the United States senate.

On the 17th of September, 1866, Mr. Cleaveland was united in marriage to Miss Olivia S. Hayes, of Rock Island, and they are the parents of two sons and one daughter—Harry Hayes, Lewis K. and Bessie C. The elder son is associated with his father in business, and is also a devoted member of the Masonic order, having attained the Knights Templar degree. Mrs. Cleaveland and her daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Aside from his prominent identification with Masonry our subject is a member of St. Paul Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he is Chancellor Commander, and is also a member of the local organization of Modern Woodmen. He is widely known and is accorded utmost respect and confidence in the community where he has lived so many years and to such goodly ends, standing as one of the representative citizens and business men of Rock Island.

**W**ILLIAM MORGAN JOHNSTON.—The principles of Freemasonry have always existed and it does not matter whether the institution is one or one thousand years old, so long as the principles remain intact and the society continues to be the great factor it is in the amelioration of the human race. Its main precept is the exemplification of its power in molding men of varied interests into a complete brotherhood, and teaching them the joys of perfect fraternal intercourse. For nearly a quarter of a century Mr. Johnston has been a sincere member of the craft, having received the sublime degree of Master Mason in Davenport Lodge, No. 37, at Davenport, Iowa, in 1875. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, at Rock Island, Illinois, on November 16, 1880, and was created a Sir Knight in Everts Commandery, No. 18, at Rock Island, on March 20, 1893. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Kaaba Temple, at Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Johnston was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, September 3, 1842, and is a descendant of the border clan. His father, William Johnston, was married in Scotland to Miss Ann Thompson, and five children were born to them in that country. In 1849 they emigrated to the United States and located at Davenport, Iowa, where Mr. Johnston resided up to the time of his death, which took place in 1863, in his sixty-sixth year. Mrs. Johnston succumbed to the cholera, which prevailed in this country in 1856. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston in America, one of whom is deceased. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of Davenport. At the outbreak of the Civil war he responded to the call for arms and enlisted on May 27, 1861, in Company B, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in the three-months service, but he remained in the army and bravely fought for the Union three years. He began his military career as a private and took part in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, and others, after which he was promoted to

the rank of second lieutenant of Company C, Twentieth Iowa Infantry, and participated in the siege of Vicksburg and the charge at Fort Blakely. He was at Mobile, Alabama, when the welcome news was received that the war was at an end, which was soon followed by the sorrowful tidings that the beloved president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, had been assassinated. Mr. Johnston was honorably discharged at Clinton, Iowa, in August, 1865, and immediately returned home. He had gone into the army at the very beginning of the war, had served in a brave and efficient manner all through the great struggle without receiving a scratch or being a day in the hospital, and he returned to his home city with a record of which he might well be proud.

Mr. Johnston secured employment with the Union Pacific Railway, his field of operations being in Omaha and throughout Nebraska, where he was first occupied in measuring wood, but soon after became a fireman, which position he filled for a year, and then went to Iowa, where he followed the same vocation. He next accepted a place on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad as brakeman, remaining in that capacity for three months, and then took the position of fireman, which he held for nineteen months, and at the end of which time he was appointed engineer, and has continued to follow that occupation for the past twenty-four years, to the perfect satisfaction of the company.

On December 22, 1869, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Grieve, who is a native of Scotland. They have a pleasant home in a delightful location on Thirtieth street, overlooking both Rock Island and Davenport. Three children were born to them, but they had the misfortune to lose them all. Mr. Johnston was raised in the Presbyterian faith, while his wife is a worthy member of the Christian church. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and socially he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being a charter member of John T. Drake Post, at

Berkley, Iowa; is affiliated with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and has filled every office in that order. He is a member of the general board of adjusters, and was one of the executive board of the general organization, comprising the United States, Canada and Mexico, and has been sent as a representative to the international council of the order.

Mr. Johnston is a self-made man, a kind and loving husband, and a good Mason, all of which combine to make of him a most worthy citizen.

**M**ON. C. R. MATSON has been a conspicuous figure in the political life of Chicago for the past quarter of a century, and it is seldom that one retires from office receiving more general commendation for faithful service than was accorded him. He is now engaged in the practice of law, and occupies an enviable place at the Chicago bar.

A native of Norway—the Land of the Midnight Sun—he was born April 9, 1843, but the days of his childhood were passed in America, where he attended the common schools and Milton College of Wisconsin. The trouble of the south, which terminated in the Civil war, aroused his patriotic nature, and on the 19th of August, 1861, he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union, enlisting as a member of Company K, Thirteenth Wisconsin Infantry. After the close of the war he was mustered out, in Texas, December 24, 1865, with the rank of first lieutenant and brigadier quartermaster. With the army of the Cumberland he participated in many of the principal engagements of that sanguinary struggle, valiantly defending the stars and stripes.

The war over, Mr. Matson came to Chicago in 1865, and pursued a course in Eastman's Commercial College, after which he secured a position in the Chicago post-office, where he remained for several years. In 1869 he was elected clerk of the police court and re-elected in 1871. In 1875 he



was appointed justice of the peace, holding the office until 1880, when he was elected coroner. In 1882 he was appointed chief deputy-sheriff under Seth F. Hanchett and after serving in that capacity four years was elected sheriff of Cook county for a four-years term. The position is one of great responsibility, but he discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity that won him the commendation of men of all parties. On retiring from public life he took up the practice of law, which he had studied some years previously, having been admitted to the bar in 1876, and to this calling is now devoting his time and attention.

The name of Mr. Matson is prominently connected with the history of Masonry in Chicago, his connection with the fraternity dating from 1867, when he was initiated into the mysteries of Blair Lodge, No. 393, F. & A. M. He became a member of La-Fayette Chapter in 1871, belongs to Apollo Commandery, No. 2, K. T., and became a thirty-second-degree Mason in 1874. He is a life member of all these various bodies and has passed all the chairs in the blue lodge, while of the Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine he is High Priest. He takes a deep interest in the advancement of the order and is well known and highly esteemed in Masonic circles. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, being Past Grand Master and a representative to the Supreme Lodge. He is Past Commander of Post No. 28, G. A. R., belongs to the Royal League and to the Foresters. Of the social clubs, he is a valued member of the Marquette and the Union Veteran League. He also belongs to the English Lutheran church and is serving as one of its trustees.

Mr. Matson was married in 1876, to Isabelle Richolson, of Chicago, and they have four children—Isabelle, Frederick, Canute R. and Gertrude.

**B**ASSETT & BASSETT, a prominent law firm of Aledo, is composed of father and son, both prominent Freemasons.

Isaac Newton Bassett, the father, is one of the oldest Masons now residing in Mercer county, having been initiated, passed and raised in New Boston, same county, as early as 1854. From it he dimitted and became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 113, at Keithsburg, of which he served as Secretary and also as Junior Warden. In 1857 he was dimitted from the latter lodge and connected himself with Aledo Lodge, No. 252, where he has now for forty years been an esteemed member. Of this lodge also has he served as Secretary and Junior Warden, and as Treasurer.

I. N. Bassett is a native of Lewis county, Kentucky, born on the 8th day of September, 1825, and is of English ancestry who were early settlers of New Jersey. His grandfather, Richard Bassett, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. His ancestry was also connected with the Harrisons. His father, Isaac Bassett, was born in Delaware, in 1792, and died in 1862, in Kentucky, at the age of seventy years. He married Miss Francis A. Hall, and they had eight children, of whom six still survive. Mr. I. N. Bassett, the fourth born in the above family, was educated in Kentucky and admitted to the bar in Mercer county, Illinois, in 1854. He has therefore had a very long and successful practice and is one of the ablest and best known attorneys in this part of the state. He was one of the organizers of the Republican party in his section, was a member of the first board of supervisors of the county, was elected treasurer of the county in 1855, and is therefore one of the oldest and best known Mercer county officers now living. He has been a life-long Republican, zealous, active and able; was a member of the Republican county central committee for a time, and also of the judicial committee.

March 4, 1847, Mr. Bassett was united in matrimony with Miss Scienda Isle Moore, a native of Ohio, and they had six children, namely: Fletcher S., who was educated at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, served in the navy as lieutenant for

several years, and died at Chicago in October, 1893; Flora, now Mrs. N. Graham, of Aledo; Laura Minota, at home with her parents; Thomas W., spoken of more at length further on in this sketch; Luella, now the wife of J. S. Adams, of Orange, Massachusetts; and Clayton Webster, who died at the age of ten years. In 1861 Mrs. Bassett departed this life, and on the 26th of February, 1862, Mr. Bassett was united in marriage with Mrs. Caroline H. Yerty, a native of Pennsylvania, and by this marriage there are two children: Victor Hugo and Bessie Blanche. By her former marriage Mrs. Bassett had a daughter, who is now Mrs. Clara B. Ingmire.

Thomas Worley Bassett, the junior member of the law firm, was born in Mercer county, Illinois, September 22, 1856, and in 1883 was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in Sunset Lodge, in Minnesota. Dimitting therefrom, he became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 113, at Keithsburg, of which he served as its Secretary for four years, and, dimitting from that lodge, he joined Aledo Lodge, of which also he has been Secretary and Deacon and Senior Warden. He has been elected its Secretary the second time, and that office he now fills, having proved his efficiency and faithfulness. In 1885 he received the chapter degrees, in Illinois Chapter, No. 17, at Keithsburg, in which he has nearly ever since performed the duties of Principal Sojourner. In Masonic craft he is thoroughly posted, having a zeal for the cause, an intellect to appreciate the beauties of Masonic symbolism, etc., and has made himself thoroughly familiar with the work. He has filled all the offices to which his brethren have elected him in an acceptable manner. He became a charter member of Cyrus Chapter, No. 211, and while under dispensation was its Principal Sojourner, an office in which he was an expert and took much pleasure. He was also elected its first High Priest, an office he has acceptably filled for the past three years. He is an enthusiastic member of the order and a talented worker. Last winter he was one

of the twenty-one brethren of Aledo elected to membership in Everts Commandery, No. 18, at Rock Island, and on February 22, 1897, he was advanced to the degree of Sir Knight Templar.

Mr. T. W. Bassett was educated in the public schools of his native county, and attended the law department of Iowa State University, where he graduated with honor in 1880, since which time he has been successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession. He is now the junior member of the firm of Bassett & Bassett, well and favorably known throughout Mercer and adjoining counties.

The subject of these paragraphs was united in marriage February 14, 1882, to Miss Sue Calhoun, daughter of David Calhoun, Esq. She was an infant when brought by her parents to Mercer county in their settlement here. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett have three children—Frank Newton, Vesta Caroline and Ruth Calhoun. The parents are both members of Aledo Chapter, O. E. S., of which he was the first Secretary and she its first Worthy Matron. They have a delightful home in Aledo and are highly esteemed by the community.

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**R**OYAL P. WALES, M. D., one of Mount Carroll's prominent physicians, has attained to the rank of Sir Knight Templar in the Masonic order and stands high in this fraternity, his identity with it reaching back over more than three decades. Dr. Wales was made a Mason by Lanark Lodge, No. 423, in 1864, and has since affiliated with this lodge, from time to time serving officially in its various chairs, including that of Worshipful Master. In 1871 he united with Lanark Chapter, and in the chapter also he has filled various official positions, for a number of years filling the High Priest's chair. He was made a Sir Knight in Freeport Commandery, No. 7, 1874, and he is a charter member of Long Commandery at Mount Carroll, of which he was Prelate two years and is now a Senior

Warden. The Doctor is also a member of Freeport Valley Consistory, which he joined in 1891 and which conferred upon him the degrees up to and including that of the thirty-second. An efficient worker in these various bodies of Masonry and an everyday practitioner of their principles, he is a Mason in action as well as name and enjoys high standing among the brotherhood.

Dr. Wales is a native of Ogle county, Illinois, born July 13, 1838, and comes from English ancestors who were among the early settlers of New England. Horatio Wales, his father, was born in Connecticut, and in 1836 came west and settled in Ogle county, Illinois, of which county he had the honor of being first sheriff. He was married in the east to Miss Mary E. Williams, a native of the state of Massachusetts, and together they shared life's joys and sorrows for many years, both living to venerable age, he being eighty-one at the time of death and she eighty-three. They were farmers, honest, industrious and prosperous, and in their religious belief were stanch Presbyterians. Their family consisted of nine children, of whom eight are living, Royal P., our subject, being the second in order of birth. He was educated in Mount Carroll Seminary, Mount Carroll, Illinois, and the Homeopathic Medical College of Missouri at St. Louis, being a graduate of the last named institution with the class of 1861. Immediately after his graduation he entered upon the practice of his profession at Lanark, Illinois, where his skill and sympathetic devotion to those whom he served brought him into favor and gained for him a large and lucrative practice. For thirty years he practiced in Lanark and vicinity and still devotes a portion of his time to his patrons at that place. Since 1891, however, he has been a resident of Mount Carroll and had his office here. The Doctor is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy and of the State Medical Society, and takes a pride in keeping abreast with the rapid advancement made in medical science.

Mrs. Wales is a member of the Order of

the Eastern Star, in which she has held the office of Treasurer for a number of years, and where her promptness and efficiency have brought her into high favor. Both the Doctor and his wife are most estimable people, popular alike in their fraternities and with the citizens among whom the Doctor has so long faithfully practiced his profession.

**H**OMER N. HIBBARD.—Comparatively few men in Chicago have identified their names and careers more indissolubly with the history of the great western metropolis than has he whose name initiates this review. Here he has maintained his residence for a period of nearly half a cen-



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tury,—years filled with ceaseless endeavor, with due concomitant success and crowned with high honors. His has been a life of signal usefulness; one that has never failed to keep in touch with deep human interests; one whose ideals have been placed upon a high plane, and one which may be well

taken as standing in exemplification of those noble principles which are the elementals of that time-honored fraternity with which this compilation has to do,—that fraternity whose name is a synonym of charity throughout the civilized world; that fraternity with which he has been identified for two-score of years. He has had the virtue of industry, has not undervalued the worth of consecutive toil, and has wrested success from the hand of what men are too prone to call adverse fate. By his own efforts he secured a collegiate education,—that exact learning which is of inestimable value in the practical affairs of life; he has disciplined his mind in the higher and better functions of mental equipment, having recourse not only to a wide fund of knowledge but to its application in continued and trained thought. He gained distinctive prestige in the profession of his choice, that of the law, and a general summing up of his character is comprised in the statement that it is well rounded and symmetrical. He has done much to advance the material and the higher interests of Chicago, and particularly of that portion of the city where he took up his abode at a time when the same was but a straggling settlement, looked upon as very remote from the center of the great city of which it eventually became an integral part.

Mr. Hibbard's identification with the Masonic order dates back to the year 1857, when he became a Master Mason in Excelsior Lodge, No. 33, A. F. & A. M., in Freeport, Illinois, and has since been its Master. He later passed the Royal Arch degrees in Freeport Council in that place, while the order of knighthood was conferred upon him in 1858, in Janesville Commandery, Knights Templar, at Janesville, Wisconsin. He soon received a dimit from this commandery and became a charter member of Freeport Commandery, No. 7, in which he was called upon to serve in the office of Generalissimo. Upon his removal to Chicago Mr. Hibbard naturally transferred his affiliation to local Masonic bodies, becoming a charter member of Hyde Park Lodge, of which he was the Master under dispensation and first Master

by election, the lodge being now known as Landmark, No. 422. He became a member of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and was made a life member of the same in 1872. His interest in Masonic affairs has been deep and abiding, and he has advanced to the distinguished position as a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, thirty-second degree, in Oriental Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and is a life member of the same. From the time when he first beheld the "light" by which Masons work he became thoroughly impressed with its beauties, and as more light broke in upon him he became an active, earnest worker on the Temple, ever deeply appreciative of that imperious institution whose sublime principles, tenets and cordial virtues cause it to challenge the admiration of the world.

Homer Nash Hubbard traces his lineage back to stanch Colonial origin, the line having shown in each successive generation men of exalted integrity and women of modest pretension but sterling beauty of character. He was born at Bethel, Vermont, on the 7th of November, 1824, and the early years of his life were passed under the invigorating, though prosaic, influences of farming amid the hills of the old Green Mountain state,—a section where the soil is somewhat inclined to be ungrateful in yielding tribute to those who trace its surface with the plowshare. He continued to aid in the work of the parental farmstead from the time when he was six years of age until sixteen, having in the meanwhile duly profited by the educational privileges afforded by the district schools and academy, which he attended during the winter months. We may imagine how ambition grew apace in the mind of the sturdy farmer boy as he gave himself to the monotonous duties of the farm or trudged his way to the little school-house hard by. With a prescience of the value of knowledge and thorough mental discipline, he resolved to bend every energy to the work of securing a collegiate education. In that place and period it was looked upon as a herculean task for a youth so placed as was our subject to aspire to the

higher-education privileges, which in the main seemed to be reserved for the sons of wealthy men or town people, and not for the boy who toiled early and late to bring forth the often scant harvest of the hillside farms of New England. Mr. Hibbard began his preparatory work by entering the academy at Randolph, Vermont, where he continued his studies during one summer, working for his board and a slight additional stipend, and thus managing, by strictest economy, to pay his way during the summer term. The following winter he put his acquirements to practical test, and incidentally gained further financial reinforcement, by teaching district school.

Though now, at the age of seventeen years, thoroughly committed to a life of study and intellectual activity, he was persuaded to enter the law office of J. C. Dexter, an eminent attorney of Rutland, as a clerk and student. Soon afterward Mr. Dexter was appointed postmaster of Rutland and Mr. Hibbard was appointed his deputy. As this postoffice was the distributing point for all western Vermont, the work was heavy at night, since the New York and Boston mails arrived late in the evening. There was a measure of compensation to our subject in the condition of affairs, since he had most of his day-time hours at his own disposal. That he was not idle needs not be said, for to such a nature idleness is an absolute incompatible. He still hoped to become a lawyer and felt the necessity of a more thorough education. Thus he devoted his spare time to the study of Greek and Latin, under the direction of a local clergyman. He continued to be thus occupied during the years 1845-6, when he had accumulated sufficient funds to enable him to enter Castleton Seminary, where he completed such a preparatory course as rendered him eligible for matriculation in college. His finances were at extremely low ebb by this time, but on the small sum of forty-six dollars, his proportionate inheritance from the estate of his deceased maternal grandmother, he succeeded in paying his way during his fresh-

man year at the University of Vermont, at Burlington, with such supplemental resources as he could muster by teaching during the winter months. He fought his way valiantly, overcoming seemingly insuperable obstacles, and gaining the respect and confidence of the faculty and all others with whom he came in contact, finally gaining his great desideratum by graduating with honors as a member of the class of 1850, being a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. "Earn thy reward; the gods give naught to sloth," said the philosopher Epicharmus; and it is certain that the farmer boy had earned his reward, though his equipment for life consisted in his freedom from debt, his intellectual attainments and a dauntless determination to win still greater success. In 1849 Vermont led the entire sisterhood of states in authorizing the establishment of high schools in all towns, and Burlington was the first to avail itself of the privilege. In 1850 Mr. Hibbard was made principal of the new high school, and upon him devolved the work of organizing the same and developing and perfecting the scheme of work. He was fully equal to the task, and his labors bore abundant harvest, the school gaining distinctive prestige for its effective work. At the end of two years Mr. Hibbard resigned his position, having secured sufficient means to permit him to follow out his cherished plans for entering the legal profession. He prosecuted his technical studies in the law school of Harvard College and at the end of one year returned to Burlington and secured admission to the bar.

Soon afterward, in 1853, he came to Chicago, in company with his friend and Harvard classmate, John A. Jameson, who was later, for eighteen years, the incumbent as judge of the superior court of Chicago. They opened a law office and secured a reasonable amount of legal business, but finally decided that the outlook was not sufficiently encouraging in the budding metropolis, and consequently removed to Freeport, Illinois, where they were quite successful. Mr. Jameson returned to Chicago

after about two years, and Mr. Hibbard then entered into partnership with M. P. Sweet, a fine lawyer and distinguished citizen of the state, and their clientage became one of representative and lucrative order. Mr. Hibbard took a great interest in local affairs, having drafted the first city charter of Freeport and secured its passage by the legislature, and having served in numerous offices of local trust. In 1855 he married Miss Jane Noble, daughter of Hon. William Noble, of Burlington, Vermont, she having been one of his corps of assistants in the high school of that place. While he was now well established in Freeport, Chicago's growing importance again attracted him to this city, and he removed hither in 1860, rejoining Mr. Jameson in the practice of law. He purchased a lot in the then sparsely settled suburb of Hyde Park, and that has ever since been the location of his home. He has witnessed and contributed to the advancement of that section until its population now represents one-fourth of that of the entire city. Mr. Hibbard was clerk at the one polling place at the first election (1860) in that district, which then included the town of Lake, and from that time until the present he has been recognized as one of the leading and most public-spirited citizens of Hyde Park and Chicago. He has had an abiding interest in educational work, and was for twelve years a member of the Hyde Park board of education, being its president for three terms. He was urged to allow his name to be given to the school in Hyde Park, but he would not permit it, giving as a reason that the name of any one living should not be given to a school.

In 1865 Mr. Jameson was elected to the bench of the superior court, and Mr. Hibbard then became a member of the firm of Hibbard, Rich & Noble, this association continuing until 1871, and the firm controlling a large business, being one of the foremost in the city. In the year mentioned Mr. Hibbard was appointed by Judge Drummond, upon the nomination of Chief Justice Chase, register of bankruptcy for the dis-

trict of northern Illinois,—an office of great responsibility and one demanding much executive and legal ability. He held this office seven years, or until its legislative abolishment, and within that time adjusted fully three thousand cases, involving the distribution of about thirteen million dollars. Mr. Hibbard did not resume the practice of his profession, in which he was assured still greater pre-eminence, for his executive and business ability was such that he was almost involuntarily deflected into other channels of endeavor. He became largely interested in banking and other financial affairs, and the abundant success which has attended his efforts cannot but reconcile him to the abandonment of his purely professional work. He has been singularly punctual in his habits, and has maintained great concern in all that conserves the elevation of his fellow men, being of scholarly and artistic tastes and alive to the value of all refining influences. In length of service he is one of the oldest trustees of the University of Vermont, and he has been very prominent in the work of the Presbyterian church, having been three times commissioner to the general assembly of the same, a member of the board of aid for Presbyterian colleges and academies, and having been one of those most conspicuously concerned in the founding of the Hyde Park Presbyterian church, in 1861, and one of its most liberal supporters. He has been an officer of that church from its organization until the present time; and he has also been a member of the Chicago Literary Club ever since its organization in 1874. In politics Mr. Hibbard has ever rendered stanch allegiance to the Republican party, but has never sought the honors or emoluments of public office.

The social, civic and business relations of our honored subject are so numerous and varied that we can venture in this connection to enumerate only a few of the more prominent. He was elected president of the New England Society of Chicago, in 1895. He has served as a trustee of the Lake Forest University, and a member of the executive committee; president of the

board of managers of the Chicago Botanical Gardens; director of Oak Woods Cemetery; a life director of the Chicago Astronomical Society; vice-president of the Chicago Academy of Sciences; vice-president of the Beethoven Society, of Chicago, and president of the Mendelssohn Club of Hyde Park; president of the Chicago Tract Society; trustee of the Art Institute; was formerly president of the Illinois Association of the Sons of Vermont; director of the Prisoners' Aid Society of Chicago; was formerly president of the Fort Dearborn National Bank; was a director of the Illinois National Bank sixteen years; vice-president of the American Insurance Company, of Chicago; president of the Hyde Park Thompson-Houston Light Company; president of the American Bronze Company; treasurer of the Green Mountain Mining Company, of Chicago, whose mines are located in Park county, Colorado; and president of the Johnson Temperature Controlling Company, of Chicago.

The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Mr. Hibbard by Blackburn University, in 1883. From the foregoing it is readily to be seen that he is a distinguished patron of belles-lettres, of art and of all that goes to make life worth the living. His career has been one that offers much of lesson and incentive, and even the brief outline here portrayed cannot fail to bear its tribute of honor to one who has lived to goodly ends and has been a distinct power in the right direction.

Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard are the parents of four children, one son (John D.) and three daughters.

**J**AMES T. HOBLIT is a Sir Knight Templar, residing in Lincoln, Illinois, ex-judge of that county and a prominent lawyer of the state. His Masonic record is as follows: He received the sublime degree of Master Mason in Logan Lodge, No. 280, in Lincoln, and when this lodge was consolidated with No. 210 he became an affiliate of the latter, with which he is still connected. He was exalted to the august degree of

Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Chapter, No. 147, and was created a Sir Knight in Mount Pulaski Commandery. He is a charter member of Constantine Commandery, No. 51, of Lincoln, and is a worthy follower of the beauseant. He believes most firmly in the grand tenets of the order and his upright and honorable life is an exemplification of this.

Mr. Hoblit is a native son of Illinois and one of her most ardent admirers and defenders. He was born in Logan county, on the 20th of December, 1842, and on the paternal side is of German and Irish ancestry, while on the maternal side he is of Holland lineage. His grandfather, John Hoblit, was born in Pennsylvania and emigrated with his family to Logan county, Illinois, in 1829. They were earnest and devout Baptists and their fervor and zeal aided in founding that denomination in the wild districts of Illinois. The grandfather assisted in organizing the first Baptist church in Logan county and the first services were held in his home. Later he erected a large barn and the first association of the church met in that building. Throughout his life he was one of its most helpful and faithful workers, and throughout the community was known as an upright man and worthy farmer.

John E. Hoblit, father of the Judge, was ten years of age when he came with his parents to Logan county. Here he was reared to manhood, and after attaining his majority he married Miss Rachel Larison, who was of North Holland ancestry. He successfully followed farming for many years and was uniformly regarded as a man of the highest respectability. The father died in the seventieth year of his age, and the mother departed this life in her fifty-seventh year. They had eight children, of whom five are yet living.

Judge Hoblit, the second son, was educated in the Illinois Wesleyan University, where he was graduated with honors in the class of 1864. Preparing for the practice of law he was graduated in the law department of the University of Albany, New York,

on the 17th of May, 1865. His studies, however, were interrupted in June, 1862, by his enlistment in the Union army as a member of Company K, Sixty-eighth Illinois Infantry, previous to which time he had been a member of the state militia. Judge Hoblit, only eighteen years of age when he "donned the blue," served with the Army of the Potomac until the expiration of his term and then returned to college to complete his course as a student.

After his graduation Mr. Hoblit came to Lincoln, Illinois, and began the practice of his chosen profession, in which he has won eminent success, both as advocate and counsel. He spent a short time in the practice of law in Los Angeles, California, but preferring his old home, he returned to Lincoln, where he has continuously resided. His law practice has been of a very important character and in his conduct of litigated interests he has shown much industry and legal learning, careful preparation and superior skill in argument.

The Judge has always been an ardent Democrat in politics, taking an active part in the work of the party, both in state and nation. In 1896 he was elected county judge on the Democratic ticket and served most creditably for a term of four years in that honorable office. He was a delegate to the national convention that nominated Samuel J. Tilden for the presidency, and being an ardent admirer of that eminent statesman and lawyer, he gave him his most hearty support. He was also a delegate to the conventions which nominated Grover Cleveland. He has never aspired to political honors himself, but is an earnest and loyal worker in the interests of the men and measures of his party and warmly approves the methods and policy followed by ex-President Cleveland, and warmly supported the candidacy of General John M. Palmer for the Presidency in 1896, and also served as a member of the executive committee for the state of Illinois, and made numerous speeches in support of General Palmer. His own energies have been largely devoted to the practice of law and his superior abil-

ity has gained him an extensive clientage. In addition to this he is also vice-president of the First National Bank, one of its stockholders and a member of the board of directors. He has also various property interests and is the owner of one of the beautiful homes of Lincoln.

Judge Hoblit was happily married on the 1st of May, 1867, to Miss Louise S. Maltby, a daughter of Harrison Maltby, who is still a resident of Lincoln, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. Judge and Mrs. Hoblit have six children: Frederick M., now his father's law partner; James Edward, who is connected with the First National Bank of Lincoln; Helen Louise, now the wife of J. W. State, of Asheville, North Carolina; Lucile Beatrice, wife of William W. Latham; Clare Eloise, and Welby Asbury. The family are members of the Episcopalian church and Judge Hoblit is one of Lincoln's best citizens.

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**E**DWARD H. MARSH, a prominent lawyer of Rockford, is a Royal Arch Mason and a worthy member of the order which antedates all other civic societies and has a greater membership. He is loyal and true to its teaching, and his identification therewith covers a period of thirteen years. He was made a Mason in Newell, Iowa, but was afterward dimitted and joined Rockford Lodge, No. 102, A. F. & A. M. He was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Rabbi Chapter, No. 103, Newell, Iowa, and is a valued representative of both organizations. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity. Mr. Marsh is a native son of Rockford, his birth having occurred in that city on the 6th of December, 1860. His ancestors emigrated from England to America at an early epoch in the history of the New World. They became residents of Connecticut and New York, and members of the family were prominent in public affairs, while in the war of the Revolution they valiantly battled for the rights of the colonies. The father of



our subject, John B. Marsh, was born in Connecticut, and when a young man followed the tide of emigration, which is steadily drifting westward, until he arrived in Illinois, where he made a location and embarked in the furniture business. He came to Rockford in 1856, and for the past forty years has carried on a successful business in this city, being numbered among its most progressive and enterprising men. He is also a Mason, belonging to Rockford Lodge, No. 102. He married Amanda J. Work, a native of Ohio, and to them were born a son and daughter. The family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

Edward H. Marsh was educated in the public schools of Rockford, and afterward prepared for the legal profession as a student in the law department of the State University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated with the class of 1882. 'Soon after he opened a law office in his native city, where he has since successfully practiced, gaining prominence as an able and trustworthy lawyer. He is now the attorney for several banks and other corporations of the city and holds his clients' interests as dear as his own. He is most painstaking in the preparation of cases, and his close study enables him to represent with greatest force and accuracy all the points in his case, giving to each its relative prominence, and his logical reason, clear deductions and powers of oratory seldom fail to convince.

In politics Mr. Marsh is an active and influential Republican, and for a number of years has served as chairman of the Republican county central committee. Effective organization and systematic execution are the essential elements of success in every undertaking,—in politics no less than in business enterprises. Political victories are due to concerted action, carefully planned and methodically executed, and in these lines has Mr. Marsh led the political forces to victory until now Winnebago county stands second to the banner Republican county in the state. He attends both the county and state conventions, and his knowledge and judgment on political mat-

ters are considered most reliable and his opinions are much sought. His labors for his party are prompted by a most marked appreciation of the duties of American citizenship and not from any hope or desire for political preferment. He has served on the board of supervisors and as city attorney, but much prefers to give his entire attention to his law practice, which makes heavy demands on his time. He has always been most active in promoting the best interests of Rockford and does all in his power for its substantial growth and improvement.

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**C**HRISTIAN J. WOLFF, a representative of one of Chicago's pioneer families, and a business man of prominence, has for about nine years been a follower of Masonic teachings. Freemasonry had its origin at a remote period in the history of the world. It is said that the organization is grand because it is old; but it is old because it is grand. Founded on principles that enoble humanity and advance civilization, it has, down through the fast-flying centuries, commanded universal respect, and to-day it is one of the marked potentialities of our modern development. It has in Chicago a large following,—men of sterling worth who are prominent in all walks of business life, and among this number is the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

In 1888, having passed the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow-craft, he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in W. B. Warren Lodge, No. 209, A. F. & A. M., in which he still holds membership. He then took the degrees of Marked Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, and on the 28th of May, 1890, he was created a Knight Templar in Apollo Commandery, No. 1. He has also taken the Scottish Rite degrees, his name being enrolled among the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret of Oriental Consistory on the 22d of November, 1888. In 1889 he joined Medinah Temple of the

Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has not sought office in the fraternity, his business interests being too extensive to allow of work in that line, but he thoroughly understands the principles upon which the society rests and is true to the teachings of universal brotherhood and mutual helpfulness.

On the 18th of August, 1861, in the metropolis of the west, Christian J. Wolff first opened his eyes to the light of day, being a representative of one of the old families of the city. He acquired his elementary education in Chicago, pursued his collegiate course in Racine College, of Wisconsin, and was fitted for a business career by study in a polytechnic institute of Hanover, Germany. His instruction was most thorough and comprehensive, and he returned home to engage in business with his father, one of the most extensive manufacturers of plumbing supplies in the country and the head of a house whose reputation is as irreproachable as it is wide. The son mastered the business in all its details and more important trusts were committed to his care from time to time until he now occupies the responsible position of manager of the factory which is situated on Hoyne and Carroll avenues.

Mr. Wolff was married in 1883, the lady of his choice being Miss Hattie Rossow, a native of Chicago. Their family numbers four children. He is a man of unquestioned integrity in business, of sterling worth and a worthy follower of the Masonic order. The residence of Mr. Wolff is at 831 Monroe street.

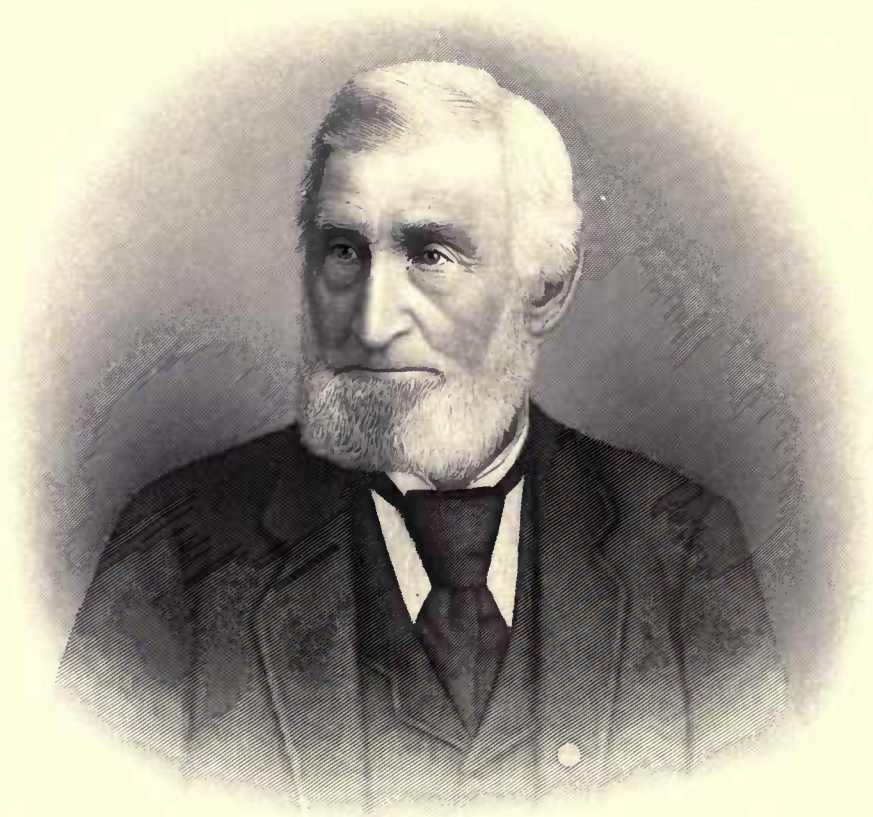
**A**RNOLD HENN is a Knight Templar and thirty-second-degree Mason. The fact of his connection with the various branches of the fraternity indicates his faithful observance of its teachings and his fidelity to its vows, and by his brethren of the order he is highly regarded as a man and as a Mason. In Keystone Lodge, No. 639, he was received as an Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft degree and was

raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. In Englewood Chapter, No. 179, he was advanced as Mark Master, installed as Past Master, received as Most Excellent Master and exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason. He took the degrees of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, and in Oriental Consistory attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is also a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

From Germany, which has furnished to America so many of her best citizens, comes Mr. Henn, who was born in the fatherland, on the 7th of December, 1848. He attended the common schools of Rhine, Bavaria, and made his home there until eighteen years of age. He learned the milling business in his youth and followed that pursuit until 1869, when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world and took up his residence in Utica, N. Y., where he made his home until 1882, the year of his arrival in Chicago. Here he engaged in business as a barber and in 1891 he organized the Henn & Gabler Brewing Company, of which he has since been president. He built the large brewing plant and has successfully managed the affairs of the company so as to secure a handsome income. His success is remarkable. All that he has and all that he is he has achieved with the initial capital of a good head, a willing disposition and habits of industry. He knew what "limited circumstances" meant, and he went out into the great world to push his way through the crowding, tramping, selfish life that surrounded him; but with the dauntless pluck that has served him so well through life he pushed forward through all discouragement and obstacles and has won a notable triumph.

Mr. Henn was married in 1878 to Miss Helen D. Michel. He is a man of genial, courteous manner and cordial disposition, and in all circles, social, political or business, has won the regard of many friends.

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*D. F. Hill*

COL. DANIEL F. HITT, of Ottawa, is one of the pioneers of Freemasonry in Illinois. For sixty-one years he has been a representative of the order and has faithfully and loyally lived up to its honorable teachings. From the shadowy and distant past there come to us many voices bearing impartial and truthful testimony concerning the noble deeds performed and the magnificent plans originated by the ancient order. Wherever in the world the tyranny of kings and ruling classes has oppressed mankind, wherever the hydra-headed monster of superstition, intolerance and bigotry have shackled the souls and minds of men, Masonry has exerted its silent but mighty power in the cause of liberty and light, and has hastened the dawn of that better age into which we are now entering, wherein the soul and mind of man is at last becoming truly free. It is this fraternity, with its ennobling principles, which has elicited the support of so many of America's best citizens. In his early manhood Col. Hitt joined the ranks of its followers and has since loyally stood by its banners, while in his life he has exemplified its teachings. He took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in the blue lodge of Ottawa, when it was under dispensation and before the state ever had a grand lodge. He has seen the marvelous growth of the fraternity in Illinois, and deserves honorable mention as one of the pioneers of Masonry who planted the society on the soil of this great commonwealth. He became a Royal Arch Mason in Alexandria, joining the same chapter of which General Washington and Marquis de La Fayette had formerly been members. He took the degrees of chivalric Masonry in Ottawa Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar, but is now dimitted, and in the Oriental Consistory of Chicago he attained the thirty-second degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, whereupon he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He has never cared for official preferment in the different branches of the order, but has always been actively interested in the work

and progress and the inculcation of its beliefs and teachings among men. Charity, which forms one of the basic elements of the society, has been carried out in his daily conduct among his fellow men. He is ever ready to extend the helping hand to a deserving brother and has been generous in his contributions to different lodges who were erecting Masonic buildings.

Colonel Hitt was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, on the 13th of June, 1810, and was a son of Rev. Martin and Margaret (Smith) Hitt. His father was born in Virginia, December 29, 1763, was married on the 2d of February, 1794, and in 1796 removed to Kentucky. He was a minister of the Methodist church, but devoted the latter part of his life to agricultural pursuits. He owned almost a hundred slaves, but, believing it wrong for human beings to be held in bondage, he liberated them, and in 1814 removed to Urbana, Ohio, in order to bring up his family away from the baneful influences of that institution. He died in Urbana, in February, 1832, and his widow survived him until December, 1836. They had nine children, namely: Elizabeth; Rev. Thomas S. and Sarah, twins; Samuel M., who with his brother Thomas S. founded Mount Morris Seminary; Dr. Willis W.; John W.; Caleb, who died of wounds received while defending his country during the Civil war; Maria, wife of Rev. Aaron Wood; and Daniel F.

After a thorough preliminary training Colonel Hitt completed his literary education in Oxford, Ohio, and in 1829 he began the study of civil engineering. The following year he came to Illinois and was appointed by the government to the position of assistant engineer of the Illinois & Michigan canal, and thus aided in the promotion of what has been one of the most potent agencies of development and progress in the history of the state. He was in the government employ as surveyor about sixteen and a half years altogether. Northern Illinois was still a pioneer region when he came here, and the history of his experiences, if written out in full, would form a thrilling

story, embracing many encounters with the Indians. At the time of the Black Hawk war he was engaged in drilling at Prairie du Chien, but laid aside his business cares to enter the service and for about a year was attached to Stephenson's Rangers, engaged in the arduous and uncertain warfare with the red men. He then resumed surveying and was the first surveyor elected (another had previously served by appointment) in La Salle county, and served many terms thereafter. There is probably no man in all the county more conversant with the territory that lies within its borders than he, although he has some years since laid aside the cares of his chosen calling. The history of the county's development is also to him a familiar story. His official duties led him to know more of the progress and improvement that was carried on in the county than any other one man.

Again his civic duties were interrupted by military service, when at the country's call for troops he joined the Union army. When the misguided south attempted to trail the flag of the nation in the dust and to overthrow the national government he "donned the blue" and in August, 1861, although exempted from duty by his age, he, in company with Colonel Cushman, recruited the Fifty-third Illinois Infantry. September 23 following he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel. In February, 1862, he started with his command for the south, and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Gravel Ridge, the Russell House, Corinth and La-Grange. At Shiloh he had command of the regiment and did effective service. He was promoted colonel September 3, 1862. At the battle of LaGrange he was injured by being thrown from his horse and was obliged to resign, January 2, 1863. In early life he was a Democrat, but at the time of the war severed his connection with that party.

In 1848 Colonel Hitt was united in marriage to Miss Phœbe Smith, a native of Pennsylvania. They had six children, three of whom are living. Colonel Hitt is a tall man, of slender stature, his white hair giving him a venerable though not an aged ap-

pearance. In fact few would believe that one of so much energy as he possesses has already reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. His life covers the period of the development of the west, and high on the roll of Illinois pioneers and patriots is found the name of Colonel D. F. Hitt.

**J**OHAN W. HENNEY.—Success in any line of occupation, in any avenue of business, is not a matter of spontaneity, but is the legitimate offspring of subjective effort in the proper utilization of the means at hand, the improvement of opportunity and the exercise of the highest functions made possible by the specific ability in any case. In view of this condition the study of biography becomes valuable and its lessons of practical use. To trace the history of a successful life must ever prove a profitable and satisfying indulgence, for the history of the individual is the history of the nation, the history of the nation that of the world. The subject of this review is a man to whom has not been denied a full measure of success, who stands distinctively as one of the representative citizens of Freeport. Mr. Henney is conspicuously identified with a line of business that has had a marked bearing upon the material prosperity of this community, while at the same time he has won for himself an ample fortune that is a merited reward of his labors, and his acumen and discrimination in the conduct of extensive operations have given him prestige as a financier and practical man of affairs. He is the founder of the Henney Buggy Works, of Freeport,—an industry that in the extent of its scope and operation equals many similar enterprises to be found in the metropolises of this country, while its fame extends to the old world.

The founder of this institution is a native of Center county, Pennsylvania, born September 23, 1842, of German ancestry, who were early settlers of that state. His father, Jacob Henney, was there born and after arriving at years of maturity married Miss Lydia Marks, a native of the Keystone

state. She lived to be seventy-six years of age, and the father still survives, being now (1896) in the eighty-second year of his age. His business was that of a carriage-maker. His only son is the subject of this review. In 1848 the father brought his family to the west, but after a time returned to Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1854, when he once more came to the Mississippi valley. He was in rather limited circumstances, and was therefore unable to provide his children with educational facilities.

Under difficult circumstances our subject acquired his education, but he was ambitious to learn and availed himself of every opportunity to accomplish this end. When seventeen years of age he served as janitor in a private school to pay for his tuition. When a mere lad he began work in a carriage factory where his father was employed. At that time almost all parts of a carriage were made in one shop, the work being done by hand. Mr. Henney has kept pace with the wonderful progress that has been made in this industry,—in fact, has been in the lead in the wonderful advancement that has been accomplished in the last quarter of a century. In the early '60s he worked in a large manufactory in Chicago, then one of the most extensive in the west, and after the war was employed for a number of years in Kansas City by W. W. Wiley. At length, with two others, he bought out his employer.

Returning to Cedarville some time after this, Mr. Henney was there united in marriage with Miss Agnes Bennethum, in 1868. She persuaded him not to return to Kansas City, and he accordingly established a business on a small scale in Cedarville. This was the origin of the present mammoth establishment in Freeport. The business steadily increased, patronage came from a greater territory, and in 1880 the business was removed to Freeport, while in 1882 the Henney Buggy Company was organized and incorporated. In 1876, while at Cedarville, his brother-in-law, O. P. Wright, learned the business, and at the time of the incorporation became a partner, as did D. C. Stover. They met with eminent success,

and from time to time were obliged to enlarge their works, until now their brick factory has a frontage on Chicago street of two hundred and twenty-five feet, on Jackson street of one hundred and eight feet, and on Spring street of one hundred and twenty feet. The larger portion of this building is five stories in height, and besides this various other buildings are utilized by different departments of the works. The capacity is now eight thousand vehicles per year, and employment is furnished to three hundred workmen. Among the employees a fine band has been organized, of twenty pieces. The trade of the Henney Buggy Company extends to every state in the Union, and they export to South Africa and Australia. They have also made several sales to the nobility of England, and Lord Lonsdale had one of their buggies, in which he drove a celebrated road race of twenty miles. All styles of buggies, carriages, phaetons and the more fancy vehicles are here manufactured, ranging in price from the lowest to the highest made, thus meeting all tastes and requirements; and the business of the concern has become one of the leading industries in this section of the state and has been an important factor in the upbuilding of Freeport and the promotion of her commercial activity. Mr. Henney, who has been the spirit of inspiration in the enterprise, is also interested in various other business concerns which have resulted in the material welfare of the community as well as promoting individual prosperity. He aided in the organization of the German Bank, and is one of its stockholders and directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Henney have three children, namely: Mamie E., Ina and John W. They have a beautiful and pleasant home in Freeport, which is the center of a cultured society circle, and the number of their friends is large.

In his political affiliations Mr. Henney is a Democrat, but has always declined political honors. He was made a Mason in 1876, and is now a member of the Commandery. In the fraternity, as in all other

walks of life, his sterling worth has won him the high regard of his brethren. His business career has been characterized by extreme fairness in all things. He is ever just to his employees, considerate of their welfare, and is ever prompt to reward faithful service by promotion as opportunity offers. He therefore receives from them a devotion to their labor that is satisfactory to all. His own career is an example of what can be accomplished by fidelity to duty, by persistent effort and courage, and to-day he stands as one of the leading representatives of a most important industrial calling.

**M**ON. THOMAS JEFFERSON HENDERSON, one of the prominent citizens of Illinois whose services in both military and civil affairs have made him honored in this state and throughout the Union, is a follower of Masonry and exemplifies in his life the noble spirit of the fraternity which recognizes the truth of universal brotherhood, which admits of no rank except the priority of merit and has no aristocracy save the nobility of virtue. It has taught mankind what man should be to man and has promulgated the principles of mutual encouragement, forbearance, and helpfulness. General Henderson took the three degrees of the blue lodge in Toulon, Stark county, Illinois, as early as 1850, and thereby became a Master Mason of Toulon Lodge, No. 93. Interested in the work of the order he was active in its promotion and was honored by his fellow members of the craft with various official preferments. For a number of years he served as its Worshipful Master and was its representative in the Grand Lodge of the state. Enthusiastic and faithful in support of the cardinal principles of the fraternity and anxious to extend the noble influence of the order, he was dimitted from Toulon Lodge to become one of the organizers of Princeton Lodge, No. 587, F. & A. M., of which he is a charter member. He served as Worshipful Master of this body also, and was an active member in promoting its growth until the

time of his election to congress. He still affiliates with the lodge and finds great enjoyment in meeting with the brethren when in Princeton. He took the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master in Princeton Chapter, No. 28, and therein was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason on the 7th of April, 1868. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Orion Council, No. 8, on the 2d of May, 1874, and became a Sir Knight in Temple Commandery, No. 20, on the 1st of October, 1877. Mr. Henderson has also taken the Scottish Rite degrees and became a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Princeton; but it seems there was some irregularity in conferring the degrees at Princeton. He was, however, with others, allowed to place his membership in Oriental Consistory of Chicago, but has since dimitted.

General Henderson was born in Brownsville, Haywood county, Tennessee, on the 29th of November, 1824, and is descended from an old Virginia family. His great-grandfather, William Henderson, was born in Hanover county, Virginia, and his grandfather, John Henderson, was also a native of the same locality. The latter moved to Kentucky, where occurred the birth of William H. Henderson, the father of the General, who, on arriving at years of maturity, married Miss Lucinda Wimberly, of Dover, Tennessee, and after her death he was united to Miss Sarah M. Howard, a native of North Carolina, and a daughter of Edmund Howard, of Haywood county, Tennessee. At an early epoch in their history the Henderson family were connected with the Presbyterian church, but afterward became allied with the Methodist church. William H. Henderson removed from Tennessee to Illinois, thence to Iowa, and back to Illinois in 1836, and locating in Putnam, now Stark, county, where he became a prominent and influential citizen. He was twice representative of his district in the legislature, and was active in all that pertained to the well-being and advancement of his section. He was twice married and by the first union had three children—Mary Ann,



John W. and William T., the sons now living. By his marriage to the mother of the General he had six children, four of whom survive. In 1845 he again removed his family to Iowa, where his last days were spent. He departed this life at Marshalltown, Iowa, at the age of seventy-one years, in January, 1864. He was also a Master Mason. His wife died in her seventy-fourth year.

General Henderson, the eldest child of the second marriage, was a lad of eleven years when he came to Illinois. He obtained his first education in a log schoolhouse, and then attended the Brownsville Male Academy in Tennessee, where he acquired some knowledge of the Latin language, before coming to this state. His literary education was completed in the university at Iowa City, which he attended a portion of one year. He taught school for a time, and in 1847 was elected clerk of the county commissioners' court of Stark county, Illinois. In 1852 he was admitted to the bar, after which he successfully practiced his chosen profession until 1862, when he was made colonel of the One Hundred and Twelfth regiment of Illinois Volunteers. He accepted the position with reluctance, for he had had no military training, but his zeal, fidelity and sound judgment guided him aright and made him one of the capable officers that Illinois sent to the front. He went with his command to Covington, Kentucky. From there they were sent to guard a supply train to Big Eagle, and thence to Lexington, where the regiment remained for five months, during which time they were constantly in danger of attack, and performed various duties. Colonel Henderson was diligent in the performance of his duty, and ordered his command with most satisfactory results. He also established a military school, closely studied war tactics, and drilled his regiment until his men became competent and reliable soldiers. Under the leadership of its commander the regiment performed heroic deeds and distinguished itself in the service. Colonel Henderson participated

in the Atlanta campaign until, at the battle of Resaca, Georgia, on the 14th of May, 1864, he was seriously wounded by a gunshot received in the right thigh. After recovering from this, however, he rejoined his regiment in front of Atlanta on the 27th of July, 1864, and was placed in command of the Third Brigade, Third Division, Twenty-third Army Corps, which he commanded until the close of the war. After the occupation of Atlanta, his brigade engaged in the pursuit of Hood's army, which had recrossed the Chattahoochee river, and when General Sherman started to Savannah on his march to the sea his brigade was left with his corps to look after Hood's movements and to defend Nashville. He was engaged at Columbia, Tennessee, and at Franklin and Nashville, and for his services in these campaigns, and especially at the battle of Franklin, he was mentioned in the reports of his superior officers, and for his gallantry was brevetted a brigadier-general. After the battle of Nashville he went with his corps to North Carolina, where he closed his military service.

After returning to his home in Toulon, he removed his family to Princeton, Illinois, and formed a law partnership with Joseph I. Taylor, of that city, in March, 1867, and practiced there for about four years, at the end of that time, being appointed internal revenue collector, the partnership was dissolved. He then formed a partnership with Judge Trimble and Mr. Butler under the firm name of Trimble, Henderson & Butler, and the firm of Henderson & Trimble is still prominent in the law circles of Princeton.

General Henderson became a Republican on the organization of the party—in fact, was one of its founders in Illinois. He was elected to the state legislature as a member of the house in 1854, and in 1856 was elected to the senate. In the first Republican state convention he was a member of the committee on resolutions, and helped to form the first Republican state platform. This was in 1856. During all the campaigns following he has been an active and

influential worker. In 1874 he was elected to congress, and afterward, for nine consecutive terms, he was nominated for that office by acclamation. For twenty consecutive years he has served in the house of representatives, and even the tongue of calumny has not dared to utter a word against his political integrity. He is honored by his constituents and respected by his opponents.

General Henderson was married May 29, 1849, to Miss Henrietta Butler, a native of New York city, and a daughter of Captain Henry Butler. The General and his wife have four children: Gertrude R., wife of Charles J. Dunbar, of Princeton; Sarah Ella, wife of Chester M. Durley, also of Princeton; Mary L., wife of John Farnsworth, of Washington, D. C.; and Thomas B., at home. General Henderson and his wife have a beautiful residence in Princeton, standing in the midst of tasteful grounds, and their personal worth has won to them a large circle of warm friends.

**RANSOM HARRINGTON.**—The ranks of Freemasonry in Illinois contain many men of prominence, among them being Captain Harrington, who is one of the worthy blue-lodge brethren of Geneseo. He was made a Master Mason in North Star Lodge, of Lawrenceville, St. Lawrence county, New York, in 1851, and served in the south and west in his home lodge, from which he was dimitted in 1856 to become a member of Stewart Lodge, No. 92, with which he has ever since been affiliated, and enjoys the highest esteem of his brethren. He has been a faithful, loyal Mason and has demonstrated by his acts how well he understands the tenets of the fraternity.

Captain Harrington was born in Hogansburg, Franklin county, New York, February 22, 1822, and is of English and Irish ancestry. His grandfather, Sampson Harrington, was a resident of Vermont and lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight years. Amaria B. Harrington, father of the Cap-

tain, was born in New York, and was married there to Miss Rebecca Manning, after which he moved to Hogansburg, where he was engaged in the coopering business. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife departed this life in 1842, when forty-four years old, and two children—a daughter and the Captain—are all that survive. The latter was educated in his native town, where he remained until he was old enough, when he enlisted in the United States Army as a private at Fort Covington, and served five years in Company K, Eighth Infantry. The regiment was assigned to duty in Florida and engaged in expeditions against the Indians under the command of General Worth, who at that time held the rank of colonel. In 1842 Captain Harrington returned to his home in New York and purchased a farm in Bombay township, to which he took his father and two sisters, the latter remaining with him until their marriage. In 1856 he came to Illinois, accompanied by his father, who lived with him until his death in 1858. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harrington were exemplary members of the Methodist church.

Before coming to Illinois the Captain was engaged in the hotel business at Maria, Franklin county, New York, and was also the agent for the Great Western Railroad. Upon locating in Geneseo he embarked in the real-estate business, but shortly afterward the war of the Rebellion broke out and he was called upon to take up arms in the defense of the Union.

In October, 1861, Captain Harrington enlisted in Company B, Ninth Illinois Cavalry, and was elected to the rank of second lieutenant, and seven days later was promoted to the first-lieutenancy. The regiment was assigned to duty, under Colonel A. G. Bracket, at Fort Douglas, and remained at that post until February 18, 1862, when it was ordered to St. Louis and there took part in its first battle, which was fought opposite Jackson Port, Arkansas. After the lapse of six months the regiment was ordered to Helena, on the Mississippi river, under General Custer, participating in several engagements *en route*. For nine months it was quartered in that city, during which

time three hundred of the men succumbed to the ravages of disease. The regiment was next sent to Memphis, Tennessee, where, owing to an affliction of his eyes, Captain Harrington was obliged to resign. He had in the meantime been promoted to the rank of captain, and left his company with many feelings of regret. His training as a private in the regular army had made of him a brave soldier and an efficient officer, and his service during the time he was in the Civil war was very much to his credit.

After being honorably discharged at Memphis in January, 1863, he returned to his home in Illinois and until the close of the war was in the provost-marshal department as special agent of his district, which consisted of several counties. Subsequently he again embarked in the real-estate business, which he has continued to follow to the present time. In this line he has been most successful and has handled a large amount of real estate, consisting of both farm and city property, besides which he has purchased lands in Iowa, Kansas, and other states, and in Los Angeles, California. The Captain has accumulated a comfortable amount of this world's goods and has built one of the finest houses in Geneseo, in which he now resides, and, with his family, is glad to entertain his many friends.

Captain Harrington was married to Miss Martha Campbell, at Messina, New York, February 22, 1845, his wife being a native of Rockingham, Vermont, and a daughter of H. A. Campbell, who came of Scotch ancestry. Five children have been born to them, three of whom are living, namely: Frank R., now holding the position of postal clerk at Rock Island, having been employed by the government in that department for eighteen years: he is a Sir Knight Templar in Everts Commandery, No. 18, of Rock Island; Henry G. is single and lives at home; Frederick A. is married and resides in Geneseo. Mrs. Harrington is a highly esteemed member of the Congregational church. In his political affiliation the Captain is a stanch Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Henry Clay.

He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is regarded as one of Geneseo's best citizens. His life record has been a grand one and he is richly deserving of the prosperity which after many honest efforts he is at present enjoying.

**W**ILLIAM S. HANCOCK.—It has been most consistently said of Masonry that its influence is most purifying, and that a good man is a better man if he adds to his other qualities those of a true Freemason. The distinguishing glory of the order is its charity—a permeating charity in thought, word and deed. In the great metropolis of the west the time-honored craft has enlisted the allegiance and affection of representative and honored men in all branches of business; and among those who have been signally zealous and faithful members of the fraternity must be included the subject of review—one of Chicago's enterprising and successful commission merchants and a man who has so ordered his life as to gain and retain the respect and confidence of his fellow men.

Mr. Hancock's identification with Masonry has already covered a period of nearly a quarter of a century, his initiation as an Entered Apprentice in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, A. F. & A. M., having taken place in the year 1874, which also recorded his advancement to the Fellow-craft and Master Mason's degrees. He is a life member of that lodge, in which he has served in various capacities, including successive incumbency as Junior and Senior Warden. In the Centennial year, 1876, Mr. Hancock was inducted into the capitular body of Masonry, being exalted to the Royal Arch in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, of which he was one of the charter members, in which he has served as Master of the Second and Third Veil, and of which also he is a life member. He was later greeted a Select Master in Imperial Council, No. 85, R. & S. M., the first two degrees having been conferred in Englewood Chapter. On the 9th of September, 1879, he received the

chivalric grades and orders in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar. From this commandery he secured a dimit and became one of the charter members of Englewood Commandery, No. 59, at the time of its organization. In this commandery he served as one of the trustees of the guards for one year under dispensation, and for several years after the charter had been secured also as Captain of the Guards: of this order he is a life member. On the 23d of September, 1887, he was crowned a Noble in Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In the various Masonic bodies with which he is identified Mr. Hancock has taken a deep and commendable interest, and he is distinctively popular in the fraternity.

William S. Hancock is a native of the Buckeye state, having been born at Oxford, Butler county, Ohio, on the 27th of April, 1836, the son of Henry Graves and Sarah (Watson) Hancock. He received such educational advantages as were afforded by the common schools; and as his father was a farmer by occupation the boy became familiar with the work and sturdy discipline involved in agricultural operations. His tastes and desires led him to seek a broader field of endeavor, and, with due confidence in his ability and with determination to make success a logical result of well-directed effort, he came to Chicago in the year 1862, and secured employment in a commission house, where, by energy and close application, he soon mastered the details of this important line of business. He has ever since been connected with the commission trade in Chicago, and has gained a pronounced prestige and that success for which he strived. His son, William H., is now associated with him in business, maintaining his residence in Tuscola, Illinois, where large amounts of produce are secured and shipped to the Chicago headquarters and to all parts of the east for distribution. The enterprise is conducted with much discrimination and upon correct business principles, and its scope is such as to make it representative in its class in the city.

Mr. Hancock is also an inventor, having taken out letters patent on three valuable labor-saving machines, but, like most inventors, he lost control of his inventions before realizing their true value.

The year 1861 witnessed the marriage of Mr. Hancock to Miss Anna Bell, who was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, and whose death occurred on the 3d of June, 1887. They became the parents of three children, namely: May, who is the wife of William R. Burcky, of Chicago; William H. and Charles A.

In political matters Mr. Hancock renders allegiance to the Democratic party and its principles, and in religion his views are those advanced by the Presbyterian church. In addition to his affiliation with the Masonic order, he is also prominently identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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**W**ILLIAM WILSON GRANT, agent for the Nickel Plate Fast Freight Line, Peoria, Illinois, is a trusted employee of this company, and a man whose many excellent qualities of mind and heart make him capable of appreciating the truths and beauties as illustrated in Masonry, with which he has for some years been identified. He was made a Master Mason in Temple Lodge, No. 46; a Royal Arch Mason in Peoria Chapter, No. 7; and a Royal and Select Master in Peoria Council, No. 11, in all of which he still holds membership, and in the first two named has served officially, having filled the office of Master in Temple Lodge, No. 46, in 1892-3, and Scribe in Peoria Chapter, No. 7, in 1894-5; and while Master of the Peoria Lodge he represented it in the Grand Lodge of the state.

Mr. Grant is a native of Scotland and was born in the parish of Auldern, Nairnshire, May 20, 1857. In 1866 he came with other members of the family to this country and settled in Tiskilwa, Bureau county, Illinois, where he lived until 1875. That year he came to Peoria and was employed by the Board of Trade as weighmaster at one of the Peoria elevators. In

this position and in the grain business in different capacities he was occupied for nine years, or until 1884, when he accepted a position as traveling freight agent for the Lackawanna line, with which he remained until 1892. Since 1892 he has filled his present responsible position, that of resident agent for the Nickel Plate Fast Freight Line, with headquarters in the Board of Trade building.

Mr. Grant was married December 31, 1893, to Miss Mattie E. Correll, of Peoria, and they have two children,—Janette and Martha Irene.

Business duties have occupied almost the whole of Mr. Grant's attention, and he has had little time to devote to politics or public matters; nor has he ever had aspirations in this line. He has, however, always shown a commendable interest in local affairs, and in 1894 served as a member of the county Board of Supervisors.

He is a member of the Congregational church.

**HENRY FREDERICK HERMANN** ACKEMANN, one of the most prominent and progressive business men of northern Illinois, has demonstrated the power of industry and capable management in the world of trade. In the great west many of the inhabitants are of foreign birth. Those who, attracted by finer institutions, larger facilities and the superior advantages of making a living, have come here intending to find a new home in a new country. These valuable additions to the native population have by their industry, economy and honest methods become essential factors in the growth of this section of the country. They furnish not only artisans but also enterprising merchants, manufacturers and apt dealers upon our markets of trade and have proved themselves useful, influential and substantial citizens. To this class belongs Mr. Ackemann.

Not only has he been an active factor in the business life of the town, but has also been an exemplary member of the fraternity

which had its origin in the misty, remote regions of the past and to-day is still a potent factor in the civilization of the race. On the 2d of July, 1891, he joined Monitor Lodge, No. 522, A. F. & A. M., as an Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft degree on the 9th of July, and on the 25th of August was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Having learned the lessons of ancient-craft Masonry he began the study of the beautiful and impressive legends



*F. H. Ackemann*

of the past in capitular Masonry, as a Mark Master of Elgin Chapter, on the 29th of December, on which date he also received the degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master. On the 5th of January, 1892, he was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason. In chivalric Masonry he took the grades and orders in Bethel Commandery, No. 36, of Elgin, becoming a Knight of the Red Cross, July 13, 1892, and of the Temple on the 27th of the same

month. He received the ineffable degrees of the Lodge of Perfection in Oriental Consistory in the June class of 1893, and became a charter member of Bethel Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, instituted February 23, 1895. His zeal and loyalty to the ethics and teachings of Masonry make him one of the valued members of the craft, and as such he certainly deserves mention in this volume, whose province is the perpetuating, by written record, of the history of Freemasonry in Illinois, and the lives of those who have made the order strong and influential in society circles here. Mr. Ackemann is also affiliated with the Knights of the Globe and the Royal League, and was formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, from which he dimitted because his business interests made it impossible for him to attend the meetings.

Widely and favorably known in business and Masonic circles, the life record of Mr. Ackemann cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers. - The youngest son of Henry and Wilhelmine (Walbaum) Ackemann, he was born on the 2d of February, 1869, in Winzlar, in the province of Hanover, Germany, where his boyhood days were passed. In accord with the expressed desire of his parents that he should become a "postbeamter," he entered school at Preussisch Oldendorf, to prepare for the duties of postmaster, and after passing the required examinations was admitted to the government service as "postgehülfe," at the age of sixteen years. He also met all the requirements in the examination in the school of telegraphy at Minden, in Westphalia, after which he held various positions, being sent at different times to take charge of offices during the absence of the regular postmaster, positions which were usually filled by officers much older than Mr. Ackemann, whose ability, however, secured him the appointments.

In 1872 his brother, W. D. Ackemann, came to America, where, some years previous, members of the family—his uncle and aunts—had established homes. Later, through the persuasion of their brothers, A.

W. and C. F. Ackemann, and their sister, Minnie, now the wife of L. H. Bauer, of Elgin, also crossed the ocean to the United States. In 1878 the eldest brother of the family, H. F. Ackemann, visited this land, but after eleven months returned to Germany. At different times the parents came, making their last visit in 1888, for the next time they crossed the water to America it was for the purpose of passing their remaining days here. They, however, returned to the fatherland and in 1891 their eldest son came for a visit to his relatives here. Deciding to remain, he sent for his family, who came accompanied by his parents, and thus Henry Ackemann and his wife were once more able to gather around them in a family reunion all of their children,—a pleasure which they had not been able to enjoy for twenty years.

Learning from his parents of the unlimited opportunities that one might enjoy here, Fred H. Ackemann, of this review, resolved not to settle permanently in Germany until he had first visited this glorious republic and investigated the chances of success here. Accordingly, on the 27th of October, 1887, in company with his youngest sister, Lena, and her husband, W. F. Bultmann, he sailed from Bremen on the North German Lloyd steamer, Eider. Before the expiration of a year he had become convinced that America was the country where each individual is the master of his own destiny, where equal rights are accorded to all and where everybody has an opportunity to make the most of his ability and realize his ambition. Determined to win success if it could be accomplished by honorable effort and unflagging industry, he accepted the position of errand boy in the dry-goods store of his brother, W. D. Ackemann, receiving in return for his services five dollars per month and his board. For three months he was employed in that way, after which he was offered a position in the office of Hon. William Grote, late mayor of Elgin and an old friend of the Ackemann family. He accepted the offer, believing that it would afford him better opportunity to rise in the

business world and at the same time yield him a better salary for the present. His wages for the first year were thirty-five dollars per month, and as he did not have to report for duty until eight o'clock he made an additional ten dollars per month by sweeping and dusting his brother's store before going to his regular work.

One of the important elements in the success of Mr. Ackemann is the quickness with which he notes and utilizes an advantage that comes in his way. He had been in Mr. Grote's office but a short time when he saw that money could be made out of real-estate investments, and induced his office associate, C. H. Eno, to join him in the purchase of a lot on the monthly installment plan. Accordingly they bought a lot of Mr. Grote for four hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid for at the rate of forty dollars per month. After five months they sold this lot for six hundred dollars. In this transaction Mr. Ackemann followed the motto which he has always made his rule in business transactions,—“quick sales and small profits.” He next invested in three lots, making monthly payments as before, and in three months had disposed of these lots at an advance of one hundred and twenty-five dollars each. Mr. Ackemann and Mr. Eno continued their real-estate operations in this way for about eighteen months, when they dissolved partnership, each having cleared about one thousand dollars. Mr. Ackemann then continued his real-estate dealing alone and thereby added a handsome sum to his salary, which in the meantime had been increased to one hundred and fifty dollars per month.

In the spring of 1893 Mr. Ackemann joined his brother, H. F. Ackemann, in the purchase of a lot forty-four by one hundred and thirty-two feet in the heart of Elgin, and during the year following erected thereon one of the largest stores in the city. In the spring of 1895 they opened in their recently completed building the largest department store in the county, known as “The Big Store.” They have over twenty-five thousand square feet of floor space and

have a most thoroughly equipped and finely stocked store, which would do credit to a city many times the size of Elgin. Success has attended this enterprise from the beginning and the trade is now extensive and lucrative. Our subject is not only a half owner in the fine business block, but is also interested in the ownership of the stock. He is also a stockholder in the Home Savings Bank and the Elgin Improvement Company.

On the 6th of June, 1895, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ackemann and Miss Christie Deuchler, a native of Dundee, Illinois, and they have a daughter, born April 29, 1897, and named Stella Irene. They own and occupy a beautiful home at No. 116 Porter avenue, and extend its cordial hospitality to their many friends. Mr. Ackemann is a man of broad, general culture and spends some of his most pleasant hours in his library, which contains some five hundred volumes of well-selected works. He has also added to his knowledge the culture which only travel can bring. Familiar with Germany as the land of his boyhood, he has also traveled over America from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast and from the lakes to the gulf, visiting forty-three different states of the Union during the nine years in which he has made America his home. His political support is given the Republican party and he is proud to record that his first presidential vote was cast for Major William McKinley, the present executive of the nation. Mr. and Mrs. Ackemann attend worship at the First church of the Evangelical Association, to the erection of which in 1893 Mr. Ackemann donated \$300. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Sabbath-school.

Mr. Ackemann's business career is of exceptional interest and undoubtedly the future holds in store for him still more brilliant successes. While there are few phases in the lives of self-made men of an emotional or sensational character, there is yet a motive power of energy, enterprise, continuity and determination worthy of study; and often, if we shall look for the secret of men's success, we find it in their continuity in follow-

ing out a well-defined purpose, combined with an unflagging industry. This is eminently true of Fred H. Ackemann. He has made an untarnished record and unspotted reputation as a business man, upright, reliable and honorable. In all places and under all circumstances he is loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more valuable than wealth, fame or position. In those finer traits of character which combine to form that which we term friendship, which endear and attach man to man in bonds which nothing but the stains of dishonor can sever, which triumph and shine best in the hour of adversity—in these qualities he is royally endowed.

**W**EYMOUTH HADLEY, a druggist in business at Keithsburg, is the present Worshipful Master of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 113. He is one who understands and appreciates the principles of Freemasonry and admires its work, on account of its utility as well as its beauty, sublimity and appropriateness. He was initiated into the noble order at Wataga, Knox county, Illinois, in Wataga Lodge, No. 291, in March, 1867, and while residing there he held the office of Junior Warden three terms and was also its Worshipful Master a like period. Taking a dimitt from that lodge, he affiliated with Robert Burns Lodge, No. 113, at Keithsburg, on his removal to this city, the date of his affiliation here being February 16, 1883; and in the fraternity at this place he has been one of the most active and faithful members. He has been Treasurer of the lodge for fourteen years, and he is now serving most acceptably and creditably as its Worshipful Master. The Royal Arch degrees he received in Galesburg Chapter, No. 46, in 1869, but, obtaining a dimitt from that chapter, he is now a member of Illinois Chapter, No. 17, affiliating with it May 27, 1885. In this branch he has been elected and served as Royal Arch Captain, and has for eleven years served continuously as its Treasurer. He has the ritual of the order thoroughly in

his memory and heart, is a brother who observes the principles of the order closely and enjoys the high esteem of the brethren.

Mr. Hadley is a native of the state of Maine, born in Brownfield, Oxford county, on the 8th of March, 1841, and is a descendant of the Hadley who landed from the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock in 1620. His grandfather, Samuel Hadley, was a surgeon in the war of 1812, came to Illinois in 1853 and died in 1860, at the age of seventy-three years. He was a practicing physician all his life. His good wife died in her seventy-eighth year.

Abel G. Hadley, son of the preceding, was born in Canaan, New Hampshire, March 23, 1813, and removed to Brownfield, Maine, where he was married to Miss Abigail Ricker, a native of that place; he was a farmer by occupation. Coming to Illinois in 1849, he improved a farm for a time and then proceeded to Kansas, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in the seventy-sixth year of his age; his wife had died in her forty-sixth year. Both were members of the Baptist church and were good Christians.

Of their eight children, Mr. Hadley of this sketch was the eldest, and is now the only one surviving. He was educated in the public schools of Knox county, Illinois, but during the warmer portion of the year he was employed on the farm of his parental home. August 6, 1862, he enlisted for the defense of his country, in Company I, One Hundred and Second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and under General Harrison participated in the Atlanta campaign—from Chattanooga to the capture of Atlanta, and then with thousands of others made the memorable march with Sherman to the sea. He was one of the great army of victors in the grand review at Washington, and he returned home with the accoutrements with which he started out. Notwithstanding he had many narrow escapes, his clothes having been shot through, yet he never received the scratch of a wound, as if he possessed a "charmed life."



Returning to his home in June, 1865, he engaged in the drug business at Wataga, and continued in the trade there for seventeen years; then he came, in 1881, to Keithsburg, where he has since continued and prospered as one of Keithsburg's most worthy and reliable business men and a thorough pharmacist. His store he built himself, as well as his residence.

In his political principles Mr. Hadley is a Republican. Public office he has never desired, but he has been township collector of taxes in Mercer and Knox counties, Illinois.

May 2, 1867, is the date of his marriage to Miss Laura A. Shurtliff, a native of Knox county and a daughter of William Shurtliff, Esq., of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Hadley have had five children, of whom only three are now living, namely: Jennie M., a music teacher; T. Grace, a teacher in the Keithsburg public school; and Edna M., who is attending school.

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**W**ILLIAM ALLEN GROVE, M. D., whose identity with the ancient order of Freemasonry began nearly thirty years ago, is one of the most prominent and best informed Masons in the city of Galva. On April 2, 1869, he became an Entered Apprentice in Maquon Lodge, No. 530, received the Fellow-craft degree February 9, 1873, and was dimitted from that body upon his removal to Galva, where he became affiliated with Galva Lodge, No. 243, and on November 19, 1878, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. In 1879 the Doctor was elected to the office of Junior Warden, from 1891 to 1893 was its Worshipful Master, and in 1894 held the chair of Secretary. During his term of Worshipful Master he was a representative to the Grand Lodge. His brethren give him credit for being a most efficient worker, thoroughly posted in all the details of the craft and doing everything in his power for the advancement and welfare of the order. While occupying the office of Master, the business and finances of the lodge were brought up

to a very desirable condition, there being but few brothers in arrears and a creditable surplus in the treasury, all of which was highly appreciated by his fellow Masons. Dr. Grove has given considerable attention to the society since the time he first became a member, is well posted in blue-lodge lore, and in his life has exemplified many of its teachings.

Dr. Grove is a native of Ohio, having been born in Hillsboro, Highland county, December 26, 1840. He is of English descent, his ancestor, William Grove, a noted educator of his day, emigrating to this country about the time of the birth of George Washington, and he was for a time the tutor of the boy who afterward became the father of his country. The grandfather, Thomas Grove, came to Ohio in 1799, and settled in Hillsboro, where the Doctor's father, James N. Grove, was born and raised. The latter married Miss Elizabeth Ferris, a native of Kentucky, and in 1858 moved to Illinois and located at Maquon, where he was successfully engaged for a long time as a merchant. He was an honest, upright citizen, a devout member of the Methodist church, and departed this life in the seventy-eighth year of his age. His father lived to be four-score and ten. The Doctor was an only child, his mother dying shortly after his birth. His education was attained in the public schools of Hillsboro, supplemented by a course in the Miami Medical College, at which he was graduated in 1866.

In 1863 the calls for volunteers to assist in putting down the Rebellion became so importunate that Dr. Grove decided to tender his services in the defense of the Union, and accordingly, in July, 1863, he enlisted in Company F, Eighty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. He was appointed to the position of chief clerk in the general hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, and on the 23d of May received his honorable discharge in that city, after which he returned to Maquon and there followed his profession for five years. For the past

twenty-one years he has been actively engaged in practice at Galva, where by an upright life, close application, and hard work he has succeeded in building up a large and desirable business. He is greatly attached to his vocation, is conscientious and reliable, and possesses a kind and generous disposition. He is always ready to attend the sick and suffering, starting out on his errands of mercy in sunshine or storm, through the brightness of day or the gloom of night, never stopping to inquire as to the patient's ability to recompense him for his services. Such a life of self-sacrifice and noble impulses is richly deserving of the admiration and gratitude which he receives at the hands of his fellow-citizens in Galva and throughout the county.

Dr. Grove was married in 1873 to Miss L. J. Jarnagin, and the union has been blessed by two daughters,—Pearl J. and Grance F.,—both of whom are bright, talented young ladies. The family are Methodists in their religious faith, and have a delightful home in one of the prettiest parts of Galva.

In politics the Doctor was a lifelong Democrat, until 1896, when he cast his vote for Major McKinley and prosperity, and says that although it was a new experience to vote the Republican ticket he is confident he will never have cause to regret his action. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Military Tract Medical Society, since the organization of which he has been a delegate to the state society, and was also appointed a delegate to the national association. His record as a physician, a citizen and a Mason has been a most honorable one, of which he may well be proud.

**WILLIAM HENRY GRIFFITH.**—The history of Freemasonry in Great Britain, according to some writers, dates only as far back as the seventeenth century, while others claim that the Romans introduced it when they followed up their victories over that nation and took possession of

the country. Be that as it may, the craft has always held an important place in the history of the British isles, and at times has proved a power in politics. From Britain it spread to the continent, to America and to India; and there is scarcely a country in the world which has not a number of lodges. In the United States it is a most popular institution, and our best citizens are found enrolled among its members.

William Henry Griffith, a valued citizen of Savanna and a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, was made a Master Mason in Mississippi Lodge, No. 385, at Savanna, in 1885. He was entered September 15, 1883, passed October 20, and raised November 15. He received the chapter degrees in 1888, and was made a Sir Knight soon after in Long Commandery, No. 60, at Mount Carroll. In Freeport Valley Consistory he received the consistory degrees up to and including the thirty-second. He is a "Shriner," being a member of Medinah Temple, at Chicago, and, with his wife and two daughters, is a member of Ola Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at Mount Carroll, with which Mrs. Griffith and Miss Jannetta became associated in 1893, and Mr. Griffith and Miss Caroline in 1892. They are all enthusiastic members and take an active interest in all the affairs of the lodge, in which they are held in high regard.

Mr. Griffith was born in Montgomeryshire, Wales, April 10, 1846, and was brought to America by his parents when seven years old. His ancestors for several generations were residents of Montgomeryshire, where his grandfather, George Griffith, was born. His father was married there, to Caroline Harper, and in 1854 they emigrated to America, bringing with them their five children—four sons and a daughter. They located first at Buffalo, New York, where the father was engaged in the hardware business. After remaining there a while Mr. Griffith moved to St. Catharines, Canada, where he is now living, in good health; at the age of seventy-four years.

Mr. Griffith received his early education

in Buffalo and at St. Catharines. As a youth he worked on a farm, then learned the blacksmith's trade, and later was employed on lake and ocean vessels. He then accepted a position in the shipyard of Miller Brothers, of Chicago, where he acquired a knowledge of engineering. He was in Chicago at the time of the great fire of 1871, and was living at the corner of Larrabee street and Chicago avenue. His house was burned, but he succeeded in saving the greater part of his personal property. From Chicago Mr. Griffith went to Morrison, Illinois, where he engaged in the rendering business until 1881, when he moved to Savanna and has continued successfully in the same business ever since. He has an extensive trade in hides and tallow and has erected an excellent plant for the purpose of carrying on the work.

In politics Mr. Griffith is a staunch Republican and has always taken an active part in the welfare of his city. He has the honor of being four times elected to the office of mayor, and is now serving his fourth term in that office; and it has been during his administration that the water-works were constructed which furnish the city with its splendid water supply. Mr. Griffith was also active in securing the erection of an electric-light plant, which rescued the city from darkness. In fact, he has been active in every enterprise which had for its object the growth and improvement of the place. In 1891 he was elected sheriff of the county, making an efficient and trustworthy officer.

September 29, 1868, Mr. Griffith was united in matrimony with Miss Mary Clare, of Chicago. Besides the two daughters alluded to, they have three sons,—William H., George J. and David A. Two children—Walter and Mary Josephine—died in infancy. The family all attend St. Paul's Episcopal church, of which Mr. Griffith was one of the trustees when the church was built, and has since served as one of the vestrymen.

He has been an active Knight of Pythias, of both the subordinate and uniformed

ranks, and is Past Chancellor; and is one of the old and valued members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He joined Union Lodge, No. 9, Chicago, twenty-three years ago.

He and his family have a large circle of friends, who are always made welcome at their beautiful home in Savanna, which he has built and in which he is most comfortably domiciled.

**JAMES H. GILBERT.**—Throughout the ranks of Masonry in Illinois this gentleman is widely and favorably known, and his interest in the fraternity, his fidelity to its teachings and principles and faithfulness to the obligations it imposes, has made him a valued member of the craft. His identification with the order covers a period of almost thirty years, he having been made a Mason in King Solomon Lodge, of Toronto, Canada, in 1867. The same year he was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in a chapter at Toronto. Shortly afterward he came to Chicago and transferred his membership to this city. He now affiliates with Home Lodge, No. 508, A. F. & A. M., Chicago Chapter, No. 127, R. A. M., and Chevalier Bayard Commandery, in which he was knighted in December, 1888. In the blue lodge he has passed all the chairs, and has occupied the position of Worshipful Master. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. He does all in his power to advance the cause of Masonry, that its principle may thus be inculcated among men, cultivating that fraternal and helpful spirit which will make the world better and brighter.

A native of Toronto, Canada, Mr. Gilbert was born on the 30th of June, 1844, and is of New England ancestry, descended from good old Revolutionary stock. His remote ancestors, however, were English, and the first of the name to seek a home in America was Jonathan Gilbert, who was

probably from Devonshire, England, and located in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1645, becoming a leading citizen and extensive land-owner of that place. The great-great-grandfather of James H. was Nathaniel Gilbert, a native of Middletown, Connecticut, where he made his home for many years. In 1765 he was commissioned captain of the militia, and in 1776 was a captain in Colonel Sage's regiment, which was celebrated for its valiant defense of New Haven. Benjamin Gilbert, the grandfather, located in New York in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and was engaged in the purchase of furs in the northern part of that state and Canada as the representative of a leading fur company of New York city. Elisha B. Gilbert, the father, engaged in the manufacture and sale of furniture, and later in the lumber business. He removed from New York to Toronto at the age of twenty-five, and was there united in marriage with Jane Harris, a lady of Scotch-Irish lineage, whose ancestors came from Belfast, Ireland, to America. Elisha Gilbert died in 1887, at the age of eighty-four, and his wife passed away in 1880, at the age of seventy-three.

James H. Gilbert spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native land, and after obtaining his elementary education in private schools of Toronto continued his studies in Upper Canada College and at the Toronto University. Afterward turning his attention to the study of law, he was admitted to the bar in 1865 and entered upon the practice of his profession. He resided in Toronto until the fall of 1867, when he removed to Chicago and here opened a law office. For several years he continued his labors at the bar and also engaged in the real-estate business, forming a partnership with Robert C. Givens, which continued until 1883. This covered a period of rapid growth in the city and his careful management of business interests, his enterprise and well directed efforts, brought him success. Of later years he has been connected with a number of the leading financial concerns of the city. He embarked in the banking business in the summer of 1894 and

on the first of July was made president of the Garden City Banking & Trust Company, a corporation with a capital stock of five hundred thousand dollars. He is also vice-president of the Pacific Building & Loan Association.

His business ability is of a high order. He has the mind to plan, the will to resolve and the executive force to control extensive enterprises, and his great energy, combined with sound judgment and capable management, enables him to carry forward to completion whatever he undertakes.

For many years Mr. Gilbert has been an important factor in political circles in Chicago. He has always been a staunch Republican, warmly advocating the principles of that party which stands for prosperity, protection of American interests and the advancement of the nation's progress and welfare. He was elected a member of the city council in 1876 at a time when the city affairs were so badly and corruptly managed that the people cried out for pure government and needed reform. His known probity of character and devotion to the right made him the choice of his ward for the office, and he proved a most efficient member of the council, fully justifying the trust which was reposed in him. During the two months' absence of the mayor he was chosen to temporarily fill that position, which he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the city. In 1886 he was elected clerk of the criminal court, holding the office for four years, and in 1890 was elected to the very important position of sheriff of Cook county for a four-years term.

His course in every public position that he has been called upon to fill is one that has materially advanced the best interests of the city. In this day, when dishonesty and chicanery are too often seen in official life, his own honorable, unblemished career, over which there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, is one deserving of the greatest credit, and certainly worthy of emulation. The cause of his party and its success lies close to his heart, but no man says aught against his political methods,

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which are fair, just and straightforward. He has been a member of nearly every executive committee of his party in the county and has twice served as chairman, during which his managerial ability and comprehensive grasp of the political situation enabled him to do most effective work for Republicanism. In 1892 he was delegate-at-large to the national Republican convention at Minneapolis, and was the representative from Illinois to notify Benjamin Harrison of his nomination for the presidency. He is now treasurer of the Republican state central committee and president of the Fourth Ward Republican Club.

Mr. Gilbert is a valued member of the Union League and Bankers' Clubs, the Royal League, Royal Arcanum, Foresters, the National Union, Hamilton Club, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Society of Colonial Wars. His public career and private life are alike above reproach. All that is true and noble in the Masonic fraternity finds expression in his every-day life, and his name in its connection with politics, business and society is the synonym of honor.

On the 15th of June, 1870, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Gilbert and Miss Ella K. Huntley, daughter of Silas Huntley and a lady of high culture, whose home is a favorite resort of a refined society circle. They have two children—Helen R. and Huntley H.

**G**EORGE DAY EDDY, one of the prominent representatives of Masonry in Chicago, and also one of the leading business men of the city, was born in Buffalo, New York, August 18, 1849, a son of R. M. and Sarah M. (Quackenbush) Eddy. His father died in 1884, but the mother is still living, in Chicago. She is of Holland descent.

In the schools of his native city our subject began his education, which was afterward supplemented by study in Bryant &

Stratton's Business College, and upon coming to Chicago in 1865 he completed his business course in this city. In 1866 he entered upon the work to which he has since devoted his energies, becoming an employee in the foundry which his father had established the year previous and which the latter continued to operate until his life's labors were ended. Since that time the business has been incorporated under the name of the R. M. Eddy Foundry Company, its officers being George D. Eddy, president; Albert M. Eddy, secretary and treasurer. Varied and extensive as are the commercial and industrial interests of Chicago, the works of the Eddy Company are among the foremost in their line in the city, the able management, enterprise and honorable dealing of the house bringing the company a large and constantly increasing trade. Their specialty is heavy castings, and the plant is located at Nos. 43 to 61 Indiana street, where employment is furnished to from eighty-five to one hundred skilled workmen.

Mr. Eddy's standing in business circles is high, but it is equaled by the place he holds in the honored body of Masonry. He became a member of the fraternity in December, 1870, joining Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, F. & A. M., of which he was made Master in 1877, at that time being the youngest member who had ever held the position. He joined Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, R. A. M., in 1875, and St. Bernard Commandery, K. T., in April, 1882, acting as Eminent Commander of the last-named in 1893. He joined the Oriental Consistory in 1890 and became a member of Medinah Temple April 9, 1886. He is a Captain of Arab Patrol, also Captain of Company B, St. Bernard Commandery, Drill Corps, with which he has been identified since its organization. He is a life member of the Masonic Orphans' Home, and the interest which he takes in this and other branches of the work shows that he is in hearty accord with the benevolent spirit which forms one of the principles of this order.

In December, 1871, Mr. Eddy was united in marriage to Miss Adeline Charbonneau,

who died in December, 1881, leaving one son, George A. In 1884 he was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary V. Reiley, a native of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. They have two daughters,—Alice Hazel and Harriet E.

**E**RNST HUMMEL, one of the most conspicuous figures in the public life of Chicago, is now serving as city treasurer. He has for many years been an important factor in municipal affairs, and the faithfulness with which he has ever discharged his public duties has won him the unqualified commendation of all fair-minded citizens. It logically follows that such a man would prove a loyal and worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, with which he has been identified for more than twenty years. In fact he has attained his Masonic majority, having been initiated as an Entered Apprentice in 1876. His membership is with Keystone Lodge, No. 639, A. F. & A. M., and while he is not active in the work of the lodge-room he is true to the principles of the fraternity and is highly regarded by his Masonic brethren.

His life record began in Germany, where on the 7th of April, 1842, he opened his eyes to the light of day. For fourteen years he remained in the Fatherland, and on the 8th of May, 1856, crossed the Atlantic to America. Here taking advantage of the opportunities open to the ambitious and energetic young man he has steadily worked his way upward, winning success in business and honor in politics. In his youth he learned the brewing business, and has since followed it as a source of livelihood. He was employed by different companies for a few years, during which time by his industry and economy he acquired the capital which enabled him to embark in business on his own account in 1881, as a member of the firm of Brand & Hummel. Later he became connected with the South Side Brewing Company, and is now vice-president of that corporation, doing a very extensive and profitable business. He is a man of great

executive ability, foresight and enterprise, and to him is due in no small measure the success which has attended the South Side Brewing Company during his connection therewith.

His worth as a man, his loyalty as a citizen and his ability to discharge acceptably the duties of important official position led to his election as assessor of the north town in 1875. In 1885 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and was an active member of that body, laboring earnestly for the advancement of the welfare of the commonwealth. At the time Hyde Park was annexed to Chicago he was elected to the city council for a short term and on the expiration of the period was re-elected. In 1896 he was elected, on the Democratic ticket, city treasurer of Chicago, receiving the largest majority ever given a candidate for that office in this metropolis. Mr. Hummel is not a politician in the commonly accepted sense of the term. He has never sought office, but has been called to public life by a constituency that recognizing his abilities have desired his able services in the affairs of the city. He has a broad knowledge of political questions and is well informed on all matters of general interest. In social as well as business and political circles Mr. Hummel is also widely known, for his characteristics are those which everywhere command respect. His honesty and strong determination in support of any and all measures which he believes to be right is most marked, and as a man, a Mason and an official he commands uniform respect.

Mr. Hummel was married in Chicago, on the 1st of June, 1865, to Miss Mary Alledinger, a native of this city. They now have one son, Ernst F., and a daughter, Clara.

**R**OBERT ADAMS GARDNER, one of Quincy's bright and popular dentists and a diligent member of the fraternity, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Bodley Lodge, No. 1, in 1890; was



exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, on December 30, and served as its Master of the Third Vail; was constituted a Sir Knight in El Aska Commandery, No. 55, Knights Templar, on April 9, 1891, holding the office of Standard Bearer in that body; and attained the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Quincy Consistory, S. P. R. S., up to and including the thirty-second degree, which was conferred March 3, 1891. He is a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple, at Chicago.

Mr. Gardner was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, September 1, 1861, his family being descendants of Scotch ancestors. His common-school education was obtained in Hannibal, Missouri, after which he moved to Quincy. He entered the American Dental College, at Chicago, in 1888, graduating at that institution March 26, 1890. He then returned to Quincy, where he has ever since been most successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. He has a choice suite of rooms in the Wells Block, furnished in a tasteful manner and supplied with all the latest improvements and electrical appliances, being thus enabled to turn out a class of work that has proved eminently satisfactory to his patrons. He is president of the Quincy Dental Club, and is a stockholder in the Empire Theater Company.

The Doctor was married December 17, 1885, to Miss Mamie Oertle, the daughter of Joseph Oertle, of Quincy. They have two bright children—Robert William and Helen. The Doctor and his wife are regular attendants of the Congregational church, to which he is a liberal contributor.

In his political affiliations Dr. Gardner is a staunch Republican. He is an enterprising, progressive gentleman, a conscientious Mason, and one of Quincy's highly respected citizens.

**M**ARSHALL B. HUGHSON was made a Mason in Home Lodge, of Chicago, about 1876, and soon after was raised to

the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Chicago Chapter. From this organization he was afterward dimitted and became a member of Delta Chapter, No. 191. He is associated with the Royal & Select Masters of Temple Council, and became one of the charter members of Mizpah Lodge, No. 768, R. & S. M. He was Knighted in Apollo Commandery and is an esteemed member of the fraternity.

Mr. Hughson was born in Dutchess county, New York, in 1841, and when eighteen years of age went to New York city, where he remained from 1859 until 1861. In April of the latter year he came to Chicago and secured employment in the old Sherman stock-yards. With the exception of one year he has been under the jurisdiction of one man for thirty-six years, and is now filling a responsible position in the shipping department at the Union Stock-yards. His marked fidelity to duty and his faithfulness to every matter committed to his care is demonstrated by his long continued service, which is certainly most creditable and satisfactory, both to the employer and employee. During the Civil war his labors were interrupted by his enlistment in the Union service as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry.

On the 23d of November, 1864, Mr. Hughson was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Flagler, who was born in Pleasant Valley, Dutchess county, New York. Her father was a veteran of the war of 1812. Mr. Hughson was a member of the Citizens' League of the town of Lake, served as its secretary for several years and was also president for one year. He is also a member of Lincoln Post, No. 91, G. A. R.

**J**OHAN PUTNAM FOX, a prominent citizen of Geneseo, is one of the reliable members of the Masonic order. In 1872 he was made a Mason in Cambridge Lodge, No. 49, of Cambridge, Illinois, but afterward was dimitted from that organization and was elected a member of Stewart Lodge,

No. 92, F. & A. M., of Geneseo, with which he has since affiliated. He is an active and capable worker in the order, is thoroughly posted on the ritual, and shapes his life in harmony with those principles which through succeeding ages have aided in uplifting humanity. The growth of Masonry in this country has been most rapid and substantial, and it is due to the fact that its doctrines are such as to commend it to men of sterling worth. Its principles not only inculcate business honor, but produce a chivalric devotion to all that is right and awaken that broad charity which uplifts the fallen and aids the needy.

Mr. Fox was born in Center Harbor, Belknap county, New Hampshire, on the 5th of October, 1829, and is of English ancestry, being connected with the Worcester and Chase families, two of the most prominent and honored in the country. Chief Justice Chase was also a representative of the latter family. The grandfather of our subject, John Fox, was one of the Revolutionary heroes, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-six years. His son, Leonard Fox, father of our subject, was born in Hebron, New Hampshire, in 1801, and married Miss Clarissa Chase, a native of New Hampton, New Hampshire. He was a cooper by trade, and spent his entire life in his native state, where he died at the age of seventy-two years. In religious belief he was a Universalist. His wife survived him until 1893, and passed away at the age of eighty-seven. They had five children, two of whom are living, and by a former marriage the father had two children.

John P. Fox obtained his education in the public schools of his native state and began his business career as a salesman. In 1849 the discovery of gold in California lured him to the Eldorado of the west, and, making the ocean voyage around Cape Horn, arrived at San Francisco in 1850. For six and a half years he remained on the Pacific slope, engaged in gold-digging, clerking and in driving pack mules. Where is now the populous portion of San Francisco he one day encountered a wild grizzly bear. His

business ventures in the west proved successful and about 1867 he returned to Illinois, locating on a farm in Mason county, where he resided for thirty-three years. In 1890 he laid aside all active business cares connected with agriculture, rented his lands and removed to Geneseo, where he erected a pleasant home. He is the secretary of the Geneseo Farmers' Insurance Company, but is practically living a retired life in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

Mr. Fox was married in 1858 to Miss Hannah O. Thomas, a native of Center Harbor, New Hampshire, and they have one son, George B., now of Earlham, Iowa. Mr. Fox and his wife have many warm friends in Geneseo. He has been a Republican since the organization of the party, and was one of nineteen who voted for John C. Fremont at Mariposa, California. For many years he was a popular township officer, was one of the county supervisors for a number of terms and for three years was chairman of that board. In 1874 he was elected to the legislature, and by re-election served a second term, proving one of the most active and valued members of the house. He has done all in his power to advance the cause of Republicanism, and his services in the campaigns have been very effective. His life has been an upright one, characterized by sterling integrity and devotion to duty, and in political, social and business circles he has won the confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

**S**MYTH CROOKS.—One who is prominently connected with the various branches of Masonry in Chicago, and whose devotion to and interest in the fraternity is most marked, is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He became connected with the order in 1892, having been made a Master Mason in Ashlar Lodge, No. 308, F. & A. M. He was raised to the Royal Arch degree in Lafayette Chapter, No. 2, became connected with the Royal and Select Masters of

Palestine Council, No. 66, was knighted in Apollo Commandery in 1892, belongs to Oriental Consistory and is a member of Medinah Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine. He has been honored with official preferment, having served as Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council for 1896, while in the commandery he is now holding the position of Generalissimo. He is an enthusiast in the work of the order, and has strong faith in its power for good, for its basic principles are those which foster and develop the principles of honor, benevolence, justice, democracy and brotherly feeling,—qualities which never fail to awaken respect.

Mr. Crooks is a son of America by adoption. He was born in county Derry of the Emerald Isle, on the 28th of September, 1849, and is a son of Alexander and Sarah (Hartley) Crooks, who also were natives of the same locality. His father died during the early childhood of our subject, who spent the first eight years of his life in Ireland and then accompanied his mother on her emigration to the New World. Mrs. Crooks settled with her family in Kingston, Canada, where, after leaving school, Smyth entered upon his mercantile career as an employee in a shoe house. Since that time he has been connected with the trade, and after several years spent in the service of others in Canada he resolved to begin business on his own account in the United States. Accordingly he chose Chicago as the scene of his labors, coming here January 3, 1868, for the rapidly developing metropolis of the west seemed to furnish a good opening. He therefore located in the city and has since been connected with the shoe trade, now doing business at No. 450 North Clark street. He has here a well appointed store and is carrying a carefully selected stock of goods to meet the wants of all classes of patrons and has met with good success in his undertaking, having now a large trade, which he well merits.

On the 24th of April, 1872, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Crooks and

Miss Susie Widdicombe. The lady was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, and they now have a family of nine children, namely: Samuel George, Emily Adrian, Mary Jane, Ethel Blanche, Smyth Hartley, Norman Bartlett, Harry Cameron, Margaret Elizabeth and Harvey Foster. The eldest son is a Master Mason. Mr. Crooks is a man of many sterling qualities. He inspires one with confidence, and the confidence reposed in him is not misplaced. He is popular with a large circle of friends and is a progressive citizen, while of the Masonic fraternity he is a valued member.

CLARENCE GRIGGS is a prominent and well-known attorney of Ottawa. Law as a science—that is, as consisting of certain principles well defined and universally admitted—has commanded the unqualified admiration of all who have perceived its excellence and importance in the conduct of human affairs. No language, however eloquent; no genius, however gifted; no eulogy, however magnificent,—can transcend the limits of truth in giving expression to its value and beauty. Its clear recognition of the rights of man as an individual and of his relations to the state and to his fellow man, and of his duties and obligations as a member of organized society; its imperative command that one so regulate his own conduct that in using his own he may not regulate others; the equal protection and opportunity extended those in every rank and all conditions of life,—all these combine to clothe with majesty and crown with glory the principles of law. Jurisprudence has through many centuries claimed the attention of the brightest minds of the world and is constantly adding to the list of its representatives young men of ability, many of whom win success and honorable distinction in this chosen calling.

Among this number is Mr. Griggs, who is now an able practitioner at the bar of Ottawa. He was born in that city, on the 2d of January, 1857, and having acquired his elementary education in the public schools,

matriculated in the Michigan University, of Ann Arbor, where he was graduated in the literary department with the class of 1878. Having made choice of the practice of law as a life work, he began reading in the office of Mayo & Widmer and in 1881 was admitted to the bar. He sought not other fields of labor, but opened his office in the city of his nativity and by his merit and ability has built up a good practice. He is now the present county attorney and undoubtedly the future holds in store for him still greater successes. He is very prominent in political affairs, is an able defender of the party faith and warmly advocates the principles of reciprocity, protection and the gold standard.

In 1883 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Griggs and Miss Lura Nash, daughter of John F. Nash, one of the best known Masons in the state and a prominent banker of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Griggs have one daughter, Lura. The parents are members of the Episcopal church and their home is the center of a cultured society circle.

**C**HARLES G. STEFFEN.—Young men in the past have often been deterred from devoting themselves to a business life because of the wide-spread impression that such a life yields no opportunities for the display of genius or for active participation in those political contests which appeal so strongly to the ambition of the young men of our country. The time, however, has gone by when, other things being equal, the business man must play "second fiddle" to the lawyer or the doctor, the minister or the editor. In fact, as a rule, let the business man be equally equipped by education and natural endowment, and you will find him to-day in every community exerting a wider influence and wielding a greater power than a man of equal capacity in any other walk of life. The "men of affairs" have come to be in a large degree the men upon whom the country leans. The subject of our sketch is pre-eminently a "man of affairs."

Mr. Steffen was born in Germany, March 21, 1842, was educated in his native land, and in 1856, when fourteen years of age, emigrated to the United States to make his own way in the land of the free. He arrived at Freeport a poor boy, ignorant of the language and customs of the country, and began to earn his living by cutting cordwood. A short time afterward he secured employment in a bakery, and later engaged in farming, but it was the period just before the war, when crops were poor and prices low. He raised only five bushels of wheat to the acre and received for it only sixty-five cents per bushel! This led him to abandon farming, and he accepted a clerkship in the dry-goods store of William A. Stevens and continued in that position for five years, to the entire satisfaction of his employer, while at the same time he acquired a good knowledge of merchandising. In partnership with A. Huenkemeier he opened a general merchandise store and carried on a successful business there until 1867, when he became a member of the firm of Meyer & Steffen, and under that name carried on business until 1875, when he sold out and returned on a visit to his native land.

When he again came to America Mr. Steffen accepted a position as traveling salesman for Farrington & Small, wholesale grocers of Chicago, with whom he remained until 1884, after which he entered the employ of the well-known house of Sprague, Warner & Company, with which he has since continued, visiting the towns within a radius of forty miles of Freeport in the interests of the wholesale grocery with which he is associated. By close attention to business and his known integrity of character he has won and holds a remunerative patronage, many of his customers having done business with him for the past quarter of a century. He is an energetic, untiring salesman and well deserves the success which has attended his efforts. His means have been invested in profitable enterprises and he is now a stockholder in the Henry Buggy Company and in two of the banks of Freeport. He has also erected one of the nice

homes of the city and there resides with his family.

In the year 1865 Mr. Steffen was happily married, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Cornelia Bengasser, a native of Freeport and a daughter of Michael Bengasser, a pioneer of this city. Ten children have been born of this union, six of whom are living, as follows: Frank E., now Mrs. Hoebel; Mary Elenora, wife of Edward Scanlon; Cornelia Augusta; Charles Frederick; Clara Augusta and Albert Clemens. Their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality and the members of the family occupy an enviable position in social circles.

Mr. Steffen has been an active promoter of the musical interests of Freeport. He is himself a fine tenor singer and since 1871 has been a member of the Freeport Sængerbund, a society in which he takes great pleasure and interest and which has been an important factor in cultivating and developing the musical taste and talent of the city. In politics he has always been a Democrat and has served as assistant supervisor of his township and as alderman of the city. His Masonic history covers the period from 1878 down to the present. In that year he was made a Mason in Evergreen Lodge, No. 197, of Freeport, and has advanced steadily in the order until he has attained the thirty-second degree. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he is also identified.

**H**ENRY FREDERICK KORS, a prominent and highly distinguished Sir Knight residing in Virginia, who has shown an unusual amount of interest in the order for the past twelve years, during which time he has been a consistent and faithful member, was initiated in Virginia Lodge, No. 544, on January 29, 1885, passed, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 12, 1885. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason on January 22, 1886, in Clark Chapter, No. 29, at Beardstown, Illinois, and received

the orders of Knighthood in Hospitaler Commandery, No. 31, K. T., at Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1891. In his home lodge Mr. Kors has been one of the active and capable workers, performing the duties assigned to him with unusual ability, thereby winning the high consideration of brethren.

Mr. Kors was born at Beardstown on December 2, 1846. His father, born in 1804, in Osnabruck, kingdom of Holland, came to the United States in 1833 and located at Beardstown, Illinois, where, on July 6, 1837, he was married to Miss Maria Engel Hemminghouse, a sister of Rev. William Hemminghouse, a German Methodist Episcopal minister. They had three children, of whom William died in infancy; Kate H., who is now Mrs. Charles E. Boy, of Cumberland county, Illinois; and Henry F., our subject, who was but a few weeks old when his mother died, on December 27, 1846, and he was placed in the care of a nurse until the marriage of his father, in 1847, to Miss Margeratha Feulner; when he was taken home and reared with his father's family, the survivors of whom are as follows: Martin Luther, George E., Mary H., now Mrs. Charles H. Unland, and Amelia S., who married Louis C. Hackman. The father was an industrious, honest tradesman, a plasterer and bricklayer by vocation. He was an active Christian, doing all in his power to promote the welfare of the early German church in Beardstown. His demise occurred on November 29, 1865, at the age of sixty-two years.

Mr. Kors was educated in the public and German schools of Beardstown, Illinois. He became apprenticed to the harness-making and carriage-trimming trades, in which he served until becoming of age, when he engaged in the business on his own account at Beardstown, but disposed of it the following year, and for a time was employed as a salesman in a mercantile establishment. In December, 1876, he was appointed deputy circuit clerk of Cass county, Illinois, by Thomas V. Finney, who was at that time clerk. In 1880, 1884 and 1888 Mr. Kors was re-appointed to the

same position by Hon. F. E. Downing, and during those years of service he performed the duties of his office satisfactorily. In 1892 he was elected circuit clerk and ex-officio recorder of the county, an office which he has since filled, being re-elected in 1896 and his present term continuing until 1900. His record as a county officer, covering a period of over twenty years, is a most honorable one, and redounds greatly to his credit and to the excellent judgment of the public he has so faithfully served. During his connection with the circuit court Mr. Kors availed himself of the opportunities for reading law, and after diligent study and unfaltering industry he passed a very creditable examination and was admitted to the bar as an attorney and counselor at law by the supreme court of the state of Illinois. He has a well developed taste for literature, is an ardent admirer of music, and has sung in the choir of the Presbyterian church for the past twenty years. Our subject has built one of the most comfortable homes in Virginia, where he is surrounded by everything that goes to make domestic life attractive and delightful. On January 12, 1869, he was married to Miss Laura Finney, a daughter of Thomas V. Finney, one of the early settlers of this county. Seven children have been born to them, one daughter and six sons, the eldest, Martin Luther, having been educated for the medical profession. After passing through the public schools of Virginia, Illinois, he attended Monmouth College, in this state. Then he attended Long Island College Hospital at Brooklyn, New York, as a student, and then entered the Northwestern University, of Chicago, subsequently attending Rush Medical College, in the same city, at which he was graduated in 1896, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession in Cass county, with the most flattering prospects of a successful career. He is a member of the fraternity, and was made a Master Mason in Virginia Lodge, No. 544, on May 21, 1897. The other children are pursuing their studies at school, and are as follows: Frederick

Sommes, Preston Virgin, Harry Downing, Frank Finney, Henry Frederick, Jr., and Grace Edna. Mrs. Kors's niece, Laura, lived with our subject's family until her marriage to Horace Biddlecome.

Mr. and Mrs. Kors were members of the Congregational church at Beardstown from 1865 until their removal to Virginia, when they became adherents of the Presbyterian church of the latter city, of which he is a trustee and a deacon, and with his family is liberal in its support. Socially he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with his wife is affiliated with the Daughters of Rebekah, in which she is Grand Deputy. They are both charter members of Ada Robinson Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, both of them being active in its affairs, and possessing the high regard of the members.

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**EDWIN F. STEVENS.**—He to whose Masonic career we are now permitted to direct attention has been identified with the ancient craft for a quarter of a century, has been conspicuous for his zeal and abiding interest in the work of the order, has been a fit exemplar of the principles and teachings of the same and has been granted distinguished preferment in the several Masonic bodies with which his membership has been placed. His loyalty to the institution of Freemasonry is distinctive and implies that his patriotism has been equally pronounced, and this is evident when is taken into consideration the willing service he rendered the nation at the time of the late war. Mr. Stevens is one of Chicago's most able accountants and to this important line of endeavor he has given his attention for many years. As a business man, a citizen and a Mason he is held in highest esteem by all who know him, and such has been his Masonic record that it is imperative that special mention of the same be made in this compilation. In the year 1872 Mr. Stevens was made an Entered Apprentice in Gramercy Lodge, No. 537, A. F. & A. M., in

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New York city, and in this body he duly passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised Master Mason. His popularity in this lodge is evident when it is recalled that he served as Worshipful Master of the same in 1874-5. His affiliation at the present time is with Normal Park Lodge, No. 797, of which he was a charter member and in which he held the office of Master in 1892. The four capitular degrees were received by Mr. Stevens in 1872, his exaltation to the Royal Arch having taken place in Zetlan Chapter, in the national metropolis. Upon locating in Chicago he transferred his membership to Normal Park Chapter, No. 210, being one of its charter members and having been honored with the office of High Priest of the same in 1895. He was greeted Select Master in Imperial Council, No. 85, R. & S. M., in which he passed the circle, being a charter member of this cryptic body and having served as Captain of the Guards. Mr. Stevens received the grades and orders of chivalric Masonry in Morton Commandery, No. 4, of New York, having there been constituted, created and dubbed Knight Templar. From his original commandery he was dimitted and became a Sir Knight of Englewood Commandery, No. 59, in which he was Eminent Commander during the year 1896, having been a most popular and efficient incumbent in this distinguished office to which he was chosen by his brother knights. Mr. Stevens dimitted from the New York Masonic bodies in the year 1889, and ever since that time he has been signally faithful and constant in his allegiance to the Chicago organizations with which he has allied himself. He is also one of those who have been successful in the pilgrimage across the far-stretching sands of Araby, and has been made a Noble of Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of Normal Park Chapter, No. 211, Order of the Eastern Star.

In this connection we can touch but briefly upon the more salient points in the life history of Mr. Stevens. Edwin Forrester Stevens was born in the city of New York on the 2d of May, 1841, being the son

of William and Jane (Ryen) Stevens. He received a public-school education, but began his individual and responsible endeavors at the early age of fourteen years and has ever since been an earnest worker in connection with the practical affairs of life. He is an expert accountant and his services in this line are at present retained by the McCormick Harvester Company. Mr. Stevens came to Chicago in 1880, and he maintains his home in the attractive Englewood district of the city.

At the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion his loyal and patriotic nature was roused to responsive protest as the rebel guns thundered against Fort Sumter, and in 1861 he responded to the first call for seventy-five thousand troops, enlisting in Company H, Seventy-first American Guards, and proceeding with his command to the front. He participated in the first battle of Bull Run, and though he soon became incapacitated for active field service, by reason of the effects of exposure and over-exertion, yet he insisted in remaining in the army and served until the expiration of his term of enlistment. He subsequently re-enlisted, but failed to pass the examination on account of his physical disabilities.

In the year 1867 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Stevens to Miss Antoinette DeLuce, and of their seven children the four living are Edwin F., Jr., Mabel deG., Vessie G. and DeGuerre. Mr. Stevens is an attendant of the Episcopal church, of which his family are members.

In private and social life he is the synonym of his Masonic professions, thus commanding the respect and affection of the fraternity and the confidence of all who know him in other departments of life.

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**A**LBERT M. EDDY, one of Chicago's leading business men, has been an honored member of the Masonic fraternity since 1873, and during his connection therewith has been an active and able advocate of the practical working of the order which enables man to help his brother man and

lessen the sum of human suffering by his sympathy and assistance, while he adds to the world's happiness by the feeling of brotherly interest that the organization inculcates in its members. Mr. Eddy was made a Mason in Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, F. & A. M.; for the past fifteen years served as the Treasurer of said lodge; received the *Royal Arch* degrees in 1884, and is now a member of York Chapter, No. 148, R. A. M.; in 1885 he was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery, and is now serving as its Senior Warden, and he is an active member of the St. Bernard Drill Corps (of which organization he is Treasurer). He was made a thirty-second degree Mason in 1887, with Class 32 of the Chicago Consistory. He is a life member and one of the trustees of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, and has always been a leading spirit in promoting the welfare of the institution. He is one of the directors and secretary of the Medinah Temple Company, owners of the fine Medinah Temple Building, situated at the corner of Fifth avenue and Jackson street. In 1886 he was made a member of the Mystic Shrine, and joined the Queen Esther Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1889, and was Secretary of that body for five years, while for one year his wife served as Worthy Matron. In all Masonic matters he takes an active interest, and his name stands high on the roll of leading members of the fraternity in Chicago.

Mr. Eddy is a native of Buffalo, New York, born July 4, 1851, and is a son of R. M. and Sarah M. (Quackenbush) Eddy. In the schools of his native city he began his education, and on coming to Chicago in September, 1865, he entered Washington school, where he remained one year and graduated. For two years thereafter he was a student in the Chicago high school and then entered his father's employ, since which time he has been connected with the foundry business. He has therefore been connected with this industrial calling for twenty-eight years; and in 1884, upon the incorporation of the R. M. Eddy Foundry Company, and after the death of the father,

he was elected secretary and treasurer of the company, which office he has since so successfully and creditably filled. He is also treasurer of the Goss Printing Press Company, manufacturers of perfecting presses used entirely for newspaper printing. This plant is located at Nos. 335 to 365 Rebecca street, and is one of the extensive manufacturing concerns of the city. Both enterprises with which he is connected are large and profitable, and belong to that class of business concerns which develop the commercial activity of a locality and produce its material prosperity.

On the 2d of January, 1873, Mr. Eddy was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Emery, a native of Rochester, New York. They have two children: Blanch E., now the wife of Charles H. Wood; and Charles M., who is engaged in business with his father. In his political associations Mr. Eddy is a Republican.

**Z**IBA T. F. RUNNER.—Industry in useful pursuits, truly and vigorously applied, never fails of success; it carries a man onward and upward, brings out his individual character, and powerfully stimulates the action of others. The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means and the exercise of the ordinary qualities of common sense and perseverance. The every-day life with its cares, necessities and duties affords ample opportunity for acquiring experience of the best kind, and its well-beaten paths provide the true worker with abundant scope for effort and room for self-improvement, and ultimate advancement to positions of high trust and responsibility. It is now our purpose to take briefly under review the life history of one who has rendered to the Union the valiant service of the patriotic and loyal son of the republic, and who has made his life one of signal usefulness in the more prosaic lines of business or commercial enterprise.

Mr. Runner, of Freeport, Illinois, was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of December, 1845, and is of German

and Holland ancestry. The progenitor of the family in America was a member of the Hessian army, who after the war determined to make his home in this country and located in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The parents of our subject were Frederick S. and Elizabeth (Furst) Runner, both natives of Pennsylvania and representatives of well-to-do families. The father served as captain of militia and held various civil offices, ~~being a man of considerable prominence in the community in which he made his home.~~ He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. The father died in the thirty-sixth year of his age, and in 1857 the mother came with her children to Freeport, where she continued to reside up to the time of her death, which occurred in her seventy-first year.

Mr. Runner, of this review, was the third in a family of six children. He is indebted to the schools of his native town and of Freeport for his educational privileges, and a good practical English education well fitted him for life's practical duties. In 1864, when a young man of nineteen years, he enlisted in Company K, Forty-sixth Illinois Infantry, and served in the department of the Mississippi until the close of the war, as a loyal defender of the old flag and the cause it represented.

In 1868 Mr. Runner accepted a position with the Freeport Gas Company, and with the exception of six years has been continuously connected with the company since. He has been advanced from one position to another until he is now one of the heavy stockholders of the company and is its secretary and very efficient manager. The name has been changed to the Freeport Light & Fuel Company, and the success of the concern is due in no small measure to the excellent business ability, the careful management and the industry of the present secretary.

In 1875 Mr. Runner was united in marriage to Miss Maria E. Oxley, a native of England and a daughter of Charles and Maria Oxley, of Freeport. They have four children,—Mable Alice, Olive Grace, Charles

Frederick and Ellen Elizabeth. The parents are valued members and active workers in the First Presbyterian church, and Mr. Runner is now serving as a member of its board of trustees. He also belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association, is its vice-president and is deeply interested in its growth and progress. His political support is given the Republican party. Since 1871 he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, ~~and his name stands high on the roll of the esteemed brethren of Excelsior Lodge.~~ His life has been well spent, and he justly deserves the reputation of being one of Freeport's best citizens.

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**T**HOMAS T. MORFORD.—It is a fact worthy of note, and one most potent as an argument in favor of the great fraternity of Masonry, that when a man has once taken the vows of the brotherhood and entered into a full knowledge of the laws of the society, he very seldom relinquishes his membership. Nor is there any reason why he should. He has everything to gain by his association with such men as may be found within the sacred precincts of the order—men who have probed deep into the well of humanity, who have seen the pitfalls that are ever yawning to entrap the human soul, and thus, warned against the danger that beset their brothers, have every facility with which to avert them. In union there is strength, and surely there is need of union when vice is the foe to be vanquished.

Among those who have enrolled their names for life in local bodies of the fraternity is the subject of this review, Thomas T. Morford. For over thirty years he has been a consistent member of the organization, having been initiated in Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, in which he was made a Master Mason in 1866. In 1867 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, and in the same year was created a Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar. He is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Me-

dinah Temple, being one of the first members of that body in Chicago.

Mr. Morford was born in New Jersey, September 2, 1838, and received his education in the public schools of his native town. In February, 1857, he came to Chicago and engaged in business, and since 1862 has been connected with the marine lines here. For twenty-seven years he has been in the employ of the Union Steamship Line, with the exception of one year, having started in when it was first organized. For ten years he was a trustee of the village of Riverside.

In January, 1858, Mr. Morford was united in marriage to Miss Maria L. Smith, and ten children were born to them, four of whom are living, namely: James B., Emory T., Arthur E. and Wager G. He was again married, this time to Miss Clarissa E. Davis, and of this union two children were born. Politically Mr. Morford is a Democrat, but is a firm believer in the principles of sound money. Although well along in the autumn of life Mr. Morford is a well preserved man, and it is hoped that many long years of usefulness may yet be spared him.

**A**NSEL HANDY HULING, editor of *The Argus*, of Chicago, and prominent in literary circles, is one of Chicago's sterling citizens who is identified with the several branches of the Masonic order and is a worthy exponent of Masonry. He was created a Master Mason in the spring of 1870, in Union Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Evansville, Wisconsin, which conferred upon him the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason. The following year he removed to St. Louis and transferred his membership to Keystone Lodge, of that city, and in 1873, upon removing to Chicago, was transferred to Waubansia Lodge, No. 160, of which he is now a life member. While he was a resident of St. Louis, in 1872, Kilwinning Chapter, R. A. M., exalted him to the rank of Royal Arch Mason, and on his return to

Chicago he affiliated with LaFayette Chapter. The Knight Templar degrees were conferred upon him in 1882 by Chicago Commandery, in which, in 1885, he filled the office of Prelate. He is also a thirty-second-degree Mason, having been made a member of Oriental Consistory in 1882, and was for a time an officer in the Rose Croix body.

Mr. Huling is a native of North New Berlin, New York, born June 7, 1838, and is a son of Rev. Daniel and Lydia (Burlingame) Huling. The family removing west to Illinois when our subject was a youth, he was partly educated in this state, afterward spending two years at Hillsdale College, Michigan, which he left to engage in teaching.

After two years engaged in teaching in Illinois, in 1863 he was ordained a minister of the Free Baptist church, and spent nine years in the active work of the ministry as a pastor in Illinois and Wisconsin. In 1870 he abandoned the ministry, on account of failing health, and since then his time and attention have been given to insurance and to journalistic and literary work, having written articles for, and been connected with, some of the leading publications of this country, including special articles on insurance for the latest edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. He was the western editor of the *Morning Star*, a Free Baptist paper, for six years; in 1880 went with *The Investigator*, of Chicago, continuing its editor five years at one time; was afterward a member of the firm of Hill & Huling, book publishers, later doing literary work at Cincinnati; then, editor of the *Insurance and Finance Chronicle*, of Montreal, from October, 1889, to May, 1893; subsequently, during the years 1895-6, was again editor of *The Investigator*; and at present he has the editorship of *The Argus*, of Chicago.

A scholarly gentleman, possessing more than ordinary literary and business ability, he has met with success in the various enterprises with which he has been connected. In political matters he has always given his support to the Republican party.

Mr. Huling has a pleasant residence at Wheaton, which he built in the summer of 1895, and which he and his family occupy. He was married in the spring of 1860, to Miss Emily Stewart, of French Creek, New York, and they have two children—Alice Augusta and Edith Amelia, both accomplished in literary and social circles.

**C**HARLES EDWIN WINDOM, a prominent furniture dealer of Sterling, Illinois, and one of the leading citizens of the place, has been identified with Masonry during the past five years and has advanced from the blue lodge to the chapter and commandery, in all of which he takes a most appreciative interest.

Mr. Windom was made a Master Mason in Rock River Lodge, No. 612, F. & A. M., July 15, 1892. December 3, the same year, he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason by Sterling Chapter, No. 57, R. A. M.; and August 8, 1893, he was knighted by Sterling Commandery, No. 57. In the chapter he has for some time been honored with the high official position of King, which he fills with his usual and becoming dignity, rendering his work in a most impressive manner.

Mr. Windom is a native son of the city in which he lives. He was born August 14, 1855, and is descended from English ancestors who were among the colonists of Virginia. Secretary Windom of the United States belonged to the same family. Grandfather Windom at an early day removed from the "Old Dominion" to the "Western Reserve," settling in Ohio, where the father of our subject, Jonas Windom, was born. Jonas Windom married Miss Ruth Lumm, a native of Virginia, and in the year 1849 they came out to Illinois and located at Sterling, where for some years he kept the Central Hotel, later was engaged in the grocery business and still later established the furniture business, of which his son, Charles E., is now proprietor. Also the senior Mr. Windom was the founder of the Sterling Burial Case Manufacturing Com-

pany. As an enterprising and thorough-going citizen he figured prominently in the town, served on its council for a number of years, and throughout his life enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He died in 1886, at the age of sixty-nine years. His widow still survives him, being now in the seventy-ninth year of her age. To them were born eight children, of whom four are now living.

Charles Edwin Windom was the second son born in the above named family. He grew up in his native town, where he enjoyed the advantages of its public schools, and where he learned the trade of machinist. For fifteen years he was with his father in the furniture business, and for the past three years he has been sole proprietor of the establishment.

Mr. Windom is a man of family. August 6, 1890, was consummated his marriage to Miss Grace F. Richards, who, like himself, is a native of Sterling, she being a daughter of Hon. Daniel Richards, one of the prominent citizens of this place and a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity. To Mr. and Mrs. Windom have been given one child, a daughter, Ruth H.

In his political affiliations Mr. Windom is a Republican, ardent in his support of the principles of his party. He has frequently filled local offices of prominence and trust, always discharging his duty with the strictest fidelity, and at this writing is a member of the township high-school board. Fraternally, he is associated with organizations other than Masonry. For some years he has been an Odd Fellow, has passed the chairs in this order, and is now a Past Noble Grand. Also he is an active and prominent member of the State Undertakers' Association, of which he has served as president, and from which he has been a delegate to conventions in Boston and Canada.

**G**EORGE BLISS MORGAN, master in chancery of the county of Mercer, is one of the very active members of Aledo Lodge, No. 252, A. F. & A. M., and is withal an

ornament to the order. He was initiated into Masonry in this lodge, receiving the degree of Entered Apprentice February 9, 1892; Fellow-craft December 6, 1892; and Master Mason June 12, 1894.

Mr. Morgan is a native of the state of Pennsylvania, born in Northumberland on the 12th day of November, 1850, of Welsh-English and German ancestry. His parents, Charles and Mary (Andrews) Morgan, natives respectively of New Jersey and New York, emigrated in 1864 to Wapello, Iowa, where he (Charles Morgan) died the next year. She survived him nine years, departing this life in 1874. Of their six children five are yet living.

Mr. George B. Morgan, the youngest child, was educated in Grand New Normal and Academic Institute, Iowa, and also at Galesburg, Illinois. Subsequently he read law for four years in Chicago, and then attended lectures in a Chicago law school, and was admitted to practice on the 6th of January, 1876, on examination before the supreme court at Springfield, Illinois. He immediately began the practice of his profession in Chicago, and a year thereafter removed to Aledo, Illinois, and from the very first met with flattering success. In 1882 he was appointed master in chancery for Mercer county, which position he is still ably and creditably filling. In his political relations he has always been an active Republican, and has rendered his party valuable and effective service in the campaigns.

Besides the fraternal relations already mentioned, Mr. Morgan also sustains a membership in the order of Odd Fellows, Fern Leaf Temple of the Rathbone Sisters at Decatur, Illinois, and in the Modern Woodmen of America. In the last named organization he has been successively elected as one of the Illinois delegates to the national conventions of the order. He has passed all the chairs in both branches of the Odd Fellows order; and he is also a member of the order of Knights of Pythias, in which worthy society he has filled the office of deputy grand chancellor; and in 1894 was nominated by the grand chancellor, and unani-

mously confirmed, a member of the grand tribunal, domain of Illinois.

Besides maintaining great success in his law practice, he has also taken a deep interest in the social and religious affairs of his city. Mr. Morgan has been successively chosen and elected president of the board of education of his city, without opposition, and takes a deep interest in the cause of education. Indeed, it may be truthfully said that in every department of life he is active and helpful, and especial credit should be granted him when it is considered that he was but a child when he was deprived of his father by death, and that it has been wholly by his own efforts that he has acquired his present standing in the profession, while in society his record is a good one.

In 1879 Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Loie C. Noble, the daughter of John P. and Mary Ann Noble, of Westville, Indiana. They have two daughters,—Hattie Alta and Mary Edith. They have also adopted a child of his deceased sister, now named Mary Emma Morgan, whom they have educated at the State Normal University, and who graduated in the class of 1895, and is now attending the Woman's Medical College, of Chicago. Mr. Morgan, with his family, has a beautiful tree-embowered home in Aledo, and enjoys the high esteem and friendship of a host of friends.

**D**AVID A. WING, who is engaged in the drug business at No. 1010 South Main street, Rockford, has for seven years affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, conforming his life to its teaching, while his exposition of its principles is able and earnest. He became a member of the society in 1889. His application for admission was favorably received, for throughout Rockford he is known as a straightforward, reliable business man, and he took the degree of Entered Apprentice in E. W. F. Ellis Lodge, No. 633, A. F. & A. M. Later he passed the degree of Fellow-craft and was created a Master Mason on the 5th of July, 1889. He has since been a worthy and faithful

member of the organization and has the esteem and confidence of his brethren throughout Rockford.

Mr. Wing is a native of Montpelier, Vermont, born on the 7th of September, 1860. His parents, David A. and Lois A. (Sticky) Wing, were both natives of New England and descended from old English families who in the early days of colonial history sought home beyond the Atlantic. The father was a farmer and stock-dealer and died in the forty-ninth year of his age. The mother is still living and has been a life-long member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The gentleman whose name introduces this review is their only child. He was only two years of age at the time of his father's death, but was carefully reared by his mother, and in the public schools of his native city acquired a good education that fitted him for life's practical duties. On leaving the school-room he learned the drug business and has since followed that pursuit. He came to Rockford in 1883 and has since conducted a satisfactory business at his present location. His career is that of a quiet, thoroughgoing business man whose success has resulted from steady application, from energy, industry and sound judgment. He now has a well-equipped store, furnished with all modern appointments known to the trade and is enjoying a liberal and remunerative patronage.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Wing has given his political support to the Republican party and its principles; and is well informed concerning the issues of the day. In addition to his connection with Masonry, he is a member of the Independent Order of Red Men and has passed all the chairs in the local lodge with which he is affiliated.

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**L**OREN L. MORRISON, a prominent member of the bar of Rockford, Illinois, was born in Hebron, Jefferson county, Wisconsin, on the eighteenth day of November, 1852, and is of Scotch descent, his paternal ancestors crossing the Atlantic

from the land of hills and heather and taking up their residence in Londonderry, New Hampshire, in 1719, and participating in the events which went to make up the early history of that section. The great-grandfather of our subject served in the colonial army during the war of the Revolution, and afterward moved to Windsor county, Vermont, where his grandfather, Daniel Morrison, was born and lived the life of a thrifty farmer. His father, Lorenzo Morrison, was born in West Windsor, Vermont, in 1827, and married Adaline L. Davis, who was also a native of the Green Mountain state, her ancestors having been among the earliest settlers of Hartland, Windsor county, Vermont. In early life Lorenzo Morrison, his father, followed farming. His family numbered eight children, of whom six are still living. Their mother departed this life in the sixty-first year of her age and their father is still living, at the age of seventy, at Rockford.

The subject of this sketch obtained his education in the public schools of Sherburne, Woodstock and Hartland, Vermont, at Worcester Academy, Worcester, Massachusetts, and Waterville Classical Institute, Waterville, Maine, and was graduated June 26, 1879, in the classical course, at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. For four years after graduation he engaged in teaching as principal of the high and graded schools at Lyndon, Whiteside county, Illinois, during which time he devoted his spare hours to the study of law, reciting occasionally to the Hon. John G. Manahan, of the firm of Manahan & Ward, of Sterling, Illinois, and later continuing his legal studies with the firm of Staples & Goulding, of Worcester, Massachusetts. He came to Rockford June 12, 1883, and was soon afterward admitted to the bar, since which time he has been engaged in general law practice in Rockford, also devoting considerable time and attention to practice in the United States courts and the patent office, in patent causes. In 1896 he formed a copartnership with L. L. Miller, in the law and patent business, and the firm of Morrison & Miller are now

conducting the combined business formerly conducted by them separately.

On the 19th of June, 1882, Mr. Morrison was united in marriage with Miss Mary Louise Ball, of Holden, Worcester county, Massachusetts. They have three children, all born in Rockford, namely: Ralph N., Marguerite L. and Lucille M. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison are members of the State Street Baptist church of Rockford, and he is chairman of its board of trustees.

In his political views Mr. Morrison is a Republican. He has served as police magistrate of Rockford for the past eleven years and is still satisfactorily filling that position. Socially he is connected with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Royal League, of the last of which he is now supreme vice archon. He was made a Mason in 1889, joining Rockford Lodge, No. 102, and has served as its Senior Deacon. He has taken the Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second, his membership being with the Freeport Consistory. He is esteemed a worthy member of the order and has the warm regard of his brethren of the craft.

**R**OBERT DARIUS KUEHNER, who has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite of Masonry, is one of the leading young members of the fraternity in Freeport. He became a member of the order in 1894, at which time he joined Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., which is regarded as one of the best lodges in the state, and its name is indicative of the progress which it is continually making. Since that time Mr. Kuehner has advanced rapidly in the society until he has taken the thirty-second degree. He is the Junior Warden of his lodge, and also belongs to the Royal Arch Chapter and to the Mystic Shrine, serving as Captain of the Host in the former. Deeply interested in Masonry, he is an enthusiastic and loyal member and is well deserving of personal mention in a work whose province is the recording of the

lives of those who are worthy representatives of the fraternity in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Kuehner is a native son of the city of Freeport, born January 9, 1873. He comes of a family of German origin, his father being Darius Kuehner, who crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Ohio in an early day. From that state he came to Illinois in 1856 and the following year established his furniture and undertaking business, which is still in operation. For forty years he has been prominently and honorably connected with the commercial interests of Freeport, and is one of the successful and highly respected business men of the city. He has now reached the age of sixty-six years and is retired from active business, his son, C. Fred Kuehner, now conducting the store. His name is a synonym for commercial honor, and his well directed efforts, his straightforward dealing and his perseverance secured him a liberal patronage, which yielded him a handsome income. He married Miss Johanna Sanders, and to them were born five children.

Robert D. Kuehner is the youngest son of the family. He was educated in the public schools of Freeport and learned the furniture business in his father's store. He continued his connection with the business until recently, when he disposed of his interest therein in order to embark in other enterprises. He is a young man of high character, of undoubted business ability and superior executive qualifications, and a successful career undoubtedly awaits him. A native son of Freeport, educated in her schools, she will one day have further reason to be proud of him, for he will make an honorable name and place for himself in commercial circles.

**J**ONES TALLIAFERRO TOWNSLEY, freight agent at Springfield, Illinois, for B. & O. S. W. R. R. Company, has for more than twenty years been in the employ of this company and is one of its most relia-



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*Thos. E. Miller*

ble and trusted men. He has been identified with the great Masonic fraternity since a date shortly after he attained his majority, has practiced his principles in his every-day life, and is a craftsman worthy of the name of Mason.

Mr. Townsley is a native son of Illinois. He was born in Xenia, Clay county, January 8, 1850, and was reared in that county. His first employment was in the express and railroad offices of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad Company, now the B. & O. S. W., at Flora, where he remained until 1876. That year he was transferred to Taylorville, still in the employ of the same company, and from there in 1881 was sent to take his present position at Springfield, that of freight agent.

Mr. Townsley was made a Master Mason in Flora, in September, 1872, in Flora Lodge, No. 204, and on May 9 of the following year he was exalted in Flora Chapter, No. 154, R. A. M. The year 1875 found him officiating as Worshipful Master in the lodge and High Priest in the chapter, in both of which offices he rendered excellent and appreciated work. The year following his removal to Taylorville he took a dimit from the Flora Lodge and Chapter and affiliated with Mound Lodge and Taylorville Chapter, of Taylorville, and since 1882 has had his membership in these bodies in Springfield,—Tyrian Lodge, No. 333, and Springfield Chapter, No. 1. Both Mound and Tyrian Lodges have honored him with their highest official positions. He served as Worshipful Master of the former in 1878, '79 and '80, and of the latter in 1893. In Springfield Chapter he filled the office of High Priest in 1887 and 1888. The council degrees were conferred upon him in 1888 by Springfield Council, No. 2, R. & S. M., in which, in 1889 and 1893, he was Master. In May, 1882, he was knighted by Elwood Commandery, No. 6, in which order also he has been honored with official preference, having filled the chair of Eminent Commander in 1889.

In 1875, at Xenia, Illinois, Mr. Townsley wedded Miss Charlotte Gibson, and

their happy union has been blessed in the birth of two children—Charles W. and Nellie A.

**T**HOMAS EATON MILLER, Chicago. The subject of this review is one whose history particularly touches the pioneer epoch in the annals of the present metropolis of the west and whose days are an integral part of that indissoluble chain which links the early, formative period with that of latter-day progress and prosperity. Not alone is there particular interest attaching to his career as one of the successful and honored business men of Chicago, but in reviewing his genealogical record we find his lineage and nativity tracing to that land which has contributed to America one of the most alert and valuable elements in its composite individuality. Mr. Miller is conspicuous in his allegiance to that noblest of fraternal orders with which this work has particularly to do, is widely known and honored for his ardent interest in the cause and has attained to distinguished degrees in the ancient brotherhood, so that a detailed reference to his career is a most consistent portion of this compilation.

Mr. Miller's identification with the Masonic order dates back to the year 1861, when he was initiated as a member of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311. In 1866 he was actively concerned in the organization of Covenant Lodge, No. 526, of which he was a charter member and of which he has ever since served as Treasurer, with the exception of one year. His Royal Arch affiliations are with Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, of which he has been Treasurer since 1867. Mr. Miller is a charter member of St. Bernard Commandery, Knights Templar, in effecting whose organization he was particularly active and of which he has served consecutively as Treasurer from the beginning. Mr. Miller also retains membership in Chicago Council, No. 4, R. & S. M., and in Queen Esther Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. He has advanced to the degrees of Scottish Rite, being an honored member

of Oriental Consistory. As a Noble of the Mystic Shrine he has duly made his way across the sands of the desert and is identified with Medinah Temple. In that noble charitable institution, the Masonic Orphans' Home, our subject was one of the prime promoters, laboring zealously to secure its foundation and ever after maintaining a most lively interest in its affairs, showing this interest not alone in words and personal work, but according a financial support of most appreciative order. He has been one of the directors of the institution from its inception. Loyal and earnest in his devotion to the order, there is probably no man better known in the Masonic circles of Cook county than is Mr. Miller. His other fraternal relations are represented in a membership in Union Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., in which he was initiated on the 7th of June, 1855, and of which he has been treasurer since 1863. It should also be noted that he is consistently a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association, in whose organization he assisted.

Thomas Eaton Miller was born in county Londonderry, Ireland, on the 12th of May, 1834, being the son of David and Ann (Forbes) Miller, also natives of the Emerald Isle, where the family had been one of no little prominence. The father died in Ireland, but the mother came to America and her death occurred in Chicago, in the year 1859. They were the parents of nine sons and two daughters, and of this number five sons and one daughter still survive, all being residents of the Garden City. Our subject was but ten years of age when the family emigrated to the United States, and for two years after his arrival he lived at Oswego, New York, after which he was at Cleveland, Ohio, for an equal period. His advent in Chicago dates back to the year 1848, and, having received limited educational training in the public schools, he made ready to meet the exigencies of life by promptly identifying himself with business pursuits, necessity demanding this possible sacrifice of other aspirations. Upon arriving in Chicago he apprenticed himself to the

firm of Doolittle & Miller to learn the trade of ship carpenter and caulker. He continued with this firm, the junior member of which was his brother, and finally, about the year 1861, purchased Mr. Doolittle's interest in the enterprise. The firm name was thereupon changed to Miller Brothers, and this association has continued ever since that early period, though in 1882 the increasing demands placed upon the industry led to its incorporation as the Miller Brothers' Dry Dock Company, of which our subject has been president from the start. The company do all kinds of ship repairing and also build small vessels. This is the oldest concern of the sort in the city, and its history has been one of utmost honor, so that it enjoys not only a wide reputation but an unmistakable prestige in the business controlled in its very important field of operations.

Mr. Miller may be distinctively considered one of the pioneer residents of Chicago, for at the time of his arrival here it was but a straggling and unattractive city of about twenty thousand population. He has been a witness of its marvelous growth, and takes marked satisfaction in the proud position which it now holds among the great metropolitan centers of the world. He saw the first locomotive, the Pioneer, which was brought to this now great railroad center, unloaded from the vessel, the same having been transported hither in the year 1848. Mr. Miller was a member of the Chicago Volunteer Fire Department in 1850, and was assistant foreman of Niagara Company, No. 3. In the connection it is interesting to note the fact that his interest in this line has not abated, since he has been treasurer of the Firemen's Benevolent Association for nearly a score of years past. He enjoys a notable popularity and esteem in the business circles of the city, with whose material interests he has been so conspicuously identified for so many years, and his anecdotes and revelations in regard to the earlier periods of Chicago's history should be treasured as valuable data. Mr. Miller started out in life a poor boy, and he is signally the archi-

fect of his own fortunes. He has attained a noteworthy prosperity through earnest and well-directed effort, and his honor and integrity have shown forth in every act of his life.

In his political proclivities Mr. Miller is a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and he recalls with satisfaction the fact that he was in the famous "wigwam" where and when Abraham Lincoln received his nomination for the presidency in 1860. In religious matters he is an Episcopalian, being recognized as a devoted churchman, the members of his family also being communicants of the church.

In the year 1855 was consummated the marriage of our subject to Miss Catherine Chandler, a native of Chicago, and they became the parents of four children, three of whom are living: Thomas L., who is now Eminent Commander of St. Bernard Commandery; Charles A., who also is identified with the Masonic order; and Emma, the wife of Dr. Joseph F. Jones, of Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Miller died, and in 1873 Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Elizabeth Harrison, by whom he has four children, namely: Frank A., who was made a Mason on his twenty-first birthday; Brice C., who also celebrated the attaining of his majority in a similar way; Myrtle M. and Pearl.

**D**AVID GOODMAN.—Grateful indeed must be the local bodies of the Masonic fraternity which have in their midst men who possess an enthusiasm born of a desire to advance in every way possible the good of the cause, and whose time is given with that end in view. Mr. Goodman is a brother whose interest in Masonry is of the progressive kind that has been of great benefit to the society. After passing the subordinate degrees of the blue lodge, he was made a Master Mason in William B. Warren Lodge, No. 209, in Chicago, on September 28, 1868; moving afterward to Quincy, he was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch

Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, in 1869, in which year he assisted in organizing Lambert Lodge, No. 659, A. F. & A. M., in that city, of which lodge he was elected Senior Warden and represented the same in the Grand Lodge of the state. Returning to Chicago, he received a dimit from the Quincy Chapter and joined Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126, in 1878, in which he also received the Council degrees. Of this chapter he was the Eminent Scribe in 1879. In 1878 he was created a Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, K. T., of which he was Junior Warden in 1879 and Recorder in 1881-2-3. He assisted in the organization of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 726, Chicago, of which he was Worshipful Master two years and Secretary for four years, and of which he is a life member. Mr. Goodman is an energetic worker, whose labors are sincerely appreciated by his brother Masons.

Mr. Goodman is a native of England, born in Ware, Hertfordshire, August 13, 1847. When only four years old he was placed in school, where he remained until June, 1855, in which year his parents left their native country for America, arriving in New York July 4, 1855, bringing the subject of this review with them. They came direct to Chicago, where Mr. Goodman attended the Scammon school, at that time presided over by Mr. D. S. Wentworth, and later he entered the Skinner school, where he studied under the direction of Mr. Merriam. He then took a course of study at Bryant & Stratton's college and received an excellent business education.

The Civil war was just about this time at its height, and, although but a little over sixteen years of age, Mr. Goodman desired to take up arms in the defence of the Union, and enlisted in Company G, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, and served during the remainder of the conflict. He participated in a number of important engagements, and was honorably discharged when, in 1865, hostilities were brought to a close. Mr. Goodman immediately accepted a position with

our worthy frater, Amos Grannis, for whom he worked several years. He then left his employ to engage in the contracting business, in which he has continued to the present time, with the exception of two years, 1886 and 1887, which he spent in traveling through Spanish Honduras and other southern countries, visiting points of interest, among which were the De Lesseps canal, at the Isthmus of Panama, the proposed route of the Nicaragua canal from Greytown, and other enterprises throughout these countries.

In politics Mr. Goodman is a Republican in principles, but always keeps the best interests of his country at heart without regard to what is commonly called "politics." He has never held public office of any kind, nor has he ever had a desire to do so, being content to work in the ranks and seeking no other reward than that of knowing that he is doing his duty as he sees it and to the best of his ability.

Mr. Goodman was married in Chicago August 4, 1867, to Miss Jennie E. Smith, who was born in this city September 3, 1847. Five children have been born to them, four of whom still survive.

Among his other social affiliations Mr. Goodman is a member of Farragut Post, Grand Army of the Republic, the Veteran Union League Club, Veteran Masonic Association, Occidental Council, Royal Arcanum, and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple. He is an energetic business man, fearless in his convictions, upright and honorable, and to-day enjoys that success which comes only from indefatigable industry and application.

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**HENRY PRATT.**—In this day of modern civilization, with its hurry and turmoil and constant struggle to obtain a subsistence, amid all the fierce passions of man striving to gain an ascendancy over his fellow creatures, it is a relief to return to the calm, untroubled atmosphere that is ever present within the portals of Freemasonry. There, safe from the petty spites of little

minds, one may find banded together men who, in carrying out the principles of the fraternity, have placed themselves out of the pale of human weaknesses and stand ready to give the hand of fellowship to all who wish it, firmly convinced that once the lessons of the order are taken to heart there will be no room for anything that would tend to lower the better nature of mankind. Inculcating the doctrines of charity, faith, unselfishness and love, this society has attained the prominent and powerful position it holds to-day, that its influence should grow and extend until the time shall come when all men shall acknowledge themselves brothers, with but one aim in life, and that one aim the mutual benefit of mankind and its elevation to a condition of perfect peace and happiness. Such are the probable results; and most worthy of encouragement are the efforts of those who in the present age are doing all in their power to bring such a condition of affairs to a satisfactory conclusion. Henry Pratt is a brother who has labored faithfully in the field for the cause of right, and as a token of the high regard in which he is held by the brethren he has been honored with many offices of importance in the local bodies.

Mr. Pratt was initiated in Summit City Lodge, No. 170, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, in which he was raised to the degree of Master Mason. He was a charter member of Arcana Lodge, and held the office of Master in 1877 and 1884. In 1876 he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, of which he was High Priest in 1882. Having taken in due time the council degrees, he is now affiliated with Chicago Council, No. 4. In 1877 he was created a Knight Templar in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, and was Eminent Commander in 1890-1, and also filling the unexpired term of Mr. George R. McLellen. He occupied all his official positions with a dignity and efficiency that were most commendable, and a more popular gentleman never held office. Among his other social affiliations Mr. Pratt is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Pratt was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, December 18, 1843, and is a son of Allen and Margaret (Cline) Pratt. His early life was spent on a farm and he received such educational advantages as were to be had at the district schools. His father was a contractor by occupation, and at the age of nineteen he became associated with him in the same business and followed that for a number of years. He had also learned the trade of brick-laying, and later engaged in that work in Fort Wayne. In 1872 he came to Chicago and for about seventeen years was superintendent of the People's Gas Company. In 1888 he engaged in business for himself, contracting and erecting gas works, and in 1890 he accepted his present position as secretary and treasurer of the Tobin & Hamler Manufacturing Company, whose machine and steam boiler works were first established in 1871, and was incorporated in 1890, when Mr. Pratt was appointed to his present position.

Mr. Pratt is practically a self-made man in the strictest sense of the word, and his present position is due to his untiring energies and unflinching determination to succeed in life. Honest, capable and thoroughly reliable, he possesses the esteem and high regard of his business associates, who have every confidence in his integrity and probity.

October 23, 1868, Mr. Pratt, the subject of this sketch, was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Cornes, a native of Indiana.

**G**USTAVE A. MUELLER.—The historian in recording the events which mark the passing of time and shape the destinies of individuals, of communities and of countries, has treated largely of military affairs, political situations, diplomacy, educational interests, commercial activity, navigation, arts, science and letters, but seldom on the pages of history is mention made of an organization that antedates many monarchies, that has witnessed the rise and fall of empires and seen the dawn of all the re-

publics; and yet this organization—the Masonic fraternity—has undeniably been an essential factor in civilization. Its influence, silent but powerful, affects not only the multitude *en masse*, but also the individual, and history is but the account of the concerted action of a people or the work of a single individual. There is ample justification, therefore, in a volume of this character. No other single organization in Illinois, political, military or civil, has as many representatives as the Masonic fraternity, and its members are usually men of influence in the busy walks of life, men who form the true stability of town, city or state. To this class belongs the gentleman whose name begins this sketch. Mr. Mueller was made a Mason in 1889, taking the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Wright Grove Lodge, No. 779. He was raised to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter, and was knighted in Apollo Comandery, No. 1, of Chicago, in 1890. He received the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in October, 1891, in Oriental Consistory, and in 1890 was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. Mr. Mueller is deeply interested in Masonry and does all in his power to secure its advancement and promote its growth, while the exemplification of its principles and teachings is seen in his every-day conduct.

Mr. Mueller is a native of Germany, born May 11, 1864, and was eight years of age when his parents emigrated to America. The family located in Chicago, where the son was reared to manhood, acquiring his education in the public schools. He also took a course in a commercial college and thoroughly prepared himself for a business life. After leaving the school-room to enter upon the practical duties of life and learn the lessons which experience presents for our mastering, he took up the trade of cigar-making, and in 1883 was admitted to a partnership with his father, a well-known cigar manufacturer of this city. The business connection between them continued until

1888, when Gustave Mueller withdrew from the firm and embarked in business on his own account. His place of business is located at 1644 North Halsted street. Here he gives employment to thirty-five to forty persons. He only manufactures the highest grade of cigars. His beautiful residence, overlooking the lake, is located at 803 Pine Grove avenue, and was built in 1895, and cost about \$30,000. In his line of business he has attained a well-merited reputation. His reliable dealing and the excellence of his products has enabled him to command a large share of the public patronage, and he is now conducting an extensive and profitable trade. He is systematic, progressive and persevering, and the methods he has followed have led to success. In politics Mr. Mueller is a Republican.

On the 15th of December, 1887, Mr. Mueller was united in marriage to Miss Alice E. Bausch, a native of Chicago, and they have one daughter, Silvia. Mrs. Mueller is a daughter of George Bausch, who came to this country fifty-one years ago. Their pleasant home is a favorite resort for many friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mueller have spent nearly their entire lives here, and from their school days their circle of acquaintances has been constantly growing, so that they are now widely known, and their genial natures and sterling worth have won them the warm regard of many.

**J**OSEPH BUERKIN is a thirty-second-degree Mason. His identification with the order dates from June 17, 1884, when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice of Lambert Lodge, No. 659, of Quincy. He passed the Fellow-craft degree on the 2d of September of the same year, and on the 14th of April, 1885, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. His further advancement in this order has been in the Scottish Rite, he receiving the ineffable degrees in the Quincy Grand Lodge of Perfection and became a Knight of the East and Prince of Jerusalem in Quincy Council, Princes of Jerusalem. He

attained the eighteenth degree in Quincy Chapter of Rose Croix and in Quincy Consistory took the fourteen degrees whereby he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, on the 9th of December, 1887.

Mr. Buerkin is a native of Baden; Germany, born March 16, 1848. He was educated in the fatherland and learned the cabinet-maker's trade there, but believing that the conditions of business in the new world were superior to those in the old he determined to try his fortune in the United States. Accordingly when nineteen years of age he bade adieu to the home and friends of his boyhood and in 1867 sailed for New York. He landed on American shores with little capital but was well supplied with health, energy and determination, and with these qualities set out to conquer all the obstacles which an adverse fate might have in store for him.

Mr. Buerkin remained for some time in New York city and other parts of the country and acquired an excellent knowledge of the builder's trade. In 1870 he came to Quincy and soon became actively engaged in contracting and building. By close attention to business and honorable methods he has met with a well-earned success and has won a place in the front ranks among the representatives of his chosen calling. He is now the senior member of the well-known firm of Buerkin & Kaempfen, and in connection with their building interests they own and conduct a large planing-mill, sash, door and blind factory, which is one of the leading industries of the city, furnishing employment to a large force of men and thereby materially promoting the prosperity of the city. They have also erected some of the finest buildings in the Gem City, which stand as monuments to their skill and are an ornament to Quincy. These include the high-school building, the opera-house and the Gem City Business College, together with many of the finest business blocks and most handsome residences.

In 1872 Mr. Buerkin was married to Miss Augusta K. Lerp, a native of Quincy, and their union has been blessed with seven



children, as follows: Rosie, Augusta, Katie, Emma, Margaret, Edwin and Armour. Their home, erected by Mr. Buerkin, is one of the comfortable homes in Quincy, and there, surrounded by his family, he enjoys the many comforts which he has secured entirely through his well-directed labors. His prosperity cannot be attributed to a combination of lucky circumstances, for it has risen from energy, enterprise, integrity and intellectual effort well directed. His business has ever been conducted on the strictest principles of honesty, and he is a worthy representative of that type of American character, that progressive spirit which promotes public good in advancing individual prosperity. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and in politics he is a Republican.

**R**OBERT CLINTON HUMBERT, Keithsburg. — The Catholic church claims that the "gates of hell have never prevailed against her." Possibly this is true, in the sense in which she interprets that oracle; but it is certain the "gates" of that church and all other adverse agencies combined have not yet prevailed against the Masonic order; for the latter is founded upon the universally recognized principles of brotherhood, without any of the disputed theological doctrines of that great ecclesiastical body. To this more permanent organization belongs the gentleman who is the subject proper of this brief biographical outline, and is one of the best informed and most indefatigable Freemasons in this part of the state. Initiated into the shining mysteries of the ancient art in 1867, in Robert Burns Lodge, No. 113, he received the degree of Entered Apprentice September 20, Fellow-craft March 20, following, and Master Mason July 10, the next year; and now for over thirty years has he been one of its most active and faithful supporters. After serving as Junior Warden a year he was elected Worshipful Master; and, although he accepted the office with reluctance, feeling his want of thorough preparation for

the work, yet it was his good fortune at that time to become acquainted with that eminent Masonic worker, Mr. Ashley, who, seeing his willingness to become an adept, took him in hand and gave him a most thorough training, after which Mr. Humbert reflected great credit upon his excellent tutor and rapidly acquired the reputation of being one of the best posted Masons and one of the best workers in this portion of the state; and during all these years he has indeed been a worthy worker in the craft, and his efforts have been praiseworthy, his brethren appreciating him and his work to such an extent that he was for ten years continuously elected to the office of Worshipful Master, and Robert Burns Lodge acquired the reputation of being the best working lodge in western Illinois. The Royal Arch degree he received in Illinois Chapter, No. 17, July 2, 1877.

From time to time he filled nearly all the important offices in his lodge; was High Priest for eight terms, and in 1896 was Master of the blue lodge, High Priest of the chapter and Worthy Patron of Mary Burns Chapter, No. 24, Order of the Eastern Star, of which last mentioned his wife is also an active member and has been Worthy Matron and Treasurer. Mr. Humbert received the Knight Templar degrees in 1880, in Galesburg Commandery, No. 18, and the council degrees also have been conferred upon him. He has in ready memory all the ritual of the York Rite.

Mr. Humbert is a native of the state of Ohio, born in Montgomery county, near Dayton, on the 26th day of January, 1831, and is of French ancestry, three Humbert brothers having come from France with General La Fayette to assist the colonies in their struggle for independence. One of these brothers, Frederick Humbert, was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. It is said of him that during the war he was captured by the Britons and when asked to surrender his sword (he was an officer) he brandished it above his head, struck it deep into the ground, wrenching it in pieces, and swore that "no d—n Briton should ever

carry it!" After the war he settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where his son Emanuel Humbert (father of Robert C.) was born. By trade he was a miller, and he was a Free and Accepted Mason. He came to Illinois in 1853 and affiliated with Robert Burns Lodge and lived to be eighty years of age and was buried at Keithsburg, with Masonic honors. He had married, in Dayton, Ohio, Miss Frances McReynolds, who was of Scotch-Irish ancestry that were early settlers of Tennessee and Ohio. She was a Presbyterian and he a Universalist, but later in life he accepted the Presbyterian faith. She departed this life in 1850, at the age of forty-five years. Seven of their children still survive, and Mr. Humbert, of this sketch, is the eldest. He was but three years of age when his parents removed to Indiana and he resided there until he was twenty-two years old, when, in 1853, he came to Keithsburg, which has ever since been his home. He has been a successful hardware merchant for many years and has built a number of business blocks and residences in his city, and has been one of the active business men of the place, doing much in every way to improve the city. In politics he has been a Democrat. He has served as a member of the board of education, and has been president of the board of trustees of the village. In religion he is a member of the Presbyterian church, but is liberal-spirited.

Mr. Humbert was united in matrimony with Miss Sarah Gore, a native of Maryland and a daughter of Mr. Philip Gore, who was one of the earliest settlers and merchants of Columbus City, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Humbert have had seven children. Harry Philip, their eldest, is city clerk, the auditor of the Telephone Company, secretary of the Keithsburg Building & Loan Association, and also secretary of the board of education of the city. George Clinton was a graduate of Rush Medical College at Chicago and also of Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York city, became a skilled practitioner and died of apoplexy December 28, 1894. He was a member of the Society of Railroad

Surgeons and was eminent in his profession and highly esteemed. Edward Emanuel is engaged in the dry-goods business. James Frederick is assistant cashier of the Farmers' Bank, of Keithsburg. Jannie Dell is now the wife of M. G. Chiles. Bart Gore is engaged in the manufacture of cigars; and Robert Roy is at school.

**JAY EDWARD ELLIOTT.**—A Mason who by his daily life, both business and social, shows by his acts that he is thoroughly in sympathy with the precepts of the order, is a man who will command the respect and high esteem of the brothers with whom he is associated. Such a man is Jay E. Elliott, who has attained to the degree of Sir Knight Templar in his home commandery. Mr. Elliott took the blue-lodge degrees and was made a Master Mason in Trio Lodge, No. 57, in 1891, received the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and was exalted as Royal Arch Mason in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, at Rock Island, in 1893, and was created a Sir Knight in Everts Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templar, in 1894. He quickly acquired the ritual of this order, and has always been active in the other bodies with which he is affiliated. He has ever evinced his intentions of living up to the tenets of the fraternity, and by his enthusiasm and faithfulness has endeared himself to his fellow members.

Mr. Elliott was born in Quincy, Illinois, May 5, 1878, and is a descendant of Scotch-Irish ancestors. His father, John M. Elliott, was born in Cape May and was married to Miss Addie Duffield, of Virginia, a daughter of Henry Duffield, who was also a native of the same state, in which he was one of the early settlers. He came to Henry county, Illinois, at an early day, and resided there until 1895, when he departed this life, at the venerable age of ninety years. Mr. Elliott's father was a patriotic citizen and served his country in the Union army, in which he performed valiant service. He and his worthy wife are now living in retire-

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ment with their two children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the elder. The latter was educated in the public schools of Rock Island, and was graduated at the high school in 1888, after which he received an appointment as letter-carrier, which position he filled for a period of two years. At the end of that time he entered a hardware store as clerk, remaining there for four years, and then accepted the position of assistant postmaster of the Rock Island station in 1892, an office which he has filled with signal ability. He was quick to acquire the routine of the work, attends to his duties with promptness and dispatch, and is obliging and capable.

Mr. Elliott is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Young Men's Christian Association, and enjoys the confidence and good will not only of the brethren but also of the citizens of the town in which he was born and where he has always resided. He is a young man of admirable qualities, possessing an excellent character, with a keen sense of honor, and there is every indication that he has a brilliant future before him.

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**G**EORGE LOMAX, of Chicago, is a Mason of high rank, who for thirteen years has been connected with the ancient fraternity that through many centuries has been one of the most potent instrumentalities for good in the civilization of mankind. He was initiated as Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1884, thereby becoming a member of Thomas J. Turner Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 409. The following year he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason, becoming a Companion of Corinthian Chapter. He was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Palestine Council, in 1886, and was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in St. Bernard Commandery the same year. It was also in 1886 that he received the ineffable degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, and has been since identified with

Oriental Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. With that social organization, whose membership includes only Masons, he is also connected, having in 1886 been admitted to membership in Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Lomax follows closely the precepts of the blue lodge, chapter and council, worthily upholds the beausant of the commandery, and is true to the teachings of the consistory, while in the social department his association with his fellow members of the mystic tie shows that he fully understands the spirit of fraternity.

Mr. Lomax is a native of New York, his birth having occurred in the town of Haverstraw, on the 9th of June, 1852. In 1854, however, he was brought to Chicago by his parents, and the days of his boyhood and youth were passed in a manner usual to children of that period. The city schools afforded him his educational privileges, and his business training was obtained in the establishment of his father, J. A. Lomax, who on coming to the city in 1854 began the manufacture of soda-water.

In 1872 Mr. George Lomax was united in marriage with Miss Helen Bolton, who was born at Jersey City, New Jersey. They have four children—George, J. Alfred, Frank B. and William L., aged respectively twenty-three, twenty, eighteen and eight years.

From the time that Mr. Lomax entered his father's employ he applied himself assiduously to the mastery of the business, and as time passed, more and more relieved his father of the management and care of the enterprise. He also purchased a controlling interest and extended the business in its facilities and scope. He is a gentleman of great energy and excellent ability, whose careful management of its interests, combined with the true western spirit of progress, has brought to him success. He and his father are now the principal owners of the Chicago Consolidated Bottling Company, the most extensive concern of the kind in the United States. This is the outgrowth of the business which was established by John A. Lomax more than forty years ago. He

began operations on a small scale at No. 38, West Lake street; but the plant was completely destroyed by fire in 1859. In the fall of the same year business was resumed at No. 16 Charles place, in a two-story frame building twenty by thirty feet, which was then in the midst of the heavy timber. The sales of the house materially increased as the years went by, and in 1871 John A. Lomax and his son George erected a large stone and brick building, which was supposed to be fire-proof, the dimensions being forty by one hundred and ten feet; but the great conflagration of October 9-11, 1871, which laid the city in ruins, destroyed their new plant. With characteristic energy, however, they at once began rebuilding, and now occupy with their business a four-story brick structure three hundred by one hundred and twenty-five feet, which is the largest exclusive bottling-house in the world.

On the 7th of March the stock was capitalized under the name of the Chicago Consolidated Bottling Company, for six hundred thousand dollars, with John A. Lomax as president, Herman Pony as treasurer, and George Lomax as manager. In their plant every device and improvement known to the business is used. They employ three hundred men, use two hundred horses and eighty double and single wagons to deliver their goods to their customers. They manufacture one million boxes of two dozen bottles each per annum; and out of seven thousand saloons in Chicago they have the patronage of more than five thousand of them, furnishing soda-waters, ginger ale, mineral and spring waters and other light drinks. This is an indication of the volume of the business which is carried on at the extensive establishment of the Chicago Consolidated Bottling Company, which now controls one of the leading industries of the city.

The quality of their products is unsurpassed, for only the best materials are selected for their manufacture and every precaution is taken to secure cleanliness and purity. The laboratory is under the supervision of a skilled chemist, and all the dif-

ferent departments are superintended by men of the utmost reliability, thoroughly understanding the duties entrusted to their care. The genial manager, George Lomax, is a man of far-seeing ability, of courteous bearing and manly dignity. He possesses that happy faculty of making friends, hundreds of whom speak highly of his hospitality and generosity. At a meeting held by the Hudson County (New Jersey) Bottling Protective Association, October 5, 1896, most favorable and complimentary resolutions were passed concerning the kindness and courtesy of Messrs. John A. and George Lomax for the courteous and charming way they entertained the members of the association at the eighth annual meeting of all the bottlers of the United States, which was held in Chicago in October, 1896. The resolutions are handsomely engrossed and framed, and occupy a most conspicuous place in the company's office.

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**W**ILLIAM C. FREE—The catholicity of spirit animating the great Masonic craft is unmistakable, charity and hospitality being the grand characteristics of the order, which has drawn to itself the allegiance of men in all stations of life—men to whom its exalted teachings and noble aims can not have failed to appeal. In the magnificent metropolis of the west Freemasonry claims as its votaries those representative in the myriad lines of industrial enterprise which have insured to the city such distinctive prestige, and among the number is the subject of this review, who stands as a distinctive type of that younger element in the business life of the city that has conserved its progress by thorough capacity for affairs of great scope and importance. The true measure of individual success is determined by what one has accomplished, and a man is known to the world through that vehicle by which his success has been attained. Mr. Free, who is president and general manager of the Chicago Portrait Company, conducting one of the most extensive enterprises of the sort

in the Union, became an Entered Apprentice in Covenant Lodge, No. 526, A. F. & A. M., in the year 1895, and in the same symbolic body was duly raised Master Mason, while his rapid rise in the grades and orders of Masonry is shown in the fact that within the year 1896 he had received the distinction implied in the conferring of the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, being duly crowned a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory in the Valley of Chicago. He also essayed and successfully completed the hazardous pilgrimage across the burning sands of the desert and gained title as a Noble in Medinah Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. He has been constant and faithful in his devotion to the order, doing all in his power to promote its interests and standing as a consistent exemplar of its teachings and principles. In business and social life he is the synonym of his Masonic professions, thus commanding the respect and esteem of the fraternity and the confidence of all who know him in other departments of life.

William C. Free is a native of Indiana, having been born at Alexandria, Madison county, on the 16th of March, 1868, the son of Cyrenus and Esther Free. He was reared and educated in his native town, his initial business experience being in connection with mercantile enterprise. His nature was thoroughly self-reliant, his ability unmistakable and his ambition pronounced, so that he did not long remain in a subordinate position. For eight years of his business life he was engaged as a traveling salesman, in which capacity it is worthy of note that in the entire section of the Union lying west of the Mississippi river there was not a city of as much as two thousand population which he had not visited, while in the south he had traversed the entire country, from coast to coast. In addition to this he has traveled in Mexico and Europe in the interests of his chosen calling.

In September, 1894, Mr. Free organized the Chicago Portrait Company, whose business now ramifies into the most diverse sec-

tions of the Union, representing an enterprise of magnificent breadth and one whose manifold details demand the supervision of a man of peculiar and pronounced business tact and acumen. As president and general manager Mr. Free has proven himself eminently capable of assuming the responsibility placed upon him, and of the enterprise, whose magnitude is simply astonishing, he is the controlling owner. The company retain in their employ nine hundred individuals, their corps of artists being of the highest class, while in every other department also maximum efficiency is the only condition tolerated, the policy of the concern being the most liberal and the best results being secured through this source. The great system demanded in the handling of the countless details of the business is most perfect and exact and may be said to be original with him, being the outgrowth of the demands of the complex and far-reaching enterprise. Mr. Free's record is that of a man who has attained a distinct prominence and success in the business world through his own ability, correct methods, indefatigable industry and exceptional discrimination; and his success is one which would stand to the credit of one who had given a long lifetime to endeavor, while he has attained the magnificent results in a career covering but comparatively few years.

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**G**EORGE M. GROSS.—For thirteen years this gentleman has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, and during all that period has been most deeply interested in the workings of the order and in its growth and the promulgation of its principles. He was made a Mason in Dearborn Lodge, on the 19th of April, 1883, and has filled all the chairs save that of Senior Deacon. He served as Worshipful Master in 1888 and proved a most acceptable presiding officer. He was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, in June, 1883, and therein has been honored with nearly all of its official positions, serving in the capacity

of High Priest in 1891. He was chosen a member of Palestine Council, No. 66, R. & S. M., October 3, 1883,—in fact became one of its charter members, and in 1889 he served as Thrice Illustrious Master. At the present writing he is Grand Master of the Grand Council. He received the ineffable degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, No. 1, in 1884, and became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in 1893, and in 1896 joined the Order of Alabama.

Mr. Gross is best known by his devotion to the craft. His zeal for and devotion to Masonry, in all its branches and for all its principles, is one of the strong elements of his character, and its principles have largely swayed his conduct to his fellow-men. He was thoroughly in sympathy with the practical workings of Masonry, believing in that charity which quietly and unostentatiously extends the hand of aid for the reason that all men are brothers, and living up to the full requirements of the fraternity in every particular.

Mr. Gross was born in Chicago, August 6, 1846, and is a son of John L. Gross, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1837, being at the time twenty-six years of age. He at once located in Chicago, where he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred in 1876. He married Susan Furst, whose brother was an officer in the army of Napoleon during the siege of Moscow. Mr. and Mrs. Gross had a family of nine children, but with the exception of our subject only one is now living, Mrs. Frederick Fishback, who was born in Chicago in 1840.

George M. Gross, of this review, was reared in his native city and is indebted to its public schools for his educational privileges. In his early life he learned the business of manufacturing sheet-metal materials and has since engaged in that enterprise, being a straightforward, energetic business man, who owes his success to his own efforts. He was married in 1873 to Miss Elizabeth C. Miner, a native of New York city, who died in 1879, leaving two chil-

dren,—George R. W. and Josephine; but the daughter passed away in 1880. In 1885 Mr. Gross was again married, his second union being with Miss Charlotte E. Olmstead, a native of Ohio.

**M**AJOR CHARLES BUTLER LOOP is one of the pioneer citizens and leading Masons of Belvidere. The history of Masonry in this section of the state would be incomplete without mention of his work in behalf of the order with which he has been connected for thirty-seven years. He was made a Mason in Cham-paign Lodge, No. 173, in 1859, and was associated therewith until he was dimitted to Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, in 1860. He at once became one of its active and prominent workers and has ever been most zealous in the advancement of its interests and the inculcation of its noble principles among his fellow men. The lodge has many times honored him with official preferment, and at different times he has passed all the chairs in the organization. About the beginning of the war he was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Winnebago Chapter, No. 24, of Rockford, and from 1862 until 1865 he served as Senior Warden of a military lodge formed of Masons in the Union army. He was one of the organizers of Kishwaukee Chapter, No. 90, R. A. M., of Belvidere, and on its formation was appointed Principal Sojourner. He has since served as King and High Priest, and is now holding the latter office. He also belongs to Crusader Commandery, No. 17, K. T., having taken his Sir Knight degree in that society.

No other civic organization antedates Masonry; no other in Illinois has so great a membership. Appealing to the highest and best in man's nature, it has won a following of honorable citizens who have added dignity and strength to the society whose banner they uphold, whose principles they embrace and whose beliefs find expression in their lives. To this class belongs Major Loop. He has followed this standard for



almost four decades, and the glorious ensign of fraternity and benevolence finds in him a most consistent supporter.

Major Loop is a native of Steuben county, New York, born on the 12th of October, 1835. On the paternal side he traces his ancestry back to the province of Alsace, which formed a part of France when his ancestors lived there but is now a part of the German empire. The maternal ancestry were Holland people, and both came to America in early colonial days and furnished their representatives to the Revolution and the war of 1812. The grandfather, Peter Loop, was a soldier in the second war with England. Henry Loop, father of the Major, was born in the Empire state and was married there to Miss Minerva Calkins, a native of Connecticut. In 1838 he brought his family to Illinois, locating in Belvidere, where he engaged in farming and merchandising until his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-eight years. The mother lived to the same age. They were parents of six children, of whom the Major is now the only survivor. Mr. Loop and his wife held a membership with the Methodist church.

Charles B. Loop, whose name introduces this review, was reared on his father's farm and attended the winter school until eighteen years of age, after which he accepted a position as civil engineer, in which capacity he served for four years, engaged on the construction of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad and the Illinois Central road, the former being then known as the Galena & Chicago Union.

In 1862, when the urgent need of the north awakened the loyalty of many thousand citizens, Mr. Loop joined the ranks of the "boys in blue" and went forth to the defense of his country as a member of Company B, Ninety-fifth Illinois Infantry. He was elected captain of the company and with his command proceeded to the field, where he was engaged in service under General Grant in northern Mississippi. He participated in the siege against Vicksburg; and, with his regiment forming a part of

Ransom's brigade, Third Division, Seventeenth Army Corps, he participated in all the battles of the Vicksburg campaign, including Port Gibson, Raymond, Champion Hills, Jackson, Black river and two assaults on the city of Vicksburg on the 19th and the 22d of May, 1863, besides the forty-seven days' siege of the city. On the 19th and 22d his regiment and brigade led the attack and suffered great loss, but were driven back.

When the campaign was ended Captain Loop was sent north to recruit and replenish the depleted ranks. In this work he spent two and a half months, and succeeded splendidly in his mission, sending many men to the front, after which he returned to his command. He was then assigned by the commanding officer of the Seventeenth Army Corps at Cairo to a provisional command, consisting of non-veterans and recruits, destined for the various regiments of the Army of the Tennessee, and numbering about fifteen hundred men. With this command Major Loop accompanied General Blair to Sherman's army, then operating against Johnston's army in Tennessee and Georgia and in the Atlanta campaign. After taking his men to the different regiments for which they were recruited, Major Loop was immediately made engineer officer of the Third Division of the Seventeenth Army Corps on the staff of General Leggett, in which capacity he served during the campaign against Atlanta, a portion of the time acting as engineer for the entire corps. He participated in the engagements of New Hope Church, Kenesaw mountain, Peach Tree creek, Atlanta, Ezra Church, Jonesboro and Lovejoy Station. For one hundred and twenty days during the campaign he was constantly under fire: probably not an hour passed during the entire time in which the sound of bursting shell or whizzing bullet could not be heard.

After a short respite Major Loop joined his own regiment, and early in December started with all speed to the assistance of General Thomas, then operating against the army of General Hood, south of Nashville. At Nashville his command composed the

right flank of General Thomas' army, known as the Sixteenth Army Corps, and opened the assault in the battle which took place there on the 15th and 16th of December, 1864. This movement resulted in a great victory for the Union forces. The next campaign in which Major Loop participated was against Mobile, whither they proceeded by steamer. After the capture of that city the army moved on to Montgomery, Alabama, where the news was received of the surrender of General Lee, and the service of this command was practically ended. Major Loop, during the Mobile campaign, was assistant inspector-general on the staff of Major-General Carr. He was a most loyal and faithful soldier, whose service was most valuable to his country, and his army record is one of which he may justly be proud. He participated in a number of the most important engagements of the war, and for his meritorious, valiant conduct was steadily promoted to the rank of major.

Sixty days after his return home Mr. Loop was elected county clerk of Boone county, which position he held for more than eleven years, when he resigned to accept the position of postmaster of Belvidere, to which he was appointed by his old commander, General Grant, then occupying the executive chair of the nation. This appointment was entirely without solicitation on the part of the Major, and came as a mark of the personal friendship and esteem which the war president had for his old army comrade. Mr. Loop served in that office for about nine years, when the Democracy assumed control of the government; immediately after the inauguration of President Cleveland he sent in his resignation, but it was not accepted until eight months later. The Major next served as door-keeper in the thirty-fifth general assembly of Illinois, and for six years was connected with the state grain department at Chicago, in a clerical capacity, being for nearly a year of that time chief clerk of the inspection department. He retired from that office when the Democrats again came into power and engaged in the real-estate business in

Belvidere, looking after his own and the property of others. He has always been a staunch Republican in politics from the organization of the party, and has done all in power to promote its growth and insure its success. He is now the chairman of the Republican county central committee, and his effective powers of organization and executive ability have been an important factor in securing Republican gains in this district, which has again been recognized by his being again appointed chief clerk of the state grain department in Chicago.

Major Loop was married in 1859 to Miss Maria J. Pierce, a native of Washington county, New York. They have four children living, all born in Belvidere, namely: Albert E., cashier of the First National Bank of Belvidere; Charles D., who is assistant cashier in the same institution; Bertha A., who possesses much musical talent and is now engaged in teaching that art; and Kate A., at home. The Major and his family occupy a very enviable position in social circles and their home is a cultured one and a favorite resort with the many friends of the family. Fearless and true on the field of battle, in the affairs of private life he has displayed the same loyalty to every trust reposed in him, and his name is synonymous with honorable business dealing.

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**G**EORGE J. STITELEY.—While many hold strong objections to secret societies, it cannot be denied that they throw restraining influences about a man which nothing else can, and if he carry out in life such teachings as are inculcated by the order of which the subjects of these sketches are worthy representatives, he cannot fail to become a loyal citizen and an upright man. That some fail to come up to the high standard set by the founders of the fraternity is but natural; but, judging by the career of thousands of men prominent in almost every walk of life, we cannot but conclude that their membership in the Masonic order has been conducive to the development

of their best faculties and has aided them in successfully overcoming all obstacles to their advancement in their chosen vocations.

One of the prominent members of the Masonic fraternity residing in Mount Carroll is George J. Stiteley. He is a well-known citizen and a genial and popular business man, being one of the leading dry-goods and clothing merchants of Mount Carroll.

Mr. Stiteley was made a Master Mason in Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, Mount Carroll, in 1890. He was entered September 4, 1889, passed March 21, 1890, and raised April 1, 1890. He is also a member of Lanark Chapter, No. 139, and of Long Commandery, No. 60, Mount Carroll. In 1893 he was initiated into the Freeport Valley Consistory, and has taken all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second. He is also a "Shriner," a member of Medinah Temple, Chicago, and also of the Order of Modern Woodmen, and has passed all the chairs in both branches of the I. O. O. F.

Mr. Stiteley is a native of Washington county, Maryland, where he was born March 23, 1855. His ancestors were German and were among the early settlers of the county. His father, George W. Stiteley, was also born in Maryland, where he was married to Miss Mary Buser, a native of the same state. While residing in Maryland they had three children, George J. being the third in order of birth. In 1855 his parents came to Illinois and located in Carroll county, where they had five more children. Mr. Stiteley was a merchant, which occupation he followed during the active years of his life. Both he and his wife still survive, at the ages respectively of sixty-nine and sixty-five years. They are both members in good standing of the "Church of God," and are highly esteemed by their large circle of friends.

The subject of this review was educated in the public schools of Mount Carroll. His father in his earlier life was an operative mason, and young George worked with him at that trade until he came into his majority. He was then offered a clerkship in the

store of Beam Brothers, which he accepted and filled with satisfaction. He resigned that position for one in the service of the firm of McKinley & Loveland, where he remained until 1887, when he embarked in the business in which he is at present engaged. He has succeeded in building up a large and flourishing trade, and by honorable methods and strict integrity in all his dealings has secured the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

In 1881 he was married to Miss Eunice V. Edwards, a native of Mount Carroll, and they had two children—Edna and Free. Mrs. Stiteley was spared to her family only a few years, and Mr. Stiteley was again married, choosing for his second wife Miss Lizzie Tipton, also a native of Mount Carroll, this marriage taking place in 1885, and they have one son, named Glen C. Mr. and Mrs. Stiteley are both members of the Eastern Star, and are highly esteemed residents of Mount Carroll. In politics Mr. Stiteley is a Republican.

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**M**EALMER HARLAN STONE, who after a long, useful and honorable business career is now living a retired life in Rockford, has been numbered among the representatives of Masonry since the winter of 1865-6,—a period of thirty years. His loyalty to its teachings and his application of its principles to the practical affairs of life have not only won him the warm friendship and respect of his brethren, but have added to the high reputation of the order. He was made a Mason in Rising Sun Lodge, of Minnesota, and during his connection therewith was elected and served as Junior and Senior Warden. In 1874 he was dimitted to Rockford Lodge, No. 102, A. F. & A. M., and in this organization has been an active and capable worker, doing all in his power to advance its interests and inculcate its ennobling principles among his fellow men. He has served as Junior and Senior Warden of Rockford Lodge, also Junior and Senior Deacon and Worshipful Master. He is also a worthy

and valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Green Mountain state is the birthplace of Mr. Stone, who first opened his eyes to the light of day in Franklin county on the 21st of November, 1835. The family is of English lineage, and the first American ancestors located in New England during an early epoch in the history of the country, and participated in the French and Indian war. His father, James Stone, was a native of Franklin county, Vermont, and a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Miss Lucinda Danforth, and in 1846 removed with his wife and children to Wisconsin, locating in the woods in a pioneer region. He improved a farm and experienced the usual hardships of frontier life. After the war, in which he defended his native land, he became active in the militia and held the office of major. He died in Wisconsin, at the age of sixty-one years, and his wife reached the advanced age of ninety-seven years, departing this life on the 10th of May, 1894. They were zealous members of the Methodist church, and their home was always the abiding place of itinerant ministers during the early years of their residence in Wisconsin.

Mr. Stone, whose name introduces this sketch, was the sixth in their family of seven children, of whom six are yet living. He began his education in the schools of Vermont, but was only eleven years of age when the family came to the west, and in consequence completed his course in the public schools of the latter state. His training in that direction was rather meager, but not so his training at farm labor. He assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm, and early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He afterward engaged in teaching four terms of school in Wisconsin, but the great Civil war came on in all its fury and cut short his professional life as an educator. In the darkest days of that sanguinary struggle he went forth in defense of the Union, enlisting in the winter of 1863-4 as a member of Company D, Seventh Minnesota Infantry. He

at once went to the front to reinforce that regiment, and served in Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee. He was on detached duty much of the time, but participated in the three-days battle of Tupelo. He was honorably discharged in September, 1865, and returning home resumed the vocations of civil life.

Mr. Stone then engaged in the furniture business in St. Charles, Minnesota, until 1873, after which he carried on the tanning business for a few years. He then sold his property and purchased a farm three miles south of Rockford, where he carried on agricultural pursuits for some time and then laid aside all business cares, retiring to his pleasant residence in Rockford, where he has since made his home. His business career was one of success, owing to his well directed efforts, and his diligence and perseverance and his honest toil brought to him the competence that now enables him to live retired.

In 1860 Mr. Stone married Miss Lucy McMurphy, a native of Painesville, Ohio, by whom he had one son, Roy. The mother died in 1868, and Mr. Stone was again married, his second union being with Miss Marietta Milliard, a native of Massachusetts and a daughter of John Milliard, who came with his family to Illinois in 1866. Their union has been blessed with one son, Frank, now attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are members of the Christian Union church, and enjoy the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, held the office of town clerk in Minnesota, and since coming to Rockford has been elected to the city council.

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**JAMES PRICE.**—Scotland has furnished to the Masonic fraternity some of the most prominent members of the order, and has largely promoted this ancient organization, while one department of the society had its origin in the land of hills and heather. Its people, noted for unswerving loyalty to any cause they espouse, have had many

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*Grand High Priest, 1884-1885.*

faithful representatives among the Masons, and this number includes the subject of this review, who, with the characteristic unchangeableness and loyalty of his people, has been a most earnest and consistent exponent of Masonry since 1891. He joined Mizpah Lodge in that year and three years later was elected its Worshipful Master. On the expiration of his first term he was re-elected, so that he is still serving in that capacity. Doing all in his power to advance the interests of the lodge, he has proved a worthy head of the organization and has the warm regard of all his fellow members. In 1893 he took the Royal Arch degrees in Delta Chapter, No. 191, and has therein been exalted to official positions, serving as Principal Sojourner for two years, as Scribe for one year, and at the present time is acting as King. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Palestine Council in 1893, but was dimitted in November, 1895, and affiliated with Temple Council, No. 65, in which he still retains his membership.

The life of Mr. Price cannot fail to prove of interest to his many friends in Masonry, and it is therefore with pleasure that we present this sketch to our readers. He was born in Scotland on the 28th of March, 1858, and there remained until 1875, when he left the land of his nativity and crossed the Atlantic to New York. In that city he secured employment in an establishment which handled hides, and in 1885 he came to Chicago to represent Hall & Vaughan, of New York, as their purchasing agent. In that capacity he served until the business of the firm was consolidated with that of the United States Leather Company, of New York, under the latter name, since which time he has acted as western inspector of hides. It is a responsible position, much depending upon the ability and judgment of the inspector; but Mr. Price is fully competent to discharge his duties to the complete satisfaction of the company which he represents.

In 1882 Mr. Price married Miss Sarah Craig, a native of the north of Ireland. Their children are James, Edward and

Jessie. They hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, and Mr. Price was the organizer of Columbia Chapter, No. 210, O. E. S., and its first Patron. His wife has served as Associate Conductress and Associate Matron, and at this writing in 1896 is Past Matron. She is a most enthusiastic worker in the order and is in hearty sympathy with her husband in his devotion to the fraternity. Mr. Price also belongs to St. Andrews Society, the Order of the Knights of the Maccabees, and the Caledonian Society of Chicago.

CLARK VARNUM.—The high place in Masonic circles which the subject of this sketch has attained is not due to any accident of birth or combination of fortuitous circumstances; and still less is it attributable to any personal effort to place himself at the front.

Born among the rugged hills of Vermont, he possesses the strength of individuality, fixedness of purpose, and high moral qualities characteristic of the highest type of New England manhood, enlarged by the breadth of view given by a life in the pure freedom-loving atmosphere of the great west. To this add a love for the cardinal principles of Masonry amounting almost to devotion, and it will readily be seen why and how it was that the Masons of Iowa, always quick to discover real merit, called upon him to fill Masonic offices and preside in Masonic councils.

Mr. Varnum was born in Peacham, Caledonia county, Vermont, September 24, 1846, being the oldest of five children. Urgent necessity compelled him to work early and late as a farm hand from his fourteenth to his twenty-first year, with but little opportunity for an education save such as could be acquired at a few terms of school or in the still hours of the night after the hard day's toil. Under such circumstances an education is hard to obtain; but, once acquired, it sinks deep and is most permanent.

During this period and in 1865 the am-

bitious youth, in pursuit of employment and in the hope of finding a better home for his parents and a broader field for himself, removed to Iowa, whither his parents and brothers and sisters soon followed. Still performing in summer his labor as a farm-hand and teaching a country school in the winter, he borrowed from the lawyer in the nearest village such text-books on legal subjects as were obtainable, and, by studying them at such odd hours as could be spared from toil, acquired sufficient legal knowledge to pass a creditable examination and be admitted to the bar.

As might be expected from the difficulties attendant upon such a course of study, much time was spent in the study of law, and it was not until December, 1870, that his admission was effected. He at once entered actively into the practice of his chosen profession at Malcom, Iowa, where he remained until 1884, when he removed to Newton, Iowa, and in September, 1890, removed to Chicago, Illinois.

Possessing a mind unusually logical and judicial, through persistent industry and untiring zeal he attained high rank at the bar, and was successful to a degree which won the highest admiration from the bench, bar and clients.

In Masonry, Mr. Varnum began while a young man. He was made a Mason in Lily Lodge, under dispensation, at Malcom, Iowa, in April, 1869; was appointed Senior Deacon when the lodge was chartered in June of the same year, and served in the Wardens' stations in the three succeeding years, and was elected Worshipful Master in 1873 and re-elected six times. He was exalted in Hyssop Chapter, No. 50, Royal Arch Masons, in December, 1874; and in 1876 elected its High Priest, and re-elected seven consecutive times, declining to serve, however, at the last re-election, because of having been selected to a more exalted station, that of Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, to which he was elected in 1883, and re-elected in 1884. He was received into the orders of Christian Knighthood in Oriental Commandery, No. 22,

Knights Templar, in April, 1875, and became its Eminent Commander in 1885.

In 1887 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa. To show the strong impression he had made upon the Sir Knights of that large jurisdiction, with its many able Templars, it is only necessary to say that they selected him to the highest office in their power to bestow from the plain rank of Past Commander, and without his ever having held any office whatever in the Grand Commandery. In 1888, he was re-elected Grand Commander by a unanimous vote, contrary to the custom of that Grand Commandery, which had not, for fifteen years before, and has not since, re-elected any one to that high office.

It was indeed fortunate for Templar Masonry everywhere that a man of Sir Varnum's ability, and with his broad, enlightened views and strong character, was at the head of the Grand Commandery of Iowa during that period. It will be remembered that it was during this time that the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States assumed the power to review, consider and pass judgment upon all the Sir Knights of Iowa and to exclude them from Templar Masonry.

In 1887, prior to Sir Varnum's election, their representatives in Grand Commandery assembled had passed a resolution expressing a doubt as to the legality of the adoption of a ritual in 1886 by the Grand Encampment, and postponing its use until the Grand Encampment should, in 1889, decide whether its use was obligatory. We have no inclination to go into the merits of that difference of opinion now, they are matters of history. Suffice it to say that the Grand Master undertook to interdict all Templar intercourse between the Templars of Iowa and those of other jurisdictions. Grand Commander Varnum denied his right to do this, and also, on constitutional grounds, denied his power to sit in judgment on a Grand Commandery and the three thousand eight hundred Sir Knights in its obedience and condemn them. Upon the issue thus



formed, that of absolute, unlimited authority in the Grand Master on the one hand and of constitutional liberty and freedom under the law on the other, there went on for over one year the most important contest in the history of Templar Masonry. Upon these subjects the two annual addresses of Grand Commander Varnum and his circulars and letters relative to that subject were marked by a strength exhaustive of the matter at issue, so much so that they have never been answered nor their conclusions seriously questioned. When the Grand Encampment convened at Washington, D. C., in the fall of 1889, this matter was the most important of all that was before it, and Grand Commander Varnum not only had the satisfaction of seeing an unsatisfactory ritual dispensed with, but also the higher pleasure of having the Grand Encampment decide that the Grand Master had exceeded his powers and that the issuing of the edict of non-intercourse was a great wrong. In acknowledgment of the able and valuable services rendered during this important period the Grand Commandery of Iowa presented to Past Grand Commander Varnum an elaborate and costly jewel, indicative of his rank.

The foregoing but faintly outlines the more important points in the life of the subject of this sketch.

He is but fifty years of age, of large and commanding figure, modest and retiring by nature, courteous and kindly almost to tenderness, careful in arriving at a conclusion, and unfaltering in his determination to do what his judgment says is right.

**H**ARRY C. BUHOUP.—“Earn thy reward: the gods give naught to sloth,” said the sage Epicharmus, and the truth of the admonition has been exemplified in human affairs in all the ages which have rolled their course since his day. The subject to whose life history we are now permitted to direct attention has by ceaseless toil and endeavor attained a marked success in business affairs, has gained the respect and es-

teem of men, and is recognized as one of the class whose true worth would make him a distinctively representative citizen in any community.

Mr. Buhoup is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Pittsburg, May 6, 1845. He was educated in the public schools of that city, and at the early age of nine years began learning the carpenter's trade with his father, following that pursuit until the Civil war, when, feeling that his duty called him to battle for the Union, he enlisted in his country's service, becoming a member of Company M, One Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Infantry. He faithfully and valiantly served for three years, during which time he was wounded in the second battle of Fredericksburg by a gunshot. For six months he lay in the Carver Hospital in Washington, and for a similar time in the Citizens' Hospital, of Philadelphia.

When the war was over and the country no longer needed the aid of her loyal sons on the field of battle, Mr. Buhoup returned to his home and for ten years was employed as a salesman by the firm of Alexander Speer & Sons, of Pittsburg. He then became connected with the house of the McConway & Forley Company, of Pittsburg, with which he has since been associated, covering a period of sixteen years up to the present time,—1896. He now occupies the important and responsible position of general sales agent for the entire United States. He has the unqualified confidence of the company, a trust which is fully merited, as every duty devolving upon him is faithfully discharged to the best of his ability; and that ability is of a high order.

Mr. Buhoup has been twice married. In 1863 he wedded Miss Sarah W. Crail, and to them were born two daughters, Florence and Adaline. In 1890 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Buhoup to Miss Virgie Abdill, of Chicago. The lady is a member of the Episcopal church, and our subject holds his membership in the Methodist church. His political support is given the Republican party. Socially he is connected

with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and in the Masonic fraternity he has attained to considerable prominence and is a valued member of the craft. He was made a Mason in Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, was raised to the Royal Arch in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, and was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35. He is also a member of Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. His pleasant, genial manner and his genuine worth have won him the high regard of his Masonic brethren, and his identification with the fraternity has been most honorable.

**T**HOMAS PIERSON RUTH, who ranks as the leading architect and builder of the town of Milledgeville, Illinois, has the honor of being the Worshipful Master of Milledgeville Lodge, No. 345. It was in this lodge, in the winter of 1878, that he was initiated, passed and raised, and immediately afterward he became a most active and efficient lodge worker. He has served in various official capacities and is now for the eleventh term filling the Worshipful Master's chair, the present prosperity of this lodge being due largely to his prompt, earnest work. Its members are composed of the most substantial men in the town and the leading farmers of the surrounding country, all of whom are enthusiastic in the work of the order and take a just pride in their handsomely equipped lodge room. Mr. Ruth is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been made such in Lanark Chapter, No. 139, Lanark, Illinois, in 1880; and is a member of Sterling Commandery, No. 57, Sterling, Illinois, he having been knighted in 1890. In his every-day life, as well as in the lodge room, has he exemplified the true spirit of Masonry, "brotherly love, relief and truth" being his motto.

Mr. Ruth dates his nativity in Pennsylvania, in Montgomery county, December 19, 1854, and is of English descent. Joseph Ruth, his father, was born at the same place, and there was united in marriage to Miss Mary Proctor, who bore him

five children, three of whom are living. The father died in 1862, at the age of forty-two years, our subject, Thomas P., being then only eight years old, the eldest of the little family of fatherless children. The widowed mother survived her husband ten years.

Thomas P. Ruth attended the district school until he was sixteen. At that age he began working at the carpenter's trade, to which he applied himself closely and of which he soon became master, and in this line of business he has ever since continued, now ranking, as already stated, as the leading architect and builder of Milledgeville, where he has resided since 1877. Many of the handsome buildings of this city are monuments to his skill, and besides those erected for others he has put up a number of buildings for himself, including the attractive residence he and his family occupy.

Mr. Ruth was married in 1881 to Miss Clara Olmsted, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Mr. Alanson Olmsted, one of the early settlers of this state. They have one daughter, Mary E.

Politically a Republican and interested in the welfare of his town, he is recognized as one of its most substantial citizens and has been honored by his fellows with election to its highest office, that of president of the board of trustees.

**M**ON. MICHAEL STOSKOPF, who has attained to the thirty-third degree of Masonry and is one of the prominent representatives of the fraternity in Illinois, in his business life is actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community and one which has long been considered as conserving the public weal by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. As a member of the bar of Stephenson county Mr. Stoskopf occupies a distinctively representative position among the legal practitioners of the state, and it is eminently befitting that he be accorded due recogni-

tion in a volume whose province is the consideration of the lives of able and prominent men,—men especially influential in the ranks of Masonry, as well as leaders in professional or commercial life.

Mr. Stoskopf was born on a farm adjacent to the city of Freeport, on the 7th of June, 1845. His father, Valentine Stoskopf, was a native of Alsace, France, whence he emigrated to Canada, where he was married. He afterward removed to Stephenson county, Illinois, arriving here in 1841. He was a blacksmith by trade, but here turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and became one of the active factors in the development of the country. He also became connected with manufacturing interests and erected many buildings in Freeport, becoming one of the industrious and substantial citizens and prominent business men. He died in Freeport in 1890 at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife survived him six months. Their family numbered four sons and four daughters. The sons are Leonard, Louis, Michael and John.

The gentleman whose name introduces the initial paragraph of this review was reared in his parental home, acquired his education in the public schools and completed the full course in the Freeport high school. He then began preparation for his business career by reading law in the office of the eminent jurist, Judge Joseph M. Bailey, and was admitted to the bar in 1873. He entered upon the practice of his profession in the town where he was reared and his successful career has set at naught the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country. There is no business in which success so largely depends upon merit as the law. High legal talent cannot be purchased, friends cannot give it: it results from earnest, thorough preparation, combined with the exercise of those abilities with which nature has endowed one and which have been acquired. A comprehensive knowledge of the law and a knowledge how best to apply it has made Mr. Stoskopf one of the foremost representatives of the bar in this sec-

tion of the state, and he is to-day enjoying a very large general practice. He is also a stockholder and president of the Freeport Water Company, but devotes the greater part of his attention to his large legal business.

When Mr. Stoskopf became a voter he allied himself with the Democracy and has since done his party much valuable service as an able advocate and exponent of its principles. He was for twelve years master of chancery. He was three times elected by his fellow citizens to the state legislature of Illinois, first serving in the assembly in 1889, in 1895, and again in 1897. His service in the interest of just legislation and as an advocate of measures which tended to the best interests of the state was widely recognized and won him high commendation.

Although prominent in professional and political circles it is probably through his connection with Masonry that Mr. Stoskopf is most widely known, as he has attained to an eminent place in its ranks. He was made a Master Mason in Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, of Freeport, and two years later was made its Worshipful Master.

He was High Priest of Freeport Chapter, Eminent Commander of Freeport Commandery and T. P. G. M. of Freeport Lodge of Perfection.

He has taken all the degrees in both the York and Scottish rites,—chapter, commandery, council and consistory,—including the thirty-third degree, and has filled various other offices in the different branches in a manner most creditable to himself and the order which he represents. He is one of its useful and distinguished members, whom the whole craft delight to honor.

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**E**DWARD F. BURKHART, the leading merchant of Freeport, is a native son of the city, born August 19, 1859. He is of French lineage, his ancestors having come to America from the province of Alsace. His parents, Philip and ——— (Snyder) Burkhart, emigrated to the United States in 1847, and for a short time worked at the

tailor's trade in Chicago, after which he came to Freeport, where he was continuously engaged in business up to the time of his retirement to private life in 1893. He received from the public a liberal patronage and for many years conducted a large trade. At length, having acquired a comfortable competence, he laid aside business cares, and now, at the age of sixty-five years, is resting in the enjoyment of the fruit of his former toil. His first wife died at the age of thirty-five years, and the father afterward married her sister, Magdalene Snyder.

Our subject, the third child in the family, was educated in the public schools of Freeport and learned the tailor's trade in his father's establishment. He soon acquired a thorough knowledge of the business, and is to-day a leader in his line in the city, conducting one of the most fashionable and first-class tailoring establishments in this section of the state. He succeeded his father on the latter's retirement in 1893, and carries a large stock of fine cloths and enjoys the patronage and confidence of the citizens of his native town.

In 1892 Mr. Burkhart was made a Mason in Evergreen Lodge, No. 197, F. & A. M., of Freeport, and still affiliates with it. He is in politics a Democrat, and was elected by his party as tax collector of the city. He was also the choice of the Democracy of the county for the office of county sheriff, but with the remainder of the party he was defeated by a small majority. Mr. Burkhart is a man of fine physique, well proportioned and tall, and in manner is pleasant, genial and courteous. He has many friends in the city where he has always lived, and among the worthy and acceptable members of the Masonic fraternity he well deserves mention.

**J**OHAN CRUBAUGH, one of the prominent Sir Knight Templars of Rock Island, was made a Mason in this city, in Rock Island Lodge, No. 658, in 1888. He is now a member of Barrett Chapter, No. 18, having received the Royal Arch degree June 25, 1888. He was made a Sir Knight in Everts Com-

mandery, No. 18, on the 27th of May, 1886. Officially he has filled several chairs in the commandery, and for the past six years he has been a member of its board of control. In the chapter he holds the office of Scribe.

Mr. Crubaugh is a native of the state of Ohio, born in Columbiana county on the 9th of May, 1826, and is of German ancestry. His father, George Crubaugh, was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and married Elizabeth Aterholt, also of German descent, and whose first American ancestors were early settlers of the state of Maryland. The parents of our subject moved to eastern Ohio and were among the early settlers of that region. The father was a blacksmith by trade, and by occupation a farmer during the most of his life. He died in the fifty-sixth year of his age, and his wife in her seventieth year,—a faithful Lutheran in her religious creed.

Mr. Crubaugh, of this sketch, was the eldest of the seven children in his parents' family, five of whom are still living. To his fourteenth year he was brought up in agricultural life, attending the public school to some extent. At the age of fifteen he began to take care of himself, first serving a two-years apprenticeship in the chairmaker's and painter's trades, during which he was boarded for his services and at the end of the period received in addition a twenty-five-dollar suit of clothes and a holy Bible. After a time, however, this occupation ceased to satisfy his ambition, and he sought a wider and higher field of operations. Accordingly in 1850 he turned his attention to public works and first became a railroad contractor and later a prominent bridge-builder. He has constructed some of the largest bridges across the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, which will remain for many years to come as mementoes of his high ability in that direction.

In 1866 he came to Rock Island, and from that time to 1890 he made contracts for building large bridges, and at the latter date he retired from that severely active life. He is now vice-president and a director of the Rock Island Buggy Manufactory

Company, and also vice-president and a director of the Rock Island Savings Bank. In politics he is a Republican, and in social relations, besides those already mentioned, he is a member of Kaaba Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in Davenport. He has a fine residence in the city of Rock Island, where he is enjoying the advanced years of his life.

In 1861 he married Miss Sarah Ann Poole, who is a native of Stark county, Ohio, and they have a son and a daughter. The son, William A., is settled in life and is now night clerk at the Harper Hotel. The daughter, Mary Elizabeth, became the wife of Charles McHugh, one of the proprietors of that hotel.

**J**OHAN ERFERT.—It has assuredly been not uninteresting to observe in the series of biographical sketches appearing in this volume the varying nationality, origin and early environments of the men who have made their way to positions of prominence and success. In no better way can we gain a conception of the diverse elements which have entered into our social, professional and commercial life, and which will impart to the future American type features which cannot be conjectured at the present time. We have had an American type in the past; we shall have a distinctively national character in the future, but for the present amalgamation of the varied elements is proceeding, and the final result is yet remote.

The ancestry of John Erfert may be sought for among the vigorous and intellectual natures of the fatherland, his parents having been born in that country, which was also his birthplace, January 14, 1835. He comes of a family of upright people, of genuine worth, connected with the Lutheran church in religious faith. His father, an industrious carpenter, lived to a ripe old age, he and his wife having enjoyed a happy married life of more than fifty years' duration. Their son, whose name heads this review, was the second of their family of nine children. He was educated in the

schools of his native land and there learned the trade of carpentering. In 1852 he crossed the Atlantic to America and took up his abode in Chicago, where for five years he worked at his trade and then came to Freeport, where he followed carpentering until 1866. He was industrious and energetic—qualities which never fail to win success—and thus he acquired the capital which enabled him to engage in business on his own account. Establishing a grocery store, he has since been connected with the trade in Freeport and has one of the oldest stores in the city. It is also one of the most popular, having many patrons that have continued business dealings with him through a quarter of a century. He always carries a well-selected stock of goods, and his honorable dealing and earnest desire to please his customers has insured him a lucrative patronage. As his financial resources have increased he extended his operations into other fields of labor, his interests ramifying and spreading until he is to-day recognized as one of the leading business men in the city. He is a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Freeport; a director in the German Insurance Company and chairman of the finance committee of the latter corporation. His history is that of the self-made man who by the force of his character and by undaunted perseverance overcomes the difficulties and obstacles in his path and by his capable management and utilization of the opportunities with which he is surrounded steadily and persistently pushes forward to the goal of success.

In November, 1861, Mr. Erfert was united in marriage to Miss Natala Mueller, also a native of Germany, who came to this country during her girlhood. Seven children have been born to this union, two sons and five daughters, all born in Freeport. Their names are: J. I., now a resident of Austin, Illinois; Ida, now Mrs. Jacob Kerch, and resides at Freeport; Alma, now Mrs. William B. Morgan, and resides in Austin, Illinois; Bertha, now Mrs. W. W. Redgrove, a resident of Maryland; Natalie,

Clara L. and W. B. are at home with their parents. The family is one of prominence in the city, its members occupying a high position in social circles, while their home—one of the finest in the county—is noted for its warm-hearted hospitality.

Mr. Erfert has always taken a deep interest in public affairs and in the welfare and upbuilding of the city, and has several times been elected and efficiently served as one of the aldermen of the city. He is a man of excellent judgment and the utmost integrity, and his public record has been that of a citizen devoted to the public welfare, earnestly laboring for the progress and upbuilding of the community in which he finds a home. His political support is given the Democracy, but he has never sought office, desiring to give his entire attention to his business affairs.

His connection with the Masonic fraternity dates from the 21st of September, 1872, at which time he became a Master Mason in Evergreen Lodge, No. 170. He joined the chapter March 7, 1876, became a member of Freeport Council April 10, 1877; and on the 17th of April of the same year was made a Knight Templar. He joined the consistory in March, 1879, and on the 11th of the same month joined the Mystic Shrine in Chicago. He has held various offices in the various branches of this order, and in 1892 was Eminent Commander of the Commandery. He has been active in advancing the interests of Masonry, is an enthusiastic and loyal supporter of the order, and justly merits the high esteem in which he is held by his brethren of the craft.

**N**ELSON WOODRUFF FRISBIE, a Royal Arch Mason of Freeport, was born in Detroit, Michigan, on the 25th of April, 1866, and is descended from French ancestors who were early settlers of the colonies, his branch of the family having located in "York state," where they took an active part in the affairs of their section. The father of our subject, Charles H. Fris-

bie, was born in the Empire state, and was married there to Miss Ruth Antisdel. He began railroading in his youth, and is one of the oldest railroad engineers in the world. He ran the first engine on the Michigan Central Railroad to Chicago, and is a widely known and highly esteemed pioneer railroad man. In 1868 he came with his wife to Rockford, Illinois. He is now living at Aurora, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife also survives, and six of their seven children are yet living.

Nelson W. Frisbie, of this review, was the fifth child of the family. He was educated in Aurora and in Downer's Grove, Illinois, and when sixteen years of age followed in the footsteps of his father and began railroading. He was first employed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and remained with it until 1887, when he entered the service of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, with which he has since continued. He is one of the most competent and reliable engineers on the road, careful in his work, realizing the responsibility that rests upon him and ever true to his trust. His business associates esteem him highly for his genuine worth, and he numbers many friends among them.

In July, 1891, Mr. Frisbie was united in marriage with Miss Flora Hagadone, a native of Aurora. They have two lovely little boys, whom they have named George W. and Charles H. Both Mr. and Mrs. Frisbie were reared in the Baptist church and still adhere to that faith. They have resided in Freeport for the past five years and have made numerous friends in the city.

Mr. Frisbie is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in which he has two insurance policies amounting to three thousand dollars, payable at death or if an eye or limb is lost. He was made a Master Mason in 1893, in Evergreen Lodge, No. 179, of Freeport, and took the Royal Arch degrees in the chapter at Freeport. He is true to the principles and teaching of this benevolent organization, and has the high regard of his Masonic brethren.

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**J**OSEPH DANIEL MYERS, carriage manufacturer, Springfield, Illinois, has passed through all the degrees of Masonry up to and including that of Knight Templar, and has been honored officially in all the Masonic bodies to which he belongs. He was initiated, passed and raised in Tyrian Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M., in 1870, and that same year was exalted in Springfield Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. The following year he was made a Royal and Select Master in Springfield Council; also in 1871 he was knighted in the commandery. He has passed all the chairs in the blue lodge, knows its ritual word for word, and is ready at any time when called upon to fill any of its offices. And what is said of him in regard to blue masonry may also be said of the other Masonic bodies to which he belongs, for he is likewise familiar with the ritualistic work of the chapter, council and commandery. Indeed he is, without doubt, the best posted Mason in the city of Springfield. He served as High Priest of the chapter in 1879, 1880 and 1881, and now fills the chair of King. For years he has been Thrice Illustrious in the council, and in the commandery he officiated in 1885 as Eminent Commander. In the Grand Council of Illinois, R. & S. M., he served in 1894 and '95 as Master of the Sixth and Seventh Arch. Mr. Myers loves the principles of Masonry, and, what is more, makes a practice of them in his every-day life and action, it being his earnest endeavor to square his own life by justice and charity and to render any assistance within his power to the brotherhood.

Like many of the leading Masons and prominent business men of this country, Mr. Myers looks back to Germany as his birthplace and the home of his ancestors. He was born in Baden, January 3, 1838, and up to 1850 his youthful days were passed in his native land. That year he came to America. He accompanied his uncle to Cleveland, Ohio, thence in 1854 to Chicago, in 1857 to Jacksonville, and in 1861 to Springfield. While in Chicago Mr. Myers began learning the trade of carriage-

maker. In Jacksonville he was employed in a blacksmith shop, and after coming to Springfield he completed the trade he first started to learn, and since 1862 he has been engaged in business on his own account and has been fairly prosperous in his undertakings.

Politically he is a Republican, and in Springfield has been honored with official position of local importance, and in the same has discharged his duty with the strictest fidelity. He was tax collector of Springfield in 1884 and '85, and for six successive years, from 1886 to 1892 inclusive, was a member of the city council. In 1897 he was elected to the Sangamon county board of supervisors.

Mr. Myers was married in 1867 to Miss Amelia S. Daggett, who was born in Indiana and reared and educated in Indianapolis. They have four children,—Emma B., Grace, Carrie B. and Carl J.

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**S**T. GUNDERSON.—Were there no other reason than that of his conspicuous identification with the founding of that noble eleemosynary institution, the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, the subject of this review would well merit consideration in this compilation; but there are many other salient points touching his connection with the Masonic fraternity in the state and with the industrial activities of the western metropolis, which render more peculiarly consonant a brief review of his life at this juncture.

Mr. Gunderson has been a member of the Masonic order since the year 1868, when he became an Entered Apprentice in Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, A. F. & A. M., receiving therein the Master Mason's degrees on the 26th of January, 1871, and is now a life member of the lodge. Later on he attained the Royal Arch degrees in Washington Chapter, No. 43; became a Royal and Select Master in Siloam Council, No. 53; and received the honor of knighthood in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights

Templar. Passing thence onward in the craft, he became identified with the various bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite until there came to his portion the distinguished honor implied in the thirty-second degree, upon whose conferring he became a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. September 23, 1887, he completed his desert pilgrimage and gained title as a noble in Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Thus may be determined the prominence of Mr. Gunderson in local Masonic circles, since he is identified with the several bodies in both the York and Scottish Rites. Of singularly sympathetic nature, his instincts in this line have been manifested in many directions, and it was but to be expected that he would lend his energies and influence without reservation to aiding in the establishment of the Masonic Orphans' Home, in which connection there will be owed to him a perpetual tribute of honor and gratitude. He served for three years as one of the trustees of the home, and has ever maintained a lively interest in its welfare.

From the "land of the midnight sun" has come Severt T. Gunderson, who has been an influential factor in the business affairs of the Garden City for nearly a half century. The material welfare of the city has been promoted through his activity in business circles; educational and moral interests receive his support, and the work of public progress has received a due quota of aid through him, while in the almost herculean task of securing to Chicago the World's Columbian Exposition—that triumph of American art and genius—he also participated.

S. T. Gunderson was born in Norway August 19, 1839, and in 1848, at the age of nine years, accompanied his parents on their emigration to the New World. The family at once located in Chicago, then a city of twenty thousand population, but growing rapidly. Our subject at once entered the public schools, and at the age of fifteen he laid aside his text-books, his subsequent education having been gained in the school

of experience, where he has learned the valuable lessons that have made him the practical man of affairs that he is to-day. His parents were in limited circumstances, and he thus early provided for his own maintenance, learning the carpenter and lathing trade. At the age of eighteen he inaugurated operations in this line on his own responsibility, and was thus engaged when the financial panic of 1857 swept over the country, stopping improvement in the way of building. With the hope of bettering his financial status Mr. Gunderson removed to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1858, but soon returned to Chicago. In 1862 he purchased a lake vessel, the Hercules, and within the next five years was the owner of six vessels, most of which were employed in the grain trade. He carefully guarded his business interests, and his diligence, frugality and capable management brought to him a good income. As his financial resources increased he also became connected with the lumber trade, and in 1871 purchased large interests in sawmills. His business was in a prosperous condition when, in 1875, his milling plant was destroyed by fire, entailing so serious a loss, by reason of slight insurance indemnity, that he was practically left without financial resources. In his career he had encountered obstacles that would have appalled a man of less resolute spirit and determination, but his losses seemed to add, and act with him as an impetus, to renewed and redoubled labor, and he went to work with a will to retrieve his shattered fortunes. To-day he is the owner of extensive milling interests, and is the senior member of the firm of S. T. Gunderson & Son, manufacturers of moldings, castings, etc., and for a number of years was connected with the firm of John A. Gauger & Company, which shipped large quantities of doors and sash of their own manufacture throughout the Union.

In 1863 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gunderson and Miss Emily C. Olson. They have two sons and one daughter. George O. is associated with his father in business, and with the experience and cap-

able management of the senior member of the firm are combined the zeal and enthusiasm of the junior member, forming a combination that always conserves success. George O. was married, in 1887, to Miss Julia A., daughter of O. B. Jacobs, a well-known lumber dealer of Chicago. Seward M., who is also connected with his father's business and who is a young man of much ability, was married, in 1894, to Miss Abigail K., daughter of Murdoch Campbell, of this city. The daughter, Miss Ida Mabel, is a young woman of high accomplishments, being a graduate of the well-known seminary of the Misses Grant and of the Chicago Musical College. Her musical attainments are exceptional, while in other art lines she has displayed distinctive talent.

The family have a beautiful home at 1239 Washington boulevard, and in addition to this Mr. Gunderson owns much other valuable city property. He is the owner of the Gunderson & Gauger addition to Chicago, the Gunderson & Gauger addition to Oak Park, and much improved city property. He foresaw the eventual development and growth of the city and had prescience, in a way, of the advancement which would be made in the value of realty. He therefore invested largely therein, and through this medium has added greatly to his comfortable income. Mr. Gunderson is an active member of the Lutheran church, and though his business duties are extensive and exigent he finds time to devote to the cause of Christianity and its collateral benevolences. He has extended kindly and tangible aid in many quarters, but is signally unostentatious in his benevolences, seeking not the praise of men for what he feels to be a duty. He is a member of the Menoken and Lincoln Clubs.

In the councils of the Republican party he has wielded an unmistakable influence, but is utterly unknown as a politician in the debased sense of the term. In 1874 he was elected to a seat in the common council, and in June, 1891, was appointed a member of the board of education by Mayor Washburne, and is now serving as a member

of the library board, by appointment of Mayor Swift.

Mr. Gunderson has traveled extensively, both in his adopted country and abroad, and has the broad and liberal ideas that come from contact with the world. He has several times journeyed from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the great lakes to the gulf, and from the Crescent City has made his way to the land of Montezuma. He has visited England, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Denmark and France, studying the habits and customs of the people as well as visiting the many points of beauty and historic interest.

When the subject of celebrating the fourth centennial of the discovery of America was agitated, Mr. Gunderson became deeply interested in the project and was an untiring worker in his efforts to secure to Chicago the great fair. The history of the opposition is well known, but the diplomacy, skill and enterprise of Chicago citizens gained the desired end, and the world acknowledged that no better selection could have been made. From first to last Mr. Gunderson gave his support to the exposition and worked for its success, and when the fair was over he was the originator of the plan for purchasing the Viking ship, a reproduction of the little vessel in which the Norwegian explorer, Lief Ericson, is supposed to have come to America about the year 1000, and which is now on exhibition at the Field Columbian Museum; and he was the president of the company organized to carry out this enterprise. This ship sailed from Norway April 30, 1893, with a crew of twelve men, and anchored at New London, Canada, forty-four days later—June 13th—arriving in Chicago in July.

**J**OHAN W. SWAIN.—It is the enterprise and character of the citizen that enrich and ennoble the commonwealth. From individual enterprise have sprung all the splendor and importance of this great west. The most successful merchants have developed from the humblest origin. From

clerkships have emerged men who have built great business enterprises. America is a self-made country, as those who have created its wealth are self-made men. No influence of birth or fortune has favored the architects of her glory. Among those who have achieved prominence as men of marked ability and substantial worth in Elburn, the subject of this sketch, John W. Swain, occupies a prominent position. For many years he was closely connected with the business interests of this city, but now is enjoying a well earned rest, the capital which he has acquired through his own labors supplying him with all the necessities and many of the comforts of life.

Mr. Swain is a native of the Empire state, born in Saratoga Springs, on the 22d of December, 1832. He is a son of Marquis LaFayette and Amy (Miller) Swain, who in 1844 removed to Illinois, locating on the present site of Elburn. John W. was then a lad of nine summers. He was reared at his parents' home and obtained his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. When eighteen years of age he started out in life for himself, working at twelve dollars per month. He was in the employ of others for two years and then entered trade on his own account, dealing in live stock, lumber, hay and grain in company with his brother, M. F. Swain. Later he was in partnership with M. W. Willis, and for twenty years continued operation in the grain, live-stock and lumber trade. His efforts were crowned with a high degree of success, achieved by honorable means. Close application, keen discrimination and resolute purpose formed the keynote of his prosperity, and as the result of his earnest labor he is now enabled to lay aside all business cares, looking only after his real-estate interests, his capital being largely invested in land.

During the war Mr. Swain manifested his loyalty to the Union by enlisting in Company I, Eighth Illinois Cavalry, in which he served as quartermaster sergeant. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac and he was on active duty un-

til ill health caused him to be sent to the hospital, where he remained for four months, when he was honorably discharged. He has filled a number of civil offices, having been town treasurer of Elburn for ten years, president of the village board for six years and councilman for eight years. His duties were discharged with a promptness and fidelity which indicates his deep interest in the welfare of Elburn and ranks him among her best citizens. His political support is given the Republican party and he stanchly advocates the principles promulgated by the party leaders.

On the 24th of November, 1868, Mr. Swain married Miss Sophia Platt, of Blackberry township, Kane county, Illinois. Mrs. Swain's father, Samuel Platt, was the first supervisor of the township. They attend the Congregational church and throughout the community have many warm friends. Mr. Swain continues his relations with his army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Roger Bell Post, No. 495, G. A. R., of which he was commander for several years. He is also a Knight Templar Mason, being received as an Entered Apprentice of Blackberry Lodge, No. 358, A. F. & A. M. Having passed the Fellow-craft degree he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and later was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason. He was knighted in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, and is a faithful follower of the principles of the order, carefully guarding the ancient landmarks, performing with zeal his duties as companion of the chapter and loyally fulfilling his vows of knighthood.

**E**DWARD JAMES MUNN, the efficient Secretary of Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., was made a Mason in that lodge in 1881 and has since affiliated therewith. He received the Entered Apprentice degree on the 17th of October, that of Fellow-craft on the 21st of November, and was created a Master Mason on the 5th of December. He was exalted to the sublime

degree of Royal Arch Mason in Kishwaukee Chapter, No. 90, of Belvidere, in 1882, taking the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master February 15, and Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch February 17. Honored by his brethren in the craft with various offices, he has served as Worshipful Master and Treasurer in the blue lodge and is now its Secretary. In the chapter he has been Principal Sojourner and Captain of the Host, and has filled with eminent satisfaction to all concerned the position of High Priest. He is a most active worker in both lodge and chapter, and his thorough understanding of the teaching and principles of the fraternity, combined with his zeal in its interests, makes his labors most effective. Mr. Munn is also a Royal and Select Master, and is a Sir Knight, holding a membership in Crusader Commandery, No. 17, K. T., of Rockford. The fact that many official positions have been conferred upon him highly attest his loyalty to the fraternity, and among the worthy members of the state he is enrolled.

Edward J. Munn was born in New York on the 21st of February, 1857, and is of English ancestry. His father, William Henry Munn, also a native of the Empire state, now resides in Belvidere, at the age of sixty-six years; after many years devoted to agricultural pursuits he is living retired in the enjoyment of a well merited rest. Edward Munn is an only son. The family came to the west during his early boyhood and he was reared on the frontier of Illinois, having few privileges, but any amount of hard labor. He is almost entirely self-educated, but through his own exertions had become a man of broad general information. He spent the days of his childhood on his father's farm, and when he had arrived at years of maturity began farming on his own account, which pursuit he energetically and successfully followed until 1892, when he came to Belvidere and embarked in the lumber business. He has since followed that calling and is now manager of one of the leading lumber yards in this place, his well selected stock, his honorable dealing

and his courteous treatment of his patrons securing a large and lucrative business.

In 1883 Mr. Munn was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Chaffée, a daughter of George Chaffee, who came to Belvidere at a very early day and is now living here, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Mrs. Munn was born in Belvidere and, like her husband, has many friends throughout the community. Their home, which was erected by Mr. Munn, is a beautiful and commodious residence situated on Main street. In politics he is a Republican, having given his support to that party since attaining his majority.

**F**REDERICK KUNTZ.—One of the members of the local bodies of the fraternity in Clayton who has been conspicuous for the interest displayed by him in the workings of his lodge, is the gentleman whose name heads this review. He became a Master Mason in Kingston Lodge, No. 266, at Kingston, Illinois, April 11, 1881, from which he received a dimit and became affiliated with Clayton Lodge, No. 147, on October 20, 1884. He has served as Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden and Senior Warden, and in 1897 was honored with the office of Worshipful Master. He was exalted to the degrees of capitular Masonry in Clayton Chapter, No. 104, R. A. M., July 13, 1891, in which he is Master of the Second Veil, and was knighted in Delta Commandery, No. 48, on May 4, 1891. In this body he has filled the chair of Warden. He is an enthusiastic Mason, takes a great delight in his work, and is one of the representative members of the fraternity in Clayton.

Mr. Kuntz was born in McKey township, Adams county, Illinois, May 19, 1851, his parents being William and Anna (Deal) Kuntz, both of whom are natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States and located at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1828, coming to Quincy in 1833, where they were among the first settlers of what is now one of the most charming

cities in the Union. The father died in 1889 at the venerable age of eighty-three years. He was one of the pillars of the German Methodist church, and was regarded with the highest respect by all who knew him. His wife, who shared his joys and sorrows for over half a century, still survives, and gracefully bears the weight of her seventy-seven years. Nine children were born to them, six sons and three daughters, of whom seven are living. Our subject, the fifth son, received his education in the city of his nativity, and remained on the farm assisting his father until attaining his thirty-first year, when he was married, in 1883, to Miss Laura C. Nartlett, of Liberty township, Adams county. For some time after his marriage Mr. Kuntz was engaged in mercantile pursuits, subsequently embarking in the real-estate and loan business, which he is at present conducting, together with a fire, wind, lightning and tornado insurance enterprise. He is progressive and energetic, and one of the substantial citizens of Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz are both members of Clayton Chapter, No. 61, Order of the Eastern Star, of which she holds the office of Adah, our subject being its Treasurer, and has served as such for a number of years. They are consistent adherents of the Baptist church, in which he is a member of the board of trustees and its collector. He is strongly opposed to intemperance of any kind, and in politics is a staunch Republican.

**JAMES MONTGOMERY HUNTER.**—The history of Freemasonry in Great Britain is an interesting study, and will well repay any one who investigates it, even though he may not be directly connected with the organization. As it was originally a craft whose members were engaged in church-building, it naturally came under the especial protection of the clergy. In spite of this, however, jealousies arose and at one time the Masons were prohibited from holding their wonted chapters and assemblies.

The present status of the order in England is above any interference by political or religious powers, and over a thousand lodges in that small country attest to its hold on the affections of the masses. In Scotland it also exerts a powerful influence, and in this country we find a large proportion of its members among the descendants of those countries.

Mr. Hunter, an exemplary member of this order, is a well-known citizen of Mount Carroll and a prosperous member of the bar of Carroll county. He joined Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, Mount Carroll, in which he was entered December 13, 1881, passed December 29, and raised January 17, 1882. He is a member of Lanark Chapter, and was made a Sir Knight in Long Commandery, Mount Carroll. He has been a very active practicing lawyer, and has not been able to devote as much time to the order as he wished, but fully believes in it, is devoted to its interests and has the full confidence of the brethren.

He was born in Milton, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1831, of Scotch-Irish ancestry who were early settlers of that state. On his mother's side his ancestry were pioneers of the colonies. He was admitted to the bar at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, in 1854, and in 1857 moved to Illinois and located at Galena, where he had a farm and lived for some time. In 1862 he moved to Mount Carroll and has practiced his profession in this place to the present time, attaining an enviable reputation as an able and reliable lawyer, with a large clientage. Politically he has always been a Republican, and represented his district in the Illinois state senate in 1871-2, filling the office in a manner most creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituency.

In 1858 he married Miss Margaret C. Baker, and they had three children. After only five years of married life Mrs. Hunter was stricken with a fatal illness and taken from her husband and children. Some years after moving to Mount Carroll to reside Mr. Hunter was married to Miss Mary J. Ginn, and by this marriage there have

been three children, one of whom is deceased. The living are Mary Belle and Margaret, — the latter now being the wife of Charles Van Hoff. Of the children by the last marriage, Jennie married W. G. Smith; the youngest son, John G., is still engaged in his studies. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have a beautiful home, where they receive their many friends. Mrs. Hunter and daughters are valued members of the Eastern Star, of which Belle is Past Worthy Matron and is now Grand Ruth of the state of Illinois, and Mary holds the office of Secretary. Mr. Hunter and his family are well known in their community, where they are respected as people of many excellent qualities.

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**R**OBERT WILSON MURPHY, one of the representative business men of Sterling, Illinois, is a Knight Templar Mason who holds the rank of Past Eminent Commander. A brief record of his life is as follows.

Mr. Murphy was made a Master Mason in Sol. D. Bayless Lodge, No. 359, F. & A. M., at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1870, and shortly afterward received the Royal Arch degrees in Fort Wayne Chapter and was made a Sir Knight by Fort Wayne Commandery, No. 4, K. T., the commandery degrees being conferred upon him in 1871. During his residence at Fort Wayne he was active and enthusiastic in the work of the order. In the lodge he filled various offices and in the commandery he served as Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Generalissimo and Eminent Commander, each of the last two named chairs having been filled two years by him. At present he maintains membership in these Masonic bodies at Sterling, and previous to his removal to Sterling he was for sixteen years identified with Masonry at Bloomington, where he then resided. In Bloomington Lodge, No. 43, he served officially in a number of the chairs.

Mr. Murphy, as his name suggests, has Irish blood in his veins. His father, Will-

iam Murphy, was born in the north of Ireland and was married in his native land to Miss Ellen Wilson, who was of Scotch descent. In 1840 they emigrated to New York city, where he followed his trade, that of ship carpenter, the remainder of his life, and where he died in 1865, at the age of sixty-nine years. His last resting place is Greenwood cemetery. His widow survived him until 1883, when she passed away at the age of three-score years and ten. Robert Wilson Murphy is their only child. He was born in New York city, was educated in the public schools of that place, and was a young man not yet emerged from his 'teens at the time the Civil war came on.

Young as he was, he had within him the spirit of patriotism, and the second year of the war found him enlisted as a Union soldier. He went out as a member of Company B, Thirteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and rendered valiant service as a private, continuing on active duty until the strife was ended. Prominent among the engagements in which he participated were those of Stone river, Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Atlanta, and Sherman's celebrated march to the sea. He was a witness to the surrender of Johnston's army and took part in the grand review of the victorious army at Washington. Throughout the whole of his service he never received a scratch and never spent a day in hospital.

The war over, Mr. Murphy returned to New York city and the next two years was employed there as salesman. At the end of that time, in 1868, his firm, appreciating the ability and good qualities of the young man, furnished him with a stock of goods and set him up in business at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was in business at Fort Wayne for nine years, and from there he came to Illinois and located at Bloomington, where for sixteen years he did business under the firm name of Lambert & Murphy, selling out his interest there in 1893. Then for two years and a half he was business manager for the John York Company, of Chicago, general merchants, and in October, 1895, he came to Sterling. Here he is engaged

in business under the firm name of R. W. Murphy & Son.

Mr. Murphy was married in 1866 to Miss Mary A. Dixon, a native of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and they have two children, a son and daughter, Frank Wilson and Mildred Edith, now the wife of L. G. Whitmore, of Bloomington, Illinois. The whole family are Presbyterians, and in his political views Mr. Murphy is in accord with the principles advocated by the Republican party.

**R**OBERT A. LOVE.—Among those who are earnest in their devotion to the noble principles exemplified in Masonry stands the subject of this sketch, who is prominently concerned with the business interests of the Garden City, where he conducts a successful enterprise in the renting of central business property, bringing him into close relations with the leading property owners and business men of Chicago. He handles the interests of his large and representative clientage judiciously and to the satisfaction of both landlord and tenant. His agency is located in rooms 333-5, the Rookery building.

Mr. Love became an Entered Apprentice in the lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Carlinville, Illinois, in 1882; advanced to the Fellow Craft of the Royal Arch at Wichita, Kansas, in 1886, and within the same year became identified with the Commandery of Knights Templar, at Wichita. On the 17th of August, 1895, he became a member of Englewood Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templar, having secured a dimit from the commandery with which he was originally identified. He maintains a lively interest in Masonic affairs and is a worthy member of the time-honored fraternity.

Mr. Love rendered valiant service in the late war of the Rebellion, enlisting when a youth at school, in 1863, as a member of Company C, Sixty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry,—“Birge’s Sharpshooters,”—being but seventeen years of age at the time

of his enlistment. He served until the close of the war, July 15, 1865, when he was mustered out with his regiment. During this time he was constantly in active service, and only once did he receive severe injuries. On this occasion he was wounded in the head, causing the loss of his right eye, this having been at the battle of New Hope Church, Georgia, just before the eighteenth anniversary of his birthday. This injury entitled him to an honorable discharge, which was proffered him, but which he declined, preferring to remain where he felt duty called him. He reconciles himself to the ill effects of his war wound by saying that he is the only one-eyed Knight Templar whom he knows to have attained this distinction after having been so disfigured.

After the war Mr. Love returned to his home, at Piasa, Illinois, and entered school, continuing his studies until he was fitted to teach, when he took charge of the schools in Medora, Illinois, and successfully conducted them for a number of years. During this time he further engaged himself, having been interested in the fire-insurance and drug business. Disposing of these interests he resigned his principalship and removed to the county seat, Carlinville, Illinois, where he devoted his entire attention to the fire-insurance business. In 1885, like many another young man, he took Greeley’s advice, and went west, locating in Wichita, Kansas, where he resided until six years ago, when he removed to the coming metropolis of the United States, where he says he will end his days. Within these years he has held several local offices of trust, the affairs of which he has conducted with credit to himself.

Mr. Love is of Scotch-English parentage, although born in the Emerald Isle, where his parents were visiting. He comes of a line of soldiers, all of his uncles—four in number—serving their country as commissioned officers under the queen.

Coming to this country when an infant of six months, Mr. Love is as zealous an American as were his forefathers English-



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men, and he prides himself on his devotion to American institutions. In his business he has worked his way to a position representative of his ability and scrupulous honor, and success has attended his efforts.

In October of the Centennial year, 1876, he was married to Miss Mary E. Cain, at Piasa, Illinois, and since that time they have resided chiefly in Illinois. They have no children. In his religious belief Mr. Love is a Protestant, though not a member of any denominational body.

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**A**UGUST SCHWARZ, who for forty years has been prominent in the industrial circles of Chicago and has gained a position of prominence in business, is identified with the Masonic fraternity. The province of this volume is to secure in enduring form the history of this great and benevolent organization and those who have made it a power in the work of civilization in this state. With this in view it would not be permissible to omit mention of Mr. Schwarz, who has attained to a high degree in the order and is widely known among its followers.

Thirty-seven years have passed since as an Entered Apprentice he joined Germania Lodge, of Chicago. In 1862 he took the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lafayette Chapter. He took upon himself the vows of knighthood and became a follower of the beauseant of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, but has since dimitted to St. Bernard Commandery, of which he became a charter member in 1870. In 1878 he passed the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite and, having taken the ineffable degrees of the Lodge of Perfection, was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. His diligence in behalf of Masonic principles and his fidelity to the teachings of the order make him a consistent and acceptable member of the craft, and his brethren of these

various organizations entertain for him the highest regard.

Mr. Schwarz is one of the worthy citizens that the Fatherland has furnished to America. He was born in Wurtemberg on the 3d of February, 1824, and was reared and educated in that kingdom. In his youth he served an apprenticeship at the dyer's trade, which he followed in Wurtemberg until 1841, when he removed to Prussia. He there secured work along his chosen line and continued his residence in that kingdom until 1845, when he went to Austria, spending four years in the dyeing business there. In 1849 he sailed for America and landed on the shores of the new world on Independence day. He located first in Rockville, Connecticut, where he remained for seven years, occupying the responsible position of foreman in a woolen mill. His industry and close application enabled him in that time to acquire the capital necessary to embarking in business on his own account, and in 1856 he came to Chicago.

Mr. Schwarz then established his present dyeing establishment, though business was carried on on a smaller scale. His operations have been crowned with a splendid degree of success, and he is now one of the leaders in his line of trade in the city. As his business has increased he has enlarged his facilities, the main plant and offices being located at Nos. 156-158 Illinois street, while on both the south and west sides he has branch establishments to receive goods. He thoroughly understands his business in every detail, having gained a practical knowledge of the same in his youth. This enables him to direct to good advantage the labors of those who are employed in the establishment, and has been an important factor in his success. The excellent quality of his work and his honorable dealing have also added to his prosperity, and he commands a large share of the public patronage.

In 1851 Mr. Schwarz was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy A. Burkhardt, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who died in 1890. In 1891 he was again married,

his second union being with Mrs. Emma Weigle, also a native of Wurtemberg. Always honorable, Mr. Schwarz is always welcomed in all circles of the community and looked upon as one of the prominent men of the city. He believes that he seeks his own interest when he serves the best interests of his customers and fellow townsmen. He is a valued representative of the enterprise of Chicago and well deserves mention among her worthy Masons.

**M**AX F. BUSKE, of Rockford, has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for only a short period, yet is one of its faithful representatives. He became a Mason in Star of the East Lodge, No. 166, in 1894, taking the degree of Entered Apprentice in March. Not long afterward he took the Fellow-craft degree and in October of the same year was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. In December, 1894, he was appointed Senior Steward and has since satisfactorily served in that capacity. His rule of conduct is in harmony with Masonic principles, his interest in the society and its welfare is unabating and he well deserves mention in the history of the order in Illinois. His connection with civic societies is not confined entirely to Masonry, for he is a valued member of the Order of Red Men in Rockford and has been Sachem of the Tribe for a number of years; he is also secretary of the local society of engineers, and in all he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his brethren to a high degree.

Mr. Buske, as his name indicates, is of German ancestry and was born in the Fatherland, at Korlen, on the 12th of October, 1872. His parents, Albert and Bertha (Baller) Buske, were also natives of Germany and in 1874 they crossed the Atlantic to America, bringing with them their two children—a daughter and son. They were members of the Lutheran church and the father was a tanner—an industrious and energetic man whose sterling worth made him highly respected.

Max F. Buske was only two years of

age when he came with his parents to the United States. Accordingly almost his entire life has been passed in Rockford. He was educated in her public schools and has since been identified with her business interests. On leaving the school-room he began to learn engineering, under the able instruction of the Forest City Electric Light Company. Later he was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railway Company for two years and subsequently became chief engineer for the Rockford Cabinet Company, in which situation he was retained for six years. He is now holding the responsible position of chief engineer for the Rockford General Electric Light Company, who are at present putting in a large and costly plant. Mr. Buske is most proficient in his chosen vocation; he has made a close and thorough study of the engine in all its minute and complete details and his comprehensive understanding of the same enables him to successfully operate the intricate machinery now under his supervision. He is a reliable, thoroughgoing young business man who has the unqualified confidence of the company with which he is connected, and no trust reposed in him is ever slighted in the least degree.

On the 8th of July, 1896, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Buske and Miss Celia Hizer, a native of Rockford. Their acquaintance has continued from the days of their early childhood and now in their happy home they receive their many friends, the circle of their acquaintances being very extensive.

**C**HARLES MERRITT WORTHINGTON.—This gentleman has attained high rank in Masonic circles. He was born in Sterling, Illinois, where he spent most of his life and with the interests of which place he has been closely identified; and both as a worthy Mason and a leading citizen is his history deserving of record on these pages.

Mr. Worthington was made a Master Mason in Rock River Lodge, No. 612, F. & A. M., January 15, 1869. He joined Ster-

ling Chapter, No. 57, R. A. M., and was exalted to the Royal Arch degree January 7, 1885, and was knighted in Sterling Commandery, No. 57, August 11, 1885. In the chapter for several years he filled the office of High Priest, and in the commandery has been Recorder, Captain General, Generalissimo and Eminent Commander. The high position he has filled and the long service he has rendered in this the greatest of all civic organizations is ample evidence of his ability and his devotion to its principles.

As already stated, Mr. Worthington is a native of Sterling, Illinois. He was born September 16, 1838, and he now has his residence on the same site where stood the log cabin in which he was born, his father, Elijah Worthington, having been one of the first settlers of this place. Elijah Worthington was a native of Connecticut, went from there to Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, and at an early day came to Illinois, where he died in 1839, the year following the birth of our subject. By occupation he was a printer and publisher, and while in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, was at the head of an anti-Masonic paper. His religious views were those of the Unitarians. Of the mother of our subject, we record that her maiden name was Eliza Ann Merritt. She was a native of Pennsylvania, was of the Episcopal household of faith, and survived her husband only a few years, her death occurring in 1845. Charles M. was their only child. He was by their untimely death left an orphan at a tender age, grew up with but meager advantages, and may well be termed a self-made man. His schooling amounted altogether to only a few months. In his early boyhood he spent a short time on a farm, and when thirteen years of age he secured a position as office boy for the Mount Carroll Republican, where he remained three years. After this he returned to Sterling and learned the printer's trade, and when he was seventeen was a partner in the ownership of the Sterling Times. In 1860 he purchased the Sterling Gazette, of which he was the publisher from that date until the centennial year, 1876, when he

sold out. Afterward he was for two years connected with a job-printing house in Chicago. In 1866 and '67, while conducting his paper, he was also connected with the revenue service, occupying the position of revenue inspector and storekeeper. In 1879 he was appointed postmaster of Sterling, a position he filled acceptably for six years. Also he has served as city alderman, and when only twenty-one was tax collector of the city.

In Mr. Worthington's life is included also a war record. He enrolled himself in the Union army in March, 1864, as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Fortieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made first lieutenant. He was with the forces that participated in that part of the war which was waged in the west, and was in active service until September, 1864, when he was mustered out by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment.

**C**HARLES McLELLAN ERTEL, a representative citizen of Quincy and a widely known member of that fraternity whose fundamental principles involve forbearance, benevolence, loyalty and charity, was elected an Entered Apprentice in Lambert Lodge, No. 659, April 20, passed the Fellow-craft degree May 4, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason May 18, 1886. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, May 29, 1887; created a Sir Knight Templar in Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, October 28; and attained the thirty-second degree, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, in Quincy Consistory, January 19, 1888. Since taking the blue-lodge degrees he has been a conscientious, upright Mason, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the fraternity in Quincy.

Mr. Ertel was born at Liberty, Adams county, Illinois, September 18, 1864. His parents, George and Elizabeth (Gartner) Ertel, were born in Germany, came to the United States in 1854, and in 1856 located in Quincy, Illinois, where they remained

two years, then moved to Liberty, the same state, where he was engaged in the furniture business and in manufacturing hay-presses. In 1867 he decided to return to Quincy and continued the manufacture of hay-presses exclusively until the year 1892, when he commenced the manufacture of the Improved Victor Incubators and Brooders, also under the George Ertel patent, since which time he has manufactured hay-presses, incubators and brooders. This is one of the largest business enterprises of Quincy, and has grown to be one of the most important manufacturing interests in the country. It is second to none and its products are meeting with a growing demand throughout the civilized world. Since the first inception of his company Mr. Ertel has been one of the successful and progressive citizens of Quincy, where he is held in great respect.

The immediate subject of this sketch is an only child and was educated in the public schools of Quincy, and then became associated with his father in business. He was appointed secretary of the firm and has traveled through most of the United States representing the company, meeting with the success that his efforts deserved.

Mr. Ertel was married to Miss O'Tillia Morell, of St. Louis, Missouri, and they have the following three children: Elizabeth Bertha, Pauline Marie and Edmee.

**H**ENRY CLINTON HUTCHINSON, a well-known dry-goods merchant of Waukegan, was made a Master Mason in old Union Lodge, which is now Waukegan Lodge, No. 78; was exalted, in 1855, to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Waukegan Chapter, No. 41, at Waukegan; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters before the Grand Lodge at Springfield, and again in Waukegan Council at Waukegan; in 1864 was one of the petitioners to organize Waukegan Commandery, No. 12, and is one of the only two charter members now living, the other being Daniel P. Millen. He received the ineffable degrees in the Lodge of Perfection, Oriental

Consistory, Valley of Chicago, Mr. Van Ransalaer presiding. Mr. Hutchinson was Worshipful Master of old Union Lodge for five or six years, held the chair of High Priest for seven or eight years, for four years served as Eminent Commander, and as Prelate for about fifteen years. He holds no office this year, for the first time since he became a member of the order. Our subject has the distinction of having started the movement to build the Masonic Temple in Waukegan. He solicited and collected all the funds necessary from the local bodies, and was one of the committee chosen to superintend the erection of the building. After its completion a governing body was elected, called a board of trustees of the Masonic bodies. The members are elected by ballot, five from each lodge, at the annual election. The board has full control of the building, the paraphernalia in it being owned jointly by the three bodies.

Mr. Hutchinson was born April 5, 1825, at Tunbridge, Orange county, Vermont, his parents being James and Betsy (Clements) Hutchinson, the former of whom was a member of the craft in 1826, at the time when William Morgan disappeared, after which event the lodge ceased to exist, as the anti-Masonic feeling was then in the ascendancy. Mr. Hutchinson died at the age of seventy-eight years. Our subject was educated at the Lima Seminary, of New York, and in 1843 he came west and located at Libertyville, Lake county, Illinois, where he was engaged in farming until 1846, and then embarked in the mercantile business in Libertyville, continuing there until 1852. In that year he came to Waukegan and established a dry-goods house, which he has conducted in a most successful manner. He is one of this city's enterprising and progressive merchants, has never failed, never had a note go to protest, and has always met his obligations when due.

The first marriage of Mr. Hutchinson took place in 1853, his bride being Miss Julia Sherman, a daughter of Phineas Sher-

man, of Berlin, Vermont. Two children were born to them: Frances H., now the wife of John H. Kennicott; and Gertrude M., who married William E. Kellogg, of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Mrs. Hutchinson's demise occurred in 1886, she being in her fifty-ninth year. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church. In 1890 our subject married Miss Anna B. Stephens, who is a consistent adherent of the Christian church.

In his political views Mr. Hutchinson is a firm supporter of the Republican party. He was the first town clerk elected in Libertyville, served as supervisor of Waukegan four terms, and for three terms held the honorable office of mayor of Waukegan. He is a man of sterling qualities, upright character, and is a credit to the city in which he resides.

**C**HARLES E. GROVE.—Masonry in its social aspect appeals strongly to human nature. Man is described as a gregarious animal, and his instincts lead him to seek the society of his kind. We can conceive of no more dreadful fate than to be isolated from the companionship of our fellow men; and it is a well-known fact that solitary confinement in most instances produces insanity. The fraternal organizations are founded on this trait of character, and the kindly feelings toward one another are stimulated by their teachings of love, benevolence and justice. The term "brother" in the Masonic order especially is no idle or unmeaning appellation, but covers the full meaning of the word; and the man who in his dealings with another fails to fulfill the duties of a brother is not deserving the name of Mason.

One of the gentlemen who have attained honorable position in Masonic circles is Charles E. Grove, a prominent business man of Mount Carroll. He was initiated into the Masonic order in 1884, when he became a member of Byron Lodge, No. 274, at Byron, Illinois. In the following year he was elected to Cyrus Lodge, No.

188, in which he served for a year as Senior Warden, and he had the honor of being elected its Worshipful Master, faithfully serving in that office for two years and filling the position with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his brother Masons. In 1885 he joined Lanark Chapter, No. 60, and received his degrees in that year. In 1886 he was made a member of Freeport Commandery. He is a charter member of Long Commandery, at the organization of which he received the appointment of Generalissimo, serving two years in that capacity, at the expiration of which time he was elected Prelate, and after filling that office for a year he had the honor of being elected its Eminent Commander, which position he is now filling for the second term. In 1890 he received the appointment of Deputy Grand Lecturer under Grand Master Crawford, and in that capacity has given satisfactory instruction to a number of lodges, and has deservedly acquired the reputation of being one of the most useful members and most accomplished workers in the various bodies of the fraternity to which he belongs. In 1894 he was honored with the appointment of District Deputy Grand Master of the sixth district.

Mr. Grove was born in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1857. His ancestors were German, who were among the earliest settlers of Virginia and Maryland, and who figured prominently in the early history of those states. James Grove, the father, was born in Washington county, Maryland, where he married Miss Rebecca Creager, who was born in Frederick county, same state. He was engaged principally in farming, and both he and his wife were originally members of the Reformed church, but later became affiliated with the Baptist church. In 1868 Mr. and Mrs. Grove removed to Illinois, where his death occurred, at the age of seventy-one years. Mrs. Grove survives her husband, and is a well preserved woman of seventy-five years.

They had twelve children, ten of whom are still living.

The subject of this review, the eighth child in order of birth, was raised on his father's farm, receiving such education as he could obtain from the country schools during the winter months. In the year 1874 Mr. Grove returned to Pennsylvania, where he served an apprenticeship in a tailoring establishment. In 1878 he arrived in Shannon, Illinois, where he resided for three years; thence he went to Byron, and remained until he moved to Mount Carroll, where for the past twelve years he has been the leading merchant tailor of the city. He has achieved an enviable reputation as a thoroughly successful business man of the utmost integrity, with whom it is always a pleasure to deal. In political matters Mr. Grove is a staunch Republican and has always been an active worker in the cause. He was elected supervisor of Mount Carroll township in the spring of 1893, which office he has held ever since. In 1894 Mr. Grove was elected president of the Mount Carroll school board, which office he filled for two years.

On January 1, 1878, Mr. Grove was united in marriage with Miss Mary Smith, whose birth-place was McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. This union has been blessed with a family of six interesting children, namely: George Augustus, Eva Gertrude, Inez May, William Porter, Harold J. and Ethel Alverna. Their residence is one of the handsomest in the city, where Mr. and Mrs. Grove are often pleased to show a cordial hospitality to their many friends. They are both members of Eastern Star Lodge, and she has for three years held the office of Associate Conductress of the order. They are both prominent in society, and are held in high esteem by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

**C**ARL LAGER, who for some years has been prominently identified with the business interests of Geneseo, as a dealer in men's clothing and furnishing goods, is still more closely connected with many of his fellow townsmen through the ties of Ma-

sonry. Founded on principles that ennobles humanity and advances civilization, the organization has, down through the fast-flying centuries, commanded universal respect and to-day is one of the most marked potentialities of our modern development. It has in this, as well as other countries, a large following,—men of sterling worth who are prominent in all walks of business life; and among this number is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He became an Entered Apprentice September 28, 1891, in Stewart Lodge, No. 92, F. & A. M., of Geneseo, passed the Fellow-craft degree, and on the 3d of November was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He is regular in his attendance at the lodge and has the confidence and respect of his brethren. He thoroughly understands the principles upon which the society rests, and is true to the teachings of universal brotherhood and mutual helpfulness.

Mr. Lager is also interested in other civic societies, belonging to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has passed all the chairs in the subordinate lodge. He has also taken the degrees in the Militant, and for eight years has served as representative to the Grand Lodge, during which time he was one of the committee on mileage, whose duty it was to secure low rates for delegates. He is Past Chancellor in the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and takes a deep interest in the well-being of all the orders with which he is identified.

A native of Sweden, Mr. Lager was born in 1854, and was educated in that country, crossing the Atlantic to America in 1871 and locating first at Princeton, Illinois. He first secured work on a farm, but later turned his attention to the tailor's trade, which he had previously learned. In 1878 he embarked in the clothing and furnishing business in Geneseo, and by his straightforward dealing and courteous treatment of customers has succeeded in building up a large and constantly increasing trade which is certainly well merited. Mr. Lager and W. A. Offerle now have in process of construction a two-story brick business



block, 64 x 83 feet. There will be three store rooms below, and the upper floor will be arranged for secret societies, containing a large hall, parlors, committee room, banquet or dining hall and everything necessary to make it complete.

In 1871, Mr. Lager was united in marriage with Miss Dora Larson, a native of Geneseo, and they have an adopted daughter, Florence Ruth. A cultured and refined lady, Mrs. Lager is a prominent member of the Eastern Star, the Daughters of Rebekah, and the Ladies' G. A. R. Circle, her father, Peter Larson, having been a Union soldier during the Civil war. In his political affiliations, Mr. Lager is a Democrat, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to serve on the board of aldermen.

**E**LIAKIM SIMONDS BARTHOLOMEW, of Rockford, may well be termed one of Illinois' pioneers in Masonry, for there are few members of the fraternity in this state whose connection therewith antedates that of Mr. Bartholomew, who, in 1855, took the initiatory step which prepared him for entrance into the various bodies of this ancient and honored organization. Passing the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow-craft, he was made a Master Mason in Rockford Lodge, No. 102, and has since been a most reliable and faithful member of the order. He has informed himself thoroughly concerning its teachings, and by his fellow members of the craft has been honored with various official positions. He has served as Junior Warden and as Senior Deacon, for five years was the Worshipful Master and is now Chaplain. He was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Winnebago Chapter, No. 24, and was created a Knight Templar in Crusade Commandery, No. 17. He is now Chaplain in the Commandery and belongs to Tebala Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The mission of Masonry, its introduction of a feeling of fraternity throughout the world, has been

advanced by him in his efficient labors, and he has found its beliefs a safe rule of conduct, conforming his life along the principles which forms its fundamental truths.

Mr. Bartholomew was born in Annsville, Oneida county, New York, on the 18th of April, 1826, and is descended from English and Scotch ancestry, the founders of the family having come to the New World in early colonial days. The grandfather, Ebenezer Bartholomew, was born in Connecticut, and the father, who also bore the name of Ebenezer, was likewise a native of the Nutmeg state. He married Miss Anna Simonds, a native of Rutledge, Vermont, and a daughter of Eliakim Simonds, whose birth occurred in Rutledge. Soon after this marriage the parents removed to Oneida county, New York, where were born to them three children. The father was a man of intelligence, a leader in public affairs and served as sheriff of his county. He died in the Empire state in the thirty-sixth year of his age, after which the mother became the wife of David Hurlbert. In 1845 they removed to Winnebago county, Illinois, locating on a farm in Harlem township, where Mrs. Hurlbert spent her remaining days, her death occurring in her seventy-sixth year. She was a life-long member of the Methodist church, a true wife and mother and most loyal to all the duties that devolved upon her.

Eliakim S. Bartholomew, of this sketch, was the youngest of the family. He acquired his education in Rome, New York, and remained with his mother until 1843, when he came to Illinois, casting his lot with the pioneer settlers of Winnebago county. The journey was made by way of the Great Lakes and the Erie canal to Chicago, and thence by team across the country to his destination. He is numbered among the honored men who blazed a path in this wild west for future cavalcades to follow, who left behind them the comforts of the east to endure the hardship and trials of western frontier life, and who as the years passed developed the localities in which they settled until they had become centers

of civilization and progress instead of a wild, unimproved region. When Mr. Bartholomew established a home in Winnebago county there were no railroads and no markets nearer than Chicago and Milwaukee, and the work of development seemed scarcely begun. He secured a situation as a farm hand, and later gave two years' service for one hundred and sixty acres of wild land, then valued at four dollars per acre. Not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made, but with characteristic energy he began its development, and for almost fifty years continued to make his home thereon. He plowed and planted the land, and in course of time abundant harvests were garnered. Thus prosperity smiled upon him and the passing years brought to him a comfortable competence as the reward of his earnest and energetic labors. In 1893 he sold his farm for sixty-five dollars per acre and removed to Rockford, where he purchased a commodious and comfortable residence on Kilbourn avenue, and where he now resides, enjoying a well-earned rest from active labor.

In politics Mr. Bartholomew has always been a Democrat and has been a most liberal and enterprising citizen, supporting all measures calculating to prove of public benefit.

He was elected assessor of his township, for many years served as one of its school officers and took a very active part in advancing its educational interests. He has also been an influential worker for the improvement of every department of agriculture, and for the past fifteen years has been a director and general superintendent of the Winnebago County Agricultural Society. He aided in its organization and has since been one of its most enthusiastic and zealous supporters, doing all in his power to promote its welfare, and in consequence it has become one of the most thriving and successful agricultural societies in the state.

On the 15th of November, 1848, Mr. Bartholomew was united in marriage to Miss Louisa L. Atwood, a native of Middlefield, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, and

a daughter of Phineas Atwood. Three children came to bless this union, namely: Jay F., who is now operating his father's farm; Jennie, wife of Monroe Clark, of Chicago; and Fred, who is in the mail service in Chicago. The career of Mr. Bartholomew has been one of useful activity and for fifty years he was a prominent representative of the agricultural interests of the state. He has now rounded the Psalmist's span of three-score years and ten; his honorable life has won him hosts of friends, and the warm regard of a large circle of acquaintances is unreservedly given him.

**W**ALTER A. NASH is an enthusiastic Mason, and though one of the later representatives of the fraternity he well deserves mention among the members in Illinois, for he is actively interested in the order and loyal to its principles. He was made a Mason in Triluminar Lodge, No. 767, in 1895, and has held the office of Junior Warden in the same. In the present year, 1896, he was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Sinai Chapter, No. 185.

Among the worthy sons that Michigan has furnished to the Garden City of the West is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. His birth occurred in the city of Hillsdale, Hillsdale county, Michigan, on the 19th of August, 1872, and there the days of his boyhood and youth were passed in his parents' home, while to the public schools of the neighborhood he is indebted for his educational advantages. While at home he aided in mercantile labors, but in 1889, when seventeen years of age, became connected with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad as station agent. On the 1st of May, 1894, he was made ticket agent at South Chicago and came to this city, where he has since made his residence. He is a wide-awake young man, and his courteous, affable and obliging manner has made him a popular employee of the road he represents. He easily wins friends, and those with whom he

is thrown in contact hold him in high regard. In politics he is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for William McKinley.

**M**ARCUS W. COLE, one of the veteran Masons of the state of Illinois, is a highly honored and respected member of the craft who has accomplished a great deal in advancing the prosperity of his home lodge, and for thirty-one years he has been a loyal, industrious brother. Mr. Cole was initiated in Genoa Lodge, No. 288, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason July 21, 1866. He was elected secretary in that year and retained that office until 1886, when he dimitted to Kishwaukee Lodge, No. 402, and has held the same position in that body with the exception of two years. He was sent as a representative of Genoa Lodge to the Grand Lodge three times. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Sycamore Chapter, No. 49; and was constituted a Sir Knight in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15. He is a member of Kishwaukee Chapter, No. 186, Order of the Eastern Star, as is also his wife, who was Matron of the same for two years. Mr. Cole is a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Kingston Camp, No. 203, which was organized in 1886, and was its delegate to the head camp for three terms. He has been its clerk ever since its organization except one year. He is also a charter member of the Knights of the Globe, and now for some time has been filling the position of Garrison Deputy. In all his fraternal relations Mr. Cole has ever been honest and zealous, and faithful to every trust reposed in him.

The subject of this review was born in Lockport, Niagara county, New York, February 8, 1836, his parents being Washington and Harriet (Stiles) Cole, both of whom were also natives of New York. In 1836 they came to Illinois and located in Marshall, Clark county, and afterward in Kingston township, De Kalb county, where the father died July 21, 1889, at the venerable

age of seventy-nine years. Five children were born to him and his wife: Alma B., Mariah M., John A., Walter L. and our subject. Mrs. Cole was born in July, 1812, and is still living, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, a well preserved woman. Her husband came to Clark county in 1836 with his family, and there our subject attended the district schools, completing his education at Marshall College. He remained at home until twenty years old and then came to Kingston, where he first



*Marcus W. Cole*

engaged in farming by the month for two years and then rented some land and continued to till the soil for himself until 1882, when he purchased an interest in the hardware store of W. Straube, and entered into partnership with Philip Heckman. He followed that business until 1886, and two years later established a bank for the accommodation of his neighbors, and has successfully conducted it since that time. He is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred

and eighty acres, besides the bank and a handsome residence.

Politically Mr. Cole is a staunch Republican. He has been constable of Kingston for five years; tax collector seven years; township treasurer since March, 1876; town clerk ten years; was elected in 1897 supervisor of the township; was postmaster for five years under President Harrison's administration, and one under President Cleveland; has been a member of the county central committee for ten years; and has attended the state convention twice, the congressional five times, the senatorial four times, and has always been in the county convention.

Mr. Cole was married September 12, 1858, to Miss Anna Eliza Little, who was born in Erie county, New York, July 24, 1840, and who is a daughter of Henry and Eva (Bingham) Little. They have one child, Alice E., born April 21, 1861, who is a graduate of the Genoa high school. She is now the wife of W. L. Pond, of whom notice is given elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Cole and his wife are members of the Freewill Baptist church, in which he is a trustee and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and for six years served as clerk of the quarterly meeting of the Fox River division. Although well advanced in years, Mr. Cole is hale and hearty, and in the evening of his life is enjoying the fruits of a profitably spent career. With his wife he enlists the high esteem of a large circle of friends.

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**L**EWIS L. WADSWORTH, who is a prominent Knight Templar Mason of Chicago, entered the order in 1869 as a member of Garden City Lodge, No. 141, F. & A. M. For twenty-seven years he has been connected with this lodge, and is now one of its honored life members. He took the Royal Arch degrees in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, and is also one of its life members. Since taking the degrees of the Royal and Select Masters in Chicago Council, No.

4, he has been identified with it, and has never changed his membership from St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in which he was made a Knight Templar. He also belongs to Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and has been honored by many offices in these various organizations. He has been Past Master of the blue lodge, Captain of the Host in the chapter, Thrice Illustrious Master in the council and Eminent Commander in the commandery. He has been on all the pilgrimages with St. Bernard Commandery from 1877 down to the present time, was one of the organizers of St. Bernard Drill Corps, served as First Lieutenant for thirteen years and participated in all the trips of the corps throughout the country. His loyalty to the lodge, its teaching and its principles, is most marked, and his enthusiasm amounts almost to an inspiration. He is most widely and favorably known in Masonic circles, and well does he deserve mention in a volume whose province is recording the Masonic history of Illinois, together with the lives of those whose identification with the order has aided in its advancement and progress.

Mr. Wadsworth is a western man by birth, training and interests, and is imbued by the true western spirit of enterprise and progress as is manifested not only in his Masonic but also in his business relations. He was born in Redford, Michigan, on the 18th of April, 1842, and was educated in the public schools of Detroit, after which he learned the trades of blacksmithing and wagon-making in that city. At the breaking out of the Civil war he laid aside the hammer and donned the blue in defense of the Union, enlisting as a member of Company A, Twenty-fourth Michigan Infantry, in which he served until after the cessation of hostilities. He was sergeant of his company and participated in all the principal engagements in which his regiment took part, including the battle of Gettysburg, Wilderness, Mine Run, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Fredericksburg, the siege of Petersburg and numerous skirmishes. He was always found at his post of duty, faithfully

defending the old flag and the cause it represented.

Mr. Wadsworth was mustered out in Detroit, and in August, 1865, came to Chicago, where he secured employment in the Northwestern Railroad shops, working at his trade there for seven years. In 1872 he began business on his own account as a manufacturer of wagons, and has since been connected with that industry. From the beginning success has attended his efforts and his trade has steadily increased until it has now assumed extensive proportions. The wagons manufactured are of superior workmanship and the straightforward dealings of the proprietor command the public confidence and therefore the public patronage.

In his political views Mr. Wadsworth is a stalwart Republican, and from 1892 to 1894 represented the twenty-fourth ward of Chicago in the city council. He belongs to Columbia Post, No. 706, G. A. R., and is a member of the Cumberland and Eagle River Gun Clubs. He takes quite an interest in hunting, is an excellent marksman and is well known as a follower of Nimrod, his love for the chase being frequently indulged in different parts of the country.

**HENRY AUGUSTUS FAGER** is one of the old and highly respected Masons residing at Havana, a member in good standing of all the bodies in that place. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Havana Lodge, No. 88, on the 5th day of October, 1864; exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Havana Chapter, No. 86, R. A. M., September 22, 1865,—the first member so exalted in that chapter; and was created and dubbed a Sir Knight Templar in Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T., at Peoria, in 1872, for the purpose of organizing a commandery at Havana; and he is therefore a charter member of Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T., at Havana. He was Treasurer of the blue lodge, and also of the chapter, from 1879 to 1888 inclusive, and from 1891 to the present time—1897; Sentinel in 1869 and 1870; Generalissimo of the commandery

in 1873, and Treasurer from 1878 to the present time.

Mr. Fager is one of the veteran "standbys" of the great order at Havana. He is a native of the old Keystone state, born in Harrisburg on the 17th of March, 1829, and came to Illinois in 1848. From 1852 to 1858 he was in California, and since then he has been a steady resident of Havana, where he is one of the best known and highly esteemed citizens.

**BENJAMIN HAMPTON.**—One of the best elements in the cosmopolitan population of our large cities is furnished by our Scottish citizens, who bring with them the sturdy common sense, the thrifty habits and the upright principles which seem indigenous to the "land of the thistle." The Scotchman may seem slow and plodding, and even dull, to our nervous, restless, hurrying native-born American; but his perseverance and industry tell in the long run, and he generally accomplishes the end which he has in view, while at the same time he sacrifices none of his integrity or manhood in doing so.

As a good example of the "canny Scot," the gentleman whose name heads this sketch may well occupy a place in this volume. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, December 9, 1868, and there grew to manhood. When his school days were over he chose the occupation of machinist and spent his time in mastering its difficulties until 1887, when he decided to seek a wider field for his operations and emigrated to the United States. His skill in the use of tools soon found for him profitable employment, and he was engaged in the Fulton Machine Works, of Chicago, of which he is now one of the proprietors. When the bicycle "craze" struck the country this firm, in 1890, began the manufacture of the "Thistle" bicycle, which has become one of the most popular wheels in the market and has met with immense sales.

Mr. Hampton's reputation as a business man is one of the best, and he is highly re-

spected by all his associates. He stands well in the Masonic order, having taken the following degrees: Master Mason, in Union Park Lodge; Royal Arch, in York Chapter; and that of Knight Templar in St. Bernard Commandery—all in 1895. He also belongs to Medinah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

**G**EORGE H. SAMPSON.—The Masonic order includes in its membership the brightest intellects and the broadest and most generous natures, all its teachings tending to develop these qualities in man. For forty years the subject of this review, George H. Sampson, of Peoria, Illinois, has been identified with this ancient order and his Masonic record is as honorable as it is long, his life being an excellent example of the truth as stated above.

Mr. Sampson is an eastern man both by birth and early association, he having been born in Woodstock, Vermont, March 19, 1835, and reared and educated there. Until his seventeenth year he lived on a farm, from seventeen till nineteen was bookkeeper in a store, and at nineteen came west to Illinois and located at Rockford, where for a short time he was employed as clerk. Then he accepted a position as traveling agent for an eastern manufacturing company, with which he was connected for several years, traveling through various portions of the west. His next employment was as bookkeeper in his father-in-law's office, and from that he went out as salesman for an eastern manufacturing company and shortly afterward became manager for their house in Chicago. Leaving Chicago in 1864, he located in Dixon, Illinois, and took charge of the Nachusa House, a popular hotel, which he conducted for three years or until he was elected Secretary of the Masons' Benevolent Society at Princeton. This responsible office he filled for twelve years. From 1886 to 1892 he was not actively engaged in any business. The last named year he came to Peoria and became one of the stockholders in the F. F. Ide Manufacturing Company,

with which he has since been connected as director, secretary and treasurer. The following year, 1893, this company was incorporated, has since been operated as an incorporated body, and has done an extensive business in the manufacture of Ide bicycles and watchmaker's tools.

But it is more especially of his Masonic relations that we wish to speak in this connection, and to his identity with this order we now turn. Mr. Sampson received the degrees which made him a Master Mason in 1856, in Friendship Lodge, No. 7, in Dixon, Illinois. Subsequently he was dimitted from this lodge and became a charter member of Grand Detour Lodge, Grand Detour, Illinois, a manufacturing place, where the organization flourished for a time but finally was compelled to surrender its charter. After this he became a charter member of Ashlar Lodge, of Chicago, until about 1873, when he placed his membership in Princeton Lodge, No. 587, of Princeton, of which he is still a member in good standing. For three years he was Worshipful Master of Grand Detour Lodge. During his residence at Dixon he was exalted in Nachusa Chapter, No. 56, of that place, upon his removal to Princeton transferred his membership to Princeton Chapter, No. 28, with which he is still connected and of which he is Past High Priest. The degrees which made him a Knight Templar he received in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, in 1866, and when Dixon Commandery, No. 21, was instituted his name was on its list of charter members. His present Knight Templar affiliation is with Temple Commandery, of Princeton, of which for several years he served as Prelate. In the Dixon Commandery he filled the office of Prelate several years, and in 1873 occupied the Eminent Commander's chair, serving in all these positions with credit to himself and the order. About 1856, Mr. Sampson also received the council degrees at Dixon. He penetrated the mysteries of the consistory in 1867, at De Kalb, Illinois, and since 1876 has had a membership of Oriental Consistory, of Chicago. His identification with the Shrine, however, is of

more recent date, the degrees of Mohammed Temple having been conferred upon him in 1894 at Peoria.

**HUGH HENRY PARKS**, of Moline, has been for the past eleven years the efficient Secretary of Doric Lodge, No. 319, of that city. He was made a Master Mason in 1875, in Sherman Lodge, No. 535, at Orion, and while he resided there he was Secretary of that lodge five years, and its Senior Warden two years. On his removal to Moline he dimitted from his home lodge and affiliated with Doric Lodge on the 2d day of April, 1885. In 1887 he was elected Secretary, in which office he has ever since served faithfully and efficiently. Being an accomplished bookkeeper he has taken great pride in keeping his records of the lodge in the best possible shape. He has also completed a roster of the membership which gives at a glance the Masonic record of every brother, that is both convenient and valuable. He is also one of the members who was prominent in starting the "annual meeting" plan, which once a year brings together the brethren in a social way and has been of great advantage to the lodge in keeping up a pleasant acquaintance and mutual interest. It is greatly enjoyed by the members. Mr. Parks received the chapter degrees in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, at Rock Island, in 1883.

The subject of this sketch was born in McDonough county, Illinois, on the 12th of June, 1847, and is of an old southern family who were early settlers of Maryland and later of Kentucky. His paternal grandfather was a native of Maryland and settled in Kentucky during its earliest days. James Buchanan Parks, the father of our subject, was a native of Kentucky, who married Miss Elizabeth Patton, a native of Virginia, and he died when his son Hugh H. was six years of age.

Mr. Parks, whose name heads this sketch, was educated in the public schools and is by profession a bookkeeper and a merchant. He was in business in Orion,

Henry county, this state, from 1871 to 1883, and in Moline for a number of years, with D. O. Reid, in the hardware trade. Politically he is a Republican. When at Orion he held the office of treasurer of the town, and was also town clerk. He enjoys the esteem and confidence of the public, is genial and pleasant in manner and disposition, understanding the courtesies due from Mason to Mason, and "squaring" his life with the obligations of the order.

He was married in 1874 to Miss Harriet J. Doxsee, a native of Mercer county, Illinois. Their three children are Ralph H., Harry A. and Ruth H. As to residence they have one of the delightful homes of this beautiful city. Mrs. Parks is an esteemed member of the Methodist church, while Mr. Parks is a deacon in the Congregational church. They are both members of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which he is the first Past Patron. They were charter members and continue to feel as great interest in the advancement of the chapter as ever, and the society is in a prosperous condition.

**JAMES ALLEN CALDER**, V. S.—To this gentleman belongs the distinction of being the first qualified veterinary surgeon to locate in the city of Peoria, Illinois. His professional career here covers a period of fourteen years and has been attended with marked success; and while he has devoted his attention closely to the demands of his profession he has found time for and taken pleasure in Masonic work.

Dr. Calder sought admission to Illinois Lodge, No. 263, in 1890, was duly elected to receive its degrees, and was initiated, passed and raised that year. The same year he was made a member of Peoria Chapter, No. 7, and in 1891 took the degrees of the Peoria Council and Peoria Consistory; was knighted by Peoria Commandery, No. 3, in 1896, and in 1894 was given the degrees of the Mystic Shrine by Mohammed Temple, of Peoria. His first active work in Masonry was in 1894, when he was appointed to fill the office of Master

of the First Veil in the chapter, in the absence of the regular officer. That same year he was elected to the office of R. A. C., next year was promoted to the office of King and served as such in 1896. In 1896 he served also as Junior Warden in the lodge.

Dr. Calder is a Canadian by birth. He was born near Hamilton, Ontario, September 24, 1860, and was reared and educated in Canada, remaining there until 1882, when he came to the United States. He graduated in the Ontario Veterinary College, of Toronto, in December, 1881, and soon afterward came to Peoria, Illinois, and entered upon the practice of his profession, which he has since successfully conducted, his practice being confined chiefly to the city. In 1894 he built the Veterinary Hospital of Peoria, which has already gained a large patronage and become noted. Dr. Calder was one of the organizers of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association.

He was married in 1878 to Miss Emma Lucking.

**P**HILIP MAAS.—Politics is a field in which to obtain success one must possess more than usual ability, untiring energy, and a determination that will not falter after repeated failures. The laurels that crown the brow of him who attains his end in this sphere are won only by perseverance and an honorable course of action that is unquestionable. There are, to be sure, some who have climbed to a height which they imagine is but a short distance from the goal of their hopes, but unless they have for a foundation worth and integrity their fall is inevitable, and they sink into an oblivion from which they never rise. It is only those of true merit who acquire a permanent standing among their fellow-men and secure a position of honor and trust. Mr. Maas is a product of Germany and possesses all the qualities of the German nationality which go to make good citizens and men of integrity and probity. Of a fine intellect, a persistent disposition, a will that is not easily

subdued, and an upright, impeachable character, he is a gentleman of whom both the land of his birth and the country of his adoption may well be proud.

From his earliest childhood Mr. Maas had become imbued with the principles of the Republican party, which were instilled in his mind by his father, himself an ardent Republican, who came to America in order that he might live under the flag that waves for liberty and freedom. Soon after coming to Chicago Frederick Maas, the father, became affiliated with the Republican party upon its formation in this city, and was made president of the Tenth Ward Republican Phalanx. He wielded considerable influence among the German-Americans, and, had he been more familiar with the English language, would have been appointed to office. As it was he performed a great deal of good in the interest of his party, and was an invaluable worker in the ranks. He came to the United States in 1850, and after remaining in the city of New York for nine months he came to Chicago, where his death occurred in 1882.

Philip Maas' connection with politics in this city has been an important factor in the success of the party, and his services have commanded universal praise. He has been president of the Seventh Ward Republican Club, a member of the Republican state committee from the old second congressional district; of the Cook county central committee; was a delegate to the state convention in which the anti-Grant third-term fight occurred, and in which he took an active part; and was a member of the state convention that nominated Richard Oglesby for governor the last time. He is vice-president of the Twenty-fifth Ward German Republican Club, and is the president of the German-American Republican Central Club of Cook county. He was nominated in 1884, much against his will, for the office of county commissioner and was defeated by fraud, the returns being tampered with. The board that was elected formed what was known as the "boodle board" and several of its members were



sent to the penitentiary for malfeasance in office. He was appointed city collector in the spring of 1895, which position he filled with honor and to the entire satisfaction of the public. The success of his administration was so marked that it attracted the commendation of the newspapers, and Mr. Maas received the personal congratulations of Mayor Swift. The reports submitted by him for the year 1895 showed an increase of nearly half a million dollars over the revenues for the year before.

Socially Mr. Maas is a member of the Germania and the Marquette Clubs on the North Side and of a number of musical societies; he has been an active member of the Masonic fraternity for a quarter of a century and was Master of his lodge for six years in succession, and is affiliated with the Wiley M. Egan Chapter of the Chicago Commandery, has received the ineffable degrees in the Oriental Consistory, Scottish Rite, is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Past Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a member of the Grand Lodge; also he was a member of the Knights of Pythias, in which order he filled all the chairs of the subordinate lodge, and became a member of the Grand Lodge. He was treasurer of the North American Saenger Bund festival which was held in Chicago in 1881.

The birth of Mr. Maas occurred at Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1845, and he came to this country with his father when but five years old. Upon settling in Chicago, Mr. Maas attended the public schools until thirteen years old and then began to learn the trade of designer, modeler and carver. After spending several years in that occupation he began his business career by opening a shop at the corner of Twelfth street near Blue Island avenue, in which he employed a large force of men. This business he closed out in 1868 to assume the position of superintendent of Vorwaerts Turner Hall, where he remained for a year and a half, and then opened a billiard hall and Republican headquarters, which he conducted successfully until 1885, when he entered into partnership with his brother in the whole-

sale and retail hardware business at Van Buren street and Ogden avenue. This was discontinued in 1889, when Mr. Maas was appointed secretary of the Northwestern Brewing Company, retaining that position for four years. He still holds stock in the company, of which he is a director. For the past fifteen years he has been president of the Waldheim Cemetery Company. He has been most successful in all his enterprises and has won a position in business and political life that speaks most highly for his intelligence, his character and his elevated motives.

Mr. Maas was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Pokorny in 1868, and they have one child, Frederick, who has followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, and is a staunch adherent of the Republican party. He holds the responsible position of cashier of the Northwestern Brewing Company and is a prominent member of the Germania Maennerchor, being himself possessed of fine musical talent.

The life of such a man as Mr. Maas has in it many lessons that it would be wise for the coming generation of young men to take well to heart. It shows what can be accomplished by application of honorable methods, and demonstrates that honesty, fidelity and a conscientious performance of duty will bring as a reward the good will and high regard of one's fellowmen and an enviable position in society.

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**T**HOMAS W. MACFALL, of Quincy, is a Past Master of Bodley Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and has been prominently connected with the educational offices of the city for the past thirty years. For the first three years he was a member of the Board of Education; then he was elected superintendent of the city schools, which he has now for the past twenty-six years filled with entire satisfaction to the public. The duties have often been arduous and embarrassing, but he bravely worked his way through.

Long before identifying himself with the Masonic order he had the matter under consideration, but hesitated on account of the opposition that sundry politicians might have to it. When it became evident to him, through the good offices of a brother, that his fears were groundless, he at once sent in an application for initiation and in 1884 was made a Master Mason, in Bodley Lodge. He immediately became interested in the esoteric work and was soon appointed Senior Deacon; at the end of his term in that office he was elected Junior Warden, and afterward Senior Warden and at length Worshipful Master, an office which he very ably filled for five successive terms, during which he thoroughly acquired the Illinois work, and by both precept and example he has brought the brethren up to a high state of perfection in the work of the lodge, and is entitled to great credit for his patience and thoroughness.

Mr. Macfall is a native of the state of Pennsylvania, born on the 24th of June, 1824. He came to Illinois in 1848 and for seven years was prominently engaged in teaching. In 1855 he came to Quincy, and in 1856 was elected clerk of the Circuit Court. In the spring of 1861 he enlisted in the service of the United States and raised Company F of the Third Illinois Cavalry, of which he was elected captain. He went to the front with a company of ninety-six men. Soon he was commissioned major, and he served in the southwest, being engaged in the battle of Pea Ridge and numerous skirmishes until his health failed by reason of the hard service on horseback, and he was compelled to resign his commission and return to Quincy, where he has since devoted the most of his time to the city schools.

In 1846 he was happily married to Miss Katharine Myers, and they had six children, three of whom are living—Esther, Rose and Katharine. They have a pleasant home and are citizens of culture and refinement, enjoying the high esteem of their fellow citizens in the city with which they have so long been identified.

**W**ILLIAM LYCURGUS ICKES, of Freeport, is a thirty-second-degree Mason and a prominent member of the order. It was in 1890 that he joined Evergreen Lodge, No. 170, since which time he has progressed rapidly through all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second. His is an excellent Masonic record and he is a worthy and valued member of the society. He took the Royal Arch degrees in Freeport Chapter, No. 23, joined the Royal & Select Masters of Freeport Council, No. 39, and was knighted in Freeport Commandery, No. 7. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and is deeply interested in the growth and progress of this benevolent and honorable order.

Mr. Ickes is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Victoria, Henry county, on the 15th of October, 1862. He is of German and Scotch ancestry, his grandfather Ickes having come from Germany to America in an early day and located in Pennsylvania, where he raised his family. There the father of our subject, George Franklin Ickes, was born and spent his youth, coming to Illinois in 1857. Soon afterward he married Miss Sarah Ann Sutherland, a lady of Scotch descent, locating on the farm on which they continued to reside until 1885, when the father laid aside the cares of active business life and removed to Tolono, Illinois, where he is now living retired, at the age of sixty years. His wife is also living, and of their family of nine children six yet survive.

The subject of this review is the second of the family. He was educated in the public schools of Tolono and worked on his father's farm until seventeen years of age, when he began railroading as a brakeman on the Illinois Central road. He filled that position for four years, was fireman for three and a half years, was conductor for five years and for the past few years has been locomotive engineer in the employ of the Illinois Central road. He is thoroughly informed in this department of railroading and is one of the bright, active and capable men who follow this useful vocation.

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Mr. Ickes was married on the 22d of September, 1886, to Miss Flora Pendergast, a native of this state, born in Irvington, Marion county. This union has been blessed with two sons and a daughter, namely: Willie G., Ralph E. and Ferol. Mr. and Mrs. Ickes are genial and friendly people and as a consequence have made many warm friends. In his political views he is a Republican, but his business cares preclude the possibility of his holding office. His fidelity to duty is one of his marked characteristics and whether in public or private life he is ever true to the trust reposed in him.

**JONATHAN ABEL.**—For nearly two score years has the subject of this review stood as an exemplar of the great craft with which this compilation has to do, and as a man of signal ability and honor and as one of the Masonic patriarchs of the State of Illinois, it is imperative that a review of his career be incorporated in this work. Mr. Abel became a Master Mason in Meteor Lodge, No. 283, at Sandwich, Illinois, in the year 1860, and about 1865 he passed the capitular degrees in Sandwich Chapter, R. A. M., in which he retains a life membership. About the year 1884 he was dimitted from Meteor Lodge, transferring his affiliation to Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago. In 1891 Mr. Abel attained the honors of knighthood, in Montjoie Commandery, No. 53, Knights Templar, in whose affairs he has since maintained a pronounced interest. He is a stockholder in the Masonic Temple Association, whose magnificent enterprise he aided materially, even as he has other undertakings which have given him unmistakable prestige as one of the representative citizens of the great western metropolis.

Jonathan Abel, who has made a record of signal success in the business world and who is known as a man of stanchest integrity and attractive personality, is a native son of the Empire state, having been born at Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, New

York, on the 4th of December, 1832, the son of John and Miranda (Sampson) Abel, the former of German and the latter of English extraction, the father having been a substantial farmer and a man of no little ability. Our subject received a good English education, completing his studies in an excellent Quaker school at Oswego, in his native county. He assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farmstead until he had attained the age of twenty-four years, when he started out upon his own responsibility. Looking upon the west as a more eligible field of endeavor, he came to Illinois in 1857, locating at Sandwich, DeKalb county, where he resided about ten years, having been variously concerned in successful business enterprises—giving his attention in turn to lumber dealing, the live-stock and the drug business. He was also identified with banking operations in Sandwich and held the office of postmaster for a number of years, serving under the administrations of Presidents Lincoln and Johnson.

Mr. Abel removed to Chicago in February, 1868, and within the following year purchased an interest in the extensive distilling business of Dickinson, Leach & Company. Several changes in the membership of the firm occurred within the next few years, the enterprise being finally incorporated, in 1878, with Mr. Abel as president. The company met with great financial losses in the great fire of 1871, but such was its reputation, that it was enabled to resume operations and to secure that credit which placed the enterprise among the foremost of the sort in the west. In 1887, upon the organizaion of the Distilling and Cattle Feeding Company, the Phoenix Company disposed of its business to that organization, after which the firm of Abel, Ames & Company continued in the general distributing business in connection with distilled liquors, their operations reaching an average annual aggregate of fully a million dollars. In May, 1895, Mr. Abel withdrew from this firm and became secretary of the Ogalla Land and Cattle Company, an important corporation in which he has large

financial interests. He is also a stockholder in the Metropolitan National and Union National Banks of Chicago, and is concerned in various other business enterprises of important character. He is a man of broad mentality, progressive and alert in his methods and animated by a distinctive public spirit, which has manifested itself in many directions. He is identified with the People's church, being a liberal contributor to worthy causes and enjoying a marked popularity by reason of his genial personality and inflexible integrity in all the relations of life. Mr. Abel lends his support to the Republican party, but has never sought the honors or emoluments of political office, believing that his best field for accomplishment has been in connection with business affairs.

**E**DWARD I. CAMM, the popular jeweler and a prominent citizen of Monmouth, Illinois, has been in business here for eighteen years, eight years of this time at one stand, and is now located at No. 100 South Main street.

Mr. Camm was born in Brockville, Ontario, Canada, January 26, 1852, and was reared under the influence of Masonry, his father being an active and enthusiastic Mason, a member of Sussex Lodge, No. 756, of Brockville, in which, in 1856, he served as Worshipful Master, and subsequently moved his membership to Newboro, Ontario, in which he retained membership up to the time of his death, in that place. These early impressions of the order his father had loved remained with the youth, and when he grew to manhood and went to New York he was made a Mason, in Ilion Lodge, No. 591, of Ilion. Some years later he took out a dimmit, and since August 26, 1889, has affiliated with Monmouth Lodge, No. 37, in which he has served officially during the past three years, filling the office of Treasurer in 1894, Junior Deacon in 1895, and Senior Deacon in 1896; and since coming to Illinois he has received some of the higher degrees of the order. He was exalted in

Warren Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M., of Monmouth; knighted in Galesburg Commandery, No. 8, K. T., of Galesburg; and September 15, 1893, was initiated into the mysteries of Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Chicago, in all of which he still maintains membership, and in the chapter is filling the office of Master of the First Veil.

Mr. Camm was for five years a member of the National Guard, holding the rank of corporal, and was with Company H, Sixth Regiment, at East St. Louis during the riots in 1885.

His religious views and sympathies are in keeping with those of the Protestant Episcopal church.

**T**HOMAS JEFFERSON ABBOTT, a consistory Mason of the thirty-second degree and one of the early settlers of Rockford, is a native of New York, born January 11, 1839, and is of English lineage, his ancestors having crossed the ocean from England during the days when the Empire state was first becoming settled. John and Thomas Abbott, the father and grandfather of our subject, were both natives of that state, and the former, born in 1811, is still living, a hale and hearty man. He married Miss Nancy Bluefield, a native of New York, and to them were born eight children. The mother died and Mr. Abbott afterward wedded Mrs. Eleanor James, by whom he had seven children. In 1856 they emigrated to Rockford, where he is now living. His life occupation has been farming, and he is a worthy and consistent member of the Methodist church and one of its local preachers.

Thomas J. Abbott was the second child of the family. He is indebted to the public schools of his native state for his educational privileges, and when his school days were over he turned his attention to farming. He was following that pursuit in Illinois when the great Civil war was inaugurated, but he put aside all business considerations to respond to the country's call for aid, enlisting on the 1st of August, 1861, as a member of

Company G, Forty-fourth Illinois Infantry. He served for three years in the Army of the Cumberland and then veteranized and continued at the front until after the cessation of hostilities, when the preservation of the Union was an assured fact. He was mustered out September 25, 1865, after an honorable and patriotic service of more than four years, during which time he was always found at his post of duty, faithfully defending the stars and stripes which now float so proudly over the united nation. With his regiment he participated in all the engagements from Pea Ridge, Arkansas, to Atlanta, Georgia, including the memorable battles of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, in which the Union forces covered themselves with glory. Mr. Abbott was once severely wounded. He was promoted to the rank of adjutant of his regiment, holding that position at the time when he received his honorable discharge.

Returning to the quiet and peaceful pursuit of farming, Mr. Abbott continued the operation of his land for six years, since which time he has been continuously identified with the business interests of Rockford. He is a wholesale dealer in beer and is agent for the Indianapolis Brewing Company. He gives his political support to the Republican party, with which he has affiliated since casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. His identification with the Masonic fraternity dates from March, 1865, when he was made a Mason in Huntsville, Alabama. In Rockford he has advanced through the various degrees of the Scottish Rite until he is now numbered among the thirty-second-degree Masons of the city, and is at present serving as Junior Deacon in the Star of the East Lodge. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine and has always been an active and acceptable worker in the order. He has also been a leading member of the Grand Army of the Republic since its organization and is now Quartermaster Sergeant of the post in Rockford.

In 1864 Mr. Abbott was united in marriage to Miss Adaline Kilburn. He has erected one of the best residences in Rock-

ford and its hospitable doors are ever open for the reception of their many friends. Mr. Abbott has always taken a deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the city and its advancement, and is a public-spirited, progressive man who keeps up with the times in all matters of improvement.

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**E**ZRA OSTRANDER DANA has for almost thirty years been identified with the Masonic fraternity, and through that long period has been a most loyal and devoted member, deeply interested in the growth of the fraternity. He was made a Mason in 1868 in Owisco Lodge, No. 571, of Kankakee, Illinois, and served as Senior Deacon. Later the lodge building was destroyed by fire and he joined Kankakee Lodge, No. 389, continuing his relationship therewith for four years, when he became a member of Landmark Lodge, No. 422, of Chicago. On removing to Champaign, Illinois, he joined Western Star Lodge, No. 318, and was dimitted from there in 1889 to Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, of Freeport, with which he is now connected. He is one of the oldest supporters of the Masonic Aid Association located in Chicago. His life is in harmony with the beneficent principles of the order and he is a worthy representative of the craft.

The business career of Mr. Dana is also one of the utmost fidelity, his record for trustworthiness and thorough reliability being unexcelled. For thirty-six years he has been an employe of the Illinois Central Railroad Company and has won the confidence of his employers and the highest respect of all his business associates. His name is a synonym for all that is honorable in business life, and while his fame has not been spread abroad throughout the land he belongs to that class of citizens who form the stability of a nation, and his well-spent life contains many valuable lessons of practical utility, showing what can be accomplished through persistence, energy, determination and honorable dealing.

Mr. Dana was born in Schoharie county, New York, June 10, 1841, and traces his ancestry back to England, where Richard Dana was born in 1612. When a young man he braved the dangers of an ocean voyage at that time, and became a member of the Connecticut colony. There his descendants resided for several generations. The grandfather of our subject, James Dana, was born there, and when the colonies attempted to throw off the yoke of British oppression he gallantly went to their aid, serving under General Putnam. He participated in the battle of Lexington, fired the first shot at Bunker Hill, and fought at Princeton. He was afterward under the immediate command of General Washington until the close of the struggle which ended so happily in the establishment of this republic, and was highly commended by both General Putnam and General Washington for his valiant and capable service. When an American flag had been adopted Connecticut made several for her soldiers, and "the father of his country" conferred on Captain Dana the honor of first displaying it to the army. After the war the Captain became prominent in the state militia and was raised to the rank of general. He was a man of fine physique, six feet in height and splendidly developed, and his name will go down to posterity on the pages of history that record the deeds of the honored heroes of the Revolution.

James Dana, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Schoharie county, New York, and married Miss Jane Sinsabaugh, a native of the Empire state. Seven children were born to them in New York, and in 1855 they removed with their family to Will county, Illinois, settling on a farm, where they resided until the father laid aside all business cares. He then removed with his wife to Chicago, where his death occurred in his sixty-fifth year. His wife long survived him and died in 1889, in her eighty-ninth year.

Mr. Dana, of this review, was their youngest child. He acquired his early education in Oswego, New York, and later at-

tended school in Will county, Illinois. In 1860, when nineteen years of age, he began railroading as a locomotive fireman on the Illinois Central road, and throughout his business life has been an employee of that company, one of the most trusted men in their service. No more honorable record can be shown, for through the thirty-six years of his connection with the road he has never received even a reprimand. After serving four years as fireman he became a locomotive engineer and for twenty-four years successfully filled that position. His care and watchfulness was most marked. He had no accidents, attended most strictly to his duties and was one of the most capable men on the road. Later he was for two years foreman of the machinery department in Chicago, and was then made master mechanic at the shop in Freeport, in which capacity he has now served for eight years. He thoroughly understands the business in every detail as well as the major points, and this enables him to so direct the men under him that the best service is secured. He has the warmest regard of all and his justice and courtesy to those who work under his supervision has won him their loyalty and warm friendship.

In 1866 Mr. Dana was happily married to Miss Elizabeth Holland, a native of Mount Morris, New York. She is descended from Scotch ancestors who came to this country in an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Dana now have three children,—Ester, Edgar and Bert. The parents are members of the People's church and in his political views Mr. Dana is a Republican. His son, E. W. Dana, is a Royal Arch Mason and has followed in the business footsteps of his father, being a machinist in the Illinois Central Railroad shops. Our subject is a genial, courteous gentleman, of generous impulses, and is quick to see and commend fidelity to duty in others. He has made for himself an honorable record in social, business and private life and is well worthy of representation in this volume among the leading members of the Masonic fraternity of Illinois.



**G**USTAVE WALTER.—During the period of his connection with the Masonic fraternity—twenty years—Mr. Walter, of Sandwich, has manifested such diligence in the work of the craft and such fidelity to its teachings that his brethren have honored him by election to various official positions therein. He is one of the most prominent Masons in the city where he makes his home, having risen to high rank. In 1877 he began his study of the symbolic truths which incite men to the development of the best that is in them, which promulgate the principles of justice, loyalty, benevolence and forbearance, and now with a full understanding of the obligations which rest upon all followers of the order he faithfully observes the teachings of the blue lodge and chapter and the vows of the commandery. He took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason in Meteor Lodge, in 1877, has served as its Worshipful Master, and in 1893 represented the subordinate lodge in the Grand Lodge. In 1881 he advanced through the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master and was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Sandwich Chapter, No. 107. For eight years he served as the King of this chapter. He took the degrees of cryptic Masonry and now holds membership in Aurora Council of Royal and Select Masters. He was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Aurora Commandery, No. 22, in 1883, and received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, of Chicago, where in 1891 he was greeted a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

Mr. Walter was born on the 3d of October, 1849, in Alsace, then a province of France, but now of Germany. He was reared in his native county, obtained his education in its public schools, and when fourteen years of age entered on a three-years apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade. When that period had expired he worked as a journeyman for a year and then came to the United States, believing in the superiority of the advantages here afforded for advancement. For a year he followed

blacksmithing in Ottawa, Illinois, and then went to Chicago, where he worked in different shops for a year. He next located in Peoria, but after six months removed to Woodstock, where he engaged in blacksmithing on his own account for two years. For a similar period he followed his trade in Serena, later spent one year in the same business in Plano, Illinois, and in April, 1876, came to Sandwich, where he purchased the carriage factory of J. H. Wagoner. For twenty-one years he has now continued in that line of business, with a constantly increasing trade which has brought to him a handsome income. It has resulted from his high reputation for honor in all business transactions and for his courtesy to those who give him their patronage.

On the 20th of July, 1872, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Walter and Miss Sophia Retterer, a native of Alsace. The wedding took place in Woodstock, Illinois, and to them have been born three children, Charles A., Laura A. and Mabel. The parents attend the Presbyterian church and in politics Mr. Walter is a Republican. For three years he served on the school board of Sandwich and has long been identified with various measures tending to the substantial growth and progress of the community. He is a man of high personal worth, with an irreproachable record in business and in private life, and his Masonic career is one of exemplary fidelity.

**C**ALOT EZEKIEL BAKER, who occupies a leading place in commercial circles in Quincy, became a Mason through his initiation as an Entered Apprentice of Quincy Lodge, No. 296, A. F. & A. M., on the 11th of June, 1886, and having passed the Fellow-craft degree on the 3d of December of that year he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 14th of February, 1887. He added to his understanding of the principles and teachings of the blue lodge a knowledge of the inspiring and beautiful legends of past ages

through his connection with Quincy Chapter, No. 5, wherein he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason. He passed the circle of cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Quincy Council, No. 15, on the 20th of September, 1887, and took the degrees of chivalric Masonry in El Aksa Commandery, No. 55, K. T., January 26, 1888. He has also been elected to the Quincy Consistory, but has not yet had the degrees confirmed. Mr. Baker takes an active interest in Masonry and the accomplishment of its mission among men. It is the labors of such representatives of the order who have made it an active agency in the world's betterment, counteracting by its benevolence and fraternity much of the opposition and selfishness of the world.

Mr. Baker is a native of New York, born on the 21st of March, 1844, of English and French ancestry, who located in the Empire state in its pioneer epoch and took an active part in the events which form the early history of New York, and also bore arms in defense of the rights of the colonies in the war of the Revolution. Ezekiel Baker and D. Bryan Baker, grandfather and father of our subject, were both born in New York. The latter married Miss Marie Jeannette Calot, a native of Massachusetts and of French lineage. Her father, Louis William Calot, was sent to America by the French government to take charge of an island near Cape Cod claimed by the French. He became a resident of the country and died here. D. Bryan Baker was a physician and surgeon and died in the twenty-ninth year of his age.

The gentleman whose name introduces this review, the only living representative of his family, began his education in a private school, afterward attended an academy in Fort Miller and later continued his studies at Fort Edward in his native state. He was but seventeen years of age when he offered his services to the government, enlisting September 2, 1862, as a member of Company D, First New York Mounted Rifles. He served in the Army of the

James with the Eighteenth Army Corps and participated in the battles of Cold Harbor, Petersburg and other engagements of that great struggle. He was never wounded, and on the 12th of June, 1865, was honorably discharged, after three years of valiant service.

Mr. Baker came to Illinois in 1865, and on the 7th of May, 1867, was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Brown, a native of Quincy and a daughter of William Brown, now deceased.

In his political views Mr. Baker has been a Republican from the time he attained his majority. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and thus renews his associations of his military life. He has long been numbered among the prominent business men of Quincy, where he is engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business. His trade has steadily increased until the volume of his business is extensive, and his interests have ever been conducted according to the old, tried maxims of honesty and perseverance. The most envious can scarcely grudge him his success, so worthily has he earned it and so admirably does he use it, being a generous contributor to many good causes. He has also erected a number of residences in the city and is doing his full share toward the upbuilding and improvement of Quincy.

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**E**RNEST E. EGLER, assistant foreman of the dial department of the National Watch Company, of Elgin, represents the class of prominent business men, who in the "rush and hurry" of industrial life yet find time to devote to those duties which develop the gentler side of nature and awaken in man a realization of the needs of humanity. The beneficent principles of Masonry, promoting not only charity but all that is noblest and best in the world, elicited his admiration and secured his allegiance. In 1889 he joined the order and has since affiliated with Monitor Lodge, No. 522, A. F. & A. M. Learning its lessons of charity and hospitality, those of capitular Masonry

were then placed before him in L. L. Munn Chapter, No. 96, in which he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason. He has been honored by the Companions of that branch by election to the office of Captain of the Host and of Chaplain, serving in the latter position for two terms. In 1890 he received the grades and orders of chivalric Masonry, being constituted, dubbed and created a Sir Knight in Bethel Commandery, No. 36, in which he has served as Standard Bearer, Senior Warden, Generalissimo, and at this writing is the Eminent Commander. He also threaded the labyrinth of Elgin Chapter, No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1892, and his wife also belongs to the same society.

Mr. Egler in business life, as in Masonry, has attained to an eminent position. Success is not a matter of genius, but the outcome of earnest purpose and untiring industry, and this truth finds verification in his life. He was born in Mulhouse, in the province of Alsace, France, July 19, 1850, and is a son of Charles F. and Marie Egler, who came to the United States about 1853 and took up their residence in Hoboken, New Jersey. In that city our subject spent his youth and obtained his literary education. He entered upon his business career as an employe in the United States Watch Factory, where he remained for about three years, when he went to Philadelphia and engaged in the lamp and oil business as a member of the firm of Lowden & Egler. That connection was maintained from 1875 until 1881, when the junior partner sold out and returned to New Jersey.

Mr. Egler was married there December 15, 1881, to Miss Algire Peugeot, a native of France and a daughter of Pierre and Catherine (Boillot) Peugeot, who came to this country in 1868 and located in New York city. After his marriage Mr. Egler entered the employ of Henry Abbott, of New York, proprietor of a stem-winding watch factory, and while working in that establishment developed the new process of painting dials. On the 9th of August, 1889, he came to Elgin in response to a request

from the National Watch Company to introduce his new process into their works, and has since been assistant foreman of the dial department of one of the most extensive watch factories in the entire country. He is a man of much business and executive ability and of considerable talent, and has not contented himself with merely performing the duties assigned to him, but has always performed with conscientious fidelity all trust committed to his care and has studied the work closely and systematically. This earnest investigation led to his invention of the new process of painting dials, which is far superior to the old process and was thereby the means of securing him his present responsible and lucrative position.

Mr. and Mrs. Egler are parents of two children,—Ettie E. and Elmer E. Our subject and his wife are members of the Universalist church, in which and in social circles they are highly regarded. Mr. Egler belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Jewelers' League of New York city. His political support is given the Republican party.

**L**EWIS E. PENNINGTON. — Almost thirty years have passed since this gentleman became interested in Masonry and placed his membership in Warren Lodge, No. 209, F. & A. M., of Chicago. He joined the blue lodge in 1868, the same year of his arrival in the city, and since that time has maintained his connection with it. Passing from this initial and basic step to the chapter, he became a Royal Arch Mason in Chicago Chapter in the same year. The following year he was knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and on the 22d of November, 1869, he joined the Oriental Consistory of the Scottish Rite. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple of Chicago, and throughout the term of his affiliation with the society he has been recognized as a worthy representative of Masonry,—its time-honored and honorable principles. Its advocacy of all moral teaching, of all that

is straightforward in business and in social life, shows that its consistent members are those who are deserving of the high regard and respect of their fellow men in all walks of life as well as in the circles of Masonry. With many friends among the brethren of the craft, the sketch of Mr. Pennington cannot fail to prove of interest to many of the readers of this volume.

A native of the Keystone state, our subject was born in Chester county, on the 9th of February, 1846, and upon his father's farm in Pennsylvania spent the days of his boyhood and youth, early becoming familiar with the labors of the fields, for his assistance in their cultivation was required from his young days. A deep thinker, his study of the needs of the soil and what would produce the best crops undoubtedly led to his undertaking his present business. He came to Chicago when a young man of twenty-four and embarked in the manufacture of fertilizers,—a business which he has since continued with good success. He placed upon the market fertilizers which, when tested, were seen to supply the needs of the farmer, who wished something to enrich his worn-out land from which previous crops had drawn all the sustenance for the grains. His comprehensive understanding of the subject made him successful in the venture, and his thorough reliability and enterprising business methods have brought him a large trade.

In 1880 Mr. Pennington was united in marriage to Miss Samole Bryan, of St. Louis, Missouri, and they have two children,—Florence and George. In his political views Mr. Pennington favors the principles of the Republican party.

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**J**OHN TEMPLETON, a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity of Freeport, is one of the native sons of Stephenson county, his birth having occurred at Cedarville on the 3d of July, 1867. He is descended from Scotch ancestry, who early located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. His great-great-grandfather on the paternal side

was a native of Scotland, but was driven from the land of hills and heather at a time of great religious persecution in that country. He escaped to the north of Ireland, where the great-grandfather of our subject was born. He was the founder of the family in America. Braving the dangers of ocean sailing in those early days he located in Pennsylvania about the time of the close of the Revolution, making his home in Union county, where he spent his remaining days. His profession was civil engineering.

The grandfather of our subject, Alexander Templeton, was born, reared and married in that county, and during his youth learned the cooper's trade. In 1850 he sought a home in the west, believing the resources of the country and the opportunities afforded here to be superior to those of the east. Settling in Stephenson county, he established his family in their new home, and here Alexander Templeton, Jr., father of our subject, was reared to manhood. He was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, in 1835, and was therefore in his fifteenth year when he arrived in Illinois. When he had arrived at years of maturity he married Miss Elizabeth Miller, a native of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and afterward gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, being one of the industrious farmers of the community. They reared three children,—two daughters and a son.

The latter is the subject of this notice. He was educated in the common schools of his native county, worked on the home farm, and in 1884, when seventeen years of age, began to learn the carriage-painting business in the shops of the Henney Buggy Company. He completely mastered his work, both in principle and detail, and from time to time has been promoted until he is now serving as salesman,—a position which he has filled for six years. He travels to a limited extent in the interests of the house, but is usually found in their extensive establishment in Freeport, selling to the trade of the city and surrounding country. He is one of the most valuable and capable employees of the company, and his twelve

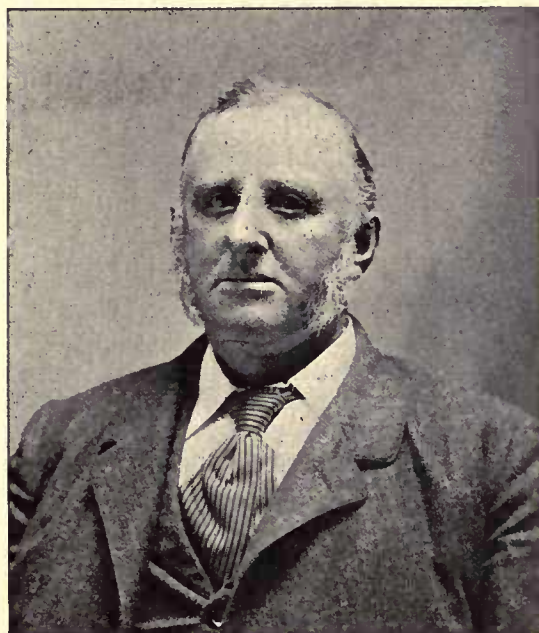
years' connection therewith indicates the confidence reposed in him and his fidelity to every trust.

Mr. Templeton was one of the organizers of the fine band of twenty-eight pieces composed of the employees of the company, and plays the large double-bass horn. This band is a credit alike to the company and the men who compose it, and ranks among the best in this section of the state. Mr. Templeton formerly gave his support to the Republican party, but is now independent of party ties in his political views.

**H**ENRY W. WALES, M. D., a well-known practicing physician of Lanark and for many years a representative member of the Masonic fraternity, was made a Master Mason in 1864 in Lanark Lodge, No. 423, F. & A. M. This was in the very early history of the lodge, and since then he has been one of its most active and reliable supporters. He was among the early incumbents of its executive chair. Also he has at different times filled nearly all its offices, ever rendering his part of the work in an earnest and impressive manner and in a way that reflected credit both upon himself and the organization. He became a member of Lanark Chapter, No. 139, R. A. M., in 1872, receiving the Royal Arch degree on the 7th of June, he being among the first who were exalted by that chapter. He has had the honor of being its High Priest several times, has also held other offices in the chapter, and in it, as in the blue lodge, he has ever been faithful and efficient. Also he is a Knight Templar. He was knighted by Freeport Commandery, K. T., and became a charter member of Long Commandery at Mount Carroll. Both the Doctor and his wife are valued members of Polo Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Dr. Wales is a native of Illinois, born in Ogle county, in 1840, and springs from English ancestry, his forefathers having landed on the rock-bound shores of New England at an early period in the history of this country, and for many years were resi-

dents of Massachusetts. His father, Horatio Wales, was born in Connecticut and emigrated in 1835 to the then far-away state of Illinois, bringing with him his wife and their only child, and locating on a farm in Ogle county, near Polo, at a place called Buffalo Grove. In the affairs of this county he was for many years a prominent factor, at one time serving as county sheriff; and in 1891 passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-one years. His wife survived him



*Henry W. Wales M. D.*

three years, her death occurring in 1894, at the age of eighty-two. In their religious faith they were Presbyterians.

Dr. Wales was the third born in their family of children. He had excellent educational advantages in his youth, was sent to Mount Carroll Seminary and Beloit College, and received his medical education in St. Louis and Chicago, being a graduate of Hahnemann College, of the latter city, with the class of 1863. After

his graduation he began the practice of his profession in Ogle county, and in the fall of 1864 came to Lanark, Carroll county, where for more than three decades he has conducted a successful practice, winning and maintaining the confidence and high esteem of his patrons and all with whom he has in any way been associated. He is a member of the Homeopathic Society and of the American Institute of Homeopathy, and is on the local board of health. In his political views he has ever been a staunch Republican.

Shortly after he settled down to the practice of medicine Dr. Wales took to himself a wife, wedding in 1865 Miss Lizzie Muir, a native of New York city, and to them have been given four children,—Albert H., Frederick M., Henry W., Jr., and R. Purcell.

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**D**ANIEL EICHHOLTZ, deceased.—The qualifications required for each promotion in the Masonic order are those which go to make up a well-rounded character. Honor, diligence, application, truth, fidelity and the practice of virtue are inculcated, and the man who carries out these precepts is fitted to discharge the highest duties of a citizen. We consequently find among the members of this organization many who are filling offices of trust in their communities, and there is no lack of illustrious names which stand high on the roll of fame.

Daniel Eichholtz was a Consistory Mason, a representative citizen of Shannon, and a resident of the state of Illinois from 1860 until his death in 1897. He sent in his petition for membership in Shannon Lodge, No. 490, on April 15, 1878, was entered April 23, passed May 20, and raised June 3, of the same year. Thenceforward he was a faithful and consistent member of the fraternity, and honorably and satisfactorily filled all the offices of his lodge with the exception of that of Master. He was also a member of Lanark Chapter, No. 139, having the degree of Mark Master conferred

upon him August 14, 1878, that of Past Master on the same date, and Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch July 24, 1882. He belonged to Freeport Commandery, No. 7, being made a Sir Knight at Freeport in 1888; was a member of Freeport Valley Consistory, receiving the degrees in that body up to and including the thirty-second, and was a "Shriner" in the Medinah Temple, Chicago. Mr. Eichholtz was an enthusiastic brother and took great pride in the order.

He was a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Sinking Spring Valley on May 13, 1834. His ancestors, who were Germans, were among the early settlers of that state.

Henry Eichholtz, the father of our subject, was also born in Pennsylvania, where he was married to a Miss Rhodes. After her death, which occurred shortly after her marriage, Mr. Eichholtz was united in matrimony with Miss Angeline Chrisman. In 1857 he came west and purchased land in Ogle county, where he lived up to the time of his death, that sad event taking place in his sixty-fifth year. His wife departed this life when sixty-eight years old.

Mr. Eichholtz, the subject of this memoir, was the eldest of a family of seven children. He was raised on the farm, where he worked during his youth and had only an opportunity of attending school for about six months altogether. He may thus be said to be a self-made man. The family was poor but industrious, and during his few leisure moments he supplemented his schooling by studying at home. Desiring to begin a business career, he secured a clerkship in the service of a railroad construction company, which was then building a road to Albuquerque, New Mexico. He finally gave up his position and returned to his father's farm, where he worked for wages and saved enough out of them to buy a farm of his own, which he improved, making it a valuable property. This he recently sold for thirteen thousand dollars. Thus by perseverance and industry this poor boy not only helped to support his family but

secured a competency which placed him in old age beyond the pale of want.

Mr. Eichholtz was married in June, 1860, to Miss Lydia Nikirk, who was born in Maryland, and five children were born to them, as follows: Francis Henry, who died when nine months old; Cora C., now Mrs. M. P. Murphy, residing in Kirkland; Jessie Benton, who died at the age of eight months; Henry Caswell, who died when seven months old; and Wilbur S., who died at about the same age. Mrs. Eichholtz departed this life in 1890, after a well spent life. She was one of the best of women, a good mother, a true and worthy helpmeet, and her loss is keenly felt by her many friends.

Mr. Eichholtz was a lifelong Democrat, was treasurer of the school district for over twenty years, and town clerk for several terms, which positions he filled in a conscientious and creditable manner. He held the faith of the Lutheran church and was a most worthy and respected citizen. His death took place February 16, 1897, and the event cast a funeral pall over a large community, for he was a useful and exemplary citizen.

**F**RANK EDWARD DARROW.—Among the distinguished and influential business men of Rockford whose names are found on the roll of Masonic membership is this gentleman, who for twenty years has been an adherent of the order. He was made a Mason in 1876, in Rising Sun Lodge, No. 103, of Saratoga Springs, New York, but afterward dimitted to become a member of Star in the East Lodge, of Rockford. He has advanced steadily through the various bodies of Masonry and is now affiliated with Rockford Chapter, No. 23, R. A. M., and Crusader Commandery, No. 17, K. T. He took the thirty-two degrees of the Scottish Rite in Freeport Consistory, of Freeport, Illinois, and of all these organizations he is a valued and faithful member.

Of the citizens whom the Empire state have furnished to Illinois Mr. Darrow is of

the number. He was born in Saratoga Springs, on the 22d of September, 1847, and his ancestors were among the early settlers of the colony of Connecticut. His parents, James H. and Mary J. (Waring) Darrow, were not natives of that state and the father became a prominent contractor and builder, being actively and largely connected with the building interests in New York, Brooklyn and Washington, D. C. Many of the important structures which he erected in those places still stand as monuments to his handiwork and as evidence of his superior ability in that line. He was also largely interested in real estate and through his own exertions accumulated a handsome property. He departed this life in 1885, at the age of sixty-seven years, but his wife is still living, in 1896, at the age of seventy-five years. They were members of the First Baptist church of Saratoga Springs. Their family numbered four children, but only two are now living.

Frank E. Darrow, whose name introduces this sketch, was educated in his native town and for eight years was an efficient clerk in the postoffice of New York city. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in the lumber trade, and an experience of twenty-five years has made him thoroughly informed on everything connected therewith. He is an excellent judge of all kinds of lumber and has a comprehensive knowledge of values and the condition of the market. This enables him to buy and sell very advantageously, and his keen sagacity, his well directed efforts and his enterprise have brought to him a merited success. He came to Rockford in 1891 to represent several large manufacturers, selling entirely to the wholesale trade, and has secured a wide acquaintance throughout this section of the country and is known as a thoroughly reliable and competent business man.

On the 6th of April, 1867, Mr. Darrow led to the marriage altar Miss Margaret Allen, daughter of General James Allen, a prominent Mason of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Darrow is a member of the Order of the

Eastern Star, and is now serving as Chaplain of the organization in Rockford. Both Mr. Darrow and his wife hold membership in the Court Street Methodist Episcopal church of Rockford, and their social standing is high in the city of their adoption. In his political views Mr. Darrow is a Republican.

**J**AMES CARL, a highly esteemed citizen of Rock Island, is also an exemplary Mason. He was initiated in Trio Lodge, No. 57, at Rock Island; in the year 1868, received the degree of Entered Apprentice April 23, Fellow-craft December 3, and Master Mason in 1869. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon him March 22, 1870, in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M., and in 1877 he joined Everts Commandery, No. 18, K. T., receiving the degrees May 2 and 22. He also received the council degrees and is a member of Kaaba Temple at Davenport. Being a railroad engineer, however, he has found it impossible to attend lodge meetings as often as he has desired, but he appreciates the principles of Masonry, and is faithful to them. Accordingly he enjoys the confidence of his brethren in the lodge.

He was born in the town of Clinton, Michigan, July 31, 1839, of Scotch-Irish and French ancestry. His father, P. A. Carl, became a settler at Detroit, that state, in early day. He married Miss Margaret Daily, a native of New York and of French and Scotch ancestry. They continued to reside near the city of Detroit to the time of his death, which occurred in the sixty-third year of his age. He had been a captain in the war of 1812, and was a worthy citizen. His wife died in the eighty-eighth year of her age. They had ten children, of whom seven are now living.

Mr. Carl, of this sketch, the sixth child, was educated in the public schools of Detroit, Michigan, and began railroading during his youth. Has been in the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific ever since the year 1864. He began as a fire-

man, was employed in the shops four years, then an engineer for freight trains and at length for passenger trains. For thirty-three years now he has been a faithful worker for the railroad company,—a testimonial to his fidelity that can scarcely be equaled.

March 4, 1873, is the date of his marriage to Miss Frances J. McDonald, and they have one daughter, named Edna F. Mrs. Carl is a valued member of the Presbyterian church. In politics Mr. Carl is independent, voting for those men whom he deems best fitted for the office for which they are nominated. He has a pleasant residence in the city of Rock Island, in which city he has been a resident for thirty-two years and is well known and highly respected.

**C**HARLES HENRY HAMMOND, who is prominently engaged in the furniture trade in Rushville, is an active young Sir Knight Templar. November 24, 1894, is the date of his receiving the degree of Master Mason in Rushville Lodge, No. 9; April 26, 1895, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Rushville Chapter, No. 184; and June 6, 1896, he was created and dubbed a Sir Knight Templar in Rushville Commandery, No. 56. At present he fills the office of Master of the First Veil in the chapter, and in the commandery he is the Standard Bearer. He is a faithful and enthusiastic worker in the order, appreciating its history and principles.

Mr. Hammond is a native of Schuyler county, born near Rushville, and is the son of Jacob Hammond, who also is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having been made a Master Mason in Antioch Lodge, at Danville, Ohio, in 1858. He has been a resident of Rushville ever since 1864, and a member of the lodge ever since 1865. He has been postmaster of Rushville for ten years, and has always been one of the respected business men of the place. During his father's incumbency of the post-office Mr. Charles H. Hammond was his assistant from 1883



to 1893. Since the close of their term in the public service they have been prominently engaged in the furniture business in Rushville, with an extensive trade; and they are also undertakers, accomplished in the delicate duties connected with the direction of funerals. They are highly esteemed citizens and business men of their favorite city.

**A** J. ADAMS.—Among the successful business men of foreign birth who have found in Chicago an outlet for their talents and ambitions is the gentleman of whom this sketch is written, and who is one of the proprietors of the Fulton Machine Works, a flourishing manufactory well known for the excellence of the work it turns out.

Mr. Adams was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, August 22, 1866, and learned the trade of machinist there. Not content with the poor prospects of making a fortune in the old country, the young Scotchman looked with longing eyes to the wider fields and higher compensations of the new world and in 1887 bade adieu to his native land. He came at once to Chicago, when he entered the employ of the Fulton Machine Works and steadily worked his way up until he is now one of the proprietors of the establishment. The manufacture of the "Thistle" bicycle, which is one of the most popular wheels in use, is a leading feature of the works and has proved a financial success. In common with all other work sent out by this house, the construction of this wheel can be depended on for stability, perfection of detail and enduring qualities. The reputation of the firm is well established in business circles, and the energetic, straightforward Scotchmen who are at the head of this business are deserving of the esteem in which they are held. The firm employs about 400 people. There are now over twenty thousand Thistle bicycles in use. Experts say they have the best equipped bicycle plant in the world. Inspection both in the purchase of material and in the manufacture of the machine is most thorough.

Mr. Adams was married in November, 1895, to Miss Mary Ketrick, a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and they have one child, viz., John Ketrick.

He is a member in good standing of the Masonic order, and has taken the following degrees: Master Mason in Union Park Lodge, No. 610, in 1894; Royal Arch in York Chapter, same year; and Knight Templar in St. Bernard Commandery, in 1895. He also belongs to Medinah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, with which he became affiliated in 1895.

**A** LBERT WILLIAM ADCOCK, of the firm of Shourds, Adcock and Teufel, jewelers, No. 66 State street, Chicago, has long been a prominent member of the Masonic order, and his history as such is of interest in this connection. Briefly, it is as follows:

Mr. Adcock dates his identity with the ancient order of Freemasons from the year 1869. He was that year initiated, passed and raised by William B. Warren Lodge, No. 209, F. & A. M.; and from the night of his initiation has maintained a deep interest in Masonry. Nor did he stop with degrees of the blue lodge, but has continued his advancement in the work until he has reached the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is a member of Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126, of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and of Oriental Consistory,—all of Chicago, and is an honorary member of Eber Preceptory, of York, England. In 1883, when Apollo Commandery visited England, Mr. Adcock acted as Senior Warden of the order. In both the blue lodge and the chapter he has filled official position, in the former having served as Junior Deacon one year, Senior Deacon one year, and Junior and Senior Warden each one year; and in the latter having served one term as Principal Sojourner.

Mr. Adcock is by birth an Englishman, but has no recollection of any other home than America, and is thoroughly an American at heart. He was born August 6, 1847,

in Leicestershire, England, son of Edward and Anne (Postnett) Adcock, and in early childhood accompanied his parents and other members of the family on their emigration to this country, crossing the Atlantic in a sail vessel and being three months in making the voyage. They landed in safety at Chicago May 30, 1850, and here sorrow soon came to their new home, the mother being stricken with cholera and dying on the 30th of the following month. The grandmother and a brother, Edward, also died of cholera about that time. The father survived until December 11, 1865, when he died, at the age of forty-two years and eight months. Young Adcock, our subject, received his education at the Dearborn school, of Chicago, but did not complete his high-school course for the reason that at fourteen he was thrown upon his own resources. His first employment was in a publishing office, working on a commercial report; was one year employed in a picture-frame establishment on Washington street; next spent four years and seven months in the employ of the Crane Brothers, elevator men; and after that entered upon an apprenticeship to the trade of brass-finisher. On completing his trade he was given a journeyman's wages, but shortly afterward a threatened strike in the establishment caused him to quit work. The next year he was employed in another establishment, but under his old foreman, and during that year saved some money, with which he then started up a broker's business at No. 184 Clark street, in partnership with Drukker, under the firm name of M. Drukker & Company, their location being on the site now occupied by Fort Dearborn National Bank. The great fire which swept over this city in the fall of 1871 reached Mr. Adcock's place of business on the night of October 9, and in the morning only a pile of ashes and some ruined walls marked the spot where the day before he had done business. His insurance was ten thousand dollars. A year before the fire he had purchased the interest of his partner. In January, 1872, Mr. Adcock entered the employ of C. D. Peacock, as clerk, and re-

mained with him until March 31, 1895, when he became associated with his present partners, Messrs. Clayton B. Shourds and H. J. Teufel, in the jewelry business at the southwest corner of State and Randolph streets.

In his political views Mr. Adcock is a Republican, and his religious creed is that of the Baptist church, in which he was reared.

In 1883 he built the handsome residence where he and his family reside,—327 Warren avenue. September 6, 1874, he wedded Miss Carrie Estelle Young, daughter of George H. and Emma L. (Watson) Young, of Chicago; and their happy union has been blessed in the birth of two children,—Albert Young and Earl Edward. Mrs. Adcock's father, like her husband, was a prominent Mason. He was a charter member of Pleiades Lodge, F. & A. M.; Wiley M. Egan Chapter, R. A. M.; and Chicago Commandery, K. T. He died March 30, 1875.

**JAMES H. CARSON.**—Masonry has gained a firm hold on the affections of Rockford's citizens, and on its rolls are found the names of many of the leading residents of the Forest City who ably uphold its teachings, while their lives are an exposition of its principles. To this class belongs the gentleman whose name introduces this review, the popular and efficient Secretary of E. W. F. Ellis Lodge, No. 633, A. F. and A. M. His membership has always been in that society, to which he was admitted on the 11th of February, 1887. From the commencement of his Masonic career he has taken a deep interest in the welfare of the order, and after the first year of his membership he was elected Secretary, which position he has filled with such fidelity and ability that he has been continually retained in that office. He is active in all the affairs connected with Masonry in Rockford, does all in his power to promote its interests and is most highly esteemed by his brethren of the craft. He is also a valued member of the Independent Order

of Odd Fellows, has passed all the chairs in both the subordinate lodge and the Encampment, and for three years has been the representative of the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Carson is a native of Scotland—a land where Masonry has flourished for many centuries and where one branch—the Scottish Rite—had its origin. He was born in Greenock on the 10th of March, 1846, and comes from the sturdy, dauntless ancestry of the Highlands. His parents, Robert and Jane (McVey) Carson, were also natives of Greenock, were married there and came to America in 1853, locating on a farm in Monroe county, New York, where they have since resided. They are members of the Presbyterian church and people of the highest respectability. They have now reached the ages of seventy-eight and seventy-five years respectively.

James H. Carson was the eldest of their eight children, five of whom are yet living. He spent the first ten years of his life in Scotland and then accompanied his parents to America; where he early became inured to the labors of farming in the new world. He remained with his father in Monroe county, New York, until 1873, when he came to Rockford, then a young man of twenty-three years. Here he was married to Miss Ella M. Thompson, a native of Connecticut and a daughter of Hiram Thompson, one of the early settlers of Winnebago county. Three children blessed this union: Robert D., who is now in Beloit, Wisconsin; Mable, at home; and Frank A., who is employed as a salesman by W. D. Harbison. On the day he attained his majority he sent in an application for admission to E. W. F. Ellis Lodge, and at the following regular meeting he was elected. He took his first degree and three weeks later had passed the Fellow-craft degree and was created a Master Mason. Like his father, he is deeply interested in the workings of the order, and is a bright, enterprising young man. Mrs. Carson is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and has the honor of being Past Matron in the lodge to which both she and Mr. Carson belong.

In his political views Mr. Carson is a stalwart Republican, has been supervisor of Rockford for the past six years and is chairman of the committee on fees and salaries. He is now in the employ of the city, looking after the poor of Rockford, and to these duties gives his entire time. Mrs. Carson is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church and both are highly esteemed residents of Rockford, occupying a pleasant home which was erected by Mr. Carson.

**R**OBERT HENRY MANN, the Worshipful Master of his lodge in the city of Virginia and an enterprising and progressive citizen, was initiated in Virginia Lodge, No. 344, on March 2, 1892, passed April 22, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 31, and at once evinced considerable interest in the order and became a valued working member. He served as Junior Warden for two years and so thoroughly did he acquire the ritual and proved himself so accomplished a Mason that he was chosen by his brothers to fill the exalted office of Worshipful Master, and in that capacity his unremitting labors and faithful discharge of his duties have gained for him the gratitude of the *fratres* to the extent of being re-elected to that honored position on two consecutive occasions, at this writing serving his third term with undiminished credit to himself and to the eminent satisfaction of the brethren. Under his capable management the lodge has attained a highly prosperous condition and is meeting with frequent accessions from the best citizens of the town and surrounding country.

Mr. Mann was born in Wilmington, Illinois, on January 29, 1855, and comes of old English ancestry, his parents, Henry Thomas and Matilda (Stephenson) Mann, having both been born in the city of London, where they were married, whence they emigrated in 1852 to America, first locating in Chicago, where Mr. Mann engaged in the saddlery business, later removing to Wilmington, where he continued in the same

vocation. He was a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, leading a life consistent with its tenets, and departed this life in 1892, aged sixty-seven years, his wife surviving him until 1895. They were both adherents of the Protestant Episcopal church, and reared eight children, three of whom are deceased. Our subject was second in order of birth, and was educated in the public and high schools of Lincoln, Illinois, subsequently learning the art of photography, pursuing that vocation in Delavan, Illinois, until 1879, when he came to Virginia and opened a studio, which he still conducts and is considered one of the most skilled artists in the state. He produces the highest grade of work and enjoys the business patronage and confidence of the community.

For the past eleven years Mr. Mann has been connected with the hotel business in his home city, and in 1896, being a man of an observant and progressive nature, he saw the necessity for better accommodations in that line, and erected the Hotel Mann, a beautiful structure of brick, thirty-one by eighty-feet, three stories and a basement, and handsomely furnished throughout in a most tasteful manner, the rooms being supplied with steam heat, electric lights and all modern improvements. No little credit is due to the man whose business enterprise has supplied Virginia with such an attractive hostelry, and who has shown in various other ways the public spirit with which his entire nature is imbued. As a host Mr. Mann has proved eminently successful, his genial disposition, agreeable manners and careful consideration of the comforts of his guests securing his popularity among the traveling public. Politically our subject is a stanch Republican, and is doing everything in his power to advance the interests and promote the welfare of his city.

In 1882, Mr. Mann was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Hickox, and they have one daughter, Myrtle. All of them are adherents of the Christian church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mann are members of the Order

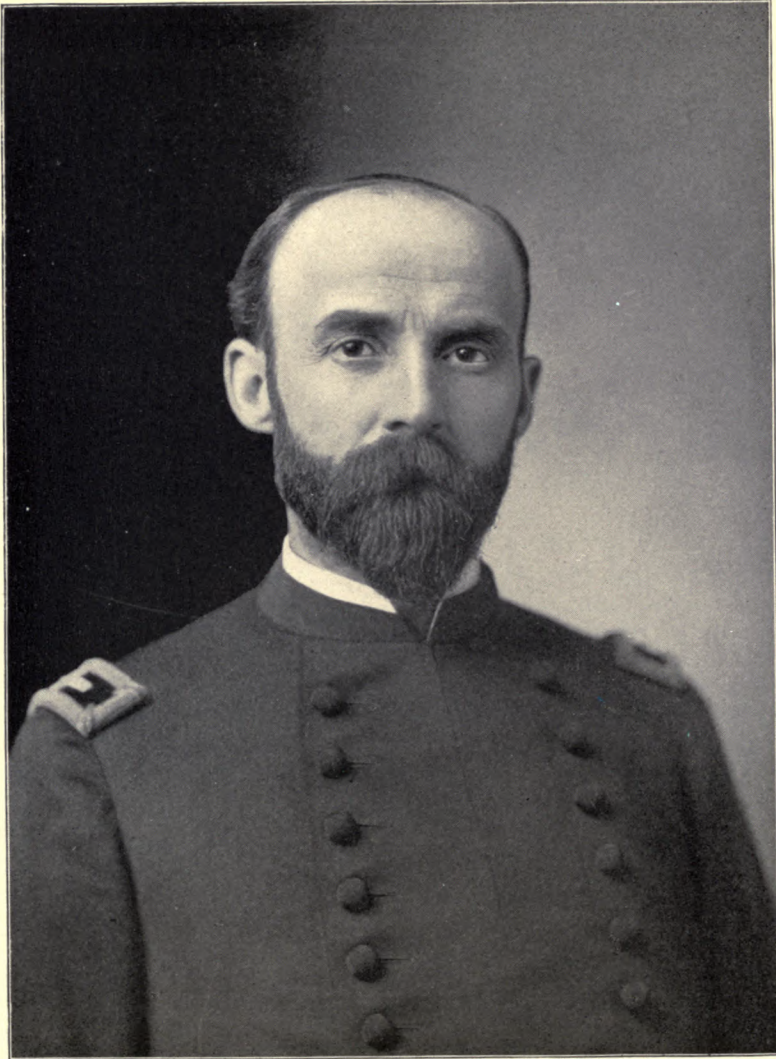
of the Eastern Star, of which she is one of the most energetic workers and holds the office of Associate Matron, while he is Past Worthy Patron. They have a delightful home and are among Virginia's most highly esteemed residents.

**J**OSIAH B. PARKINSON, editor, proprietor and publisher of the *Savanna Times*, was made a Mason in Mississippi Lodge, No. 385. In 1893 he became a member of Savanna Chapter, No. 200, of which body he is now the efficient Secretary, serving his fourth term. Being an ardent admirer of Freemasonry, he intends to progress therein, and he will do so, as he enjoys the confidence of the brotherhood.

Mr. Parkinson is a native of Jo Daviess county, Illinois, born on the 3d of September, 1854, and is of English ancestry. His father, James Parkinson, was born in Pennsylvania, married Miss Christine Hoy, a native of that state, and emigrated to Illinois in 1839, bringing with them their two children. He entered land and was a successful farmer and stock-raiser for a great many years, and died when he was seventy years old. His wife, surviving him, lived to be about eighty-two years of age, her death occurring in 1894. They had twelve children, of whom seven are still living. They were members of the Methodist church, of which they were indeed pillars and the chief founders of Methodist societies in their neighborhood.

Four of the sons responded to the call of their country for volunteers to put down the rebellion, and three of them—John, William and James—yielded up their lives in the great struggle. Mr. Josiah B. Parkinson, the youngest of the sons and the subject of this sketch, was reared on the farm, attending the public schools and Rock River Seminary at Mt. Morris and Knox College at Galesburg, both in this state. He graduated at Knox with the class of 1881, and has since been engaged in the newspaper business. During the ad-

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ministration of President Harrison he was postmaster of Savanna. Next he purchased the Savanna Times, January, 1884. It is the organ of the Republican party of the county, is both daily and weekly, and is ably edited and conducted. Mr. Parkinson has been elected justice of the peace, and has served two years.

In March, 1894, he married Miss Emma Benton, a native of Stockton, Jo Daviess county, this state, and a daughter of Lucius Benton, of that place. She is a member of the Methodist church.

**T**HOMAS L. FANSLER.—The field of Masonry is the world: its objects touch all mankind. Its aims and purposes are such that, while it extends its charity to all mankind and labors for the elevation of the human race in whatever condition it may exist, it does not propose, nor indeed can it, do so by throwing open its doors and gathering to its bosom the dissolute and vicious. This practical law of selection exercises its functions in an involuntary way, for such has been the character of the institution through all the dim ages of the past that its strongest appeal has been only to those animated by elevated motives and imbued with high ideals. The *personnel* of Illinois Freemasonry bears distinctive evidence of the workings of the exalted principle which has conserved the survival, the consecutive perpetuity, of the order from the remote period in which it had its inception. As a native son of the state of Illinois, as a man of high standing in the business circles of the great western metropolis, and as one who has attained marked distinction in the grades and orders of the Masonic fraternity, in appreciation of whose dawning "light" there was to him an earnest of the devotion and advancement to maximum degrees which have been his, there is undoubted propriety in offering in this connection a brief review of the life of Thomas L. Fansler. He became an Entered Apprentice in Waverly Lodge, No. 118, A. F. & A. M., at Waverly, Illinois, in the year 1880, and in the same duly

passed the Fellow-craft and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He maintained his affiliation with this lodge until 1886, when he was dimitted and identified himself with Piasa Lodge, No. 27, at Alton, Illinois, and in 1889 he again dimitted and became a member of Evans Lodge, No. 524, of Evanston, in which his ancient-craft affiliation has ever since been represented. In 1882 he was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch, and his present capitular association is with Evanston Chapter, No. 144, of Evanston. The year 1890 witnessed his reception of the grades and orders of knighthood in Evanston Commandery, No. 58, at Evanston, in which he was constituted, created and dubbed a Knight Templar. In February, 1896, Mr. Fansler made a distinctive advance in Masonry, receiving the degrees in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite up to and including the thirty-second, thereby entitling him to a place as a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, in the Valley of Chicago. From the beginning his interest in the work of the order has been earnest and constant, and the fraternal appreciation of this fact is shown in the matter of the official positions in which he has been called upon to serve. In the blue lodge he held the office of Senior Warden, while in the commandery he served in turn as Prelate two years, as Captain General one year, and at the annual election of Evanston Commandery, in November, 1896, he was honored with the preferment as Eminent Commander,—a distinctive mark of the personal popularity which is his among his brother knights.

Thomas Lafayette Fansler was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, on the 25th of November, 1854, being the son of Endimon and Helen A. Fansler. He received his preliminary educational discipline in the public schools, after which he was a student for one year in the Illinois College, at Jacksonville. He finally matriculated in Blackburn University, at Carlinville, Illinois, where he completed a course of study and graduated as a member of the class of 1889,

receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He soon put his acquirements to practical test by teaching, devoting his attention to pedagogic labors for a period of four years, after which he became concerned in that line of enterprise in which he has since continued and in which he has won unmistakable prestige. He accepted the position as District Agent for southern Illinois of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, one of the leading institutions of the sort in the Union, his headquarters being at Alton, where he remained four and one-half years, within which time he had so clearly proved his value and executive ability that he was advanced to the office of special agent for the state of Illinois, with headquarters in Chicago. In the important field under his jurisdiction he has done much to advance the interests of the company, and his effective efforts have not fallen short of appreciation. His office is located at 805 Chicago Stock Exchange Building, and his home is in that beautiful suburb of Chicago, Evanston, his residence being at 928 Benson avenue. Mr. Fansler's ability and correct business methods have gained him a position of prominence in insurance circles of the west and in the respect and confidence of all with whom he has had to do.

In the year 1879 was consummated the marriage of Mr. Fansler to Miss Sina B. Montgomery, of Carlinville, Illinois. In this connection it is apropos to note that she was the sister of H. H. Montgomery, a prominent Knight Templar and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the state of Illinois. Mrs. Fansler died within less than a year after her marriage, and in 1882 Mr. Fansler was united in marriage to Miss Willia R. Spruill, of Waverly, Illinois, daughter of Rev. W. F. Spruill, well known in the Illinois Conference. To this happy union have been born six children, one of whom is deceased.

In his political adherency Mr. Fansler is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and its principles, and in religion he holds to the tenets of the Presbyterian church, of

which he is an elder. He has been the incumbent in offices of distinctive trust and responsibility since becoming a resident of Evanston, having been chosen its first treasurer after its assumption of the dignity of an incorporated city, holding this office in 1892-3, while he has retained a lively interest in educational affairs and is now serving his third term as a member of the board of education.

**J**UDGE BENJAMIN L. PATCH is one of the oldest Masons in the city of Mount Carroll, Illinois. He was initiated, passed and raised in the year 1850, in Warren Lodge, No. 240, Montrose, Pennsylvania. Four years later he was dimitted and became one of the charter members of Cyrus Lodge, No. 188. In July of the following year, 1855, while sojourning at his old home in Montrose, the chapter degrees were conferred upon him, and upon his return to Mount Carroll he joined Lanark Chapter, No. 139, and from the time of his initiation in both lodge and chapter has been a consistent and valued member of the same. During the years of 1863 and 1864 he served as Secretary of the lodge. He has, however, not been an active worker in the lodge room, but rather has in his every-day life shown the true spirit of Masonry and exemplified the beautiful teachings of this ancient order.

Judge Patch is a Pennsylvanian. He was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, September 13, 1828, and comes of stanch New England stock. John A. Patch, his father, was a native of Massachusetts, and removed from that state to Vermont, where he was subsequently united in marriage to Miss Polly Brown, a native of New Hampshire. After their marriage they removed to Pennsylvania and settled on a farm, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits the rest of his life and where he died in 1840, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. His widow survived him until 1874, when she passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. They were the parents



of eleven children, the subject of our sketch being next to the youngest and one of the four who are still living. His education, begun in the common schools, was finished with a course at Harford University, of Pennsylvania. In early life he learned the printer's trade, at which he worked for eight years in Pennsylvania and New York, and following which he was for some time engaged in school-teaching. In 1849 he came west to Illinois, settling first in McDonough county, where he accepted a position as teacher and where he was thus occupied for several terms.

In the meantime he took up the study of law and pursued it diligently, and in 1853 was admitted to practice. That same year he opened an office in Mount Carroll, and soon established himself in a lucrative business, and here he has figured prominently for nearly half a century. At the organization of the Republican party he identified himself with it and has never since found cause to leave its ranks. Time after time he has been honored officially. The first office of any importance to which he was elected was that of clerk of Carroll county, in 1854. In 1860 he was elected a member of the Illinois state legislature, in which honorable body he served during the sessions of 1861 and 1862. He was elected county judge of Carroll county in 1865, was re-elected again and again, and served in that position for twenty-nine consecutive years, up to 1894, when he retired from the bench. Since then he has devoted the whole of his energies to the practice of law. His public career has been characterized by fidelity and with a just appreciation of the responsibility which has rested upon him, and thus far his life has been untarnished; and in all that has pertained to the welfare of Mount Carroll he has taken a lively interest.

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**A**NTHONY C. SANDERS is a loyal and industrious brother who dates his membership in the Masonic fraternity back to 1870, and who since that time has taken

advantage of every opportunity to make manifest his sanguine interest in the order and his sincere belief in its aims and objects. He has become thoroughly familiar with Masonic history, well posted on its laws and regulations and has done much to place the local bodies of Plano in their present flourishing condition. Mr. Sanders was elected an Entered Apprentice in Galva Lodge, No. 243, in 1879, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1880. He dimitted to become affiliated with Sunbeam Lodge, No. 428, of Plano, of which he was Worshipful Master for two terms and represented it in the Grand Lodge for the same period. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degrees in Kewanee Chapter, in 1882; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Aurora Council, No. 45, in 1892; and was constituted a Sir Knight in Aurora Commandery, No. 22, in 1889.

Mr. Sanders is a native of Sweden, his birth occurring in Christianstad, July 1, 1854. He attended the public schools until sixteen years old and was then sent to college, where he was thoroughly educated in all the modern branches of knowledge. In 1870 he determined to seek his fortune in the United States, and accordingly started for this country, by way of England, his passage being taken in an old, abandoned war vessel. After spending two months on the ocean, Mr. Sanders landed in New York on the night of July 6, 1870. He journeyed west to Minnesota, finally locating in Lakeland, that state, and there engaged in farming for a number of years, with an interruption, however, by a short residence in another locality. At the end of that time he came to Illinois and located in Rock Island, but eventually returned to Minnesota, and after a short sojourn in Red Wing he took a trip to New Orleans, and then came north to Peoria, Illinois. In the winter of 1872 he went to Lafayette, Illinois, where he assisted in the construction of the Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. In the fall of 1873 he engaged in the mercantile business for one year, and then moved to Galva and clerked there until 1875, when he moved to Elm-

wood and embarked in the coal business, in which he continued until 1876, when he returned to Sweden and remained there two years. Coming back to the United States in 1879 he again settled in Galva and engaged in the mercantile business for two years, then went on the road as traveling salesman for a hat and cap firm for a year and a half; was employed by a Chicago house for a year, and for a clothing establishment for the same time. Returning to Galva he clerked for a short period and then went to Woodhull. In 1887 Mr. Sanders came to Plano and purchased a half interest in a dry-goods, boots, shoes and clothing store, and organized the firm of A. C. Sanders & Company, which is now doing the leading business in that line in this city. Mr. Sanders is mentally equipped with all the requirements of a business man, and richly merits the success he is now enjoying.

Our subject was married January 11, 1883, to Miss Ella Edson, a native of Galva, and four children have been born to them: Edith, Bennie, Leslie and Helen. Mr. Sanders and his family are consistent adherents of the Congregational church.

In politics the subject of this review is a staunch Republican. He is a member of the Knights Templar Life Insurance Company, and is highly esteemed in Masonic, business and social circles.

**C**HARLES THEODORE REICHERT. —The gentleman whose name graces this biographical *resumé* is a member of the firm of Reichert Brothers, hardware merchants of Belvidere, and has recently become identified with the Masonic fraternity of this place. About a year ago he petitioned for the degrees of blue Masonry, was favorably received by Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., and the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason were conferred upon him on the evenings of February 20, March 2, and March 23, 1896, respectively. Shortly after his reception into the blue lodge he

sought admission to the next higher branch of Masonry, and was duly elected to receive the degrees of Kishwaukee Chapter, which were given him as follows: Mark Master, April 13; Past Master and Most Excellent Master, May 7; and Royal Arch, May 11.

Mr. Reichert comes of German ancestry, both on his father's and mother's side, his ancestors being early settlers of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where his parents, G. A. and Emma R. (Horn) Reichert, were born, reared and married, and where he was ushered into life December 10, 1862. G. A. Reichert, Jr., was a dry-goods merchant during most of his life. He was a man of the highest integrity of character and was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, as also is his wife. He departed this life at the age of fifty-six years. The grandfather of our subject, Rev. G. A. Reichert, was a Lutheran minister and for many years was pastor of St. John's church, Lutheran, of Philadelphia.

Charles T. Reichert is one of a family of eight children, of whom five are living. He was educated in the public schools of Kittanning, Pennsylvania; started out in life in the hardware business, and has ever since been engaged in that line of trade. In company with his brother, H. H. Reichert, he, in 1894, established himself in business at Belvidere. Here by honorable business methods and obliging, genial manner, they have built up a large trade and gained a high standing among the representative business men of the town.

In his political affiliations he is what may be termed an independent, casting his vote where he believes it will result in the most good.

**D**R. JOHN M. SAUCERMAN, a native son of Stephenson county and a prominent representative of the dental profession in Freeport, belongs to the Masonic fraternity, with which he has affiliated since 1894, when he was made a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, of this city. He took the Red Cross degrees in 1895 and became a

Knight Templar in 1896. He is now the Junior Warden of Excelsior Lodge, Principal Sojourner in his chapter and is one of the excellent workers in the order.

The Doctor was born in Winslow, Stephenson county, on the 30th of November, 1866. His parental grandfather emigrated to Coshocton county, Ohio, in the days of its early settlement, becoming one of its prominent pioneers. His son, Dr. John W. Saucerman, was born there in 1837, and in 1847 the grandfather came with his family to Stephenson county, Illinois, where he became the possessor of a large and valuable farm. The father of our subject took up the study of medicine in early life and was graduated at the Rush Medical College, of Chicago, with the class of 1863, after which he took up his abode in Winslow, Stephenson county, where he opened an office and has since carried on a successful and lucrative practice, acquiring wealth and influence in that locality. He is president of the pension examining board and stands high in his profession. Soon after locating at Winslow he was united in marriage to Miss Luella Bradford, a native of that town and a daughter of John Bradford, a descendant of the Pilgrims who founded the colony of Massachusetts. He was one of the first settlers of Stephenson county and represented a large land company that had much to do with the early settlement of this section of the state. The parents of our subject had three children, two daughters and a son, and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

The Doctor, whose name introduces this review, is the only son. In the public schools of his native town he acquired his literary education and later was graduated at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery with the class of 1891. The following year he began the practice of his chosen profession in Freeport and now has an excellent suite of rooms at No. 116 Stephenson street, fitted up in a tasteful style and supplied with all modern appliances for conducting his business in the most approved style. He is a wide-awake, progressive dentist, who keeps

thoroughly abreast with the advancement and improvement which is constantly being made in dentistry, and the enviable success which is crowning his efforts is due to his skill and ability.

CHARLES SCHILL has for almost a third of a century been identified with the Masonic fraternity and his history is therefore of more than passing interest in this connection. In 1865 he first became acquainted with the esoteric doctrines and sublime principles upon which the order rests, taking the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Havana Lodge. Becoming deeply interested in the work of the fraternity he continued his study of its teachings into capitular Masonry and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Havana Chapter, No. 86. In 1867 he was greeted a Royal and Select Master in the council and in 1871 became identified with chivalric Masonry, being the fourth candidate knighted in Damascus Commandery, No. 88. He has been honored with various offices which have been conferred upon him in recognition of his zeal for the order and his fidelity to its principles. In the lodge he has filled all the offices up to and including that of Senior Warden, in the chapter has served as High Priest and is now Master of the Third Vail, while by the Sir Knights of the Commandery he has been chosen to serve as Sword Bearer and Senior and Junior Warden. He has been one of the most active workers in the interests of Masonry in Havana and was a member of the building committee at the time of the first and second Masonic halls. He has been in the forefront of every advance movement for its upbuilding, and his brethren acknowledge him as a leader in Masonic work. Having no family, he has lavished upon the order all of the affection of a great heart. His zeal for and devotion to Masonry in all its branches and for all its principles is the ruling passion of his purposeful life, and those principles sway him

in his conduct toward the Grand Architect of the universe and toward his fellow men.

Mr. Schill, although of German birth, has spent the greater part of his life in Illinois. He was born in Baden, Germany, December 31, 1838, and in the fatherland spent the first fifteen years of his life, acquiring there a fair education in the common schools and spending a year and a half at work at the tinner's trade. He then came to America, crossing the Atlantic to New York, where he remained until 1856, when he came to the west, taking up his residence in Havana; and here he has since continued to make his home. For six years after locating here he was employed as a tinner by A. W. Kemp, but in 1862 embarked in the hardware business on his own account and has since carried on a store, meeting with a fair degree of success in his undertakings. He carries a large and well selected stock, and his enterprise, his energy and his well directed efforts have brought to him prosperity. His business methods are above questions, his treatment of his customers is courteous and straightforward and in this way he has secured a liberal patronage, of which he is well deserving.

**E**LMER WARD, one of the wide-awake and enterprising young business men of Rockford, and one of the recently admitted members of E. W. F. Ellis Lodge, No. 633, A. F. & A. M., is a native son of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Milford near the city of Rockford, on the 28th of January, 1862. The family to which he belongs is well known in the latter city, where the name of Ward is inseparably connected with its business interests. The parents of our subject are Frank and Helen (Wortman) Ward, natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively.

In early life the father was a foundryman and machinist, becoming a proficient worker in iron. In 1854 he took up his residence in Rockford, where he embarked in business on his own account, and has since met with excellent success. He is

the builder of the large brick pump factory which bears his name and of which he is the owner. This is one of the leading industries of the city and furnishes employment to a large force of men, thereby promoting the material welfare of the community. The company manufactures all kinds of hand and windmill pumps and enjoys a very extensive business, the trade extending throughout the south, west and northwest, as well as into the adjoining states. Frank Ward is a man of excellent business and executive ability, a systematic organizer, and in the management of his affairs displays sound judgment, energy and resolute purpose which always attains the end in view.

Elmer Ward was reared in Rockford and educated in its public schools. On leaving the school-room he entered the pump manufactory and has since been associated with his father in business. He is thoroughly familiar with all the departments of the work and is a progressive, enterprising young business man, thoroughly reliable and at all times accurate. In the absence of his father he assumed entire charge of the manufactory and with its employees he is very popular.

In 1883 Mr. Ward led to the marriage altar Miss Anna Wetenhall, a native of Connecticut. Their home is blessed with two interesting children,—Frank and Ralph,—both born in Rockford. Mr. Ward is a member of the Independent Order of Red Men, and is a staunch Republican in politics.

**W**ALTER BEARD NELL, the present Recorder of Rushville Commandery, is a Mason who has devoted much of his time and attention to the fraternity, and, possessing more than ordinary ability, he has brought to his work a high degree of intelligence, which makes him eminently fitted for any position assigned to him. He received his initial degrees in Rushville Lodge, No. 9, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 11, 1882; was exalted to the august degree of Royal

Arch Mason in Rushville Chapter, No. 184, on May 7, 1883, in which he served as Secretary for several years, and on February 11, 1895, was constituted a Sir Knight in Rushville Commandery, No. 56. In this body he is holding the office of Recorder for the sixth term, which is an evidence of the faithfulness and ability with which he discharges the arduous duties of that position, and the high appreciation held of him by his fellow Masons.

Mr. Nell is a native son of Rushville, where he was born February 19, 1858, his parents being August and Mary E. Nell, the former of whom was the founder of the large hardware and farm implement business which he and his four sons are now carrying on in Rushville. It is one of the most extensive concerns of its kind west of Chicago, and for the accommodation of their ever increasing stock Mr. Nell erected a fine building, two stories in height, with a depth of two hundred feet. Our subject acquired his education in the public schools of his native city, and subsequently entered into an association with his father in the hardware business, is in charge of all the firm's books, and is one of the successful and prominent citizens of Rushville.

On June 6, 1884, Mr. Nell was married to Miss Anna Pettijohn, of Huntsville, Illinois, and of this union one daughter, Jessie May, has been the issue. Mr. and Mrs. Nell are valued members of the Methodist church and contribute liberally to its support. In politics our subject's sympathies are with the Republican party. He is a loyal friend, active and zealous in all the affairs of life, and a devoted, enthusiastic brother who holds a warm place in the hearts of his *confreres*.

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**N**ATHANIEL L. BARMORE.—Man is but "human," and therefore addicted to the frailties which his race has inherited for centuries. If, therefore, he associates himself with an organization that has for its object the amelioration not only of his own condition but also that of his fellow men

and the generations that are to follow, it becomes a question as to whether in the course of time the evils that flesh is heir to may not be entirely eradicated and a new plane of morality instituted. Such indeed is, and ever has been, the endeavor of the fraternity of Freemasons, and its membership is growing to such an extent that one is led to hope its aims will in time be attained. One of the worthy brothers in Chicago who has proved himself to be an acquisition to the local lodge is Nathaniel L. Barmore. He was initiated and raised to the degree of Master Mason in South Bend Lodge, No. 294, at South Bend, Indiana, was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in South Bend Chapter, No. 29, and was knighted in South Bend Commander, No. 13, from which he dimitted in 1887 and became affiliated with Chevalier Bayard Commandery. Mr. Barmore has ever displayed a true spirit of charity and manly consideration in his daily life, and faithfully follows the precepts of the craft.

The birth of Mr. Barmore took place in New York city, March 7, 1846, and his education was acquired in the public schools, later supplemented by a course in an academy. He then turned his attention to making a living for himself, and engaged in the cloth business in the city of his nativity for two years, after which he entered the service of the Union Pacific Railroad, remaining in its employ for five years, during two of which he was a passenger conductor. In 1870 he gave up railroading and moved to South Bend, Indiana, where he embarked in the drug business for three years and in the manufacturing business for two years. In 1879 he became associated with the Cleveland Burial Case Company as a salesman, which position he filled with efficiency for about five years, at the end of that time being sent to Chicago to take charge of their branch office. He remained here in the capacity of manager for two years and then resigned to accept the secretaryship of the F. H. Hill Company, and is fulfilling the duties of that office at the present writing. He is also a stockholder in the con-

cern, which is one of the largest of its kind in the west, its specialty being the manufacturing of undertaking supplies. Mr. Barmore is a man of energy, perseverance and industry, and as a result of possessing these admirable qualities he has made a success of his life and is to-day in a position to enjoy the fruits of his early labors. His integrity of character and honesty of purpose are undisputed, and he commands the respect and high esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

In 1871 Mr. Barmore was united in marriage to Miss May Coonley, of South Bend, Indiana. In his political faith he is a Republican and a staunch supporter of the principles incorporated in the platform of that party.

**S**YLVESTER GAUNT.—Among the numerous distinguished craftsmen who have been prominent in Freemasonry in Chicago during the past twenty years the subject of this brief review may consistently be classified. He has given ample proof of his love for the institution of Masonry and his desire to advance its interests. He has always shown the characteristics of a truehearted frater and has gained the confidence and esteem of those with whom he has been associated in the various organizations wherein he has had membership, his popularity in Masonic circles being of pronounced order. In private, social and business life he has been the synonym of his Masonic professions, thus commanding the high regard of the fraternity and the respect of all who know him in other departments of life. Mr. Gaunt was brought to the "light" of symbolic Masonry in May, 1876, when he became an Entered Apprentice in Home Lodge, No. 508, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago, and in this body he was raised Master Mason. Upon the organization of Mizpah Lodge, No. 768, in 1884, Mr. Gaunt became a charter member of the same, was Master of the same while under dispensation and at the first election was made the regular incumbent of this distinguished of-

fice, in which he rendered effective service for a term of five years, showing here, as he has done in every other official capacity, a distinctive tact and marked administrative talent, as well as a never failing courtesy. The beautiful and impressive legends of caputular Masonry, teaching the history of the past, were revealed to him in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, in which he was exalted to the Royal Arch in 1877, thereafter passing the various official chairs and serving as High Priest for three years. In the chapter he also passed the circle of the Council degrees, having been greeted a Royal and Select Master in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, duly empowered to confer these degrees. He was a charter member of Palestine Council, No. 66, from which he was later dimitted to Temple Council, No. 65, with which his affiliation is now placed. He has served in the cryptic body as Deputy Illustrious Master. The orders of Knighthood were attained by Mr. Gaunt in 1879, when the chivalric honors were conferred upon him in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar. He is now a member of Englewood Commandery, No. 59, having been dimitted to the same. He held the office of Sword Bearer in the commandery in 1896.

Sylvester Gaunt is a native son of the Wolverine state, having been born at the university city, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on the 3d of September, 1850, the youngest of the five children of Thomas and Mary Gaunt. His father died when he was a child and he was early thrown upon his own resources, his eldest brother, the natural mainstay of the family after the father's death, having enlisted for service in the late war of the Rebellion at the age of seventeen and having died in Danville prison. Sylvester was a boy of self-reliant nature and did not flinch from the duties which came to him. He began his practical career as a telegraph operator in the employ of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, and while thus retained came to Chicago, the date of his advent here having been 1871. He was employed in the Chicago office of the Western Union Telegraph Company for a period

of four years, after which he resigned his position to accept that which he holds at the present time,—cashier and general office manager for Clay, Robinson & Company, one of the leading live-stock-commission firms of the western metropolis. His pronounced executive ability and his capacity for handling multifarious details have made him a most valuable employee, and his services are duly appreciated by the firm to whose interests he has thus given his attention.

In the year 1872 Mr. Gaunt was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stoll, a native of Michigan, and they are the parents of one daughter, Louisa Alida. In politics Mr. Gaunt is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and socially he retains membership in the Oakland Club, one of the representative organizations of the sort in the south division of the city.

**F**REDERICK T. ROBINSON.—Twenty-six years ago Mr. Robinson crossed the threshold of the blue lodge and there received the first three degrees of Freemasonry. Since that time he has gradually progressed in the order and is to-day one of the highly-honored and most popular Masons in Genoa. He was initiated in Peru Lodge, No. 281, at Peru, New York, in 1871, and dimitted from that body to become affiliated with Genoa Lodge, No. 288; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Sycamore Chapter, No. 49; received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Sycamore Council; was created a Sir Knight in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15; and attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Freeport Consistory in 1891. He is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Tebala Temple, of Rockford, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Robinson was born in Keeseville, Essex county, New York, July 19, 1850, and is the son of Hiram and Aurilla (Cutler) Robinson. He was sent to the public schools of his native city, and later attended

the academy there and at Plattsburg. He began his career by working with his father at the forge in an iron foundry, which he subsequently left to take up the vocation of teaching, and afterward clerked in a store. In 1864, although but fourteen years of age, he enlisted in the Civil war as a bugler with Company A, Sixteenth New York Cavalry, and served until the close of the conflict. In 1874 he came west and about seven years later located in Genoa. He attended the Chicago School of Pharmacy, at which he was graduated in 1885; returning to Genoa, he embarked in the drug business, which he has followed ever since. He has a well-



FREDERICK T. ROBINSON.

appointed store, and by perseverance and honest business methods has succeeded in establishing a large and flourishing trade. In 1893 he was appointed postmaster at Genoa, and has given general satisfaction.

Mr. Robinson was married in 1878 to Miss Ada R. Van Alstein, and one son, Frederick G., was born to them. Mrs. Robinson died in September, 1885, and our

subject married again, his second wife being Miss Anna McCormick, by whom he had one child, Hazel F. Mrs. Robinson's demise occurred in April, 1895.

Our subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Maccabees. He is one of Genoa's substantial and progressive citizens, and stands high in the opinion of all who know him.

**J**OSEPH ELDER, a resident of Peoria, Illinois, and for many years identified with railroading, has for over a quarter of a century taken pleasure in Masonic associations, and in this ancient order has advanced to the higher degrees.

Mr. Elder is a native of the Empire state. He was born in Chatham Center, Columbia county, February 24, 1844, and in 1860, while yet a boy in his 'teens, entered the employ of the Hudson River Railroad in the capacity of fireman. Later he served an apprenticeship to the trade of machinist in Troy, New York, finishing at Philadelphia, and for three years thereafter was with Henry Burden & Sons, of Troy, as their millwright. Following this and during the oil excitement in West Virginia he was there engaged in the oil business two years. From West Virginia he came out to Indiana and became associated with Lord, Thomas & Company, of Indianapolis, with whom he was interested in building the first roll mill of its kind west of Pittsburg, the work of which was all done by hand. It is three stories high. Next we find him at Minneapolis, in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, where he was for two years and a half machinist and engineer, and from that company he went to the Union Pacific, with which he was connected for a year. At this time he crossed the plains to the far west, this being the second trip he had made to the Pacific coast overland. The first trip was attended with much excitement and adventure, and on one occasion he was captured by the Sioux Indians. On his return the second time he accepted

a position on the Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railroad, first as machinist and shop foreman one year, afterward taking charge of the locomotive department for several years; since 1877 he has had charge of the Rock Island & Peoria Railway as master mechanic for both locomotives and cars.

Coming now to the Masonic portion of Mr. Elder's history, we find that he was initiated, passed and raised in Beardstown, Cass county, Illinois, about 1870, and the same year was exalted in Clark Chapter, No. 3. He now affiliates with both the lodge and chapter in Peoria. In 1878 he was made a Knight Templar in Peoria, in 1879 had revealed to him the mysteries of the Scottish Rite, and in 1892 became a member of Medinah Shrine, of Chicago, from which he was dimitted when Mohammed Temple, of Peoria, was instituted, and placed his membership in it, and thus at present all his Masonic affiliations are in Peoria, and nearly ever since he has been a Mason he has held office in the various branches of the order. He has passed most of the chairs in the blue lodge, serving in the first lodge of which he was a member, and for two years filling the Senior Deacon's chair in Peoria Lodge. He has filled all the offices of the Peoria Commandery, occupying the executive chair in 1890-1, in the consistory has served in every office except that of Commander-in-Chief, and in the Shrine is now gracing the chair of Chief Roban.

**M**ARMAR DENNY DOUGHERTY, general contractor, Canton, Illinois, is an enterprising and thoroughgoing business man, and one who has for several years been interested in Masonry, he having advanced through the various degrees of this ancient order until he has attained high rank in the same. He maintains membership in Ionic Lodge, No. 438, F. & A. M.; Bellaire Chapter, No. 107, R. A. M.; Hope Commandery, No. 26, K. T.; Canton Council, No. 23, R. & S. M., and Peoria Con-



istory, Scottish Rite. Also he is a member of Mohammed Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Peoria, into which he was initiated May 25, 1894, and both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, the popular auxiliary of Masonry, their identity being with Canton Chapter.

Mr. Dougherty is a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and was born November 12, 1857. In early life he began contracting, taking contracts for railroad construction, city streets, sewers and water works, traveling through various portions of the East, and in Indiana and Illinois. February 20, 1892, he came to Canton, Illinois, and has since maintained his home here. During this time he has paved many miles of street in Canton and made four miles of sewer here and three-quarters of a mile at Pekin, this state, besides carrying to completion a number of other contracts.

As a business man, citizen and Mason he stands high and justly merits the esteem in which he is held.

**H**ERMAN F. HANKE is a Royal Arch Mason, having been a member of the fraternity since 1891, in which year he joined Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., of Freeport. He took the Royal Arch degrees in Freeport Chapter, and has taken all the degrees of the Scottish Rite up to and including the thirty-second. He is an interested and worthy member of the fraternity, and well deserves mention in this volume devoted to Masonic history in Illinois. He is also connected with other civic societies, having been an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for a quarter of a century. He has passed all the chairs in the subordinate lodge, and is a member of the Grand Lodge. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias society, to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and has represented the two latter in their respective grand lodges.

Mr. Hanke is a native of Bremen, Germany, born on the 25th of September, 1846. His father, Herman Hanke, was

also born in that country, and emigrated to the United States, arriving in Freeport on the 12th of June, 1847. He brought with him his young wife and their little son, Herman F., who was then only nine months old. The father first worked at teaming and later was engaged on the construction of the Galena & Chicago Union Railroad. He now resides with his son, retired from active life, and has attained the age of eighty-one years. His good wife departed this life in 1884, when sixty-five years of age. They had twelve children, of whom only six are now living.

Herman F. Hanke, their eldest child, was educated in the public schools of Freeport and when seventeen years of age began learning the mason's trade, a business which he has since successfully followed. He has become one of the prominent contractors and builders of the city, doing a large amount of building and sewer work. He is also a member of the firm of Hanke & Stewart, contractors for artificial stone, tile, brick, asphalt and tar sidewalk. He has ever been a most thorough and reliable workman and many of the important structures of the city stand as monuments to the thrift and handiwork of our subject. He was connected with the erection of the four schoolhouses of Freeport and is now superintending the mason work of the new schoolhouse in process of erection. He built also the county courthouse and the St. Mary's Catholic church, a splendid edifice that is a model of architectural beauty and of complete workmanship. He has also erected two residences for himself, the second being a most beautiful, elegant and commodious dwelling.

In 1870 Mr. Hanke was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Stichter, and they now have four children,—Kate, Henry H., Albert F. and Mae.

Mr. Hanke is an enthusiastic and loyal supporter of the Republican party and has held various offices. He was superintendent of public works for many years, also alderman of the city and one of the supervisors of the county. He is active, capable

and thoroughly reliable whether in business, social or public life, and has always been a valuable factor in the upbuilding and prosperity of Freeport.

**E**LMER E. BAST, an active working member of the Masonic fraternity, who follows closely and conscientiously its teachings, has for four years been a member of Garden City Lodge, No. 141, A. F. & A. M., having taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow-craft and been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on the 29th of June, 1892. He has since been a faithful attendant on its meetings and has done all in his power to advance the interests of the order and promulgate its principles. He is now serving in the position of Junior Warden, and has just been elected Senior Warden. To these offices he was called by the vote of his fellow members of the craft who esteem him highly for his genuine worth and devotion to the fundamental truths of the society. In 1893 he was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, and in 1895 was created a Knight Templar in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, wherein he is now serving as Sword Bearer. This is the largest and most powerful Commandery in the country, and Mr. Bast is numbered among its most faithful and zealous adherents. He has made a close study of the teaching of Masonry and of the workings of the order, fully understands the requirements imposed upon its members, and lives up to all obligations.

Although Mr. Bast has spent the greater part of his life in Chicago, he is a native of New Jersey, his birth having occurred in Frenchtown, on the 5th of November, 1861. When a child of two years he was brought by his parents to the metropolis of Illinois, and spent his boyhood days in their home, attending the common schools from the age of six years. When he left the school-room to take up the practical duties of a business career, he turned his attention to the merchant tailoring business, which he has since

followed. He learned the trade, mastering the business in all its details and becoming an efficient workman. In 1896 he embarked in business on his own account and is now enjoying a liberal patronage, receiving the support of many friends whom he had met before beginning operation on his own account. His courteous treatment of his patrons, his excellent workmanship, his promptness and his thoroughly reliable methods insure him a constantly increasing trade, and he will undoubtedly establish a first-class tailoring parlor.

In 1882 Mr. Bast was united in marriage to Miss May M. Cromlish, a native of Wheeling, West Virginia. They have one daughter, May Irene.

**F**RANK ST. LEON CARTER is a Royal Arch and thirty-second-degree Mason. Among the prominent society men of Rockford he occupies a conspicuous place, for his zeal and earnestness in promoting the orders with which he is connected has made him a valuable member. Through the past decade he has affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and his deep sympathy with the order and the noble mission which underlies its ceremonies is shown by the conformity of his life to its teachings. He was made a Mason in Rockford Lodge, No. 102, in 1886, taking the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason at the successive regular meetings of the lodge. In August, 1895, he was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Winnebago Chapter, No. 24, and in the same year joined the Tebala Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and Crusader Commandery, No. 17, K. T. He is now serving as Captain of the Host in the Chapter, and is one of its active working members. It was also in February, 1896, that Mr. Carter, with a class of twenty-five of his friends, took the consistory degrees in Freeport Consistory, of the Scottish Rite, thereby becoming a thirty-second-degree Mason. Nor is his membership confined to Masonry alone. He is a worthy

representative of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, is Past Chancellor of Arthur Lodge, No. 31, is now Keeper of the Records and Seals, and since 1885 has filled the office of Adjutant of the Fifth Regiment of the Uniform Rank of the society. With a deep enjoyment of the social features of these organizations, it is not this alone which wins the loyalty of Mr. Carter; their benevolent and fraternal principles are in harmony with his belief as to what should be the attitude of man to his fellow man, and their teachings find worthy exposition in his life.

Mr. Carter is also deeply interested in the military organization of the state, and is a prominent and active member of the Illinois National Guards, having served with honor as captain and adjutant in the Third Infantry Regiment. His loyal American spirit is manifest in his interested connection therewith, and among his comrades he is most popular and highly esteemed.

Mr. Carter is a native of England, born July 5, 1864; was educated at the world-renowned school of Rugby and afterward became a bookkeeper and stenographer. In 1880 he sought more active fields of labor in the new world, crossed the ocean to Montreal, Canada, and thence made his way to Chicago, where he secured a position in the law office of E. G. Mason. Later he was connected with the wholesale confectionery house of John Kranz in the capacity of bookkeeper, and in 1884 he came to Rockford, where, for some time, he held an important position in the Rockford Watch Manufactory as setter of jewels. On the 1st of January, 1890, he became connected with the Forest City Bakery Company, which firm does a most extensive business, and has since remained with them as bookkeeper, also largely filling the position of general manager of their enormous business. The precision and accuracy which marks his career as a soldier is manifest in the office; he possesses much executive ability, is far-sighted in his judgment and has the unlimited confidence of the company and the warm regard of those

who are associated with him in the office work.

In 1891 Mr. Carter was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Vandercook, a native of Illinois. With her husband she belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. They move in the best circles of Rockford society, where intelligence and true worth are the passports which obtain entrance thereto, and their own home is noted for its hospitality.

**C**HANCEY HARLOW CASTLE is one of the veteran Masons of Quincy who has followed the principles and precepts of the order in an enthusiastic and praiseworthy manner for the past twenty-two years. He was initiated and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Bodley Lodge, No. 1, in 1875, was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, May 25, 1876, and was created a Sir Knight in El Aksa Commandery, No. 55, in the same year. He has faithfully continued his membership in these bodies and is an exemplary and highly respected Mason.

The birth of Mr. Castle took place in Adams county, Illinois, January 10, 1843, his ancestors being of Scotch extraction, who emigrated from the land of the thistle to the United States, locating in Vermont, where they became prominent in the early history of that state, and were participants in the Revolutionary war. Timothy Castle, the father of our subject, was born in Wilmington, Vermont, and in 1835 moved to Adams county, Illinois, subsequently taking up his residence in Quincy, where from 1863 to 1880 he was engaged in the manufacture of stoves. He was an important factor in the upbuilding of Quincy and was closely identified with its interests up to the time of his death, in 1880. He was a man of enterprise, progress, and integrity, a firm adherent of the Presbyterian church, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married Miss Julia A. Boyd,

who, like himself, was born in Wilmington, Vermont. She has followed her husband to the "city of eternal rest."

Our subject, the second of the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Castle, received the rudiments of his education in the public schools of Quincy. He was but eighteen years old on the breaking out of the Civil war, but notwithstanding his youth he promptly offered his services in the defense of the Union and enlisted in Company I, Seventy-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He proved to be a brave and efficient soldier, but was unfortunate in having his military career cut short by being wounded in the battle of Chickamauga, which necessitated his discharge, after serving two years. Upon his return to Quincy he associated himself with his father in the Comstock Castle Stove Company, of which he was later made president. It is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country and is doing a large and ever increasing business. Mr. Castle is also president of the Mullner Box & Planing Company, a director and stockholder in the First National Bank of Quincy, a director and stockholder in the American Straw Board Company, and is interested in various other business enterprises in the Gem City. He is a public-spirited citizen and always stands ready to do everything in his power to support any movement that has for its object the advancement and welfare of Quincy.

In 1868 Brother Castle was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Parker, of Galesburg, Illinois, and they have had seven children, namely: Julia A., Ella G., Timothy P., Alfred L., Elizabeth, Mary E. and Clara. Mr. and Mrs. Castle are affiliated with the Presbyterian church, to which they are liberal contributors. He has been a lifelong Republican, takes a deep interest in the politics of his county, of which he has served as supervisor, and in 1897 was again the nominee of his party for that office. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and since 1892 has been aid-de-camp on the national staff under the different commanders.

**L**EE WOOD ALBRIGHT, train master of the Illinois Central Railroad, residing at Freeport, is one of the wide-awake, enterprising young business men, whose activity in the affairs of life has led to the rapid upbuilding and advancement of this western section of the country. It has been the infusing of their youthful spirits and energy with the plans and methods of older men that has produced the excellent results achieved in the Mississippi valley, and to this class belongs the subject of our sketch.

Mr. Albright is a native of Cuba, Illinois, born on the 4th of March, 1864, and is of German lineage. His father, Dr. J. B. E. Albright, was born in Pennsylvania and came to Illinois in 1845, locating in Cuba, while for many years he engaged in the practice of the medical profession in that place, in Dixon and in Forreston. He was in the last named city for eighteen years, or up to the time of his death, which occurred when he had reached his sixty-fifth year. He married Catherine Cline, a native of Virginia and a descendant of one of the old and highly respected families of that state. They were married in 1845 and at once came to Illinois, where the mother is still living. They had a son and daughter, the former being the subject of this review.

In the common schools and the high school of Forreston, Lee W. Albright acquired his education, and when seventeen years of age began railroading, being in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and Illinois Central Companies. He was with the latter at Amboy, Freeport and Rockford, Illinois, through a period of six years, and has been train master at Freeport for the past four years. His position is a highly responsible and important one, and he is discharging his duties with marked fidelity and ability.

In 1891 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Albright and Miss Rose Zapf, a native of Freeport. They have two sons, Donald Alfred and Keneth Cline. His connection with the Masonic fraternity dates from 1894,

when he joined Excelsior Lodge, of Freeport. He has progressed rapidly in the order, from the blue lodge to the chapter, the council and the commandery.

In politics he is a liberal Democrat, but has never taken an active part in political matters, preferring to give his whole time to his business interests and the interests of the company with which he is connected.

**J**OSEPH E. ILG belongs to the Masonic order in Rockford, with which he has been connected for fifteen years. He took the first degree in the fraternity in 1881 and is now a Royal Arch and Knight Templar Mason. He became a Master Mason in Acacia Lodge, of LaSalle, Illinois, was raised to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Peru, Illinois, and is a Knight of Sterling Commandery, No. 57.

He also belongs to Medinah Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Chicago. He was elected and served as Junior Warden of the blue lodge, but so great have been the demands of his business that he has had no time for active official work in the order. By attendance at the meetings and by a faithful exemplification of the teaching of the society in his every-day conduct, he attests his loyalty and is well numbered among the worthy Masons of Rockford.

Mr. Ilg is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, his birth having occurred in that city on the 9th of January, 1857. His parents, Severn and Frances (Turin) Ilg, were both natives of France, and emigrated to America in 1848, locating in Cleveland, where the father was employed as a master mechanic. He died in 1876, at the age of fifty-seven years. His wife and three children still survive him, Mrs. Ilg being now seventy-six years of age.

The gentleman whose name introduces this review is their oldest child. He was educated in the public schools of his native city and on the 1st of April, 1866, started out in business in the same line in which he is now engaged, securing a clerkship in a

drug store, where he was employed until 1873. He then removed to Dallas, Texas, where he embarked in business on his own account, but about a year later a fire destroyed his store and he lost all he had—the accumulated savings of several years. He was then forced to commence life anew as a clerk in St. Louis. In 1876 he returned to his native city and again established a drug store, but after a year sold out and returned to St. Louis in 1878. For some time he was engaged in the manufacture of glass at LaSalle, Illinois, where he again was overtaken by disaster, a second fire causing heavy losses. With determined energy and unfaltering purpose, however, he set to work to repair his losses, and in 1881 established a drug store in Prophetstown, Illinois, in partnership with J. H. Mosher. In 1886 he removed to Elkader, Iowa, where he became a member of the drug firm of Merritt, Williams & Company, but after a year sold his interest and went to DeKalb, Illinois, where he was employed as salesman in a drug store for a year. In 1889 he came to Rockford, and, after a year spent as salesman, opened his present store on Seventh street. This is one of the best equipped drug stores in the city and he is now enjoying a good business, which is steadily increasing. His broad experience in this line, his thorough familiarity with the requirements of the trade, and his ready adaptability well enable him to meet the wants of his patrons, while his energy and diligence have brought to him a well deserved success.

Mr. Ilg was happily married in 1872 to Miss Lilian Cox, a native of Selma, Alabama, and a daughter of Frank Cox, a contractor and builder of that state. Two children came to bless their union—Frank Joseph and Mary Frances. After twenty-one years of happy married life Mrs. Ilg was called to the home beyond this life. She was a most amiable and estimable lady, a loving wife and devoted mother, and her death was a source of greatest sorrow to husband, children and many friends.

Mr. Ilg is a member of the Knights of

Pythias fraternity and of the Loyal League. In politics he is a Republican, and although deeply interested in the growth and success of his party has never been an office-seeker, preferring to give his time and attention to his business. He has met reverses which would have disheartened a resolute man, but his strong purpose and courageous spirit would brook no opposition that could be overcome by energy, perseverance and honorable business methods, and he is now enjoying a comfortable competence as the reward of his earnest labors.

**R** REICHARDT is numbered among those of foreign birth who have become loyal American citizens, prominent in the commercial affairs of their adopted country, and who in Masonic circles have won the esteem and confidence of all with whom they have been brought in contact. He was made a Mason in Landmark Lodge, in 1894, and the same year took the Royal Arch degrees in Fairview Chapter. He is also a Knight Templar, his affiliation with this branch of Masonry being through his membership in Apollo Commandery, No. 1. He is a worthy member of the order, true to its principles, and is widely and favorably known in its circles.

As his name indicates, Mr. Reichardt is of German nationality. His birth occurred in the fatherland on the 24th of October, 1857, and in the public schools of that country he acquired his education. He early began work in a grocery store and was thus trained to mercantile pursuits, becoming familiar with the methods of business life and the best ways to conduct an enterprise. He was a youth of fourteen years when he bade adieu to his native land and sailed for the new world. Since that time he has been a resident of Chicago and has steadily worked his way upward by steady application, resolute purpose and capable management. In 1892, when he had acquired some capital, he became connected with the Vienna Model Bakery and has since been secretary and treasurer of the

company. His efforts have contributed largely to the success which has attended the industry, and his prosperity has been won along the well defined line of honorable labor, while his course has been shaped by the tried principles of honorable dealings, consecutive effort and earnest purpose.

Mr. Reichardt is married, his wife having been Miss Mary Nyerie, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**W**ILLIAM A. REMINGTON has the honor of being the only thirty-second-degree Mason residing in Geneseo, Illinois. For many years he has been identified with this fraternity, which belongs to no one land or to no one people, but is practically universal, embracing in its membership men of almost every rank, faith and tongue. Catholic in its aims and spirit, it welcomes the beneficent enterprises of the day, jealous of neither sect nor party, but ever toiling to enlarge the boundaries of human progress and to put into life the streams of deeper and richer experience. Though its origin may be merely a matter of tradition, its influence is unmistakable, and civilization owes to the fraternity a debt of gratitude that is incalculable. To the world Greece has furnished the standard of sculpture, Italy of painting, Germany of music, and America of republican government; but Masonry has given to all lands a standard of conduct in harmony with all religions, whereby the truest and best impulses of man's nature are developed.

Mr. Remington began the study of the teachings and esoteric doctrines of the fraternity in Washington Lodge, No. 3, A. F. & A. M., of Warren, Rhode Island, February 1, 1853, and is one of the oldest brethren of that society, with which he still retains his membership. He was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Temple Chapter, June 9, 1853, and manifests the zeal and ardor symbolized by its prevailing tincture of scarlet, which historically refers to the rebuilding of the temple of

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*Burr Robbins.*



Jerusalem. He received the grades and order of the Scottish Rite after coming to the west, being proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Davenport Valley Consistory, of Davenport, Iowa, wherein he attained the thirty-second degree. Twenty-six years have passed since he received the ineffable degree of the Lodge of Perfection, and he is therefore one of the oldest consistory Masons in this locality. In 1894 he metaphorically became familiar with the sands of the desert through his entrance into Kaaba Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Remington was born in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, on the 29th of April, 1830, and is of English descent, being a representative of a family that located in New England soon after the process of reclamation from savage rule had begun. Its members were active participants in the events which go to form the history of that period and of the Revolution. His father, Samuel W. Remington, was born in Seekonk, and married Miss Harriet Read, also a native of that town. For many years he was a prominent and successful merchant and became a large landowner. He died in Warren, Rhode Island, at the age of sixty-nine years, and his wife departed this life in her seventy-first year. For many years they were active and consistent members of the Congregational church. Of their family of five sons and one daughter, only three are now living.

William A. Remington, the eldest son, was educated in Warren, Rhode Island, and entered upon his business career as a merchant, which pursuit he followed in the east and also for a number of years after locating in Davenport, Iowa, which was the first scene of his labors after his removal to the Mississippi valley. An active factor in the development of Davenport and a leading and influential citizen, he served for eleven years as city treasurer and was otherwise connected with the public interests, especially as a member of the Republican party. Since 1871 he has been in the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad

Company, having control of the stock-yards. For twenty-five years he has held this important position, and has rendered to the company most efficient service. In April, 1897, he was elected mayor of Geneseo, by the Republican party.

In 1855 Mr. Remington was united in marriage to Miss Maria Cole, of Warren, Rhode Island, and to them were born three children, but only one is now living, Henry W., who is a resident of Chicago. Mr. Remington is a man of gentlemanly bearing, whose life is in harmony with his Masonic professions and therefore commands the confidence and love of his brethren and the respect of all who know him in other departments of life.

**B**URR ROBBINS, who for almost forty years has held membership in the Masonic order, was made a Mason in Iris Lodge, No. 229, of Cleveland, Ohio, in 1858. He did not advance beyond the blue lodge for ten years, when he was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Paw Paw Chapter, No. 23, of Paw Paw, Michigan, in 1868. The same year he was knighted in Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, of Kalamazoo, Michigan; received the ineffable degrees of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite in Wisconsin Consistory, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1887, and became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Milwaukee Temple, in the same year. He also belongs to the Masonic Veterans' Association and has a wide acquaintance among the fraternity throughout the entire country, meeting many brethren of the craft in his travels over this continent.

Mr. Robbins was born in Broome county, New York, on the 13th of October, 1837, and spent the first twelve years of his life in the Empire state, after which he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was reared to manhood and made his home until 1868. From 1873 until 1888 he was engaged in the circus business, spending the winters at Janesville, Wisconsin, and the name of Burr Robbins thus became familiar through-

out the length and breadth of this land. He attained an enviable reputation along this line, and the excellent and high-grade entertainment which he furnished brought to him a liberal patronage, and he derived therefrom an excellent income. In 1888 he retired from active business pursuits and removed to Chicago, but for the past three years has been connected with the American Advertising and Bill Posting Company, of which he is president. He is a man of courteous manner and genial disposition, popular with all classes, and his friends are many.

He was united in marriage, January 20, 1862, to Miss Libbie C. Ackley, who died in 1869. Mr. Robbins was married again December 18, 1871, to Miss Nett W. Webster, of Lawrence, Michigan. To this union are born two children, Burnett W. and China L.

In politics Mr. Robbins has been a lifelong Republican, casting his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln.

**A**LBERT L. SCHIMPPFF, second vice-president and teller of the German-American National Bank, of Peoria, Illinois, occupies a place well to the front among the leading business men and active Masons of this city, and at this point in this series of biographical reviews we take pleasure in touching upon the salient items in his life history.

Albert L. Schimpff was born in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, October 9, 1844, in his native land was reared and educated, and when a youth accompanied his parents across the Atlantic to America, settling in Peoria, Illinois, before our late war. On locating here he was with his father in the grocery business. He left the store in the fall of 1861 to enlist in the Union army, and as a member of Company A, Twenty-sixth Missouri Infantry, went to the front, where he made an honorable record as a brave, true soldier. In May, 1863, he was severely wounded at Champion Hills, Mississippi, a ball passing through his left shoulder, from

the effects of which he still has a lame arm. The following autumn he was honorably discharged and returned to Peoria, resuming his old place as clerk in his father's store, and remaining there until 1868. That year he went to Elmwood, Peoria county, and engaged in the grocery business for himself. Returning to Peoria in 1871, he became interested in the manufacture of cigars, being thus occupied for three years. Next we find him doing business as a member of the firm of Louis Green & Company, wholesale grocers, with which he was connected until the firm was dissolved on account of Mr. Green's death. Mr. Schimpff then built a cold-storage warehouse, conducted the same for four years, up to 1893, and then entered the German-American National Bank as second vice-president and teller, the position he now occupies, as stated at the beginning of this sketch.

For a period of twenty-six years there has been a thread of Masonic history running along with his varied business career, and turning now to this we find that in 1870 he was made a Master Mason in Horeb Lodge, No. 363, at Elmwood, with which he affiliated until his return to Peoria, when he became identified with Schiller Lodge, No. 335. Also he has a membership in Peoria Chapter, No. 7, Peoria Commandery, No. 3, and Mohammed Temple, Mystic Shrine, and has at various times filled numerous official positions of prominence and trust in these bodies. He has passed all the chairs in Schiller Lodge and has been its Master four times, filling the office at present; has filled all the chairs in the chapter except that of High Priest, and in the commandery all except that of Commander, which he declined to accept. In short, he has been a prominent and active Mason ever since he joined the order, and in his life has exemplified many of its teachings.

In Grand Army councils also do we find Mr. Schimpff a leading factor. He has been identified with the G. A. R. ever since its organization, has been commander of Bryner Post, No. 67, and has been junior

vice department commander. Also he was a prominent aspirant at Cairo in 1896 for department commander, coming within ten votes of being elected. At the encampment held at Galesburg in May, 1897, he was elected department commander.

**W**ALTER E. SCHMIDT.—The upbuilding of Masonry in Illinois is due to the devoted service and loyal attachment of the members of the fraternity, and is the result not of the efforts of a single individual, nor even of the highest officials of the state, but is the aggregate efforts of the members in all the various branches and lodges. Mr. Schmidt is one among the many who have aided in furthering the cause of this noble and honored fraternity by his adherence to its principles and its precepts. He was made a Mason in Triluminar Lodge, No. 767, A. F. & A. M., in 1894, still retains his membership therein, and is now serving as Worshipful Master, to which position he was called by his brethren of the craft, who recognize his unchanging fealty. In 1895 he took the Royal Arch degrees in Sinai Chapter, No. 185.

Mr. Schmidt is a western man by birth, training and preference, and possesses the true western spirit of progress and advancement. He was born on the 18th of May, 1868, in Minnesota, and was reared and educated there. With a practical English education to fit him for the duties of life he entered upon his business career, and has always engaged in the real-estate and insurance business. His arrival in Chicago dates from 1893, at which time he came to this city and entered into partnership with Mr. Hanberg, under the firm name of Hanberg & Schmidt. They handle city real estate of all kinds, and Mr. Schmidt is thoroughly informed on land values. They also do a good insurance business, and the two enterprises are well associated. The liberal patronage which they receive indicates their high standing in business circles and their reliability in all transactions. He is alert, energetic and capable, and possesses those

distinguishing characteristics whereby the man of the Mississippi valley is known from the slower and more conservative man of the east. In politics Mr. Schmidt is a Republican.

In 1895 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Schmidt and Miss Nellie Starr, of New York.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY THACKHAM.—The seeds of charity, love and morality have been sown broadcast throughout the universe by the grand institution of Freemasonry, and when the harvest shall have been garnered it will culminate in a condition of human happiness which will gratify the highest aspirations of the brethren. The purging of sin and selfishness from the world is an end devoutly to be wished, and that society or organization which shall endeavor to accomplish such an object deserves not only the encouragement but the moral support of every man worthy of the name. Happy homes, a peaceful intercourse among our fellow citizens, and a general state of contentment, will all attest the glorious achievements of the work promulgated by the craft.

One of the intelligent and enthusiastic young Masons of Moline, Illinois, is William H. Thackham, who became a member of the fraternity in 1890, when he was made a Mason in Doric Lodge, No. 319. On June 21, 1892, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, and received the degree of the Red Cross February 20, being created a Sir Knight on March 20, 1893, in Everts Commandery, No. 18, at Rock Island. He has been a consistent member of the brotherhood, taking to heart its principles and by his daily life showing how well he understands and appreciates its precepts.

Brother Thackham comes from an old English family, and was born in London March 23, 1868, his parents being William John and Amelia (Woodbridge) Thackham, both of whom were natives of England. In

1872, when the subject of this sketch was but four years old, they came to the United States and located in DeKalb, Illinois, where they resided for ten years, the father engaging in the meat business. The latter died in 1882, leaving a widow and three children, and the mother was obliged to support her little family to the best of her ability until the boys should be large enough to go to work. Mr. Thackham attended the public schools of DeKalb and at an early age learned the trade of carriage-making and blacksmithing, later taking up that of machinist. He obtained a thorough knowledge of his work in all its details and soon became an expert mechanic. He is now engaged in building gun carriages for the United States government in the arsenal located at Rock Island.

On December 24, 1895, Mr. Thackham was married to Miss Jennie Rose Blackman, a daughter of Edwin A. Blackman, of Moline. They possess a comfortable home in this city, where they attend the Baptist church and are highly esteemed by their neighbors and friends. Besides being a Mason in excellent standing, Brother Thackham is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his political affiliations he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. In all his associations with his fellow citizens and the brethren of his lodge, the many good qualities of his mind and character have won for him the respect of all.

**G**EORGE L. WARD, secretary of the department of buildings, Chicago, is a gentleman of marked business ability and wide experience and one who figures prominently in both the business and fraternal circles of this city. Some personal mention of him is therefore appropriate in this work, and we are pleased to here present a *resume* of his life.

Mr. Ward is from the "Land of the Maple Leaf," having been born in Hamilton, Ontario, January 5, 1848; but he has spent nearly the whole of his life in Chicago,

having come here at the age of twelve years. After completing his studies in the public schools, he entered a printing-office to learn the printer's trade. This, however, he soon gave up and from it turned his attention to the hardware trade, accepting a position in the service of Larrabee & North, with whom he was associated for a period of twenty years, in that time working his way up to a position of trust and responsibility. Severing his connection with this hardware establishment in 1881, he at that time became general clerk in the office of county treasurer of Cook county. The following year he was made deputy sheriff of the county, under General Mann, and served as such until the expiration of the General's term of office. Next he entered the employ of the Mason contractors, as bookkeeper, a position he filled until the election of Hon. John A. Roche to the office of mayor of Chicago, when Mr. Ward was appointed to his present position, that of secretary of the building department. This office he also held by appointment under Mayor Washburne, and his present appointment is at the hands of Mayor Swift. In the meantime he has filled the secretaryship in some of the fraternal organizations with which he is connected. He was Secretary of Covenant Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Corinthian Chapter, R. A. M., and Recorder of St. Bernard Commandery, K. T., and Chicago Council, R. & S. M.

Mr. Ward has been identified with the great Masonic body for nearly two decades, the date of his initiation into blue Masonry being 1878, the degrees which made him a Master Mason being conferred by Covenant Lodge, No. 526, A. F. & A. M. In 1880 he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter, R. A. M., and that same year was knighted by St. Bernard Commandery, K. T.; was made a Royal and Select Master by Chicago Council, No. 4, R. & S. M., in 1885; in 1892 he received the Scottish Rite degrees, including the thirty-second, in Oriental Consistory; is also a "Shriner," having joined Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine, in 1886. In all these

branches of Masonry he has taken an active interest, both by exemplifying the work in the lodge room, making impressive the ritualistic work, and by showing forth in his life the teachings of the order. He is Past Master in his lodge, and Past Eminent Commander of his commandery, and for five years has served as Secretary of the Knight Templar Charity ball committee. Indeed, there are few Masons in this city who have been more deeply interested in the work of the order or done more to advance its interests than has Mr. Ward. Also, he is a member of the Loyal League.

**J**OHAN HARVEY WARD, a Sir Knight Templar and Secretary of the chapter at Rushville, was advanced to the degree of Master Mason in Huntsville (Illinois) Lodge, No. 465. He was initiated January 28, 1881, passed February 19, following, and raised to the sublime degree March 12, same year, and he served as Senior Warden of the blue lodge there. Having been at length dimitted from that lodge he was affiliated with Rushville Lodge, No. 9, February 21, 1888, and in this lodge he has filled the offices of Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master one term. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Augusta Chapter, No. 72, R. A. M., in 1878, and was elected to membership in Rushville Chapter, No. 184, February 24, 1891, and is now serving his third term as Secretary of the chapter. He was created a Sir Knight Templar in Rushville Commandery, No. 56, on the 3d of June, 1896. Mr. Ward is active and capable in all the bodies of the order and enjoys the fullest confidence of his *confreres*.

He is a native of the state of Illinois, born at Camden, Schuyler county, on the 16th of September, 1856, and is the son of Joseph N. Ward, who was a native of Kentucky and also a member of the Masonic fraternity. He came to Illinois in 1836, and was one of the best early settlers of the county. Mr. Ward, our subject, is now

prominently engaged in the grocery trade at Rushville, is an exemplary and useful citizen and stands high in the estimation of all the brethren in the philanthropic societies.

**J**AMES WORTH WAYLAND, who has been closely identified with the best interests of Masonry for fourteen years, has attained to the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and is regarded as one of the most worthy *fraters* in Quincy. He was initiated in Brookfield Lodge, No. 86, in Brookfield, Missouri, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1884. He obtained a dimit and is now a member of Lambert Lodge, No. 659, of Quincy. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degrees in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, November 24, 1891; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Quincy Council, No. 15, June 14, 1893; was dubbed a Sir Knight in El Aksa Commandery, No. 55, K. T., March 2, 1892; and became a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Quincy Consistory, Valley of Quincy, May 11, 1894. He was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Ararat Temple, Kansas City, Missouri, on March 11, 1892.

Mr. Wayland is a native of Virginia, his birth having taken place at Mount Jackson, Shenandoah county, on March 11, 1855. His ancestors were among the earliest settlers of the colony of Virginia, were participants in its pioneer history, and bravely fought as soldiers in the Revolutionary war. The father of our subject, John Wesley Wayland, was also born in Virginia, where he was principal in a polytechnic school, and engaged in educational work all his life. He married Miss Anna M. Kagey, of Virginia, and they had four children, all of whom, as well as the parents, are still living. The subject of this review was educated in his father's school, and at the age of eighteen he began his career of railroad-ing, his first work being in the machine shops. After remaining there a short time he became a freight brakeman on the Balti-

more & Ohio road, faithfully performing the duties of that position for three years, when he came west and secured employment on the Wabash Railroad. His efficient services were recognized and from time to time he was promoted until he attained the important post of passenger conductor, and for the past fourteen years he has served in that capacity on the Hannibal & St. Jo line, during which time he has given the fullest satisfaction to the company.

In 1877 Mr. Wayland was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Brunk, of Virginia, and their union has been blessed by one son, Eugene Adelbert. Mrs. Wayland is an adherent of the Methodist church, and both she and her husband are members of Grace Whipple Chapter, No. 312, Order of the Eastern Star. They are popular in their home city and enjoy the good will and friendship of all with whom they are acquainted.

Politically our subject is a consistent Democrat. He is an active member of the Order of Railway Conductors, of which he is Grand Inside Sentinel, and now has charge of the society's excursion to the Pacific coast.

**J**OHAN MOSLEY BATCHELDER.—The ever widening circle of Masonry has embraced within its circumference the highest and the humblest of the land, and all distinctions are forgotten save those of character,—that true moral worth which may lift the poor man above his rich neighbor, or bring to the millionaire that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches. On the common ground of universal brotherhood they meet, and mutual helpfulness and mutual forbearance hold them together in indissoluble ties. The world is not wide enough to rend the bands of this kinship asunder. Masonry is a great cable stretching around the universe to-day and across the ocean of time, binding the fraternal life of the nineteenth century to the reality of the world's morning. Its representatives to-day are men who in the varying walks of life mold their actions

in harmony with Masonic ethics. The influence of the fraternity principles is noiseless as the sunbeams in their fall, but as effective. One who subscribes to the teachings of the fraternity, and is most loyally devoted to his vows, is Mr. Batchelder, of Dixon, a prominent business man now engaged in the wholesale marble and granite business there. He was made a Master Mason in Friendship Lodge, No. 7, in Dixon, in 1894, and was created a Sir Knight in Dixon Commandery, No. 21. He received the ineffable degree of Perfection in Freeport Valley Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, with the class of 1895, and is therefore a thirty-second-degree Mason. He is also a member of Medinah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Chicago.

Mr. Batchelder was born in Dorset, Vermont, on the 6th of July, 1862, and is of English descent, his ancestors locating in Boston in 1637, not two decades after the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock. Members of the family were prominent in the events which shaped the history of that early period, and also fought for the independence of the nation when the British tyranny forced the colonists to seek their just rights by a separation from the mother country. The father of our subject, J. L. Batchelder, was born in Peru, Vermont, and was married to Miss Rachel Slocum, a native of Manchester, Vermont. He has spent most of his life in the marble business in his native state, and has also been a contractor and builder. He and his estimable wife now reside in Detroit, Michigan, and are sixty-three and sixty-one years of age respectively. They are valued members of the First Congregational church of that city, and the father is also identified with the Masonic fraternity.

In their family of two children, Mr. Batchelder, of this review, is the elder. He was educated in Manchester, Vermont, and since arriving at years of maturity has been identified with the wholesale marble and granite business. In his youth he became familiar with that industry, being more or

less familiar with his father's business, and this practical experience stood him in good stead when he embarked in business on his own account. He now represents throughout the northwest several of the most important quarries of Vermont. The headquarters of his business are at Dixon, but his shipments cover a wide territory. He has made his home in Dixon since 1893 and is regarded as one of the most enterprising and substantial business men of the city. His keen sagacity, reliable methods, tireless energy and perseverance have brought to him prosperity and he is now in command of a good trade.

Mr. Batchelder married Miss Agnes Keene, a native of Gallatin, Missouri, and they have one son, John Keene. In politics Mr. Batchelder is a stanch Republican, but has never sought or desired office, preferring to give his entire attention to his business interests.

**J** H. GIBLER, a thirty-second-degree Mason, whose deep interests in the fraternity and loyal service in its behalf has made him a valued member of the craft, makes his home in Freeport, Illinois. He is a native of Stephenson county, born on the 1st of July, 1844. His parents, Morgan and Eliza Jane (Van Matre) Gibler, were natives of Ohio and emigrated to this state in 1839, locating on government land in the town of Oneco, Stephenson county, where they made a home and reared their family of ten children. The father departed this life in 1890, at the age of sixty-nine years, but the mother is still living and has reached the age of seventy-two. They were consistent members of the Christian church and were people of great worth of character.

Thus Joseph H. Gibler, of this sketch, comes of one of the honored pioneer families of Stephenson county. He is the eldest child in his father's family and in the public schools near his home he acquired his education. When a youth of sixteen he entered upon his business career and since that time has been entirely dependent upon

his own resources, so that the success he has achieved is the reward of his earnest labors. Clearly defined purpose, resolute will, energy and sound judgment,—these are the salient points in his character and have led to his present prosperity. In 1860 he began learning the blacksmith's trade in Freeport and has since followed that pursuit. He continued his work uninterruptedly for many years, but now has laid aside all business cares save when he enters the shop, at his own pleasure, to wield the hammer once more. He has acquired a handsome competence that relieves him from the necessity of further labor, having "Enough for self and some to give to such poor souls as need it." Two of his sons are now successfully conducting the shop, which he built, carrying on the business in the same reliable, straightforward way which won their father his enviable reputation as a man of unimpeachable integrity.

Mr. Gibler was married in 1864, the lady of his choice being Miss Emma M. Sneesby, of Waukegan, Illinois. They have four sons, all living, namely: William M. and Fred H., who are conducting the blacksmith shop with which the name of Gibler has been so long connected; Robert A., a professional musician; and Jerome H., at school. Their home is one of the substantial and beautiful residences of Freeport. Mr. Gibler is very fond of fine horses and finds a means of recreation and pleasure in driving over the country behind his fine team.

In his political adherence he is a stalwart Democrat and for years has taken an active part in the affairs of the city and county. He has attended all the conventions of his party and for four years has served efficiently as one of the county supervisors, advocating all measures calculated to advance the public interests and promote the general welfare. In 1894 he was a delegate to the state convention and in 1896 served as a delegate to the senatorial convention of his party.

In 1891 he was made a Mason in Evergreen Lodge, No. 170, at Freeport, and

since that time has been one of its active members. He has progressed rapidly in the order and has now attained to the thirty-second degree. Having acceptably and creditably filled various offices and labored earnestly in the interests of the organization, he is regarded as one of the most reliable and esteemed members of the fraternity.

Mr. Gibler is a man of fine physique, large, strong and well proportioned. In manner he is pleasant and genial, and by all who know him is regarded as a whole-souled man of broad sympathy, ever ready to extend a helping hand to the needy.

**M**ON. VIRGIL STUART FERGUSON, who has attained to an eminent position in the ranks of the legal fraternity in Sterling and is a recognized leader in political and professional circles, like many of his fellow townsmen, is identified with the Masonic fraternity, which had its origin in the remote regions of antiquity and has come down through the passing centuries inculcating among men purity of life and nobleness of character. As an Entered Apprentice he joined Rock River Lodge, No. 612, of Sterling, passed the Fellowcraft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 19th of October, 1883. In the work of the blue lodge he has been most active, has passed all of the chairs and has served for two terms as Worshipful Master, during which time the society enjoyed great prosperity and was in a very flourishing condition. He took great pride in the work, induced many leading citizens of Sterling to become members of the order and attained great perfection in methods of procedure.

He became a Royal Arch Mason in Sterling Chapter, No. 57, on the 7th of May, 1884, and in the chapter has held various offices, including that of Royal Arch Captain. He became a Knight Templar in Sterling Commandery, No. 57, in the same year, and has filled a number of official positions therein in a most creditable and

acceptable manner. His zeal for Masonry, his wide and accurate knowledge of the craft, which he is ever ready to impart to his less informed brethren, his acumen, his diligence, his untiring efforts and the vigilance with which he guards the ancient landmarks, make him a bright and shining light in the Masonic world. He is a close and conscientious student of the teachings and ethics of Masonry in all its departments, and being a man of much more than average ability has brought to his work a high degree of intelligence.

Mr. Ferguson was born in Bedford, Lawrence county, Indiana, on the 18th of September, 1844, and is of Scotch and English ancestry. The first of the family in America crossed the Atlantic just prior to the war of the Revolution, and five brothers entered the colonial army to aid in the attempt to throw off all allegiance to the British crown. One brother was known to be killed and another was supposed to have lost his life in battle. The third located in New York after the independence of the nation was achieved, the fourth settled in Ohio, and the fifth took up his residence in North Carolina. It is from the southern branch of the family that Mr. Ferguson, of this review, is descended. His grandfather, Stuart Ferguson, was born in North Carolina and emigrating westward became one of the pioneers of southern Indiana. There Andrew Stuart Ferguson, father of our subject, was born, in 1819. He married Miss Zerelda Brock, a lady of English ancestry and a native of his own state. In 1849 they came to Illinois and for four years the father engaged in farming, becoming a large landowner. He died on the 25th of July, 1891, in the seventy-third year of his age. His wife still survives him and is now seventy-one years of age. In Scotland the Fergusons were Covenanters, but after coming to this country became members of the Presbyterian church, and later branches of the family have been identified with the Baptist church. Mr. Ferguson was a man of uncompromising integrity and unblemished character and his influence for good



was strongly felt in the communities in which he made his home. He held various offices and discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity which won him high commendation.

Virgil S. Ferguson, the eldest of a family of four sons and four daughters, was educated in the public schools, Mount Carroll Seminary, the University of Chicago and the Union College of Law, being graduated at the last named on the 25th of June, 1868. He at once opened a law office and began practice in Sterling. He is one of the most conspicuous figures at the bar of Whiteside county, for his superior skill has gained him pre-eminence that only results from merit. He is most careful and painstaking in the preparation of cases and his points of litigation are fortified by authority and precedent which he can quote most readily. His argument is forcible, his deductions logical and his eloquence convincing. He is a man of the highest integrity of character and his devotion to his client's interests is proverbial.

In politics Mr. Ferguson has always been a staunch Republican, and he has been very active and efficient in the ranks of his party, his oratorical powers being of much service in campaign work. He has served as supervisor for a number of years, has been a member of the board of education of Sterling for about eighteen years, and in 1891 was elected to the state senate, where he was one of the most active and influential members of the assembly for four years. He served on a number of very important committees, was chairman of the committee on penal and reformatory institutions, and was the author of a bill for the control and detention of the insane,—a bill which greatly remodeled the law and improved the condition of that unfortunate class. He gave to the question which came up for settlement before the senate the benefit of a mature judgment and broad intelligence, and his course was highly satisfactory to his constituents.

In 1868 Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage to Miss Annie E. Mickle, a native

of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of John C. Mickle. They have two sons: Harry T., who is now city editor of the Appleton Daily Crescent, of Appleton, Wisconsin; and Virgil Stuart, Jr., who is attending the public schools of Sterling. They have a beautiful and commodious home which stands in the midst of lovely grounds, and are rated among the best people of the city.

**J**OHAN H. LAFFERTY, who figures as a prominent dry-goods merchant of the town of Lanark, Illinois, also enjoys a high standing as a member of the Masonic



JOHN H. LAFFERTY.

fraternity. He was made a Mason in Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, in 1882, and in the blue lodge served as Senior Deacon and Junior and Senior Warden. The following year, 1883, he became a member of Lanark Chapter, No. 139, the degrees of this organization being conferred upon him as follows: Mark Master and Past Master, January 26; Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, February 2. In the chapter he has thrice

been elected Scribe, and at this writing, 1896, is the incumbent of that office. He received the Knight Templar degrees in Freeport Commandery, No. 7, in 1883, and at the organization of Long Commandery he became one of its charter members. Also he has advanced through the degrees of the Consistory and Mystic Shrine, those of the former having been given him by Freeport Valley Consistory in January, 1886, and those of the latter by Medina Temple at Chicago, Illinois, in 1892.

Mr. Lafferty dates his birth in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1850, and is a son of James H. and Catharine (Spatz) Lafferty. He is next to the oldest in a family of seven children, received his early training in the public schools of his native town, and when only nine years old secured a position as cash boy in store. From that time until the present he has been engaged in merchandising. He came to Illinois in 1876, locating first at Mt. Carroll, where he was employed by McKinney & Loveland for twelve years, and whence he came to his present location at Lanark. Here he has been in business for eight years, the firm style being McKinney Brothers & Lafferty. They have one of the finest dry-goods establishments in the county, have a large and substantial trade, and enjoy an enviable reputation as business men.

In 1875 was consummated Mr. Lafferty's marriage to Miss Anna M. Pennick, who is a native of Illinois but who was reared in the east. They have one child, Charles C. Their home is one of the handsomest in the city and they enjoy the esteem of a large circle of friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lafferty are valued members of Ola Chapter, No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star, and he is also a Knight of Pythias. In his political views he harmonizes with the Republican party.

**J**AMES DEAL, a contractor and builder and a prominent and influential citizen of Peoria, Illinois, has for more than thirty years been identified with the inter-

ests of this place. His connection with Masonry has covered a number of years and has extended to the higher degrees of the order; and while he has never been active in Masonic circles or as an officer participated in the work of the order, he has by his life exemplified many of its teachings and always shown a deep interest in its welfare. He was made a Master Mason in Temple Lodge, No. 46, Peoria; a Royal Arch Mason in Peoria Chapter, No. 7; a Knight Templar in Peoria Commandery, No. 3; and a Royal and Select Master in Peoria Council, No. 15. November 21, 1883, he received the degrees of the consistory in Peoria. Also he was among the number of Masons at this place who were inducted into the mysteries of the shrine by Medinah Temple, of Chicago, that body coming to Peoria to confer the degrees, and when Mohammed Temple was instituted his name was on its list of charter members.

Mr. Deal is a New Englander by birth, and dates his nativity in Burlington, Vermont, October 11, 1848. In 1856 he accompanied his parents and other members of the family to Illinois, their first settlement being in Aurora, whence in August, 1865, they came to Peoria, and here the subject of our sketch has ever since maintained his home. In Peoria he learned the trade of carpenter, and in 1878 he began contracting, in which he has ever since been engaged, carrying on extensive operations. Among the buildings erected by him are the State Normal University at Carbondale after the original building was burned in 1885; the county buildings at Carthage, Hancock county, Illinois; the insane department of the Peoria county infirmary; the National Hotel, the wood-work on the Woolner building and the Van Martin and Watson blocks, the first three stories of the Magoria building, Central Iowa Elevator, Christian church and Grace Presbyterian church,—all in Peoria; all the buildings in the old state fair grounds and an elevator and mill in Chicago for the North Chicago Street Railway Company, besides many other buildings too numerous to mention.

Mr. Deal was married in 1869 to Miss Fannie Benson, whose life was happily blended with his until August 10, 1886, when she fell a victim to the Chatsworth railroad disaster. Besides her husband she left a son and daughter to mourn their sad loss. April 5, 1887, he was united in marriage to his present wife, *née* Mollie Harsch.

Mr. Deal and his family are attendants upon worship at Grace Presbyterian church, of which they are consistent members, and both in religious and educational matters he has always shown himself deeply interested. Since 1882 he has been a member of the Peoria Board of Education.

**W**ILLIAM HANNA.—The clear light of truth illumines the character of each individual as he approaches nearer and nearer the high ideal that marks the symbolic path of the ancient order of Freemasonry. For over thirty years Mr. Hanna has followed the path leading to universal brotherly love, and has become thoroughly imbued with the beauties concealed within the inner circle of the fraternity. He received his initial degrees at Rockville, Alabama, in the camp of the Sixty-sixth Illinois Infantry, the Masons of that gallant regiment having obtained a special dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Illinois. A little hut of logs was built for a temporary lodge room, and there, in 1862, Mr. Hanna received the sublime degree of Master Mason. After the close of the war he went to Camp Point, Illinois, and became affiliated with the lodge there. In 1866 he came to Golden, and was elected a member of La Prairie Lodge, No. 267, which, in 1896, was moved to Golden and given a most desirable Masonic hall, especially built for them by the brethren of this city. In 1864 Mr. Hanna was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Quincy Chapter, No. 105, and was created a Sir Knight in Delta Commandery, No. 48, in 1877. Since his admission to these bodies our brother has been an active representative Mason, serving in his commandery as Captain General and Eminent

Commander, and in the latter capacity proved himself to be a talented and efficient officer, his military experience during the Civil war making him a valuable drill master, which he made use of by bringing his commandery to a state of perfection in drilling that is second to no other similar body in the state. He is just as faithful in his loyalty to the other bodies of the order, in which he holds the high consideration of his fellow Masons.

Mr. Hanna is of Scotch-Irish descent and was born in Lexington, Indiana, on January 23, 1833. While yet a child he was deprived of his parents by death, which, as he had neither brother nor sister, left him entirely alone in the world. Compelled thus early in life to rely upon his own efforts, as soon as he was able to earn anything he began life as a chore-boy on a farm, picking up a little education at odd times as the opportunity presented itself, and thus, by his unaided efforts, backed by perseverance and honesty of purpose, he has struggled through adversity, overcome all intervening obstacles and has attained to the summit of human ambition—a successful man and a respected citizen, honored by all who know him.

When that great calamity, the Civil war, was forced upon the country, Mr. Hanna answered President Lincoln's call for volunteers to assist in preserving the Union, and on September 12, 1861, he became enrolled as a private in Company E, Fiftieth Illinois Regiment, and before leaving camp at Quincy was commissioned captain of the company, with which he went to the front and participated in all its engagements with the valor of a true soldier. At the battle of Altoona he received a gunshot wound in the groin, necessitating his retirement, a furlough for ninety days being granted him. In 1862, for meritorious conduct on the field of battle, Mr. Hanna was commissioned major of the Fiftieth Regiment, and in 1864 was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, serving in that capacity until the close of the war, when victory perched itself upon the banners of the Union army. Colonel Hanna's military record is one he may well

be proud of, and which will go down to posterity as a glorious example of one who knew no fear in the face of death and whose career will continue to illumine the pages of history with undimmed splendor for ages to come. Notwithstanding the fact that thirty-six years have elapsed since he first enlisted, the Colonel's bearing is still that of a soldier, and his eye is as keen and his step as light as the time he fought for the stars and stripes.

After hostilities had ceased and white-winged peace once more reigned throughout the land, Colonel Hanna returned to Illinois and engaged in business at Camp Point, remaining there one year and then moving to Golden, where since 1866 he has conducted successfully a general merchandise establishment; and for over thirty years his business methods have been such that he has commanded his share of the trade in this city, and to-day occupies a place in the front rank of the prominent and progressive merchants in Adams county, content in the enjoyment of the high esteem and friendly wishes of his fellow men.

In 1860 Mr. Hanna consummated his marriage with Miss Mary Roth, of Camp Point. She died in 1866, and in 1870 our subject married Urith Johnson, of Columbus, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna are now gracefully spending their latter days in a charming home, where they frequently dispense a cordial hospitality to their numerous friends. The Colonel and his estimable wife are both valued members of Prairie Queen Chapter, No. 75, Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Hanna has for the second time served as Worthy Matron. Mr. Hanna is a staunch Republican, and is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**R**ICHARD S. ALLEN.—When life lies before the young man he starts out hopefully and zealously to fight its battles, confident of victory and success, but, alas! many fail of achieving this end. Disasters, unlooked-for trials, hardships and opposi-

tion arise to block his progress and his courage and energy fail. To the one of perseverance, resolute purpose and careful but unyielding deliberation, however, these hindrances seem but to prove an impetus for renewed effort and he presses on undeterred by all obstacles until the desired goal is reached. To the latter class belongs the subject of this review. His life has been one of honest toil, which ultimately has been crowned with prosperity. He has justly won the proud American title of a self-made man and now is permitted to spend his declining years in an honorable retirement from all labor.

Richard S. Allen well deserves the regard in which he is held by all who know him. A native of England, he was born on the 28th of November, 1833, and attended the public schools near his home until his eighth year. It was a meager preparation for a life work, but his few opportunities developed in him a self-reliance and native manliness which are hard to combat. He secured employment at various kinds of labor that would yield him a living and later was apprenticed to the tailor's trade, which he thoroughly mastered, becoming a most proficient workman. In 1849 he bade adieu to the land of his birth and sought a home in America, believing that in the livelier competition and by methods of the new world he might more rapidly advance on the road to prosperity.

Mr. Allen took up his residence in Rockford and as a cutter entered the employ of George R. Atkinson, with whom he remained for twelve years. He was regarded as the best workman in his line, his garments always being well made, stylish and unsurpassed as to fit. He began business on his own account and many of his former business acquaintances became his patrons and many others brought to him their trade. His patronage steadily increased and with the passing years he added to the competence which he was acquiring until at length it enabled him to lay aside all business cares and labors. His home, one of the finest residences in the city, stands as a monu-

ment to his enterprise and industry. In 1893 he withdrew from commercial circles and with his wife is enjoying the comforts of home life and social pleasures among his many friends.

Mr. Allen was married on the 22d of July, 1857, the lady of his choice being Miss Clarissa Jane Woodworth, a native of Canada and a daughter of Gresham Woodworth. Three children were born to them, but two died in infancy, the surviving son being Frank I. Allen. Mrs. Allen belongs to the Baptist church and is a lady most highly esteemed for her many excellent qualities. Mr. Allen belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and for almost a third of a century has been numbered among the representatives of Masonry here. In 1864 he took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Rockford Lodge, No. 102, with which he has since affiliated. For forty-seven years he has been identified with the business and social interests of the Forest City, and his private life and public career are alike above reproach.

**J**OHAN BATSCHY, one of the capable and well-known architects of Quincy and a thirty-second-degree Mason, took his initial degrees in Bodley Lodge, No. 1, and was raised to the degree of Master Mason November 4, 1889. He was exalted to the degrees of capitular Masonry in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., September 25, 1890; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Quincy Council, No. 15, on March 5, 1891; was constituted a Sir Knight in El Aksa Commandery, No. 55, on November 13, 1890, in which he has held all the chairs up to and including that of Junior Warden, being elected to the latter in 1897; and has attained the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite as follows: Quincy Grand Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; Quincy Council of Princes of Jerusalem, sixteenth degree; Quincy Chapter of the Rose Croix, eighteenth degree, De H. R. D. M.; and Quincy Consis-

tory, thirty-second degree, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, receiving the latter May 8, 1890. In his lodge relations he has proved himself to be in every way an acceptable, well informed, and a worthy brother.

Mr. Batschy is a native of Switzerland, having been born at Filisur March 8, 1855. He was educated in his own country and there acquired a thorough knowledge of architecture. He subsequently came to the United States and in 1884 located in Illinois. Two years later he moved to Quincy and has since continued in his profession, meeting with unqualified success and building up a large and lucrative business. He has designed many of the best buildings that adorn the beautiful Gem City, which will long stand as monuments to his skill and genius.

Our subject was married in 1891 to Miss Louisa Schoeneman, a daughter of John Schoeneman, of Quincy. They are the parents of one son, whom they have named John Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Batschy are valued members of the Congregational church. They have a delightful home and enjoy the high esteem of a large circle of friends. Politically Mr. Batschy is a Republican. He is a gentleman of merit and ability and possesses the highest integrity of character.

**J**M. NELLES, M. D.—The Canton (Illinois) list of Masons who have climbed the Masonic ladder to the Knight Templar round would be incomplete did it not contain the name which graces this brief sketch—James Melvin Nelles—one of the prominent physicians of Canton.

Dr. Nelles gained his first insight into Masonry in Montreal, Canada, in 1873. In the spring of that year he was elected to receive the degrees in Zetland Lodge, No. 21, was initiated by it May 8, passed June 12, and raised October 9, and since residing in Canton, for a period of nearly twenty years, has affiliated with Morning Star Lodge, of this place. He received the de-

degrees which made him a Royal Arch Mason in Canton Chapter, No. 68, in which he still maintains membership, and his Knight Templar membership is in Damascus Commandery at Havana, Illinois, where he received the degrees of this branch of the order.

Dr. Nelles is a native of Brantford, Ontario, Canada, and dates his birth November 21, 1850. He was educated at McGill University, graduating in the medical department in 1875, and immediately after his graduation entered upon the practice of his profession in the city of Chicago, where he lived for two years. From Chicago he came in 1877 to Canton, and here he has conducted a successful practice, winning and retaining the confidence and good will of the citizens of the town and surrounding country, and enjoying that popularity which is due him both in professional and fraternal circles.

**A**L F. SCHOCH, one of the most prominent and influential business men of Ottawa, the vice-president of the National City Bank, is numbered among the representatives of Masonry in Illinois. From that far distant time wherein the first of the craft established its immortal basic principles down to the present day, one may read in history of the humanizing and liberalizing tendencies of our great association, ever taking sides with the foremost champions of human rights in every clime and land, and at the same time lifting up its mighty potentiality for law and order and peace. Liberty and justice, guided by conservative law, have been promoted and upheld in every country and in every century by the ancient and most honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. It is this that draws to its ranks the practical business man and faithful citizens of this latter age and wins their firm allegiance to its principles. Mr. Schoch is a blue-lodge, chapter and commandery Mason. He took the three fundamental degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason

in Humboldt Lodge, No. 555, and has since maintained his connection therewith, having served for three terms as its Worshipful Master. He took the capitular degrees in Shabbona Chapter, No. 37, being exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason, and became identified with chivalric Masonry in Ottawa Commandery, No. 10, in which he took the degrees of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta. For two terms he served as its Eminent Commander, and was also Worthy Patron of Mary E. Chapter, No. 270, Order of the Eastern Star, for two terms.

Mr. Schoch is one of the native sons of Ottawa, born on the 18th of December, 1857. He completed his literary education in the high school of Ottawa, and afterward spent two years in the Ottawa postoffice as delivery clerk. In August, 1875, he entered the National City Bank as a messenger boy and has filled every intermediate position up to that of vice-president, rising successively, step by step, until he occupies the second highest place in one of the strongest and most reliable banks in northern Illinois. He was promoted to this position in July, 1890, and has for more than a decade been an important factor in the development and the prosperity of the institution. In those interests which tend to benefit the city and promote the public welfare, Mr. Schoch is deeply and actively interested, and his progressive, enterprising spirit has been a marked potentiality in the substantial growth and improvement of Ottawa. In the spring of 1891 he was elected mayor of the city, and on the expiration of the two-years term was re-elected, serving for four years. For two years he served as city treasurer, was a member of the school board for six years, and on resigning that office was made township school treasurer. His public service, marked by the utmost fidelity to duty, has been most acceptable to his fellow townsmen. He has also been the promoter of various business enterprises, and in this way has added to the general prosperity as well as to his individual success.

Socially Mr. Schoch is identified with

the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Mystic Circle, Knights of the Globe, and Legion of Honor. He was married in December, 1879, to Miss Mina Wolf, by whom he has three daughters—Carrie, Lulu and Esther.

**A** VERNON HART, of Freeport, is a thirty-second-degree Mason and one of the esteemed and valued members of that honored fraternity in Illinois. He is now the Worshipful Master of Excelsior Lodge, and as the head of this organization is constantly striving to make its name the keynote of the society, that it may advance higher and higher toward perfection in work and in those benevolent and beneficial principles which underlie the order. He was made a Mason in 1884, in Moses R. Thompson Lodge, of Freeport, which was afterward consolidated with Excelsior Lodge. He has from the first taken a deep interest in the work of the order and has passed through all the degrees of Royal Arch, Commandery, Council, Consistory and Mystic Shrine, having thus attained to the thirty-second degree. Masonry long antedates the Christian era; its principles have been those which have awakened respect and admiration through all ages; and, recognizing the universal brotherhood of mankind, with a sympathy that is as broad as the globe, its representatives to-day still stand for the inculcation of that beneficence which extends the hand of kindly aid to all.

Mr. Hart is not only a leader in Masonic circles in Freeport, but is recognized as one of its most prominent business men, and moreover he is a native son of the city—a representative of an honored pioneer family that has been connected with Stephenson county since the days of its early development. His parents, Albert W. and Mary (Munn) Hart, were descended from New England ancestry, the former born in New York, the latter in Vermont. They came to Freeport before the era of railroads in this state, which now numbers more miles than any other state in the Union, and for many years the father was actively inter-

ested in business affairs which not only advanced his individual prosperity, but also promoted the material welfare of the community. He was for some time a contractor and builder, and later engaged in merchandising, but is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he richly deserves. He and his wife have long been faithful members of the Methodist church. They had three daughters and a son.

The latter is the subject of this review. A. Vernon Hart was educated in the schools of Freeport, completed the course in the high school of the city and afterward served a ten-years apprenticeship to the jeweler's trade. Having thoroughly mastered the business in its various departments, he opened an establishment of his own in 1891, and now the name of A. Vernon Hart hangs over the door of the largest and finest jewelry store in Freeport to indicate his proprietorship. His close application to his business and his thorough integrity in his methods have brought him rapidly to the front rank in commercial matters in his native city. He is also a professional optician and takes special interest in this department of his work. His store is located at No. 98 Stephenson street, and from the public he receives a liberal and lucrative patronage, for he has established a reputation for reliable dealing that has gained him the public confidence.

The home life of Mr. Hart is most pleasant. He was married on the 25th of September, 1888, to Miss Emma J. Long, a native of Freeport, and they now have a bright and interesting little daughter, Lola Claire. Our subject and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and in politics he is a staunch Republican. Their home is a favorite resort with a large circle of friends and is noted for its warm hospitality which rivals that of the south.

**G**USTAVE A. BAUMAN, who has attained to the thirty-second degree in the fraternity, is one of the substantial citizens of Quincy, where he took the degrees in

Lambert Lodge, No. 659, A. F. & A. M., as follows: Entered Apprentice February 1, 1892, passed March 21, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason April 4, 1892. He received the capitular degrees in Quincy Chapter, R. A. M., on December 13, 1892, and in 1897 held the office of Treasurer. January 14, 1893, he was made a Royal and Select Master in Quincy Council, No. 15; was constituted a Sir Knight in El Aksa Commandery, No. 55, on January 1, 1893, and has been the Recorder of that body for three terms; and he attained to the ineffable lodge of perfection in Quincy Consistory, receiving the degrees up to and including the thirty-second, the latter being conferred upon him May 10, 1894.

Mr. Bauman was born in Herman, Missouri, December 14, 1857, and is the son of Engel and Louise (Danzeisen) Bauman, the former of whom was of Swiss and German ancestry, and was born in Switzerland in 1825, coming to this country about 1840. He acquired his education in the public schools, and subsequently established a meat market in Quincy, which he conducted for many years, but has now, at the age of seventy-two years, retired from active business. Our subject attended the common schools of Herman, Missouri, and later engaged in the meat-market business with his father. In 1885 he accepted the position of cashier of the Quincy Savings & Loan Office at Quincy, a position which he has filled in an efficient and satisfactory manner for the past twelve years. Mr. Bauman is a business man of ability, possessing sterling qualities of character, and is highly spoken of by his fellow citizens as well as by the members of his fraternity.

The marriage of Mr. Bauman to Miss Augusta L. Frendenstein, of St. Louis, Missouri, was celebrated March 26, 1890. Of this union three children have been born: Eugenia L., William G., and Gustave A., Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bauman are valued members of the Congregational Church. Politically our subject is a Democrat in national affairs, but in local matters is independent,

voting for the man whom he considers most worthy of holding office. He is treasurer of the Quincy Boulevard & Park Association, and ever holds himself ready to do anything in his power to promote the best interests of the city of Quincy.

**C**HRI<sup>S</sup>TIAN SCHOETTLER.—It has been and always will be the sublime duty of Freemasonry to wage continual warfare against all that seeks to lower the standard of manhood and drag the emblem of truth and charity in the mire of vice and corruption. Loyal men are they who enroll themselves under its banner and consecrate their lives to the uplifting of humanity, and to earnest endeavors in that direction the world is so much indebted. Christian Schoettler is a Sir Knight Templar and one of the oldest Masons residing in Princeton, Illinois. He was made a member of the brotherhood in Ames Lodge, No. 142, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in October, 1856. He served this lodge as its Tyler and Junior Deacon, and was dimitted from it in 1861 in order to join Wyanet Lodge, in Bureau county, in which he held the offices of Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Junior Deacon and Senior Deacon, and was for several years its Master. In 1877 he was demitted from Wyanet Lodge and became affiliated with Bureau Lodge, No. 112, at Princeton, of which he has since been a faithful member. In 1866 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Princeton Chapter, No. 28, and in 1890 was made a Royal and Select Master in Orion Council, No. 8. In the same year he was created a Sir Knight in Temple Commandery, No. 20, Knights Templar. Mr. Schoettler is an ardent believer and follower of the teachings of Freemasonry, has been a faithful and well posted member of the fraternity, and has exhibited a great degree of zeal in the workings of the order. He is a brother in high standing and enjoys the good will and confidence of his fellow members.

Mr. Schoettler is of German ancestry,



born in Prussia December 23, 1822, and his early education was received in the public schools of his native land. His father died in 1832, and two years later his mother and her five children—three daughters and two sons—came to the United States and located in Pennsylvania, where they remained until 1835, when they moved to Ohio, and after staying there until 1847 came to Illinois, settling in Bureau county. Early in life the subject of this sketch worked at farming but subsequently became a gunsmith, in connection with which he conducted a repair shop. In politics he is an independent Democrat, and in 1889 held the office of township collector.

In 1847 Mr. Schoettler was united in marriage to Miss Nofaer, a native of Bavaria, and they had five children, four of whom survive: Mary, who married J. C. Gurgench, and resides in McLean county, Illinois; Effie, who became the wife of J. Schendell, and they live in Princeton; Helen is the widow of C. Eresmem, and they reside in Lincoln, Nebraska; and Albert C. is a salesman in Chicago. Mrs. Schoettler died in 1879, and the subject of this sketch afterward married Miss Nellie Smallie, who was born in Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Schoettler have a pleasant home in Princeton, where he does a thriving business and where he is well known as a man of integrity and reliability.

**O**LIVER PERRY WRIGHT, an esteemed member of the Masonic fraternity of Freeport, and a stockholder and secretary of the Henney Buggy Company, has been connected with this business as employe and partner since 1876, and is widely and favorably known in commercial circles. A native son of Stephenson county, he was born April 5, 1855, and is of English and Welsh extractions, the earliest American ancestors having belonged to the Society of Friends, who were among the pioneers of Philadelphia. The towns of Columbia and Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, were named by and in honor of the family, and various rep-

resentatives of the name were prominent in the early history of the Keystone state.

John Wright, the father of our subject, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, and after attaining to years of maturity married Margaret Ewing. By occupation he was a farmer, and in 1844 he came with a colony of twenty-eight families to Illinois and was one of the sturdy pioneers of Ste-



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phenson county. They made the journey in wagons and entered land from the government on the then unimproved prairie. The date of their arrival was July 4, 1844, and on that Independence day of the nation they began to make their homes on which they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. The value of the work performed by these heroic pioneers,

and the realization of their toils and sacrifices, are not generally understood or appreciated long after they have passed away. Those of Illinois' sons and daughters of to-day, who are living in affluence in the homes established by pioneer parents, do not, neither can they, realize the many obstacles and difficulties which those early settlers had to meet. To feel gratitude for and to honor the pioneer is no less a duty than to do the same for the heroes of the Revolutionary war, for the former made it possible for states, empires in themselves, with increasing millions of population to enjoy the principles of liberty and government which the latter struggled for years to found. The parents of our subject were members of the Presbyterian church and were honest, industrious people, in every way worthy settlers of this now great state of Illinois. The father departed this life in 1889, at the age of sixty-four years. His wife died in her twenty-eighth year, leaving two children, of whom Oliver is the younger. There was also one child by the father's second marriage.

In his native county Oliver Perry Wright was educated, pursuing his studies in the country school-house in the midst of the woods. He worked on the home farm, assisting his father, until he had attained his majority, when, preferring a trade to agricultural pursuits, he entered the employ of John W. Henney, who was engaged in the manufacture of buggies in Cedarville, Illinois. This was in 1876, and from that time he has been continuously connected with the business. He began to learn the trade, and so thoroughly and steadily did he apply himself that he soon mastered the business. His relations with Mr. Henney became still closer through their marriage to sisters. Their energies were combined, they worked toward a common interest, and so judiciously and carefully have their efforts been conducted that they to-day stand at the head of their especial industry in this section of the state, and their establishment equals that of many larger cities. They have reason to look with pride upon their labors,

and Freeport gladly numbers them among her adopted sons. They came to this city in 1880, and on the incorporation of the Henney Buggy Company two years later, Mr. Wright was elected secretary, a position which he has since ably filled. He is sagacious and farsighted and is quick to see and take advantage of opportunities; he is resolute and persevering and surmounts all difficulties that he cannot thrust from his path; above all he has the strictest regard for business ethics, and this has greatly won the enviable reputation which his house bears for thorough reliability.

May 28, 1879, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Louisa R. Bennethum, and they have two children,—John W. and Sarah Bethel. Like her sister, Mrs. Henney, Mrs. Wright is a valued member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Wright was made a Mason in 1886 and has since progressed in the order until he is now a Knight of the Commandery. In politics he adheres to the principles of Republicanism and takes an active part in the affairs of the city. He has thrice been elected alderman, and in 1895 was the candidate of his party for mayor and was defeated by only fifty-four votes. He is a citizen of the highest probity of character, is very highly spoken of by the men in the manufactory and richly merits the esteem in which he is held by his fellow townsmen.

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**H**ARVEY M. HENDERSON.—The subject of this review has attained a position of no inconsiderable prominence as a financier and manufacturer, but he has not rounded up his life in the sordid matters of pecuniary acquisition, having found pleasure, satisfaction and profit in his association with the great fraternal order whose history traces far away down the dim and misty aisles of the remote past.

Mr. Henderson's identification with the Masonic order dates back to the year 1889, within which he passed the degrees of the blue lodge, chapter and council, at Salem, Indiana, which figures as the place of his

nativity. He was initiated in Salem Lodge, No. 21, A. F. & A. M., and upon his removal to Chicago transferred his membership to Covenant Lodge, No. 526, and was also dimitted from his original chapter, and is now enrolled as a member of Englewood Chapter, No. 176. In the chapter he has held official preferment as Scribe. He still retains his membership in Salem Council. Mr. Henderson was knighted in New Albany Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, at New Albany, Indiana, in the year 1890, withdrawing from the same to become a member of Englewood Commandery, No. 59. His advancement in Masonic craftsmanship was rapid, as is evidenced in the fact that within the year 1890 it became his privilege to receive the initial degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, at Indianapolis, Indiana, where he still retains his affiliation, having passed the thirty-second degree. A successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert enables Mr. Henderson to claim title as a Noble of Murat Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He maintains a lively interest in Masonic affairs and enjoys a marked popularity in the fraternity. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men.

At Salem, Indiana, in the month of March, 1859, occurred the birth of Harvey M. Henderson, and there he was reared and educated. After attaining to manhood he engaged in the drug business, with which line of enterprise he was identified until 1889, when he organized the Citizens' Bank at Salem, and has ever since been the chief executive officer of this institution, which is recognized as one of the solid and reliable monetary concerns of the state, its business being conducted upon careful and conservative principles and conducted upon those policies of utmost fidelity and integrity which ever gain and retain public confidence and insure a concomitant success. He was twice elected and served two terms in the city council from the third ward, discharging every duty faithfully.

In 1892 Mr. Henderson removed with

his family to Chicago, where he has important capitalistic interests in manufacturing and other lines. He is still conducting his banking business at Salem, and his well directed management of his affairs has brought to him a due measure of success.

In the year 1883 was consummated the marriage of Mr. Henderson to Miss Lizzie Lyon, of Salem, Indiana, and to this union three children have been born, only one of whom, Harvey Dawson, survives.

**HENRY B. CHANDLER.**—As an exemplar of the exalted principles of Freemasonry and as one who has attained prominence in this and other fraternities, consideration may be most consistently accorded Mr. Chandler in this connection. Since the year 1886 he has held the important preferment as Grand Secretary of the Royal Arcanum, with headquarters in Chicago, and in this city are his various fraternal associations maintained, while his identification with the business interests of the western metropolis date back nearly forty years.

A native of the old Green Mountain state, Henry Bradford Chandler was born at Lunenburg, Vermont, on the 12th of March, 1840, being the son of John and Nancy (Whipple) Chandler, representatives of prominent old families of New England. After having received the advantages of a common-school education Mr. Chandler turned his face westward in seeking a field of endeavor, and in October, 1857, he arrived in Chicago, where he secured a position as clerk in the flour and feed store of Chandler & Baker, the senior member of the firm being his brother. He retained this incumbency until 1860, when he went on a prospecting tour to Pike's Peak, Colorado, where he remained until the fall of the succeeding year, when he returned to Chicago and associated himself with his brother, C. R. Chandler, in the general commission business, with which enterprise he was identified until a higher duty called him from the pursuits of peace to the fields where

waged a desperate conflict which ultimately preserved the integrity of the nation. On the 22d of July, 1862, he enlisted as a member of the Board of Trade Battery, with which he proceeded to the front, being assigned with his command to the Army of the Cumberland, in which he rendered loyal service until the close of the war of the Rebellion, receiving his discharge June 30, 1865, and being mustered out as sergeant of his company.

For a full decade after his return from the service Mr. Chandler was employed as a commercial traveler, his territory covering Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa. He was for several years the traveling representative of the Union Knife Company, of Naugatuck, Connecticut.

On the 13th of April, 1886, Mr. Chandler was elected Grand Secretary of the Royal Arcanum for Illinois, which position he has since retained consecutively. His headquarters are in Chicago, and the duties of this office demand a very considerable portion of his time and attention. Our subject's identification with the Masonic order dates back to the year 1866. On the 5th of January, of that year, his petition was presented to Star in the East Lodge, No. 166, A. F. & A. M., of Rockford, Illinois, his election was consummated on the 2d of the succeeding month, and on the 3d he became an Entered Apprentice in said lodge, receiving the Fellow-craft degree on the 2d of March, and being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 20th of April. On the 27th of September, 1882, Mr. Chandler secured a dimit from Star in the East Lodge, and thereupon became a member of Hesperia Lodge, No. 411, of Chicago, with which he has ever since affiliated. In December, 1885, he was made Secretary of this lodge, and has continuously served in this capacity up to the present time,—a fact indicative not only of his personal popularity in the fraternity, but of his efficiency and interest. Mr. Chandler has passed the Royal Arch degrees in Washington Chapter, No. 43, while the distinction of knighthood was conferred upon him

in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, with which he is still identified. He became a member of the Royal Arcanum on the 22d of January, 1880, and in this order has served as Trustee, Vice-Regent and Regent, having held the last mentioned office for two terms. He is a member of George H. Thomas Post, No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic; is a charter member of Alpha Council, No. 1, Royal League, and a charter member of Continental Council, No. 55, National Union, while still further fraternal relations are implied in his identification with Pinzon Lodge, No. 1, Columbian Knights, and with Jephtha Chapter of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Chandler also is a member. In his political adherence he lends an unswerving allegiance to the Republican party.

On the 2d of May, 1867, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Chandler to Miss Eunice Sherman, of Newton, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two daughters: Flora May, who is the wife of Frank H. Hall, of Chicago; and Jennie Frances.

**G**EORGE MERITT ILLINGWORTH, M. D.—It is the sacred duty of every generation to preserve a faithful memorial of the character and conduct of its distinguished men. The maxims, motives and destinies of prominent men, as exemplified from age to age in the moral drama of our race, constitute the elements of historic philosophy and impart to the annals of mankind their own practical utility. The life of every individual exerts an influence, more or less strongly felt, upon those around him, and the career of the prominent citizen is studied by those with whom he comes in contact, and by coming generations, through the medium of history, furnishing its lessons of incentive and inspiration. He who has achieved some work that results for the benefit of his fellow men becomes an example to others and merits the gratitude of his generation for the good he has done. Dr. Illingworth is recognized as one of the most progressive men in the fields of medi-

cal practice and has carried his investigation far and wide into this occult science. He is a leader in its advancement, and his discovery of truths and application of them to the physical needs of humanity have gained him a reputation that place him in the front rank among Chicago's physicians.

The Doctor was born in New York on the 28th of January, 1845, and during his infancy was taken by his parents to Wisconsin, where he was reared and acquired his primary education. Becoming interested in the science of medicine and wishing to make its practice his life work, he entered the medical department of the Northwestern University, where on the completion of the prescribed course he was graduated in 1874. He at once entered upon active practice and from the beginning has been successful. In 1878 he went abroad and spent that and the following year in studying in the best universities of the old world, thus further qualifying himself for his profession. He has ever striven to reach the goal of perfection and has spared neither labor nor expense that he might advance and give to his patrons the benefit of the most improved methods and practice. He has introduced the use of electricity into his practice, with the most gratifying results, and his exhaustive study and experiments along this line have enabled him to introduce methods hitherto unknown with excellent success. His patronage is large and lucrative, and well indicates the confidence of the public in his superior ability. He is also greatly interested in dentistry and conducts the Elite Dental Parlors, carried on by skillful operators. Down to the modern ages the science of dentistry was unknown, and since its introduction it has made marvelous strides. Although he does not himself engage in the active work of the profession, Dr. Illingworth has studied closely into its needs and requirements, and has been a leader in its improvement. He has advanced a method of treating sensitive teeth that is unexcelled and has gained for him a most enviable reputation. His business is extensive, and the prosperity that has come

to him is a just reward of earnest labor, deep investigation and superior ability.

That the Doctor deserves mention in the Masonic history of Illinois comes through his honorable connection with several branches of the fraternity. He was made a member of the order in Hiram Lodge, of Madison, Wisconsin, and was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in the same city, while in Apollo Commandery of Chicago he took the Knight Templar degree on the 9th of September, 1886.

Politically the Doctor has been an ardent Republican and a zealous worker in its ranks, but has ever held principle paramount to party, and he is a man who does his own thinking and he wears no man's collar, but is ever ready to espouse the cause of what his own judgment indicates to be right, and in the present campaign is an earnest advocate, with multitudes of his former political coworkers, of bimetallism in the ratio of sixteen to one.

**J**C. BENCH, the efficient and capable Secretary of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery at Galena, is a native son of that city, born October 8, 1851. He was made a Mason on the 21st of October, 1879, in Miners' Lodge, No. 273, at Galena; in 1880 was elected Junior Deacon; in 1881 Senior Deacon; in 1882 Junior Warden; in 1883 Senior Warden, and was re-elected to the last named office the following year. In 1885 he was elected Worshipful Master, and in 1886 re-elected to that office, and in 1892 Senior Deacon; became a Royal Arch Mason in 1893; in 1894 was elected Secretary of the Chapter, an office to which he has been annually re-elected ever since. In the same year, 1893, he also became a Sir Knight Templar, and the next year was elected Recorder of the Commandery, an office which he has ever since held by annual re-election. This is a fine Masonic record, as a testimonial to Mr. Bench's intelligence, responsibility and fidelity.

Mr. Bench's father, Cajeton Bench, was

born in 1828, in Bertholdsdorf, Germany, learned the blacksmith's trade, came to the United States in 1848, spent a short time in New York city, and in 1851 came on through Chicago to Galena, where he resided until his death, October 21, 1894. He was a respected tradesman; in politics was a Democrat, and as such served several terms as a member of the city council. His wife, whose name before marriage was Agnes Kemer, was a native of his own country, born in 1829, and came to the United States in 1847, and died November 27, 1895, at the age of sixty-six years, leaving seven children.

Mr. Bench, whose name heads this sketch, and who was the eldest of the children referred to, was educated in Galena's public schools and learned the wagonmaker's trade under his father, and has been established in that business in his native town for the past thirty years, turning out first-class, reliable work, and enjoying the confidence of all with whom he is acquainted.

In 1881 he was happily married to Miss Louisa Ritscher, a native of Galena, and they have two children: Stella and Alfred. Mr. and Mrs. Bench are members of the Presbyterian church. In political faith Mr. Bench is a Democrat. He and his family have a pleasant home on Franklin street, and enjoy the esteem of the citizens of their native place.

**A** KAUFMAN.—The ancient and honored institution of Freemasonry embraces among its members men of every rank and condition of life, of every nation and clime, and of every religion which acknowledges a Supreme Being and has faith in the immortality of the soul; it stands pre-eminent among the institutions established for the improvement of mankind—as far above other secret organizations in usefulness as it is beyond them in age. In Chicago this society embraces a following that includes some of the most prominent and reliable business men of the city, men whose enterprise and progressive methods have been the means of promoting the

growth and prosperity of the western metropolis; and of this class Mr. Kaufman is a representative. He is regarded as one of the valued members of the fraternity here, and his virtues as a man and a Mason are of the highest order and worthy of imitation. He was made a Mason in Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lafayette Chapter, No. 2. He became a Royal and Select Master of Palestine Council, No. 66, and received the order of knighthood in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, on the 3d of August, 1886. He also affiliates with the social department of the society and was made a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, in 1886. The vigilance with which he guards the ancient landmarks, his allegiance to the principles of the chapter and his observance of the vows of knighthood are deserving of praise and "cheering commendation."

Mr. Kaufman is a native of Prussia, born on the 14th of April, 1850. His education was acquired in the public school of that kingdom, and in 1869 he sailed for America, severing the ties which bound him to the fatherland in order to become a citizen of the "land of the free." His early experience was in the line of merchandising and on coming to Chicago in 1872 he secured a position in a mercantile establishment and has since worked his way upward in that branch of industrial effort. He now occupies the responsible position of manager of the wholesale clothing house of Fliescher Brothers and enjoys the unqualified confidence and high regard of the members of the firm. He came to America with no capital, but willingness to work and fidelity to the interests entrusted to his care soon won him advancement, and he to-day occupies an enviable position in the business world of Chicago. His kindly and genial disposition and his unfailing courtesy have won him many friends, and his excellent business qualities command the respect of those with whom he comes in contact through commercial relations.

In 1878 Mr. Kaufman was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Owen, a native of Chicago, and they have one daughter.

**D**AVID M. ELDRIDGE, a worthy representative of the Masonic fraternity in Belvidere, was born in Chardon, Ohio, on the 5th of May, 1861, and is of English and Welsh descent. His ancestors came to America at an early day and allied their interests with those of the colony of Massachusetts. The first representatives of the family to cross the Atlantic were Edward Zenas and Asahel Eldridge, who in their youth left the little rock-ribbed country of Wales and braving the dangers incident to an ocean voyage at that early period sought a home on Cape Cod. Edward Eldridge, who was born in 1737, afterward emigrated to Sharon, New York, where he and his descendants became quite prominent, taking an active part in public affairs and promoting the progress and development of that section of the state. They intermarried with the Hammonds and Wadsworths, leading families of New York; and the father of our subject, L. P. Eldridge, was born in Sharon. When a lad of seven years he accompanied his parents on their emigration westward, a settlement being made in Munson, Ohio, where the old homestead, which the grandfather entered from the government, is still in the possession of the family. The father became a prominent business man and an extensive dealer in wool in Munson, and won a comfortable competence. He married Miss Nancy Moore, who was born in that city, and to them were born three children.

David M. Eldridge was the second of the family. In the public school he began his education, completing his course by pursuing the high-school studies, after which he entered the employ of the Banner Tobacco Company, of Detroit, as an accountant. He came from that city to Belvidere to accept the position of head bookkeeper for the National Sewing Machine Manufacturing Company, and has since served in

that capacity—an important position demanding great skill on account of the very extensive business controlled by the company.

In 1883 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Eldridge and Miss Viola Burlingame, a native of South Haven, Michigan. Their union has been blessed with two daughters, Bessie E. and Louise V. Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge are valued members of the Episcopal church of Belvidere, and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them. Mr. Eldridge became a member of the Masonic fraternity while residing in Detroit, taking the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason in Kilwinning Lodge, No. 272, of Detroit, from which he was dimitted to Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, on the 6th of May, 1895.

**J**AMES BENNETT, a retired citizen of Peoria, Illinois, has been a resident of this place for more than four decades, and in his life has exemplified many of the teachings of the great Masonic body, of which he is an honored member. His Masonic history dates back to 1867, when he was conducted through the degrees of Temple Lodge, No. 46. At present he affiliates with Illinois Lodge, of which he is a Past Master. For years he served as Junior and Senior Warden in Temple Lodge. Also he has taken the higher degrees and maintains membership in the R. A. M., R. & S. M., K. T. and Scottish Rite, in some of which he has been honored with official position. At the present writing he is filling the chair of Alchemist in Mohammed Temple, Mystic Shrine, at Peoria.

Mr. Bennett is an American by adoption only. He was born in Rainsworthy, Gloucestershire, England, January 27, 1829, and was reared in his native land, remaining there until 1848, when he made the Atlantic voyage and took up his abode in the United States. In 1855 he came to Peoria, and here he has since lived, having resided in his present home since 1863. He established an undertaking business here and

conducted the same successfully for a period of fifteen years. In 1883 he was elected coroner, being the only Republican elected that year in four adjoining counties, and for eight years, up to 1891, filling the office. He is now living retired from active business and in his pleasant home is surrounded with all that goes to make life happy in this world.

**A**NDREW WELCH. — Twenty-seven milestones mark the years that have passed since the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this review first became affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. During that period he has been a diligent worker in the cause, always ready to perform any duties that may be assigned to him and to serve the lodge in any way in his power.

Mr. Welch was initiated in Yorkville Lodge, in 1870; was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Sandwich Chapter, at Sandwich, Illinois, in 1880; and received the degrees in chivalric Masonry in Aurora Commandery, No. 22, in 1882, and held the office of Generalissimo in that body. Faithful to every task given him, loyal to the precepts and tenets of the craft, Mr. Welch merits the high meed of praise extended to him by his fellow Masons.

The birth of our subject occurred in Ontario, Canada, July 9, 1844, his parents being Richard and Margaret (Gray) Welch, the former of whom died when our subject was nine years old. At the age of twelve the latter started out to make his way in the world with a courage worthy of an older head. He went to New York state and secured employment on a farm, where he labored faithfully for four years, and then worked for three years in a sawmill. In the spring of 1864 he came to Illinois and located in Yorkville, Kendall county, and again found employment tilling the soil, which he followed for one summer. He then enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, attached to the Army of the Cumberland; he was mustered out in January, 1866, and returned to Yorkville, there engaging

in the sale of agricultural implements, which he followed until 1886, when he disposed of his interests in Yorkville, and January 1, 1887, he came to Aurora and here embarked in the agricultural implements and carriage business, in which he is at present employed. His thrift and enterprise have placed him in the front ranks of that industry in Kane county.

In his political faith Mr. Welch is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. In 1870 he was elected collector of Yorkville; ten years later was appointed a delegate to the Democratic national convention, and in 1882 was elected to the state legislature, and re-elected in 1884. In 1885 he was appointed collector of internal revenue for the second district of Illinois, serving in that capacity until the consolidating of the first and second districts. In 1888 Mr. Welch was the Democratic candidate for state auditor, and in 1890 was elected as the Democratic central committeeman for the state at large. In 1893 he was appointed brigadier-general of the Illinois National Guards and assigned to the Third Brigade. He is a member of Post No. 20, Grand Army of the Republic, and was formerly a member of the Yorkville post, of which he was vice-commander.

Mr. Welch was married December 24, 1872, to Miss Lissie E. Shephard, of Kendall county, and this union has been blessed with one child, Bessie. Our subject is one of the best known citizens of Aurora, and does everything in his power to promote the welfare of the community in which he resides.

**H**ARRY W. McDONALD was made a Mason in Fides Lodge, No. 842, F. & A. M., at West Pullman, Illinois, on the 31st of July, 1895, and is one of its charter members. He has served as its Secretary and is deeply interested in the work of the order and devoted to its principles. Among the faithful representatives of the fraternity in Illinois he well deserves mention.

Mr. McDonald is a native of the Empire



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state. His birth occurred in the city of Utica, New York, on the 11th of June, 1871, and there he remained until thirteen years of age, when he removed to the west, locating in St. Louis, where he made his home for seven years, at which time he came to Chicago. Since 1891 he has resided in this city, and is one of its progressive, energetic young business men. He was reared to mercantile pursuits, and early became familiar with the methods in vogue in business circles, while his ready adaptability, his foresight and his energy have enabled him to successfully work his way upward. His known reliability has won him the confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and the future doubtless holds in store for him a desirable prosperity. For four years he has been connected with the Columbia Shade Company, faithfully and promptly performing the duties that devolve upon him, and thus contributing to the general success of the enterprise.

Mr. McDonald has a pleasant home, presided over by the lady who now shares his name and fortunes, and who in her maidenhood was Miss Emma McClelland. She is a native of Oswego, New York, and their marriage was celebrated in 1893. On October 15, 1896, a daughter, Florence, was sent to bless their union and strengthen their bonds.

**W**INFIELD NEWELL SATTLE, a Knight Templar and thirty-second-degree Mason, whose advancement in the order has been rapid and satisfactory, was made a member of the order in Oriental Lodge, No. 33, A. F. & A. M., in 1883. From Entered Apprentice he has risen step by step; he was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Lafayette Chapter, No. 2, and joined the Royal & Select Masters of Palestine Council. He was knighted in Apollo Commandery on the 30th of July, 1889, and attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory on the 23d of April, 1891. Of

all these various branches he is a life member, and in Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, he holds a membership. The beneficence, helpfulness and brotherly feeling which the society inculcates among its members appeals to a man of broad mind and strong sympathies like Mr. Sattley, and he is deeply interested in the fraternity and is a worthy and acceptable member of the craft, meeting fully every obligation which it imposes upon its members.

Widely, favorably and prominently known in Masonic circles, the history of the life of Mr. Sattley cannot fail to prove of interest to many of his Masonic brethren throughout the state. His is the record of a thoroughgoing, reliable business man, whose attention throughout life has been given mostly to the vocation which he chose in his early years and in which he has achieved considerable eminence. A native of Vermont, he was born in Ferrisburg, on the 19th of June, 1859, and was reared there on a farm until twelve years of age. On the expiration of that period he went to Burlington, Vermont, where he soon entered upon his business career in the humble capacity of office boy for the Vermont Life Insurance Company; but the gates of success readily open to perseverance, industry and determined effort, and these qualities Mr. Sattley possessed. With a laudable ambition to advance, he has utilized every opportune moment; and his steady application to business, his faithfulness to the work entrusted to his care soon won him the attention of his employers and gained him promotion. He was no longer an office boy, but he occupied a clerical position, and thus has he advanced step by step, new duties and new responsibilities being given him as he has demonstrated his ability to go further in the business, until to-day he occupies a prominent place among the insurance men of the nation. In 1881 he was made general agent of the Vermont Life Insurance Company at Chicago, and acted in that capacity until February 1, 1884, when he was made general agent of

the Massachusetts Mutual Life, where he remained until April 1, 1887. At that time he became connected with the New York Life Insurance Company as superintendent of agents in Illinois, continuing thus to serve until the 15th of March, 1889, when he was made manager of the Manhattan Life Insurance Company of New York, one of the strongest and most extensive companies in the entire country. A man of keen perception, great sagacity and unbounded enterprise, his power nevertheless lies to a great extent in that quality which enables him to successfully control men and affairs. His position embraces a volume of business that has increased to immense proportions, but he handles all with the ease that comes from long familiarity with the work and ability to fully guide and master it.

Mr. Sattley was married June 19, 1884, to Miss May E. Kelley, a native of Wisconsin. They have two children—Ethelwynne May and Winfield Newell, Jr.

In politics Mr. Sattley is a Republican. He is a valued member of the Washington Park, Hyde Park and Chicago Athletic Clubs, and is the honored president of the Sons of Vermont, the oldest state organization in the city and known as the Vermont Association.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY ALBERT RENNER, a prominent member of the bar of Carroll county, and a thirty-second degree Mason, dates his connection with the Masonic order from the year 1889, at which time he was made a Master Mason in Lanark Lodge, No. 423. In that lodge he often filled the office of Junior Deacon. He became a member of the chapter in 1890, in 1892 he joined Long Commandery, No. 60, and in 1893 he was received into Freeport Valley Consistory, and has taken in it all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second. In all these bodies he is an active worker. Also he is a Shriner, a member of Medinah Temple, of Chicago.

Mr. Renner is a native of the state of

New York. He was born in the city of Albany, September 3, 1863, and is of German ancestry. He was educated in the public schools of Illinois, having been brought west to this state in the spring of 1865, when only two years old. After completing his course in the public schools he took up the study of law, which he pursued in the office of O. F. Woodruff, of Morrison, Illinois, and after diligent and careful preparation for his profession was admitted to practice in Chicago in March, 1888. His first practice was in Lanark, where he spent two years, and whence he removed to his present location at Mount Carroll. Here he has since conducted a successful law practice, now doing business under the firm name of Renner & Smith, and enjoying a large and remunerative practice.

Politically, Mr. Renner has always been a staunch Republican and takes an active interest in local politics. For four years he has been master in chancery, and for two years has served as city alderman. As a speaker he is interesting and instructive, is effective in campaign work, and in this way has rendered his party much valuable service.

He was happily married, March 27, 1890, to Miss S. Allie Miller, a native of Lanark, Illinois, and a daughter of David Miller, of that city. To them have been born three children, Rex R., Max and Allen. They have a pleasant and attractive home in Mount Carroll, which he had built after his own plan.

Other orders to which Mr. Renner belongs are the Ola Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the Knights of Pythias and the P. O. S. of A. Mrs. Renner is a valued member of the Christian church.

**D**OUGLAS PATTISON, one of the leading young attorneys of Freeport, is a native son of this city, his birth having occurred on the 11th of December, 1870. His father, Jere Pattison, was descended from one of the old and prominent families of Maryland, which settled in America in 1716.

It has furnished many men of note to different walks of life, ex-Governor Pattison being a nephew of the father of our subject. Jere Pattison was one of the honored pioneers who bore an active part in the development of this great state. He took up his residence in Freeport in 1838 and was the first to engage in the manufacture of agricultural implements in this city. He built up a good business and was an able representative of commercial interests in this section of the state. His political support was given the Democracy and he was a recognized leader in local political affairs, holding many city and county offices, while in 1874 he was the candidate of his party for congress. He married Miss Eliza Manny, a daughter of Pells Manny, the inventor of the reaper; they became the parents of three sons and three daughters, all born in Freeport. The father of this family died on the 19th of August, 1895, but the mother is still living.

Mr. Pattison, whose name introduces this review, is the youngest child of the family. He was educated in the Freeport schools, and on the completion of the literary course was graduated at the Michigan State University, at Ann Arbor. He then entered the law department of the same institution, where he was graduated with the class of 1895. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and soon after opened his office in his native town, where he has since engaged in practice. He is a member of the well-known law firm of Snyder, Pattison & Mitchell, which is now enjoying a liberal and constantly increasing patronage. The partners are all men of good ability and the firm is a strong one in Freeport. Mr. Pattison, although one of the younger members of the bar, possesses the qualifications necessary to a successful lawyer and will undoubtedly win for himself an enviable position at the bar. He has as a foundation for his legal labor a broad general information and a thorough knowledge of the law, and added to these are keen discrimination and sound judgment. He has followed in the political footsteps of his father and is now

the candidate of his party for the office of state's attorney.

Mr. Pattison was made a Mason in 1896 and is now one of the active members of the order, deeply interested in its workings and in its upbuilding. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Red Men and to his college society, the Delta Chi fraternity.

**W**ILLIAM McCONOCHIE, builder and contractor, Rock Island, is a prominent business man, a leading citizen in public affairs and in Masonry a Sir Knight.

He was made a Master Mason in Trio Lodge, No. 57, receiving the Eternal Apprenticeship degree on the 15th day of February, 1872, that of Fellow-craftsman on the 2d of March following, and that of Master Mason on the 18th of April, that year. December 19, 1873 he was received into Barrett Chapter, R. A. M., No. 18, Rock Island, and soon afterward was elected Captain of the Host. He is also a member of Everts Commandery, No. 18, being made a Sir Knight June 13, 1887, and he has filled a number of offices therein up to that of Senior Warden. He appreciates the sublime principles of Masonry and therefore is faithful to his obligations and zealous to advance in a knowledge of the order, which indeed is so immense that no man living can master it entirely.

Mr. McConochie is a native of Scotland, born on the 11th of January, 1847, of Scotch ancestry. His father, John McConochie, was a native of the "lowlands" of that country, and his mother, whose maiden name was Anna Campbell, was of the highland clan of Campbell. In 1853 they emigrated to America, bringing with them their six children, and locating at Joliet, Illinois, where the father died, in the thirty-fifth year of his age; the mother died in 1873, at the age of fifty-five years. They were members of the Presbyterian church and people of the highest respectability. Five of the children still survive.

Mr. McConochie, the third of the fam-

ily, was in his seventeenth year when the family moved to Illinois. After attending the Joliet schools for a number of terms he learned the trade of stone-cutter.

In 1862, although but fifteen years of age, he was very large and succeeded in getting into the army fighting for the Union and served two years under that enlistment, and then, on the 22d of January, 1864, being then of military age, he enlisted under his own name in Company K, Seventy-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and took part in the battles of Shiloh, Fort Donelson, the Vicksburg campaign, siege of Atlanta, Franklin, Nashville and along the Gulf of Mexico, when the war closed, and he received an honorable discharge in December, 1865. Though so young, he had made an excellent army record, having engaged in much hard fighting, but without receiving as much as a scratch.

In 1867 he returned to Joliet, whence he proceeded to Rock Island, which city he has since made his home. Here he has extensively engaged in contracting and building.

In his political sentiments Mr. McConochie has always been an ardent Republican. He has served his city as alderman, and in 1889 he had the honor of being elected mayor, and in 1891 re-elected, so that he served two terms, of two years each, with great efficiency and acceptability. Many improvements of the city were inaugurated and completed during his administration and by the aid of his special efforts.

In 1868 he was happily married to Miss Isabella Kitson, a native of Scotland, and they have had six children. The eldest son, Captain John McConochie, departed this life October 1, 1896. He was a young man of much promise, and was captain of Company A, Illinois National Guards. The second son, William H., is now filling the office made vacant by his brother's death. The third son is Robert J., who is sergeant. The daughters are Isabella, May Alice and Margarett. The family are all members of the Methodist church, and the subject of

this sketch is one of its trustees. They have one of the nice homes of this beautiful city, and are highly esteemed. Mr. McConochie is Past Commander of the G. A. R. post of Rock Island.

CHARLES EDWARD PAUL is one of the most active and worthy members of the fraternity living in Virginia, and during the two years in which he has been affiliated with the order he has proved to be a valuable accession to the ranks of the local lodge. He dates his connection with the society from 1895, when he was initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Virginia Lodge, No. 544, A. F. & A. M. Having quickly mastered the ritual he was shortly after elected to the chair of Tyler, which he has since continued to faithfully fill, much to the gratification of his brothers in the order, by whom he is highly esteemed.

Mr. Paul was born in Morgan county, Illinois, in the city of Arcada, on the 19th of October, 1856, and comes of German ancestors, who were among the early settlers of the state of Pennsylvania, where the father of our subject, Jacob Miller Paul, was born. The latter was married four times, became the father of sixteen children, and died at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was an honorable, upright, and greatly respected citizen. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Nancy Hall, departed this life when Mr. Paul was but one year old. His early mental discipline was acquired in the public schools of Montgomery and Cass counties, and for a time he followed the vocation of farming, but for the past eight years he has held the position of superintendent of the Virginia Tile & Brick Works, and in that capacity has given the fullest satisfaction to his employer and to the citizens of Virginia and the surrounding country, and retains an enviable reputation for honesty and integrity.

In politics Mr. Paul is a staunch adherent

of the Republican party, and has served as treasurer of Virginia, and was a member of the board of health. He is a public-spirited citizen and uses every opportunity for the advancement and welfare of the community in which he resides.

Mr. Paul was married in August, 1880, to Miss Ada Dean, who was born in Cass county, near Virginia. Their three children are: Stella, who is now the wife of Frederick Fisher, and Harry and Nellie, who are at home with their parents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Paul and the two children are affiliated with the Christian church, of which he is a valued and active pillar and a deacon and trustee. He is a member of Ada Robinson Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and is generally regarded as a faithful Christian, a good citizen, and a worthy Mason, exemplifying in his daily life the doctrines inculcated in the tenets of the fraternity and in the advancement of the church, and in so doing he possesses the sincere respect of his fellow men.

**B**ION B. McFALL, a prominent thirty-second-degree Mason residing at Belvidere, Illinois, dates his identity with this ancient order from the year 1879, the degrees which made him a Master Mason being conferred upon him by Delta Lodge, No. 195, A. F. & A. M., of Escanaba, Michigan. He was dimitted from that lodge, and since March 18, 1895, has affiliated with the blue lodge at Belvidere. In 1890 he petitioned for the degrees of the R. A. M., was favorably received by Kishwaukee Chapter, and its work was conferred upon him as follows: Mark Master, May 7; Past Master and Most Excellent Master, June 3; and Royal Arch, June 18. September 28, 1891, he became a member of Crusaders' Commandery, K. T., and February 20, 1894, was received into Freeport Valley Consistory, which conferred upon him all its degrees up to and including the thirty-second. Also he is a member of the Mystic Shrine, holding membership in the same at Rockford, where he was initiated

October 18, 1894. At this writing he occupies the chair of Master of the First Veil in the chapter.

Mr. McFall is a native of Wisconsin, and was born in Waupaca, May 25, 1858, a descendant of ancestors who were among the prominent early settlers of New York state. His father, Henry McFall, was a pioneer of Wisconsin, a stanch Republican and a man of local prominence, the office of marshal of Escanaba having been filled by him for a period of twelve years. The mother of our subject was, before her marriage, Miss Frances Elizabeth Anthony.

In the public schools Mr. McFall received a fair education, and when he started out in life on his own account it was as fireman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. Later he was for years an employee in the land-office of this company, and still retains a connection with the road, being now one of its most capable engineers. He is identified with several of the important business enterprises of Belvidere, among which is the National Sewing Machine Manufactory located here, of which he is a stockholder.

September 27, 1888, Mr. McFall was united in marriage to Miss Laura T. Woodruff, a native of Morrison, Illinois, and a daughter of C. W. Woodruff, now deceased, who was one of the highly respected citizens of Belvidere. Mrs. McFall is an artist, an accomplished and amiable woman, and both she and her estimable husband enjoy the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends.

**M**YRON E. McHENRY, whose connection with the Masonic fraternity dates from 1893, since which time he has attained to the thirty-second degree, is a popular and well known resident of Freeport, Illinois; but his reputation as the owner and trainer of fine race horses has made him known throughout the country. Born in Henry county, Illinois, in the year 1856, he is of Scottish lineage and is a son of D. B. and Rachel A. (Fritts) McHenry.

The mother was a native of Pennsylvania, the father of Illinois. The paternal grandfather was one of the first settlers of White county, Illinois, and it was there that the birth of D. B. McHenry occurred. He has spent his entire life in this state and is now living in the county of his nativity, having retired from active business life.

The subject of this review was the second in a family of eight children and on the home farm was reared to manhood, while in the public schools he acquired a fair English education that fitted him for life's practical duties. He entered upon his business career as a farmer, but soon afterward embarked in the livery business. He has always been a lover of fine horses and his power of understanding the needs and wants of the "noble steed" is truly wonderful. He began training horses for the race-track and so successful have been his efforts in this line that he now has a reputation which has made him known throughout America. The first record that he made with a racing horse was in driving Guy, the time being 2:06 $\frac{3}{4}$ , which was then the world's record for a trotting stallion. He drove Mary Marshall in 2:08 $\frac{1}{4}$ , the lowest record for racing mares at the time, and gave John R. Gentry a record of 2:03 $\frac{3}{4}$ , which is the best time ever made by a pacing stallion. Numerous other horses have been trained and driven by him and have developed such speed as to make him one of the most renowned horsemen in the world. For a number of years he has been a successful breeder of race horses and is still engaged in this business, his preference being for the Wilkes blood, of which he has several fine specimens upon his farm, and of them he has great expectations. He has done much to advance the grade of horses in this section of the state, and in his development of racing capabilities he is almost unequaled.

In the year 1878 Mr. McHenry was united in marriage with Miss Ida A. Gearhart, a native of Geneseo.

In his political views our subject is a stalwart advocate of Republican principles. Mr. McHenry has made many warm friends,

and wherever he goes his courtesy, his genuine worth and his genial manner win him the high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact. He has now passed all the degrees in the blue lodge, chapter, consistory, council and commandery of Masonry, and is an esteemed representative of his ancient and honored order.

**G**EORGE LINCOLN IRVINE, who is filling the responsible position of president and manager of the overall factory of Rockford, and is one of the most active business men of the city, was born in Rockvale, Ogle county, Illinois, on the 17th of December, 1863, and is of Scotch lineage. His grandfather, Alexander Irvine, emigrated from Scotland to Canada, was married in the latter country, and in 1836 came to Ogle county, Illinois, being one of the pioneers in that section of the state and a prominent factor in its development. He followed farming and was a most highly respected citizen. Joseph W. Irvine, father of our subject, was seventeen years of age when he came with his parents to Illinois in 1836. He married Rebecca W. Waggoner, a native of Pennsylvania, and then began his domestic life on a farm, continuing its cultivation until his removal to Rockford in 1869. He lived to the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife is still living, at the age of sixty-seven. They were members of the Methodist church, and the grandfather was one of Illinois' pioneer Methodist ministers—in fact might be said to be one of the early founders of the denomination in the state. Our subject's father was a strong Republican, and was active and efficient in the work of the party when it needed the loyal service of all its stalwart members.

Mr. Irvine was the eighth in this family. He is indebted to the public schools of Rockford for his educational privileges, and when his school life was ended he entered upon his business career, which has been a straightforward, prosperous one, until he is recognized as one of the leading representa-



tives of the commercial interests of the city. For the past nine years he has been engaged in the manufacture of overalls. This is one of the important industries of the place, and the business under his able management has been increased and is a paying investment. Large quantities of goods are turned out each year and extensive shipments sent to the northwest. The excellent quality of the product of their factory and the known reliability of the house has gained them a liberal patronage, which is certainly well deserved.

In 1889 Mr. Irvine was made a Mason in Star of the East Lodge, No. 166, of Rockford, has since taken the Royal Arch degrees and was knighted in the commandery of this city. He is a faithful member of the order and is a gentleman of ability and worth. On the 22d of January, 1891, Mr. Irvine was united in marriage with Miss Harriet M. Swain, a native of Ripon, Wisconsin.

**J**UDD DECKER.—It is not possible for all men to accomplish some great work by which their names shall be perpetuated after they are dead; but there is no man so humble or so devoid of talents that he may not accomplish something to make the world better for his having lived in it. The individual achievement of one may seem small, but the united efforts of the fifty thousand Masons in Illinois have accomplished a work for humanity which is incalculable in its beneficent results. Amid all the repellent forces which tend to drive men farther apart,—wars, social distinctions, creeds and competitions,—there is yet one force that draws all men together, one common ground on which all may meet and clasp hands. That force is the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and that ground is Freemasonry. Rich and poor alike may here assemble, class distinctions are forgotten and character is the test of a man's fitness for Masonic honors.

Mr. Decker has for six years been prominently connected with this ancient frater-

nity and is most loyal in his advocacy of its principles. He was made a Mason in Rock River Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., on the 3d of October, 1890, and is now serving as Junior Warden. Not long after taking the degree of Master Mason he was still further advanced, taking the capitular degrees in Sterling Chapter, No. 57, and becoming a Royal Arch Mason on the 13th of January, 1891. His interest in the society grew as he more fully understood its advocacy of all that tends to uplift man and promote nobleness of character, and he entered the commandery of Sterling, being knighted on the 5th of May, 1891. He is now serving his second term as its Sword Bearer. He has the high regard of all the brethren of the craft in Sterling, and well deserves mention in this volume.

Mr. Decker also occupies a prominent and influential position in the business circles of Sterling. He was born in Jackson township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of October, 1855, and is of Holland Dutch descent, his great-grandfather having emigrated from Holland to New Jersey in an early epoch of this country's history. The father of our subject, Addison Decker, was born in Wellsburg, Pennsylvania, and was married to Miss Phœbe Reynolds, of Middleton, New York. In 1870 the father went to California for his health, and in the fall of that year returned to Iowa, where he died at the age of seventy-two years, in 1881. His wife died in 1878. They were members of the Congregational church and of the highest respectability.

Judd Decker, of this review, the second son in a family of ten children, was educated in Almira, New York. After entering on his business career he removed to the west and for about eight years was engaged in the butter and egg business in Des Moines and for five years was in the insurance business as the representative of the Phœnix Insurance Company. He came to Sterling in 1884 and purchased a drug store which he conducted for seven years, meeting with satisfactory success. His trade rapidly in-

creased, and as his income permitted he made judicious investments in real estate, which also brought to him good returns, and he became the owner of considerable property in Sterling and elsewhere.

It was on the 19th of February, 1893, that Mr. Decker became connected with the Sterling Water Company, of which he is now secretary and manager. They have developed a fine water-works system and furnish to the inhabitants of Sterling an abundance of pure artesian water. Mr. Decker is manager of the offices of the company, and his control of the business is most satisfactory to the stockholders, for his wise judgment, sagacity and excellent executive ability enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

On Christmas day of 1880 Mr. Decker was united in marriage to Miss Florence E. Fowler, a native of New York and a daughter of W. H. Fowler of the Empire state. They have had two children, Florence Lorene and Hazel, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Decker attend the Presbyterian church and are people whose intelligence and sterling worth are ever passports to the best circles of society. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics he is a staunch Republican and belongs to that class of enterprising, progressive citizens whose deep interest in the welfare of the community is manifest in an active support of all measures calculated to promote the public good.

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**W**ILLIAM HENRY RHINEBERGER an honored and representative member of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois, who faithfully practices the précepts and principles of the fraternity, was initiated in Cass Lodge, No. 23, at Beardstown, on the 2d of March, 1888, and quickly familiarized himself with the ritual, after which he was advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry in Clarke Chapter, No. 29, R. A. M., at Beardstown, on the 24th of November, 1890. The

orders of knighthood were conferred upon him in Rushville Commandery, No. 56, K. T. He thoroughly understands the tenets of the society, by which his life has been governed, and is a careful and conscientious student of the teachings and ethics of the craft.

The birth of Mr. Rhineberger took place on June 10, 1844, in Washington county, Ohio, and he is a descendant of one of the old Pennsylvania German families, his grandfather having served in the Revolutionary war. The family moved to New York and later to Wheeling, West Virginia, where the father of our subject, William Henry Rhineberger, was born and eventually married Miss Julia Dunham. They moved to Washington county, Ohio, and were numbered among the early settlers of that section of the state, whence they came to Beardstown, and here the father engaged in his vocation, that of contractor and builder, in which he continued up to the time of his death in 1895, at the venerable age of seventy-eight years. He was a valued member of the Masonic fraternity, receiving the sublime degree of Master Mason in Cass Lodge, No. 23, and was a worthy pillar in the Methodist church, and a highly esteemed man and Christian. Our brother was his third son, and after obtaining a public-school education he was taught the building trade, in which he was engaged at the outbreak of the Civil war, and although but seventeen years old he offered his services, inspired by a love of his country and the spirit of patriotism inherited from his ancestors, and in answer to President Lincoln's first call for seventy-five thousand men, he enlisted, July 3, 1861, in Company D, Twenty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under the command of U. S. Grant, who had at that time only attained the rank of colonel. Our subject was, with his regiment, assigned to the western army and participated in a number of skirmishes and important battles, among the latter being those of Fredericksburg, the siege of Corinth, Stone river, Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga, Resaca, and marched with Gen-

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eral Sherman in his triumphant campaign of one hundred and forty days, in which Mr. Rhineberger was on the skirmish line for thirty consecutive days, until, on the 19th of May, 1864, he received a gunshot wound that nearly ended his career and from which he did not recover until his three years' term of service had expired, when he was mustered out and returned home. As a soldier he was courageous, efficient and faithful, and retired with the satisfaction of having performed his duty to his country in contributing his best efforts toward the preservation of the Union.

Upon returning to Beardstown Mr. Rhineberger became associated with his father in the contracting and building business until 1867, when he moved to Kansas, which was then in a primitive state, with the intention of growing up with the country; but, becoming dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs there, he came back to Beardstown and once more engaged in his former vocation, and by enterprise, energy and upright methods has acquired success in his line of work and accumulated a comfortable competency. He has done a large portion of the building in this city and in several surrounding towns throughout the county, his facilities for doing which are afforded by an extensive planing-mill of his own, where he manufactures his material, buying his lumber at wholesale.

Politically Mr. Rhineberger is a staunch Republican, and has been chosen by his fellow citizens as their mayor, filling that honorable office in a highly creditable and praiseworthy manner and taking a deep interest in the growth and welfare of his home city. He was a member of the Mississippi Valley waterway committee, composed of representative men from some twenty adjacent cities, to protest against the sewage of Chicago being emptied into the Illinois river, thereby affecting the towns along its banks; and so ably was the case presented that the secretary of state granted their request and the evil was consequently prevented.

Regarding his social relations it may be stated that Mr. Rhineberger is an active

member of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which body he is Past Commander of his post, and holds a membership in the fraternity of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Maccabees, and the Independent Order of Foresters, representing each in the grand lodges.

On May 29, 1867, was solemnized the marriage of our subject and Miss Nannie Richards, a native of Cass county, and of their six children two survive: Jessie, now the wife of James Nixon, of Beardstown; and Lillie, who married Frank Corkhill, likewise a resident of this city. Mrs. Rhineberger departed this life on May 14, 1879, and on June 7, 1882, our subject married Miss Delia Clark, of Cass county, by whom he has had three children, as follows: Mabel R., Claude E. and Maude E. He has erected a good, substantial home, where, surrounded by his wife and children, he is enjoying the fruits of his life's labors. As a brave soldier, an honest business man and citizen, and chief magistrate of Beardstown, Mr. Rhineberger possesses a record of which he may well be proud, and richly deserves the high regard and good will in which he is held by his fellow men.

**G** H. HOVNANIAN.—There are probably in this country few Armenians numbered among the members of the Masonic fraternity; but our subject belongs to this class. By birth an Armenian, he came to this country to complete his education, and in 1893 became a member of the Masonic fraternity, in Calumet Lodge, of Blue Island. He was afterward dimitted from that organization in order to become a charter member of Fides Lodge, No. 842, of West Pullman, in 1895, and is now Worshipful Master of the same, faithfully and conscientiously discharging the duties that devolve upon him as the highest officer in the lodge. He was raised to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Calumet Chapter, No. 203, in 1895, and the following year joined the Royal and Select Masters of Imperial Council, No. 85. He was

knighted in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, in 1895, and in April of that year took the Scottish Rite degrees in Oriental Consistory. He was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple in April, 1895, and thus has gone through the various branches of Masonry, becoming well versed in its teachings and following closely those principles which have formed the foundation of the fraternity through the many centuries of its existence and which have appealed to the noblest and best in man's nature in all countries and in all climes, making the kinship of man a recognized fact no matter what country happens to be the land of his birth.

Dr. Hovnanian was born in Turkey, in Asia, on the 23d of November, 1864, and was reared there until nineteen years of age, when he made the long voyage across the ocean to America to make his home here. He spent a year and a half in Boston University, Massachusetts, taking a special course, and thence went to Philadelphia, where he engaged in the drug business until he had obtained enough money to pay his tuition and other expenses in a medical college. He was graduated at the Medico-Chirurgical College in 1890, and spent one year in Philadelphia Hospital as a resident physician. He afterward went to the Norristown Insane Asylum, where he remained for a year and a half, and thus gained a thorough and comprehensive knowledge, as well as practical, of the science of medicine, to the practice of which he was thereafter to devote his energies and attention. In 1893 he came to Chicago and has since been an active practitioner in West Pullman, where he has a large and constantly increasing patronage. His methods are up to date, and he is progressive and constantly on the alert for improvements.

Dr. Hovnanian had only fifteen dollars when he landed in America, but, undeterred by the difficulties that seemed to surround him, he has steadily worked his way upward, overcoming all obstacles by undaunted perseverance, energy and untiring efforts. He is certainly deserving of great credit for

his success, which would be an honor to a native American. His standing, both in professional and Masonic circles, is high, and his many admirable qualities have gained him a host of warm friends.

In addition to his Masonic relations, the Doctor is a charter member of West Pullman Lodge, I. O. O. F., and a charter member also of Perseverance Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at West Pullman.

**J**AMES NICHOLAS WELLMAN, one of the successful and progressive business men of Quincy engaged in the manufacture of tobacco, is one of the indefatigable, well-informed members of the Masonic fraternity in this city. He took his initiatory degrees in New London Lodge, No. 207, at New London, Missouri, and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Ralls Chapter, No. 5. Upon coming to Quincy in 1876, Mr. Wellman obtained a dimit and affiliated with Quincy Lodge, No. 296, on November 17, of that year, and with Quincy Chapter, No. 5, May 27, 1879. On May 11, 1879, he received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Quincy Council, No. 15, and was created a Sir Knight in Beaumont Commandery, No. 11, April 25, 1879, with which he remained until the organization of El Aksa Commandery January 25, 1884, when he became a member of the latter body. May 16, 1888, he received the ineffable degrees of Scottish Rite, Oriental Consistory, up to and including the thirty-second. Mr. Wellman has been an able and enthusiastic worker in the order, and in his lodge has held the offices of Junior and Senior Deacon, Senior Warden, and Worshipful Master, occupying the latter two terms. He is held in high esteem by his fellow Masons, is well informed on the ritual, and exemplifies the tenets of the society by an upright and honorable course of conduct.

Mr. Wellman was born in Ralls county, Missouri, December 3, 1847, and comes of German ancestry. His father, Dr. Harvey

Wellman, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and married Miss Ann E. Haskell, a native of New Orleans. After moving to Ralls county, the father continued the practice of his profession until his death, which occurred in his twenty-ninth year, leaving his wife and two children to mourn their loss. Mrs. Wellman passed away in 1886.

Our subject was reared and educated in his native state and moved to Quincy in 1876, where he engaged in the manufacture of tobacco. In 1878 he became one of the organizers of what is now the Wellman & Dwier Company, which was incorporated in 1880. Mr. Wellman has always served its interests in the capacity of superintendent, and under his able direction it speedily grew to be one of the largest manufacturing enterprises in the city, its goods being sold at wholesale throughout the United States, and doing an especially large business in the northwest. As a manager, Mr. Wellman has exhibited good executive ability, excellent judgment, and has filled this responsible position in an eminently successful manner.

In political affairs, Mr. Wellman has ever been a staunch Democrat, but has never been a politician in the sense of holding, or desiring to hold, office. He is a man of ideas, of independence of thought, and always possesses the courage of his convictions.

Mr. Wellman was married on March 11, 1869, to Miss Virginia E. Cameron, the daughter of Captain Niel Cameron, a steamboat captain of the Mississippi river. Three children have been born in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Wellman: Harvey C., who is associated with his father in business; Arelia Percie and James N., Jr. Our subject and his wife are devout members of the Christian church, which they have attended for the past thirty years. Since coming to Quincy they have been among the church's most ardent supporters, he serving as one of its deacons. In their delightful home they receive and enjoy the society of their many friends in a spirit of most cordial hospitality.

**J**EROME HEATH THOMAS is one of the active and thoroughly posted Masons residing at Belvidere. His Masonic history is as follows: Mr. Thomas was initiated into the mysteries of blue Masonry in Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., in the centennial year, 1876, receiving the three degrees in close succession, and shortly afterward was appointed Senior Deacon of his lodge. The same year he joined Kishwaukee Chapter, No. 90, R. A. M., of Belvidere, receiving the Mark Master degree on the 6th of December. January 3, 1877, the Past Master degree was given him, and the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch were conferred upon him on the evenings of May 3 and May 10, respectively. In both the lodge and chapter he has filled prominent official positions. He passed from the chair of Senior Deacon to other offices in the lodge and was for five years its Worshipful Master. In the chapter he filled various stations, for a long time was Principal Sojourner, and for five years officiated as High Priest, and is now holding this position. He was a charter member of the council organized at Belvidere, and held one of the offices in it. In 1880 he united with Crusaders' Commandery, No. 17, K. T., of Rockford, being made a Sir Knight in May of that year, and in the commandery has served as Senior Warden. There are but few Masons who understand the ritualistic and practical workings of Freemasonry better than does Mr. Thomas. Recently he had the honor of being commissioned Deputy Grand Lecturer, an office in which he is now serving most efficiently.

Closely connected with the Masonic history of Mr. Thomas is his identity with the Order of the Eastern Star, that popular auxiliary of Freemasonry which was instituted for the benefit of the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Master Masons. He was active in the organization of the Eastern Star at Belvidere, is one of its Past Worthy Patrons, and has done much to bring about the prosperity of this order here.

Mr. Thomas is a native of the Empire state and dates his birth in Erie county, February 18, 1852, his ancestry being traced back to England and Scotland, on his father's side, and through his mother to France. By occupation Mr. Thomas has been a salesman and hotel keeper, and has a wide and favorable acquaintance.

**J**OHN FRANKLIN NELSON is a representative of a family whose history is interwoven with that of Rockford, and with the development of its industrial and commercial interests. The Nelsons have for more than fifty years been connected with the progress and advancement of the city, and by their promotion of enterprises have added to the material welfare of Rockford as well as to their individual prosperity. The knitting factories of which they have control have become important industries, doing a vast volume of business and furnishing employment to many men.

Mr. Nelson, whose name introduces this review, is a native of Rockford, born on the 26th of June, 1868, and is a son of John and Eva C. (Pearson) Nelson. His parents were both natives of Sweden, and in 1852 emigrated to the United States, locating first in St. Charles, Illinois. Soon, however, they removed to Rockford, and the father, who had been a wood-turner in early life, gave his attention to the work of invention. He was a man of much genius, and the result of his study and labor were given to the world in an automatic knitting machine, which has proved of valuable and practical utility. Put to a thorough test it was found that the work that could be performed with the machine was not only of a first-class quality, but that the amount that could be produced by one operator was enormous when compared with what a single knitter could produce. His labors have resulted in the establishment of three large knitting factories in Rockford, which have proven of great benefit to the commercial activity of the city, have given employment to a large force of workmen, and

have brought a handsome competence to the individual owners. The inventor of this valuable machine, however, did not live to enjoy the fruits of his labors. He was but beginning to reap the merited returns of his genius when illness overtook him, and he departed this life on the 15th of April, 1883.

His widow, five sons and a daughter were left to mourn his untimely death. The eldest son, Alfred, has since died. The other sons are continuing the business which was inaugurated by their father, and they are now interested in two large factories—the Nelson Knitting Factory and the Forest City Knitting Factory. All are energetic, persevering and progressive business men, and their united efforts have resulted in the establishment of a very large and profitable business. The excellent quality of their goods has gained them a deserved reputation for reliability, and their trade has so greatly increased that their daily output is from five to six thousand dozen pairs of hosiery.

J. Frank Nelson is the youngest of the brothers. He resides with his mother in one of Rockford's beautiful residences, which is adorned with all the accessories that wealth can procure and refined taste suggest. He was educated in the public schools of Rockford, and throughout his business career has been identified with the knitting industry. His entire attention is devoted to this business, and he gives his personal supervision to the manufacture of the machinery used in the factories. The Nelson brothers are all members of the Masonic fraternity, in which they have attained the thirty-second degree. J. Frank Nelson was made a Mason in Rockford Lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M., in 1891, and has since risen rapidly, taking all the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

**J**AMES JARRETT, a thirty-second-degree Mason and a progressive business man of Quincy, was initiated in Herman Lodge, No. 39, on April 17, passed May 1,



and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason May 5, 1894. He attained the fourteenth degree of the Scottish Rite in Quincy Grand Lodge of Perfection, the sixteenth degree in Quincy Council of Princes of Jerusalem, the eighteenth degree Quincy Chapter of Rose Croix, and the thirty-second degree in Quincy Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, receiving the latter on May 11, 1894. He has been an earnest adherent to the precepts of the order, and has so conducted his life as to conform to its principles and tenets.

Mr. Jarrett was born in Quincy, March 28, 1866, and comes of a sturdy Scotch stock, both his grandfather and father, James Jarrett, senior and junior, having been natives of the "land of the thistle." They came to this country and located at St. Louis, where they successfully engaged in contracting. The father of our subject came to Quincy while yet a young man and was married here to Miss Matilda Baywater. He attained prominence as a steamboat captain and also embarked in the fuel and ice business. He was at one time mayor of the city and was conspicuous for the interest he evinced in looking after the welfare of the community. He departed this life in 1895, at the age of fifty-five years, and is still survived by his good wife. Brother Jarrett is the eldest of their seven children. Upon finishing his education in Quincy he secured employment on a railroad, where he continued until 1890, when he embarked in the coal, wood and ice business, in partnership with William M. Dickason. This continued until 1894, when our subject purchased Mr. Dickason's interest and has since conducted the business alone. He is meeting with merited success, his upright character, honorable methods and sincere disposition winning for him the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact. Brother Jarrett was married in 1893 to Miss Mary Ann King, of Quincy, and they are the parents of two children, Helen Wood and James Dickason. Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett reside at

one of the landmarks of this city, in the old dwelling built by his father over half a century ago.

Politically our subject is a Democrat, and in his social relations is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

**F**RANKLIN EUGENE SERFASS, manager of the Western Union telegraph office, at Freeport, is one of the younger representatives of the Masonic fraternity in this beautiful city, where he was born on the 20th of April, 1866. He is descended from German ancestors who early located in Pennsylvania. His father, Reuben Serfass, was a native of the Keystone state, and when a young man emigrated to Ohio, where he married Miss Catherine Wise, a native of the Buckeye state. In 1858 they became residents of Freeport, where for a number of years the father was actively engaged in contracting and building. He departed this life on the 27th of October, 1893, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife is still living, at the age of sixty-three years. In their family were six children, three of whom are now living.

Franklin E. Serfass, of this review, is the youngest. He was educated in the Freeport schools and learned telegraphy in the Western Union office at this place, since which time he has gradually advanced from one position to another until he now occupies the responsible place of manager of the Freeport office. He has for short times, at different periods in his life, been a telegraph operator for the Illinois Central Railway and for one or two other roads, and has become one of the most expert telegraphers in the country. His superior ability well fits him for his present position, which he is filling with eminent satisfaction to the company, and is a most trusted and reliable employee. He is a young man of excellent business ability and has already attained a success which would well grace the efforts of a man many years his senior.

In his political adherency Mr. Serfass is a Republican and keeps well informed on

the issues and questions of the day. He was made a Mason in 1891, and has since taken the chapter degrees, while in the order he is highly esteemed for his genuine worth. Almost his entire life has been spent in Freeport, and being thus well known the respect in which he is so universally held is a just tribute to a young business man of excellent business habits.

**J**OHN BURKERT DELHAUER, who for almost forty years has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, having become a member of the order in 1857, is a resident of Freeport and one of the old and most highly respected citizens.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Berks county, on the 30th of January, 1828, and is of French and German ancestry, the founders of the family in America having crossed the Atlantic in colonial days. They were participants in those events which formed the early history of the nation, and were valiant defenders of their country during the wars in which it became involved. The father of our subject, Henry Delhauer, was born in New Jersey, near Philadelphia, and in Berks county, Pennsylvania, married Miss Maria Winkler. In 1836 he removed with his parents to Canton, Ohio, becoming one of the worthy pioneers of that section of the state, where he established a forge for the manufacture of iron, and worked there for many years. He attained the age of sixty years, and his wife was eighty-two years of age at the time of her death. They had eleven children, eight of whom reached years of maturity, although only two are now living.

John B. Delhauer was the third of the family, and in a primitive log schoolhouse of Ohio he obtained his education, being reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life. In his youth he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which he followed for some time. He was married in Ashland, Ohio, on the 25th of December, 1849, to Miss Catherine Kenegy, of Franklin county, Pennsylvania,

and in the spring of 1853 he brought his wife to Freeport, where he has since made his home. He at once became prominently identified with the business interests of the city and has won a success that evidenced his industrious, energetic career, for he came here with little capital and has depended entirely upon his own resources for all that he has secured. With a partner he opened a restaurant, but after a short time embarked in the grocery business. As the population of Freeport increased his trade grew until it had assumed extensive proportions. He was ever courteous in his treatment of his patrons, and his fair dealing and earnest desire to please soon won him a large business. He had the confidence and good will of all and his capable management brought to him a handsome competence, which was well deserved, and which now enables him to spend his declining years in retirement from active labor. His attention is given to no commercial interest, save the care of his investments. As his financial resources increased he purchased considerable realty and is now the owner of various buildings in Freeport, which he rents, deriving therefrom a good income. He is also engaged in the loaning of money.

Mr. and Mrs. Delhauer had a family of seven children, five of whom are now living, namely: Charles E.; Ada, now the wife of George A. Lindgren; John H., Mrs. Margaret Hickman and Edward K. The parents are estimable members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Delhauer is serving as trustee, while both are active in the work of the church and its upbuilding. Our subject is a staunch Republican in his political associations, but has never been an office-seeker. His life is one of the highest respectability, and he is one of the most esteemed citizens of Freeport. Through the era of its greatest development he has been numbered among its residents, in fact, has been identified with its history from its pioneer days and has been an important factor in promoting its commercial interests and thus aiding largely in advancing its material welfare and prosperity.

**A**LLEXANDER HENDERSON.—Rockford's Masons are well worthy of mention in the history of the fraternity in Illinois. They have been active in promoting the interests of the order and many have attained to a high degree therein. Among those whose identification with the society have added new luster to its fair name is Mr. Henderson, a thirty-second-degree Mason who for twelve years has been accounted one of the worthy representatives of Rockford Lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M. Since that time he has advanced in the York Rite until he has taken all the consistory degrees, and of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he is also a member. He is ever ready to extend a helping hand to his brethren and manifests the true spirit of fraternity in his well-spent life. He is also an Odd Fellow, affiliating with Social Lodge in Rockford.

Mr. Henderson is widely known in this city, not only in society circles, but also in the ranks of its leading business representatives. He is a native of Scotland and of Scotch ancestry. He was educated in the Madras Academy of his native country, and for five years was employed in a drug store there, during which time he received only ten pounds per annum for his services, but he gained a thorough and accurate knowledge of pharmacy, which has ably fitted him for his present business career. In 1879 he and his brother, John W. Henderson, came to America to settle up the estate of their uncle, William Henderson, who died in Rockford in that year. So well pleased were they with the city and its prospects that they decided to embark in business here and make it their future home.

Alexander Henderson accordingly opened a drug store which he has since conducted, and by his honorable methods and courteous treatment of his patrons has won a liberal share of the trade in his line. His store is modern in all its appointments and is most completely equipped with everything found in a first-class establishment of the kind. As his financial resources have increased he has made judicious investments in real estate

and now owns some valuable property in Rockford and Chicago. He is rated as one of the most enterprising and progressive business men of the former city, and would be a valued acquisition to the commercial circles of any community.

In his political views Mr. Henderson is Republican, but has no time nor desire for political preferment. He was married in 1884 to Miss Minnie Farquhar, a native of Rockford and of Scotch ancestry. Their pleasant and hospitable home receives many friends who always find a warm welcome at their fireside.

Mr. Henderson's brother, John W. Henderson, also engaged in business in Rockford and was connected with the Winnebago National Bank and the N. C. Thompson Manufacturing Company. He, too, was made a Mason and advanced rapidly in the order until he had taken all the Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second. He was highly esteemed as a worthy citizen and good business man, and the many excellencies of his character won him the high regard of all. He, too, was happily married, but in March, 1896, both he and his wife suffered a severe attack of spinal meningitis, which terminated life. Mr. Henderson died on the 16th of March, 1896, and his wife passed away within a few days. The double calamity awakened the most widespread and sincere regret throughout Rockford and in his great sorrow Alexander Henderson and his wife have the keenest sympathy of the entire community.

**R**OSWELL Z. HERRICK.—High on the roll of Chicago's loyal and influential Masons stands the name of this gentleman, whose connection with the fraternity even antedates his arrival in this city, where he has made his home since 1869. For twenty-eight years he has been a worthy exponent of its principles in the metropolis of the west. He was first made a Mason in 1868, becoming a member of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 124, F. & A. M., of Charleston, Maine. He now belongs to

Home Lodge, No. 508, and in 1870 he took the Royal Arch degrees in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, R. A. M., while in Apollo Commandery No. 1, he was made a Knight Templar. He is still connected with Chicago Chapter, but in 1880 transferred his membership from Apollo Commandery, No. 1, K. T., to Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52, K. T., his name appearing on the roll of its charter members. He has taken an active interest in the work and progress of the various branches and has been honored with a number of offices, having been Senior Warden in Home Lodge and its Secretary for four years; High Priest in the Chapter, and Recorder, Senior Warden and Generalissimo in the commandery. He belongs to the Masonic Veterans' Association and is a prominent and valued member of the ancient fraternity which has largely inculcated the principles of charity, benevolence and kindness among men through many centuries.

In business circles Mr. Herrick has made a record that is most honorable and satisfactory. The world instinctively pays deference to the man whose success has been worthily achieved, who has attained wealth by honorable business methods, by merit acquired a high reputation in his chosen calling, and whose social prominence is not the less the result of an irreproachable life than of recognized natural gifts. We pay the highest tribute to the heroes who on bloody battle-fields win victories and display a valor that wins the admiration of the world. Why should the tribute be withheld from those who wage the bloodless battles of civil life, who are conquerors in the world of business? The career of Mr. Herrick is one that demonstrates the possibilities that America affords her energetic, ambitious young men.

Born in East Corinth, Maine, on the 27th of December, 1846, he is a son of Joshua M. and Betsey (Stinchfield) Herrick, both representatives of early colonial families. The ancestry of the Herricks can be traced back to Sir William Herrick, a goldsmith and money-lender of London, of high

repute. He was born in 1557, was a member of parliament from 1601 to 1620 and was knighted by King James I in 1605. His fifth son, Henry Herrick, was born in 1604, and in the early part of the seventeenth century was sent to investigate his father's mercantile affairs in the colony of Virginia. Instead of locating in the south he took up his abode in Beverly, Massachusetts, in 1629, and became the founder of the family in the New World. The grandfather of our subject, removed from New London, New Hampshire, to East Corinth, Maine, in 1807.

Mr. Herrick, of this review, acquired his earlier education in an academy in East Corinth, and on laying aside his text-books entered upon his business career as a copying clerk in the office of the register of deeds of Bangor, Maine. As he demonstrated his ability to successfully perform more important duties he was promoted, and at length was given entire charge of the office. In the winter of 1868-9 he was employed as bookkeeper in the office of Dwinel & Dennett, a prominent lumber firm of Bangor, but in May of the latter year severed his connection with that company in order to remove to Chicago, where he has since made his home. Here he accepted a position as messenger in the Union Stock Yards National Bank, which had been organized in 1868, with S. M. Nickerson as president and E. S. Stickney as cashier. He was soon promoted to the position of bookkeeper and later was made paying teller, serving in that capacity for fourteen years, when, having mastered the business in all its departments, he was engaged in varied service. Upon the organization of the National Live Stock Bank, which succeeded the older institution, March 1, 1888, he became cashier, and in January, 1890, was elected a director of the bank, having served in both capacities continually since. He has made a close study of the business and is one of the most able financiers of the city. His mastery of banking is complete and his management of affairs entrusted to his care most satisfactory. Not a little of the suc-

cess of the institution is due to his superior sagacity and management, and among the bankers of Chicago he occupies a conspicuous place. He has given but little attention to other business interests, but was one of the organizers and for several years president of the Drexel Building & Loan Association.

In politics our subject is a Republican, and in 1880-81 was treasurer of Hyde Park. He was also president of the board of education for two terms, the office being discontinued by reason of the annexation of Hyde Park to the city. Socially he is a member of the Oakland Club, the Bankers' Club, and is one of the directors of the Society of the Sons of Maine. He is a member and trustee of the Forty-first Street Presbyterian church.

Mr. Herrick was married October 28, 1873, to Miss Martha E. Thurston, daughter of Mark Thurston, of Bangor, Maine, and they now have one daughter, Gertrude T.

**C**HARLES MINOR SWALLOW, a zealous and industrious member of the craft who resides in Danville, has been a conscientious adherent to the laws and principles of Freemasonry for the past twelve years. The initiatory degrees of the order were conferred upon him in Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38, in 1885, and in the same year he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Vermilion Chapter, No. 82, and constituted a Knight Templar in Athelstan Commandery, No. 45. In the latter body he held the office of trustee.

On September 8, 1844, occurred the birth of Mr. Swallow, in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. His early life was spent on a farm, working during the summer months and attending the district schools in the winter. Subsequently he entered Dickerson Seminary and later the Cazenovia Seminary at Cazenovia, New York. He then began the study of law under the preceptorship of the Hon. Garick M. Harding, of Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, with whom he

studied during the year 1868, and then took a course in the law department of Ann Arbor University, in which he was graduated in 1871. In April of that year he came to Danville and here followed his profession until 1885. In 1886 he became associated with the Glennard Coal Company, and has given his entire attention to operations in that line of business. He has met with merited success, as his present prosperous position in life is the result of intelligently applied energy and perseverance, backed by a strength of purpose that remained un-



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daunted in spite of all obstacles. He is a self-made man in every sense of the word, and richly deserves to reap the benefit of his labors. His politics are Republican, and on that ticket he was elected state's attorney for Vermilion county, holding that office for four years, and was city attorney of Danville for one term.

Mr. Swallow was first married in 1874, to Miss Clara A. Northup, of Pennsylvania, and they had one son, Howard Arnold, born in August, 1878, and is now attending Brown

University. Mrs. Swallow died in February, 1879. Our subject's second marriage took place in November, 1883, when he wedded Miss Mary L. Whaite, of Pennsylvania, whose family were of English descent. Of this union five children were born: Mabel R., Clara N., who died when seven years old, Nellie E., Walter Calhoun, and Rebecca Maud. Mrs. Swallow is a worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**A**LBERT DEMAREE, one of the old and highly respected citizens of Quincy, Illinois, has an excellent Masonic record. He was made a Master Mason in Bodley Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., in 1866, exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., on the 12th of March, 1867; received the cryptic degrees in Quincy Council, No. 15, R. & S. M., January 30, 1868; was created a Sir Knight Templar in Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, K. T., on the 27th of March, 1868; and has received all the Scottish Rite degrees in all the bodies of that order in Quincy. He is a member of Quincy Grand Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; of Quincy Council, Princes of Jerusalem, sixteenth degree; Quincy Chapter, Rose Croix, eighteenth degree, De H. R. D. M., and a member of Quincy Consistory, thirty-second degree, S. P. R. S., his membership in the last mentioned being dated January 4, 1870. He is a Past Master of Bodley Lodge, has been Principal Sojourner a number of terms, and High Priest of the chapter. He has also held various offices in the commandery, being Captain General a number of years, and is also Past Eminent Commander. In the consistory also has he held several offices. He is now Secretary of Bodley Lodge, Secretary of Quincy Council, and Secretary of all the Scottish Rite bodies, being also Grand Secretary of the consistory; and as such he is a very efficient and capable officer, perhaps not excelled by any similar officer in the United States, for his system of keeping the records very

nearly approaches perfection, and he has done the order much valuable service. He also has the honor of being one of the organizers of the consistory in Quincy.

Mr. Demaree is a native of Stark county, Ohio, born at Franklin August 31, 1836. His great-grandfather, David de Maree (as they wrote the name then) was a French Huguenot. His father, Samuel Demaree, was a native of Pennsylvania and came to Quincy in an early day. He, too, was an acceptable member of Bodley Lodge for eighteen years, and was a devout member of the Presbyterian church. By occupation he was a leather manufacturer. In 1873 he was thrown from a wagon and the resulting injuries caused his death; and his good wife was brought to final dissolution by a similar accident a few years later, leaving three children.

Mr. Demaree, the subject proper of this sketch, is the youngest survivor of the family. He came to Quincy in 1844, in the eighth year of his age, was educated in the Quincy public schools, and has ever since resided in that city, so that he is now one of the oldest residents. Learning in his youth the trade of printer, he was for many years engaged in newspaper work, having a job and lithographing establishment for some time. He has also been engaged in various other pursuits.

In his political principles he has been a lifelong Democrat. Was city controller one year, city clerk four years, and then city controller again for six years. Also he has been clerk of the city school board for the past twenty-six years.

In 1857 he was united in marriage with Miss Adaline Burlingame, a native of Adams county, Illinois, and a daughter of Orrin Burlingame. They have had seven children, of whom two died in childhood. The eldest, Albert E., is a printer in Chicago; Elizabeth J. is now Mrs. Nat. O. Walker; Ora B. is the wife of George L. Corly; Charles D. is a bookkeeper in Quincy; and Minnie J. is now Mrs. George Leggett. The mother of these children died a member of the Christian church.

She was a Worthy Matron of Alpha Chapter, No. 109, and Mr. Demaree has been its Worthy Patron.

**T**HOMAS CHICK, proprietor of the Chick Hotel, and a leading citizen of Rockford, belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having taken the initial degrees in E. W. F. Ellis Lodge, No. 633, A. F. & A. M., in 1883. He was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Winnebago Chapter, No. 24, and was knighted in Crusader Commandery, No. 17. He also joined Tebala Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and in these various bodies has held a number of offices. He was Junior Warden in the blue lodge and Standard Bearer in the commandery, and from his earliest association with the lodge he has been one of its most zealous members and ardent advocates, doing all in his power to promote its growth and secure the adoption of its principles. It is such men that have given honor and dignity to the title of Mason.

Mr. Chick is a native of England, born November 18, 1846. His parents, William and Hannah (Pengillie) Chick, were natives of Devonshire, England, and emigrated to the United States in 1851, at which time the subject of this review was only five years of age. He was educated in this country, and in his youth learned the flour-milling business under the supervision of George Phillips. He also became a locomotive engineer, and served in that capacity for fourteen years as an employee of the Northwestern Railroad Company. His steady application, faithfulness to the trusts committed to his care, and his persevering energy, won him the confidence of his employers and brought to him success. In 1888 he invested his capital—all of which had been acquired through his own exertions—in property in Rockford, becoming owner of the Chick House, which he has since conducted. It is managed as a first-class hotel, and is a favorite resort with the traveling public. Everything about the

place is characterized by neatness, and the tasteful furnishings and modern appointments make it a desirable home for those who temporarily reside in Rockford.

In February, 1871, Mr. Chick was united in marriage to Miss Lena Kennedy, a native of Vermont, who proves a most capable hostess of the hotel, looking after the comfort of the guests and supplying those little attentions which only a woman knows how to give. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chick have made many warm friends among those who visit the hotel, and in Rockford are widely and favorably known. In manner they are social, genial and courteous to all, and therefore popular.

In addition to his membership in the Masonic Lodge, Mr. Chick is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**F**RANK W. AMBLER, JR.—Cosmopolitan Chicago furnishes many examples of self-made men. The city itself is the product of the energy and the enterprise of a population of self-made men, whose unflagging industry has been the means of building on the onceswampy shores of Lake Michigan a city whose growth has been one of the miracles of the age. Built by men who have been the architects of their own fortunes, Chicago is quick to recognize merit in those who seek homes here and to accord them rapid advancement as opportunity offers. The "I will" motto of the city, when exemplified in the legitimate channels of trade, wins a sure success and fails not of the reward which crowns honest endeavor. The gentleman whose name heads this sketch is an example of Chicago enterprise and to-day occupies a leading position in mercantile circles.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 30, 1865, and reared and educated there, he came to Chicago when young, hoping to find this city a fair field in which to labor. He soon secured a position in the wholesale house of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company,

and for seventeen years has been an *attache* of that extensive establishment. He began in a humble position, but the earnest and close application of the errand boy was noted by those above him and as vacancies occurred he was promoted. As the years passed greater responsibilities were entrusted to him and ultimately he was promoted to his present important position as European buyer for this house, having charge of the extensive trade with the old-world commercial emporiums. He is a man of resourceful ability and executive force, of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and has the unqualified confidence of the partners of the firm.

Mr. Ambler was married on the 3d of April, 1889, the lady of his choice being Miss Lulu B. Holmann, who was born in Naperville, Illinois, but at the time of her marriage was living in Iowa. Their union has been blessed with one son, Harold H.

Mr. Ambler maintains pleasant relations with the Masonic fraternity, with which he has affiliated since 1895, when he took the degrees of ancient craft Masonry in Lincoln Park Lodge; the following year he acquainted himself with capitular Masonry in La Grange Chapter, in which he was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason. He received the grades and orders of chivalric Masonry in St. Bernard Commandery, where in he took the vows of knighthood in 1896. He attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in 1895, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, and the following year became a Noble of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Ambler is a member of the well known and popular Lexington Quartet of Chicago, and his gift of song has often added to the enjoyment of the social gatherings of the various bodies of Masonry.

**G**EORGE HORACE PERRIN, a druggist of Galesburg, Illinois, is one of the enterprising and popular young business men of the city, and is popular also in Ma-

sonic circles, he being a member in good standing of several branches of this ancient order. He was made a Master Mason in Alpha Lodge, No. 155, in which he has filled the chairs from Senior Warden to Worshipful Master, representing his lodge two years in the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Also he is a member of Galesburg Chapter, No. 46, R. A. M., and Galesburg Commandery, No. 8, K. T., in the latter of which he is now serving as Junior Warden, having filled the office of Standard Bearer in 1894 and '95. December 10, 1895, he received the degrees of the Mystic Shrine in Mohammed Temple, of Peoria.

Mr. Perrin is a native of Galesburg, Illinois, born July 9, 1861, and has spent the whole of his life here. During the past six years he has been in the drug business. Previous to that he was for some time employed at Brown's Corn Planter Works as time-keeper, and for three years was in the restaurant business.

**E**DWARD LEROY BENSON.—To this gentleman belongs the distinction of being the oldest Freemason in the town of Belvidere, Boone county, Illinois. A New Yorker by birth and early association, a veteran of the Mexican war, a California "Forty-niner," for many years an honored resident of Illinois, and for nearly half a century a Mason in good standing, it is fitting that more than a passing notice be accorded the life history of Edward Leroy Benson.

Mr. Benson was made a Mason in the spring of 1849, in Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, in which he for years served officially, filling the office of Treasurer a number of years, and now, and for some years past, acting in the capacity of Tyler. In 1865 he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Kishwaukee Chapter, No. 90, R. A. M., and in the chapter has been Master of the Second Veil for many years. He was knighted in Crusaders' Commandery at Rockford about twenty-five years ago, and has advanced in the Scottish Rite to the thirty-second de-



gree, the consistory work having been conferred upon him by Freeport Valley Consistory, where he meets with the brethren annually. Throughout his Masonic history his life has ever been in harmony with the teachings set forth by this ancient order, and by such a life he has naturally gained and retained the high esteem of his fellows. Another fraternal organization with which Mr. Benson is connected is the Knights of the Globe.

As already stated, Mr. Benson is a native of New York. He was born in Madison county, that state, March 10, 1826, and is descended from one of the old New England families, his ancestry through the agnatic line being traced back to Prussia. The first of the Bensons who came to this country settled in Massachusetts. They and their descendants have filled useful and honored positions in life. Grandfather Benson was a Revolutionary soldier, and lost his life in the struggle for independence. Our subject's parents, Isaac and Julia (Thomas) Benson, were both natives of New York, and made their home in that state until 1845, when they removed to Illinois and settled at Belvidere. Here they passed the residue of their lives and died, at time of death he being fifty-five and she sixty-one. In their family were eight children, the last two born in Illinois, the others in New York, and all except two are still living.

In his youth, Mr. Benson learned the trade of blacksmith, but he followed agricultural pursuits the greater part of his active life. When the Mexican war came on, he was among the volunteers for service in that conflict, and at its close made the overland journey to then far-away California. He remained in California, engaged in mining and various other pursuits, until 1862, when he returned to Belvidere and settled down to farming. He was identified with farm life till his retirement from the same and removal to Belvidere in order to give his children educational advantages.

Mr. Benson was a Whig when he first became a voter. On the organization of

the Republican party he joined its ranks and has since given it his fealty. Frequently he has been honored with official position of local prominence. For the past twelve years he has been street commissioner of Belvidere, in that capacity rendering faithful and efficient service.

Mr. Benson was married in 1860 to Miss Adaline A. Harper, a native of Ohio, and a most estimable lady, who shared life's joys and sorrows with him until her death, in 1887. Their union was blessed in the birth of five children—Frank H., Cora D., Mary J., Eben Lane and Jessie.

**D**ANIEL PRESCOTT SHAW is a loyal Knight of Apollo Commandery of Chicago, and for thirteen years has been identified with the Masonic fraternity. Its principles of beneficence, fraternity and loyalty find embodiment in his conduct, and he is a close and conscientious student of the teachings and ethics of Masonry in all its departments, and an efficient and enthusiastic worker for their promotion.

The history of his connection with Masonry dates from 1883, when he took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason in Berlin Lodge, of Green Lake county, Wisconsin. The same year he was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Berlin Chapter of Green Lake county, and in 1884 he received the order of Knighthood in Berlin Commandery. His work in the commandery has been untiring and of great benefit to the societies in which he has held membership. He is thoroughly informed in regard to its principles, and has followed its beauseant with unflinching loyalty, while his observance of the vows of knighthood has won him the true regard of all worthy members of the craft. In 1885 he was dimitted from Berlin Commandery to Apollo Commandery, No. 1, of Chicago, and has been honored with various offices. He served as Standard Bearer for one year, was Warder for one year, Junior Warden for one year and Prelate for two years. In

1887 he joined the Ineffable Lodge of Perfection and became a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree in Oriental Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. The same year he was made a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, of Chicago. His deep and abiding interest in Masonry is manifest in his active efforts to promote its growth and secure the adoption of those principles which cause the brethren to dwell together in unity wheresoever dispersed around the globe.

Mr. Shaw is a native of New Hampshire, his birth having occurred in Grafton county on the 17th of November, 1851. When a child of four years he accompanied his parents on their removal to Wisconsin and afterward went with them to Carroll county, Illinois. He was reared on a farm until seventeen years of age, aiding in the labors of field and meadow, and then came to Chicago, thinking that better opportunities could be secured in the rapidly growing city. Here he became connected with mercantile interests, and later was a traveling salesman for ten years. In 1885 he started the Office Toilet & Supply Company, and is now the efficient manager of their extensive interests and business. His life has been one of energy and great business activity, and his close application, enterprise and progressiveness have enabled him to overcome the difficulties in his path and steadily work his way upward. The success of the company with which he is associated is due in no small measure to his efforts, and in all business transactions his integrity and honor are above question. In 1891 Mr. Shaw was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Arpie E. Smith, a native of Greenburg, Pennsylvania. They have one son, Daniel P., Jr., whose birth occurred on the 11th of September, 1894.

**B**EN D. LAMONT, a Sir Knight Templar residing at Rock Island, was made a Mason in Trio Lodge, No. 57, in 1894, and in the following year united with, and

received the chapter degrees in, Barrett Chapter, No. 18, and a year later, in 1896, was elevated as a Sir Knight in Everts Commandery, No. 18. Being an enthusiastic admirer of the shining mysteries and benevolent principles of the order he intends to take every opportunity to inform himself on the ritual and tenets of this ancient and honored brotherhood.

He was born in this beautiful city of Rock Island, March 18, 1865, of Scotch ancestry who belonged to the Highland clans. His paternal grandfather was born in Scotland, and, emigrating to America, he located in the state of Alabama, where he brought up his children. His father, George Lamont, was born in Alabama and married Miss Sarah Baker, a native of Pennsylvania. In 1856 they removed to Rock Island, where they have since been respected citizens. He has been a steamboat captain on the Mississippi river, but he is now agent of the Diamond Jo line of steamers, and also a coal dealer. All his five children are living.

The subject of this brief outline, Mr. Ben D. Lamont, the eldest of the children just referred to, was educated in the public schools of Rock Island, his native city, and began his business career here as a clerk in the steamboat office, and for a number of years been the valued shipping clerk of the Rock Island Plow Company, one of the most extensive manufacturing firms of the kind in the northwest,

Mr. Lamont is still unmarried, is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as well as of the Masonic order already mentioned, and in politics is a Democrat. He is a genial, pleasant gentleman, whole-souled, and enjoys the high esteem of a wide circle of friends both in and out of the fraternal orders of which he is a member.

**G**EORGE WELLS, one of the worthy members of the fraternity in Quincy, was initiated in Quincy Lodge, No. 296, A. F. & A. M., on December 10, 1869, and at once became an enthusiastic worker in that body. He was its Senior Warden for two

years, became Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1888, and held the same office in 1889. He received the capitular degrees in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M., and the Royal Arch degree on March 22, 1870, and was elected Captain of the Host. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Quincy Council, No. 15, on May 14, 1887, and was created a Knight Templar in El Aksa Commandery, No. 55, on May 17, 1882, while it was under a dispensation, and has the distinction of being one of the first nine Sir Knights constituted in that commandery. He was first elected its Sword Bearer, then Senior Warden, Prelate, Generalissimo, and in 1888-89, its Eminent Commander. During the whole of Mr. Wells' Masonic career his record has been an excellent one—that of a brother who has posted himself on the ritual and is faithful in the practice of its tenets—all of which tends to make a man a worthy Mason and an estimable citizen.

Quincy is Mr. Wells' native home, his birth have taken place here on August 22, 1846. His parents, Edward and Mary (Evans) Wells, were born in Newburyport and Gloucester, Massachusetts, respectively, and in 1834 came to Quincy, where they were among the first progressive citizens. Mr. Edward Wells was principally engaged in the pork-packing business during the most of his career, and in 1869 he retired from active life. He was an active Republican, but was not a politician in the sense of seeking or holding office, being content to work for his party without a thought of reward. He was one of the organizers and sustainers of Unitarianism in Quincy, and was a good, upright man. His death took place in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He was survived by his wife until 1894, when she died, at the venerable age of seventy-five years. They had four children, all of whom are living, Mr. Wells, of this sketch, being the eldest.

Mr. Wells received his mental training in the schools of Quincy and Massachusetts, and then for some years followed his father's business of pork-packing, subse-

quently embarking in the fruit-canning industry. He then engaged in loans and mortgages and is now one of the leading men in that line in Quincy, and one of the city's progressive and aspiring business men. Politically he holds faith with the Republican party.

In 1869 Mr. Wells was happily married to Miss Sarah Jane Castle, a native of Carlisle, England, and the union has been blessed with four children: Edward C. and James R., who are associated with their father, Charles L. and Harriet E. Mr. and Mrs. Wells occupy a pleasant home in the residence part of Quincy, where they are always glad to extend a cordial welcome to their many friends.

**W**ILLIAM H. THOMPSON, treasurer of the Illinois Steel Company for many years has been widely known in business circles for his sterling qualities and his fearless loyalty to his honest convictions. Close application, earnest purpose, indefatigable industry and sound judgment are the salient features in American success and have been the crowning points in the career of Mr. Thompson.

Born in Chicago on the 6th of February, 1859, he is a son of Henry Thompson, who came to Chicago in 1852. Reared under the parental roof, his youth was passed in a manner similar to most city boys of the period, his time being given to play and study. He obtained his education in the public schools and entered upon his business career as an employee in a clothing-house, where he remained for eleven years. Consecutive preferment also marked his connection with the Illinois Steel Company, with which he became associated in 1886. He occupied the responsible position of cashier until the 10th of February, 1897, when he was elected to the still more important office of treasurer. During his eleven years' identification with this industry he has proved an important factor in its success. His life has been one of unusual activity and industry, and he is a self-made

man in the fullest sense of that often misused term. Holding such an important position in the association controlling such vast interests, speaks louder than words of Mr. Thompson's executive and business ability.

On the 27th of June, 1881, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Marie C. Tack, a native of New York, and they have two children,—George Henry and Ursula Emma.

Although Mr. Thomas has been closely identified with large enterprises, his time and attention have not been wholly given to them. He has rare social qualities, delights in good fellowship and lacks none of those personal traits of character which are indicative of warm-hearted and high-minded gentlemen. These qualities naturally make him a valued member of the Masonic fraternity and he is an enthusiastic Mason, deeply interested in the order which through many centuries has been one of the chief agencies in the uplifting of humanity and the advancement of civilization. To conscientiously ally one's self with any of the mighty movements that have molded the past, are influencing the present and shaping the future, is to invest life with new dignity and power. The present is a time of combinations for varied aims, for man sees more and more clearly his weakness as an individual as compared with his strength in union with others. Realizing most fully the import of this truth Mr. Thompson has allied himself with the ancient and honorable fraternity of Freemasons, having taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Covenant Lodge, No. 526, in February, 1896. Since that time he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and in April, 1897, was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory.

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**J**OHN BROWN RHODES, JR.—In an old English work on Masonry, written in 1795, we find the following eulogium on the order: "Masonry comprehends within its circle every branch of useful knowl-

edge and learning, and stamps an indelible mark of pre-eminence on its genuine professors, which neither chance, power nor fortune can bestow. When its rules are strictly observed it is a sure foundation of tranquillity amidst the various disappointments of life; a friend that will not deceive but will comfort and assist in prosperity and adversity; a blessing that will remain with all times, circumstances and places, and to which recourse may be had when earthly comforts sink into disregard." That it has proved such to them, all true Masons who live up to the vows they have taken will admit.

Of the many prominent members of the Masonic fraternity in Savanna, none is better or more favorably known than the subject of this sketch, John Brown Rhodes, Jr., who is a native of this place and has always lived here, and is at present extensively engaged in the lumber business. He was made a Master Mason in Mississippi Lodge, No. 385, at Savanna, in 1892, and received the first three degrees as follows: Entered Apprentice; January 7, 1892; Fellow-craft, February 18, 1892; Master Mason, March 4, 1892. He is also a member of Savanna Chapter, No. 200, and received the following degrees in 1894: Mark Master, May 15; Past Master, May 24; Most Excellent Master, May 29; Royal Arch, May 30. He is at present filling the office of Scribe in this chapter. He has held the offices of Steward, Junior and Senior Deacon in his blue lodge for several terms. He has filled these offices in a most acceptable manner, and his services have been greatly appreciated by his brother Masons. He is so well pleased with the order that it is his intention to remain one of its members and progress in the same until he has attained the thirty-second degree.

Mr. Rhodes was born in Savanna November 20, 1860, and is a twin brother of Thomas B. Rhodes, of Mount Carroll, whose history appears in another portion of this work and to which the reader is referred for further particulars of the father and family. Suffice it to say here that the father,

John Brown Rhodes, Sr., was a pioneer of the state of Illinois, having come here in 1836. For his wife he married Miss Mary J. Pierce. Her birth occurring in Savanna in 1828, she was the first white child born in Carroll county. She is a daughter of William Pierce, who was the first settler in Savanna, and both the father and grandfather were among the most prominent pioneers of the county. Mr. Rhodes was for many years an honorable merchant of Savanna, but is now retired, and, at the advanced age of eighty years, is one of its most respected citizens and enjoys the esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Rhodes, the subject of this sketch, was the seventh child in a family of eight. During his youth he attended the public schools, where he acquired his education, and then began his business career as a clerk in a store, where he remained for three years. At the end of that time he decided to start in business for himself, and with his brothers organized the firm of Rhodes Brothers, manufacturers of sash, doors and blinds. By perseverance and industry they succeeded in building up a large and prosperous trade, and they have extensive yards and offices at both Savanna and Mount Carroll. They are members of the firm of Brown & Rhodes, which also manufactures doors and blinds and operates a planing-mill at Savanna. Besides these, Messrs. Rhodes Brothers deal in coal to some extent.

Mr. Rhodes was married in 1884 to Miss Fanny L. Jencks, who was born in Savanna, the daughter of Francis M. Jencks, one of Savanna's most prominent business men and one of the oldest Masons of Carroll county. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes have one child, Florence L. by name. Both are members of Ola Chapter, O. E. S., of Mount Carroll.

Mr. Rhodes has a large amount of real estate in Savanna, and is one of the extensive builders of the place. His home is a model of neatness and beauty, and he and his wife have attained an enviable reputation for the hospitality shown to their many

friends. Mr. Rhodes is connected with the Republican party in politics, and at present holds the office of clerk of the township.

**JAMES ELMER WHEAT.**—For a number of years the traveling public over the line of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway between Belvidere and Chicago have had reason to appreciate the kindly attentions of the popular passenger conductor, James Elmer Wheat, whose name we are pleased to place at the head of this article.



J. E. WHEAT.

The Masonic badge he wears at once stamps him as a member of the greatest of all civic organizations, and it is especially on his identification with Masonry that we would dwell in this connection.

At this writing Mr. Wheat occupies the position of Deputy Grand Lecturer. He was made a Mason in 1887, the Entered Apprentice degree being conferred upon him October 1, the Fellow-craft November 15, and the Master Mason December 5. In 1889 he was elected Senior Deacon, in 1890

Senior Warden, and in 1891 Worshipful Master, all of which positions he filled with marked ability, his thorough and impressive work reflecting credit both upon himself and the lodge. He took another step in Masonry in 1890 when he petitioned for the degrees of Kishwaukee Chapter, R. A. M., the same being given him as follows: Mark Master, March 19; Past Master, April 9; Most Excellent Master, April 30; and the Royal Arch, May 1. He is also a Sir Knight and a "Shriner," a member of Silvan Commandery, K. T., at Oak Park; and of Tebala Temple, Mystic Shrine, at Rockford. From the time he was initiated he has taken an active interest in Masonic work. He is now serving his fourth year as Deputy Grand Lecturer, and as such is rendering a high degree of satisfaction.

Mr. Wheat is a native of Illinois. He was born in Lee Center, Lee county, September 17, 1859, and is descended from English ancestors who were among the early settlers of New York state and who were participants in the Revolutionary war. Samuel Elmer Wheat, the father of our subject, was born in Steuben county, that state, near the place where his forefathers had settled years before, and there he was reared to manhood. He married Miss Mary E. Post, who was descended on the maternal side from General Hopkins, of Revolutionary fame. Samuel Elmer Wheat was by occupation a contractor and builder. He was a man of sterling integrity, deep piety and great usefulness, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He reached the ripe old age of seventy-two years and she departed this life at the age of sixty-five. In their family of seven children their son James E. was the third born.

James E. Wheat was educated at Dixon, Illinois, and in his youthful days, until he was twenty-one, worked at the carpenter's trade with his father. On reaching his majority he entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railway, as brakeman. In 1881 he accepted a position with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, with which he has

continued without interruption since that date, having made an enviable record as a passenger conductor; and to his credit be it said that the company has never lost a dollar through any error of his.

Mr. Wheat was married March 13, 1889, to Miss Vena Seibert, a native of the city of Belvidere, Illinois, and they have one son, Elmer Roy.

In connection with the Masonic history of Mr. Wheat, it should be further stated that both he and his wife have threaded the labyrinth of the Eastern Star and are worthy members of that popular auxiliary of Freemasonry. Mr. Wheat is also identified with other fraternal organizations. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Order of Railroad Conductors, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. He was a delegate to the convention of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen at Los Angeles, California, in 1890, and also was a representative to the Galesburg convention in 1893.

**T**HOMAS B. RHODES, the representative lumber merchant of Mount Carroll, Illinois, is a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity at this place and has been identified with the order for six years. He took the degrees of blue Masonry in Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, in 1890, that of the Entered Apprentice being conferred upon him September 9; Fellow-craft, November 4, and Master Mason, December 2; and for two terms has he served acceptably as Junior Deacon of the lodge. Also he has penetrated the mysteries of Royal Arch Masonry, being exalted in Lanark Chapter, R. A. M., in 1894. Both as a Mason and citizen he is deserving of personal mention in this work, and to a brief review of his life we now direct attention.

Thomas B. Rhodes was born in the town of Savanna, Carroll county, Illinois, November 20, 1860, and comes of English ancestors who were among the early settlers of the Old Dominion. From Virginia they scattered some years later to newer portions

of the country, the grandfather of our subject taking up his abode in the Western Reserve and being one of the pioneer settlers of Ohio. It was in that state that John B. Rhodes, the father of Thomas B., was born. With the pioneer instinct of his ancestors, John B. Rhodes, on becoming a young man, left the home of his childhood and turned his face westward, Illinois being his objective point. He located at Savanna, where he engaged in merchandising for many years, and where he still resides, honored and esteemed by all who know him, and at this writing, in his eightieth year, well preserved both mentally and physically. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Jane Pierce, and who was a daughter of Aaron Pierce, was the first white child born in Carroll county. She departed this life in 1877, at the age of forty-nine years. To them were born eight children, of whom six are living,—five sons and a daughter,—all occupying honored and useful positions in life—the sons all exemplary members of the Masonic order.

The immediate subject of this sketch, Thomas B. Rhodes, grew up in his native town, received his education in its public schools, and at the age of seventeen directed his energies to the lumber business, in which he has ever since been engaged. At first he was in the employ of his brother, with whom he remained until 1884, and that year came to Mount Carroll and established a business of his own, which he has conducted up to the present time and in which, through his honorable and upright methods, he has met with signal success. In the affairs of his town Mr. Rhodes has always shown a commendable interest, has several times been honored with election to the office of alderman, and has rendered excellent service as such. In educational matters especially is he interested. He has served as a member of the Mount Carroll school board. Indeed, he is a man whose progressive views are up with the times, and who, as a business man, citizen and Mason, is entitled to the confidence and esteem he receives from all who know him.

The same year in which he came to Mount Carroll and engaged in business for himself he was married to Miss Emma Chambers, a native of his own town, and their family circle now includes three children, Frederick J., Mary Laura and Emma Mabel. Their home is one which he erected and which is among the handsome ones of the town, and besides it he owns much other valuable property here. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she is active and efficient, having filled a number of its offices.

**W**ILLIAM L. POND.—A brother demonstrates his loyalty to the fraternity by the manner in which he conducts his daily life and the work performed by him in the bodies of which he is a member. Mr. Pond has been an earnest laborer in the lodge and has displayed unusual ability in filling many offices of importance. He was initiated in De Kalb Lodge, No. 144, receiving the degree of Entered Apprentice, August 18, 1886; Fellow-craft, September 15, following; and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, November 3, 1886, also the same year. He was advanced to the degree of Mark Master, elected and presided in the Oriental Chair June 10, 1887, received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Master, exalted to the degree of Royal Arch, August 17, 1887, in De Kalb Chapter, No. 52, R. A. M., in which he served as King; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in De Kalb Council, No. 81, on December 12, 1897, being elected its Thrice Illustrious Master; and was created a Knight Templar in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15. Mr. Pond and his wife are members of Normal Chapter, No. 357, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Pond was born in Genoa, Illinois, February 11, 1860, and is the son of A. H. and Amy (Hollemeak) Pond. His youth was spent on a farm, attending to the duties connected therewith, and securing such education as was afforded by the district schools. He was graduated at the high

school of Genoa in 1881, and in 1882 began the study of law under the preceptorship of D. J. Carnes, of Sycamore. He was admitted to the bar before the supreme court at Ottawa in May, 1884, and on September 2 he took up the practice of his profession at De Kalb, where he soon acquired an enviable reputation and has since succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice. He is bright, progressive and energetic, and the thorough knowledge of the profession he has adopted has won for him the unlimited confidence of all who place their affairs in his hands.

In his political faith Mr. Pond is a staunch Republican. He has served as city attorney of De Kalb for eleven consecutive years, is also on the board of education, and on April 19, 1897, Mr. Pond was nominated by the Republicans of De Kalb county as their candidate for county judge; and as this county is two to one Republican, there seems to be no doubt of his election.

Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, Royal Arcanum, Knights of the Maccabees, and the Red Men of America. In all these organizations Mr. Pond's considerate nature and genial disposition have made him a popular acquisition.

On November 9, 1887, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Alice E. Cole, of Kingston, and one child, Jessie A., has been born to them.

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**J**OHN McLAREN, of Chicago, was initiated in Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, of this city, October 19, 1864; was passed November 23, and raised December 12, of the same year. He filled the following offices in the lodge: Junior Warden in 1868, Senior Warden in 1869, and Worshipful Master for the years 1870 and 1871. In Washington Chapter, No. 43, Chicago, he was marked June 15, 1866, elected and presided as P. M., received and acknowledged as M. E. M. June 21, 1866, and made a Royal Arch Mason June 29, same

year. He also received the degrees of R. & S. M. in this body December 15, 1877. In the chapter he filled the following offices: Royal Arch Captain in 1868, King in 1873, and Most Excellent High Priest in 1874. In Chicago Commandery, No. 19, he was created a Knight Templar January 28, 1867. He served as Junior Warden in 1872, and as Eminent Commander for the years 1875 and 1876. April 28, 1870, the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite was conferred upon him in Oriental Consistory, and he was made Inspector General of the thirty-third degree in September, 1879.

He was a member of the board of trustees of the Masonic Temple (corner of Randolph and Halsted streets) for a number of years, and has served both as president of the board and secretary of the association.

Mr. McLaren is a son of William and Helen, *nee* Hume, McLaren, and was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, September 11, 1836. The family, consisting of the parents and five children, emigrated to America in 1852, locating in Chicago. Here William McLaren, a cabinet-maker, plied his trade for three years, and then moved westward to Dubuque, Iowa.

Shortly after his arrival in Chicago, John McLaren, the immediate subject of this review, was apprenticed to Sanford Johnson, a well-known carpenter and builder of his day. On completing his apprenticeship in 1857, he joined his father's family in Dubuque, where he was employed at his trade until the breaking out of the war. In August, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, in what was known as the "Engineer Regiment of the West," it being composed of volunteers from the states of Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and Missouri. He enlisted as a private, but rose steadily in the ranks, filling the offices of orderly sergeant, sergeant-major, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and adjutant. He was mustered out of the service at Savannah, Georgia, in December, 1864.

Then Mr. McLaren located permanently



in Chicago. In 1865 he occupied the position of bookkeeper for Colonel John Mason Loomis, a lumber dealer. In 1870 he became a member of the firm of John Mason Loomis & Co., which continued in active business until 1885. These gentlemen are still associated in the Pere Marquette Lumber Company. The firm of McLaren & Morris was formed in 1885, and continued for three years, Mr. Thomas S. Morris being the junior partner. Mr. McLaren is vice-president of the Pere Marquette Lumber Company and of the A. R. Beck Lumber Company. He was treasurer of the Chicago Lumber Exchange for the terms of 1878-9 and 1889-90. For many years he served as a member of the board of directors of this institution, was elected vice-president of the board in 1886, and president in 1887.

In 1887 he was appointed a member of the city school board by Mayor Roche, and was continued under Mayor Cregier. He served as chairman of the committee on buildings and grounds, and was president of the board for the year 1892. In 1894 he was again appointed by Mayor Hopkins, to succeed D. W. Preston on the board, but owing to other duties could not accept the honor. The John McLaren School, corner of York and Laflin streets, was named in his honor.

Mr. McLaren was elected president of the Hide & Leather National Bank, of Chicago, in the spring of 1894, and still serves in that capacity. In May, 1894, he was appointed by Judge Horton a trustee of the important trust fund created by the late Allen C. Lewis, for the purpose of establishing an institute for the education, use and benefit of all who desire the advantages of a polytechnic school, and to assist those who might otherwise be unable to secure the privilege. In this position our subject succeeded the late Hugh A. White.

In 1868, Mr. McLaren married Miss Hattie A. Studley, a daughter of Captain Davis Studley, of Cook county, Illinois. Of their four children three are living—J. Loomis, Jessie and Grace.

Our subject has been a member of the Chicago Relief & Aid Society for a number of years, and was made its president in the fall of 1871. During his term of office the society had charge of the distribution of the relief fund to the fire sufferers. Mr. McLaren aided in the organization of both the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank and the Industrial Bank of Chicago, and was a director in the former for several years. He was a member of the late LaSalle Club, and is at present active in the membership of the Union League and Illinois Clubs, having been vice-president of the last named in 1895, and being its present treasurer. He also retains membership in the Loyal Legion, in Grant Post, G. A. R., and in the Army of the Tennessee. Politically, he is stanchly arrayed in support of the Republican party and its principles.

**P**AUL J. BENSON, whose extensive business interests have made him well known in trade circles, also has a wide acquaintance in the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained high rank. Masonry finds him a worthy exemplar, and he faithfully upholds the banners of the ancient and benevolent fraternity whose course through the centuries has awakened the highest admiration of all, drawing to its standard the good men and true of all lands and peoples. One of its strongest features is its universality, recognizing the ties of brotherhood which unite all nations. Life is meaningless unless it is universal and coherent, and the powers of the individual are greatly strengthened by their coalition with others. This truth, recognized by Masonry long before it impressed itself upon any other class or association of people, has been one of its most potent elements. Thus united its followers have waged victorious warfare against the bigotry, the selfishness and the sin of the world, and been one of the most enduring and serviceable factors in the civilization and ennobling of the race. With this fraternity Mr. Benson identified himself in 1893, taking the ini-

tiatory degree of Entered Apprentice in D. C. Cregier Lodge, No. 643, A. F. & A. M.; passed the Fellow-craft degree, and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and then, wishing to drink still deeper at the fountains of Masonic truth, he entered the realms of capitular Masonry. In Washington Chapter, No. 43, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason, and passed the circle of cryptic Masonry in Siloam Council, No. 53, in 1894, being greeted as a Royal and Select Master. He was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, and is a worthy follower of the beauseant. In the year 1897 he had conferred upon him the various degrees of the Scottish Rite and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. He also crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.

A very enthusiastic Mason, Mr. Benson has done all in his power to promote the growth of the order, and is true and faithful to its teachings and precepts. This has won him the high esteem of his Masonic brethren and he has many warm friends in the circles of the society.

Mr. Benson is a native of the fatherland, born on the 25th of January, 1849; was reared and educated at his birthplace, and as he approached manhood and was led to consider the duties of life, which one must prepare to meet as he leaves his youth behind him, the thought of the United States and its advantages came to him and he resolved to try his fortune in the new world. Accordingly he crossed the water and taking up his residence in Chicago learned the trade of japanning, in which he became an expert workman. For four years he occupied the responsible position of foreman in a manufactory, and then with the capital that he had acquired embarked in business on his own account. Opening a grocery store he continued in that line of trade for fifteen years, and during the last three years of that period also carried on a cloth-

ing store in connection with the other department. About 1890 he closed out the grocery and has since given his exclusive attention to the clothing business, establishing the Benson-Rixon Clothing Company, of which he is president and treasurer. The West Side store is located at Nos. 947 and 949 Milwaukee avenue, and the North Side store at the corner of Division street and Clybourn avenue, one of the most advantageous corners in the city outside of the down-town district, and their stores are among the largest up-town establishments. The volume of their business has rapidly increased until it has assumed extensive proportions. They carry a very large and complete stock of clothing, shoes, hats and men's furnishing goods, and their honorable dealing and courtesy to patrons has secured them a large trade.

Mr. Benson is a man of resourceful business ability, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and in connection with his clothing interests he is a director in the Western State Bank, in which capacity he has served since its organization. In the prosecution of his business there has been manifest one of the most sterling traits of his character, his desire to carry forward to the highest perfection attainable anything that he undertakes. This has marked his social and business career and has been one of the most important factors in his almost phenomenal success.

In March, 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Benson and Miss Catherine Rixon, a native of Germany, and they now have four interesting children: George, Walter, Ella and Mildred.

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**S**AMUEL S. DODGE, a prominent business man of Dixon, Illinois, has been engaged in the jewelry business here for thirty years, and for a like period has been identified with the Masonic order. His connection with Masonry had its beginning in 1866, when he was initiated, passed and raised in Rosco Lodge, from which he was

shortly afterward dimitted in order to place his membership with Friendship Lodge, No. 7, of Dixon. He joined Nachusa Chapter, No. 56, R. A. M., of Dixon, in 1869, in which he still retains membership and in which he has ever since been an active worker, having filled the various chairs up to and including that of High Priest. December 28, 1869, he was made a Sir Knight by Dixon Commandery, No. 21, K. T., in which for years he rendered valued and appreciative service as an official. He was Eminent Commander in 1889 and '90. Also he is a member of the consistory and the shrine, the degrees of the former up to and including that of the thirty-second having been conferred upon him by Freeport Consistory; the latter by Medinah Temple of Chicago. Thus has he passed from round to round up the Masonic ladder, and with each ascent appreciating more and more the beautiful teachings of this grand old order. And such has been his life that he has won and retains the high esteem of his brother Masons.

Mr. Dodge claims the Buckeye state as the one of his nativity. He was ushered into life December 2, 1841, at Shalersville, a descendant of English and Welsh ancestors who crossed the Atlantic to this country and made settlement here at a very early day. His grandfather, Seymour Dodge, was born in the state of New York, was a merchant and ship-owner, and lived to be ninety-three years of age. Almeron Dodge, the father of our subject, was also a native of the Empire state. He went to Ohio when a young man and was subsequently married there to Miss Sallie Baldwin. In 1845 they came with their family to Illinois, locating in Winnebago county, where for many years he ranked with the enterprising and prosperous farmers of the county. By trade he was a blacksmith. His good wife died in the seventy-first year of her age, and he survived her several years, his age at death being eighty-seven. For many years they were zealous and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and, fraternally, both father and grandfather were as-

sociated with the great Masonic organization, our subject thus being of the third generation of a family of Masons.

Mr. Dodge is next to the youngest of the family, which consisted of five children. He enjoyed the advantage of attendance at the common schools and also the high school. Before he had emerged from his 'teens the Civil war came on, and, in answer to President Lincoln's call for volunteers to put down the rebellion, young Dodge enlisted as a Union soldier, entering the army at nineteen, in the fall of 1861. He went out as a private in Company L, Eighth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry. His army service, however, was of short duration, for in the Peninsula campaign at Mechanicsville he was struck on the elbow by a cannon ball, the result being a dislocation of his arm and an honorable discharge. After his return to Illinois he took a course in the Bryant & Stratton Business College, of Chicago. Then he located at Rockford, Illinois, and engaged in the jewelry business, removing to his present location in 1869, and, as already stated, has now for thirty years been a jeweler of this city. He erected and owns the building in which his store is located, and he also built his residence, one of the beautiful homes of this prosperous city. He is a stockholder and director in the Dixon National Bank, in which he has been interested for a number of years. Like most veterans of the late war, he has a membership in that popular organization known as the G. A. R., in which he occupies official position.

In 1873 Mr. Dodge was happily married to Miss Hattie Davis, a native of Amboy, Lee county, Illinois, and a daughter of Cyrus A. Davis, one of the founders and prominent citizens of Amboy and Dixon. Mrs. Dodge has resided in Dixon since she was a child, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**T**HEODORE DWIGHT HEWITT, a worthy and acceptable member of the Masonic fraternity in Illinois, holds membership in Evergreen Lodge, No. 170, of

Freeport, with which he has been connected since 1887. He ranks among the prominent manufacturers of the city and is a leading promoter of its industrial interests. Thus has he contributed largely to the material welfare of the community, which recognizes in him a valued citizen.

Mr. Hewitt was born in Forreston, Illinois, on the 13th of October, 1860, and is descended from New England ancestry, who were among the early settlers of Connecticut and participants in those events which go to make up the history of that section of the country. Not less than eight members of the family fought for the honor of their country in the war of 1812. The father of our subject, John Joseph Hewitt, was born in Pennsylvania, near Hagerstown, and married Susan Emerich, also a native of the Keystone state. In 1851 they emigrated to Illinois, and for some years resided in Forreston, where the father was successfully engaged in the banking business and in other business pursuits. As his financial resources increased he made judicious and extensive investments in real estate and now owns valuable property in Englewood, a suburb of Chicago, in Freeport and in Riverside, California. He is widely and favorably known and has the warm regard of many friends. At the age of sixty-nine years he is now residing in Riverside, California.

Theodore D. Hewitt was the third child of the family and acquired his education in the public schools and the Illinois State Normal, where he was graduated in 1877. For some time afterward he was with his father in the bank in Forreston, but in 1885 turned his attention to mining, being thus engaged for a year. In 1886 he became interested in the manufacture of windmills in Freeport with Mr. Woodmansee, who was operating an extensive plant. They have been doing a large and successful business for the past ten years, making this one of the leading industries of the city. Mr. Woodmansee founded the business thirty years ago and the factory is one of the best in the country, thoroughly equipped with the latest improved machinery and capable

of turning out the most complete and finished products. The superiority of their windmills and their reputation for thorough reliability has brought to them a large patronage, which is not confined by the bounds of America, but also extends to Africa and Mexico.

In 1881 Mr. Hewitt was united in marriage to Miss Clara Long, a native of Freeport, and they have one son, Emerich. They are influential and leading members of the Episcopal church, in which Mr. Hewitt is now serving as vestryman. In his political adherency he is a Republican, but has neither time nor inclination for public office, preferring to devote his energies entirely to his business, in which he is meeting with signal success.

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**W**ILLIAM CLENDENIN.—One of those who has always demonstrated by his acts and in his daily life how well he has learned and understands the tenets of the grand institution of Freemasonry is the gentleman whose name heads this review, who is a prominent business man and a Royal Arch Mason residing in Moline, Illinois. After receiving the degrees in the blue lodge Mr. Clendenin was made a Master Mason in Doric Lodge, No. 319, at Moline, in 1885. He has served for six years as one of the trustees of his lodge, and was recently elected for another term of three years. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, at Rock Island, in 1893.

Mr. Clendenin is a native of the state of Illinois, having been born in Whiteside county, February 12, 1845. He is of Scotch ancestry, and several members of the family were early settlers of Pennsylvania. The father, Robert G. Clendenin, was born and raised in that state, and was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Clark, a native of New York. In 1835 they emigrated to Illinois and settled in Whiteside county, near Lyndon, where the father purchased a tract of land and became one of the active farmers of the county. He was for a num-

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ber of years sheriff, and also filled other positions of trust. He departed this life in 1867, at the age of fifty-five years. His wife survives him, and to-day, at the venerable age of seventy-eight years, enjoys the kind regards and respect of all the early settlers of her acquaintance, and the love and devotion of the rising generation. In her religious faith she is a Congregationalist. Three sons were born to this worthy couple, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second.

Mr. Clendenin was educated in the public schools of Whiteside county, and was in his sixteenth year when the great calamity of the Civil war burst upon the country. No one at that time even partially realized what mammoth proportions the struggle would assume, the suffering it would entail, or the vast number of lives that would be sacrificed before the end would be attained. At the time when the demand for men became the greatest, and when the result of the conflict hung in the balance, Mr. Clendenin enlisted as a volunteer in Company B, One hundred and Fortieth Illinois Infantry, being at that time but nineteen years old. He served in the Army of the Tennessee until his term of enlistment had expired, and then entered the One Hundred and Eighth United States Regiment of Colored Troops as first sergeant-major, from which position he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, and subsequently to that of first lieutenant. After the close of the war he was assigned to duty in Mississippi for the purpose of preserving order.

In March, 1866, Mr. Clendenin returned to Illinois and engaged in the drug business in Morrison, where he remained until 1873, in which year he moved to Moline and continued to follow the same vocation up to the present time. He has always been an active Republican and a worthy member of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he was for three years commander of Graham Post, No. 312. He has taken quite a prominent part in the affairs of the Illinois National Guards for

the past sixteen years, and was one of the organizers of Company F, of Moline, and has done a great deal in promoting its prosperity. Entering the company as second lieutenant he was repeatedly promoted until he attained the position of brigadier general. For eleven years Mr. Clendenin was in command of the Sixth Regiment, which, during his connection with it, was in a high state of perfection.

Mr. Clendenin was happily married April 16, 1867, to Miss Rachal E. Gridley, who was born in the state of New York, and three children have been born to them: Frank J., who is a clerk in his father's establishment, and a captain of Company F, Sixth Regiment; Robert G. and Mabel H. Mrs. Clendenin departed this life in 1877, mourned by a large circle of friends, who held her in high esteem. She was an excellent wife and a good mother, and her loss was deeply felt by her husband and children. Mr. Clendenin's second marriage took place in 1879, when he was united to Mrs. Laura E. Mayo, who was also a native of New York state. One son was born to them, but was taken away in his infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Clendenin are members of the Congregational church. They are an estimable couple in every respect and are spoken of as being two of Moline's most respected citizens.

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**C**HARLES WEBB WALDUCK, of Chicago, occupies an eminent position in Masonic circles, being a loyal adherent of the fraternity which wages its warfare against selfishness and internal evils and defends the citadel wherein are enshrined mutual forbearance, mutual helpfulness and brotherly love. Like the fragrance of the rose, its influence permeates the lives of those who take upon themselves its vows, and the sorrows and burdens of life are lessened as the brother extends his sympathy and assistance to him who is less fortunate.

Masonry in Chicago claims a large following, and its growth and prosperity are due to such men as Mr. Walduck, who has

taken an active part in the work of the order and given to it an intelligent and earnest support that has materially advanced its interests. His identification with the society dates from November, 1882, when he was raised to the sublime degree in Garfield Lodge, No. 686, A. F. & A. M. In December, 1885, he was elected Worshipful Master of the lodge, and ten years later was chosen its secretary, which position he is still filling by reason of his re-election on the 1st of December, 1896. In August, 1885, he took the Royal Arch degree in York Chapter, No. 148, and in 1891 was elected its Secretary, in which capacity he has now served for six years, his fidelity to duty being well indicated by his frequent election to office. In August, 1893, he became a charter member of Tyrian Council, No. 78, Royal & Select Masters, and for three years has served as its Recorder. He was created a Sir Knight in December, 1892, in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, but on the organization of Columbia Commandery, No. 63, in 1893, he was elected Recorder and is now serving the commandery in that capacity.

His various official preferments in these branches of the order well indicate the confidence reposed in him by his fellow members of the craft, and also attest the able manner in which he meets the obligations which devolve upon him. His life is in harmony with the fundamental truths of the order, and it is the influence of such men as Mr. Walduck that makes the Masonic fraternity one of the most potent influences for good in our modern civilization. Mr. Walduck is also Secretary of the Lowther Hall Masonic Association, with which he has thus been connected since March, 1895. His capability precludes the possibility of his occupying a retired position in any organization where are needed the active co-operation, wise counsel and careful guiding hand of men of worth; and he is justly prominent in the Masonic circles with which he is identified.

Charles W. Walduck was born in England on the 4th of October, 1857, a son of

Joseph Webb and Anne (Harris) Walduck. At an early age he was left an orphan, and after the various vicissitudes usually met and encountered by homeless children he was finally located among good and true friends in McLean county, near Bloomington, Illinois. His new home was on a farm, and there he lived, assisting in the development and cultivation of the land until about nineteen years of age. During this time he laid the foundation for a substantial English education in the common schools, and at intervals for three years was engaged in teaching in Ellsworth, Illinois, and adjoining districts. In the year 1876 he attended Champaign University, and in 1881 was a student in the Wesleyan University at Bloomington. On the 1st of September, that year, he came to Chicago, thinking to find better opportunities in the western metropolis. He secured a position in the employ of A. C. McClurg & Company, the well-known publishers and booksellers. He is now one of the most efficient general salesmen in the house and is widely known in business circles.

On the 29th of December, 1886, Mr. Walduck was united in marriage with Miss Annie Hill, of Ottawa, Canada, and a daughter of John Hill, a prominent merchant of that city. They have two interesting children,—Charles Louis and Annie Lorna; and they also lost one son, Frank Webb, who died in infancy.

Mr. Walduck is very popular in society circles, and is a valued member of several prominent social organizations, including the Menoken Club and the Neighborly Club (incorporated), serving as president of the latter in 1895-6.

**R**OBERT D. CLARKE, a native of Peoria, Illinois, and one of its active young business men, has extensive holdings in this state and also in the mining districts of Arizona. He was educated in the east at Poughkeepsie, New York, in River View Military Academy and at Andover, Massachusetts, where he completed a scientific



course in Phillips Academy with the class of 1892. Thus equipped with a fine education and with abundant means, he has started out on life's voyage with every prospect of fair sailing.

Early being favorably impressed with Masonry and its visible workings, he decided to identify himself with this great order, and on March 4, 1896, he was conducted through the mysteries of Temple Lodge, No. 46. On the 15th of April, 1896, he received the consistory degrees; June 9 of this same year was made a member of Mohammed Shrine, of Peoria, and in April, 1897, of Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.

**C**HARLES E. KELSEY, the Secretary of Kishwaukee Chapter, No. 90, R. A. M., of Belvidere, has for more than a third of a century affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, and Freemasonry has no more zealous and faithful representative than he. Its object of drawing men closer together in the ties of brotherhood, in promoting a helpful and benevolent spirit, and of lifting them above selfish interests, so that they will acknowledge the claims of the weak on the strong, and give a chivalrous support to the oppressed,—this object receives his unqualified commendation and support; hence he is earnest and loyal to the fundamental principles of the society, and the lodges of Belvidere are glad to claim him among their members.

Mr. Kelsey was made a Mason on the 11th of March, 1862, in Madison Lodge (Connecticut), No. 87, A. F. & A. M., with which he maintained a continuous relation until dimitted to Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, on the 6th of November, 1865. He joined Kishwaukee Chapter in 1868, received the Mark Master and Past Master degrees on the 10th of June, that of Most Excellent Master on the 22d of June, and was exalted to the Royal Arch degree on the 23d of the same month. Throughout his connection with these organizations, Mr. Kelsey has served almost continuously as or-

ganist, furnishing *impromptu* music which has been an interesting addition to the work of the lodge. He has for several years been the efficient Secretary of Kishwaukee Chapter, and has also held the offices of Scribe and King. He is honored by his fellow members of the craft, and well deserves mention in the history of Freemasonry in Illinois.

Mr. Kelsey is a native of Connecticut, his birth having occurred in Clinton on the 4th of April, 1834. He is descended from Irish and Welsh ancestry that early became connected with the Nutmeg state. On the maternal side he belongs to the Buell family of Connecticut, and his grandfather, Samuel Buell, rendered valuable service to the colonies in the Revolutionary war. The parents of the subject of this review, Calvin and Henrietta (Buell) Kelsey, were both natives of Connecticut, and the latter belonged to the same family as General Grant. The father was engaged in school-teaching in early life, and was a man of broad general information; later he engaged in merchandising, until his retirement from business cares. He passed away at the age of eighty-five years and his wife departed this life in the seventy-fifth year of her age. They had a family of seven sons, four of whom are yet living.

Of this family Charles E. Kelsey was the eldest. He completed his literary education in the high school of his native town, and in early life began teaching music, in which art he had attained a high degree of proficiency. He afterward entered the journalistic field as editor and publisher, and for a number of years published the Clinton Advertiser. In 1865 he came to Belvidere and published the Belvidere Recorder, a semi-weekly journal. After a number of years he disposed of the paper, but still conducts a music store and a job printing establishment and is doing a profitable business. For upwards of thirty years he taught music and sold musical instruments, and had done probably more than any one man to cultivate a love for the art in Belvidere. His musical ability well fits him to direct

the public taste, and his love for the "harmony divine" is one of the strongest elements in his character. Throughout the greater part of his residence in Belvidere he has not only served as organist of the Masonic lodges but was, for nearly twenty-five years, also organist of the Presbyterian church; and his punctuality and fine system of order, combined with his skill, makes his service in this direction very valuable.

On the organization of the Republican party Mr. Kelsey allied himself with its supporters and gave to it an unfaltering allegiance until a few years since, when his opinions in regard to the temperance question led him to join the ranks of the Prohibitionists. He is a most earnest advocate of temperance, does all in his power to promote its interests, and is himself a total abstainer from both tobacco and intoxicants. His life has been pure and true, upright and honorable, and all who know him have for him the highest respect and regard.

In 1859 Mr. Kelsey was united in marriage to Miss Ellen E. Tompkins, a native of Towanda, Pennsylvania. Throughout the greater part of her married life she has been an invalid, which deprives her of the enjoyment of social pleasures, but in her home she has the loving care and attention of her husband and the sympathy of many warm friends.

**H**ARRY HAYES CLEAVELAND, a Sir Knight Templar residing at Rock Island, is one of the active and capable workers in the order. He was made a Mason in Trio Lodge, No. 57, at Rock Island, in March, 1891, and at once became an efficient worker. Was elected Senior Deacon and Junior Warden, and filled each of these offices in a creditable manner. He became a Royal Arch Mason, receiving the degrees November 3, 1891, in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, and his first office therein was that of Principal Sojourner. In 1895 he was elected High Priest, which important office he filled acceptably. March 28, 1892, he was created a Sir Knight Templar in Ev-

erts Commandery, No. 18, in which body he has been Warden two terms, Junior Warden one term, and is now Captain-General. In 1892 he became connected with Kaaba Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Davenport, Iowa.

He was born at Rock Island, August 13, 1869, and is a son of Sir Knight H. C. Cleaveland, one of the most prominent Knight Templars in the state, filling the most important office in the Grand Lodge of the state. He (our subject) received his education in the public schools of his native town and at Knox College, where he graduated with honor in 1890; and he has since been in the insurance business with his father at Rock Island, where they do an extensive amount of business, and stand high in their reputation for integrity and intelligence.

In October, 1892, Mr. Cleaveland married Miss Olive Cox, a native of Vermont, and they have two children,—Eleanor and Marion. They have a nice home in the city, have a host of friends and are highly esteemed. Mrs. Cleaveland is a worthy member of the Presbyterian church, and in politics Mr. Cleaveland is a Republican.

**W**ILLIAM DON, engaged in the business of manufacturing blank books and in general bookbinding at Rock Island, is a Sir Knight Templar who appreciates the beauties of Freemasonry. He was first initiated into the shining mysteries of Masonic rites in 1866, in Davenport Lodge, No. 37, and having since been dimitted from that lodge he now affiliates with Trio Lodge, No. 57, Rock Island. He is also a member of Barrett Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M., having received the degrees in that branch of Masonry March 28, 1871, and was made a Sir Knight in 1880, in Everts Commandery, No. 18, K. T., receiving the degrees April 28 and May 17. He has filled various chairs both in the chapter and in the commandery, understanding the work thoroughly, and is now Chaplain of the chapter.

Mr. Don has the honor of being a native of this city. He was born here on the 14th of September, 1842. His parents, William and Agnes (McIntosh) Don, were both natives of Scotland. His father emigrated to this country when twenty-one years of age, and his mother came when a girl of only nine years. They located first in Montreal, Canada, where the father died, leaving a widow and six children—the eldest a boy only eighteen years of age. With this family Mrs. Don moved from Montreal, Canada, to Chicago, then crossed the state of Illinois with a team, and for a short time was a resident of Davenport. It was a great undertaking at that time for a woman, but she was equal to the task, and the movement deserves to be recorded in history as one of the bravest. She had but little means, and had to struggle against innumerable adversities. She died at the age of sixty-eight years, and since then two of the children also have died.

Mr. Don, who is the subject proper of this sketch, received his elementary education at Davenport and Rock Island, and early began to work and take care of himself, learning the arts of printing and book-binding. Commencing as early as 1858, he was paid at first but two dollars and a half a week; but he mastered the business, and for some years was employed as a journeyman. In 1882 he opened a book-binding on his own account, and has prospered in his chosen occupation.

In his political principles he is a Republican, and as a citizen he stands high in the estimation of the community.

**T**HOMAS HICKS.—The sterling precepts and exalted principles of Freemasonry have held the abiding appreciation and loyal devotion of the subject of this review from his youth, and to him was granted the privilege and honor of becoming identified with the great fraternity at an earlier age than it has been given the average man so to do. This appreciation may

also be said to have come to him as a legacy from his honored father, who was a zealous and eminent member of the order, and the years of personal identification have but served to increase his admiration for and solicitous devotion to Masonry, whose high aims and purposes, as unfolded to him, have caused him to embrace the endearing fellowship of the order with the ardor and devotion of a true knight, all these things tending to increase his popularity in the fraternal circles where his genial personality could not but give inception to the same. The Masonic career of Mr. Hicks has been such as to eminently entitle him to representation in this compilation.

Mr. Hicks, who is a native son of the Emerald Isle and a descendant of stanch old Scotch-Irish ancestors, came to America as a mere boy, but he can not but look with enduring satisfaction upon the fact that it was permitted him to secure admission to the Masonic Order in the land which gave him birth, and in which his father had figured as an honored representative of the ancient fraternity. In the year 1878 Thomas Hicks became an Entered Apprentice in Newbliss Lodge, No. 374, A. F. & A. M., at Newbliss, in the north of Ireland, and in the same body he was thereafter duly raised Master Mason. At the time of his initiation he was but slightly more than nineteen years of age, and his admission was secured by special dispensation of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, this action being taken by reason of his being a "Lewis," or son of a Mason. He soon returned to the United States, and in 1880 became a member of Hailman Lodge, No. 321, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, of which he served as Junior Deacon in 1885, in which year he was dimitted and came to Chicago, where he became an affiliate in Mizpah Lodge, No. 768. Of this lodge he became one of the most honored and popular members, having passed the various chairs and been called upon to serve as Senior Warden in 1896 and Worshipful Master in 1897. In 1888, Mr. Hicks passed forward in the Masonic grades, becoming a Marked

Master in Delta Chapter, No. 191, of Chicago, in which he was duly exalted Royal Arch Mason, being Past High Priest of the same. In the cryptic grades he received his degrees in Temple Council, No. 65, R. & S. M., in which he is Past Thrice Illustrious Master, and which he represented in the Grand Council of Illinois, where he was dignified with the office of Grand Marshal, in 1895, and elected Grand Conductor in 1896. To the final, or chivalric, degrees of the York Rite Mr. Hicks turned in 1890, when he was created a Sir Knight in Englewood Comandery, No. 59, Knights Templar.

In each of these several bodies he has been constant and faithful, thoroughly alive to the duties and privileges offered by the fraternity and earnest in promoting the great humanitarian interests for which it stands sponsor.

Thomas Hicks was born in county Fermanagh, in the north of Ireland, on the 15th of October, 1858, being the son of John and Jane Hicks. His mother died when he was a child of three years, and he had only attained the age of ten when he was also deprived by death of a father's care and guidance. He was thereafter reared by an aunt until he was fifteen years of age, when he left his native land and courageously set forth to make his own way in the world, coming to the United States and securing employment in a store at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1877, when he returned to Ireland. The superior advantages offered in America led him to return to this country, and he was located at Pittsburg until August, 1885, when he came to Chicago, where, in the succeeding year, he engaged in business upon his own responsibility, opening a grocery at 4449 Halsted street, where he has ever since continued operations in the line. His enterprise, ability and correct methods have been the potent factors which have insured his success, and he is to-day the owner of a fine business which is the due reward for his well-directed efforts, his establishment being one

of the leading and most popular in the division of the city where it is maintained.

In November, 1886, Mr. Hicks was united in marriage to Miss Martha L. Beatty, who, like himself, was born in the north of Ireland. They are the parents of five children—Lizzie Olive, Martha Eleanor, Evalyn Florence, William Trevalyn and Pearl Mae. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics our subject is a Republican.

**J**EFFERSON HODGKINS.—To one in the least familiar with the personality of the subject of this review and with the exalted plane upon which Masonry accomplishes its work, it needs not be said that there is much in the teaching and in the basic principles of the great fraternal craft which can not but appeal forcibly to a man of such character as Colonel Hodgkins, —a man of most inflexible integrity, of strong mentality and one who has the deepest appreciation of all that stands for real valuation in human attributes and aspirations. It has been his to attain a marked prestige and success in business affairs of great breadth; his to render to the nation the valiant service of a valiant and loyal defender at a time when it was in jeopardy through armed rebellion; his to accomplish much in the "piping times of peace," through public-spirited endeavor and broad-minded liberality; his to prove himself, through the many vicissitudes of capricious fortune, a type of true manhood,—one who may well be referred to as a consistent exponent of the time-honored principles of Masonry.

Mr. Hodgkins became an Entered Apprentice in Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago, in the year 1878, being duly raised therein to the degree of Master Mason. He was subsequently exalted to the Royal Arch in Washington Chapter, No. 43, being eventually dimitted from each of these to identify himself with similar bodies more nearly in the vicinity of his home, becoming a member of Engle-

wood Lodge, No. 690, and Englewood Chapter, No. 176. He received the chivalric degrees in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, but withdrew from this to become one of the charter members of Englewood Commandery, No. 59, in which he has since been honored with a life membership. His interest in all that pertains to the great fraternity is deep and abiding, and here as elsewhere he is held in highest esteem.

Jefferson Hodgkins is a native son of the old Pine Tree state and is a distinctive type of the sturdy manhood which has emanated from that commonwealth in all the years ago. He was born at Lemoine, Maine, on the 27th of October, 1845, being the son of Philip and Mary (Blunt) Hodgkins, both families having been identified with American annals from the early colonial epoch, and both having granted representatives in the noble patriot army of the Revolution. The Blunt family was of English origin, and the name has been one of prominence in both the civic and military history of the nation. Philip Hodgkins was a sea captain, a man of forceful individuality and sterling honor. She who became his wife was a woman of education and refinement, having been a school teacher prior to her marriage. Thus it may be inferred that the early discipline of our subject was one of grateful order,—one powerful in molding his character and shaping it toward that final symmetry which has been attained. As a boy he was enabled to attend the public schools about four months in the year, and when he had reached the age of thirteen years he entered the broad school of practical affairs, following in the footsteps of his father and adopting a seafaring life. He was thus occupied for a period of nearly seven years,—years prolific in benefit to the youth, who profited by the experience and by the opportunities afforded him for extended observation.

Ardently patriotic, the young man was roused to action and responsive protest when the rebel guns thundered against Fort Sumter, and he was not slow to turn from

the peaceful traffic of the sea to the pursuits of war. On the 12th of December, 1861, the young sailor enlisted in Company C, Twenty-sixth Maine Volunteer Infantry, with which he proceeded to the south, participating in the Banks Red River expedition and serving until the close of his term of enlistment. The regiment was on duty in the swamps of Louisiana and Mississippi, where its numbers were decimated through disease and the fortunes of war, only four hundred and twenty-five men escaping death out of a total of more than a thousand. Mr. Hodgkins was mustered out of the service in 1863, with shattered health. He was incapacitated for labor of any sort for eight months, when, having recuperated his energies, he again went to sea for a year. After this he joined an engineering corps on the Western Pacific Railroad, the same corps subsequently running and locating the lines of the Southern Pacific Railway. This service ended, Mr. Hodgkins was engaged for the ensuing two years in the government survey of the Chickasaw land and Cherokee strip, of which work he had charge.

In 1872 Mr. Hodgkins located in Chicago, which has ever since been the scene of his labors. Here he has gained a notable success in business and a distinction as one of the representative men of the city. Soon after his arrival in the Garden City he founded the firm of Blunt & Hodgkins, dealers in sand. After two years the partnership was dissolved and Colonel Hodgkins became concerned in the organization of the Chicago Dredging & Dock Company, of which he was superintendent nearly three years. He was thereafter engaged in general contracting upon his own responsibility, and in 1885 he was instrumental in the organization of the Kimball & Cobb Stone Company, of which he has since continued president and manager. He is also treasurer of the Rice Stone Company, and a stockholder in the Ottawa Fire Brick Company, the Findlay Hydraulic Press Brick Company and the Commercial Loan & Trust Company Bank.

In politics Colonel Hodgkins is a stal-

wart Republican, and though in no sense a politician he has been called upon to serve in various capacities of public trust and responsibility. He served for two terms as commissioner for Cook county, was a member of the congressional committee from the First district of Illinois, is now serving his second term as a member of the South Park board of commissioners. He was appointed a member of Governor Fifer's staff, serving in this capacity for four years. He is a member of the Thirty-first Ward Republican Club, the Veteran's Club, and the Illinois, the Union League, the Harvard and the Home Clubs, having been one of the organizers of each of the last two mentioned. He is also a member of Columbia Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

In the year 1875 was consummated the marriage of Colonel Hodgkins to Miss Jennie Lewis, of Orange, New Jersey, and they have two children,—William L., who is completing a course of study in Purdue University, and Edna R. The family home is one of the beautiful modern residences in the Englewood district of Chicago, and is a center of refined and gracious hospitality. It has been well said of the subject of this review that "few men have lived to better purpose," and what stronger words of commendation could be uttered. He has been true in all the relations of life and has gained the confidence and esteem which is so clearly merited in such cases.

**F**RANCIS EDWIN JENKINSON, the Worshipful Master of Rock Island Lodge, No. 658, of Rock Island, Illinois, is an honored exemplar of Freemasonry—its teachings and its principles. He was made a member of the fraternity in Galesburg Lodge, wherein he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice. Before proceeding farther, however, that organization was consolidated with Alpha Lodge, of Galesburg, wherein he passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. In 1881 he removed to Rock Island and being dimitted from his

home lodge petitioned and was elected to membership in Rock Island Lodge, No. 658. His zeal and loyalty to the interests of society has made him a valued member, and his brethren, appreciating his faithful service in its behalf, have honored him with election to various offices. He has served as Junior Deacon for one term, Senior Deacon for two terms, Junior and Senior Warden one term each, and in 1895 had the honor of being chosen Worshipful Master to which he has been elected for a second term. He is an able and enthusiastic Mason, having a thorough knowledge of the ritual, and under his able leadership the progress and advancement of the lodge has been very satisfactory. During his first term he conferred twenty-five degrees.

Keeping abreast with the improvement and development that has been going on through the centuries, Masonry has been a potent factor in civilization. Invention, science, art and letters have tended toward the development of the material and æsthetic, but Masonry has had a direct influence on the conduct of man in relation with his fellow man, placing before him higher ideals, teaching him to cherish the good, the true and the beautiful, and to practice mutual forbearance and mutual helpfulness. It has often caused him to forget the asperities of nature, the fierce competitions of the business world and pause by the wayside to help an unfortunate brother. Its charity is not corporate but individual; but the sum total of the beneficent work of its followers has justly entitled it to rank first and best among the fraternal organizations of the world.

Mr. Jenkinson, whose name forms the caption for this article, is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Fond du Lac county, on the 30th of November, 1851. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry and a son of Robert Jenkinson, who was born in Arklo, county Wicklow, Ireland. In 1822, when a young man, he emigrated to the new world, remaining for a time in Montreal, Canada, where he was married to Miss Georgiana Appleton, a native of

France. He removed to Chicago, where he engaged in the grocery business. Subsequently he removed to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and in 1845 took up his residence in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he became interested in lands, holding much valuable realty. Prominent in public affairs, he was elected sheriff of the county and afterward elected its treasurer, but died before taking the oath of office. His business interests were crowned with prosperity and he amassed considerable wealth. He departed this life on the 19th of January, 1854, at the age of forty-six years. His wife survived him for a time and died in the fifty-second year of her age. They had a family of eleven children, ten of whom are living and are respected citizens of the various communities with which they are connected.

Mr. Jenkinson, of this review, was the seventh son of this family. He was reared to manhood and educated in the schools of his native city, and about the time he attained his majority went to Galesburg, Illinois, where he learned the moulder's trade, a pursuit he has since followed. In 1881 he accepted a position with the Rock Island Plow Company, and has since been one of their most trusted and faithful employees, ever discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. In politics he is a stalwart Republican and is an upright man and loyal Mason, who enjoys the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Royal Arch degrees in Joliet Chapter, No. 27, is a charter member of Joliet Council, Royal and Select Masters, No. 82, and was created a Sir Knight Templar in Joliet Commandery, No. 4. In 1893 he became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order, in Medinah Temple, in Chicago. The Doctor takes a personal interest in Masonry, and has worked hard to advance its cause in every way in his power, always ready and willing to give as much of his time to the order as is consistent with the duties of his profession.



F. W. WERNER.

**F**REDERICK W. WERNER.—One of the physicians and surgeons of the city of Joliet, Illinois, who has won recognition for his personal qualities as well as his skill in the practice of medicine, and who occupies a high position in the Masonic fraternity, is Dr. Werner, whose name appears at the head of this sketch. He received the degree of Entered Apprentice in Matteson Lodge, No. 175, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and occupied the chair of Worshipful Master in that body for two terms. He received the

Dr. Werner's home has always been in Joliet, where he was born February 8, 1858, and there obtained his early education in the public and high schools. His youthful aspirations were to follow the medical profession, and when only eighteen years of age he began the study of that science and entered Bellevue Medical College, in New York city, at which he was graduated March 1, 1880. He had previously taken a course in the medical department of the University of Michigan, at

Ann Arbor. After receiving his diploma Dr. Werner returned to Joliet and began the practice of his profession in the house where he was born, his office being in the room in which he first saw the light of day. His skill soon became known throughout the city, and he rapidly rose to a position of prominence, until to-day he is one of the best known and highly respected physicians in Joliet, in possession of a fine, lucrative practice. The Doctor is president of the Will County Medical Society, member of the American Society of Microscopists, American Medical Association, Knights of Pythias, the Elks and of the Germania Club.

In 1881 Dr. Werner was united in marriage to Miss Louise F. Staehle, who also was born in Joliet. They have a charming home and are very popular members of society.

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**J**AMES F. PERSHING, of Chicago, has for twelve years held a membership in the Masonic fraternity, his first association therewith being when he was initiated into the order in Ashlar Lodge, No. 308, in 1876. His relation with that organization continued until 1895, when he was dimitted and became a charter member of Woodlawn Park Lodge, No. 841. He is now serving as Senior Warden therein and is most faithful to his duties and to the obligations which rest upon him as a member of the fraternity, which through many centuries has been an important factor in raising the moral standard of the race. He has advanced beyond the blue-lodge degrees into the chapter, having taken the Royal Arch degrees in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, in 1887. The same year he joined the Royal and Select Masters of Chicago Council, and on the 16th of November, 1887, he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory. He belongs to the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, with which he has been associated since 1887, and in all these different branches of Masonry he is

an interested member. Steadfast and true, these various branches of Masonry receive his unwavering allegiance, and the order may well be proud to claim him among its members.

Mr. Pershing is also widely and favorably known in Chicago's business circles. He was born in LaClede, Linn county, Missouri, on the 18th of January, 1862, and remained there until fifteen years of age. He was educated in the public schools and entered upon his business career in a mercantile establishment, thus becoming acquainted with the methods of trade. At length he went upon the road as a traveling salesman and to that work devoted his energies for eleven years. He was trusted by the house, was popular with his patrons and did a good business. At length he determined to engage in merchandising on his own account and is now doing an excellent business as a member of the firm of Pershing & Anderson, wholesale tailors. They are located at No. 211 Jackson street, and from the beginning their patronage has steadily increased and been attended with gratifying results.

In 1885 Mr. Pershing was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Jackson, a native of Detroit, Michigan, and their home is brightened by the presence of three interesting children—Gracie E., James F., Jr., and Frank E. In his home Mr. Pershing is genial and has many friends. As a business man he is wide-awake, active, energetic and industrious, thorough, reliable in all transactions and having the confidence of all in commercial circles. As a Mason he is true to the honored principles of the fraternity and has the sincere respect of his Masonic brethren.

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**M**UGH MACMILLAN, Chicago.—The career of him whose name initiates this review is one into which have entered many picturesque elements. He went forth in his early youth to win for himself a place in the world, leaving home and kindred and finally taking up his abode in a



land far over the seas, and there attaining success and honor through well-directed and conscientious effort. His long identification with the material interests of Chicago renders peculiarly consonant a review of his life in this connection.

A native of Scotland, Mr. MacMillan was born at Port William, on the 24th of May, 1843, and he received his preliminary educational discipline in the public schools of the city of his birth. He very early manifested a predilection for a seafaring life, and accordingly, at the age of thirteen years, he became connected with a company operating a line of boats between Glasgow and New York, continuing to sail the Atlantic for four years, and constantly advancing in position by reason of his fidelity and practical ability. His advent in the city of Chicago dates back to the year 1859, at which time he was seventeen years of age. He became identified with the navigation of the Great Lakes and advanced to positions of maximum responsibility and precedence, having been in turn mate and master and chief officer on some of the finest steamers on the lakes, and this while he was still a mere boy. His connection with this line of enterprise continued to be one of most intimate nature for a full decade, or until about the year 1869, during several years of which period he was retained as an official on the steamers of the Western Transit Company, having served with distinction as chief officer of two of their finest vessels. He also became associated with others in the operation of a vessel upon his personal responsibility.

In the year 1869, Mr. MacMillan decided to abandon the sea and to take up his abode in the city of Chicago. He, however, did not resign his connection with maritime interests, for he was offered and accepted the position as foreman of the Western Transit Company, becoming their contracting agent and later being given the entire management of their very extensive Chicago business. He is still retained in this important capacity, and his efforts have done much to conserve the interests of the

corporation and to further its magnificent advancement. He is a stockholder in several steamers on the lake, and is also financially concerned in other enterprises of analogous order. It should be noted in the connection, that his capacity for business is so pronounced that he has become prominently identified with various important industrial undertakings, being at present the president and sole stockholder of the Saline River Ochre Company, with headquarters at Kansas City, Missouri. He has extensive real-estate interests in Kansas and California, owning a valuable and prolific olive ranch near Santa Barbara, California. His business connections are still farther augmented by his holding of the agency for several leading insurance companies.

Our subject is a man who has not rounded up his life in business affairs alone, for he has traveled extensively, both in the United States and abroad, and is thoroughly broad and cosmopolitan in his views and forceful in his intellectuality. Never an aspirant for political preferment, he has yet maintained a lively interest in public affairs, rendering a stanch allegiance to the Republican party. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church.

In the great fraternal order of Freemasonry Mr. MacMillan has advanced to the Knights Templar degree, being a member of St. Barnard Commandery, No. 35. He is identified with Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, A. F. & A. M., in which he has served as Master; while in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, R. A. M., he has passed the various chairs and to hold the office of King. He is highly honored in Masonic circles and is a zealous adherent of the noble order.

The marriage of Mr. MacMillan was celebrated in the year 1864, when he was united to Miss Anna B. McKay, who was born on the British frigate Belle Isle, which was *en route* to Quebec, on the St. Lawrence river, her father having been a soldier in the English army. Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan are the parents of five children: Murdoch A., Susie C., Jennie H., James C. and Anna B.

**JAMES HINES ANDERSON.**—That land where has come a supreme exaltation to the noble fraternity of Freemasonry, figures as Mr. Anderson's place of nativity, and this circumstance lends somewhat of additional interest to the record which is his through his conspicuous identification with the great order whose wonderful organization extends to every quarter of the civilized world, numbering among its adherents representatives of every calling known to human life—the toilers for daily bread, no less than men of letters and of great affairs—whose living faith and sublime code reach the most elevated humanitarian planes, and whose potency as one of the instrumentalities that, on the trestle-board of the outstretched years, is to work out those deep designs whose accomplishment implies the ennobling and the elevation of the race, can not be denied.

In Kincardineshire, whose high-heaved hills and fertile lowlands lend fairness to the picturesque wealth of Scotland, James Hines Anderson was born, on the 2d of July, 1841, the son of James H. and Ann (Duncan) Anderson, representing in their lineage the sturdiest of Scotch strains. The boyhood days of our subject were passed in his native county, and the invigorating discipline of the Mearns had an invaluable effect during this formative stage of his life. He received a common-school education, while that keen appreciation of practical values, which is so characteristic of the race from which he is sprung, soon came into evidence. He learned the stone-cutter's trade in Scotland, and when he was about eighteen years of age he went to England, where he secured employment in the line of his trade, remaining there for a period of five years, after which, cognizant of the superior advantages offered in America, he emigrated to the United States, arriving here in the winter of 1863 and soon after coming to Chicago, which has ever since been his home and the scene of his honorable and successful endeavors. He continued to devote his attention to that line of business with which he was familiar.

An orphan at the age of sixteen years, he had early developed a study of self-reliance and those habits of industry and consecutive application which have stood him so well in hand in his singularly successful career. For four weeks after his arrival in Chicago Mr. Anderson was employed as a journeyman, and at the expiration of this period he associated himself with Wilhelm G. Cooper in the cut-stone and building business, with which line of enterprise he has ever since been conspicuously identified. At the expiration of one year he purchased his partner's interest in the enterprise, and for a score of years he has made a specialty of granite and marble work. He is at the present time president of the J. H. Anderson Granite Company, retains an interest in the Berlin & Montello Granite Company, of Chicago, and is identified with the Hurricane Island Granite Company, in Knox county, Maine, where are located granite quarries which are among the most prolific in the Union. In the city of Chicago there are many monuments to Mr. Anderson's honor as a builder, for he has devoted his attention principally to this phase of business since the Centennial year, 1876. The magnificent granite work of the Masonic Temple, the City Hall and the Herald building was executed by the company of which Mr. Anderson is the head.

Mr. Anderson's identification with the Masonic order dates back fully thirty years, for he became an Entered Apprentice in Evans Lodge, No. 524, at Evanston, soon after the same was organized—about 1865. He still affiliates with this lodge, and is a member of Evanston Chapter, No. 144; Siloam Council, No. 53; and Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, having received the degrees of knighthood in 1873. He enjoys the distinction of being a life member in each of these bodies. Still more distinguished Masonic honors have been conferred upon Mr. Anderson, since he passed the degrees in Oriental Sovereign Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, nearly twenty years ago, and has also "crossed the sands of the desert,"

and gained title to nobility in Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has ever maintained a lively interest in the great Masonic fraternity, in whose circles he enjoys an unmistakable popularity.

In his political adherency, Mr. Anderson is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He has been the incumbent as postmaster of Havelock, one of Chicago's postal substations, for the past twenty years, the practical duties of the office being handled by a capable deputy. The family home is located at High Ridge, Lake View.

In September, 1865, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Emma Louise Rills, of Jamesville, New York. They are the parents of three children.

**A**NTON NEUMEISTER, a representative of the Masonic fraternity in Rockford, was born in Germany on the 27th of November, 1837; and his parents, Frederick and Rosina (Sock) Neumeister, were also natives of the same land. The father was married twice, and by his first union had five children and by the second eight. He engaged in the manufacture of iron in Germany,—a business which his family had followed for several generations; but in 1848 he severed all ties that bound him to the old world and sailed for America, accompanied by his wife and nine children, one son having previously crossed the Atlantic. Going first to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he secured a tract of land near that city and carried on agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred in the sixty-seventh year of his age. His wife survived him and lived to be eighty-six years of age. They were members of the Lutheran church and were industrious and honorable farming people, whose genuine worth won them the respect of all.

Anton Neumeister was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America. He attended school in Germany, but after coming to this country was obliged to assist in the development and cultivation of the home farm and all the

education he obtained was self-acquired outside the school-room. When a youth of fourteen he left the parental roof and began learning the wagon and carriage maker's trade. He worked for three months without receiving any compensation for his services and then for a year received eight dollars per month. The great Civil war, however, interrupted his labors. When the south attempted to overthrow the Union, he went forth to the defense of the government under whose protection he was living and fought with all the loyalty of a native-born son of America for the upholding of the national power. It was July, 1862, that he joined the boys in blue of Company I, Twenty-sixth Wisconsin Infantry, and in October the regiment joined the Eleventh Army Corps in Virginia. He participated in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and then with his command joined the Army of the Cumberland. He afterward took part in the battle of Missionary Ridge and pursued the Confederates to Knoxville, also participated in Sherman's Atlanta campaign. At the battle of Kenesaw mountain he was wounded in the left arm by a rifle ball which passed through his arm and struck a comrade on the ear. The injury he sustained forced him to remain in the hospital for a short time, but as soon as possible he reported for duty once more. When the war was over he was honorably discharged, having for three years valiantly protected the glorious old ensign of the republic which now floats over the united nation, its power strengthened by the bloody conflict through which it led the hosts to victory.

When the country no longer needed his services Mr. Neumeister came to Rockford, where in the meantime his brother had established a carriage and wagon manufactory. Not long afterward his brother met with a serious accident which forced him to give up the business, and our subject purchased the same. Thus starting out on his own account he soon demonstrated to the public that he was worthy of its patronage, his efficient workmanship and reliable deal-

ing commending him to the confidence of all. He soon secured a liberal business, which has steadily increased, and from time to time he has enlarged and improved his facilities until he now has one of the best equipped wagon and carriage shops in this section of the state. The small board shop on State street near the bridge, in which he first carried on operations, was followed in 1869 by a large brick shop on Madison street, and here he has secured a large trade, his increased patronage demanding greater facilities until, with the many additions he has made to his factory, his plant now covers several lots. He has a large blacksmith shop in addition to the wagon shop and handles carriages only of his own manufacture. He always keeps a large number on hand, and his customers know that his goods are most reliable.

On the 12th of April, 1869, Mr. Neumeister married Miss Theresa Staps, a native of Germany. They have no children of their own, but have reared an adopted son, Fred, who has lived with them from the age of three years. He is now seventeen years of age, and is his father's able assistant in the business, manifesting all the interest therein that an own son would do.

In the same year of his marriage Mr. Neumeister became a Mason, joining Rockford Lodge, No. 102. In politics he is a Republican, and both he and his wife are active members of the Lutheran church, in which he is now serving as deacon. As citizen, soldier, and business man he has manifested a loyalty to duty that portrays a noble, upright character, and he is justly entitled to the high regard in which he is held.

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**F**RANKLIN B. NEWELL is one of the most active, influential and prominent Masons in central Illinois, and the lodge of Galva, with which he is connected, owes much of its growth and present prosperous condition to his efforts. He became identified with Galva Lodge, No. 243, in 1882.

Having petitioned for and been elected to membership he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on the 5th of December, passed to the Fellow-craft degree on the 2d of June, 1883, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 24th of June. He has informed himself thoroughly concerning the ritual, the working of the order and is an enthusiastic and zealous member of the team, putting great spirit and life into his work, and thus inspiring his brethren by his own ardor and devotion. He joined the lodge for the worthy purpose of benefiting others, and has been untiring in his efforts to assist those in need of brotherly aid. Charity and hospitality are the grand characteristics of the order, and his life fully exemplifies the spirit of helpfulness and forbearance. His virtues as a man and a Mason are of the highest order and worthy of imitation. He has perhaps done more ritualistic work than any other member of Galva Lodge, and is always present to assist in conferring the sublime degree of Master Mason. He is a member of Galva Chapter, No. 57, Order of the Eastern Star, was elected and has served for three years as its Worthy Patron, and has conferred the degrees in that order in a most capable and acceptable manner. In the blue lodge he has held the office of Junior Warden for two terms and of Senior Warden for nine years. His zeal for Masonry, his wide and accurate knowledge of the craft, which he is ever ready to impart to his less informed brethren, his acumen, his diligence, his untiring efforts and the vigilance with which he guards the ancient landmarks, make him a bright and shining light in the Masonic world.

Mr. Newell is a native of Vermont, born in Jamaica, Windom county, on the 6th of October, 1836. The family is of English origin, but for many generations has resided in the United States. The grandfather Newell was one of the patriots of the Revolution, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill, and remaining in the service until victory crowned the arms of the colonists, and the nation became an in-

dependent republic. He carried a British bullet in his shoulder until the day of his death, which occurred in the eightieth year of his age. Solomon Newell, the father of our subject, was born in Colrain, Massachusetts, in 1798, married Malinda B. Cutler, a native of New Hampshire, and they had eight children, six of whom are yet living. The mother is now living, in her seventy-seventh year, but the father departed this life in 1873, at the age of seventy-five years. Soon after attaining his majority he was made a member of the Masonic fraternity, and led an upright, honorable life which ever won for him the confidence and esteem of those with whom he came in contact. In 1853 he came to Illinois and resided, in the order named, in Geneva, St. Charles, DeKalb and Galesburg, being buried in the last named with Masonic honors.

Franklin B. Newell was educated in the common schools of his native state, and began his business career as a fireman on the railroad. Before the war he was promoted to locomotive engineer, and served in that capacity for twenty years. For twenty-two years he has been foreman of the railroad interests of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy lines at Galva, and his continued service with this company covers the long period of forty years, during which time he has never been censured or reprimanded in any way, but has faithfully performed his important duties to the full satisfaction of the company, winning golden opinions both from his employers and the public with which his duties bring him into relations. Those who served under him entertain for him the highest regard, for he is ever courteous and fair in his treatment of all.

In 1864 Mr. Newell was united in marriage to Miss Zora M. Whitmore, a native of Medina, Ohio, and their union has been blessed with three children: Harry A., Bessie and Ada. The eldest and youngest are at home, and the second daughter is the wife of Henry Dunbar, who resides near Galva. The family is held in the highest

esteem throughout the community, and the circle of their friends is very extensive.

In his political affiliations Mr. Newell is a Republican, but is not bound by party ties. His political views are the result of extensive reading and careful consideration, and not alone on party questions is he well informed. He entertains broad views of all general topics of interest, and is a progressive, public-spirited citizen, who does all in his power to promote the welfare of the city.

**G**ORHAM BARTLETT COFFIN, of Chicago, has for almost a quarter of a century followed the teachings and advocated the principles of Masonry as a worthy member of this ancient and honored order that through long ages has inculcated among men those cardinal virtues upon which upright character forever rests. He is a close and conscientious student of the ethics of Masonry in all its departments, and is most zealous and earnest in his advocacy of the order, and his name is closely interwoven with its development in Chicago. In 1874 he became a member of Covenant Lodge, No. 526, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago, and is most vigilant in guarding the ancient landmarks. He is now Past Master and his devotion has won him the high esteem of his brethren of the craft. In 1876 he was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter, No. 148, and is now Past High Priest. In 1878 he became a Royal and Select Master in Chicago Council, from which he has since dimitted to Tyrian Council. He received the degree of knighthood in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, K. T., and in 1887 was honored by the Sir Knights, who called him to the position of Eminent Commander. He was the founder of Columbia Commandery, No. 63, became one of its charter members under the dispensation, was the first Eminent Commander under the charter, and is now Past Commander. He is also interested in the organization which promotes the social rela-

tions between members, being a Noble of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. His pleasant manner and popularity makes him a valued addition to all social functions of the order, while his genuine personal worth has won him the warm friendship of many of his brethren of the craft. He was also one of the first Trustees of the Illinois Masonic Home, and one of its organizers.

Gorham B. Coffin is a native of Massachusetts, born in Newburyport, in December, 1846, a son of George and Sophronia (Richards) Coffin. His father was a sea captain and a man of considerable means. The son acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of his native town and afterward continued his education in Boston, but in 1861 laid aside his text-books to enter upon his business career. He secured a situation with the firm of Banker & Carpenter, paint dealers in Boston, and later became a salesman in their house, where he remained continuously until 1869. Thinking the rapidly developing west offered better opportunities, he came to Chicago and entered the employ of Heath & Milligan as salesman. In 1883 he became connected with the New York house of F. W. DeVoe & Company in their branch store in Chicago, which was conducted under the name of Coffin, DeVoe & Company. The responsible duties of manager of their interests here were entrusted to his care and ably conducted until 1892, when the business was consolidated with that of the C. T. Reynolds Company, at which time Mr. Coffin severed his connection with this firm and resumed an important position with the Heath & Milligan Manufacturing Company.

That in his business relations his course has been most honorable is shown by his long connection with the houses whose interests he has served, while in private life his social qualities are such as have gained him many friends. He is a trustee of the Menoken Club; also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His interest in the military organizations of this country was shown through his con-

nection with the First Massachusetts Infantry, of which he was a member seven years, during which time he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He also served for three years in the First Regiment of Illinois National Guards. His political support is given the Republican party.

Mr. Coffin was married in 1870 to Miss Helen Bullock, of Boston, who died in 1873, leaving one son, Percival B. In 1875 he was again married, his second union being with Miss Helen Green, of Chicago. They have four children—Helen, Grafton, Ralph and Ruth.

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**H**ENRY WERNO, the popular merchant tailor at 100 Jackson street, Monadnock block, ground floor, Chicago, is a gentleman who is identified with a number of fraternal organizations, including the greatest of all civic societies, the Masonic order. He was made a Master Mason by Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, F. & A. M., of Chicago, in which he has passed all the chairs, served as Secretary three years and Worshipful Master two years; and he still affiliates with that lodge. Also he has been exalted and knighted, his exaltation being in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, R. A. M.; and the degrees of knighthood being conferred upon him by St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, K. T. In the chapter he has filled some official positions. Also he is a "Shriner," a member of Medinah Temple. During his active work in the lodge he was a member and regular attendant of the Grand Lodge of the state, and for five years served as Deputy Grand Lecturer. Other organizations with which he is connected are the Royal Arcanum, North American Union and Chicago Athletic Association.

Mr. Werno is a native of Brooklyn, New York, born October 19, 1857, but has never known any other home than Chicago, he having been brought here by his parents when six months old. On completing his studies in the public schools, he chose the trade of tailor for his life work, served an apprenticeship to it, and from his sixteenth

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year has been engaged in this business. In 1881 he established himself in business on Halsted street, near Madison; was in the Tacoma Building for five years; ran two establishments for a few years, and since 1893 has been at 100 Jackson street, where he has an extensive trade.

Mr. Werno resides in one of the delightful suburbs of the city, La Grange, with which for years he has been prominently identified and which owes much to his enterprise and good judgment as an official. He was elected president of La Grange in 1891, 1893, 1894, 1896 and 1897, and is now serving his fifth term. Politically, he is an independent.

In 1879 was consummated Mr. Werno's marriage to Miss Rose Kuhles, a native of Chicago, and they have a family of four children, Laura, Rosella, Cecilia and Henrietta.

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**A**NDREW H. WHALEN has held a membership in the Masonic order for six years, and well deserves mention in this volume, whose province is the portrayal of the lives of those who have been and are faithful and consistent members of the fraternity, and who by their adherence to its honored principles have given it a standing second to none among the civic societies of the land. Mr. Whalen was initiated into the mysteries of the order in 1890, joining Dearborn Lodge, No. 310. The following year he was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lafayette Chapter, No. 2, and also joined the Royal and Select Masters of Palestine Council, No. 66. In 1893 he took the degree of a Knight Templar in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and the Scottish Rite degrees in Oriental Consistory. He has been honored with office by his brethren of the fraternity, who thus showed their appreciation of his loyalty, and in Dearborn Lodge served as Worshipful Master in 1895.

Mr. Whalen was born in the capital city of Illinois on the 15th of November, 1859, and was reared and educated in

Springfield. He also learned the blacksmith's trade there, and his life has been an industrious, energetic one. He located permanently in Chicago in 1880, and through the succeeding decade was engaged in railroading. He was then appointed manager of the south side yards of the W. L. Scott Coal Company, and has since efficiently served in that capacity. His careful foresight, his executive ability, and his straightforward dealings have enabled him to secure a good patronage for the establishment, and he has the confidence and respect of the public and the company.

On the 10th of June, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Whalen and Miss Minnie Fisher, a native of Terre Haute, Indiana. Mr. Whalen has been the architect of his own fortunes and has builded wisely and well, forming a magnificent structure of character by perseverance, industry and energy. He is therefore able to-day to command a good position, and is known as a thoroughly reliable man.

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**R**ASMUS J. TROLD AHL, of Chicago, is one of the leading and well-known Masons of the city, who has attained to a high degree in the order. He was made a member of the fraternity in Blair Lodge, of this city, in 1894, and was exalted to the Royal Arch degrees in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, in the same year, also took the degrees of the Royal and Select Masters in Palestine Council. With all of these bodies he still affiliates, and in 1895 he was knighted in Apollo Commandery and joined the Oriental Consistory of the Scottish Rite. He belongs to Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and though his affiliation with the fraternity covers only a short period he is one of its loyal and acceptable members, never wavering in his support of its principles.

Mr. Trolldahl is a native of the kingdom of Denmark, where his birth occurred September 23, 1865. The first fourteen years of his life were spent in that land, and he then went to England, where he remained

for two years, when he crossed the Atlantic to America. Later he returned to Europe and remained abroad for a few years. When he once more came to the United States he took up his abode in Chicago, where he has remained continuously since 1888. In early life he was engaged in the commission business, and later spent three years in the ticket business, procuring tickets for foreign travel.

In 1893 Mr. Troidahl embarked in business on his own account, and is now enjoying a good patronage, his office being located at 171 East Harrison street. He procures tickets for tourists and travelers on the Trans-Atlantic steamship lines, also on the railroads, and does a foreign exchange and banking business. He has become widely known to the traveling public, and his life abroad and his knowledge of the countries of the old world well fits him for the work he has undertaken.

Mr. Troidahl was married in 1888, the lady of his choice being Miss Alvina Rasmussen, a native of Copenhagen.

**C**LARENCE LESLIE SHELDON, of Sterling, a leading member of the legal profession in this section of the state, has risen to the Knight Templar degree in the Masonic fraternity, and is one of the worthy representatives of the order, his fidelity to its teachings winning him the confidence and regard of his brethren of the craft, and reflecting honor upon the society. The potency of any cause or organization is determined by the influence it exerts upon its followers, and the many men of worth who are allied with Masonry indicate the high and ennobling principles which form the basic elements thereof.

Mr. Sheldon took the initiatory degrees in Rock River Lodge, No. 612, being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 8th of August, 1882. He passed successively the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master in Sterling Chapter, No. 57, and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason

on the 17th of January, 1883. He was created a Knight Templar in Dixon Commandery, of Dixon, Illinois, and assisted in the organization of Sterling Commandery, becoming one of its charter members. He has held the office of Prelate and later Eminent Commander. He is also a Noble in Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Chicago.

Mr. Sheldon is a native of New York, born in Sennett, Cayuga county, on the 21st of April, 1841, and is of English ancestry, the family having been established first in Vermont. Subsequently representatives of the name removed to the Empire state and were active participants in those events which go to make up the early history of the country, including the Revolutionary war. Rufus H. Sheldon, the father of Sterling's well-known lawyer, was born in New York and was married there to Miss Mercy E. Edmonds, a native of that state, descended from French ancestors, who located in Massachusetts in Colonial days. In 1847 they removed to Illinois, locating in Fairfield, where the father secured land from the government, on which he continued to reside until 1869. In that year he removed to Sterling. He has for many years engaged in the implement business at Rock Falls, and is one of the prominent and highly respected citizens of the community. He is now eighty-two years of age, and his wife is in her seventy-ninth year. They have traveled life's journey together for almost sixty-two years, sharing with each other the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity, which checker the careers of all. Mrs. Sheldon has always been a devout Christian woman. In her early life she united with the Christian church, afterward became a Congregationalist, and is now a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Rock Falls. Mr. Sheldon has served in the offices of postmaster and justice of the peace.

Clarence L. Sheldon, whose name introduces this review, was the third in order of birth in their family of eight children, five of whom are now living. He began

his education in the public schools, afterward attended the academy in Princeton, Illinois, and later continued his studies in the Western College, of Toledo, Iowa, and the Lombard University, of Galesburg, Illinois. Determining to make the practice of law his life work, he entered the law department of the Michigan State University, at Ann Arbor, and was graduated on the 5th of March, 1868. He began practice in Sterling in 1869, and has since continued a member of the bar at this place. His clientele is large and constantly increasing. He is widely and favorably known throughout northwestern Illinois, and in the legal profession has gained high rank. His practice is general, and he brings all the powers of a strong mind, a comprehensive knowledge of law and sound judgment to bear upon the intricate questions which are involved in the litigation with which he may be connected. In addition to his law business he is a stockholder and director of the Sterling Gas and Electric Light Company, and is also its attorney. He owns some good property, including one of the substantial and pleasant residences in the city and three hundred and forty acres of land, comprising the homestead farm on which his father first settled on coming to this state.

In his political adherency Mr. Sheldon is a staunch Republican and soon after his arrival was called by the popular vote of the people to fill the office of city clerk. He has also served as a member of the city council and as city attorney. He has been an able and effective organizer and orator in the interests of his party, has rendered much valuable service to the Republican cause and has been a member of the Republican central committee for a number of years. He was a delegate to the county convention of 1896 and introduced the resolution instructing the national delegates to vote for Major McKinley as presidential candidate.

In 1869 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Sheldon and Miss Letitia M. Crawford, the latter a native of Sterling and a daugh-

ter of James L. Crawford, a prominent resident of this city who came from Pennsylvania to Illinois. Mrs. Sheldon is a valued member of the Presbyterian church and the family attend services there. They have four children: Leslie Crawford, Carl Edmunds, John Rufus and Edith Irene. Mr. Sheldon belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is one of the prominent and progressive citizens of the county, whose skill and merit have gained him prestige in his profession, while his personal worth has won him warm friendship.

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**M**R. SHERGOLD, of Chicago, is a man of much usefulness in the Masonic circles of Illinois. His untiring labors in the interest of the society have not been extended beyond the western metropolis, but here he is recognized as one whose earnest devotion has advanced the organization and added dignity and honor to the name of Mason. He embraces every opportunity for molding Masonic sentiment and promulgating its teaching, and faithfully practices its virtues and its principles. It is difficult to embody in set terms that which is accomplished by this honored society, for its influence is silent like the waters flowing behind the rocks of the Alps and loosening them from the mountains on which they rest; but his power is felt just as surely, and the sublime principles of the magnanimous order are continually lifting men to a higher and nobler plane. Mr. Shergold has for almost twenty years been identified with the order, having been made a Mason in Waubansia Lodge, No. 160. He was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, and received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in 1878. He received the degree of Knighthood in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1878, and has since followed the beauregant of Knight Templary as a life member of Chicago's first commandery. A noble man and a loyal knight, he is most active in the workings of the society and is always glad to instruct others less well informed.

Through forty-eight years Mr. Shergold has been a resident of Chicago, and like a worthy Mason he has also been true to his duties of citizenship. He was born in the Garden City, on the 17th of August, 1848, his parents being numbered among the pioneers of Chicago. He is indebted to the public schools for the educational privileges which he enjoyed, and was thereby fitted for the practical experiences of business life. Throughout the greater part of his business career he has been connected with railroad interests. He entered the employ of the Illinois Central road in 1871, and was employed with that line for eight years, when he went to Montana, remaining from 1879 until 1884, when he returned to Chicago and accepted a position with the Illinois Central Railroad. His connection therewith has since been continuous, and he is now occupying the responsible position of cashier in the freight department. He is most true and faithful in the discharge of his duties and his promptness and accuracy has secured him the confidence and commendation of those whom he serves.

In 1876 Mr. Shergold led to the marriage altar Miss Anna A. Cook, a native of Wisconsin. They now have two daughters. The life of Mr. Shergold has been one of industry and perseverance, and his gentlemanly manner and honorable business methods have won him the esteem and confidence of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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**L**AWRENCE HOFENRICHTER, one of the prominent and valued members of the Masonic fraternity living in Yorkville, was initiated in Kendall Lodge, No. 471, February 22, 1881, and served as its Senior Warden for two years. He was exalted to the degrees of Royal Arch Mason in Aurora Chapter, No. 22, in 1883; received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Aurora Council, No. 45, in 1886; was created a Sir Knight in Aurora Commandery, No. 22, in 1883; and attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Se-

cret in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago, in November, 1895. He was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, Chicago, in November, 1895, and is a member of Yorkville Chapter, No. 295, Order of the Eastern Star, with which Mrs. Hofenrichter is also affiliated. He is also a member of Charlemagne Lodge, No. 245, Knights of Pythias, of Aurora.

The subject of this review was born in Oswego, Illinois, April 29, 1854, and is the son of Nichols and Margaret (Schilor) Hofenrichter. He spent his early boyhood upon a farm, attending the district schools until arriving at the age of sixteen, when he began his mercantile career by engaging as a clerk in a general store at Oswego. He remained there for six years and then embarked in business for himself, but after six months he disposed of his interests and returned to his former place, where he stayed for a year and a half. He came to Yorkville and accepted a position in a cheese factory, in which he continued for a year. About 1880 he entered the employ of George M. Johnson, with whom he has remained for the past seventeen years, and during that time has proved himself to be an efficient, trustworthy gentleman, meriting the confidence and esteem with which he is regarded by his business associates.

Politically Mr. Hofenrichter is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and for eight years held the office of village trustee. In 1882 our subject was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Shibley, a native of Oswego and a daughter of Alfred and Mona (Furling) Shibley, also of Oswego. Mr. and Mrs. Hofenrichter have a pleasant home in Yorkville, where they entertain a large circle of friends.

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**H**ENRY D. BENTLEY, a thirty-second-degree Mason, is a leading representative of the industrial interests of Freeport, and his identification with the city has continued since his fourth year. He was born in the word's metropolis—London—on the 5th of December, 1848, and is a son of

Peter J. and Anne (Harvey) Bentley, who were both English people. In 1851 his parents emigrated to the United States and at once came to Illinois, locating in Freeport. The mother died only a short time afterward, but the father still survives, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, and is living retired from all active business cares. He married a second time and is the father of three children.

Mr. Bentley of this review is the youngest of the three children born of the first marriage. He was educated in the public schools of Freeport and began his business career in Walton's dry-goods house, one of the oldest and best known establishments in the city. After some years' connection with that business he became identified, as an employee, with a music house, and it was this that led him to embark in his present enterprise—the manufacture of piano stools. He began operations along this line in 1881 and has carried on the trade continuously since with excellent success. His trade has constantly grown until the capacity of his factory is one thousand stools per week, and his goods are sent throughout the United States. He manufactures various kinds, from the plainer styles, selling at low prices, to the most elaborate in design and beautiful in finish, commanding the highest market prices. He has erected a large brick factory, forty by one hundred feet, and three stories in height with a basement. This is all used in the manufacture of the stools, and the large trade which he is now enjoying makes him one of the prosperous citizens of Freeport.

Mr. Bentley was married in 1876, the lady of his choice being Miss Elida Pattison, a native of Stephenson county. They have two sons, Charles J., who is now a student in the University of Chicago; and Henry D., Jr., who is attending the Freeport high school. The family reside on Lincoln avenue, where they have a nice home erected by Mr. Bentley. He has attained to the thirty-second degree in Masonry and is a highly esteemed member of the order, with which he has been connected for over twenty

years, his membership being in Excelsior Lodge. In politics Mr. Bentley is a Republican.

In closing this sketch of a well-rounded character and successful business man, may we not pause a moment to study the lesson it teaches? It is needless to add that he is a self-made man. All noble characters are self-made. "Every man is the architect of his own character as well as his own fortune." But there is a lesson in such a career for every American boy. Follow him from his home to the store where he served in a humble clerkship, then on through the years where his merit won him promotion to his present position of affluence and influence, and you have an object lesson, plain and practical. It is not fortunate circumstances or inherited wealth that makes such men, but work, persistence and pluck.

**J**AMES W. SHINN, of Chicago, whose intimate connection with Masonry covers a period of more than twenty years, was made a member of the order in Tipton Lodge, No. 33, of Logansport, Indiana, in 1875. He was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Peru Chapter, No. 62, at Peru, Indiana, in 1879, dimitted and became a member of Logan Chapter, No. 2, in 1881. He has served as Captain of Host, Royal Arch Captain and Principal Sojourner of the chapter. He became a member of Logan Council, No. 11, R. & S. M. and P. C. of Work. He became a Knight Templar in Lafayette Commandery, No. 3, of Lafayette, Indiana, from which he was dimitted in 1895, in which year he placed his membership with Apollo Commandery, No. 1, of Chicago. He has been honored with official preferment in these various branches of the fraternity, having served as Worshipful Master of the blue lodge, which he also represented in the Grand Lodge of Indiana in the years 1888 and 1889. In the chapter he held the office of a Principal Sojourner and in the Council was Principal Conductor of Work. He has

always lived up to the requirements of the order, has been true to the belief and practices of the craft and is highly esteemed by his brethren of the order.

A native of West Virginia, Mr. Shinn was born in Harrison county, on the 4th of June, 1849, and there spent his first four years. His parents then removed with their family to Indiana and he was reared on a farm in that state, while to its public-school system he is indebted for his educational privileges. He continued to aid in the cultivation and improvement of his father's property until, desiring to enter commercial circles, he went to Logansport, where for a number of years he was engaged in mercantile interests. He went to that city in 1873 and there made his home until 1894. For some years he was upon the road as a traveling salesman. In 1894 he came to Chicago and embarked in business on his own account, being now engaged in the cigar and stationery trade at No. 3001 Cottage Grove avenue. He is enjoying a liberal patronage and his trade is increasing.

In 1879 Mr. Shinn was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Pryor, a native of Indiana, while her parents were from Pennsylvania.

**D**AVID HOGG is one of the prominent representatives of Masonry in Chicago, and has been identified with the order here for more than twenty years. He became a member of the fraternity in 1874, joining Covenant Lodge, No. 526, and with that organization has since been connected. Since then he has taken various degrees, and now belongs to Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, R. A. M., while in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, he was knighted, and in Chicago Council, No. 4, took the degrees of Royal and Select Masters. He belongs to Oriental Consistory and to Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. For a number of years he was a member of St. Bernard Drill Corps, and has always been a prominent worker in the interests of the order.

Mr. Hogg is a native of Kinross-shire,

Scotland, born in 1842, and was there reared to manhood. In his youth he learned the decorator's trade, and for a time was engaged in the wall-paper business in Scotland. At length he determined to seek a home in America, and, crossing the Atlantic, located in New York city, where he carried on operations as a dealer in wall paper for several years. His identification with the commercial interests of Chicago dates from 1869. He became associated with John J. McGrath in the wall-paper business, remaining in the employ of that gentleman until 1872. In 1874 he embarked in his present business, and has now an immense trade as a wholesale and retail dealer in liquors. He formed a partnership with A. D. Hannah, a connection which has since continued with mutual pleasure and profit, and the firm of Hannah & Hogg is probably the best known in their line throughout the west. They began business on a small scale on the west side, and from the beginning prosperity attended their undertakings. Their facilities were increased to meet the growing patronage, and their business has now assumed extensive proportions. They own ten stores in Chicago, some of them fitted up in most magnificent style, and they have a large wholesale and retail house at Nos. 222 and 224 South Clark street.

Mr. Hogg started upon his business career a poor boy, but possessed of energy and ambition. When he arrived in New York his cash capital consisted of only nine dollars, but within two days he had secured employment, and from that time to the present fortune has smiled upon his persevering, well-directed efforts. He now owns besides his business considerable valuable property in Chicago and a beautiful summer home at Mackinac Island, where he spends the hot summer months each year with his family. He was married in 1878, to Miss Margaret Grady, and they have three children: Robert, Ethel and Raymond.

Mr. Hogg is fond of travel and has been on nearly all the pilgrimages with St. Bernard Commandery. He spends considera-

ble time in Europe, visiting the many points of beauty and of interest on the continent, and has that breadth of mental vision and culture which only travel brings. Mr. Hogg is charitable and contributes liberally to many deserving public enterprises. He is a man of fine physique, weighing about two hundred and eighty pounds, and in manner is ever genial and courteous.

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**F**RANK ANTHONY, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Sterling, is a representative of Masonry in Illinois. The worth and standing of any cause are determined by the lives of its followers. Much of the high character of Masonry in this state and nation is due to those men who fully understand its aims and its mission and let the influence of its teachings shine through their acts. Cato said that "our actions are the only property that is truly ours, and they go with us beyond the grave." He who practices the mutual helpfulness, mutual forbearance, magnanimity and integrity which form the basic elements of the ancient craft, is truly a Mason worthy of the honored name, and Illinois numbers many faithful adherents of these noble teachings.

In this number is included Dr. Anthony, who became an Entered Apprentice in Rock River Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 17th of March, 1882. In the blue lodge he has held the offices of both Junior and Senior Deacon, also Junior and Senior Warden. He became a member of Sterling Chapter, No. 57, in 1882, being exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason on the 2d of August. He has been Master of one of the Veils in the chapter, but his pressing duties have forbidden him taking an active part in the work officially. It was also in 1882 that he was created a Sir Knight in Dixon Commandery, and in October, 1883, he became a charter member of Sterling Commandery. He was instrumental in its organization and

takes great pride in its growth and efficient work.

The Doctor is one of the native sons of Sterling, his birth having occurred on the 9th of March, 1858. The family is of English origin, and for many generations it has furnished able representatives to the medical profession, men who trace their ancestry back to Dr. Francis Anthony, of the fifteenth century, who at that early day discovered what is known as the "gold treatment," and was prosecuted and twice cast into prison on account of his wonderful discovery. Members of the family came to America during colonial days and were prominent in the early history of the country. The Doctor's father, Dr. Julius Phelps Anthony, was a native of New York, and in that state married Miss Martha Jane Park. In 1850 they came to Sterling, Illinois, where the father engaged in the practice of his profession until his death, which occurred in June, 1891, when he had reached the age of sixty-nine years. He had built up a very large and remunerative practice and was widely and favorably known as a skilled physician. His wife died in 1886, at the age of sixty-five years. She was an active and faithful member of the Presbyterian church, and her many excellent qualities won her the warm regard of all who knew her. During the Civil war Dr. Julius Anthony had rendered his country valuable service as a surgeon, his superior skill alleviating the suffering of many a poor soldier who in defense of his country had sustained severe injuries. In the family were five children, all of whom are yet living.

Dr. Frank Anthony, of this review, was the youngest of the family and in the public schools of Sterling he acquired his preliminary education, which was afterward supplemented by a course in Beloit College. His choice of a life-work fell upon that profession to which his family had furnished many distinguished members, and he pursued a course of medicine in the Rush Medical College, of Chicago, where he was graduated with the class of 1881. Return-

ing home he joined his father in practice, and has since continued his chosen life-work in his native town, where he has a wide acquaintance and has won high standing on account of his thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the science of medicine. His patronage has steadily increased until it has now assumed extensive proportions. He is especially interested in surgery and is most skilled and successful in that branch of his work. He is now serving as surgeon for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, and for the Sixth Regiment Illinois National Guards. Of a studious nature and possessed of a deep love of his calling, Dr. Anthony is steadily advancing on the road to perfection, and in the medical fraternity in this section of the state has won high and merited prestige.

In October, 1882, Dr. Anthony led to the marriage altar Miss Nellie Ellsworth Persels, a native of Beloit, Wisconsin. They have two interesting children, Nellie L. and Hazel E. Their home is one of the pleasant residences of the city, and is a favorite resort with their wide circle of friends. The Doctor gives his political support to the Republican party, and is a genial, kind-hearted and social gentleman, whose genuine worth commands the high respect of his fellow townsmen.

**D** JOHN FORBES, cashier of the Peoria Water Company, is one of the best known and most enterprising young men of Peoria, popular alike in business and fraternal circles. To omit personal mention of him in this work would be a mistake.

Mr. Forbes was born in Peoria, Illinois, April 3, 1865, and was educated in Pekin, this state, to which place his parents removed with their family when he was quite small. He is an expert bookkeeper, and for ten years has had a position as such; was in the money department of the Peoria postoffice during President Harrison's administration, and has served four years in

his present capacity, that of cashier of the Peoria Water Company.

Mr. Forbes is not an exception to the rule that the pushing, enterprising business men are those who make the most interested and active Masons. His Masonic history began ten years ago. He was initiated, passed and raised in Temple Lodge, No. 46, of Peoria, in 1886, and seven days after becoming a Master Mason was chosen Junior Deacon of his lodge, which position he filled one year. Next he served two years as Secretary and one year as Senior Warden. In October, 1890, he was elected Worshipful Master; the following year was re-elected to the same office, but declined to accept, and in October, 1892, was again elected, this time serving until November 30, 1893. During his incumbency of the executive chair there were eighty-seven members added to Temple Lodge, doubling the largest Masonic record ever made in this city; and he was the youngest Worshipful Master who ever presided over a lodge in Peoria. As showing their appreciation of his service in this capacity, the members, in 1891, presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel of solid gold, and at the expiration of his last term they presented him with a diamond ring of Masonic design, representing the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and consistory, of all of which bodies he is a member. He affiliates with Peoria Chapter, No. 7, Peoria Council, No. 11, Peoria Commandery, No. 3, Peoria Consistory, and Mohammed Temple, Mystic Shrine. Also he and his wife—who was before her marriage Miss Bassett—are identified with the popular auxiliary to Masonry, known as the Order of the Eastern Star, and have membership in Electa Chapter, No. 175, of which he was the first Worthy Patron.

**S**AMUEL W. McMUNN.—An order that teaches the higher ideal of life, that gives men a new faith in virtue, charity and love, assuredly deserves a considerate study by all those who are interested in the wel-



fare of the human race. As a means to an end Masonry has long figured as one of the most powerful weapons in the warfare against ignorance and vice and the host of evils that beset man at every step in his career. Thus it is that to the vicious and dissolute the great craft offers no attractions, while it must perforce appeal strongly to all such as have cognizance of the true values and objects of life. Mr. McMunn's identification with the Masonic order dates back to the year 1880, when he became an Entered Apprentice in Tuscan Lodge, No. 360, at St. Louis, Missouri, being duly raised therein to the degree of Master Mason. He still affiliates with this lodge. In 1894 he was exalted to the Royal Arch in Normal Park Chapter, No. 210, Chicago, while within the same year he became identified with chivalric Masonry, as a Sir Knight of Englewood Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templar. He holds in high appreciation the privileges and the principles of the order, and is highly esteemed in the fraternity. He is also a member of St. Louis Lodge, No. 9, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, at St. Louis, Missouri, and of the Columbus and Technical Clubs of Chicago, and the Lotus and Engineers' Clubs of New York city. His political support is given to the Republican party.

Samuel W. McMunn is a native son of the old Buckeye state, having been born at Sharon, Noble county, Ohio, on the 20th of March, 1850, being the son of Isaac and Maria McMunn. He was reared in Ohio, where he received a thorough academic education. After leaving school he turned his attention to the wholesale jobbing of salt and river transportation, afterward becoming identified with manufactures and railway supplies, continuing in that line up to the present. Mr. McMunn became a resident of Chicago in April, 1894, and here he is established as a manufacturer's agent. He brings to bear in the important position in which he is retained a rare discrimination, an excellent business ability and an experience which eminently qualifies him for

the successful handling of affairs of great breadth and responsibility.

On the 4th of December, 1878, Mr. McMunn was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Northrop, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they are the parents of two children: W. N., born January 12, 1880; and Mary W., born October 23, 1883.

**M**ARTIN E. SCHRYVER.—Figuring conspicuously as one of the leading business men of Polo, Illinois, and enjoying



*M. E. Schryver*

high rank as a Mason, the gentleman whose name graces this article is one whose life history is well worthy of special consideration.

Looking first to his connection with the great Masonic order, we find that the blue-lodge degrees were conferred upon him by

Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 187, of Polo, in 1869, the Master Mason's degree being given on the evening of December 2. The following year he was exalted in Tyrian Chapter, No. 61, of Polo, receiving the Mark Master and Past Master degrees February 2, the Most Eminent Master, February 4, and the Royal Arch, February 9. He was knighted by Dixon Commandery, No. 21, on the 22d of August, 1877, and in 1884 passed the higher degrees up to and including the thirty-second in Freeport Valley Consistory, in all of which bodies he maintains membership and an interest unabated, and in which he has performed efficient work.

Mr. Schryver, not unlike many of the leading citizens scattered throughout the Union, looks back to the Empire state as the place of his birth and early associations. He was born at Tioga Center, Tioga county, New York, January 29, 1838, and is descended from German ancestors, who settled at Rhinebeck, Dutchess county, New York, in 1709. Barnet Schryver, his father, was born, reared and married at Rhinebeck, the lady he wedded being Miss Irene Steel, a native of Delaware county, that state. She was a second cousin of the noted General Steel, and was of English descent. In 1862, Barnet Schryver and family left the east and came west to Illinois, settling on a farm in Buffalo township, Ogle county, where he passed the residue of his life, engaged in farming and stock-raising, and where he died in 1877, at the ripe age of seventy-three years. His good wife departed this life at the age of sixty-six. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, while she was a Baptist. They had a family of eleven children, six daughters and five sons, of whom all of the sons and three of the daughters are still living, Martin E. being eighth in order of birth. He was educated at Myresburg Academy, Pennsylvania, and on leaving school began life as a bookkeeper, at which he was occupied three years. In 1861, the year previous to the removal of the other members of the family to Illinois, he came here and lo-

cated at Polo. For four years he farmed and taught school, the next five years was engaged in the grocery business, and from the grocery trade turned his attention to the line of occupation to which he has since devoted his energies, namely, loan and insurance. He has been connected with the Union Central Life Insurance Company for the past twenty-five years, has been general manager for a number of years for the district comprising northern Illinois, southern Wisconsin and eastern Iowa, has done all of the collecting and disbursing, handling large sums of money, and during his long connection with the company, has by his honorable business methods and sterling integrity, won the confidence and esteem of both employers and patrons.

For a number of years Mr. Schryver has been a stockholder and director in the Exchange National Bank, of Polo, and during his residence here has acquired considerable real estate. He platted an addition to the city, improved and sold a number of lots, and in this and various other ways has done his part to advance the growth and development of the beautiful city of Polo.

When he became a voter he was Democratic in his views. Soon, however, he gave his support to the new party which had for its presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln, and since then Mr. Schryver has been in harmony with the Republicans and cast his vote and influence with them, showing himself to be an active and efficient party worker. At this writing he is chairman of the Republican central committee of his county. He has served officially as town clerk, assessor, president of the city school board, alderman and mayor, holding the last named office as long as he would have it and refused to serve longer. All his public service has been characterized by fidelity and honest purpose, and by a desire to promote the best interests of all concerned.

Mr. Schryver has a pleasant home and interesting family. He was married in 1864 to Miss Ellen Wood, a native of Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, and they have five children, viz.: Louie, Jessie, Netty

C., Pauline and Martin E., Jr. Mrs. Schryver and the children are Baptists, and Mr. Schryver attends that church with them, contributing liberally to its support.

**W**ILLIAM PIEL, has affiliated with the Masonic fraternity in Belvidere for three years, being initiated into the order in Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, on the 21st of August, 1893. He took the Fellowship degree on the 20th of November, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 18th of December. He is much interested in the working and the development of the order, and his loyalty to its fundamental principles is above question.

Mr. Piel is one of the younger representatives of the business interests of Belvidere, but is a most progressive and enterprising young man. He was born in this city on the 12th of February, 1869. His father, Richard Piel, a native of England, came to Belvidere when a young man of eighteen years, and for forty-two years made his home here, engaged in the draying business. He married Miss Celia Jarvis, of English lineage, and they had a family of ten children, eight of whom are living. The father was a valued member of Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., and lived an industrious and upright life, winning the respect of all. He was called to the home beyond in July, 1895, at the age of seventy years. His wife still survives him, and is now, 1896, sixty-seven years of age.

Mr. Piel acquired his education in the public schools of Belvidere and entered upon his business career as a clerk when only fifteen years of age. He served in that capacity for some time, and during that period gained an excellent knowledge of business methods, studying the plans of procedure which have brought success to others. Before attaining his majority he began business on his own account, establishing a small grocery store. He was active, obliging and honorable, and soon his patronage began to increase. This favorable turn in the tide of his affairs has

been steadily continued, and to-day he has a large share of the grocery business of the city. His efforts have been crowned with a high measure of success, and he well merits his prosperity, because of his industry, his close application, his perseverance and his straightforward dealing.

Mr. Piel was happily married in 1893, the lady of his choice being Miss Lilian Lewis, a native of New York, and they now have an interesting little daughter, Neva. Mr. Piel and his wife are members of the Methodist church. He has erected a nice home in Belvidere and they have many warm friends here, who enjoy the hospitality of their pleasant residence.

**J**E. MCPHERRAN, a member of the legal profession at Sterling, Illinois, is a Master Mason, having been initiated into the mysteries of the ancient and honored Order of Freemasons forty years ago, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. Dimitting from that lodge, he in 1862 placed his membership with the old No. 202 Lodge at Sterling, Illinois, in which he was elected and for some time served as Junior Warden; since March 6, 1896, he has been a member of Rock River Lodge, No. 612, F. & A. M.

Mr. McPherran was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1834, and is of Scotch descent. His grandfather, Andrew McPherran, was born in Pennsylvania in 1752, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and some time after the war settled in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, where he passed the rest of his life and where he died at the ripe old age of seventy-six years. John McPherran, his son and the father of our subject, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, and spent his later years in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, as a farmer and contractor and builder, and at the time of his death was seventy-five years of age. He married Miss Elizabeth Stewart, also a native of Pennsylvania and a representative of a Scotch-Irish family. She died in her fifty-second year. This worthy couple were Presbyterians of the

strictest sect, as were their forefathers as far back as the days of John Knox. Of the twelve children which blessed their union J. E. McPherran was the tenth born.

J. E. McPherran enjoyed excellent educational advantages in his youth. In 1857 he graduated at Jefferson College, Pennsylvania. To him belongs the credit of having drafted and presented for adoption the ritual of the Phi Kappi Psi Society, from which has since sprung all the college fraternities of that name throughout the United States. His legal education was obtained in the law department of Chicago University. He graduated at this institution in 1861, a member of its first graduating class. In 1864 he established himself in the practice of law at Sterling, Illinois, and from that date to the present time has been engaged in law practice at this place.

Politically, he has long harmonized with the Democratic party, being what is known as a Jeffersonian Democrat. He was one of the first representatives who served under the new constitution of this state in 1872. In many ways has he been closely identified with the interests of Sterling. He has served as city attorney and alderman and has always been especially interested in educational matters. For the past eighteen years he has been president of the Public Library, the growth and welfare of which he has ever had at heart, he having been one of the prime movers in the organization of this institution.

April 20, 1865, Mr. McPherran was happily married to Miss Sarah A. Withrow, a native of McDonough county, Illinois, and to them have been given a daughter and three sons. The daughter, Mabel, is a graduate of Elmira College, New York, where she received the degree of A. M. The sons are all worthy members of the Masonic fraternity and are graduates of the Michigan State University. Edgar is land commissioner for the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway Company, and resides at Marquette, Michigan. Ralph is chief chemist in the chemical department of the E. P. Allis Company's Machine Shop, Mil-

waukee, Wisconsin; and Charles is chemist for the Illinois Steel Works at Joliet, Illinois. The whole family are identified with the Presbyterian church. Mr. McPherran's home is among the most beautiful ones which adorn the city in which he resides, and where he enjoys the confidence and high esteem of the people among whom he has so long lived.

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**A**RCHIBALD A. RICE, real estate and loans, Aledo.—As a rule all those who enter the gates into the celestial city of Masonry continue their journeyings until they make the grand rounds of the commonwealth. Even the temple occupied by the "Master Mason" does not contain all the symbols of the ancient art: there are several brilliant post-graduate courses to follow,—Royal Arch, chivalry, sociability and perfection; and the symbols and teachings of the order inculcate not only the general virtues but also the principles of brotherhood, and the peculiar principles of *the* brotherhood, and afford the facilities for the practice of those principles. Hence Mr. Rice has been progressing onward and further on in the study of Masonry, while his practice is up with his intellectual advancement, having now been a member ever since the year 1863.

He was first initiated into the order in Mankato, Minnesota. In 1870 he was dismissed and became a member of Vesper Lodge at Galesburg, Illinois. In 1888 he became a member of Glenwood Springs Lodge, in Colorado. During the five years he resided in that town he assisted in organizing both the chapter and commandery there. While these were operating under dispensation he was Principal Sojourner of the chapter and Captain General of the commandery. From these he was at length dismissed, and he came to Aledo in the year 1893 and joined Aledo Lodge, No. 252, Cyrus Chapter, No. 211, of Aledo, and Galesburg Commandery, No. 8. Of the last mentioned he was for seven years Captain General, and during that time he gave much attention to the drill of his commandery,

which acquired great proficiency under his direction. He had thoroughly memorized all the commandery work, and is able to fill in a most creditable and satisfactory manner any of its offices. He is one of the most efficient Sir Knights in the state.

He has successfully "traversed the sands of Arabia" and joined the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in Isis Temple, at Salina, Kansas. He was one of the charter members of Eljabel Temple in Denver City, Colorado. He has also received the fourth to the fourteenth degrees inclusive of the Scottish Rite in the consistory at Peoria, Illinois, and designs taking the remaining degrees as soon as convenient.

Mr. Rice is a native of the state of Illinois, born in Knox county on the 12th of January, 1839, and descends from an old Virginia family who were early settlers of Kentucky, his great-grandfather, Jacob Rice, being the first settler in that wild and deep-wooded section of the west. One son, Jonathan Rice, moved to Leavenworth, Indiana, in 1816, and in 1831 came on to Knox county, Illinois, with his family of eight children. He purchased land there and occupied it until his death, which took place in his seventieth year. He was one of the first supervisors of Knox county, a worthy citizen and a pioneer of the pioneers. His son, Dr. Jacob Rice (the father of the subject of this mention), was born in Leavenworth, Indiana, in 1818, and married Miss Alsy Ann Heflin, who was a native of Bourbon county, Kentucky, from English ancestry who were early settlers of Virginia, and some of whom were participants in the Revolutionary war. He was finally killed by the runaway of his team, going down a mountain road in Utah. Of his seven children, five are yet living.

Mr. Rice, whose name heads this sketch, the eldest of the children, was educated in Galesburg, Illinois, and at Western College, in Iowa. While in his junior year there, he abandoned his studies to take up arms in defense of his country. Enlisting in 1862, in Company B, Seventh Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, was elected second

lieutenant, and throughout his term of service made a grand record for faithfulness and efficiency. He is now an active and valued member of Warren Shedd Post, No. 262, Grand Army of the Republic, and is its Past Commander. He is also a member of the Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion, of which he was made a member in San Francisco, California, in 1890. His insignia is No. 9,543.

In the year 1866, Mr. Rice was married to Mrs. Emily F. Boyer, a daughter of Mr. Nicholas Edwards, and a sister of J. W. Edwards, Master of Aledo Lodge, and a prominent business man and citizen of the place. They had one son, Archibald Eugene, but had the misfortune to lose him when he was two years old. He was a bright and promising boy, and his loss was a sad bereavement.

Mr. Rice engaged in the real estate and money-lending business for about ten years, and is one of the prosperous business men of Aledo, where he has a delightful home and enjoys the confidence and high esteem of a very large circle of acquaintances. He was for sixteen years a traveling salesman for wholesale houses in New York and Chicago, selling hats and caps, his territory extending as far west as Utah. In fact, he is the first salesman that ever opened up a line of hats and caps in Salt Lake City, Utah, in February, 1869.

**M**ON. S. P. SHOPE, who has attained an eminent position at the bar and is recognized as one of the leading corporation lawyers of the state, has been identified with Masonry in Illinois, since 1868, in which year he became a member of the blue lodge, in Lewistown Illinois. In 1874 he took the chapter degrees in Canton, this state, and was knighted in Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T. In all these organizations he still holds his membership, and in 1886 he served as Worshipful Master in Lewistown Lodge.

Judge Shope was born in Akron, Ohio, December 3, 1837, and in October, 1839,

was brought by his parents to Illinois, the family locating in Ottawa, where he obtained his early educational training. He attended the public schools of Woodford county, and afterward pursued an academic course. He was reared on the farm and from boyhood was familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He took up the study of law in Peoria, in the office of Judges Powell & Purple, and in 1858 was admitted to the bar. The same year he removed to Lewistown, where he opened an office and successfully continued in the practice of his profession until 1877. He had been previously called to public office in 1862 and served as a member of the legislature during the important session which had to deal with war measures. In 1877 he was elected judge of the circuit court of the tenth judicial circuit, and re-elected to that bench, and in 1885 was elected to the supreme bench of the state, thus serving until 1894. During the period of his office-holding he continued to make his home in Lewistown, but in 1894 removed to Chicago, where he has since resided. He is now a member of the firm of Shope, Mathis, Barrett & Rogers, and they occupy commodious and pleasant quarters in the Title & Trust Company building. The Judge is the general attorney of the Suburban Railway, and is attorney for several other important companies, and is enjoying a large general practice. He is considered authority on all matters pertaining to corporation law and ranks among the most prominent members of the bar in the state.

Judge Shope gives his political support to the Democracy, and may be termed a conservative Democrat. In addition to his membership in the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and to the Knights of Pythias. His mind is keenly analytical and comprehensive in its scope; and his devotion to his profession, his diligence and his superior ability has brought to him a success that is well deserved. On the bench his decisions were models of judicial

soundness and particularly free from personal bias. He stands to-day as one of the leading members of a bar that embraces some of the brightest minds of the nation.

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**J**OHNALEXANDER THORNBORROW, the accomplished Secretary of Virginia Lodge, No. 544, A. F. & A. M., at Virginia, Cass county, was raised to the degree of Master Mason in that lodge on the 9th of December, 1895, having been initiated as an Entered Apprentice November 1, and passed as a Fellow-craft on the 15th of the same month, just preceding. Ever since his initiation he has been one of the most enthusiastic and worthy members, serving first as Junior Steward, and is now Secretary of his lodge.

Mr. Thornborrow was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, on the 11th of February, 1873. His father, John A. Thornborrow, now deceased, was also a Free and Accepted Mason, and was a citizen of the highest respectability. Mr. Thornborrow, of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of his native city, and graduated in the class of 1893, in the Chicago Veterinary College, and at once opened out in the practice of his profession in Virginia, where he is rapidly building up a successful practice, and where, by his genial manners and upright conduct, he has made many friends and enjoys the fullest confidence of his brethren in the order.

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**T**HOMAS B. WHITE, one of the prominent members of the Masonic lodge of Quincy, was in April, 1896, called to the "lodge above," where the Great Architect of the Universe measures and judges the character that has been builded here. Mr. White's exemplary life was in accord with the noble and beneficent principles of Masonry, whose creed, brief but comprehensive, is the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He understood fully the teachings of the society, and put into practice in his every-day conduct the help-

fulness which is the basic element of the society. He was one of the oldest and most faithful members of Bodley Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of Quincy, in which he took the Entered Apprentice degree in 1870, passed the Fellow-craft degree, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, on the 21st of February, 1871, and was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, on the 28th of February, 1871. He passed the circle of cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Royal and Select Master of Quincy Council on the 11th of March, 1878. From the time of his initiation until his death he was a regular attendant on the meetings of the order, was thoroughly posted on the ritual, and followed closely the tenets and practices of the society, which through many centuries has been the guiding star of thousands, and has been a most important factor in civilization. His relations to the brethren of the societies with which he was connected were of the most pleasant character, and he had their warm regard and unqualified respect. He was honored by them with election to various offices, which he creditably filled. He was Past Master of the lodge, Past High Priest of the chapter, and Past Eminent Commander of the commandery, and at different times filled all the offices in those bodies, and was serving as Treasurer of the commandery at the time of his death. His nature was kindly, his sympathies broad, his manner courteous and genial, and the Masonic fraternity of Quincy had no more worthy representative than Mr. White.

He was a native of Scotland, the land which has given to the fraternity one of its important branches. His birth occurred in Paisley on the 8th of January, 1825, and he was educated in his native land and learned there the trade of cabinet and pattern maker. In 1851 he became a resident of Quincy, and for a time worked at his chosen vocation, securing a position as foreman in that line. In 1860 he established

the Thomas White Stove Company, which he successfully managed for thirty-six years and then left the business to his children, together with an untarnished name—which is rather to be chosen than great riches. He was a man of the highest integrity and unflinching honor in all business transactions, and prosperity came to him as the result of energy, perseverance and well-directed efforts. He was progressive and enterprising, and his business methods commended him to the confidence of all, so that he won a very liberal patronage and accumulated a comfortable competence.

Before leaving his native land Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bowman, a native of Kilmarnock, Scotland. In their early married life they came to America, bringing with them their first-born, a daughter, and seven children were added to their family in Quincy, all of whom became respected representatives of the city of their birth. Mr. and Mrs. White were members of the Congregational church. As in the lodge, so in the church, he was a leading and consistent member. He served as trustee for a number of years and was active in all that would advance the interests of the Christian religion. His wife, a most estimable Christian woman, died in 1884, at the age of fifty-five years, and in the fine church edifice of the Congregationalists their children have placed a beautiful memorial window, a most fitting tribute to lives well spent in the service of the Master and in kindness to their fellow men.

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**R**OBERT B. WHITE, a progressive business man of Quincy, has been identified with the Masonic order since 1883, when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice of Bodley Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M. Having passed the Fellow-craft degree, he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and at once became an active and well-informed worker. He has filled all the offices of the lodge from Junior Deacon to Worshipful Master and has discharged his

duties in a most satisfactory and commendable manner. He filled the office of Worshipful Master for two terms and labored so efficiently in the interests of the society that his administration proved an era of progress to the organization. Desirous of learning more of the teachings of this benevolent and practical order, he began the study of caputular Masonry and on the 10th of December, 1884, was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5. He was knighted in Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, K. T., on the 4th of April, 1885, and has served as Senior Warden, Captain General and Eminent Commander, holding the latter office for two years. Having become proficient in the work of chivalric Masonry he then identified himself with cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Royal and Select Master of Quincy Council, No. 15, on the 26th of September, 1888.

Mr. White is a native of Quincy, his birth having occurred here on the 27th of December, 1860. He has inherited the best traits of his Scottish ancestry and displays the fidelity and reliability which characterizes that race. He attended the public schools of Quincy and then entered the establishment of his father, Thomas White, who in 1860 founded the White Stove Company. In 1888 the father retired, placing the business in the hands of his children, who have maintained the excellent reputation which the house has always sustained. Robert B. White is now secretary and treasurer of the company and is one of Quincy's representative business men, whose reputation in the circles of trade is unassailable.

Mr. White was married on the 8th of May, 1895, to Miss Frances B. Gay, a daughter of William H. Gay, of Quincy. He and his wife are both members of and active workers in the Congregational church and Sunday-school, and he is serving as trustee of the former. His political support is given the Republican party. A man of strong will and steadfast nature, his life is characterized by many benevolent deeds, he has ever shown his detestation of wrong and oppression, and has filled the Masonic offices to

which he has been called with credit to himself and the entire satisfaction of the society and his Masonic brethren.

THOMAS S. SIMPSON, one of Chicago's prominent young business men, who holds the responsible position of buyer in the firm of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., has for more than ten years taken an active interest in Freemasonry and is well known to the members of the fraternity in this city. He has several offices in the local bodies and has discharged the duties pertaining to them in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. He was initiated in Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1887, holding in that body the office of Worshipful Master. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch in the following year, in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, of which he was Captain of the Host; was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Chicago Council, No. 4, and was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in 1891. He is at present affiliated with Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, of which he is a charter member, and holds the chair of Generalissimo. Mr. Simpson is a representative of the Grand National Mother Lodge of the Three Globes, of Berlin, Germany, is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, Chicago, Deputy Grand Lecturer, 1893-4, and a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Chicago Athletic Club, Lincoln Park Yacht Club, Chicago Yacht Club and the Marquette Club, in all of which his genial nature and manly characteristics have won for him great popularity.

Mr. Simpson was born in Chicago, October 8, 1861, and received a liberal education in the public schools of this city. After leaving school he entered upon his business career by securing a position as stock boy for the firm of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., and began his duties with a firm determination to make a place for himself in the mercantile world. His energy



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and enterprise soon won the recognition of his employers, and, desiring to encourage such thrift and industry, they gradually advanced him as he grew older, until, after seventeen years of faithful service, he today occupies the position of general buyer, which fitly demonstrates the great confidence imposed in him by his employers. He is a man of integrity and discernment, thoroughly reliable in all his business transactions, and as a consequence wins the approbation of all who come in contact with him. His sterling qualities as both a man and a Mason endear him to his many friends, both in and out of the fraternity. In his religious belief Mr. Simpson is an adherent of the Presbyterian church.

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**HOMER A. STILLWELL.**—Ever toiling to enlarge the boundaries of human progress and to pour into life the streams of deeper and richer experience, to Masonry civilization owes much, for its influence has extended over “all sorts and conditions of men” in the ever-widening angle, though the strength of the ancient institution lies primarily in the fact that, *per se*, it has drawn to it the allegiance of good men and true; for not otherwise could its perpetuity have been maintained. In the *personnel* of the great craft in the state of Illinois there is ample exemplification of this fact; and the commonwealth is honored by those who are true devotees of Freemasonry.

The subject of this biographical outline is one who has been the artificer of his own fortunes, who has been content to win his progress along the various consecutive grades of personal endeavor, and even as he has in the great fraternity with which he is identified; and that he stands to-day as a representative business man of the western metropolis and as a member of one of the largest mercantile concerns in Chicago must of itself remain as a voucher for his peculiar eligibility for the honors conferred by the various Masonic bodies with which he is identified.

Mr. Stillwell became an Entered Ap-

prentice in Landmark Lodge, No. 422, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago, on the 1st of April, 1892, attained the Fellow-craft degree on the 8th of the same month, and was raised a Master Mason on the 3d of June. On the 26th of January, 1893, he passed forward to the capitular grades, receiving the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees in Fairview Chapter, No. 161, in which he was exalted to the Royal Arch February 2 of the same year. In cryptic Masonry Mr. Stillwell was greeted a Select Master in Palestine Council, No. 66, on the 20th of February, 1893. His rise continued to be rapid, properly consecutive in the line, for he received the grades and orders of knighthood in Montjoie Commandery, No. 53, in which he was constituted, created and dubbed a Knight Templar on the 17th of May, 1893. He was elected Senior Warden of his commandery for the year 1897, his interest in the work of the various Masonic bodies being earnest and unflagging and his popularity in the fraternity unmistakable. Passing the various preliminary grades of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Mr. Stillwell was honored in being crowned a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, thirty-second degree, in Oriental Consistory, April 22, 1897; and, successfully crossing the sands of the desert, he was accepted in the temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine April 24, 1897. His Masonic career has not covered a great number of years, but the pronounced distinction which is his through the rapid progress in the order bears evidence of the high estimation in which he is held by the members of the fraternity.

Homer Allison Stillwell is a native of the old Keystone state, having been born at Nineveh, Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 31st of December, 1860, the second in order of birth and the older son of the three children of Addison and Rhoda (Thompson) Stillwell. At the time of the late war of the Rebellion the father manifested his sterling loyalty and patriotism by enlisting in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served in McClellan's division for

one year, when he was honorably discharged, having been incapacitated for further service by reason of illness contracted in the field. Returning to his home, he was still unable to recuperate his wasted vitality, his death occurring a few weeks later. The widow was left with three small children to care for, the eldest being a daughter and the youngest a son, George Benton McClellan, who was born while the father was in the service and who received his name in honor of the general under whom said service was rendered, the father having been an ardent admirer of his commander.

In 1871 the family removed to the west, locating at Urbana, Champaign county, Illinois, where the subject of this sketch received his educational discipline in the public schools, graduating at the Urbana high school as a member of the class of 1878 and with high honors. He then passed the required examination and matriculated in the University of Illinois, at Champaign, where he continued his studies for two years, after which he went to McPherson, Kansas, where he assumed the management of a lumber business. This was disposed of at the expiration of a year, after which Mr. Stillwell entered the employ of the Western Lumber Company, of Kansas City, Missouri, establishing a branch yard at Golden City, same state. After placing this enterprise upon a substantial basis he was given the responsible position of purchasing agent for the company, having charge of the buying of the lumber in the woods. He retained this position until August, 1882, when he came to Chicago and entered the employ of Butler Brothers, wholesale dealers in department-store supplies, and one of the most extensive concerns of the sort in the Union. Mr. Stillwell accepted a modest position for this house, but his business sagacity, his experience in executive capacities, his tact and discrimination, as well as faithful and zealous service, brought about his rapid advancement to positions of consecutively increasing trust and responsibility. In 1892 he became manager of the Chicago house,

whose interests in the west he has done much to advance; and later he secured a financial interest in the business, the concern being an incorporated company. He is well known in commercial circles, and as one of the younger business men of the city he is an excellent type of that strong and alert individuality which has given Chicago so wonderful prestige in all important lines of industrial enterprise.

Mr. Stillwell is identified with a number of fraternal organizations other than Masonic bodies, and is active in the Chicago Alumni Association of the University of Illinois, being one of the charter members of the same.

At St. Louis, Missouri, on the 1st of March, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Stillwell to Miss Ellen Hill, and they have three children. One of these, Blachley Thompson, died at the age of three and a half years; and Addison and Wellesley remain to add brightness to the attractive home, where the refined amenities of social and cultured life are distinctively in evidence. The family attend the Baptist church.

**G**EORGE WHITEFIELD JOHNSON, M. D.—No one has a better opportunity of seeing the seamy side of life than the physician, for he not only mingles with every class of society but also stands in the relation of "father confessor" to many of his patients who pour into his ear their private sorrows and troubles, and no one has a better opportunity of watching the workings of the Masonic fraternity in their labors of love. Charity is the distinguishing characteristic of this order, and not only includes a supreme degree of love to the great Creator and Governor of the universe, but also an unlimited affection to the beings of his creation—of all characters and every denomination. The heart of a true Mason beats in sympathy with all who are in distress, and the word "brother" at once enlists his aid. The profession of medicine contains no small number of men

who are as prominent in Masonic circles as in their chosen vocation, and they as a rule are men of fine character and high attainments.

Dr. Johnson, who is a prominent physician of Savanna, is an enthusiastic member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he holds the honorable office of Worshipful Master of Mississippi Lodge, No. 385. It was in this lodge that he first became a member of this old and venerable order in 1888, becoming an Entered Apprentice on December 6 of that year, a Fellow-craftsman January 4, 1889, and taking his Master's degree on February 7 of the same year. The first office that he held was that of Senior Warden, in which capacity he served two terms. He was then elected Master, and is now in the third term as such, his faithful discharge of its duties and his unwavering interest in the work of the order, securing for him the confidence and esteem of his brethren. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, becoming a member of Lanark Chapter, No. 139, at Lanark, Illinois, and being affiliated March 12, 1896, with Savanna Chapter, No. 200. He is a member of Long Consistory, No. 9, at Mount Carroll, and has taken the consistory degrees in Freeport Valley Consistory with the class of 1896, receiving all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second.

Dr. Johnson was born in Southbury, Massachusetts, December 19, 1843, on the farm which had been in the possession of the family for two hundred years, and where his father, Webster Johnson, was also born. The latter married Miss Susanna Harrington, a native of Westboro, Massachusetts, and in 1878 the family removed to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where the father departed this life at the advanced age of eighty-eight years, his devoted wife, who was four years his junior, surviving him but one week. This worthy couple, who happily lived together for fifty-five years, were greatly beloved in their own circle and held in the highest esteem by all who knew them. They were members of the Congregational church, in which Mr. Johnson held

the office of deacon and was justly regarded as the pillar of the church. He followed the occupation of farmer, in which he was successful, and was known throughout his community as a man of strict integrity and blameless life.

Dr. Johnson was the youngest of their eight children. He completed his literary studies in the high school of West Newton, Massachusetts. Later he entered the medical department of the Michigan State University, in which he was graduated in 1863. The Civil war was in progress at this time, and the young physician entered the army as assistant surgeon of regiment, serving for one year. Then he again took up his medical studies, this time at the Harvard Medical College, and received his diploma from that institution in 1865. Since that time, a period of thirty years, he has pursued the practice of his profession in Savanna, being very successful therein and making an enviable record as a skillful and conscientious physician. He is the surgeon of both the railroad companies whose lines pass through the town, and has been coroner of Carroll county for the past thirteen years.

In 1868 Dr. Johnson was married to Miss Elizabeth Pulford, a daughter of Mr. Charles Pulford, one of the prominent citizens and early settlers of Savanna. They have two children: Webster B. and Nellie E. The son also is a physician and is associated in practice with his father. He is a Sir Knight Templar. Dr. Johnson has a delightful home, and he and his family are prominent in social affairs. He is an honored member of the I. O. O. F. and K. of P., and in all the relations of life commands the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens.

**G**RANT McFERSON.—Masonry is an emblem of all that is true, honorable, and charitable, and ever seeks to benefit humanity by instilling in the minds of men elevating thoughts and sound principles. It never conflicts with the duties of citizenship, and neither the judge, juror, witness

in court, the official nor the voter can find a warrant in its ritual for the slightest disregard of the rights of neighbor or townsman, or disloyalty to society, state or nation. But because a man is a Mason he is under special obligations to adhere to those fundamental principles of justice, equal rights and integrity which are the glory and safety of society, as well as the principles of the honor and protection of the individual. The common law and the Masonic law are in full accord upon this all-important, far-reaching proposition,—that the rights and privileges of every man are bounded on all sides by the like rights and privileges of his neighbors. The city of Kewanee has many zealous members of the craft, among the most prominent of whom is Mr. McFerson. He was initiated in Kewanee Lodge, April 6, 1896, passed May 1, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason May 18, of the same year. In 1897 he was elected Junior Deacon and is now satisfactorily fulfilling that office in the lodge, of which he is a most capable and interested brother.

Mr. McFerson was born in Tonica, Illinois, February 8, 1864, and springs from a Scotch-Irish ancestry. He is the son of Harvey and Mary McFerson, the latter of whom died when the subject of this sketch was but six months old, leaving two other sons, of whom George A. is Master of Tonica Lodge and Past Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery at Peru, Illinois. The other son died in 1865. Their father, an influential farmer who filled the office of supervisor and other local offices, was a good and upright man and a consistent member of the Congregational church. His death occurred in 1878, when he had attained the age of sixty-three years. After passing through the various grades of the public schools, Mr. McFerson attended the state university and later entered the Chicago College of Pharmacy, at which he was graduated in 1889. In the following year he came to Kewanee and opened a drug store, which he has conducted ever since, with satisfactory success.

Mr. McFerson was united in marriage to Miss Marie Haxtun, who is a native of New York, and the union has been blessed with one child, William H. Mrs. McFerson attends divine service at the Presbyterian church. She and her husband occupy a delightful home and are highly honored members of Kewanee society. In politics he acts with the Republican party, but his whole time and attention are given to his business, and he is considered one of the most enterprising and successful citizens of Kewanee.

**D**ANIEL ALLEN ARNOLD, treasurer of Rand, McNally & Company, No. 166 Adams street, Chicago, has been a Freemason for ten years, and at present occupies the same position in his lodge that he does in the firm with which he is connected, that of Treasurer. He was created a Master Mason by Hesperia Lodge, F. & A. M., has been a member of the same since his initiation, April 6, 1887, and has filled a number of its official positions, including those of Senior Deacon, Senior Warden, Worshipful Master and Treasurer, the executive chair having been filled by him in 1892 and 1893. Also he has advanced through the higher degrees of the order up to and including those of the consistory and Mystic Shrine, in Oriental Consistory performing the work which made him a Scottish Rite Mason. And during the years of his identity with this fraternity, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth" has been his motto, and in his every-day life he has sought to live up to the teachings of Masonry.

Pennsylvania is Mr. Arnold's native state. He was born in Warren county, February 21, 1843, son of George and Maria S. (Rieg) Arnold, natives of Alsace, France, who emigrated to this country in 1832 and located in Warren county, Pennsylvania. In that county young Arnold passed his youthful days, attending public school in winter, but before he had emerged from his 'teens he came west to Illinois,

stopping first at Plainfield, Will county. In November, 1861, he entered the Northwestern College at Naperville, for the winter and spring terms, and his name appeared first on the list of students' names in the first catalogue issued by that institution. Then, after an interval of some time spent in farm work, he again entered the college and was a student there two more terms. Following this he was for a short time employed in the dry-goods establishment of Fred Edler, on Erie street, Chicago, and in May, 1864, he enlisted as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was in the service six months, coming home in the fall and accepting a position as teacher near Wheeling, Cook county, where he taught three winters and one summer. In the meantime he took a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Chicago, and in the spring of 1867 secured a position as teacher in that institution, taking charge of the penmanship department, and, with the exception of two years, when he was away on account of sickness, was connected with the college until June, 1873, at that time becoming general bookkeeper for the firm of Rand, McNally & Co. After seven years as bookkeeper for this firm he was elected its treasurer, the position he has since occupied; is also a stockholder and director in the company. Another firm with which he is connected, and of which he is secretary, treasurer and director, is the International Steel Post Company of Chicago.

When he first became a voter Mr. Arnold identified himself with the Democratic party and cast the vote of his franchise for Tilden. Mr. Arnold was born a Democrat, but upon his return from the war he cast his right of suffrage with the Republican party until 1876, since which time he has affiliated with the Democratic party. He has, however, never been a radical partisan. He is a member of Columbia Post, No. 706, G. A. R., and of Douglas Park Club, being president of the latter.

Mr. Arnold was married December 25,

1866, to Miss Sabina Ruth, daughter of Aden and Saloma (Fehlman) Ruth, early settlers of Lake county, Illinois, who came to this state from Berks county, Pennsylvania.

**B**ENJAMIN BERGQUIST, superintendent of repairs on the public-school buildings of Peoria, Illinois, is a gentleman whose identity with the interests of this city covers nearly three decades and whose connection with the great Masonic fraternity reaches over a period almost as long, the beauties and mysteries of the blue lodge having been intrusted to him in 1869, and the degrees of the other branches of this ancient order up to and including those of the Scottish Rite, following the next two years.

Mr. Bergquist was made a Master Mason March 17, 1869, in Temple Lodge, No. 46, Peoria; a Royal Arch Mason, October 28, 1869, in Peoria Chapter, No. 7; a Royal and Select Master, November 24, 1869, in Peoria Council, No. 11; a Knight Templar, March 18, 1870, in Peoria Commandery, No. 3; and a member of the Scottish Rite, June 26, 1871, in Peoria Consistory, with all of which he still affiliates, and in all has been honored with official position. In 1882 he was Junior Warden of the lodge; in 1875 Master of the Second Veil in the chapter; in 1875 Warden in the commandery; and three years was Second Lieutenant in the consistory. He has held the position of Master of Wardrobe since 1870, and Captain of Guards when not serving in elective office, these offices in the upper bodies being filled by him at the present time. Also he is a member of the Mystic Shrine, the degrees of this branch having been conferred upon him by Medinah Temple, of Chicago, June 4, 1892; and he became a charter member of Mohammed Temple of Peoria, and both he and his wife were in 1872 conducted through the labyrinth of Central City Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Still another Masonic body with which he is associated is that of the

Masonic Veteran Association, which he joined March 3, 1894.

Mr. Bergquist is an American only by adoption. He was born in Sweden, December 19, 1840, and in his native land grew to manhood, being twenty-four years of age at the time of his emigration to this country. He spent two years in Boston, Massachusetts, then two in Detroit, Michigan, and from Detroit came in the latter part of 1867 to Peoria, Illinois, where he has since maintained his home. He had learned the trade of machinist in Sweden, where he served an apprenticeship of seven years, in that time becoming an expert in all kinds of iron work. He was employed at his trade in the machine shops of Peoria until 1883, when he became superintendent of repairs on the public schools of this city, the position he now ably fills.

June 8, 1875, at Peoria, was consummated Mr. Bergquist's marriage to Miss Carolna Miller, of this city, and they now have a family of eight children.

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**F**RANK G. GODEL, a pork-packer of Peoria, Illinois, and an enterprising and thoroughgoing young business man, early in life became interested in Masonry and has already reached a high place in the work of the order. He has received the degrees of the lodge, chapter, council, commandery and Scottish Rite, all in Peoria, and is an interested and enthusiastic member of all these bodies. In the chapter he is now filling most acceptably the chair of Scribe, to which he was elected in the fall of 1895, and in the consistory he is Standard Bearer. He is also a member of Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria.

Mr. Godel is a native of Peoria, Illinois, and was born May 7, 1863. He is yet young in years, and starting out as he has with a devotion to an order which has for its object the squaring of life by strict justice and universal charity, it is fair to presume that succeeding chapters in his career will tell of usefulness and honor.

**W**ILLIAM ISAAC LARASH, editor, publisher and proprietor of the Schuyler Citizen, a daily and weekly published at Rushville, is one of the prominent Sir Knight Templars of Schuyler county. It was in Rushville Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., on the 26th of December, 1876, that he received the degree of Master Mason; he was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Rushville Chapter, No. 184, R. A. M., on the 27th of September, 1881, and created a Sir Knight Templar in Rushville Commandery, No. 56, K. T., April 17, 1882. From his first connection with the order he became an interested and active worker, filling various offices in all the bodies of the craft in a most creditable manner. He has been Senior Warden of the blue lodge, Secretary of the chapter and Prelate of the commandery. Although he declines office all that he can, yet when he does accept a responsibility he is as faithful to his post as any man can be.

Mr. Larash is of French ancestry, and was born in Allentown Pennsylvania, on the 2d of October, 1851, and the next year he was brought by emigration of the family to Illinois, and was reared and educated in Pekin, in which city he learned the printer's trade, in the office of the Pekin Republican. At length, with others, he was the publisher of the Evening Review, at Peoria. In 1875 he came to Rushville, where, in 1879, he purchased his present paper, of which he has made a signal success. He started the daily in 1894.

In his political principles he is a pronounced Republican, and in his religious connections he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has a wife and four children, and a delightful home, and is one of Rushville's most progressive and useful citizens.

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**J**OSEPH HENRY KERR is one of those who form the vast Masonic army of Illinois. He resides in Rock Island, and is a most faithful and consistent member of Trio Lodge, No. 57, F. & A. M., of that



city. His first knowledge of the esoteric doctrines of the order came at the time of his initiation into this lodge in 1887. His fitness for official preferment and his deep and devoted interest in the work led to his election to the office of Steward in the following year, and since that time he has filled all of the positions of trust. In 1896 he was elected Worshipful Master, and during his incumbency in that position he conferred eighteen degrees and retired from the office leaving the lodge in a most thriving and prosperous condition. He has a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the ritual and in every sense of the term is a true Mason, taking great delight in the growth and work of the order and in the promulgation of its principles. He has the high esteem of his Masonic brethren and his relation to them shows that he is indeed in sympathy with the principle of universal brotherhood.

Mr. Kerr is a native of Maryland, born in Pikesville, Baltimore county, on the 27th of October, 1839. He traces his ancestry back to the colonial period in our country's history when members of the family left their native Scotland and founded a home on this side of the Atlantic. His great-grandfather, John Kerr, lost his life in the struggle for independence, and others of the family have been prominent in the affairs which fill the annals of the republic. One of his great-uncles represented Ohio in the United States senate. His grandfather lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years, and his grandmother Kerr was eighty-seven years of age at the time of her death. James Kerr, his father, was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, on the 22d of October, 1814, and having arrived at years of maturity married Miss Julia Bailey, also a native of the same county. He too was a faithful member of the Masonic fraternity, and both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church and people of high Christian character. By trade he was a carpenter and supported his family by following that occupation. He reached the psalmist's span of three-score years and ten, dying in

1884, but his wife departed this life in her thirty-eighth year.

Mr. Kerr, of this review, is now the only survivor of their family of nine children. He was educated in the public schools of Baltimore, learned the pattern-maker's trade, and since 1862, with the exception of two years, has been continuously in the employ of the ordnance department of the United States government. He came to Rock Island on the 8th of August, 1869, and has since worked in the arsenal on the island, having charge of the pattern department. He is thoroughly competent to administer the affairs of his position, is himself an excellent workman and a man of the highest integrity of character, believing and teaching that an upright life is the leading principle of Freemasonry.

Mr. Kerr was married on the 6th of September, 1860, to Miss Harriette T. Finnanagan, a native of Maryland. They became the parents of eleven children, eight of whom are now living, as follows: Josephine, wife of Jero Hoskins; William J.; James; Beulah, who became the wife of Carl Dahn, and departed this life February 12, 1893, leaving two children; Nettie, wife of John McMeeken; Maria C., wife of James McMeeken; and Harry L. Lillis.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Kerr is a Democrat, and is deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare and advancement of his city. He has served as alderman, has been superintendent of the waterworks and is a member of the library board of Rock Island. Fraternally he is not only connected with the Masonic society, but is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Court of Honor and the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

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**E**DWARD DOOL, Aledo.—It is with pleasure that we add to the list of Masonic worthies the name of the gentleman who is the subject of this sketch. An industrious and successful farmer, a good citizen and a faithful member of society, his life has been exemplary.

Mr. Dool was initiated into the shining mysteries of the ancient craft in Webb Lodge, No. 275, at Meade, Kansas, in the year 1887, and served that lodge as its Junior Deacon. The following year he removed to Trinidad, Colorado, and affiliated with Trinidad Lodge, No. 28. In 1890 he returned to Aledo, his former home, and is now a worthy member of Aledo Lodge, No. 252, of which he has served as Junior Warden one term, and he has filled other positions as occasion has suggested. His advancement in the knowledge of the craft qualifies him for any position in the work of the lodge. In 1889, while residing in Trinidad, he aided in the organization of Trinidad Chapter, No. 13, becoming one of its charter members; and at Aledo he became a charter member of Cyrus Chapter, No. 211, and has been its Treasurer ever since its organization. He is also a Sir Knight Templar, being a member of Everts Commandery, No. 18, at Rock Island. He received the degrees of the commandery in February, 1897.

Mr. Dool is one of Aledo's native sons, born on the 13th day of June, 1858, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His parents, Henry and Mary (Clifford) Dool, were born in Ireland. His father, however, was but two years old when he was brought by his parents in their emigration to this country in 1818, and his wife came to this country when fifteen years of age. They resided at Cadiz, Ohio, for a period, and in 1854 came to Illinois, settling in Mercer county. Here Mr. Dool became the owner of a farm four miles west of Aledo, which he improved and made a good place; he was a successful farmer, and he and his wife were devout members of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a pillar and for many years an elder. He departed this life in 1885, at the age of sixty-nine years, and his wife died in her sixty-fifth year. Of their five children four still survive.

Mr. Edward Dool, the youngest in the above family, was educated in Aledo, in the public schools and in the Aledo Academy. After following agricultural pursuits for a

number of years he was engaged in the hardware business in Meade, Kansas, where he was one of the organizers of the Meade City Bank and its vice-president. After doing a successful business there for several years he sold out and moved to Trinidad, Colorado, where he was for some years industriously engaged in real estate. In 1890 he returned to Aledo, worked his farm three years and now resides in the city, occupying the dwelling erected by his father. He is now engaged in conducting the city telephone exchange. He is a solid citizen, a thoroughly upright man, who has succeeded in all that he has undertaken.

In 1886 he was happily united in matrimony with Miss Anna M. Irvin, a daughter of Dr. George Irvin and a native of Aledo. They have two children: Lucile and George Donald. Mr. and Mrs. Dool are members of the Presbyterian church. In his political principles Mr. Dool is a Democrat, but he is not an office-seeker. While in Meade City, however, he served for a time as alderman.

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**W**ILLIAM B. SIPES, a Sir Knight Templar and Secretary of Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, was made a Mason in that lodge in 1890, receiving the degrees as follows: Entered Apprentice, February 4; passed March 12; and raised March 26. He is a member of Lanark Chapter, No. 139, and of Long Commandery, No. 60.

Mr. Sipes is a native of the state of Pennsylvania, born in Fulton county, March 15, 1865, and is of German ancestry, who were early settlers of the Carolinas and people of prominence in all the professions—doctors, lawyers, judges and merchants. His father, David V. Sipes, was born in Fulton county, Pennsylvania, and is now sixty-five years of age. He has been active as a merchant and as a politician, and is a gentleman of considerable influence and ability, having held various offices in this county. He married Miss Angeline Binkley, a native of his own state, and they

have nine children—six sons and three daughters, all of whom are still living.

Mr. Sipes, our subject, the second child, was educated in his native state, and began his business career when a boy, taking a position as clerk in a store, and has made merchandising his business through life. He is now a salesman in the large dry-goods establishment of A. G. Jackson at Mt. Carroll; and he and his brother Henry E. are partners in business, as the Sipes Brothers, at Savanna, owning the "Noah's Ark" store there. Their stock of goods there consists of crockery, glassware and notions. They are progressing and enterprising young men, and are building up a desirable trade. Mr. William B. Sipes was a salesman in the store of Rodinek & Stitley, of Mt. Carroll, for nine years, and is a reliable gentleman in every phase of life, obliging and courteous, possessing all the attributes of character that secure to him the high regard of all with whom he has an acquaintance. He is unmarried.

In his political views, he is a Democrat. In Masonry he is thorough and exemplary, has passed all the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

**T**HOMAS JEFFERSON PURSLEY, a grain dealer of Peoria, Illinois, and a gentleman well known throughout this part of the state, has for thirty years been identified with the Masonic fraternity and has squared his life by its principles.

He was made a Master Mason in Union City, Tennessee, in 1866, and the higher degrees of the order, up to and including those of the consistory and shrine, were conferred upon him after he became a resident of Peoria, Illinois. It was in 1893 that he joined Mohammed Temple, Mystic Shrine. He has been Grand Treasurer of Peoria Consistory for fifteen years, and for many years has filled the office of Treasurer in Illinois Lodge, No. 263. In the latter office he first served ten consecutive years, at the end of that time declining to accept the

position longer. However, in 1895 he was again elected Treasurer and is now the incumbent of that office.

Mr. Pursley was born in Hartsville, Tennessee, August 6, 1842, and when twelve years of age removed to Union City, that state, where he maintained his home until 1868. The year which marked the outbreak of civil war in this country he was twenty-one, and that year, on the 18th of September, he enlisted as a member of Company C, Thirty-third Tennessee Regi-



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ment, under General Frank Cheatham, and served all through the war. At Nashville he was captured by the northern forces and taken a prisoner to Columbus, Ohio, where he was held for six months, at the end of that time being exchanged. The war over he returned north and entered Hedding College, at Abingdon, Illinois, and after his graduation at that institution he went back to Tennessee. Two years later he was married in Prairie City, Illinois, to Miss Nellie Beagles, of that place, and took his

bride to his southern home, the two years following their marriage being spent on a farm in Tennessee. Then again he came to Illinois, this time locating at Bardolph, where he engaged in the grain business and where he operated until 1873, the year he took up his abode in Peoria, where he has ever since resided. Here he has continued in the grain business, carrying on extensive operations, now owning no less than thirty elevators situated at various points along the railroad lines, chiefly on the Toledo, Peoria & Western, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and Fulton County Narrow Gauge Railroads.

During his residence in this city he has been a prominent factor in advancing its best interests, has filled numerous positions of local prominence and trust, and ever had at heart the development and welfare of the city. He has been a member of the Peoria board of trade since 1875. For six years he was one of the city commissioners, appointed under different mayors, and having charge of the police and fire departments and for six years he served as a member of the Peoria school board. Both he and his estimable wife are given to charities. Their presence and their purse have entered many a poor home in this city and made glad the sad hearts within. Mrs. Pursley is one of the directors of the Home of the Friendless in Peoria.

Their family consists of three children, two sons and a daughter, viz.: Charles B., who has been with the United States Express Company for eight years at Peoria; Wilson L., an employee of the Rock Island Railroad Company; and Rosa M., an attractive and accomplished young lady who has a wonderful talent for music and who has for two years been under the instructions of Professor Sherwood, of Chicago.

**J**OSEPH ROBBINS, M. D., one of the most prominent representatives of Masonry in Illinois, is known throughout the circles of the fraternity in this country. He has been very active in the work of the

order for forty years, and has been honored with the highest official preferment within the gift of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. As an Entered Apprentice he was received into Wyoming Lodge, at Melrose, Massachusetts, in 1856, passed the Fellow-craft degree, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He was soon called to official service in that organization, and was active in its work until 1858, when he came west to Quincy, Illinois, and here joined Quincy Lodge, No. 296, A. F. & A. M., which was then under dispensation. He was elected a member on the 15th of December, 1859, soon after it was constituted under its new charter, and has since been affiliated therewith, the lodge accounting him one of its most valued and acceptable brethren. He has filled the offices of Senior Deacon, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master, and then, in accordance with the custom of the lodge, was elected Tyler. On the 31st of March, 1863, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, and learned therein the beautiful and inspiring lessons of the past. Its symbolic color of red, indicating zeal and ardor, found manifestation in his earnest effort to promote its work, and his companions indicated their appreciation of his work by electing him Principal Sojourner and Captain of the Host. He passed the circle of cryptic Masonry in Quincy Council, No. 15, Royal and Select Masters, January 28, 1864, and was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, December 7, 1863. As a Mason he is fraternal and philanthropic, sagacious and enthusiastic. From the time he first beheld the "light" whereby Masons work, he became thoroughly impressed with its beauties, and as more light broke in upon him he became an active, earnest worker in the temple. In the commandery he has held the offices of Warden, Junior Warden, Prelate and Eminent Commander. On the 10th of May, 1894, he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and, having passed the grades and orders of

Quincy Consistory, was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

Dr. Robbins' official connection with the Grand Lodge began in 1868, when he became Orator for the state of Illinois. In 1871 and 1872 he was Junior Grand Warden, in 1873 and 1874 was Senior Grand Warden, and in 1875 and 1876 was Deputy Grand Master. In 1876 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. Owing to the illness of his predecessor he presided at the communication that year, and during the two following years held the same office. He began writing the correspondence reports in 1869, and for seventeen years—including ten consecutive years—has prepared the reports, and is now engaged in that service for the present year, 1897. He has no superior in this work, and through his reports has become known to the fraternity throughout the world. His views are always well matured; he is a stranger to all mere parliamentary *finesse*, disdains neutrality, and always confronts his adversary with his visor lifted. In private and social life the Doctor is the synonym of his Masonic professions, thus commanding the respect and love of the fraternity and the confidence of all who know him in other departments of life.

A native of Massachusetts, he was born in Leominster, September 12, 1834, and is of English descent, his paternal ancestry being members of the Plymouth colony. On the maternal side he is descended from the Rev. Henry Dunster, the first president of Harvard College. His grandfather and a brother participated in the war of the Revolution, and the latter was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill. The grandfather served throughout the struggle, valiantly aiding in the service which secured American independence, and lived to be present at the unveiling of Bunker Hill monument. He died in the eighty-fifth year of his age. His son, Gilman Robbins, was the Doctor's father. He, too, was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, and was a farmer and successful business man. He married Miss Rebecca Dunster, a native of Westminster,

Massachusetts, and also a descendant of a very old Massachusetts family. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins spent their entire lives in their native state, the former dying at the age of four-score years, and the latter in her fifty-third year. They were Unitarians in religious faith, and were citizens of the highest respectability.

Dr. Robbins was the fourth child of their family of six children, four of whom are still living. He acquired his literary education in his native state, and prepared for a professional career in the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1861. In the meantime he had come to the west, locating in Quincy, and on the completion of his medical course returned to that city and became the successor of his former preceptor, Dr. John Parson. Uninterruptedly he has continued his practice in the Gem city and has become widely known as one of the most able and successful medical practitioners of this part of the state. He has been a close student of his profession, and has a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the science of medicine, which in his large and important practice he has ample opportunity to apply to the needs of suffering humanity. His superior ability is widely acknowledged, and in professional circles he is accorded a foremost place. With the progress and advancement that has characterized the science of medicine, especially in the last half of the nineteenth century, the Doctor has kept place, and is a valued member of the Adams County Medical Association, the Quincy Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

The Doctor has been twice married. His present wife was Mrs. Julia D. Pratt, daughter of Henry Jones, of Jacksonville, Illinois. She is a lady of liberal culture and high literary attainments, and is the editor of the Quincy Sunday Optic, a literary and society paper. The Doctor is a man of scholarly tastes and habits, and no one in Quincy has done more to cultivate among her citizens a love for classical writing than

he. For thirty years he has been connected with her library interests. He was prominent in the work of the Library Association, and in the organization of the City Free Library, which is the successor of the former, and has done much to make this institution a valuable and creditable one to Quincy.

It is seldom that one man attains prominence in several directions. Usually his energies are directed along one certain line to the neglect of other interests which go to make up a well-rounded character; but Dr. Robbins is a striking exception to this rule. One of the leading Masons in the state, one of the most capable physicians in his adopted city, and a citizen whose intelligent interest and active efforts have done much to promote the substantial growth of Quincy, he is at the same time well known in political circles, and is one of the influential members of the Republican party. He has served on various party committees, has been a delegate to county, congressional and state conventions, and in 1876, and again in 1892, was a delegate to the Republican national conventions. He was nominated by his party for delegate to the state constitutional convention, has been a candidate for congress, and in 1896 was prominently spoken of in connection with gubernatorial honors. His life has been a busy and useful one, and his record is unsullied by shadow of wrong. In business he is honorable, in society courteous and kindly, and at all times typifies the best meaning of the old-time term of gentleman.

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**W**ILLIAM ARNOLD, a Sir Knight Templar, of Rock Island, was made a Master Mason in Trio Lodge, No. 57, in the winter of 1892. He received the chapter degrees in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, in November, 1893, and received the commandery degrees in Everts Commandery, No. 18, in 1896.

A native of the state of New York, he was born in Fulton county, on the 8th of January, 1850, of English ancestry, who

were early settlers of Vermont. His father, Lyman E. Arnold, was also born in that state, in 1819, married Catharine B. Kestead, also a native of the Empire state, of Holland ancestry, who were early settlers of Connecticut, and in 1864 emigrated to Wisconsin, and afterward to Illinois. He has followed railroading since 1865, and has been in the employ of what is now the Western Union Railroad for the past thirty-two years. His wife departed this life in 1859.

Mr. Arnold, whose name introduces this sketch, the third of the six children in the above mentioned family, obtained his early education in the public schools of his native county, and he also has been employed in railroad work ever since the year 1869—for the past twenty-five years in the service of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company. Beginning as a fireman he has by faithfulness and competency climbed the ladder of promotion until he became one of the most reliable engineers in the service, which position he has steadily maintained now for the past seventeen years.

December 30, 1880, is the date of Mr. Arnold's marriage to Miss Myra E. Perrin, a native of the state of Massachusetts, who, in her religious faith, is a member of the Episcopal church, and in relation to the fraternal orders is an efficient and highly-esteemed member of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she is now Assistant Matron. She has also held other official positions in the chapter.

In 1893 Mr. Arnold erected for his home one of the most pleasant dwellings in the city, where he and his family enjoy life and hospitably entertain their many friends. His reputation is that of a first-class citizen and faithful Mason.

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**T**HOMAS E. LAWRENCE, who has been conspicuous in Masonic circles for the past forty years, is one of the best known and highly esteemed brothers in the fraternity, his unselfish labors and tireless energy bestowed in the interest of his local

lodge having endeared him to the heart of every member of the craft in Elgin, as well as throughout the state. Mr. Lawrence was initiated and raised to the Master Mason degree in Genoa Lodge, No. 288, about June, 1858, was elected Senior Warden in December of the same year, and in 1859 he became Worshipful Master. He dimitted in 1865 and affiliated with Elgin Lodge, No. 117, in which he was elected Worshipful Master in 1869 and served as Secretary for seventeen years, concluding his term of office in 1896. Mr. Lawrence received the chapter degrees in Sycamore Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M., in October, 1858. He assisted in organizing Trinity Chapter under dispensation, which afterward became L. L. Munn Chapter, No. 96, of which he acted as Principal Sojourner, and was named in the charter as the first Excellent King, afterward being elected High Priest in December, 1867, and serving in that capacity during 1868, 1872 to 1876, 1888-9 and 1890 to 1892.

In October, 1866, Mr. Lawrence was knighted in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, and later assisted in creating Coeur de Leon Commandery, U. D., being named in the charter, and acting as Captain General of that body and also of Bethel Commandery during the years of 1870, 1871 and 1872. He was Eminent Commander in 1873-4, serving with credit to himself and profit to the commandery. He has been its Prelate for many years, and is the present incumbent of that office.

On May 9, 1867, our subject received the degrees in the various ineffable grades of the Scottish Rite at Geneva, Illinois, where he attained the degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, which were conferred by the Illustrious brother, D. W. Thompson, by order of Illustrious Grand Commander-in-Chief, Walter A. Stevens. Mr. Lawrence became a member of Chicago Consistory, which body was consolidated with Occidental Consistory, and later merged into Oriental Consistory. Brother Lawrence attended the conclave at Washington as aid to Norman T. Gassette, and

at the Denver conclave he was aid to Sylvester O. Spring. He held the chair of Thrice Illustrious in Cryptic Council, No. 46, for two years, and filled other offices in that body with credit and honor. He is Past Patron of Elgin Chapter, No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Lawrence is also a member and served as its Warden for two years.

Mr. Lawrence was born in Cranmer, near the city of Kingston, Canada, September 29, 1833, and is the son of Nelson and Elizabeth (Smith) Lawrence, who were natives of New York. The father was a millwright and lived in Canada for two years. Our subject obtained his early schooling at Rochester, New York, and in 1844 came to Illinois, locating at Greenwood, McHenry county, where he remained until 1846, and then moved to Elgin. At the age of thirteen he entered the office of the Western Christian, a Baptist anti-slavery publication and the first paper published in Elgin. At the end of two years and a half he went to Chicago and worked on the Democrat for a year and a half, and then learned the operative mason's trade, making a specialty of ornamental plastering. This vocation he continued to follow, and had entire charge of the mason work on the insane asylum at Elgin for thirteen years.

When the Civil war broke out Mr. Lawrence enlisted, September 6, 1861, in Company K, Fifty-second Illinois Infantry, and a year later was promoted as principal musician. He served with his regiment until October, 1864, when his term of enlistment expired. In politics he is an uncompromising Republican, and served as township collector one year. He is an active member of Veteran Post, No. 49, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Lawrence was married in April, 1854, to Miss Eliza Young, whose death occurred in August, 1859. In October, 1861, Miss Olive Green became his wife, but on May 3, 1879, death claimed her for his own. On October 15, 1880, Mr. Lawrence was married to Miss Mary Willis, a native of Elgin and a daughter of George Willis, who

came to Elgin in 1844 from St. Lawrence county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence are honored citizens of Elgin and enjoy the society of a large circle of friends.

**B**YRON WOODWARD GOODSSELL, a packing manufacturer of Chicago, has for ten years been a member of the Masonic fraternity. Having petitioned for and been elected to membership in Garfield Lodge, No. 686, A. F. & A. M., he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice, and having passed the Fellow craft degree was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. His advancement to capitular Masonry came through his connection with York Chapter, No. 148, in which he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason. He passed the circle of cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Select Master in Palestine Council, No. 66, and received the grades and orders of Templar Masonry in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52, being constituted, created and dubbed a Knight Templar. He is also a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. Although his business interests prevented him from holding office in the various organizations with which he is connected, he is nevertheless loyally interested in the order, which has been a potent instrumentality in the civilizing of the race. It has proved an effective agency for the betterment of mankind, emphasizing man's duty to his fellow man, upholding patriotism, promoting benevolence and keeping as its standard the truth and right.

The Empire state has furnished to Chicago many of its most successful and prominent citizens, who, uniting with the experience and substantial business methods of the east the progressiveness and enterprise of the west, have become leaders in the world of trade in the metropolis of Illinois. Mr. Goodsell was born in Steuben county, New York, May 25, 1844, and was educated in the high school at Corning, New York. He entered upon his business career as a traveling salesman and for

eighteen years remained upon the road as the representative from various houses. His energy and honorable business methods, combined with a most courteous genial manner, which everywhere won him friends, and with a keen discrimination which enabled him to read human nature readily, made him very successful, and he commanded a most excellent trade. In 1886 he located in Chicago and began the manufacture of rod packings, known as the Goodsell packings, which industry he has since conducted, his trade steadily increasing until it has now assumed extensive proportions. His plant is located at No. 33 South Canal street. He has been very successful in this field of effort and his goods are now known and sold throughout the United States. He is one of the leaders in the trade, and the reputation of the house for promptness, reliability and trustworthiness has secured to it a very liberal and lucrative patronage.

In September, 1894, Mr. Goodsell was united in marriage to Miss Lotta Jean Henry, of Chicago, and they have one child, Gladys Evangeline, born May 29, 1896. Mr. Goodsell has been a resident of Chicago since 1881 and has a wide acquaintance in the city, being held in the highest regard by his business and society acquaintances. Mental alertness, a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, and careful management, have been the leading elements in his career and have resulted in a competence which is a fitting reward for his many years of earnest labor.

**J**AMES ARTHUR, one of the pioneer citizens and highly esteemed business men of Quincy, is the only charter member of Quincy Lodge, No. 296, now living in that city. He was made a Master Mason in Herman Lodge, No. 39, and became one of the organizers of Quincy Lodge, No. 296, his membership being dated September 24, 1858, the same as that on which the body received its dispensation. Of the fifteen



charter members, eight were known to have been deceased in 1892, among them being Governor Wood. Mr. Arthur was an active brother in the early history of the local bodies, filling all the offices in Herman Lodge up to that of Worshipful Master, which he declined to accept. He was Junior Warden of Quincy Lodge during the first year of its existence, but later his business interests compelled him to resign the office.

Mr. Arthur is of Scotch-Irish stock, he and President Arthur having descended from the same ancestors, and were second cousins. His parents, James and Mary (Hill) Arthur, were born in county Tyrone, Ireland, and were industrious farmers and manufacturers of fine Irish linen. They were devout members of the Presbyterian church, and lived to a good old age, respected by all who knew them. Mr. Arthur was also born in county Tyrone, March 2, 1811, was reared and educated in the place of his nativity, and remained with his father until twenty-two years of age, when he emigrated to the United States, locating in New York, and was for two years employed as a bookkeeper in that city. He then moved to St. Louis, Missouri, and there engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business, together with boat supplies, and later dealt in general merchandise. In 1846 he came to Quincy and for the past fifty-one years has been one of her most honored citizens. He embarked in pork-packing, general merchandising and the manufacture of lumber, and has been intimately identified with the growth and development of the city, and has been a liberal contributor to everything that had for its object the progress and prosperity of the community. In 1873 Mr. Arthur disposed of his interest in the saw-mill and retired from active business life with a comfortable competency.

In 1840 our subject was married to Miss May J. Reed, and their last anniversary marked the fifty-seventh year of a peaceful union, full of perfect happiness and conjugal felicity. Seven children have been born to them, all of whom are living and settled in life. They are: Mary Virginia, now the

wife of Colonel Prince, of Quincy; Jane Elizabeth is a widow and resides with her parents; Isaac Hill is in business in St. Paul, Minnesota; James Albert has a stock farm in Missouri; William H. is in the drug business in Quincy, the firm name being Miller & Arthur, wholesale druggists; Emma married Charles A. Gaskill and resides in Chicago; and Newman W. is a merchant in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Arthur and his wife have been lifelong members of the Presbyterian church, were active and helpful in its organization and upbuilding, and for the past thirty-seven years he has been one of its elders and a valued pillar, always taking a deep interest in its welfare.

In his early political views Mr. Arthur was a Democrat, but being a lover of liberty and opposed to oppression and slavery, his faith underwent a change, and he became a Republican upon the formation of that party, to which he has since been a staunch adherent. He is now spending the evening of a well ordered life in a commodious brick residence, which he built in 1854, situated on the corner of York and Third streets. Mr. Arthur's life has been one of the highest integrity of character, and he will leave behind him a record of uprightness, honesty, and faithfulness to every trust reposed in him, of which his posterity may be justly proud.

**J**OSEPH SILAS LEAS, a prominent Sir Knight Templar residing at Rock Island, was initiated in Trio Lodge, No. 57, as Entered Apprentice December 11, 1851; Fellow-craftsman, December 25, following; and Master Mason, January 8, 1852—all soon after he became of age. Immediately becoming an enthusiastic and zealously working member, he was given minor offices, and by 1855 he was filling the position of Worshipful Master, which place he continued to occupy until March 4, 1856. March 4, 1858, he was again elected to this position, and continued in that relation until March 24, 1859; in 1861 he was again elected, and served until March 20, 1862;

March 24, 1864, he was elected again, and served until March 16, 1866, when J. Buford was elected to the position, but did not serve, and Mr. Leas held over for one term—making five terms altogether that he served as Worshipful Master, faithfully and efficiently. During this long period, the lodge enjoyed a remarkable degree of prosperity. Many of the brethren refer with pleasure to the fact that they were raised by "Brother" J. Silas Leas.

After the above period, Mr. Leas affiliated with Rock Island Lodge, No. 658, for the purpose of helping it to obtain a good start, as there seemed to be a need of a second blue lodge in the city. He joined Barrett Chapter, No. 18, and was also made a Sir Knight in Everts Commandery, No. 18, January 10 and 11, 1866. Since joining the latter bodies of the order, he has been a very faithful member of all of them so far as he was permitted by his business, which requires his absence from the city much of the time. When in the city he is ever ready to fill chairs in the lodge. Both as a Mason and as a business man, Mr. Leas' record has been such as to secure for him the highest esteem of his fellow men.

Mr. Leas is a native of the state of Pennsylvania, born October 31, 1830, in Kingston, Cumberland county, and is of Holland and German ancestry, who were very early settlers of the Keystone state. His grandfather, Benjamin Leas, was also born in that state, as was also his father, Christian Harmon Leas. The last named married Miss Julia Brant, also a native of Pennsylvania, and they continued to reside at Mechanicsburg, same state, for a number of years, where he was engaged in the mercantile business. He was also a merchant in other towns of Pennsylvania. He came from West Hill, that state, to Rock Island in 1850, where he continued in merchandising for four years, his son, the subject of this sketch, being then in business with him.

In 1854 they built a flouring-mill, and for thirteen and a half years worked assiduously at the business of milling, but,

not meeting with as great a degree of success as they desired, they sold out and the father retired from business. He died in 1869, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife (our subject's mother) had passed away when he was a child, and he, the father, married a second and a third time. He was a Baptist, and a man who led a most worthy life.

Mr. Leas, whose name heads this sketch, was the only child by the first marriage. He was educated in the public schools of his native state and at Plainfield, under Professor Burns. He learned the mercantile business in his father's store, and when he became of age he was his father's partner in the business. After thirteen and a half years' hard work in the flouring-mill (the first built in Rock Island) they sold it and paid one hundred cents on the dollar, leaving in their own hands only three thousand dollars for the father and two thousand dollars for the son.

Next Mr. Leas, the subject of this sketch, went to Chicago, with the very highest recommendations, and sought a position, but failed to get one, and was much discouraged, as his little store of money was giving out and none coming in. He returned to Rock Island, and, while standing in the lodge-room beside Mr. Bernard, his present partner, he inquired, "Haven't you got something you want me to do?" and the reply was, "Come up and I will sell you a third interest in my business." Said Mr. Leas, "I couldn't buy a one-third interest; I have only a little money." The following lodge night they happened to be standing together again, and a similar conversation was engaged in, and Mr. Barnard said again, "Come up to Moline and I will sell you a third interest; come up anyway and look it over." The price of the whole was ten thousand dollars. Mr. Leas' father then told him, "You can take my money, and with your own make a payment, if you want to see what you can do." So the bargain was made, and Mr. Leas went in debt for the greater portion of the purchase money.

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*Dr. C. W. F. Snyder.*

The business prospered, and his dividends paid his notes as they matured. Thirty years and over have elapsed since then, and the firm of Barnard & Leas has become widely known throughout the United States as the most extensive manufacturers of mill machinery and mill-builders in the whole country. They have now a capital of three hundred thousand dollars, and they are perfectly reliable business men, richly deserving the great success they enjoy; and few men have a wider acquaintance or a higher reputation than Mr. Leas. There are many excellent business men in Rock Island and Moline, but none are spoken of more highly. He is a gentleman of kindly sympathies, makes and keeps friends, and is a thorough business man.

In his political principles he is a Republican. In early days he was assessor of his city, but in later life has declined all offers of public office. In Masonry he still takes much pleasure, is thoroughly posted in all the ritual and tenets of the order, and has served as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for his district.

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**O** W. F. SNYDER, M. D.—When we take into consideration the difficulties that must beset those who seek to make a better world, and the enormous amount of courage necessary to even attempt such a task, it does not seem possible that an undertaking of such a nature should ever have been thought of, much less put into motion. The reformer, from the dark ages, when ignorance was king and vice its throne, down to the present enlightened day, has ever had to contend with obstacles that would have driven ordinary mortals to the verge of despair. However, reforms have progressed slowly at times, but none the less sure, and we of the nineteenth century are reaping the benefits. The principles of Masonry have ever been those of the highest order and the struggle for a better life, better morals, and nobler

aims instituted by that order must eventually culminate in success.

One of those who have rendered great service in the ranks of the brotherhood is Dr. O. W. F. Snyder, of this city. His connection with the society dates from 1891, when he was initiated in the blue lodge, and was made a Master Mason in Lawn Lodge, No. 815, of which he was also a charter member. In the same year he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Delta Chapter, No. 191, and in 1892 he was created a knight in Montjoie Commandery, No. 53, Knights Templar. The Doctor is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, and, with his wife, is a member of Forestville Chapter, No. 177, Order of the Eastern Star.

Dr. Snyder is a native of Maryland, where he was born May 11, 1849. He received a limited education in the public schools, which he endeavored to extend by studying at nights and on Sundays. When twenty-two years old he began the study of medicine at Lanark, Illinois, under the preceptorship of Dr. T. O. Mershon, with whom he studied for three years, working during the day and receiving his instructions in the evenings. He took his first course of lectures at the Physio-Medical Institute, of Cincinnati, Ohio, at which he was graduated February 28, 1878. In April, 1876, he began to practice his profession at Haldane, Ogle county, Illinois, where he remained until April, 1877. After graduating he returned to Haldane and continued in active practice until October 1, 1879, at which time he moved to Polo, Ogle county, and lived there until September, 1884, when he came to Chicago. In 1881 Dr. Snyder made his remarkable discovery of a cure for obesity, on which he worked until 1888, when, having brought it to a state of perfection, he gave his entire attention to that specialty. In this line of work the Doctor has no superiors, and his cure has been tested by thousands, who are loud in their praise for the man who has done so much for humanity. He has not come to his present position in science without careful

work and long endeavor. He has studied obesity for sixteen years, worked upon it in the hospitals, considered it in clinics, and examined it in private houses until the time came when he could place his finger on the seat of the trouble and apply his remedies with exactness and certainty to its source and fountain head. The Doctor's main office is in the McVicker's Theater building, Chicago, and he has branch offices in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland (Ohio) and St. Joseph (Missouri).

When but thirteen years old Dr. Snyder enlisted in Company A, Third Delaware Volunteer Infantry, and served two years and two months. He was in the Army of the Potomac and participated in the battles of Cold Harbor, Five Forks, Appomattox, and was through the siege of Petersburg. At the close of the war he received an honorable discharge. Politically the Doctor has always been affiliated with the Republican party. He is a member of U. S. Grant Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Franklin Lodge, No. 251, Knights of Pythias, the Royal League and the National Union.

The Doctor was first married to Miss Elizabeth A. Palley in October, 1872, and of this union five children were born, two of whom survive, Roscoe F. and Everett E. The death of Mrs. Snyder took place in April, 1880, and in September, 1882, Dr. Snyder was married to Miss Mina E. McMurrin, who died in 1892. He was again married to Miss Flora B. McDonald in 1893, by whom he has one child, O. W. F., Jr.

**G**EORGE WASHINGTON GRAHAM, a Knight Templar Mason, residing in Freeport, has been identified with this honored fraternity for thirty years, and is well deserving of mention in a volume devoted to the craft. He was born in Pennsylvania on the 17th of October, 1841, and is of German and Scotch-Irish lineage, coming of a family that has long been established in the Keystone state. The father, Samuel Graham, was born there, and after arriving

at years of maturity married Miss Rebecca Lutz, who on the maternal side belonged to the Grove family that furnished so many noted Indian fighters during the troubles with the red men during the early history of the country. In 1847 Samuel Graham removed with his family to St. Joseph county, Michigan, where he remained for four years, working at the trade of millwright, which he had learned in the east. In 1851 he came to Freeport, and for many years conducted a good business here, building all kinds of mills. He departed this life in the sixty-sixth year of his age. His wife survived him one year and died at the same age. They had four daughters and three sons, but only four of the family are now living.

Mr. Graham, whose name begins this sketch, was their third child. He was eleven years of age at the time of the removal to Freeport, where he completed his education in the public schools, while on the 11th of August, 1862, at the age of twenty-one, he enlisted in Company G, Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of hostilities, being mustered out June 3, 1865. He was in the Army of the Tennessee and fought in the memorable battles of Jackson, Champion Hills and Mission Ridge, where the Union troops covered themselves with glory. At the battle of Champion Hills Mr. Graham received a gunshot wound in the right thigh, but was disabled for only a short time. He went with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and had the honor of being with the victorious army at the grand review in Washington. He made for himself a worthy record in the great struggle for the preservation of the Union and has justly earned the gratitude and respect of every loyal citizen of the republic.

On his return from the war, Mr. Graham took up the peaceful vocation of farming, and continuously followed that pursuit for about fifteen years. In the meantime he was married, in the year 1873, to Miss Clara J. Stewart, a native of Stephenson county. They soon after located in Free-

port, and Mr. Graham was engaged in various pursuits, being a part of the time interested in dealing in stock. On the 11th of August, 1880, he accepted a position with the Henney Buggy Company, and has since been one of its most trusted and faithful employees. He is now serving in the capacity of shipping clerk, a position which requires much close attention, but he is thoroughly competent to discharge the onerous duties that devolve upon him, having mastered the business in all its details. He is a man of excellent executive ability, and his foresight, care and management have won him a place among the representative business men of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham have three sons. The eldest, James Stewart, is the proprietor of the Freeport Cigar Factory, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. The others are Samuel Leroy and Thomas Henry. They have a pleasant home in Freeport, which was erected by our subject, and parents and sons are highly respected by all who know them. They attend the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Graham is a member. In politics, our subject is a Democrat, and is now in favor of free silver. He has held the office of treasurer of Freeport, and enjoys the fullest confidence of his fellow citizens. Of the Grand Army post at this place he is a worthy member, and has held the office of Judge Advocate. He was made a Master Mason in 1866, and is now Past Master of Evergreen Lodge, No. 170, of Freeport. He joined the chapter in 1882 and rose to the highest position in that body, serving as High Priest. He has now taken the commandery degrees and is a Knight Templar.

**J** STEWART GRAHAM, one of the younger but enthusiastic members of the Masonic fraternity at Freeport, is a native of the state which is still his home, his birth having occurred in Cedarville, on the 18th of November, 1873. He is a son of George W. Graham, a well known Mason, whose history appears on another page of

this volume. He was educated in the public schools and his literary course was supplemented by study in the commercial college of Freeport.

In his early business career Mr. Graham was engaged in the advertising business in New York city for two years, and on the expiration of that period returned home and connected himself with the Freeport Cigar Factory, which he managed for a time, when he purchased the establishment and is now sole proprietor. He manufactures numerous brands of cigars, among which are the celebrated Jo Murphy, Dixie Girl and Washington. These have proved to be great favorites with the public and therefore he enjoys a large trade in these special brands, which extends throughout Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. He is a wide-awake, enterprising business man, keeping abreast with the times and well deserves the patronage which has come to him.

In 1894 Mr. Graham, who had just attained his majority, made application for membership in Evergreen Lodge, No. 170, of Freeport, having becoming interested in the fraternity on account of his father's enthusiasm for it, and was accepted in that order and the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craftsman and Master were conferred upon him. He is a faithful member and a worthy exponent of its principles. A bright and capable young business man, he undoubtedly has a prosperous future before him and we join with his many friends in wishing him all success.

**J**OSEPH W. DOSTAL, M. D., D. D. S., one of Chicago's successful practicing dentists, was made a Mason in Landmark Lodge, No. 422, of Chicago, on the 6th of January, 1893, and three months from that date, on the 6th of April, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Fairview Chapter; at present he is Junior Deacon in Landmark and Captain of the Host in Fairview Chapter. He was chosen a member of the Royal and Select Masters of Palestine Council, January 17,

1896, was knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, October 31, 1893, and was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine on the 26th of April, 1895. Such is the record of his affiliation with the various Masonic bodies, but it tells nothing of his fidelity to the interests of Masonry or his faithful practice of its teaching. He is an earnest member of the order, and, though he has been connected therewith for only three years, he has become one of the highest esteemed brethren of the craft in this city.

Dr. Dostal is a native Chicagoan, his birth having occurred in this city on the 15th of September, 1869. His father, Joseph Dostal, was a native of Moravia, Austria, and came to America when twelve years of age. He married Veronica Frana and took up his residence in Chicago, where the subject of this sketch was reared to manhood. He obtained his elementary education in the public schools, which he attended until fourteen years of age, when he entered a business college and pursued a two years' course. In 1888 he took up the study of dentistry, and was graduated in 1890 at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery. He also pursued a course in medicine, and was graduated at the Rush Medical College with the class of 1892. Since 1890 he has devoted himself to the practice of dentistry, and has built up an excellent business. He keeps fully abreast with the progress of the times, supplementing his natural skill by extensive knowledge, and his ability has won him an enviable position in the ranks of his chosen profession.

In 1891 Dr. Dostal was united in marriage to Miss Florence Nowell, who was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They have one son, Ebenezer J.

**N**ATHANIEL HERBERT HALDERMAN.—In the subject of this *resume*, one of the worthy young Masons of Illinois, is a gentleman who dates his nativity in the town in which he lives, Mount Carroll, and who is a son of the founder of this town.

Turning first to that page of his history which has to do with Masonry, we find that he has but recently identified himself with this ancient order. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred upon him by Wisconsin Lodge, F. & A. M., of Milwaukee, in 1875, and the other two degrees of blue Masonry were given him the same year by Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, at Mount Carroll. In 1896 he became a member of Lanark Chapter, No. 139, R. A. M., of Lanark.

Fraternities other than the Masonic with which Mr. Halderman is connected, are the P. O. S. of A., M. W. of A. and the K. of G. Mrs. Halderman is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Halderman was born February 21, 1853, and through the agnatic line traces his ancestry back to Germany. His father, Nathaniel Halderman, was born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and made his home in the Keystone state until 1840, when he came west to Illinois and settled on a tract of government land, upon a portion of which now stands the beautiful city of Mount Carroll. He was a most enterprising and liberal man. He built and gave to the county its first court-house, and subsequently he deeded to the county the site of its present handsome seat of justice. At Mount Carroll he spent the rest of his life and died, his death occurring June 23, 1880, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. For many years he was a devoted and active member of the Baptist church, and was a pillar in the same up to the time of his death. He was twice married. His first wife, our subject's mother, was before marriage Elizabeth McCoy, a native of Norristown, Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish descent, and by her he had one son and two daughters. After her death he married her sister, Miss Mary T. McCoy, and to them were born two children, both of whom are living.

Nathaniel H., whose name forms the heading of this sketch, is the first wife's son. He was educated in the schools of his native town and in the old Douglas University, of Chicago. He was reared to



the milling, grain and stock business, and has never directed his energies to any other line than this, and as a result of his concentrating his forces and adhering close to business, he is to-day at the head of a large and influential concern, the J. M. Shirk Milling Company, of which he is president. He superintends the running of the mill and also buys large quantities of grain and stock. Besides his interest in this firm, he owns a large amount of city property. He resides at the old homestead built by his father in 1858.

Mr. Halderman was married December 27, 1875, to Miss Mary Eliza Crummer, a native of Mount Hope, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and they have two sons, Herbert Frank and Nathaniel.

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**W**ILLIAM THOMPSON SLOAN, M. D., is one of the prominent physicians of Peoria, Illinois, and, like many of the members of the medical profession, has identified himself with the great Masonic body and adopted the motto of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

Dr. Sloan is a native of the "Keystone state," dating his birth in Clarion county, September 27, 1848. He was reared and educated in Pennsylvania, receiving his literary training in Reed Institute. His medical course he pursued at Bellevue, where he graduated with the class of 1874. After receiving his diploma from that well-known New York institution, he came west to Illinois and entered upon the practice of his profession at Elmwood, where he conducted a successful practice for twenty years, up to 1894, the time of his removal to Peoria. Here his high qualifications, together with his years of experience, at once placed him among the leading practitioners of the city. It is, however, of his connection with Masonry that we wish here to speak, and to his Masonic affiliations we now revert.

In the latter part of 1889, while a resident of Elmwood, Dr. Sloan made application for membership in Horeb Lodge, No. 363, A. F. & A. M., was duly elected to re-

ceive the degrees, and December 17, 1889, was initiated. He was passed in the Fellow-craft on the 18th of the following February, and on July 7, 1890, was made a Master Mason. On his removal to Peoria he found a welcome in the lodge of this place, and February 4, 1896, received a dimmit from Elmwood, which he at once placed in the Peoria lodge. He was exalted in Eureka Chapter, R. A. M., of Yates City, in 1892, and still has his membership there. In Peoria he has taken the Knight Templar degrees and also those of the Mystic Shrine, the latter having been conferred upon him in Mohammed Temple, in November, 1894. Both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. The degrees of this order they received in Elmwood Chapter, October 19, 1893, and in it retained membership until February 20, 1896, when they were dimitted in order to affiliate with Electa Chapter at Peoria, of which they are now valued members.

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**E**LMER LEWIS TOBIE, one of the prominent business men of Keithsburg, now engaged in the jewelry trade, has for twelve years been a worthy and acceptable member of the Masonic fraternity. He was made a Mason in Golden Gate Lodge, No. 248, of Prairie City, Illinois, in October, 1885, and at once became a capable and well informed worker therein. He soon became thoroughly familiar with the ritual and was elected to and creditably filled the office of Senior Warden. In 1891 he was dimitted to Robert Burns Lodge, No. 113, A. F. & A. M., of Keithsburg, and has since been active in promoting its interests and advancing its growth in all possible ways. In 1888 he was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason and is a member of Illinois Chapter, No. 17, in which he has filled the office of Master of the Veils. He is an enthusiastic, upright and consistent Mason, paying strict regard to the precepts and principles of the order, and his worth to the fraternity is duly acknowledged by his brethren, who speak of

him in the highest terms. He has also threaded the labyrinth of the Order of the Eastern Star and is now affiliated with Mary Burns Chapter. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is highly esteemed in society circles.

Mr. Tobie is one of Illinois' native sons, born in Prairie City on the 26th of May, 1864, and is of French descent. The early ancestors of the family in this country settled in Bangor, Maine, and in 1843 his grandfather, Nathan Tobie, removed to Pekin, Illinois, becoming one of the early settlers of that place. He established there a plover manufactory and did a successful business, becoming one of the substantial and valued citizens of the town. His death occurred when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Samuel P. Tobie, father of our subject, was born in Bangor, Maine, August 22, 1832, and with his parents came to Illinois in 1843. He married Miss Mary Hodgson, who belonged to a Quaker family, her father being one of the pioneers of the state. Mrs. Tobie departed this life on the 23d of January, 1873, and Mr. Tobie is now living a retired life in Avon, Illinois.

Elmer L. Tobie was the younger of their two children, both sons. He was educated in his native town and afterward learned the jeweler's trade in Emporia, Kansas, becoming a practical and expert workman. He opened his present jewelry establishment in Keithsburg on the 13th of September, 1886, and has since done a constantly increasing and prosperous business. He has now a large and well selected stock of goods, and his honorable dealing and courteous treatment of his patrons insures to him a liberal share of the public patronage. He is a man of resourceful business ability whose efforts have not been confined alone to one line of endeavor. He has been an important factor in the business development and commercial activity of Keithsburg and has been connected with a number of enterprises which have added materially to the welfare of the city. In connection with Hon. Tom A. Marshall, he

has erected several hundred miles of telephone lines, connecting with the long-distance telephone of the Bell Company. He has also built and owns a number of residences in Keithsburg.

Mr. Tobie was married in 1891 to Miss Clara M. Stearns, a native of Bushnell, Illinois, and a daughter of Sanger Stearns. Mrs. Tobie is a member of the Presbyterian church and a most estimable lady. Mr. Tobie gives his political support to the Republican party and has served as alderman of Keithsburg. He is a wide-awake and progressive citizen, deeply interested in the growth and development of the community and lends his aid and influence to all measures calculated to advance the general welfare.

**G**EORGE THOMAS WHITSON, one of the oldest and most exemplary Masons now residing at Rushville, is the present Secretary of the blue lodge.

He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Rushville Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., in February, 1864, and he at once became a faithful worker and regular attendant at the meetings of the order. When not away from the city he has been so regular as to miss only two meetings ever since he first became a member; and when he has been absent from home he has always made it a point to attend some lodge as a visitor. He has served his lodge as Senior Deacon four years; as Junior and Senior Warden for two years each; as Secretary ten years, seven years of which time were in succession; but he has been absent in the west three years. He has visited lodges in California, Oregon, Montana, Kansas and Illinois. He is a great lover of the order, doing his utmost to follow its teachings, having a Masonic heart full of kind and generous impulses. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Rushville Chapter, No. 184, R. A. M., on the 19th of November, 1881, and was its Secretary two years.

Mr. Whitson is a native of the state of Pennsylvania, born in Columbia, Lancaster

county, on the 14th of September, 1829; came to Rushville, Illinois, on the 6th of May, 1837, and has claimed Rushville as his residence for the past sixty years. He has made two trips across the plains to California, the first with oxen in 1852, occupying a period of eighty days in the journey from the Missouri river to California, the shortest time ever made with oxen. His second journey to the Pacific slope was made with horses, in 1864; and on this occasion he visited Nevada, California, Oregon and Montana. In business matters there, like most miners of the time, he both made and lost large amounts of money, but he has never regretted his journeys, since they enabled him to see a wonderful country. His business occupations have been those of farmer and stone and brick mason.

In the year 1856 Mr. Whitson was united in matrimony with Miss Ermina Patten, and they have six children. In his political principles he has been a life-long Democrat. Being elected, he has served as sheriff of the county, and is now serving his second term as deputy sheriff. As to his religious relations we may state that he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Such has been his life's varied career that he has become well posted in the ways of the world, and such has been the character of his upright and honorable conduct that he enjoys the respect and high esteem of all who know him.

**W**ILLIAM DOUGALL, M. D.—The origin of Freemasonry cannot certainly be determined. A common saying among the craft is that it has existed "from a time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." One tradition declares that it took its rise at the building of Solomon's temple, and a very large majority of the brethren, amounting almost to unanimity, give this "unwritten history" the fullest credence; but whether or not its establishment was at that time it is known with indisputable certainty that it is the most ancient as well as the most useful of

the benevolent organizations. Down through the ages it has been a potent factor in the work of uplifting man. It exists in response to the cravings of the soul for a domain of brotherhood, a fraternity where in congenial companionships and mutual offices of kindness and regard would soften the asperities of life and remove the evils of prejudice, bigotry and intolerance. As the means to an end, it has become one of the most powerful weapons in the warfare upon selfishness, vice and the host of evils that beset man at every step in his earthly career. It teaches mutual helpfulness, mutual forbearance and mutual progress; and advancement toward the true, the useful and the good is the outgrowth of its practical working.

Such a society is certainly worthy of due consideration, and it is but natural that it should have a large following among the best citizens of Illinois. Among the prominent citizens of Joliet who are identified with the order is Dr. Dougall, who for more than thirty years has been an adherent of the fraternity. He joined Harlan City Lodge, of Maysville, Indiana, receiving the degree of Entered Apprentice on the 18th of August, 1865, passing the Fellow-craft on the 6th of October, while on the 13th of the same month he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He has since been dimitted to Matteson Lodge, No. 175, and has served as Senior Warden in the blue lodge. In 1871 he received the degrees of capitular Masonry in Joliet Chapter, No. 27, being exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason. He has been honored with the office of its King and has maintained his membership in that chapter for twenty-six years. He became familiar with the teachings of cryptic Masonry in Joliet Council, No. 82, taking the Royal and Select Master degrees, and in 1872 he was dubbed and created a Sir Knight in Joliet Commandery, No. 4. In 1880-1 he served as its Eminent Commander, and in 1882 was Prelate. He has been especially faithful as a follower of the beauseant, and in August, 1880, attended the triennial conclave in Chicago.

Dr. Dougall is a native of Paisley, Scotland, born March 1, 1842. He was a student in the Glasgow high school, and in 1858 came to the United States, locating near Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he remained with his father on a farm for a few years. During the war he espoused the cause of the Union and of freedom and joined the army of the north in its attempt to crush out the rebellion. For four years he served as a loyal defender of his adopted land, and for meritorious conduct was promoted from the ranks until he became captain in the Thirteenth United States Colored Infantry Regiment. He was in many of the most important engagements of the war and was wounded by a gunshot at the battle of Stone River, after which he was forced to remain in the hospital for a short time. He was ever faithful to the cause he served, and his military record is one of which he may be justly proud.

When the war was over Dr. Dougall returned home and began the study of medicine, which he pursued in the University of Michigan, as a supplementary course to the work he had already done in that line in Scotland. He completed his studies in the Chicago Medical College in 1868, and began practice in New Haven, Indiana, whence he afterward removed to Lemont, Illinois, where he remained for four and a half years. He was main surgeon for the canal during its deepening, which was completed in 1871. Seeking a broader field of service, he came to Joliet in 1872 and soon built up a good practice here. His success has been steady and rapid. He soon demonstrated his superior ability and manifested in his practice a comprehensive knowledge of the science of medicine and its methods of application to the needs of suffering humanity.

On the 1st of October, 1872, Dr. Dougall was united in marriage to Miss Cassie Walker, and they have two children, Mayme and Willie. They are members of Christ church, Episcopal, and the Doctor is now serving as vestryman. He is a member and secretary of the Will County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and

of the American Medical Association, and belongs to the military order of the Loyal Legion, in the Commandery of Illinois, and is Past Commander of Bartleson Post, No. 6, G. A. R. He has been especially active in support of the Republican party and is thoroughly informed on the issues which affect the welfare of the nation. He was chairman of the Will county Republican central committee from 1876 to 1879 and his effective organization and management of the complicated affairs of a political party advanced the interests and promoted the success of its nominees during those years. He has served as postmaster of Joliet, holding the office from 1879 until 1883, under the administration of Presidents Hayes and Arthur. Dr. Dougall is a man of well-rounded character; was a valiant soldier; is a conscientious physician; was a faithful official; is a loyal member of various societies, and in the highest and best sense of the term he is ever and essentially a gentleman.

**G**EORGE F. DOUAIRE is one of the active working members of the Masonic fraternity and is now occupying the honored position of Worshipful Master in Waubansia Lodge, No. 160, A. F. & A. M. His zeal for Masonry is of the highest order. His loyalty to its principles, his wide and accurate knowledge of the craft, which he is ever ready to impart to his less informed brethren, his acumen, his diligence, his untiring efforts and the vigilance with which he guards the ancient landmarks, make him a bright and shining light in the Masonic world, and he is a true follower of the society whose ancient origin gives it a fame, a pre-eminence, to which the history of other institutions affords no parallel. He was made a Mason in the lodge with which he still affiliates, and having taken the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow-craft, he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in the month of February, 1892. He has been called to serve in several official positions in the society; was Senior Deacon, Junior Warden,

Senior Warden, and on the 23 of December, 1895, was chosen for the exalted position which he is now acceptably filling. In character Mr. Douaire is a loyal friend, is active and energetic in all the affairs of life and is a devoted and loyal Mason.

Mr. Douaire is one of Chicago's native sons, his birth having occurred in this city on the 23d of February, 1865. His boyhood days were spent in his parents' home and as soon as he had reached the age fixed by a law as the qualification for admission to the public schools he began his studies and here acquired his education. When he laid aside his text-books to learn the more difficult lessons in the school of experience, he became connected with the mercantile interests of Chicago. He is now occupying the responsible position of bookkeeper for the firm of Griffiths & McDermott, extensive contractors on the drainage canal.

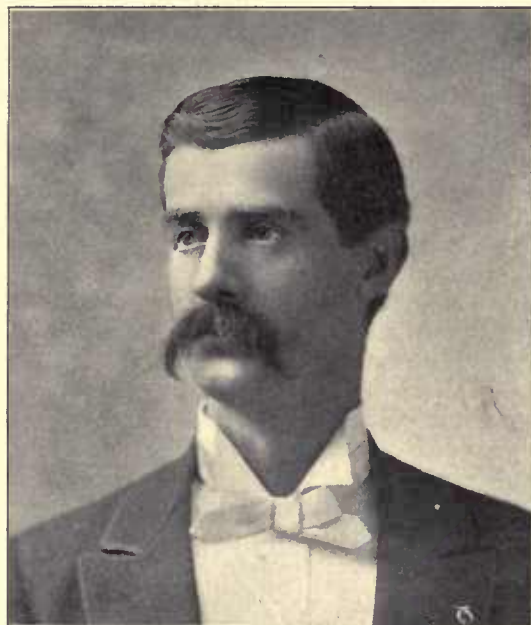
He was married in 1890 to Miss Tessie Handley, a native of Centralia, Illinois, and they have one child.

**J**OHAN PAGE McMAHAN, A. M., M. D., of Peoria, Illinois, has been engaged in the practice of his profession for thirteen years, and for about the same length of time has been associated with the Masonic fraternity.

Dr. McMahan was born in Pike county, Illinois, January 4, 1858, and was educated in Lincoln University, of which institution he is a graduate with the class of 1881. Having chosen the medical profession for his life-work, in the fall of that same year he entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, and in 1883 received his diploma as an M. D. Immediately after his graduation at the medical college he located at Atlanta, Illinois, and began the practice of his profession; but the following year he removed to Peoria and has since been engaged in practice here, his twelve years at this place being years of activity and success.

Of Dr. McMahan's identity with the great fraternity of Freemasons we would now speak. He was made a Master Mason

in the blue lodge of Atlanta in the winter of 1883-4, and upon his removal to Peoria shortly afterward he placed his membership in Temple Lodge, No. 46, of this place, with which he has since affiliated; and recently he has advanced in Masonry beyond the blue lodge, having in 1896 taken the consistory degrees and those of Mohammed Shrine, both in Peoria, and in 1897 the



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capitular degrees in Peoria Chapter, No. 7, the cryptic in Peoria Council, and the chivalric in Peoria Commandery, No. 3.

**A**BRAMHAM OPPENHEIM, a prominent and successful merchant of Princeton, and one of the active and enthusiastic Masons in that city, was raised as Master Mason in Bureau Lodge, No. 112, of Princeton, December 24, 1870. He has held various offices in his lodge and is now its Senior Warden; he works creditably in any of the offices of the lodge. May 18, 1892, he received the chapter degrees in Princeton

Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M. He has served as Master of the Second Veil and is now Captain of the Host, this being his second term in that office. In 1893 he received the council degrees in Orion Council, No. 8, and in that lodge he is now filling the office of Conductor. He is also a member of Temple Commandery, No. 20, having been made a Sir Knight March 20, 1896. He has just received the honor of an election as its Warder, so that he is now faithfully filling an office in each of the four bodies of the order; and very few of the brethren, indeed, have made a better record than he.

Mr. Oppenheim is a native of Germany, born on the 31st of December, 1845; was educated in the land of his nativity, where also he was trained in the art of merchandising; and in 1866 he emigrated to the United States for the purpose of making this country his permanent home and the field of his mercantile operations. First he was a clerk in Indiana for two years, and then four years in Princeton, in a general mercantile store, and when, by the saving of his earnings, he had acquired money enough to embark in business on his own account he started out for himself. Accordingly, in partnership with Mr. Bamburg, he formed the firm of Bamburg & Company, and opened a store of general merchandise in Princeton, in February, 1873. Success crowned their efforts from the first. In 1888 his partner died, since which time he has been alone in the management of the business. By close application to the details of his responsibilities and by pursuing only honorable methods he soon acquired and still retains a large run of trade. The store, one hundred and thirty-five feet deep, is well filled with first-class clothing and other lines of gents' furnishing goods. People say he has the best stock in the city, and is really the leader of the trade in Princeton and in Bureau county.

In 1872 he was married to Miss Margaret Winter, a native of Peru, Illinois, and they have a son and a daughter,—Edwin and Eva. Mr. Oppenheim and his daughter are

members of the Order of the Eastern Star, —Ruth Chapter,— and he is also a Knight of Pythias. In politics he is a Republican. The family have a fine home.

Mr. Oppenheim is an example of that great number of industrious, honest Germans who in their youth had the ambition and the energy to move to a country where greater opportunities were offered for the exercise of the expanding powers, and have continued to drive with a "tight rein" and steady nerve until they accumulated snug little fortunes and comfortable homes. Such a course only is the foundation of permanent happiness.

**M**ABRY A. VAN REED, a thirty-second-degree Mason of Freeport, has for the past decade been identified with the order and is one of its most esteemed members in this city. He was made a Mason in Evergreen Lodge, No. 170, in 1886, and has since been an interested and active member of the fraternity. He has made laudable progress therein and has attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He took the Royal Arch degrees in Freeport Chapter, was made a Knight Templar in Freeport Commandery, No. 7, and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple, of Chicago. He has served as Secretary of the blue lodge, as High Priest of the chapter and in various other offices, and by his brethren of the craft is held in the highest esteem. His Masonic record is an honorable one and there is much in his life that exemplifies the benevolent teaching of the order.

Mr. Van Reed is a native of Pennsylvania, where his birth occurred on the 18th of October, 1841. He traces his ancestry back to the early settlement of New York, when representatives of the family name came from Holland to this country and located within the boundary of the Empire state. His father, John R. Van Reed, was born in that state and married Miss Mary Addams, a native of Pennsylvania, and a de-

scendant of one of the old families of that state, one of her relatives being General William Addams, who did valiant service for the colonies in the Revolutionary war. To John R. and Mary Van Reed were born seven children, six of whom are yet living. The father died in the forty-sixth year of his age, and the mother, surviving him many years, died in her eightieth year. They were members of the German Reformed church, and by occupation the father was a farmer and miller.

Mabry A. Van Reed was the fourth child in the family and was educated near Reading, Pennsylvania, also attended a farmers' college in Center county. Later he engaged in teaching school for a term, but when the Civil war came on put aside all thought of business in order to defend his country in her hour of peril. At President Lincoln's first call for troops he joined the "boys in blue" of Company G, First Pennsylvania Infantry, and served in the Army of the Potomac. When his three-months term had expired he re-enlisted, becoming a member of Troop L of the Sixth Regiment of United States Cavalry. He then served for three years in the Army of the Potomac, taking an active part in that branch of the service during the war. He was in the peninsular campaign, saw much hard service under General Sheridan and took part in the famous battle of Winchester. He was several times wounded, but not seriously, and like a true and valiant soldier remained at his post of duty in defense of the old flag and the cause it represented. His second term expired October 18, 1864, when holding the rank of first sergeant, and he received an honorable discharge.

After the war Mr. Van Reed worked for a short time in a sugar refinery in Philadelphia, and later secured a position in the First National Bank of Reading, Pennsylvania. In 1879 he came to Freeport and accepted a position with Mr. Woodmansee in connection with the manufacture and sale of windmills. Later he secured a position as engineer for W. G. & W. Barnes, and

has since been constantly employed in that capacity. For a time he was with F. S. Taggart in the Freeport Malleable Iron Works and for the past eleven years has been engineer in the sash door and blind factory owned by Elias Bamberger. He is a natural mechanic and has given his attention and thought to that line of work until he has become a most competent and skilled engineer. The care and precision which are required for this kind of work he possesses in an eminent degree, and his superior efficiency is indicated by his long continued service with one firm.

Mr. Van Reed was married in 1866 to Miss Mary L. Housum, a native of Philadelphia. They now have two children, Edith and Frederick. Their home, located at No. 47 Brick street, is a large and commodious one, and its hospitable doors are ever open for the reception of their many friends. In religious faith they are Episcopalians and are valued members of the church of their denomination in Freeport. Mr. Van Reed is also an esteemed comrade of John A. Davis Post, No. 98, G. A. R. His genial manner, his kindly and generous disposition, has gained him many warm friends and he well deserves representation in this volume.

**B**ENONI P. TRIPP.—Well advanced on the ladder of Masonry, and the better in every respect for the climbing, is found the subject of our sketch, Mr. Benoni P. Tripp, a bookkeeper of Pekin, Illinois. His entrance into Masonic circles was made at Delavan, Illinois, when Delavan Lodge, No. 156, conferred upon him its degrees. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Crossman Chapter, No. 155, a Royal and Select Master in Peoria Council, a Knight Templar in Peoria Commandery, No. 3, and April 26, 1887, received the Scottish Rite degrees in Peoria Consistory. Having taken a dimit from Delavan Lodge, he became a member of Empire Lodge, No. 126, of Pekin, February 5, 1885, and has since affiliated with it; and since December 22,

1884, has had a membership in Pekin Chapter, No. 25. He still affiliates with the council, commandery and consistory at Peoria. In both the lodge and chapter he has long served officially. In the lodge he was Senior Deacon two years, Senior Warden one year, Worshipful Master one year, and is now serving as Treasurer his third year; and in the chapter he was Captain of Host five years, High Priest five years, and is now serving his third year as Principal Sojourner. He is also a member of Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria.

Mr. Tripp is a native of Providence, Rhode Island, and dates his birth Christmas day, 1851. In early life he was brought west to Illinois, and in Tazewell county, this state, he was reared and educated. For twelve years he was engaged in teaching school, four years of that time in Pekin, and since quitting the school room has devoted his time and attention closely to office work, making a specialty of bookkeeping. For several years he was employed in the county offices, and made an index of the court records running back twenty years. Also he has been with J. & G. Herget, wholesale liquor dealers and distillers, as their bookkeeper, and has served in the same capacity for the Electric Light Works of Pekin.

Politically, Mr. Tripp is a stanch Democrat and takes a lively interest in the councils of his party. He has been chairman of the city committee, in 1893 was president of the Cleveland Club of Pekin, and this year, 1896, was a delegate to his congressional convention.

**C** E. AUSTIN, an able member of the dental profession in Chicago, has through ten years of faithful adherence to the Masonic fraternity, won a right to honorable mention in this history of the society in Illinois. He was made a Mason in 1886, joining DeWitt Clinton Lodge, No. 15, in Northfield, Vermont. He was afterward dimitted to become a charter member of

Woodlawn Lodge, No. 841, F. & A. M., with which he is now connected. With a thorough understanding of its teachings and a full appreciation of its noble and beneficent principles he is a true and steadfast Mason and merits the high regard of his brethren.

Dr. Austin is a native of the Green Mountain state, his birth having occurred in Hancock on the 9th of April, 1864. He was reared and educated there, his preliminary mental training received in the public schools being supplemented by a course of study in Goddard Seminary, where he was prepared for Norwich University. At the latter institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in the class of 1887. His choice of a profession to which he wished to devote his energies and attention through life fell upon dentistry, and he took a course of study in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, where he was graduated in 1890. He came to Chicago in the autumn of 1887, and since his graduation has continuously practiced his profession in Woodlawn, one of Chicago's beautiful suburbs, being located at No. 6303 Monroe avenue.

**G**EORGE ADAM WYATT.—To those who are not familiar with the true inwardness of Freemasonry, the immense power for good of which that institution is capable can scarcely be realized. Although its rites are carried on behind closed doors, which may not be opened to the uninitiated, the result of its influence can be seen by the public in general in the elevation of the people's morals and the attainment of a higher plane of manhood. Its fundamental principles, carried to the outer world by thousands of the brethren, cannot be otherwise than beneficial to all who are affected by them. The simple fact that a man is a member of the fraternity of Freemasonry is a sufficient guarantee of character to place him in the highest position to which he may aspire. Kewanee is well represented in the order, and contains a number



of loyal and zealous members of the craft, among whom is Mr. Wyatt. He was early in life imbued with the beauties of such an organization, and just as soon as he became eligible in point of years he was initiated in the degrees of the blue lodge of Ludington, Michigan, and was made a Master Mason in Pere Marquette Lodge, No. 299, in 1877, from which he was dimitted in 1892 and became affiliated with Kewanee Lodge, No. 159. In the same year he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Ludington Chapter, No. 92, and was also created a Sir Knight in Muskegon Commandery, of Muskegon, Michigan, receiving this degree with the others in order that they might be able to establish a commandery at Ludington. This was eventually accomplished, and Mr. Wyatt was one of the charter members of Apollo Commandery, No. 31, in that city, in which he still retained his membership when he came to Kewanee in 1892. At present he is affiliated with Temple Commandery, No. 20, of Princeton, Illinois.

Mr. Wyatt is a native of Canada, his birth having taken place in Altsville on the 22d of July, 1856. He is a son of Daniel and Lena (Hoynes) Wyatt, the former of whom was engaged in the sawmill and lumber-manufacturing business. He moved with his wife and family to Ludington, Michigan, where he followed his vocation for a while and went to Omaha, Nebraska, and there died, at the age of sixty-six years his wife surviving him but a short time. Brother Wyatt is one of two remaining children of a family of six. He received a common-school education at Newaygo, Michigan, where his father resided for a time after leaving Canada. At the age of sixteen he became associated with his parent in the lumber business, and continued with him for ten years, when they moved their base of operations to Omaha, and remained there for five years. After the death of his father, Mr. Wyatt came to Kewanee and opened his present lumber-manufacturing establishment, in which he has been very prosperous. He has built up a large

trade and is well known as one of Kewanee's enterprising and progressive citizens. A brother of Mr. Wyatt's, German D., who was associated with him in Omaha, was a member of the Knights Templar; his death occurred in 1891. Mr. Wyatt is unmarried, in political matters is a stanch Republican, and is a member of Harmony Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

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**F**RANK WARREN CRAIN, of Belvidere, has for less than two years been a member of the Masonic fraternity, but is widely recognized as one of its loyal and faithful adherents. He took the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow-craft, and was created a Master Mason in Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., on the 18th of March, 1895. He has since held the office of Senior Deacon and is accounted a worthy representative of the fraternity in Boone county.

Mr. Crain is a native of the Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Cedarville, Greene county, on the 1st of February, 1859. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry and possesses the most commendable characteristics of those sturdy races. His grandfather, John Crain, was the founder of the family in America. He crossed the Atlantic, bringing with him his wife and one son. They located in Springfield, Clark county, Ohio, where Mr. Crain carried on agricultural pursuits. In religious belief they were Presbyterians. John Reeder Crain, the father of our subject, was born in Springfield, Ohio, and when he had arrived at man's estate he married Miss Rebecca Townsley, a native of Ohio. He became a harness-maker and dealer, following that pursuit for many years and doing a successful business in that line. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Crain died in 1878, but the father is still living, at the age of sixty-six years. He was a second time married and had several children by that union, while by the first marriage there were two children.

Mr. Crain, whose name introduces this review, acquired his education in the public schools of Jamestown, Ohio, and in early life learned the machinist's trade, which he followed for some time. For the past nine years he has been in the employ of the National Sewing Machine Company, at Belvidere, working in the milling department. Three years ago he was promoted to the position of foreman of that department, and has since served in that capacity. He is a good workman and a man of intelligence, ability and integrity. He thoroughly understands his business and is therefore capable of directing the men under him, so that the best results may be accomplished.

In 1878 Mr. Crain was united in marriage to Miss Ella N. Fallroth, a native of Springfield, Ohio. They have two sons, Page H. and Clarence R. Mr. Crain is an active Republican in politics, warmly advocating the principles of his party. He is well informed on the issues of the day and does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of Republicanism. On that ticket he was elected, and he is now serving, as alderman of Belvidere, his support being given to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. The welfare of the city is dear to him; and educational, social, moral and material interests have been promoted through his instrumentality.

**J**OHAN W. SWATEK, Chicago.—From the time of his induction into the sacred precincts of the Masonic order the subject of this review has maintained a constant and lively interest and concern in the affairs of the great fraternity, and in the connection has gained that relative distinction which such zeal merits. Mr. Swatek's identification with the order dates from September 22, 1880, when he became a member of Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611, A. F. & A. M., to which he has ever since rendered allegiance and in which he served as Master in 1889-90. In the year 1881 he received the Royal Arch degrees, in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, in which

his present affiliations are represented. He has been Sojourner of this chapter for seven years.

Mr. Swatek was knighted February 2, 1891, in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, from which he subsequently withdrew for the purpose of assisting in the organization of Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, having been one of the prime factors in effecting this organization. Prior to severing his connection with St. Bernard Commandery he was for three years a member of its military corps. Our subject's earnest endeavors in behalf of the Lincoln Park Commandery have not fallen short of appreciation on the part of his *confreres*, for he has passed the chairs of the same and in the present year (1896) is the incumbent in the distinguished office of Eminent Commander. This honor was accorded him not less as a reward for his zealous efforts in promoting the interests of the commandery than as a token of the high estimation in which he was held by the Sir Knights. Under General John C. Smith he was appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer, which office he retained for a period of six years. Under Monroe C. Crawford he received appointment as Grand Standard Bearer. The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine finds an adherent in Mr. Swatek, who has duly "traversed the desert" and became identified with Medinah Temple, on whose directorate he is a representative. He is also a member of that noble benevolent association maintaining the Masonic Orphans' Home. An enthusiastic and devoted worker in the order for the past sixteen years, our subject has gained prestige and wide acquaintanceship in Masonic ranks of the city, and it is but due that proper recognition be accorded him in this compilation.

John W. Swatek is a native of Bohemia, where he was born on the 16th of January, 1858. He came to America when a mere child, and has been a resident of Chicago since the year 1867, receiving his educational discipline in the public schools of this city. He has been distinctively the archi-

fect of his own fortunes, having started out in life with neither the propitious aids of financial resources or influential friends. Step by step he has climbed the ladder of success, and industry and unwavering integrity have not been denied their rewards. He has been engaged in the cigar and tobacco trade in this city since 1883, and at the present time is associated with his brother in the conduct of a representative business in this line, the firm having two attractive and finely-stocked establishments—the one located at 153 Madison street and the other on the southeast corner of Adams and Dearborn streets. Mr. Swatek enjoys a marked popularity, and is known as an able business man, well deserving of the success which has attended his efforts.

**J**AMES A. RUTLEDGE, M. D., a successful practicing physician of Elgin, is a Knight Templar Mason and manifests a warm interest in the order. He took the three degrees of ancient-craft Masonry in Kishwaukee Lodge, No. 402, of Kingston, in 1888, and two years later began the study of the esoteric doctrines and symbolic truths of capitular Masonry in Sycamore Lodge, No. 49. He was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, in 1895, and is now affiliated with Bethel Commandery. There is an element of peculiar consistency between the principles of Masonry and the labors of the physician, the one well supplementing the work of the other. In his province of alleviating human suffering the physician finds ample opportunity to put into practice the benevolent and helpful principles of the order, and this Dr. Rutledge has done, thus showing his understanding of the obligations which rest upon the following of this ancient and honorable fraternity.

The Doctor was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 21st of August, 1861, a son of Thomas W. and Abigail J. (Richardson) Rutledge. During the war the father

was connected with an arsenal and after the close of hostilities removed to DeKalb, Illinois, whence in 1868 he went to Rockford. There in the public schools the Doctor obtained his literary education, after which he took up the study of pharmacy and completed a thorough course therein. Later he was engaged in the drug business for five years, but preferring the medical profession he read medicine for one year under the direction of Dr. W. R. Shinn, of Chenoa. He graduated at the Rush Medical College, of Chicago, in the class of 1886, and began practice in Fielding, DeKalb county, where he remained for nine years. In 1895 he removed to Elgin, where he has since remained in practice, having a large and lucrative patronage, which is constantly increasing. He could never content himself with mediocrity, and has long since left the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few. He has ever been a close student of his profession and his interest therein has led to his attaining a prominent place in the ranks of the medical fraternity. He belongs to the Fox River Valley Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is examining physician for the Home Forum, and a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity.

In politics he is independent, but is well informed on political topics and votes according to the dictates of his judgment.

He was married in 1887 to Miss Mary J. Houdeshell, adopted daughter of Isaac Crill. She is a member of the Congregational church, and shares with her husband the high regard in which he is held throughout the community.

**W**ILLIAM B. PETTIT, of Rock Island, has for fourteen years been the efficient and honored Secretary of Trio Lodge, No. 57, A. F. & A. M., and is a worthy and loyal member of the fraternity which teaches ethics by symbols, having for its creed belief in the eternal God, the Father, the Grand Architect of the Universe, and by its ceremonials impresses the dogma of the

resurrection. In its practical workings it has long been one of the most potent forces in civilization, discouraging all evil and promoting all good. The ritual of the order, indeed its very purpose and aim, can do nothing else than to bring man into closer relations to his Maker, thereby inspiring him with high and noble ideals. The intent and aim of an institution like Freemasonry, however, is larger and broader than its written code or creed; it is universal in its scope, having a worldwide and age-long basis in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. For forty years Mr. Pettit has been a member of the fraternity, having joined Columbia Lodge, No. 58, A. F. & A. M., at Frederick, Maryland. He has the honor of having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Brigadier-General Bradley T. Johnson, of the Confederate army. In 1858 he dimitted from his home lodge and affiliated with Keeny Lodge, of Edgington, Illinois, for about ten years. In 1860 he came to Rock Island and in 1872 deposited his dimit, and was elected a member of Trio Lodge on the 7th of November, 1872. He served as its Senior Deacon, and in 1882 was elected its Secretary, which position he has since filled most acceptably and faithfully. In 1886 he published a very neat and valuable bound book of the lodge, giving its history and many valuable statistics, a tabulated record of the membership, the charter of the Grand Lodge and the by-laws. It is a most valuable little work for Masons, and Mr. Pettit deserves much credit for the excellent compilation of the same. Zealous in the work of the order he is active in its work and is regarded as one of the leading representatives of the society in Rock Island.

A native of Cumberland, Maryland, Mr. Pettit was born on the 10th of September, 1834, and is of French and Scotch-Irish descent, his ancestors having come to America a century and a half ago. They were prominent in the events which formed the colonial history of the country and were participants in the Revolution and the war of

1812. The father of our subject, Henry McEwan Pettit, was born in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, and married Miss Mary Beall, whose grandfather, Francis Beall, was one of the patriots who fought for American independence, while several of her uncles were in the war of 1812. Henry Pettit was also a Master Mason. His profession was that of a civil engineer and he was largely engaged in that capacity on the construction of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He died in Maryland in the forty-seventh year of his age, while his estimable wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1894, in her eighty-sixth year. They had eight children, five of whom are now living. For many generations the family has been connected with the Episcopalian and Presbyterian churches.

William B. Pettit, the second of the family, acquired an excellent English education in Frederick College, and afterward learned the milling business, which he followed for sixteen years. For a number of years he was employed in the mill of Mr. Leas, of Rock Island, who operated an extensive flour-mill. In 1885 Mr. Pettit established his grocery store at the corner of Third avenue and Ninth street, and has there built up an excellent trade. He carries a large and well-selected stock, and his honorable dealing, his courtesy and his enterprise has secured to him a liberal patronage.

Mr. Pettit has also erected a pleasant and commodious residence in Rock Island, which is now occupied by his family. In 1864 he was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Emily L. Coldy, a native of Henry county, Illinois. Of their seven children four are yet living. The eldest son, Benjamin W., is in business in Seattle, Washington; Henry McEwan is in business in New York city; Fanny is now the wife of A. W. Giles, of Rock Island; and Mary L. R. and Isabella M., at home, complete the family. Mrs. Pettit departed this life in 1878, and in 1880 Mr. Pettit was again married, his second union being with Sarah E. Ward, a native of Steuben county,

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*John B. Seghers.*

New York. They have four children—Edward, Harriet, Emma and Perry.

The parents are valued members of the Baptist church, and are very active and prominent in its work. Mr. Pettit has served as clerk of the church for ten years, was financial secretary for five years and has been treasurer for the past six years. His political support is given the Republican party. His duties of citizenship are faithfully performed and every trust committed to his care is loyally discharged.

**J**OHAN B. SEGHERS, whose identification with the Masonic fraternity covers a period of ten years, was made a Mason in Blair Lodge, in 1886, and took the Royal Arch degrees in Chicago Chapter in March, 1893. In the same year he was knighted in Apollo Commandery, and in June, 1895, he took the Scottish Rite degrees in the Oriental Consistory at St. Louis, in the Missouri Valley. With all of these he is still affiliated and his interest in Masonry is steadfast and deep. He has a wide acquaintance among the representatives of the fraternity, and those who know him esteem him highly for his fidelity to its principles.

On the 22d of April, 1851, in Peoria, Illinois, Mr. Seghers was born, and his entire life has been passed in Illinois, with the exception of a few years in California and Missouri. When a youth of ten summers he came to Chicago, and in its public schools acquired a practical English education to fit him for life's responsible duties. From his youth he has been familiar with the catering business, and it was largely through his efforts that the present club system of Chicago—now a most important element in the social life of the city—was inaugurated. He acted as superintendent of the Chicago Club and the Union League Club for several years, and for the past six years has most acceptably served as superintendent of the Standard Club. Nature has eminently fitted him for this calling, in which he has been extremely successful. He un-

derstands fully the requirements of club life, and his superintendence of these large institutions requires a managerial ability and foresight such as are demanded in the conduct of the largest mercantile and industrial concerns. Mr. Seghers is a man of excellent business and executive ability, and his obliging and courteous manner has made him a favorite with the club members of all the associations with which he has been connected.

In politics Mr. Seghers is independent, casting his right of suffrage for those men who in his judgment are the best fitted for the position which they seek.

On the 5th of January, 1880, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Seghers and Miss Henrietta Van Gelder, a native of Chicago. They now have an interesting family of six daughters, namely: Jennie Engle, Fannie Ruth, Frederika Florence, Isabel Delle, Alberta Marietta and Henrietta Maudella.

**E**DMUND BURT, a prominent citizen and extensive grain and coal dealer at Shannon, Illinois, is a charter member of Shannon Lodge, No. 490, F. & A. M., which was organized October 3, 1866. During the thirty years he has been a member of this lodge he has been unwavering in its support and has from time to time been called upon to fill official positions, having passed nearly all its chairs and becoming thoroughly familiar with the ritual. Nor has his interest in Masonry stopped with the blue lodge. He is a member of Lanark Chapter, the degrees of which were conferred upon him in 1890; Mark Master, February 10; Past Master, February 10; Most Excellent Master, February 24, and Royal Arch, February 24. He has also taken the commandery and consistory degrees. He was made a Sir Knight Templar in Freeport Commandery, and received all the consistory degrees up to and including the thirty-second in Freeport Valley Consistory; and he is a member of the Mystic Shrine also, having been initiated into its mys-

teries in Medinah Temple, of Chicago, where he maintains his membership.

Mr. Burt is an Englishman by birth, a Canadian by early associations, and has long been a resident of Illinois. He was born in Cornwall county, England, May 23, 1838, when a child emigrated with his parents to Canada, and came to Illinois in 1858, locating on a farm near Shannon. In 1873 he began purchasing grain and stock, a business in which he has continued with marked success. He has built and is running a number of grain elevators in different places, and in addition to dealing largely in grain has also for the past ten years carried on a lumber and coal business.

Mr. Burt's residence in Shannon, which he planned and erected, is one of the handsome homes of this city. He was happily married in 1881 to Mrs. Esther Buckley, who has three children by her former marriage. She is a devoted and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and of this church Mr. Burt is a liberal supporter.

Mr. Burt's parents were William and Elizabeth (Brown) Burt, both natives of England. It was in 1855 that they came to America and located in Canada. Shortly afterward they moved to Illinois and settled on a farm, and here they spent the residue of their lives and died, each having passed into the octogenarian ranks, he being eighty-three at the time of death and she eighty-one. They were the parents of five sons and five daughters, of whom eight are still living. Mr. Edmund Burt is the owner of the old home farm, besides which he has other valuable property. As a business man and citizen and as a brother Mason he enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

**C** J. GILBERT.—Among the veteran members of the Masonic fraternity who have grown gray in its service and who have watched its triumphant march in this state for the past fifty years or so, none is better known or more honored by his brothers than is C. J. Gilbert, who dates his connec-

tion with the society back to forty-two years ago, nearly thirty of which he has passed in the local bodies of Evanston, in which he continues to-day as a loyal and enthusiastic *frater*, possessing the same confidence in its ultimate victory and the attainment of its greatly desired objects and the same sublime faith in its divine principles that he possessed when he first took the vows of apprenticeship. His initial degrees were received in Michigan Lodge, No. 50, at Jackson, Michigan, on March 8, 1855, and he faithfully performed the duties of its Secretary for one term. On October 1, 1857, he obtained a dimit and joined Evans Lodge, No. 524, of which he became a life member. On March 11, 1856, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Jackson Chapter, No. 3, and on November 18, 1858, he was dimitted, and on locating in Evanston rendered able assistance in organizing Evanston Chapter, No. 144, becoming a charter and life member, and has the distinction of serving as its first King, dispatching the requirements of that office with intelligence, ability and fidelity. He received the orders of knighthood in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1890, later joining Montjoie Commandery, No. 58, and finally becoming a member of Evanston Commandery, No. 53, affiliating with that body at the present writing. Mr. Gilbert has attained to the thirty-second degree in the Ineffable Lodge of Perfection and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, April 20, 1888. Mr. Gilbert's long connection with the fraternity gives him a distinctive place among the members of the Illinois Masonic Veterans' Association, and his many excellent qualities as a man and a Mason highly commend him to all with whom he is acquainted.

A native of the Empire state, Mr. Gilbert was born in Lima, on April 15, 1829, his mental discipline being acquired in the public schools of Livingston county, upon leaving which he engaged in the carriage-manufacturing trade, and was thus employed until he came west in 1853, locating in Jack-



son, Michigan, where he secured a clerkship in a mercantile establishment and worked in that capacity for four years. At the end of that period he journeyed to St. Louis, Missouri, and embarked in the grain commission business, continuing therein until 1861, when he came to Chicago, and was similarly employed up to 1883, during which time he was a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, and in 1863 served as its vice-president. In 1883 Mr. Gilbert entered the real-estate business in Evanston, since which time he has successfully conducted that branch of industry in this city, his strict integrity, his irreproachable character, and the honorable methods used in all his dealings, constituting the source of his prosperity and resulting in his present exalted standing as a business man and a citizen. In his political affiliations he is an independent thinker and voter. In 1870 he was elected president of the Evanston board of trustees, holding that office for a term of five years.

On February 23, 1858, Mr. Gilbert was married, in Washington, District of Columbia, to Mrs. Jennie M. Hedges, whose demise occurred in 1888. They had five children, three of whom survive. In 1890 our subject was married to Mrs. Charlotte M. Dwyer, of Chicago.

**F**RANK M. PUFFER is an active working member of the Masonic society, and his name has found a place on its membership rolls since 1877, when he took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in E. W. F. Ellis Lodge, No. 633, A. F. & A. M. He has since been most active and useful in promoting the interests of the lodge, and has filled all of its offices save that of Worshipful Master. His brethren would have given him that had he not declined the honor, feeling that his time would not permit him to give the attention to the work that it necessitates. He is a Royal Arch Mason of Winnebago Chapter, No. 24, and with fifteen brethren he took the Scottish Rite degrees in Freeport Con-

sistory, so that he is now a thirty-second-degree Mason. He also belongs to Tebala Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His deep interest in Masonry is not only indicated by a verbal endorsement, but also in his energetic efforts to advance the society and inculcate its principles among his fellow men. Capable and reliable, he is highly esteemed by the craft, and in this volume he well deserves mention.

Mr. Puffer was born in Spring Prairie, Wisconsin, October 14, 1855, and is a representative of an old New England family that was founded in Massachusetts at a very early day, and took an active part in the events which go to make up the history of the colonies and of the Revolution. In religious faith they were Baptists. The paternal grandfather of our subject held membership in that church for more than fifty years. Both the paternal and maternal ancestors were noted for longevity, and one member of the family is now ninety-five years of age, enjoying excellent health and able to work each day.

Samuel L. Puffer, the father, was born in Massachusetts, in 1827, and married Miss Lydia M. Graves, a native of the Bay state. They became parents of four children, three of whom are living. The father is a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, and his wife is a faithful member of the Baptist church.

Frank M. Puffer, their eldest child, acquired his education in the public schools of McHenry county, Illinois, and afterward followed the profession of pharmacist, being engaged in the business for six years in Rockford. He then went upon the road as a traveling salesman in the interest of the Trahern Pump Company, and in 1893 was elected assessor of the township of Rockford, Winnebago county, which includes the city of Rockford. He has since been annually re-elected, and has proved a most capable official, prompt, accurate and reliable in the discharge of the duties which devolve upon him. Thoroughly informed concerning the values of both city and

country property, he can place a just and impartial estimate upon all holdings, both real and personal, and his service in office has been one of eminent satisfaction to the public at large.

In 1878 Mr. Puffer was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Beck, a native of McHenry county, Illinois. They have two children, Bessie M. and Robert, both born in Rockford. They have a pleasant home, which was erected by Mr. Puffer, and their standing in social circles is an enviable one. Mr. Puffer is a member and treasurer of the Commercial Club of Rockford, and takes an active interest in the welfare of the city, giving a hearty endorsement and active support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY MYERS was made a Mason in Herman Lodge, No. 39, A. F. & A. M., of Quincy, being initiated as an Entered Apprentice on the 19th of February, 1884. He passed the Fellowship degree on the 4th of March, and on the 6th of May was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He at once became an intelligent and active worker in his lodge, and his fidelity to its teachings won recognition in official preferment to which he was called by the brethren of the fraternity. He has served as Steward, as Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master, and is one whose labors for the order have resulted most effectively in the substantial growth of his lodge. He began the study of capitular Masonry, learning therein the beautiful and historic lessons of the past, and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, November 24, 1891. In the chapter work he has also been active, having served as Master of the Veils, as Royal Arch Captain, Captain of the Host, Scribe and King, filling the last named most creditably at the present time. On the 25th of June, 1892, he was knighted in Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, and has been elected and served as Junior Warden,

Senior Warden, and at the present writing, in 1897, is Captain General. He took the degrees of cryptic Masonry in Quincy Council, No. 15, Royal and Select Masters, and in 1896-7 was one of its Wardens. Such is the history of his connection with the various branches of Masonry, but the record of his affiliation indicates but little of a faithful service, which has won him the highest regard of all his brethren and made him a most valued member of the society.

Mr. Myers was born in Salem, Jefferson county, Ohio, January 6, 1850, and is of German and Scottish ancestry. His father, Andrew Myers, was born in Pennsylvania, and was married there to Miss Mary McKee, also a native of the Keystone state, and of Scotch descent. The Myers family for many generations has been represented in America, and the great-grandfather of our subject fought for independence in the war of the Revolution. In 1860 Andrew Myers, with his wife and three children, came to Illinois, after which he entered the Union army, and was killed in the battle of Perryville, Kentucky.

Mr. Myers, of this review, was the eldest of the surviving children. He was educated in the public schools of Comanche, Iowa, learned the trade of millwright and has made that business his life work. He has built a number of flouring-mills and for the past thirteen years has had charge of the machinery in the extensive flouring-mill owned by Taylor Brothers, of Quincy. This mill has a capacity of two thousand barrels of flour per day, being one of the largest in the state. That Mr. Myers is an expert machinist and millwright is evidenced by the fact that he has kept the machinery in perfect running order so that no time has been lost for the past thirteen years. His fidelity to duty and to the interests of the company is well indicated by his long connection with the firm, and he merits and enjoys their fullest confidence. In 1876 Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Mary Fitzgerald, a native of St. Joseph, Missouri, and they have three daughters,—

Agnes, Rose and Geraldine. Mr. Myers and his wife have the warm regard of many friends and are widely known in Quincy. He is a Republican in his political adhesion, but his devotion to his business cares has precluded the idea of seeking public office.

**B**ENJAMIN BUTLER HYLER.—There is no better school in which to train a man in correct principles of living, to develop his religious and moral nature and instill in him a thorough appreciation of that beautiful sentiment which underlies all good government—the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man—than the Masonic order. Its members are to be found among the best citizens in every walk of life, and the influence of its teachings is felt in every circle. It throws a safeguard about every member which shields him from temptation and enables him to rise superior to unfortunate environments, and in every way assists him to become a useful and honorable factor in his community.

Among the many loyal Masons in the state none is more devoted to the order or more faithful to its teachings than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, and who is the leading dentist in the city of Savanna. His activity and enthusiasm in the work of the fraternity is well known and appreciated by the brothers; and although young in years, he has held various important offices, as the following brief summary will show:

Mr. Hyler was made a Master Mason in Bellevue Lodge, No. 51, in Jackson county, Iowa. He was admitted from that lodge and was elected a member of Mississippi Lodge, No. 385, at Savanna, on August 20, 1891; received the degree of Mark Master, December 23, 1890; Past Master, December 29, following, and Most Excellent Master January 29, 1891. He became a Royal Arch Mason February 27, 1891, and has held the First Veil, been Royal Arch Captain and is now Companion Captain of the Host.

Mr. Hyler is thoroughly posted in the work of the lodges, in both of which he is held in the highest esteem for his ability and the active interest he takes in furthering their usefulness and prosperity. He is one of those men who can be called upon at a moment's notice to fill any position or undertake any work to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He is also a Sir Knight Templar, having joined Long Commandery at Mount Carroll in 1894. His ambition is to progress in the Masonic work until he has attained the last and highest degree in the order; and it is safe to predict that his ambition will be realized if his life is spared.

Benjamin B. Hyler is a native of Iowa, his birth taking place May 8, 1864, in Bellevue, Jackson county. His first American ancestors came from England and Ireland, and he combines in his character the best traits of these nationalities. His father, Mahlon G. Hyler, was born at Sackett's Harbor, New York, and on the maternal side is a descendant of the noted Potter family of that state. He moved to Iowa in 1840 and is now the oldest pioneer settler of Bellevue, where he took up government land and for many years carried on farming, later becoming a merchant. In both these callings he was successful, becoming a prominent and influential citizen and a man of means. His fellow citizens testified their esteem of this gentleman by electing him mayor several times, and he has also filled other offices of trust. He is now, at the age of seventy-five years, retired from active business and is enjoying the results of a useful and industrious life. His wife, whose name before marriage was Jerusha McDowell, and was a native of Oneida county, New York, died in 1890. Their four children are all living.

Mr. Hyler, of this sketch, the youngest of the family, acquired his early education in his native city. He graduated at the high school and afterward entered the dental department of the Iowa State University, from which he received a diploma in 1886. He at once began practice in Savanna and has met with most flattering suc-

cess. Thoroughly posted in his profession, he secures the confidence of his patrons, by his skill and careful attention to their needs, and by his courteous treatment of all who come in contact with him.

Dr. Hyler was married September 20, 1894, to Miss Louisa Bowen, a daughter of L. W. Bowen and granddaughter of the founder of Savanna. They have a comfortable cottage, in which they dispense a charming hospitality, and are held in the highest regard in social circles. Politically the Doctor is a staunch Republican and is faithful to the interests of his party as well as to all that pertains to the welfare of his community.

**G**EORGE COWEN BYERS. — Among the laudable principles inculcated by Masonry, none is more insisted on than loyalty to one's country; and it is not to be wondered at that many of our bravest soldiers were enrolled as members of the order before they took up their guns in defense of the old flag. Loyalty and bravery generally go together, and a faithful member of the grand old institution could not fail to make a good record in the service of his country.

George Cowen Byers, a retired Illinois farmer and a veteran of the Civil war, residing at Shannon, is one of the worthy members of Shannon Lodge, No. 490, A. F. & A. M., having been admitted into the lodge in 1873. He also holds a membership in Lanark Chapter, No. 423, receiving the Mark Master's degree February 1, 1889, Past Master, same date, Most Excellent Master February 14, and Royal Arch same date. He was knighted in Freeport Commandery, No. 9.

Mr. Byers is a native of the state of Pennsylvania, born in Blair county, October 19, 1844. His paternal ancestors were French and German, while on the maternal side they were Scotch and German. His father, David Byers, was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, where he married Susanna Cowen. They came to Illinois in

1850 and located in Carroll county, Lima township, where they bought a farm and resided up to the time of Mr. Byers' death, when he had attained the age of seventy-two years; Mrs. Byers died at the age of sixty-eight. They have five children, of whom three are yet living.

George C., the subject of this sketch, was the eldest of the family. He was raised on the farm, where he worked hard during the summer months and attended school for a short time during the winter, and in this way secured a limited education. In 1863, when the civil war was at its height, and the need of patriotic men was the greatest, he, in answer to his country's call, enlisted on August 7, in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served first in the Army of the Tennessee, and later in the Army of the Cumberland. He fought at Greentown, Mississippi, Holly Springs, in the great Atlanta campaign, and went with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea. He was a participant in the grand review of the victorious army at Washington, after which he was honorably discharged and retired to his home and the peaceful vocation of a farmer. In 1877 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he improved, and as he prospered he added to his possessions one hundred and thirty acres more, all of which he now owns. It is located two miles and a half south of Shannon.

Mr. Byers was married in 1873 to Miss Mary Catherine Bossler, who was born in Blair county, Pennsylvania. Their union has been blessed with four children, namely: Charles Collins, Samuel Aden, Olin, and one deceased, named J. Scott. Mrs. Byers is a faithful worker in the Lutheran church, and Mr. Byers has always been a staunch Republican and an ardent supporter of his party, although he has never desired or sought office.

In 1890 he retired from his farm and built an elevator, engaging in buying grain. Later he abandoned that enterprise and entered the lumber and coal business; his

trade is principally in the line of lumber, sash, doors and blinds and articles of a like nature. He is a citizen of high standing in his community, and is respected by all who come in contact with him for his integrity, honesty and irreproachable character.

**JAMES MARCUS EVERETT.**—During the short time in which the subject of this review has been a member of the Masonic fraternity—about two years—he has exercised such diligence in the work of his lodge, and manifested so great an interest in the welfare of the craft that he has been assigned to duty in several offices, which he has performed in a manner worthy of the confidence imposed in him by his brothers. Dr. Everett received the Master Mason's degree in De Kalb Lodge, No. 144, in 1895, and was elected Senior Warden in December the same year, and again in December 1896, in that body, was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in De Kalb Chapter, No. 52, and became Master of the Third Veil in the same year; in 1896 he received the degrees of cryptic Masonry in De Kalb Council, No. 81, and was elected its King; and attained the chivalric degrees in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, in 1895. The Doctor and his wife are both members of Normal Chapter, No. 357, Order of the Eastern Star.

Dr. Everett was born in Dixon, Illinois, April 13, 1853, and is a son of Dr. Oliver and Bessie (Law) Everett. His early education was acquired in the city of his nativity, and he was later sent to the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, at which he was graduated as a civil engineer in 1874. He then took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of his father, subsequently entering Rush Medical College, at Chicago, at which he was graduated in 1877. The Doctor returned to Dixon and there followed his profession until 1884, when he moved to De Kalb, and has here established an extensive and lucrative general practice. He is district surgeon for

the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, president of the board of pension surgeons, is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and has been associated with the Fox River Medical Association and the Illinois State Medical Society. The Doctor is a well-read man and thoroughly posted on all the details of his profession.

Our subject was married in 1879 to Miss Etta Jones, whose demise occurred in February, 1895. The Doctor's second marriage took place December 30, 1896, his bride being Miss Augusta Jones. Politically Dr. Everett affiliated with the free-silver Democrats, and in public position has served two terms in the city council. Personally he possesses a happy disposition; is open-hearted and generous, and is popular in professional, social and political circles.

**FRANK MARION FULKS**, the present Worshipful Master of Cass Lodge, No. 23, A. F. & A. M., at Beardstown, was made a Master Mason in that lodge on the 19th of June, 1891, and at once became an enthusiastic and faithful worker, thoroughly studying the ritual, the history and the legends and principles of the ancient order. He has ably filled the offices of Junior Warden, Senior Warden two terms, and is now serving his second term as Worshipful Master, with credit to himself and with the fullest satisfaction of the brethren.

Mr. Fulks was born and educated in Beardstown, and is now one of the city's most progressive and successful business men, doing a large retail and provision business in the grocery line. His father, John B. Fulks, was a native of Virginia and came to Beardstown as early as 1833, and was one of the respected pioneers of this locality. He was a journalist, the first city clerk of Beardstown, and was also the sheriff of the county. His wife, who before marriage was Sarah Crewdson, came to this state in 1831, with her father, James Crewdson. Mr. Fulks, of this sketch, was the youngest of their nine children. He has been brought

up in the grocery business ever since he was twelve years of age, and in 1883 he started out in the business for himself and from the humblest beginnings has risen to be one of the principal business men of the city.

In 1884 he married Miss Maggie Sample, a native of Morgan county, Illinois, and they have two sons,—Richard B. and Harry C. Mr. and Mrs. Fulks are active members of the Methodist church. He is a member of the school board of his city, and is president of the Beardstown Building & Loan Association, an institution he has made of great value to the people. While he is one of the most active Masons in the city, he is also one of her best citizens.

**W**ILLIAM STEELE BEST.—Among those who have attained the thirty-second degree, and whose connection with Masonry has been conducive to its material welfare, is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. His Masonic record is most honorable, and shows a devotion to the society and a loyalty to its interests that is unexcelled only by those who, with no business cares, are devoting their entire lives to the advancement of the order. For almost a third of a century he has been a representative of this ancient and honored society, having become a Mason in 1864, in Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., of Freeport. He was raised to the degree of Royal Arch in Freeport Chapter, No. 23, and knighted in Freeport Commandery, No. 7. He is also a member of the council and the consistory, and has taken all the degrees in the Scottish Rite up to and including the thirty-second. He has held all the offices of importance in these various bodies, becoming a most useful and active worker therein. He was Worshipful Master of Excelsior Lodge for two years, entering upon the duties of that position at a time when the lodge was not in a very flourishing condition, and when its exchequer was much depleted. His energy and devotion to the work soon made itself

manifest, and during his incumbency he conferred two hundred degrees and left a balance in the treasury of sixteen hundred dollars. His term of service was certainly a most successful one, and won him the gratitude of the fraternity. He has served as High Priest of the chapter, Eminent Commander of the commandery, and is now the able Secretary of the consistory. When aid is needed by his lodge, no one more quickly and willingly responds than Mr. Best, and he is an honored and valued member of the craft, for whom his brethren have the highest esteem and most friendly regard.

Mr. Best's business career also is not without interest, for it is a record of faithful service, of duties so well performed that even a change in political power does not cause his removal from office of clerk of the money order department in the Freeport postoffice.

Our subject was born in Woodfield, Ohio, November 16, 1839, and is descended from Holland ancestors, who were among the earliest settlers of Pennsylvania and were participants in the Revolutionary war, valiantly aiding in the struggle to throw off the yoke of British tyranny. The father of our subject, Rev. Charles O. Best, was a pioneer Methodist minister and a native of the Keystone state. He traveled and preached the gospel in Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio, and in 1851 came to Freeport. He was then connected with the ministry of Illinois up to the time of his death. He was a most earnest, devoted man, and his noble Christian life, as well as his precepts, led many to seek the better way of living. He passed to his reward in 1878, at the age of sixty-six years, after forty-three years of faithful service in the Master's vineyard. His memory is enshrined in the hearts of hundreds, and his influence remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew him. His wife bore the maiden name of Eliza Adams, and was a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania. They had five children, three of whom are living.

William S. Best is the eldest of the family. He was educated in the public schools and began life for himself as a farmer. After coming to Freeport he entered the railway mail service in which capacity he was employed for thirteen years, after which he was elected and served as city clerk of Freeport for two years. Since that time he has held the office of money order clerk in the postoffice, notwithstanding he is a pronounced Republican, his superior qualifications and efficient service enabling him to hold the position through changing political administrations. He gives the fullest satisfaction to all concerned and shows that merit will win and bring its reward.

Mr. Best was happily married December 5, 1860, the lady of his choice being Miss A. M. Grash, a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. They have had five children, three of whom are living—Carrie, Charles G. and Adel. The first named is now the wife of James R. Cowley, city editor of the Journal. Their home is a delightful and peaceful one and they have very many warm friends.

**J**AMES L. ONDERDONK, one of Chicago's enterprising business men, stands high in the ranks of the Masonic fraternity and is recognized as one of the valued members of the order in this city. For fifteen years he has been identified with the society, having been made a Mason in Boise Lodge, No. 2, of Boise City, Idaho, in 1881. The same year he was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason, in Boise Chapter, No. 3, of which he was High Priest for two terms, and since coming to Chicago he has affiliated with Lafayette Chapter, No. 2. In 1891 he became a member of Palestine Council, No. 66, Royal and Select Masters. He took the Knight Templar degrees in Idaho Commandery, No. 1, of Boise City, in 1884, and in 1892 joined Apollo Commandery, No. 1, of this city. Such, in brief, is the history of his identification with Masonry, but it simply suggests that fidelity to prin-

ciple and loyalty to the teachings of the order have made him a valued addition to the organization with which he affiliates. Its upholding of all that is honorable in business and social life at once appeals to a man of Mr. Onderdonk's character; it goes even beyond the principles of "live and let live," for recognizing the brotherhood of mankind, its members extending the hand of encouragement and generous aid to a fellow traveler on life's journey. Believing firmly in a religion of helpfulness, Mr. Onderdonk is therefore a faithful member of this most ancient of all the fraternities.



J. L. ONDERDONK.

The record of his life is as follows: He was born in Bergen, now a part of Jersey City, New Jersey, on the 24th of May, 1854, and was reared in the state of his nativity and in New York. His youth was spent in acquiring an education. After attending school he entered Columbia College, where he was graduated with the class of 1872, and he at once entered the Columbia Law School of New York, and on the completion of a two-years course

there he graduated, in 1874. Immediately afterward he began the practice of his chosen profession in New York city, where he remained until 1878, when he went to Boise City, Idaho. There he soon attained prominence as an able lawyer, and for two terms served as city attorney. In 1880-1 he was a member of the territorial legislature and was appointed comptroller for the territory, serving from 1881 to 1885. A leader in the ranks of the Republican party, he did effective service in its interests as an orator and campaign manager, and in 1884 served as chairman of the territorial Republican central committee. In 1882 he was appointed a commissioner from Idaho to the Denver International Mining Exposition, and in 1883 was appointed in a similar capacity to the Santa Fe Tri-Centennial. He was also assistant commissioner to the New Orleans Cotton Centennial Exposition. As one of Idaho's most prominent and representative citizens, he was thus frequently called to perform some honorable service for the territory, and his ability in this direction added new laurels to its fair name.

In 1886 Mr. Onderdonk went to Portland, Oregon, where he engaged in journalism as editor of the Portland Daily News, continuing that enterprise until 1887, when he came to Chicago. Here he has devoted his time largely to contracting. He is a man of great energy, enterprise and progressiveness, and his well-directed efforts have brought to him substantial returns for his labor. His record is that of a man whose well-spent life has won him the confidence of many. He manifests in his daily life the spirit of the Masonic fraternity and exemplifies its honorable teachings in his upright career, so that he is a worthy and acceptable member of the craft. In politics he has been a life-long Republican.

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**J**AMES CANADA SMILEY, M. D.—The profession of medicine and the Masonic fraternity are closely linked together by bonds of humane sympathy, having, as they

do, within the scope of their work the moral as well as the physical development of their fellow beings. Dr. Smiley is a just and charitable exponent of his calling and demonstrates by his daily life a knowledge and appreciation of the tenets of the brotherhood. He was initiated in Kewanee Lodge, No. 159, March 19, 1880, passed June 18, and received the sublime degree of Master Mason, October 15, in the same year. The Doctor takes great pleasure in his lodge associations, meeting with his brothers whenever his laborious duties will permit him, and is an enthusiastic, loyal member of the craft, ever ready to perform any duty that may be assigned to him. He is thoroughly familiar with the details of the ritual and endeavors to be actuated in all his transactions in accordance with the precepts of the order.

The birth of Dr. Smiley occurred September 14, 1830, at Winchester, Virginia, near the battle-ground of Bull Run, which was drenched with the blood of so many brave men. His father, Walter Smiley, was born in Scotland and came to this country when a child with his parents, who settled in Virginia. He was raised and educated in Winchester, and became a minister of the Presbyterian church. He became united in marriage to Miss Susan Krause, who was of German descent but an American by birth. They moved to Ohio, where Mr. Smiley died, at the age of sixty-eight years, his wife passing away shortly after. Nine children were born in their family, six of whom still survive.

Dr. Smiley was educated in the public schools of Ohio and subsequently attended Rush Medical College, of Chicago. He permanently located in Illinois in 1855, practicing his profession for ten years at Cambridge, Henry county, and coming to Kewanee in 1865, where he has since remained, putting to excellent use all his knowledge and ability in alleviating the sufferings of the afflicted. The Doctor is thoroughly in love with his profession, and has been a most faithful practitioner, attending every call made upon him, whether it be day or



night, sunshine or storm, without ever stopping to inquire whether the patient was rich or poor, but, possessing a true philanthropic nature, he was satisfied with the knowledge that he was doing his duty as it was pointed out to him to the best of his ability. He has met with a satisfactory degree of success and richly deserves the high esteem in which he is held by the people of Henry county.

In 1882 Dr. Smiley was married to Miss Mary Ellen Cook, a native of Indiana and a daughter of John Cook. They have two children: Francis M., who is a graduate of Rush Medical College and is at present associated in practice with his father; and Florence, who is the widow of Lewis P. Crouse and now resides with her parents. She is a Baptist in her religious affiliations, while her mother is a worthy member of the Congregational church. The Doctor resides in a pleasant home, besides which he owns several other residences in the city. In political matters he has always been a staunch Democrat. He takes a deep interest in educational affairs of Kewanee and has been president of the board of education for the past three years. He is a stockholder and president of the building and loan association and also of the Democratic Publishing Company, which issues the Kewanee Democrat.

**R**ICHARD H. LEE.—Since the year of the great fire, ever memorable in the history of Chicago, the subject of this review has been conspicuously identified with that important line of industry which has in so large a measure conserved the precedence and magnificent progress of the western metropolis, and, as connected with the Chicago Live Stock Commission Company, he has had to do with operations of great scope and distinctive commercial import. He is known as one of the representative live-stock commissioners of the city whose priority in this line is far above any other point in the Union, and, bringing to bear a pronounced business acumen and executive

ability, an integrity of purpose which has known no vacillation and a thorough regard for the ethics of business life, he has not only attained through his own efforts a due measure of success, but has held as his own the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact,—both of these conditions standing as logical results, and not as matters of chance. As a member of the great fraternity with which this compilation has to do Mr. Lee has been constant and consistent in his devotion to its tenets and exalted principles, has advanced to its supreme grades and is distinctively popular in Masonic circles, where he is recognized as a true exemplar of the order and is honored for his sterling worth.

Mr. Lee was inducted into the mysteries of ancient-craft Masonry in the year 1894, when he became an Entered Apprentice in Mizpah Lodge, No. 768, A. F. & A. M., in which he was soon raised Master Mason. Within the same year he became identified with the capitular body of the order, in Lafayette Chapter, No. 2, in which he was exalted to the Royal Arch. In 1895 he received the chivalric degrees or orders of knighthood in Chicago's leading commandery, Apollo, No. 1, Knights Templar, while in the previous year he had rapidly advanced in the Scottish Rite grades and gained distinction as a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, thirty-second degree, in Oriental Consistory, of the Valley of Chicago. In 1894 he was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Lee is a native son of Illinois, having been born in Jacksonville, Morgan county, on the 14th of August, 1856, being the son of John F. and Ann Maria Lee, who were born respectively in Virginia and Kentucky. His father was engaged in farming, and Richard received the advantages of a common-school education, but assumed the responsibilities of life at an early age. It is worthy of mention that he has been identified with his present line of occupation for the major portion of his business life, and as he started out without the fortuitous aids

of either influence or financial reinforcements his success is to be taken as a result of his own efforts, and that it has been worthily achieved none can doubt. He is thoroughly informed in regard to all details of the live-stock business, and the respect which he commands from those who are his strongest competitors stands as the most effective voucher for his honor and correct methods. The Chicago Live Stock Commission Company, of which he is a member, is known as one of the most prominent and reputable on the exchange, having its offices in the Exchange building at the Union Stock Yards.

Mr. Lee came to Chicago in the year 1871, and his record has been that of a man who has worked his way upward from small beginnings to a position of responsibility and confidence, his life having been characterized by indomitable perseverance and systematic and honorable endeavors. His natural talents and acquired ability are the stepping-stones on which he has mounted to merited success. In political matters he supports the principles and policies advanced by the Democratic party.

In 1881 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lee to Miss Eliza B. Marlow, who was born in Maryland, and they are the parents of three children—Violetta, Margaret F., and Laura Virginia. The attractive family home, which is one of refinement and gracious hospitality, is located at 4441 Prairie avenue, in the beautiful south division of the city.

**J**OHN T. RICHARDS, Chicago.—Whether the elements of success in life are innate attributes of the individual, or whether they are the results of a process of circumstantial development, it is impossible to clearly determine; yet the study of a successful life is none the less interesting and profitable by reason of the existence of this uncertainty. So much in excess of that of successes is the record of failures or semi-failures that one is constrained to attempt an analysis in either case and to determine

the method of causation in an approximate way. The march of improvement and progress is accelerated day by day, and each successive moment seems to demand of men a broader intelligence and a greater discernment than did the preceding. Successful men must be live men in this age, bristling with activity, and the lessons of biography may be far-reaching to an extent not superficially evident. Holding distinctive rank among the leading and most successful members of the bar of Illinois, a man of broad intellectuality, and one who has granted and received honor by reason of his intimate connection with the great fraternal order of Freemasonry, we may well turn with satisfaction to a brief summary of the life history of him whose name initiates this review.

John T. Richards is a native son of the old Buckeye state, having been born at Ironton, Lawrence county, Ohio, on the 13th of October, 1851. He has, however, been a resident of Chicago for nearly a quarter of a century, and the western metropolis has figured as the scene of his professional triumphs and high relative precedence. Mr. Richards' identification with the Masonic order dates from December 6, 1878, when he was duly made a Master Mason in Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, of Chicago, with which he still affiliates. In 1882 he received the Royal Arch degrees in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126, while his further advancement in the order is shown in his having attained membership in Siloam Council, No. 53, R. & S. M.; Chicago Commandery, No. 19, K. T., and Oriental Consistory and the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has since been dimitted from Siloam Council, and as a Sir Knight has transferred his membership to Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52. He has been identified with the Knights Templar since July 24, 1882, while his consistory degrees were passed April 21, 1892. Mr. Richards has passed all the chairs of Dearborn Lodge, having served as Junior Warden for two years (1880-1), as Senior Warden for two years (1882-3), and as Master in 1884-5. He was Prelate of Chicago Commandery for the year 1883 and

held a similar preferment two years in Chevalier Bayard Commandery during 1887-8, and was Generalissimo of the latter in 1889, enjoying a marked popularity and esteem in the various Masonic bodies with which he is connected. In 1890 he was honored with the office of Eminent Commander of Chevalier Bayard Commandery.

John T. Richards received his preliminary education in the public schools of Illinois, and at Wheaton College, this state, continued his studies for a considerable time, after which he resigned his school work and was employed in various clerical capacities until September, 1873, when he began the work of preparing himself for that profession in which he has attained so marked success and honor, entering the office of William Law, Jr., who is at present general counsel of the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association, with whom he remained one year, after which Mr. Law's partner, Edward Crane, associated himself in practice with Robert L. Tatham, in Chicago, and under this effective preceptorage Mr. Richards completed his legal education, being admitted to the bar September 17, 1875, upon examination before the supreme court of Illinois. The determination and self-reliance of the young man were at once made manifest, for he immediately entered upon the practice of his profession alone, not resting dependence upon an association with some older practitioner with an established business, but determining to secure for himself a place and a recognition among the members of the bar of the state. That he succeeded need not be said; and it is a rather interesting fact to note that he has at no time had an associate in his practice. By his unmistakable ability and unflinching devotion to his profession he has risen to a foremost position and is a member of the bar of the federal supreme court.

Mr. Richards has declined all political solicitations as applying to official position, preferring to devote his entire time to his extensive legal practice.

On March 21, 1888, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Keene,

daughter of the late N. B. Keene, of New Orleans. Their children are Keene, who was born December 24, 1888; and Lucile, born July 18, 1892.

**F**INIS EWING DOWNING, proprietor and publisher of the Virginia Enquirer, a weekly organ of the Democratic party of Cass county, is a Sir Knight Templar, created as such in Hospitaler Commandery at Jacksonville. He was first initiated into the order in Virginia Lodge, No. 544, where he was raised a Master Mason on the 17th of February, 1882. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Clarke Chapter, No. 29, at Beardstown, June 7, 1882. He has filled nearly all the offices of the blue lodge, of which he has for some time been Worshipful Master.

Mr. Downing is still a resident of his native town, where he was born August 24, 1846, and was educated in the public schools. He studied law and in due time was admitted to the bar, and in addition to the practice of law he has been engaged in merchandising for a number of years. Politically he became prominent as a Democrat, was secretary of the Illinois state senate one session, and has the honor of being the only son of Cass county ever elected to the United States congress. He is one of the foremost statesmen and politicians in his section of the state. In the autumn of 1896 he was an efficient campaigner for the nominees of the Democratic party at the Chicago convention. He wields a wide and potent influence in favor of bimetalism. He practices law, deals extensively in real estate and edits his paper, while his only son, Harry Finis Downing, is its business manager. The latter also is a valued member of the ancient craft, having been made a Master Mason in Virginia Lodge May 9, 1892. He was born in Virginia, Illinois, on the 11th of July, 1869, graduated at the Virginia high school in 1884, and at Knox College, this state, in 1890, and also in the law department of Michigan State University at Ann Arbor, in 1891; and he is en-

gaged in the practice of his profession. He was married in 1892, to Miss Lilly May Mains, a native of Philadelphia, Illinois, and they have one daughter, named Sue Elizabeth. They have a pleasant home. The Messrs. Downing stand very high in the estimation of the fraternity as well as the community at large where they have spent their lives; they are "prophets with honor in their own country." As journalists they make it "lively," being energetic in the collection of news and able in the manner of publishing the same.

**I**SAAC V. HOLLINGER, senior member of the firm of Dresbach & Hollinger, popular grocers of Mount Carroll, Illinois, is a gentleman who has long maintained honorable standing in the Masonic fraternity. In 1865, thirty-two years ago, he was made a Master Mason by Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, of which he has ever since been a worthy member and in which he has filled the offices of Secretary and Junior Deacon. Not long after he was raised in the lodge he became a member of Lanark Chapter, and October 29, 1891, he was knighted by Long Commandery, of which he was a charter member. At the organization of this commandery he was appointed its Recorder, a position he has since ably filled, his fine penmanship adorning the books.

Mr. Hollinger is a Pennsylvanian by birth. He was ushered into life at Mechanicsburg, that state, January 26, 1838, and traces his ancestry back to Germany and France. His parents, George and Elizabeth (Van Zant) Hollinger, are natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland respectively. In 1844 they came west to Illinois, where they have since maintained their home, their children numbering seven and the family circle still being unbroken by death. The venerable father is now eighty-six years of age.

Isaac V., the subject of this sketch, was educated at Mount Carroll Seminary. After completing his course at this institution he learned the printer's trade, and not long

afterward was the founder and publisher of the Mount Carroll Mirror, a paper he published for twelve successive years, and which is still a successful publication. On retiring from the newspaper business he became interested in the grocery trade as a member of the firm of Dresbach & Hollinger, which has attained prominence and a fair degree of merited success, their trade including many of the best citizens of the town and surrounding country. Mr. Hollinger has erected several buildings in Mount Carroll, among which is his own comfortable and attractive home, and in this way also has done much to advance the material interests of the town.

He was married in 1866 to Miss L. Annie Dresbach, a sister of his partner, and to them has been given one son, John D., a promising young man who is now assisting his father in the store. He has just started in Masonry, having taken the degrees in Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, A. F. & A. M., at Mount Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger have passed through the labyrinth of the Eastern Star, and are valued members of the order, Mrs. Hollinger being a Past Associate Matron.

**M**ON. JOHN COLEMAN, ex-mayor of Mount Carroll, Illinois, and a prominent and successful grain merchant of this city, has been a Mason for more than three decades and has high rank in Masonic circles. He was initiated, passed and raised by Eureka Lodge, No. 302, in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1865. In 1877 he was dimitted from that lodge, and elected a member of Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, June 23 of the same year, in which he still maintains membership and in which he has acceptably filled the official positions of Junior and Senior Warden and Worshipful Master. In 1882 he joined Lanark Chapter, No. 192, and was made a Sir Knight in Freeport Commandery the same year. Freeport Valley Consistory he joined in 1883, and has received all the degrees up to and including that of the thirty-second. He,

however, has never taken the council degrees.

Mr. Coleman is a native of York county, Pennsylvania, born December 22, 1831, and is descended on both sides of the house from early settlers of the Keystone state. Great-grandfather Coleman was a Revolutionary soldier. His son, Valentine Coleman, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and the latter's son, George Coleman, the father of our subject, was born there also, about the year 1794. George Coleman married a Miss Zorger, a native of his own county. He was a tradesman, a distiller and a farmer, and in religious faith both he and his wife were Lutherans. In the prime of life, at the age of forty years, he died, leaving his widow with five children, only two of whom now survive. The good mother nobly did her part in bringing up the children and fitting them to occupy useful and honored positions in life. She died at the age of fifty-eight years.

John at the time of his father's death was only three years old. He was sent to school as soon as large enough and when only nine years of age began to work in a store, where his steady habits and earnest efforts to please brought him into favor with his employer, and where he remained twelve years. He was so small at the time he began working in the store that he could not reach across the counters and had to walk around them in order to do the dusting. After he grew to manhood he attended Whitehall Academy in Cumberland Valley, and on quitting the academy engaged in merchandising on his own account, opening up on a small scale a country store, which he conducted successfully for five years. At the end of that time he sold out and in 1865 came to Mount Carroll, Illinois, establishing himself in the lumber business and later turning from lumber to grain. For a number of years he has been a successful grain dealer. He is what may well be termed a self-made man. From a poor, fatherless boy he has worked himself up to a position of prominence and influence among the leading business men of this pros-

perous Illinois town, and the success to which he has attained is due wholly to persevering energy and honest worth.

Mr. Coleman was happily married March 10, 1859, to Miss Mary E. Dresbach, a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. They have had eleven children, of whom nine are living, four of them natives of Pennsylvania and the others of Mount Carroll. They are as follows: Anna Laura; John Albert; George Mathias; Grace, now Mrs. J. S. Miles; Cora Kate, wife of Mr. Frank Van Buskirk; Florence May, wife of Mr. Frederick Colehour; Edmund W., Frances R. and Louis C. The Coleman home is one of the most delightful places at Mount Carroll, is surrounded with handsome and well kept grounds, and gives every evidence of culture and refinement. Here with his interesting and highly esteemed family Mr. Coleman is passing the evening of a well-spent life. Two of the daughters, Anna Laura and Frances R., are members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Politically, Mr. Coleman has been a life-long Republican. He has taken an active part in the affairs of his city, has served as alderman a number of terms, and has the honor of being chosen by his fellow citizens to the position of mayor for two terms.

**P**PETER OLAF NORLING, a prominent business man and druggist of Galva, is a Scottish Rite Mason. He was initiated into the fraternity in Galva Lodge No. 243, in 1883, and was dimitted and joined Cambridge Lodge, No. 49, of which he remained a member for some time, and then again became affiliated with Galva Lodge in 1894. In May, 1895, he was made a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, Scottish Rite, in Peoria Valley Consistory, and has received all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second. Both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which Mrs. Norling has been very active, having held most of the offices in the order, and the part she has taken in advancing its interests has been highly appreciated.

by the members. Mr. Norling is a loyal, industrious brother and stands ever ready to perform any duty in the craft that may be assigned to him. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to Galva Lodge and Galva Encampment, also the Rebekah, and Mrs. Norling is also a member of the Rebekah lodge. Mr. Norling is also a member of the Select Knights of the A. O. U. W., and of the Modern Woodmen.

Mr. Norling is a native of Sweden, where he was born December 5, 1852, and when two years old was brought to America by his parents, Andrew O. and Elizabeth Norling, who came to Illinois and settled in Henry county, where they took up the vocation of farming, and became lifelong adherents of the Lutheran church. Seven children were born to them,—four sons and three daughters,—all of whom are living with the exception of the eldest daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Norling still survive, and although both are over seventy years old they are enjoying the twilight of their lives, surrounded by their family and a large circle of friends.

Mr. Norling is the eldest son and received his education in the district schools of Henry county, after which he spent some time on the paternal homestead, assisting his father until 1876, when he started out for himself and engaged in the drug business in Galva, taking into partnership two of his brothers, John E. and Andrew D. They conducted three drug stores and also possessed a farm of eleven hundred acres in Nebraska. Mr. Norling is now the sole owner of the pharmacies, having purchased his brothers' interests, and is also a stockholder and secretary of the Mulford Heater Company, of Galva, which manufactures boilers and heaters. He is likewise a stockholder in the Buck Eye and Magnoline Mines in Boulder county, Colorado, of which his brother, John E., is secretary and treasurer, with an office at No. 407 Chamber of Commerce building, Chicago. The assay from the ore taken out of these mines shows that it is worth from ten to four thousand dollars a ton. The Buck Eye has a large

plant and is considered one of the most valuable mines in the west.

On November 2, 1874, Mr. Norling made an extended trip to his native land, visiting his aged grandparents and other relatives, which proved a source of great pleasure to him. He returned in July, 1875, and has since devoted his time to his business, and by close attention, strict integrity, and honest methods, has succeeded in building up a prosperous trade.

In 1880 Mr. Norling was married to Miss Amanda C. Nordstedt, and two sons have been born to them, Milford Peter and Leroy Arthur. Mrs. Norling is a member of the Methodist church. In politics our subject is a staunch Republican, and while at Cambridge he was elected as one of the aldermen of that city, in which he still conducts a drug store.

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**A**LFRID W. NORLING.—There exists in the soul of every human being a power for good and a power for evil. If one predominates over the other it exerts over the character an influence that will forever after be dominant, and which will lead to the highest state of mental culture or to the lowest condition of misery and degradation. How deserving of public approbation, then, is that organization that has for its object the fostering of the better nature of man, and the development of a spirit of goodness, charity, and brotherly love for his fellow creatures! Such is the fraternity of Freemasonry, which has ever had as its guiding star the elevation of humanity to the highest pinnacle of moral and mental perfection. Its members are legion and wherever its precepts have found lodgment in the heart there will be found peace and contentment. Among those who have won the high esteem and regard of his brother Masons in Galva, Illinois, is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch.

Mr. Norling was initiated in Galva Lodge, No. 243, June 9, 1891, passed June 18, and was raised to the sublime degree of

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Master Mason June 30, in the same year. He has, since his connection with the lodge, held the office of Secretary, and as a man and a Mason has been ever faithful and true to the tenets of the craft, showing a thorough appreciation of its ritual, and living up to its principles in a practical as well as a theoretical manner.

Galva has been Mr. Norling's home all his life, he having been born here December 28, 1870. He is a brother of P. O. Norling, whose history appears preceding on these pages, and in which other facts in connection with the family may be found. Mr. Norling attended the public schools of Galva, where he obtained such knowledge as the facilities of those institutions afforded, and later entered the Chicago College of Pharmacy, preparatory to engaging in the drug business, which his brother had established in Galva. Upon returning to his home city he became associated with his brother, and remained with him for some time, but of late years he has given his attention to a general insurance business, which has attained extensive proportions. He handles some of the largest and oldest companies in the state, and has become one of the most reliable and successful men in his line, possessing, as he does, an intelligent mind, an energetic nature and a strict sense of honor and probity. He is still a young man, and there is every prospect of a brilliant future before him. His genial and attractive disposition have made him popular both in the fraternity and among his fellow citizens.

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**T**HOMAS DAVID RANDALL, of Chicago, has been identified with the Masonic fraternity for more than a third of a century, and though the pressing duties of business life have forbidden him taking an active part as an official in the order, there is no more loyal and devoted adherent of the honored and benevolent principles which form the basis of Masonry than Mr. Randall.

He became an Entered Apprentice in Nevada Lodge, No. 4, of Colorado, in 1860, and four years later was made an honorary member of Corinthian Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Chicago. He was knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and in the growth and advancement of these various branches is deeply interested. Mr. Randall undoubtedly owed his life on one occasion to Masonry. While temporarily residing in Colorado an Indian uprising occurred in which he and a companion were captured by the red men. The savages were at that time very hostile and few white men who fell into their hands escaped death. The bravery which Mr. Randall and his companion displayed in their bold defense to escape capture attracted the attention of the chief of the tribe, who offered his hand to his captives. While shaking hands Mr. Randall accidentally gave the chief the Masonic grip, which was familiar to the Indian, who at once became the friend of our subject, protecting and caring for him in the Indian camp until he was released, two weeks later. The tie which makes all men brothers thus saved him from what would perhaps have been a most horrible death. He believes most firmly in the teaching of the order, and in his life shows forth the practical effects of its principles. He is thus an esteemed member of the craft and is well worthy of mention in the annals of Masonry in Illinois.

In the early days of New England history the Randall family, of which our subject is a representative, was founded in that section of the country. His father, Richard Randall, was born in Providence, Rhode Island, January 9, 1802, and became a machinist. He married Betsey Wilcox, who was born in West Greenwich, Rhode Island, in 1811, and died in her native state in 1848. The father afterward came to Chicago, where he died in 1878.

Thomas David Randall was born near Providence, Rhode Island, August 14, 1834, and first came to the west in 1850, in the hope of benefiting his health. He visited his uncle in Chicago, but was not particu-

larly impressed with the new town, which was very unrefined in many particulars, owing to its excessive business development, and returned to his native state; but when he once more reached his home he found that the east no longer satisfied his ambitious nature. He had become thoroughly imbued with the progressive, enterprising spirit of the west, and the conservatism of the east seemed to him slow and dull. Accordingly he returned to Chicago in 1851 and engaged in the cigar business. In 1852 he established the first commission business in Chicago, becoming the pioneer in this now important line of trade. His first sale was the disposal of a wagon-load of tomatoes which had been brought into town by a farmer, who, not wishing to spend his time in selling to any chance customers who might happen along, arranged with Mr. Randall to dispose of the load for twenty-five per cent of the gross receipts. Thus was established the first commission business in the city,—a business which has grown to such gigantic proportions that it furnishes a livelihood to thousands and has become the important means whereby produce is transferred from the producer to the consumer.

He extended his operations in this line until he had secured an extensive patronage. He located his store in the business center of the city, moving it as the center changed, according to the increased population, and was enjoying an excellent trade when by the great fire of 1871 he suffered heavy losses. Undeterred by his loss he soon began business in temporary quarters, which he found at the corner of Twenty-second and State streets, in the Broadway market. For about twenty years he has continuously occupied quarters on South Water street in the very heart of the commission-business district. Operations are now conducted under the firm name of T. D. Randall & Company, and the building now occupied is thirty by one hundred and sixty feet, four stories in height and a basement under the whole. The firm is now enjoying a very large and profitable trade, not confining its business alone to South Water street, but having also

a grain and hay department, which furnishes employment to twelve men, and the company have also three Board of Trade memberships.

In 1855 was consummated the marriage of Mr. Randall and Miss Ann Lithgow, of Chicago, daughter of George and Charlotte Lithgow. Her father died in Chicago, about 1849, and her mother, now having reached the advanced age of eighty-four years, finds a pleasant home with Mrs. Randall. By her marriage the latter has become the mother of eleven children, nine of whom survive, as follows: Bessie A., wife of George S. Bridge, manager of the hay and grain business of the firm of Randall & Co.; George W., who manages the store on South Water street, and gives his personal supervision to the disposition of the produce; A. L.; Ida C., now Mrs. Ferrell; Charles H., who has in charge the correspondence for the firm of Randall & Co.; Clarence A., who is acting as cashier; Hector L., in the hay and grain department; Eli G., in the produce department; and Truman D., yet a student in school. Those deceased are John R. and Thomas W. The family residence is at 2624 Calumet avenue, and is a favorite resort with the many friends of the Randalls.

Mr. Randall holds a membership in the Washington Park Club, and also belongs to the Citizens' Association and the Citizens' League. His love of the fine arts and scientific research is shown by the interest which he takes in the Art Institute and Field Columbian Museum, in both of which he maintains a membership. His political support is given the Republican party. He enjoys travel and his frequent trips in the interests of business or for pleasure have made him familiar with the beauty and points of interest in his native land. He is a man of wide experience and broad mind who has many friends all over the state, being one who is clearly entitled to be classed as one of nature's noblemen—a man whose strong individuality is the strength of integrity, virtue, and deep human sympathy.

**G**EORGE RUSSELL FORBES, whose enterprise is one of the most important factors in Rockford's upbuilding, has for thirty years been a member of the Masonic fraternity and his connection therewith has been such as to make him a valued representative of the order. In 1866 he joined E. F. W. Ellis Lodge, No. 633, and has advanced through the various branches of the Scottish Rite until he has attained the thirty-second degree. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, joining the latter in Medinah Temple of Chicago. His devotion to Masonry has been noted by his brethren of the craft, and in consequence they have honored him with official preferment and found that the confidence thereby reposed in him has been well placed. He has faithfully filled various offices, serving for five years as Junior Deacon of the blue lodge. He took the Royal Arch degrees and in the chapter he has served as Junior Deacon and Junior Warden. He was knighted in the commandery, and in that department of the fraternity he served as Sword Bearer for two years. He takes a deep interest in the order and is much appreciated by his brethren.

Mr. Forbes is also one of the leading business men of Rockford, who by the industry with which he is connected has advanced the material welfare of the community and aided in promoting the substantial growth of the city. His unimpeachable business career, crowned with a well merited measure of success, is deserving of emulation and should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others.

A native of Scotland, he was born on the 7th of April, 1837, coming of one of the old families of that country. His parents, Duncan and Jesse (Russell) Forbes, were both Scotch people, were married in their native land, and in 1841 emigrated with their four children to Utica, New York, where the father engaged in iron work until 1854. He came to Rockford then and established the iron works which still bear his name, continuing the operation of the same up to the time of his death, which

occurred in the sixty-second year of his age. His eldest son, Alexander, was associated with him in business. After the father's death Alexander and George Russell Forbes continued the business. They manufacture all kinds of malleable iron for machinery and agricultural implements, have very large shops and do an extensive and successful business. Our subject was almost reared in these shops, is perfectly familiar with the business in all its departments and gives to it almost his exclusive attention. His careful management, his enterprise, his honorable dealing and his well-directed efforts have brought to him success, and to the house an enviable reputation that might well be coveted by others. In the foundry employment is furnished to one hundred and fifty men, and their patronage is received not only from all sections of Illinois but also from Minnesota.

Mr. Forbes was happily married in 1865 to Miss Jane Belknap, a native of Connecticut. In politics he is a Republican and is one of Rockford's well and favorably known business men.

**J**OHAN ARTHUR, of Freeport, is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and a devoted member of that order which encourages all the virtues which make a man true to citizenship, morality and those principles of right living which in every land and in every clime awaken respect and admiration. His identification with the fraternity covers a third of a century, for he was made a Mason in Killborn Lodge, No. 3, of Milwaukee, in 1863. Transferring his membership to Freeport, he has since held all the offices in Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, except that of Secretary, and for six years was its trusted Treasurer. He has advanced in the fraternity through all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second, and is a prominent member of the lodge in his adopted city.

Mr. Arthur is a native of England, born on the 4th of January, 1828. There he obtained his education, and learned the trade

of blacksmithing, which he followed in his native land until 1850, when, with the hope of bettering his financial condition in the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States. For four years he followed his chosen occupation in Newburg, New York, and in 1855 he removed to Detroit, Michigan, where he remained for two years, working for the Michigan Central Railroad Company. He was also in its employ in Marshall, Michigan, and in 1864 came to Freeport, where for thirty-two years he has made his home. He is now one of the oldest employes of the Chicago & Northwestern Road, for during all the time of his residence in Freeport he has been in their service. For twenty-two years he has occupied his present position as foreman, and no higher testimonial could be given than his long continuance in this responsible place. He thoroughly understands the business in every detail, and his comprehensive knowledge enables him to direct intelligently the efforts of the men under him. He is ever just to those whom he superintends and has their sincere respect, while his fidelity to every trust reposed in him has won him the unqualified confidence of the company.

Before leaving his native land Mr. Arthur was married, in 1850, to Miss Harriet Davis, a native of England, and to them have been born four children, namely: William, Emma, John, Jr., and Daniel. Mrs. Arthur is a respected member of the Episcopal church. Mr. Arthur belongs to the Republican ranks, but has never sought political preferment. He has erected a pleasant home in Freeport, and there, in the faithful discharge of his duties and in enjoyment of home life and the regard of many friends, he is passing the years of earth's pilgrimage.

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**T**HOMAS EPHRAIM DRESBACH, a prominent business man of Mount Carroll and a member of the firm of Dresbach & Hollinger, grocers of that city, is an appreciative and honored Mason, and has

advanced in this ancient order until he has attained the rank of Sir Knight.

Mr. Dresbach was made a Master Mason in Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, in 1872. He joined Jacksonville Chapter in 1873, in which body he filled the office of Master of the Third Veil for two terms. Also at Jacksonville he had the degrees of the commandery conferred upon him, Hospitaler Commandery, No. 31, performing the work which made him a Knight. At the institution of Long Commandery, No. 60, he became one of its charter members and has since affiliated with it. He has always taken a deep interest in Masonry, has practiced its principles in his every-day life, and is held in high esteem by the brotherhood.

Mr. Dresbach is a native of the Keystone state. He was born at Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1850, and is of German extraction, his parents being Simon Dresbach and Frances *nee* Bowman, natives of Pennsylvania and descendants of early settlers of that state. In the year 1865 Simon Dresbach and family came out to Illinois, and here two years later he died, leaving a widow and seven children. His life was one of activity and great usefulness. He was a minister in the United Brethren church and the greater part of his life was engaged in pastoral work in Ohio. The subject of our sketch is the youngest of their family of seven children. He was educated at Campbell Academy and in the schools of Mount Carroll, and has all his life been engaged in mercantile pursuits, spending eleven years in business in Jacksonville and fourteen years at Mount Carroll. Both he and his partner are genial and obliging, employing only the best and most honorable business methods, and are therefore justly entitled to the success they have attained and the high esteem in which they are held.

Mr. Dresbach owns and occupies one of the pleasant residences of Mount Carroll. He was happily married October 12, 1875, to Miss Susie F. Sutton, a native of Jacksonville, Illinois, and their union has been blessed with seven children, four of whom

are living, viz.: Grace C., Lutie K., George T. and Walter S.

Politically, Mr. Dresbach is a Republican, stanch in his support of the principles of this party and interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the country. For two years he served Mount Carroll as city treasurer. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and are also identified with the Order of the Eastern Star, that popular auxiliary of Masonry which was organized to give a working place to the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Master Masons. Mrs. Dresbach has been honored with official position in the Star Chapter.

**G**EORGE WASHINGTON BILLINGS. In the history of Masonry in Illinois and the record of its representative members none are more worthy of honorable mention than this gentleman, who to-day stands at the head of E. F. W. Ellis Lodge, No. 633, as its Worshipful Master. He is one of the leading and zealous members of the fraternity in Rockford, true to its teaching, exemplifying in his life those basic principles of the order which through all the ages down to the present have inspired men to become better, and have commanded the respect of all who have witnessed the work of the order or seen its effects upon the membership.

Mr. Billings united with this ancient and exalted fraternity in 1886, when he was made a Master Mason. He has since taken the Royal Arch degrees, and is also, with his wife, a member of the order of the Eastern Star. His interest in and fidelity to the fraternity are manifest in his active efforts to promote its growth, and he has been one of its most active workers in Rockford. He has made a close study of Masonry, examining thoroughly into the purpose thereof, and his hearty endorsement is given to the principles which inculcate kindness, charity and brotherly love. He takes great pride in the excellent work done in his lodge, which ranks among the best in the

state, often attending the lodges in adjoining towns to exemplify the ritual and confer degrees.

Mr. Billings is a native of Montgomery county, New York, born January 22, 1844, and in his veins flows the blood of the English, Scotch and German races. He is connected with the Van Rensselaer family, which was prominent in the early history of this country and in the war of the Revolution, receiving for their valued services therein a large grant of land. The Billings family also furnished its representatives to the American army which won the independence of this nation.

James Van Rensselaer Billings was born and reared in New York, and ran on the first railroad built in that state. In 1850 he removed to Wisconsin, accompanied by his wife, five sons and two daughters. Mrs. Billings bore the maiden name of Tempest Jane Bunn, and was of Scotch descent. The father successfully carried on farming in Wisconsin, where he continued to make his home until 1864, when he sold his property and removed to Iowa, where he purchased other lands and made his home up to the time of his death, which occurred in the eighty-second year of his age. His wife is still living, and is now in her eighty-first year. She makes her home with her children, and is still in the enjoyment of good health. In their family were five sons and six daughters, all of whom are living.

Of this number, George W. Billings spent his boyhood days on the home farm, attending the common schools of the neighborhood and aiding in the work of the fields. He was only eighteen years of age when grim-visaged war reared its awful front, threatening the destruction of the Union, but the patriotism of the young man equaled that of many an older soldier, and he responded to the President's call for volunteers to save the nation. Enlisting in the Second Wisconsin Cavalry, under command of Colonel C. C. Washburn, who afterward became major-general, he went to the front in 1862 and served in the Western Department in the Fifteenth, Sixteenth

and Seventeenth Army Corps, where they did much skirmishing and reconnoissance duty. Mr. Billings also served for a part of the time under the brave General Custer.

Returning to his home in Iowa, he gave his attention to farm work, and acquired a valuable landed property. In 1867, with his brother, Winfield Scott Billings, he came to South Rockford, where they opened a general hardware business under the firm name of Billings Brothers. They have since conducted their store and have enjoyed a large and lucrative trade, for the confidence of the public in their honorable business methods and straightforward dealings has won them a liberal patronage. They are also proprietors of a grocery store located at No. 5432 Chicago avenue, in the city of Chicago.

Mr. Billings was married December 16, 1867, to Miss Ada M. Cramer, a native of Canada. They have two children, Gertrude V., now the wife of H. E. Herron, and Ella Blanche, wife of R. H. Renwick. They have a pleasant home in Rockford, and their friends are many. In politics Mr. Billings is a stalwart Republican. He was for a number of years treasurer of his township while residing in Iowa, and has held various other local offices, but since his identification with the business interests of Rockford, his attention has been closely given to his mercantile affairs.

**J**OHAN H. TOLE is one of the younger representatives of the Masonic fraternity in Rockford, but is nevertheless one of its most loyal members. He was born in this city on the 12th of April, 1873, and is descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry. His father, Thomas Tole, was a native of New York, and after coming to the west met and married Miss Harriet Atwood, a native of Illinois. He is engaged in contracting and building in Rockford and occupies a foremost place among the business men of the city as well as among the Masons of E. W. F. Ellis Lodge, No. 633, A. F. & A. M., in which he holds membership.

John H. Tole is the second in a family of six children, and in his parents' home he spent his boyhood days, while his education was acquired in the public schools of the city of his nativity. Since leaving the schoolroom he has been almost continuously employed in the Rockford postoffice, having for six years been connected with the institution in different clerical capacities. In 1893 he was promoted to the position of money order clerk and is still discharging the duties of that responsible position. He is thoroughly acquainted with the rules, regulations and system of the department and makes a most efficient money-order clerk, discharging his duties with promptness, accuracy and ability.

Mr. Tole was married in August, 1894, the lady of his choice being Miss Nellie Winchester, also a native of Rockford. They reside in a pleasant home of their own at No. 1110 Ferguson street, and their residence is a favorite resort with their many friends here. They occupy an enviable position in social circles and are widely known in the city where their entire lives have been passed.

Mr. Tole was made a Mason in E. W. F. Ellis Lodge, No. 633, in December, 1895; he is also a member of the Sons of Veterans and the Royal Arcanum.

**M**ENRY F. COMSTOCK, manager of the Keen-DeLang Printing Company, located at No. 126 Quincy street, Chicago, was made a Mason in Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, in 1876, and has therefore for twenty years been connected with this most ancient and honored of the fraternities. He took the Royal Arch degrees in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 617, in 1878, and the same year was made a Knight Templar in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, of which he is now Senior Warden. His adherency to the order has resulted from his firm belief in the beneficial results that follow the adoption of its principles, and he has for two decades been a worthy and earnest member, true to its teachings.

Mr. Comstock is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Painesville on the 21st of August, 1845. His father, Samuel F. Comstock, was born in Newark, Ohio, and his mother, whose maiden name was Maria D. Runals, was born in New York. In 1846 the family removed to Kenosha, Wisconsin, where the subject of this review was reared and educated, pursuing the regular course of study in the public schools. In 1862, when seventeen years of age, he left home and entered upon his business career. He came to Chicago, learned the printer's trade and has since been connected with that industry. Mastering the business in every detail and showing his ability by most efficient service, he won the confidence of his employers and has risen steadily until he now occupies the responsible position of manager of the Keen-DeLang Printing Company. He is thoroughly competent to discharge the duties that devolve upon him, and the success which attends the establishment is due in no small degree to his able management. Promptness, fairness, good work and fidelity to the interests of the patrons of the office are the traits which characterize Mr. Comstock's work, and thus he has won the confidence of the company and its patrons. His character is admired by all with whom he has business relations, and his deep, sterling worth and genial manner have gained him many warm friends. He has been the architect of his own fortunes and has worked his way upward by that steady application to business, indomitable energy and steadfastness to duty which never fail to eventually win success.

**R**OBERT E. RICHARDSON.—Among those who have risen from the ranks of the many to stand among the successful few is this gentleman, who occupies a leading position in electrical circles. His reputation as a consulting and designing engineer is not limited by the confines of the city or even the state. He has made good use of his opportunities, has conducted all business affairs carefully and successfully,

and has mastered many of the most intricate problems connected with electrical work.

Mr. Richardson is a native of Pennsylvania, born on the 29th of July, 1861, in the city of Pittsburg. In his early life the family removed to Concord, Massachusetts, where he attended the public schools, and on completing the high-school course he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was graduated in 1885. He was a diligent and thorough student and left the college with a broad and accurate knowledge of the branches of learning which he had pursued. Since that time he has been connected with electrical and mechanical work, and his deep interest in the subject and his constant study and research have enabled him to attain a proficiency equaled by few.

Mr. Richardson has made his home in Chicago since 1885, and in 1894 entered into partnership with R. H. Pierce, a connection that has since been continued. The firm has a reputation for excellence and honorable dealing that is indeed enviable, and the important character of their business indicates their superior ability. Mr. Pierce received the appointment of electrical engineer of the World's Fair grounds, and as his assistant Mr. Richardson had charge of the arrangement and placing of all the arc lights used in illuminating the grounds. All those who visited the Exposition will long remember the beautiful effects of light and shade produced by his excellent arrangement, adding a charm which all acknowledged,—the reflection of the lamps in the water, the long avenues of lights bringing into brilliant relief the architectural loveliness of the buildings, and turning darkness into an ethereal day,—all formed a picture never to be forgotten.

The firm of Pierce & Richardson not only control a large share of the public patronage in their line of business but have also given to electrical literature a valuable contribution in a volume which they have recently published, entitled "The National Electrical Code: an Analysis and Explana-

tion of the Underwriters' Electrical Code: Intelligible to Non-Experts." The character of this work may be indicated by the following quotation from an editorial in an electrical journal: "If we had been going to select any two people to prepare a book on the subject of proper installation practice, we could not have chosen two men in all this broad land more thoroughly equipped for the task than Messrs. Pierce & Richardson. Both of them are rich in experience, bought in the profitable field of commercial practice. They have both had that kind of expert service best calculated to mature their judgment and give weight to their advice. Finally they are both scholars and are abundantly able to put in proper form what they have to say. Their book provides a business companion for those in electrical practice that will prove invaluable."

In 1894 the subject of this review was united in marriage to Miss Maude Richardson, a native of Chicago.

He is a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, and his father and two brothers also hold membership in the society, his father attaining the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite. Mr. Richardson's identification with the craft is of recent date, but he is nevertheless deeply interested in the work, the teachings and the successes of Masonry. He is a Master Mason, belonging to Home Lodge, No. 508, A. F. & A. M., and his fellow craftsmen consider him a valued addition to their ranks. He is ever loyal and staunch in his advocacy of his honest convictions, and his support to Masonic principles will therefore be steadfast. He is a man of pleasant, courteous manner, whose prosperity does not affect in any way his actions toward those less successful than he, and he always has a cheerful word and pleasant smile for all with whom he comes in contact.

**JAMES KEATS.**—As a distinctively representative citizen of the western metropolis, as one who has served with signal honor and efficiency in positions of high

public trust and responsibility, and as one who has been conspicuously identified with the great Masonic fraternity for nearly a quarter of a century, there is manifest propriety in incorporating in this connection a brief review of the career of him whose name initiates this paragraph. On the 18th of March, 1874, Mr. Keats became an Entered Apprentice in D. C. Cregier Lodge, No. 643, A. F. & A. M., passed the Fellow-craft on the 1st of April following and on the 15th of the same month was raised Master Mason. His popularity and prominence in this Ancient Craft body is manifest from the fact that for eight years he was the incumbent as Worshipful Master of the same. In capitular Masonry Mr. Keats was made a member of Washington Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M., November 6th, 1874, of which he served as High Priest one year, in 1880. His cryptic affiliation is with Siloam Council, No. 53, in which he duly passed the circle and was greeted Select Master. He has held the distinguished preferment as Thrice Illustrious Master of this council. Mr. Keats attained the chivalric grades and orders in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, June 7th, 1880, of which representative body he is a most popular member, maintaining a hearty interest in its affairs. Having thus advanced through the various orders of the York Rite, Mr. Keats became eventually identified with the Scottish Rite bodies, having received the various preliminary grades and orders in the same and having finally attained the thirty-second degree and been crowned a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, on the 22d of November, 1888. As a member of the ancient and honored fraternity he has been prominent in all grades as a true craftsman, and has proved himself worthy and qualified in every station, ever evincing that fervency and zeal which characterize the intelligent and loyal Freemason. In his honorable and useful career as a citizen and public official have been shown that worthiness and ability which have made him a fit exemplar of the principles and teachings of the great



fraternal order with which this work has to do.

James Keats is a native of England, having been born at Dorchester, Dorset county, on the 3d of February, 1840, the son of Charles and Ann (Sansom) Keats, representing staunch old English lineage. James received his educational discipline in the public and grammar schools of his native land, and as a youth began and served an apprenticeship at the copper and sheet-metal trade, his term of apprenticeship extending over the period of seven years, at the expiration of which time he was a most



efficient workman. He was employed as a journeyman for some time and finally secured the superintendency of a large plant operated in the line of his trade, retaining this important position until his emigration to America, in 1869. He came directly to Chicago, where for sixteen years he devoted his attention to work in connection with his trade. He was retained as superintendent of extensive industries of this nature, his business having been largely confined to the fitting up of distilleries in various sections

of the United States and Canada. He was very successful in his endeavors, but circumstances eventually deflected him from this vocation, and at the present time he is conspicuously engaged in the insurance business, representing a number of the most important insurance companies of England and the United States and retaining a large and representative patronage, his ability, correct methods and energy supplementing the prestige of the companies represented and insuring him the confidence and support of the local public.

Mr. Keats has served Chicago faithfully in positions of trust and responsibility. He was for two years clerk in the office of the city clerk under Carter Harrison's administration. Under the administration of Mayor Roche he was superintendent of sidewalks as a member of the board of public works. An enthusiastic and active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and a man who naturally commanded the confidence of the people, Mr. Keats has been called upon to represent his ward, the fourteenth, in the city council for three terms, and his record has been one which is most creditable, showing his interest in the progress and prosperity of the great city and his determination to aid as far as possible the maintaining of a clean and effective system of municipal government. He was elected to the city council in 1890 and served for three consecutive terms. Within this time he was placed on many important committees, among them being the one in charge of ceremonies at the unveiling of the Grant monument in Lincoln Park; the one which visited the national capital preliminary to and in the interest of the World's Columbian Exposition; and one chosen to visit leading cities of the Union in connection with a study of the matter of track-elevation for railroads entering the city. He also served on the finance committee, was chairman of the committee on streets and alleys west and was considered one of the leading members of the council during his incumbency.

In social circles Mr. Keats is manifestly

popular, as may be inferred from his retaining membership in the Royal League, the Ancient Order of Foresters of America, in which latter he is Past Chief Ranger of Court Pioneer of the West, No. 5519; and is a member of the Æolus Cycling Club. Prior to his removal from England he was a member of the First Dorset Volunteer Artillery in his native county, in which he remained for nine years, the same having been located at Lyme Regis. In religious views Mr. Keats clings to the faith of his father, being a member of the Protestant Episcopal church.

In "merrie old England" was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Keats to Miss Charlotte Gould, who was born in the same town as was he himself. They are the parents of eight children, of whom we offer brief record, as follows: Charles J. is a printer; Henry G. is an attorney; Anna Maria is the wife of Elmer Keist; Arthur S. is a druggist; Walter D.; Emma Elizabeth; Charlotte; and Jane S. Miss Jane is an accomplished musician, and has recently secured the medal for effective pianoforte interpretation upon a competitive test in the Chicago College of Music, where she has been prosecuting her studies. Mr. Keats is a man of vigorous intellectuality and discriminating knowledge of men and affairs. In 1889 he made a visit to his boyhood home, completed a continental tour and visited the Paris Exposition and other places of interest.

**HENRY LEITCH**, one of the respected and public-spirited business men of Quincy, is a Mason of thirty-three years' standing, having received his initiatory degrees in Prairie Laporte Lodge, at Guttenberg, Iowa, in 1864. He was dimitted from that body and became affiliated with Bodley Lodge, No. 1, in 1883; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, May 26, 1885, of which he was one of the Stewards for several years, and in 1897 he was elected its Chaplain. He is not only a Mason in ex-

cellent standing but also a loyal citizen and a gifted and interesting gentleman, as the facts of the following brief biography will demonstrate:

Mr. Leitch is a native of Greenock, Scotland, where he was born May 25, 1835. There he attended the public schools until thirteen years old and then accompanied an uncle to Toronto, Canada, which place became his home for the next six years. He then sailed for some time on the lakes and later on the Mississippi river, with headquarters at Dubuque, Iowa, occupying various positions on the boats up to that of mate and following the vocation of a sailor for twelve years. For three years he was night engineer in charge of the draw-bridge at Quincy, and was also engaged in handling hay, wood and coal. In 1887 Mr. Leitch journeyed across the ocean to visit his relatives and see once more the land of his birth, ever dear to him whose feet have wandered far away, and whose duties demand his presence in some foreign clime. Although a stanch Democrat and a true American citizen, Mr. Leitch still has a warm place in his heart for the "banks and braes of bonnie Scotland," the home of the immortal Burns, of whom our subject is a great admirer; and, indeed, who could help but love the genius of such a man, whose verses came from the soul and appealed to the tenderest emotions and human sympathies?

"Read the names that know not death:  
Few nobler ones than Burns' are there;  
And few have worn a greener wreath  
Than that which binds his hair."

The bard was also an honored member of the craft, and he must have been gifted with the spirit of prophecy when he wrote these lines:

"Then let us pray that come it may,—  
As come it will for a' that,—  
That sense and worth o'er a' the earth  
May bear the gree and a' that.  
For a' that and a' that,  
It's comin' yet for a' that,  
That man to man the wide world o'er  
Shall brothers be for a' that!"

Certainly the day is not far off when "man to man shall brothers be," and Freemasonry is one of the potent agencies that is tendering to hasten such a condition in the world. Brother Leitch recites many of Burns' poems, and is himself possessed of the "divine afflatus," having on several occasions composed a number of original verses. He conducted the last entertainment held in honor of the poet's anniversary, and delivered a poem written especially for the occasion, which was greatly admired, its author receiving many compliments on its excellence. At a recent Masonic banquet it became Mr. Leitch's duty as Chaplain to render the benediction, and he did so in an appropriate verse, which incorporated much of the tenets of the order and voiced the spirit of Freemasonry in an admirable manner.

Mr. Leitch was married in 1872 to Miss Anna McIntosh, of Kentucky, and they had five children, only one of whom, Alexander, now survives, who is in the employ of one of the large mercantile houses in this city. Our subject and his wife are members of the Christian church, in which he has for several years sang in the choir. Mr. Leitch owns one of the pretty homes of Quincy, where he and his good wife receive many friends with cordial hospitality, and where a pleasant evening may always be spent in social intercourse.

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**W** F. DICKSON, M. D.—The universal truth of the brotherhood of mankind forming the foundation of the Masonic society has enabled this organization to embrace within its membership those of all lands and races. A belief in its basic principles and adherence to its teaching are the elements which constitute a true Mason, but within these two seemingly simple requirements are combined all the moral and fraternal principles which dominate mankind and tend to lift humanity to a higher and nobler plane. Dr. Dickson is a native of Scotland, but the ties of Masonry hold him close to his American brethren,

and he is one of the most earnest and devoted members of the lodges with which he is connected. He first united with the society in Thistle Lodge, No. 250, of Embro, Canada, but afterward dimitted from that and joined St. John's Lodge, No. 68, of Ingersoll, Ontario, of which he was an adherent until becoming a charter member of Woodlawn Lodge, No. 841, of Chicago. He is now serving as Marshal of the same, and is held in high esteem as one of the worthy representatives of the order.

The Doctor was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, on the 14th of August, 1856, and is a son of William and Nicholas Dickson. In 1857 his parents left their home in Scotland and crossed the broad ocean to the new world, taking up their residence near Ingersoll, Ontario. Our subject was reared and educated in Canada, his first instruction being received in the primary and grammar schools of Ingersoll, after which he attended a collegiate institute in St. Catherine and later was a student in a normal school in Toronto. When his literary course was completed he began teaching, which profession he successfully followed for six years. Determining to enter the medical profession he then began preparing for that calling, and in 1880 matriculated in Trinity Medical College of Toronto, where he was graduated in 1883. Immediately afterward he began practice in Embro, Canada, where he remained for three years, when, desiring to further perfect himself in his chosen life-work, he went abroad for the purpose of continuing his investigations into the science of medicine in some of the best schools of Europe. He first went to London, England, and studied in the London Hospital. Later he entered the famous University of Edinburg, where he was graduated in January, 1887; and after visiting various other hospitals in England and Scotland he returned to Canada. Continuing in practice there until 1893, he then came to Chicago and has since been a member of the medical fraternity of this city. His thorough and comprehensive investigation has made him one

of the ablest physicians of the city, and his liberal education has been put to the practical test in a large and constantly growing practice, in which he has been eminently successful. Of strong mentality, he at the same time possessed the sympathetic nature without which a physician can never attain to the greatest heights in his profession.

Dr. Dickson was married on the 18th of December, 1889, to Miss Elizabeth G. Oliver, a daughter of Hon. Adam Oliver, for many years a member of the provincial parliament of Canada.

**W**ILLIAM M. ODELL, whose enterprise has been one of the potent factors in the business development and progress of Wilmington through the past decade, is enrolled with the vast army of Masons in Illinois, and is fully in sympathy with the noble and benevolent principles of the fraternity which numbers its members among the followers of almost every flag. Charity and hospitality are the grand characteristics of the order and unite mankind in an indissoluble tie of brotherhood. Catholic in its aims and spirit, Masonry welcomes all the "amelories" of the day,—jealous of neither sect nor party, but ever toiling to enlarge the boundaries of human progress and to pour into life the streams of deeper and richer experience. It therefore appeals to the most broad-minded, and in its practical workings awakens their strongest commendation. Mr. Odell has been an active working member of the fraternity since 1886, obtaining his first knowledge of its esoteric doctrines through his initiation into Wilmington Lodge, No. 208, A. F. & A. M. He still retains his membership therein and has served as Senior Warden. He became a Companion of Wilmington Chapter, No. 142, R. A. M., and has been honored with the office of High Priest. Capitular Masonry is the keystone of the arch of Freemasonry and teaches in its beautiful and impressive legends the history of the past. He next

advanced to the Templar Masonry and was dubbed and created a Sir Knight in Joliet Commandery, No. 4. He was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, of Chicago, where he received the ineffable degree of the Lodge of Perfection. He is also a Noble of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Odell is active in promoting the interests of these societies and fully meets the obligations imposed upon him by his vows. Their influence is most purifying, and a good man is a better man for adding to his other qualifications those of the true Freemason.

Prominent in commercial circles, Mr. Odell has been a leading spirit in the development of business enterprises in Wilmington. He was born in Joliet, Illinois, on the 21st of July, 1865, and was liberally educated. He spent three years in Europe as a student in the Godesberg private school, and in his journeyings abroad gained a knowledge and culture that only travel can impart. After his return to his native land he was graduated at the University of Michigan in the class of 1886, and then turned his attention to a business career, which he began in Wilmington as a hardware merchant. In 1889 he returned to Joliet and organized the Joliet Chemical Works, of which company he has since been secretary and treasurer. He owns all of the stock of the Joliet Electrical Manufacturing Company, is a stockholder and director in the Commercial National Bank, of Wilmington, and owns a third interest in the stock of the Wilmington Electric Light and Power Company. He is also one of the proprietors and editors of the Wilmington Advocate, the second oldest paper in the county. It had always been published in the interests of the Democracy until Mr. Odell assumed the management in 1895, when the political complexion was changed, he making it a strong Republican journal.

In March, 1895, Mr. Odell was elected mayor of Wilmington for a term of two years, being re-elected in March, 1897, and

has brought to his administration of the affairs of the city government the same keen discrimination, foresight, tact and energy that have characterized his business career. He has thus proved a very capable officer and the city has prospered under his progressive rule. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is prominent in fraternal, political and social circles. His business life has been one of distinguished success, marked by enterprise, careful management, unflagging industry and the strictest regard for the ethics of commercial circles. In manner he is ever courteous and genial, his deportment at all times bespeaking the character of the true gentleman.

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**J**OHAN MASON FOX, a worthy member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., was born in the city of Freeport, on the 2d of June, 1852, and is a representative of one of the early families of the city. His father, J. P. Fox, came to Freeport in 1849, when the population was quite limited and the country around was largely an undeveloped region.

He was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. On coming to Freeport he followed carpentering and superintended and aided in the erection of many of the business houses, residences and churches here. His business career was an active and successful one and he is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil, at the age of seventy years. His political support in early life was given the Democracy, but of recent years he has voted with the Prohibition party. Of the Methodist Episcopal church he is a valued and consistent member. He married Miss Margaret J. Dimmick, a native of La Salle county, Illinois, and a daughter of Mason Dimmick, one of the pioneer settlers of this state. They have four children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death.

The eldest son and child is John M. Fox, the subject of this review. He was edu-

cated in the public schools of his native city, completing the course in the Freeport high school, and thus by a practical training was fitted for business life. He was married on the 4th of September, 1874, to Miss Malvina Upp, a native of Freeport, and the daughter of Mr. H. Upp, one of Freeport's most respected pioneers. He then turned his attention to farming, which he followed in Stephenson county for a number of years, improving a fine farm, which he still owns. In 1883 he returned to the city and has since followed various business pursuits, including the sale of agricultural implements. He was also engaged in the livery business for a time.

In political affairs Mr. Fox has always been an active and enthusiastic worker in the ranks of the Republican party. He was elected and served for two terms as town clerk of his township, also as collector and assessor, and in these various positions discharged his duties with a promptness and fidelity that won him high commendation. In 1893 he was a prominent candidate of his party for the office of sheriff of Stephenson county, and entered the convention lacking only two delegates of having enough to nominate him; but, there being so many candidates in the field for other offices from Freeport, this city could not rightfully claim all the offices; and because of this he was not nominated. After the election was over he was made deputy sheriff, in which capacity he is now serving. In the discharge of his duties he is prompt, active and thoroughly reliable and gives the fullest satisfaction to all concerned. He has ever been true to the trust reposed in him, and all who know Mr. Fox esteem him highly for his genuine worth and many excellencies of character. Mr. and Mrs. Fox are valued members of the Methodist church, and he has rendered the society much valuable service. He was a member of the board of trustees and treasurer, and during the building of their fine church edifice held that important position.

In 1893 Mr. Fox was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Excelsior

Lodge, of Freeport, and has since taken a deep and commendable interest in the growth and workings of the order. His entire life has been spent in Stephenson county, and those who have known him from his boyhood are numbered among his staunchest friends,—a fact which indicates an upright career.

**S**ILAS O. VAUGHAN, who has been prominently identified with Masonic interests in this state for nearly half a century, received his initiatory degrees in Euclid Lodge, No. 65, at Naperville, Illinois, in January, 1850; was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree in Euclid Chapter, No. 13, in 1852; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters at Springfield, Illinois, in 1858, and was constituted a Sir Knight in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, in 1866. He attained the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in the lodge of perfection at De Kalb, Illinois, where he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. Upon moving to the city in which he now resides, Mr. Vaughan obtained a dimit from the parent bodies and became affiliated with De Kalb Lodge, No. 144, De Kalb Chapter, No. 52, De Kalb Council, No. 80, and the Oriental Consistory. During his long association with the fraternity he has filled various offices of importance, acquitting himself with honor and distinction and winning the high favor of his *fratres*. In 1858 he was elected to the office of Worshipful Master in Euclid Lodge, No. 65, and held a similar position in De Kalb Lodge for a period of six years. In the chapter he was High Priest for fourteen years, and in 1880 served as Grand High Priest in the Grand Chapter, and in 1879 officiated as Eminent Commander of Sycamore Commandery. He is associated with that branch of Masonry known as the Mystic Shrine, becoming a Noble in Medinah Temple in 1890. In December, 1862, he was Worshipful Master of Hallock Military Lodge; in 1863-4 he served as High Priest of Asbrugh Military Chapter, and in 1866

he became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and in all these bodies he attained a high degree of popularity.

Born in Hanover, New Hampshire, on June 6, 1821, our subject is the son of Silas T. and Polly (Ingels) Vaughan, and he received a limited education in the public schools of his native city. At the age of eleven years he was bound out to learn the blacksmith's trade, serving in that capacity for seven years, at the end of that time going to Attica, New York, in April, 1839, and there worked at his trade until July, 1845, when he moved to Naperville, Illinois, opened a shop and conducted the same for thirteen years. In 1858 he came to De Kalb and here followed his vocation for twenty years, at the end of which time he engaged in the insurance business, which he has successfully continued ever since.

Mr. Vaughan was married at Naperville, Illinois, on September 11, 1850, to Miss Caroline Sabine, a native of Genesee county, New York, and of this union five children were born, the three following of whom survive: Edmund E., of De Kalb; William, of Ashton, Illinois; and Mary M. Albert died in 1865, when five years old, and Julia died at the age of eighteen months.

In his political principles Mr. Vaughan is independent, casting his ballot for the candidate he considers most worthy of receiving political preferment. He served as city clerk of De Kalb for twenty years, which aptly testifies to the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens. He is a self-made man in the strictest sense of the term, attaining to his present prosperous position in life solely through his own efforts; and as an enterprising, public-spirited citizen he stands in an enviable light among the residents of his community.

**J**F. OAKS, M. D., is a Royal Arch Mason and for almost a quarter of a century has been identified with the fraternity as one of its loyal and devoted adherents. He joined the society in 1872, becoming a member of Commonwealth Lodge, F. & A.

M., of Brooklyn, New York. He was afterward dimitted and affiliated with Englewood Lodge of Chicago in 1892. His present membership is in Woodlawn Lodge, No. 841, and the society regards him as one of its most earnest and faithful representatives. His identification with the Royal Arch Chapter dates from 1875, when he took the degrees in Rochester, New York. Since 1892 he has been connected with Englewood Chapter, of Englewood.

The Doctor is one of the worthy sons of New York and was born in the city of Rochester on the 12th of March, 1850. There he spent the days of his boyhood and began his education, but the same has never been completed. He has been a student all his life and is continually carrying forward his investigation along one line or another, adding to his stores of knowledge and broadening his mind by continued research. He took up the study of medicine and on the completion of a thorough course was graduated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York city in 1871. In order to still further fit himself for his chosen profession he also mastered the science of pharmacy and was graduated in the pharmacy department of the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, in 1879.

Doctor Oaks began the practice of medicine in St. Mary's Hospital, of Rochester, New York, where he remained two years, and then went to Brooklyn, where he lived for three years, when he returned to his native city. He came to Chicago in 1888 and has since been connected with the medical fraternity of this city. It has become more and more the custom for medical practitioners, after mastering the foundation principles of the science, to devote their energies to a special line, thus attaining to a high degree of perfection in that branch, which could not be done if one dissipated his energies over the whole field of medical learning. In pursuance with this custom Dr. Oaks has made a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, throat and chest, and has been pre-eminently successful in his

practice in this department. His high reputation is well deserved, and his large practice is the legitimate result of his skill and ability. He has an office in the very center of the business district of the city, in the Champlain building, at the corner of State and Madison streets, and also his residence at No. 6232 Monroe avenue.

The Doctor was happily married in 1888 to Miss Flora Blanding, a native of Morris, Illinois, and they have one child, Romaine Blanding. Mrs. Oaks has superior musical talent, and is an accomplished vocalist as well as pianist. This art enables her to render her home a very attractive place, and the hospitable Oaks household is a favorite resort with a cultured society circle.

**HENRY F. BOWLEY.**—For thirty years this well-known and highly respected citizen of Belvidere, Illinois, has been identified with the Masonic fraternity and has striven to incorporate in his life the teachings of this ancient and honored order.

Mr. Bowley was made a Mason in 1867, by Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., the degrees being conferred upon him as follows: Entered Apprentice, August 19; Fellow-craft, October 21; and Master Mason, November 18; and the same year he petitioned for admission to Kishwaukee Chapter, R. A. M., was favorably received, and on the following dates the degrees of this branch of Masonry were given him: Mark Master and Past Master, December 23, 1867; Most Excellent Master, March 14, 1868; and Royal Arch, June 19, 1868. He was one of the charter members of the council at Belvidere. Also he is a Knight Templar, being knighted at Rockford by Crusader Commandery, No. 17, K. T., of which he is yet a member; and he belongs to Freeport Valley Consistory, in which he took all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second, which was conferred upon him March 14, 1890. In both the lodge and chapter he has served officially. In the latter he was for five years Master of the First Veil and at this writing he is fill-

ing the position of Most Excellent Scribe. Mr. Bowley is a member also of the Mystic Shrine, his home in this popular and well-known organization being in Tebala Temple at Rockford.

By birth and early association Mr. Bowley is an Englishman. He has, however, spent the greater part of his life in America and is thoroughly an American at heart. He was born in Sussex, England, September 27, 1837, a member of a highly respected family, his parents being John and Ann (Worsfold) Bowley. Mr. and Mrs. Bowley in 1855 emigrated with their family of four sons and a daughter to America and located at Belvidere, Illinois, where they lived for many years. In their religious faith they were Episcopalians, by occupation he was a contractor and builder, and they were people who were highly esteemed. Both are deceased, he having died at the age of sixty-six years and she at seventy-two. Four of the children are still living.

Henry F. Bowley, the subject of our sketch, had but few educational advantages as he grew up, and his success in life may be attributed to his natural business ability and his persevering energy rather than to any special advantages in early life. When a boy he worked at whatever he could get to do and not only provided for his own support but also at times aided his father in the maintenance of the family. In 1860, young and ambitious and eager to see something more of the world, he crossed the plains to far-away California, and there got his first financial start. He worked in Sacramento, Marysville and other towns in California and in Virginia City, Nevada, spending five years in the west, much of this time being given to mining and prospecting, and with gratifying success. At the end of the five years he returned to Belvidere. Here he was bookkeeper in the dry-goods house of his father-in-law, Mr. James Rider, from 1866 until 1875, and in 1875 succeeded Mr. Rider in the business, conducting the same for fifteen years and at the end of that time retiring. Two years later he built and established a bakery at

Belvidere and built up a good business, but at the end of a year made satisfactory disposal of the establishment. About a year after this he engaged in the restaurant business on State street, where the Rider restaurant is now located, and after a year of prosperity in this line he again sold out. Next he turned his attention to the real-estate business, and to this has since devoted his energies, doing much to promote the material growth and the general welfare of the town. He built his own handsome residence here and has also erected numerous other good residences in the town, and his whole business career has been such that it has gained him a foremost place among the most generous and enterprising citizens of Belvidere.

June 27, 1866, not long after his return from California, Mr. Bowley was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Rider, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Mr. James Rider, who was for many years one of the leading business men of Belvidere. Mrs. Bowley is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The political views of Mr. Bowley harmonize with the Republican party, of which he is a staunch supporter.

**W**ILLIAM GEORGE MOHLMANN, who has attained to the degree of Knight Templar in the city of Beardstown, is an enthusiastic member of the fraternity, and his unwearrying efforts, his diligence, and the interest he manifests in the work of the order, make him a valued and highly appreciated brother. His primary degrees were received in Cass Lodge, No. 23, on the 7th of April, 1890; was exalted to the degrees of capitular Masonry in Clarke Chapter, No. 29, on the 24th of November, 1890, and was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Rushville Commandery, No. 56, at Rushville, in 1893. In the blue lodge he has filled all the chairs from Junior Deacon up to Junior Warden, occupying the latter two terms, and in the chapter he has been Royal Arch



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*C. H. Hotelling*

Captain, and is at this writing (1897) acting in the capacity of Scribe. He is a faithful, talented and well-informed Mason, and has discharged the duties of all the positions of trust reposed in him with signal ability, thereby gaining the gratitude of his *fratres*.

Mr. Mohlmann is a native son of Beardstown, Illinois, where he was born July 10, 1866, the son of William F. and Lydia (Looman) Mohlmann, both of whom were born in Germany, coming, in 1848, to Illinois, where the father was successfully engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, which he conducted in Beardstown from 1858 to 1891, when occurred his death, at the age of fifty-four. He made an excellent record in the town of his adoption as a worthy citizen and an honest business man, and his loss was deeply felt, not only by his family but by the residents of the county in which he had so long resided. His wife survives him. Our subject was the second son and obtained his education in the public schools of his native city and at the college of embalming in Chicago. Following in his father's footsteps, at the age of seventeen years he engaged in the undertaking business, and had the distinction of being the youngest funeral director in the state, if not in the United States; and since his father's death he has had entire charge of the large furniture and undertaking establishment, which, from long associations, he is thoroughly capable of handling and is considered the most expert and best informed man in the state with regard to his vocation. He has written numerous articles on his favorite subject for the local papers, and they have been copied in the eastern and European journals, which is most convincing evidence of his knowledge and literary ability and the high standard of his productions. He utilizes in his business two of the finest hearses in the county, a black and a white one, and owns all the material for the most modern high-class work in his line of business.

The maxim that a prophet hath honor save in his own country cannot exactly be applied to Mr. Mohlmann, as he is held in

the highest esteem by his fellow citizens; and regarding his business it has been said during the thirty-nine years in which it has been in existence the firm has sold more furniture than any other like concern in the state outside of Chicago. During their professional career Mr. Mohlmann and his father have officiated at over three thousand interments. Our subject gives his entire time and attention to his work, being connected with no outside interests except as a stockholder in the First State Bank of Beardstown, building, in 1890, the large brick block in which the institution is now located.

The marriage of Mr. Mohlmann to Miss Rose Leggett, of North Carolina, was celebrated on February 18, 1892, and one daughter, Norma Ruth, has been born to them. As a man, a citizen and a loyal Sir Knight, our subject merits the kindly consideration in which he is held by all who know him.

**G**EORGE W. HOTALING.—For more than a quarter of a century has the subject of this review been an exemplar of the principles which have lifted high in reverence the dignity and elevation of the ancient and honored craft with which this compilation has to do, and there are certain distinctive points which render his identification with the order of peculiar interest, aside from his long connection with the fraternity, his loyalty to its interests and his signal fidelity to its sublime teachings, which, fostering all that is true and upright, have won the approval and high regard of men as the centuries have dropped into the abyss of time, even as the leaves fall in the forest.

To Mr. Hotaling belongs the distinction not only of having been initiated into the mysteries of Masonry in one of the oldest Lodges in the Union,—Military Lodge, No. 93, A. F. & A. M., of Manlius, New York,—but his paternal grandfather, who became a Mason at the time of the war of the Revolution, was a member of the same

lodge, of which he served as Treasurer in 1804. Military Lodge was organized in the second year of the nineteenth century, and George W. Hotaling became an Entered Apprentice in the same in the year 1860. In 1862 he came to Chicago, transferring his affiliation to one of the lodges in this city and continuing to be connected with the same until 1869, when he became one of the charter members of Apollo Lodge, No. 642, with which he has ever since been identified. That the lodge has recognition of his abiding interest in its well-being and his faithful service in its behalf, is evident from the tribute of honor which was accorded him on the 5th of November, 1892, when, with seven others, he was granted a life membership with exemption from payment of further dues. Mr. Hotaling carried his association with the Masonic order no further than the blue lodge until 1882, when he passed the Royal Arch degrees in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126. Within the same year he became a Royal and Select Master in Siloam Council, No. 53, and in 1887 he advanced still further, receiving the degrees of knighthood in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templar. With each of the bodies noted he still affiliates, and his interest in the esoteric work of the order, as well as in its noble deeds and aims revealed, has been unflagging. The esteem that is accorded him in Masonic circles, as well as in business and social life, is the legitimate outcome of the character of the man and of his genial personality, for it may be truly said of him that he exemplifies in all the relations of life the teachings of the Masonic order, and these are sufficient voucher for all that is true and noble. Mr. Hotaling has other fraternal and social relations, being a member of Hyde Park Lodge, No. 722, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the Iroquois Club, of Chicago, and the Society of the Sons of New York. He is a trustee of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church of Englewood, and is chairman of its board of trustees. He is animated by a broad humanitarian spirit, has a distinct appre-

ciation of the ethics of life, and contributes liberally to benevolent and charitable organizations and to other worthy causes.

George W. Hotaling is a native of Lafayette, Onondaga county, New York, where he was born on the 2d of August, 1835, the son of Conrad G. and Emily Hotaling, representatives of pioneer families of that section of the Empire state. He was there reared to manhood, receiving an excellent academic education and thereafter entering upon the practical duties of life with marked energy and ambition. For seven years he was engaged in the operation of a flouring-mill at Jamesville, New York, and he finally decided that broader opportunities were offered in the west, and accordingly he made his way to Chicago in the year 1862. For three years after his arrival here he was employed in a steel manufactory, and then established an agency for the handling of business in the way of collections, loans and real estate. This enterprise he continued until 1881, his efforts in the line having been attended with a due measure of success. In the year noted he was elected justice of the peace for the town of Lake and rendered effective service in that capacity until 1885, when was conferred upon him the appointment as deputy collector of customs for the first district of Illinois, under President Cleveland's first administration.

Mr. Hotaling retained the incumbency as deputy collector for a term of four years, after which, in 1889, he was again elected justice of the peace, which office he still retains. The widely varied and peculiar class of matters coming up for consideration in the justice court demand much discernment and discrimination and make exactions that are quite unknown in the higher tribunals. The very complexity of the duties involved makes the office anything but a sinecure, and the conservation of the ends of justice is often attended by arduous application and great care. The mature judgment and the sterling integrity of Mr. Hotaling make him an exceptionally eligible incumbent of this office, and his

duties are discharged with a promptness, fidelity and dignity which gain him the respect and confidence of all who have occasion to meet him either in his official capacity or in the private walks of life. He enjoys an extended acquaintanceship and unmistakable popularity in the community where he has labored so long and to so goodly ends.

Mr. Hotaling has been twice married. On the 28th of April, 1857, he wedded Miss Mary E. Huntington, of Onondaga Valley, New York. Her death occurred a year later and she left one daughter, Mary E., who is now the wife of F. D. Gardiner, of Manlius, New York. On the 23d of January, 1862, Mr. Hotaling consummated a second marriage, being then united to Miss Elizabeth H. King. They have one daughter, Grace, the wife of Charles A. Hendricks, of Chicago.

**A**LFRED A. HUBBARD is a prominent factor in the mercantile interests of Farmington, Illinois, and also a man whose work and influence have been felt in Masonic circles. Mr. Hubbard's identity with Masonry had its beginning in 1888. He was initiated March 2, passed March 23, and raised April 19, and such has been his interest in the work of the blue lodge that he has committed the whole ritual and is qualified to fill any office therein. He was appointed Senior Deacon January 11, 1889; elected Junior Warden, December 27, 1889; Senior Warden, December 26, 1890; and Worshipful Master, December 11, 1891, all of which offices were ably filled by him. While Master of his lodge he represented it in the Grand Lodge of the state, and every year since then has been a visitor to the Grand Lodge, always manifesting a deep interest in its deliberations. Finding the subordinate degrees of Masonry so interesting and instructive, Mr. Hubbard has naturally been led to penetrate the higher mysteries and beauties of this ancient order, and has taken the degrees which have made him a Royal Arch Mason, a Royal and Se-

lect Master, and a member of the Scottish Rite. His chapter initiation was in Yates City Chapter, No. 98, September 16, 1892, from which he was subsequently dimitted and is now affiliating with Canton Chapter. The council degrees he took at Canton. November 6, 1895, he became a member of the Scottish Rite at Peoria, where he still retains his membership. Also May 26, 1897, joining Peoria Commandery, he took the Red Cross degree, and in July following he received the Black Cross degree.

Mr. Hubbard was born in Ohio, Summit county being his native place, and the date of his birth June 14, 1847. Nearly the whole of his life, however, has been spent in Illinois, he having been brought here when six years of age, and since 1869 he has been a resident of Farmington, with the exception of four years spent in Peoria, where he was in the employ of B. F. Myles, in the drug business. Since his return to Farmington he has been engaged in the mercantile business on his own account.

During the Civil war he showed his patriotism by enlisting in the Union army, and as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fortieth Illinois Infantry, made an honorable war record.

**E**LLIOTT W. SPROUL. — Freemasonry was, no doubt, purely operative, —that is, composed of workmen,—prior to 1396, but, so imperceptibly did the operative character merge into the speculative that the exact date can not be determined. Apropos of the elemental functions and methods of the great craft there is a peculiar interest attaching to the Masonic career of the subject of this review, since his absolute vocation in life has had to do with the operative phases of that industrial art which gives inception to the great fraternal order and its speculative forms and tenets. As a mason contractor Mr. Sproul has gained prestige as one of the leading operators in the line that the western metropolis can claim, while, consistently turning in allegiance to the great brotherhood of

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, he has there earned his title to exalted fellowship, through his advancement through the various grades whose practical culmination is represented in the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. In the year 1883 Mr. Sproul became an Entered Apprentice in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, A. F. & A. M., in which he was duly raised Master Mason. On the 14th of January, 1886, he passed forward as a candidate for the capitular degrees, being exalted Royal Arch Mason in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, while in May of the same year he attained the distinction of knighthood in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templar. Courageously making his way across the desert sands, on the 27th of May, 1887, Mr. Sproul gained to himself the title of Noble in Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and after receiving the several preliminary grades of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he was crowned a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, in the Valley of Chicago, on the 27th of June, 1893. His devotion and his labors in the field of Freemasonry, and his worth as a man and a Mason, have been appreciated by his brethren, and in evidence of this fact it may be stated that he was called upon to serve as High Priest of this chapter in 1896. He holds in highest estimation the sterling Masonic precepts, which can not but be a lamp to the feet and a light for the pathway of life, and his fidelity to the principles of the order is beyond cavil.

Elliott W. Sproul is a native of the province of New Brunswick, Canada, where he was born on the 27th of December, 1851, the son of E. B. and Rebecca Earl Sproul. He was reared and educated in his native province, where he early turned his attention to learning the mason's trade, in which he became an expert workman. In the year 1880 he came to Chicago, where he was employed as a journeyman until 1883, when he engaged in business upon his own responsibility. As a mason contractor he has been eminently successful, this being the diametrical result of the thorough tech-

nical knowledge, the marked executive and administrative ability, and the correct business methods which he has brought to bear in the prosecution of his important operations. An idea of the character of the work which he has undertaken and successfully completed may be gained when it is stated that he has erected for the city of Chicago seventy school-houses, in addition to many other public buildings, among them the Medinah Temple,—all of which stand as monuments to his skill and effective efforts. His office headquarters are located at 312 Chamber of Commerce building, while his attractive home is at 6500 Yale avenue, in the Englewood district of the city.

Mr. Sproul, in addition to his identification with the Masonic order, is very prominently connected with other important fraternities. He is a member of Cook County Lodge, No. 240, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Alexander Encampment, of the Uniformed Rank of this order, as well as Golden Link Lodge, No. 3, of the Rebekah degree. He has served three terms as Noble Grand of Cook County Lodge, and represented the same in the Grand Lodge in 1892. He has also been honored with the office of Senior Warden in the encampment. Mr. Sproul is also a popular member of the Ellsworth Lodge, No. 114, Knights of Pythias, and rendered effective service as major of the Third Battalion, Patriarchs Military. As touching his line of business operations he is consistently a member of the Builders & Traders' Club.

In his political adherency Mr. Sproul has been an enthusiastic worker in the ranks of the Republican party, whose interests he has furthered by his influence and zealous efforts. In the spring of 1897 he received the nomination for alderman from the thirty-first ward of the city, and a more eligible candidate could scarcely be found, nor one in whom the municipal interests could be more safely entrusted.

On the 2d of June, 1881, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sproul and Mrs.

Jessie M. Sibbet, who is a native of the Garden City. They are the parents of two children,—Albertia and Wilford.

**G**EORGE EDWARD WILLS, a well-to-do and highly respected citizen of Mendota, finds both pleasure and utility in the institution of Freemasonry. The pleasure is derived from many characteristics, as sociability, glorious history, instructive legends, shining symbols and the exciting work of the lodge room, while the utility consists simply of benevolence.

Mr. Wills received the three first degrees of the Masonic art in Mendota Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M.; the Royal Arch degrees in Mendota Chapter, No. 79, R. A. M.; and was made a Sir Knight Templar in Bethany Commandery, K. T., No. 28, Mendota, and he still holds his membership in these bodies. Of the blue lodge he has served as Junior Warden and Senior Warden, of the chapter as High Priest, King and Scribe, and of the commandery as its chief officer, that of Eminent Commander. Like all other students of Masonry, he finds that the field is vast enough to furnish entertainment to any man for a lifetime, and, being appreciative, he is determined—in fact is constantly allured onward—to keep up his connection with and interest in the ancient craft and in the application of its principles to the needs of the present day.

Besides his Masonic connections already enumerated, he is also a member of the orders of Good Templars and Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Wills was born near Detroit, Michigan, March 22, 1834, but was educated mostly in Pennsylvania. In early life he was engaged in general business pursuits, but ever since 1855 he has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits.

In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a Presbyterian. As to local offices, he has been road commissioner and assessor. He takes great interest in the welfare of Mendota and vicinity.

In September, 1862, he was united in

matrimony with Miss Mary Bunker, and by this marriage there were five children, namely: Jennie M., James S., George H., Oscar F. and Edgar B. For his second wife Mr. Wills was united in marriage with Sarah Miller, in 1888, and they have had two children,—Roy M. and Jennie Mabel.

**J**OHNSON R. BOWMAN, a leading business man of Chicago, became a member of the Masonic fraternity in 1893, and since that time has advanced rapidly in the order. He joined Ashlar Lodge, No. 308, A. F. & A. M., and in 1894 took the Royal Arch degrees in LaFayette Chapter, No. 2. The same year he became identified with the Royal and Select Masters in Palestine Council, also was knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1. He took the Scottish Rite degrees of Oriental Consistory in June, 1893, and in that year became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. Thus with various departments of Masonry is he identified, taking an active interest therein.

On the 13th of December, 1852, Mr. Bowman was born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, and there spent the first seven years of his life, after which he removed with his parents to Clinton county, Illinois. In 1875 he went to St. Louis. He had been reared on a farm, early becoming familiar with all its labors and duties. He became interested in the dairy business, and on going to St. Louis embarked in the industry, which he there successfully conducted until 1891, the date of his arrival in Chicago. Here he was instrumental in organizing the Bowman Dairy Company, of which he has since acted as secretary. This has become a leading enterprise, extensive in proportions, its patronage having steadily increased. The question of supplying cities with commodities used on the table is one of such importance as to occasion legislative action thereon, as the providing of pure foods largely means the public health. On account of the superiority of their products the Bowman dairy enjoys a liberal

patronage and the enterprise has proved a financial success, yielding to the stockholders a good income. This is largely due to the enterprise, ability, systematic methods and perseverance of its secretary, Johnson R. Bowman, of this review.

Mr. Bowman was united in marriage April 18, 1881, to Miss Kate Kearney, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1859, and died in Chicago June 29, 1891.

In politics Mr. Bowman is a Democrat.

**G**EORGE ALEXANDER MONCUR is the vice-president of the Willoughby-Hill Company,—a name that at once suggests a power in the world of trade. The day of small undertakings, especially in cities, seems to have passed and the era of gigantic undertakings is upon us. In control of mammoth concerns are men of master minds, of almost limitless ability to guide, of sound judgment and keen discrimination. Such men become the recognized leaders in commercial circles and win a place in the business world that commands the respect while it excites the admiration of all. Mr. Moncur is to-day connected with one of the largest clothing houses of the country and has aided in securing to it a reputation that is indeed enviable. To attain success and prominence in one's calling before reaching middle life falls to the lot of comparatively few men. Many things conspire to the much-desired ends, but in the main they lie along the line of patient, persevering and faithful work. To a student of human nature there is nothing more interesting than to examine the life history of one who has attained prominence by his own efforts. To trace the specific outcome of practical genius must ever prove profitable indulgence. It is conceded, however, that the mere subjective possession of this almost indefinable attribute will not of itself insure either success or an application of practical value to the world. There must be a mentality that will direct genius into fields where

good may be accomplished. This quality Mr. Moncur strongly possesses, and by its exercise he has reached a high position in business circles.

Mr. Moncur was born in Ontario, Canada, on the 5th of December, 1861, and was educated in Woodstock, in his native province. His business training was a mercantile experience and he became familiar with the methods and plans which lead to prosperity. He made the most of his opportunities and when he came to Chicago, in 1880, was fitted to improve his opportunities and rise to higher things. He became connected with the extensive clothing house of Willoughby Hill & Company, and on the incorporation of the business in 1895, under the name of the Willoughby-Hill Company, he was elected vice-president, in which capacity he has since continued. No house in this line of business is better known throughout the entire west. They carry the most desirable quality of goods, their stock is extensive and carefully selected and the well-known reliability of the house has secured to them a most liberal patronage.

In 1882 Mr. Moncur was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Quinn, a native of Kingston, Ontario, and their family numbers seven children,—four sons and three daughters.

Mr. Moncur has been identified with the ancient and benevolent order of Masonry since 1892, when he took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Dearborn Lodge, No. 310. He was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in LaGrange Chapter, No. 207, in 1894, and was created a Knight Templar in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1895. The following year he became a Noble of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He enters into everything with which he is connected with well regulated enthusiasm, and Masonry is no exception to the rule. He is deeply interested in the society, heartily endorses its principles and loyally follows its teachings.



**L**EWIS EDWIN BROOKFIELD, who figures prominently as one of the leading manufacturers of Sterling, Illinois, and as one of its most esteemed citizens, has a Masonic history that extends from the Entered Apprentice degree in the blue lodge up to and including the degrees of the commandery. He was made a Mason in Rock River Lodge, No. 612, F. & A. M., in 1881, being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 25th of November. Soon after this he joined Sterling Chapter, No. 57, his exaltation occurring November 15, 1882, and shortly thereafter was made a Sir Knight in Dixon Commandery. In October, 1884, at the institution of Sterling Commandery, No. 57, K. T., he became one of its charter members and has since affiliated with it; and while not an active worker in these various branches of Masonry, so far as holding office goes, he has always maintained a deep interest in the work and in his life has exemplified many of the teachings as set forth in Masonry.

Mr. Brookfield has the honor of being a native son of the great state of Illinois. He dates his birth in Coleta, Whiteside county, June 5, 1860, and traces his ancestry back to Scotland. Ephraim Brookfield, his father, was a New Yorker by birth, but was for many years a resident of Illinois. He was one of the organizers of the Masonic Lodge at Coleta, of which he served as Worshipful Master, and later was a member of Sterling Chapter. In Illinois he married Miss Harriet T. Yager, a native of this state, and they became the parents of four children, three of whom are now living. He departed this life in the forty-fifth year of his age and was buried with Masonic honors at Sterling, his death being a source of sorrow and loss to this entire community where he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. His widow survives him.

Lewis Edwin Brookfield was educated in the public schools of Sterling and was reared in the business in which he is now engaged, that of manufacturing burial cases and funeral cars, the Rock Falls Manufac-

turing Company being the firm with which he is connected. This company was incorporated in 1877. Mr. Brookfield was then but seventeen years of age, but was its principal stockholder and was elected its president, a position for which he proved himself admirably fitted and which he has continuously held up to the present time. Under his able management the concern has grown from a small beginning to an establishment of magnitude, its rank to-day being among the largest manufactories of its kind in the west. The plant is an extensive one, a large force of men are constantly employed, and consequently through them a vast sum of money is put in circulation.

Mr. Brookfield was married in 1882 to Miss Helen T. Galt, a native of Sterling, Illinois, and a daughter of Mr. Thomas A. Galt, one of the most prominent business men of this city. They have three children, Emily C., Fannie H. and Edwin Galt. The Brookfield home is one of the most handsome residences of Sterling. Mrs. Brookfield is a Presbyterian.

Politically Mr. Brookfield gives his support to the Republican party, and has taken an active interest in political affairs for some years. He was a delegate to the St. Louis convention which nominated President McKinley, and was an active worker for his election. He has never held office, as his large business interests demand his entire time.

**A**SBERRY H. SAUNDERS, who has passed his whole life in the city of Springfield, Illinois, and who is well known here, has for years been a worthy member of the Masonic order and in his life has manifested that true charity which constitutes the cementing bond of Freemasonry,—that charity which “suffereth long and is kind.” Mr. Saunders was initiated, passed and raised in Springfield, in Central Lodge, No. 71, in 1873, and still affiliates with this body. Also he is a member of Springfield Chapter, No. 1, and Elwood

Commandery, No. 6, having received the degrees of both in 1892.

Mr. Saunders was born in a house which stood upon the same lot where his present residence stands, at the corner of Carpenter and Sixth streets, Springfield, Illinois, the date of his birth being November 7, 1828. He engaged in the grocery trade as a first business venture in 1854, in partnership with W. T. Hughes, and they subsequently added dry goods to their stock. In 1858 Mr. Saunders purchased Mr. Hughes' interest in the establishment and the following year sold out and turned his attention to the live-stock business, in which he was engaged until 1866. Later, however, he resumed merchandising and conducted the same successfully for many years.

October 20, 1856, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Saunders and Miss Marcia E. Underwood. Mrs. Saunders was a native of Portage county, Ohio, born February 7, 1837, and at the time of her marriage was a resident of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She was a woman of unusually bright intellect and most amiable disposition, for eighteen years was his companion and helpmate, and departed this life September 30, 1874. They were the parents of four children, three of whom died in early life, Helen being the only one now living she is now Mrs. R. W. Haynes. Mr. Saunders and his daughter are consistent members of the Christian church.

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**J**AMES McCORMICK WILSON, of Aledo, for many years has been one of the best-read lawyers and well and favorably known judges in this part of the state.

In Masonry he received the three primary degrees in Aledo Lodge, No. 252, in 1865. The degree of Entered Apprentice was conferred upon him November 14, Fellow-craft December 12, and Master Mason the following day. Rapidly did he progress in a knowledge of the noble art, and in 1868 was elected Worshipful Master and served one term; and in 1872 he was again elected to that responsible office and

served another term; and still later he was a third time elected to the office, and served five years in succession,—up to 1882. During that period of his lodge history, from his initiation to the year 1882, he was one of the most indefatigable and talented officers and supporters of the institution. It is recorded of him that he conferred the Master's degree on forty-seven candidates. He received the Royal Arch degrees in Keithsburg Chapter in 1881, and the next year he became a member of Everts Commandery, No. 18, at Rock Island.

Judge Wilson is a native of the state of Pennsylvania, born at Fayette City, Fayette county, on the 1st of December, 1822. His grandfather, John Wilson, was born in north Ireland, twelve miles from the city of Belfast, married a Scotch lady and emigrated to America, settling in the Shenandoah valley, in Virginia, where the Judge's father, David B. Wilson, was born. The latter left Virginia in his fifteenth year, locating in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Mary McCormick. He was a farmer by vocation and a respected citizen, residing there to the time of his death, which occurred in his ninety-second year; his wife died in her seventy-sixth year. They had four children, of whom three are living.

Judge Wilson, the second of the children, was educated in his native state and came to Aledo in 1857; was circuit-court clerk from 1864 to 1868; read law in the meantime, and was admitted to practice in the latter year; was a partner of Hon. John C. Pepper for thirteen years, and during this time the firm was one of the strongest in western Illinois. After this he was elected county judge, in which office he served the regular term of four years, giving entire satisfaction to the members of the bar as well as to the citizens of the county. Next for two years he was engaged in the practice of law in partnership with S. D. Hays, now of Denver; next with W. T. Church for a time. He has served his city as its attorney; was two years president of the village board of trustees; and

has been master in chancery four years. Judge Wilson has a library of about one thousand volumes, and is considered one of the best-read jurists in this part of the state. He is well known as a man of the strictest integrity of character.

In politics he has always been a stanch Republican, and he has rendered his party valuable service in the campaigns; but is dissatisfied with the action of his party at St. Louis in 1896 on the financial question, and consequently he delivered twelve speeches in favor of bimetalism and William J. Bryan for president of the United States. In this he had the manhood to show boldly in public where he stood, and is therefore entitled to credit for his earnestness, for he may have lost some patronage by so doing. But "a man's a man for a' that," and such a man should command the respect of those who are of the opposite party on the great financial question of the age.

In 1853 Judge Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Mary Smith, a native of his own county in Pennsylvania, and they have had five daughters. The first born, Sarah Caroline, is now Mrs. J. H. Ramsey, one of the best citizens of Aledo; Mary Rosetta is now the wife of Mr. Joseph Boyd, a prominent business man of Aledo; Nannie is now the wife of Dr. J. M. Wallace, of Aledo; Cora Cordelia resides in Davenport, Iowa, where she is secretary and cashier of the Electric Light and Power Company, of that city; and Fannie Leonia married Frank Irwin, of Arpee.

Judge Wilson has a commodious residence in Aledo. He and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder. He and his wife enjoy the highest esteem of a very wide circle of acquaintances.

**F**REDERICK B. TOWNSEND is a student of Masonic lore who understands the purpose of the order and the obligations it imposes upon the brotherhood in all their bearings, and who has always endeavored

to live up to the full requirements. Mr. Townsend was initiated in Sycamore Lodge, No. 134, and in January, 1896, was raised to the degree of Master Mason. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Sycamore Chapter, No. 49, and was constituted a Sir Knight in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, in the same year. He has quickly acquired the ritual of the blue lodge and is a popular member of the local bodies in Sycamore.



*Frederick B. Townsend*

Mr. Townsend was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, July 30, 1858, and is the son of A. W. and Eleanor (Pierce) Townsend. He was reared in his native county, attending the district and high schools of Sycamore, and later the Lombard University, at Galesburg. In 1880 he became connected with the drug firm of Gale & Blocki, with which he remained until the spring of 1881, when he went to Poughkeepsie, New York, and took a course in

the Eastman Commercial College. In September, 1881, Mr. Townsend returned to Sycamore and accepted a position as clerk in the banking firm of Daniel Pierce & Company, and has remained with that institution down to the present time.

Politically Mr. Townsend is a sound-money Democrat, served as a member of the city council for two terms, and in 1893 was elected mayor to fill a vacancy, being re-elected in 1895 without opposition; also re-elected in April, 1897, without opposition. In his social relations our subject is a member of the Knights of Pythias, as well as of the Masonic order.

On February 18, 1889, Mr. Townsend was united in marriage to Miss Mary Boynton, of Sycamore, and this union has been blessed with two children, Charles Boynton, born January 1, 1892, and Eleanor, born December 8, 1895. Our subject is a vestryman in St. Peter's church, and is a liberal contributor to its support. He is an enterprising, progressive business man, possessing a strict integrity of character and a high standard of principles, and holds a place of esteem in the hearts of his fellow citizens.

**W**ILLIAM F. BROWNING is one of the most prominent representatives of Masonry in this section of the state—a Knight Templar and a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. The fact that one has long been a worthy and loyal member of this ancient and honored fraternity indicates a career that is well worthy of emulation, for Masonry is the advocate of all that is best in life—prompting a chivalrous defense of the weak, an advocacy of right against might and a support of all that tends to elevate humanity above a desire to labor for one's own selfish interests alone. The long connection of Mr. Browning with Masonry, therefore, is evidence of an honorable career, above reproach in both the public and private affairs of life.

Mr. Browning became a Mason in 1866, taking the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Acacia Lodge, No. 67, A. F. & A. M., of LaSalle, Illinois. He was dimitted in 1875 and elected a member of Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, of Mount Carroll, on the 6th of October of that year. He has been called upon to serve in office by his fellow members of the craft who realize his devotion to the organization and his ability to perform the service required by its office-holders. He has been Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Junior Deacon, and for four terms served as Worshipful Master. In 1878 he was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lanark Chapter, No. 239, and is also a Sir Knight, having joined Long Commandery, No. 60, K. T., in 1893. He is now serving as Generalissimo in the commandery. He attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Freeport Consistory and thus became a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

Mr. Browning is a native of Bradford county, Pennsylvania, born on the 30th of September, 1840, of English ancestry, who were early settlers of Providence, Rhode Island. His grandfather, John Browning, was born in Connecticut and was a bricklayer and farmer by occupation. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, in his character upright, and his life was of more than eighty years' duration. His son, Ephraim H. Browning, the father of our subject, was born in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and chose for his wife Miss Sarah Black, a native of England. He departed this life in the thirty-sixth year of his age, leaving his widow and two sons, of whom the elder is the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

William F. Browning began his education in the district schools, afterward attended an academy in Leraysville, Pennsylvania, and for four years continued his studies in the public schools of Mount Carroll. He came to this place in 1857 and has since made it his home. At the age of twenty years he began his railroad career

and has since been engaged in the railway service. For nine years he was in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad, afterward spent two years in the employ of the Louisville & Nashville, and since that time has been continuously with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company. He is one of the most faithful and reliable representatives of this line, and his close application, fidelity to duty and straightforward conduct has won him promotion from time to time. He is now serving as ticket agent at Mount Carroll, where his obliging manner and his never-varying courtesy has won him many friends and made him very popular with the traveling public.

Mr. Browning was married in 1860 to Miss Matilda D. Remley, a native of Hagerstown, Maryland. They have two sons—Lewis E. and Wayne C. Mr. Browning and his family live happily in a pleasant home in Mount Carroll. He is a thorough-going business man, accurate in all things connected with his work, and in his business transactions his word is as good as his bond, such is his known integrity and honor. In politics he has been a lifelong and staunch Republican.

**T**HOMAS JEFFERSON ROBINSON, founder and president of the Rock Island National Bank, is a Sir Knight Templar, one of the oldest Masons and one of the best known citizens and business men of the enterprising city of Rock Island.

He was made a Mason in Trio Lodge, No. 57, of this city, April 14, 1858, passed May 5 following, and raised on the 12th of that month. He is a member of Barrett Chapter, No. 18, and of Everts Commandery, No. 18.

Mr. Robinson was born in the state of Maine, on the 28th of July, 1818, and is of English and French ancestry, who for many generations were residents of the state of Maine. His father, John Robinson, was born in the latter state, and married Miss Polly Dillaway, also a native of the old Bay state. They were members of the Baptist

church. He, by occupation, was a farmer, and died in the fifty-seventh year of his age.

The son, the subject of this sketch, was educated in his native state, at the Wesleyan University. In 1838 he came to Illinois, locating in Greene county, where he taught school and followed farming for a few years, and was later employed in the offices of the county clerk and county treasurer, up to 1841, after which he was clerk on a steamer from New Orleans to Nashville for a year. Then, after spending a year at his old home in Maine he returned to Greene county, Illinois. In 1847 he came to Rock Island county, purchased land and followed farming for a time: was also engaged in lumbering, milling and merchandising at Port Byron. In 1853 he came to Rock Island and took charge of the ferry, when the boat was a small and homely craft; but since then he has been a builder of steamboats. He aided in the organization of the Rock Island Stove Company, and was its president for a number of years. He was also active in the organization of the Rock Island Glass-works Company, and was its vice-president. He also helped to build the first horse railway in this vicinity, which was between Rock Island and Moline, and was vice-president and treasurer of the company in its construction and operation. In fact he has been active in nearly all the enterprises intended to build up his city.

In 1871 he was one of the prominent promoters in the organization of the Rock Island National Bank, and has been ever since its president, devoting his principal energies to its prosperity. It now has a paid-up capital of one hundred thousand dollars.

In matrimony Mr. Robinson was united with Miss Amy Ann Henderson, a native of Greene county, Illinois, and the daughter of James Henderson, who was one of the first settlers of that county, in 1818. The only surviving child by this marriage is J. F. Robinson, who is now cashier for his father in the bank. He is Past Eminent Commander of Everts Commandery. (See

a sketch of him, page 789, first volume.) Mr. Robinson has been a member of the Methodist church ever since 1848, and was one of the first members of the church at Rock Island, in which he has ever since been active and efficient, being its most substantial pillar and aiding it very liberally in material advancement as well as otherwise. He has always been one of Rock Island's most substantial citizens. He was a large contributor to the building of the fine church edifice now occupied by the church. In 1874 he also built a fine Masonic temple block, in the corner of which is located his bank, the Rock Island National. At the time it was built it was one of the splendid improvements of the city.

In June, 1895, Mrs. Robinson departed this life. She, too, had been a most faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a devout Christian, a loving wife and mother, hospitable and charitable. She had been a companion of her husband for forty-nine years, and her loss to her husband and other relatives, as well as to the church, was a severe one. She had attained the age of seventy-three years.

Mr. Robinson now resides with his son.

In early life, in politics, he was a Whig; but, being a hater of oppression, when the effort was made to extend slavery into the free territories he strongly opposed it and became one of the first members of the Republican party. At that time he was one of the associate judges of Rock Island county, before the adoption of township organization. He has made a most excellent record as a Mason, Christian gentleman and citizen, and richly merits the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens in Rock Island and adjoining counties.

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**F**RANK STEDMAN, assistant cashier of the Savanna Bank, Savanna, Illinois, is one of the oldest Masons in the town in which he resides. He was made a Mason in Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, of Mount Carroll, thirty-six years ago, and affiliated with Mississippi Lodge, No. 385, of Savanna, soon

after its organization. He was Junior Deacon of Cyrus Lodge one term, and in Mississippi Lodge has been Secretary for a number of years, and also at different times has filled the offices of Junior and Senior Warden. Indeed he has been one of the most faithful workers of this lodge, and comes honestly by the reputation he bears, that of being one of its best and most reliable members. He is also a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association, of the Odd Fellows order and of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

Mr. Stedman is a native of New York state. He was born in Onondaga county, October 30, 1835, and traces his ancestry back to England. Albert Stedman, his father, was also born in New York. He removed to Washtenaw county, Michigan, with his family in 1835, when Michigan was a territory; but, not being satisfied with his location there, he came, in 1836, into Illinois and settled in Stephenson county. He located on land on which he was engaged in farming for ten years, and whence in 1846 he moved to Savanna, where he engaged in the cooper business. He died here in 1878, and his wife survived him only one week. Her maiden name was Jane Buchanan, and she, too, was a native of New York. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom seven are still living, Frank, the subject of this sketch, being the eldest. His early boyhood days were spent on the farm and his educational advantages he owes to the public schools. After leaving the farm he secured a position as salesman in a store, and later was in railroad employ, for twenty-five years being with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company, as freight clerk, ticket clerk and local general business manager. He severed his connection with the railroad business in 1884 and engaged in the fire insurance business. In 1890 he accepted the position of clerk in the Savanna Bank; four years ago he was elected assistant cashier, which responsible position he now occupies, rendering most satisfactory service.

Mr. Stedman was happily married to the lady of his choice, Miss Mary A. Sargent, a native of Savanna, Illinois, and to them three children were given, only one of whom, E. Kleber Stedman, is living. Mrs. Stedman departed this life in 1882. She was a most estimable woman, a devoted wife and loving mother, and her death was a source of great loss both to her family and many friends.

Politically Mr. Stedman has always been a Democrat, but is independent in his views, and votes for men and measures rather than party. He has ever taken a deep interest in local affairs and has filled such offices as school director, town clerk and town treasurer.

**E**GBERT HALSEY OSBORN, a prominent business man of Quincy, has in some respects a remarkable Masonic record. He received the first two blue-lodge degrees in Quincy Lodge, No. 296, being initiated on February 9, 1866, and passed April 6, 1866. Then twenty-three years elapsed before he attained the sublime degree of Master Mason, which was conferred upon him in the same lodge by Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, on February 1, 1889. Since that time Brother Osborn has taken all the degrees in both the York and Scottish Rites, numbering in all forty-two. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, on April 27, 1889, received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Quincy Council, No. 15, on January 1, 1892; was created a Sir Knight on August 13, 1889; and attained the degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Quincy Consistory May 10, 1889. Since becoming a Mason Mr. Osborn has taken a great interest and pleasure in blue-lodge work, having thoroughly mastered the ritual, and now has the honor of being Past Worshipful Master of his lodge.

Mr. Osborn was born in Brooklyn, New York, July 17, 1841, and is the descendant of an old English family, the members of whom were early settlers in New England.

Great-grandfather Osborn was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, during which he was taken prisoner, and while confined on a British ship of war in New York harbor made his escape by swimming ashore. He survived the great struggle for independence and lived to the venerable age of ninety-seven years. Grandfather Osborn was a native of New Jersey, where he followed the vocation of farmer. His grandson, William S. Osborn, the father of our subject, was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 1813, and was married to Miss Mary E. James, of Brooklyn, a relative of Governor Buckingham, of Massachusetts. In their religious faith they were Presbyterians. The father died in 1873, on his sixtieth birthday. His wife died May 19, 1897, aged eighty-one years.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn had twelve children, of whom our subject was the fourth. His youth was spent in Brooklyn, New York, where he was attending school when the Civil war broke out. The same blood that flowed in the veins of his ancestors fired his patriotic soul, and he offered his services on behalf of his country, enlisting in Company H, Eighty-seventh New York Volunteer Infantry, which was afterward consolidated with the Fortieth New York Regiment, and became one of that state's celebrated military organizations, participating in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac, from the battle of Williamsburg to Appomattox. It did a great deal of hard fighting and covered itself with glory, although its membership was considerably decimated, losing a total of twelve hundred and twenty men, including newly enlisted troops. Mr. Osborn was with his regiment in all its engagements up to the battle of Fredericksburg, and was fortunate in not receiving any dangerous wounds, but had his feet so badly frozen that he became unfitted for further service and was honorably discharged. He returned to his home in New York, and after recovering from his affliction came west, spent a short time in Chicago, and finally located in Quincy, arriving here on February 22, 1865. He has

since been one of this city's representative citizens, is engaged in the real-estate and loan business, and was the organizer of the Adams County Abstract Company, of whose enterprise he is now the sole owner. He has a most complete and perfect set of abstract books, which he has procured at a great cost, and has acquired an extensive business, having had as high as forty clerks in his employ. He possesses large real-estate and property interests in Quincy.

May 22, 1866, Mr. Osborn was united in marriage to Miss Martha Bernard, daughter of James C. Bernard, one of the earliest settlers of Adams county and a descendant of a highly respected Kentucky family. Our subject and his wife are the parents of two children—Helen E. and Russell H. They are members of the Baptist church, of which he is a trustee. In politics Mr. Osborn is a stanch Republican, and has served as alderman for two years, although he has never had any political aspirations.

**J**OHNS RULSTON ROSEBRUGH, who has been connected with the Masonic fraternity from 1861 down to the present time (1896), is one of the esteemed citizens of Freeport, and a prominent business man, who for a number of years has successfully conducted the Palace Livery and Feed Stable.

A native of the Empire state, he was born in Livingston county, in 1829, and is of Scotch descent. The founder of the family in America, Rev. John Rosebrugh, came from Greenock, Scotland, to America and took up his residence in Pennsylvania. He espoused the cause of the colonists when they attempted to throw off the yoke of British tyranny, was made a colonel in the Revolution and was killed by the Hessians in battle. The grandfather of our subject, Judge James Rosebrugh, was a man of considerable prominence, winning fame as a jurist and judge. He reached the advanced age of eighty-four years. His son, John Rosebrugh, was born in Groveland, New York, and was joined in wedlock with Miss

Mary Goheen, a native of Pennsylvania. He was an industrious and respected farmer of the Empire state and was seventy-eight years of age when called to the eternal home.

The gentleman whose name introduces this review was one of a family of three sons and six daughters, of whom only four are now living, he being the only surviving son. In his early youth he was sent to the district school near his home and later entered the Temple Hill Academy. Having acquired a good education he began teaching. He was not then of age and as was the custom in those days his father collected his wages. In 1868 he went to Tecumseh, Michigan, where he taught school for three years in a branch of the Michigan State University, being at the time associated with Prof. Joseph Esterbrook, one of the most prominent and able educators in the west. In 1856 Mr. Rosebrugh came to Freeport and was the first agent of the Illinois Central Railroad Company at this place. After occupying this position for some time he engaged in the building of railroads, being in the employ of the Dakota Southern Company at Sioux City, Iowa.

On leaving that position Mr. Rosebrugh returned to Michigan and spent seven years at Ann Arbor in charge of the University hospital. In 1888 he came once more to Freeport, where he opened his present business at the corner of Galena and Mechanic streets. Here he is enjoying an excellent trade, the Palace Livery being the most popular establishment of the kind in the city. He has a large line of fine equipages of various descriptions, and many horses, so that he can accommodate any requirements. His honorable dealing and courteous treatment of his patrons has won for him an excellent business, which yields to him a good income.

In 1852 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Rosebrugh and Miss Julia E. Taylor, of Tecumseh, Michigan, by whom he has one son, Henry P., who is now associated with his father in business. The



parents adhere to the faith of the Episcopal church, and are people of the highest worth, who deserve and receive the high regard of a large circle of friends. Since attaining his majority Mr. Rosebrugh has advocated the doctrines of Democracy and has twice been tendered the candidacy of mayor of Freeport, but has declined the proffered honor. He, however, regards not lightly the duties of citizenship, and gives a commendable support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. The tenets of Masonry also receive his unswerving allegiance and of the order he is a worthy member.

**C**HARLES BOARDMAN GRIFFITH, one of Rushville's prominent Sir Knight Templars and business men, is prominently engaged in the hardware trade, including farm implements.

Mr. Griffith received the sublime degree of Master Mason in Rushville Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., on the 17th of January, 1882, exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Rushville Chapter, No. 104, R. A. M., on the 11th of March, 1882, and was created and dubbed a Sir Knight Templar in Rushville Commandery, No. 56, on the 20th of September, of the same year,—only nine months elapsing from the time the sublime degree of Master Mason was conferred upon him until he had received all the chapter and commandery degrees. He carried his business energy into the lodge. Officially he has served as the Secretary of the blue lodge, and Junior Warden, and was for five years its Worshipful Master. He is enthusiastic in blue-lodge work. In the chapter he has been Secretary for several terms, Principal Sojourner, and is now serving his fifth term as High Priest. In the commandery he has been Junior and Senior Warden and Generalissimo, but has had to decline higher honors on account of the pressure of business.

A "native son" of Rushville, Mr. Griffith has ever been a credit to his town. He was born on the 27th of April, 1855, the

son of Reese H. Griffith, whose father, Rev. G. H. Griffith, was a native of Wales and a Presbyterian minister. In 1825 the last mentioned sailed for the United States, bringing with him his wife and infant son, Reese H. In 1832 the family located in Michigan, where Rev. Mr. Griffith preached the gospel in that new territory and continued to reside there until his death a short time after his arrival. In 1852 Mr. R. H. Griffith came to Rushville, where he became one of the most influential members of the Presbyterian church and a prominent business man. In the spring of 1853 he began his business career as a hardware merchant in the little but ambitious and thriving town. Commencing on a small scale he carefully managed until his trade grew to considerable proportions, and for forty-four years he has stood at the head of this business in Schuyler county, and now, together with his son and nephew, he has one of the largest stores in this line in the state west of Chicago.

Mr. Griffith has been equally energetic and successful in church and Sunday-school work, and has been a promoter of every good enterprise for the benefit of his community. In respect to religious and political principles and character he is a "chip from the old block," as he is a duplicate of his energetic father. In politics he is a stalwart Republican. Mr. Griffith is a gentleman of marked character, of the highest integrity and unusual ability. He has a fine family and a delightful home, and is every way worthy of the high esteem in which he is held by the citizens of Schuyler county.

**R**OBERT CHARLES GRIFFITH.—Among the leading and influential members of the Masonic fraternity in Chicago is numbered this gentleman, who has been a zealous advocate of the order since his earliest connection therewith. He was made a Mason in Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, took the Royal Arch degrees in Lafayette Chapter, No. 2, and joined the Royal and

Select Masters of Palestine Council, No. 66. He became a Knight Templar in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52, and has retained his membership in these various branches without interruption. In the blue lodge he was honored with the office of Worshipful Master and since becoming a knight has served as Eminent Commander. Mr. Griffith is also a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association, has taken a very active interest in Masonry, in the working and advancement of the order, and is widely and favorably known in Masonic circles.

He has also made for himself a record in business circles that is at once commendable and enviable, having from an humble position worked his way upward to one of prominence, with its attendant prosperity and success. A native of the Empire state, he was born in Utica, on the 11th of March, 1850, and was educated in the public schools of that city. On a farm adjoining the city he was reared, there remaining until twenty-two years of age, when he sought a home in the west, locating near Racine, Wisconsin, where he carried on farming for a year. On the expiration of that period he came to Chicago, in 1873, and was first employed in the humble capacity of a driver on a livery wagon. Gradually has he worked his way upward until to-day he occupies the responsible position of manager with the Forbes Transfer Company and owns a part interest in the business. He has served in this capacity since 1886, and has charge of about seventy-five wagons and teams, and has a number of extra horses, the whole number amounting to one hundred and eighty-five. This is one of the best known transfer companies in the city, doing a very large and important business. What Mr. Griffith is to-day he has made himself, for he began in the world with nothing but his own energy and willing hands to aid him. By constant exertion, associated with good judgment, he has raised himself to the prominent position which he now holds, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him. He has never sought preferment or

honors outside of his business but has diligently applied himself to the work in hand, wherein lies the secret of his enviable success.

In his political views Mr. Griffith is a staunch Republican. The greater part of his leisure time is devoted to his Masonic relations, and the fraternity acknowledges his service in various directions. For the past ten years he has been connected with the Masonic charity ball enterprise and has served as one of the committee to conduct the same since he has been a member of the society.

**M**ARRIS WILLIAM HUEHL.—Masonry has not escaped the calumny of its enemies, who have sought by various means to belittle its value and cast a doubt upon the genuineness of its purpose; but, notwithstanding this fact, it pursues the even tenor of its way, unmindful of these belligerents, fully realizing that their attacks will rebound upon themselves from the armor of truth and intrinsic merit within which the fraternity is encased. The faithful in the fold are many, and their numbers are being constantly added to, one of its earnest followers being Harris W. Huehl, who has given much of his time to the workings of the blue lodge. He was initiated and raised to the degree of Master Mason in Covenant Lodge, No. 526, in 1887, in which he has held the offices of Junior and Senior Warden, and is now serving as Worshipful Master. In 1896 he represented this body in the Grand Lodge. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, in 1888, from which he was dimitted to become a member of Corinthian Chapter, No. 69. In 1892 Mr. Huehl attained the degree of Knighthood in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, and is a member of the drill corps. Upon him also have been conferred the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite, in which he has become a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago.

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*J. H. Clavering*

He has also made a successful journey across the desert and become a Noble of the Mystic Shrine of the Ancient Arabic Order, Medinah Temple.

Mr. Huehl was born in Chicago, May 15, 1862, and after completing the course of the public schools of this city, about 1878 he took up the study of architecture, and subsequently entered the practice of his profession with Edward Bauman, the firm being known as Bauman & Huehl. After the death of the former the firm of Huehl & Schmid was formed, which has since continued with most successful results. Mr. Huehl executed the plans and superintended the construction of the Chamber of Commerce building, and many other of the magnificent structures for which Chicago is noted. He is a bright, energetic young man, is one of the leading architects in the city, and there is every indication of a brilliant future before him.

In 1892 Mr. Huehl celebrated his marriage to Miss Amalia Klare, of Chicago. Both he and his wife are popular members of society.

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**F**RANK E. CLAVEREIGNE, the popular superintendent of the Washington Park Club, is numbered among Chicago's followers of Masonry and has attained to a high degree in the order. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Lakeside Lodge, No. 739, in 1895, and his progress has since been rapid. The same year he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, and capitular Masonry has found in him a loyal follower. In 1896 the degrees of chivalric Masonry were conferred upon him, having been created a Sir Knight in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52. He took the Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second in 1895, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. His affiliation with the last named entitling him to membership in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,

he joined Medinah Temple and became a Noble of that organization, which was instituted by Kelif Alec, cousin and son-in-law of the prophet Mahommed in the year 656, at Mecca, Arabia. Mr. Claverigne is a popular and valued member of these different bodies and is a worthy exemplar of Masonry. To learn its symbolic truths and to become familiar with its lessons of inspiration and benevolence is to have awakened in one those better tendencies which have been the means of elevating the human race from barbarism to the higher civilization, and Masonic associations have been a powerful element in molding the lives of those who enlist under the banner of the ancient craft.

Mr. Claverigne was born in England, October 18, 1860, and when four years of age left his native land, his parents emigrating with their family to the United States. He was reared in Lowell, Massachusetts, obtained his education in its schools and received his business training in that section of the country. In 1882 he came to Chicago, and after connection with some of the best hotels of this city he was appointed, in 1894, superintendent of the Washington Park Club, a position which he has since creditably and acceptably filled. He has complete charge of the affairs of the club and his management has been most satisfactory to its members. He is a man of most pleasant manner, courteous address and genial disposition, which makes him a favorite with all the patrons of the clubs, among whom he has a large circle of friends. He has won the respect and confidence of those with whom he has business dealings, and in social as well as Masonic circles is highly esteemed.

Mr. Claverigne was married on the 5th of March, 1888, to Miss Ida Brown, a native of Niles, Michigan, and they have one daughter, Antoinette.

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**C**HARLES B. BROWN, the well-known physician of Sycamore, has been affiliated with the Masonic fraternity for the past

ten years, during which time he has manifested more than ordinary interest in the lodge, always ready and willing to do anything required of him, and to assume any responsibility his brothers wished to entrust to his care. He has filled many important offices, giving an administration that reflected great credit on himself and honor upon the order. Mr. Brown was initiated in Sycamore Lodge, No. 34, on October 28, 1887, passed to the Fellow-craft degree November 12, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason December 2, after which he was elected to the chair of Worshipful Master; he was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Sycamore Chapter, No. 49, June 11, 1888, and served as its King; and was constituted a Sir Knight in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, November 21, 1888, in which he held the chair of Eminent Commander for the years 1895, 1896 and 1897.

The birth of Mr. Brown occurred in Drummondville, Canada, December 25, 1847, his parents being Edward and Ann (Burnett) Brown. His education was acquired in the public schools of his native town, after which he took up the study of medicine and later entered the University of Buffalo, at which he was graduated in 1876. He at once began the practice of his profession in western New York, remaining there until 1878, when he moved to Sycamore, and has here met with unqualified success. He is a man of resources, well read in medical lore, and an authority on all matters pertaining to his calling. Dr. Brown has served on the De Kalb county pension examining board for many years, is surgeon of the Chicago & Great Western Railroad, and a member of the Fox River Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is also associated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of the Maccabees.

The Doctor was married at Rochester, New York, in 1877, to Miss Annette Bacon, and of this union two children have been born, Margarette and Gertrude, both of whom are bright, interesting young ladies.

In his politics Dr. Brown supports the

principles of the Republican party, and is entirely in accord with its platform as adopted by the national convention at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1896. He is one of Sycamore's substantial citizens, and in social and professional circles he is regarded with the highest esteem.

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**W**ILLIAM M. CRILLY is a life member of Home Lodge, No. 508, F. & A. M., with which he has been connected since 1872,—his first identification with the order. He was raised to the Royal Arch degrees in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, of which he has since been a member, and in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52, he was knighted. He has always been very active and prominent in the work of the commandery, and is deeply interested in the growth and progress of the order. Still further has he advanced, being now a member of Oriental Consistory, while with the social branch of the fraternity he is associated, being a member of Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has been honored with a number of offices, serving as Senior Deacon in the blue lodge, Captain of the Host in the chapter and Eminent Commander in the commandery; was elected an honorary member of Arkansas City Commandery, Kansas, in 1890, having helped them to get their charters.

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**W**ILLIAM CREAR.—The lofty principles which form the basic laws on which the order of Freemasonry is founded have ever appealed to all that is best and noble in man, and have been the means of uplifting and maintaining a high standard of morality for many hundreds of years. The followers of the craft's teachings have for centuries battled against vice and selfishness, and have succeeded in creating considerable havoc in the enemy's camp. In Illinois the ranks of the fraternity are filled with men who are constantly making every effort to advance the cause of Masonry, and there is perhaps no one better known or

more highly respected among the brethren than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch.

Mr. Crear was elected an Entered Apprentice in D. C. Cregier Lodge, No. 643, in 1889, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in that body, and now holds the honorable office of Worshipful Master, to which he was elected in December, 1896. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch in Washington Chapter, No. 43, in 1894, in which he held the chair of Captain of the Host. The degrees of Royal and Select Masters were conferred upon him in Siloam Council, No. 53, and in 1895 he was created a Sir Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19. He is also affiliated with the social branch of Masonry, being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple. In his daily life, as well as in his associations with his brothers, Mr. Crear has ever been upright and honorable, and has proved himself to be worthy and acceptable as a member of the craft.

Mr. Crear was born in Scotland, June 28, 1852, and was there reared and educated until about seventeen years old, at which time his ambition to try new fields triumphed and he emigrated to Canada in 1868, locating in Hamilton, Ontario, where he served an apprenticeship in the mason's trade, and has since made that his life's calling. In 1880 Mr. Crear came to Chicago and here started in business for himself as a contractor and stone mason, in which he has succeeded in building up a prosperous trade and is now one of Chicago's enterprising and progressive citizens. By his probity, sincerity, and honest methods, he has won the confidence of his business associates, and richly deserves the highest regard in which he is held both as a man and as a Mason.

part of the state. He was made a Mason in Garfield Lodge, No. 686, Chicago, in 1880. In 1885 he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter, No. 140, of Chicago, was knighted by Crusader Commandery, No. 14, of Rockford, and received the Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second in Freeport Valley Consistory. Also he is identified with the "Shriners," maintaining his membership in Tebala Temple at Rockford.

Mr. Moore is of German birth and ancestry. He was born April 26, 1851, was partially reared in his native land, having but few educational advantages, and has made his own way in the world. In 1862, when a boy of eleven years, his greatest ambition was to be a sailor, and the next three years he spent on the sea, during that time occasionally touching port,—Hamburg, Liverpool, Copenhagen and New York being among the cities he visited. Landing in New York in 1866, then a youth of fifteen, he decided to make the United States his future home, and has never had cause to regret the decision then made. In Chicago he learned the trade of machinist, which trade he has followed ever since, the sewing-machine business being a specialty with him. He spent seven years with the Wilson Company and for eighteen years has been connected with the National Sewing Machine Company, beginning as shipping clerk for this last-named company and from that position working his way up until he is now superintendent of the foundry department of a concern which is the largest of its kind in the United States. This factory employs no less than twelve hundred men, and has done much to bring about the present prosperity of Belvidere.

Mr. Moore has been a resident of Belvidere since 1886, and, as all good citizens should, he has taken an active interest in the affairs of his town, and has been a prominent factor in promoting its welfare. Politically he is a Republican. In the year 1896 he served his second term as one of the aldermen of the city. For six six years he was a member of the city board

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**W**ILLIAM H. MOORE, of Belvidere, Illinois, is one of the competent business men of this place. He is also a thoroughly posted Mason and enjoys a high standing in the Masonic fraternity in this

of education and he was one of the organizers of the Belvidere fire department. April 20, 1897, Mr. Moore was elected mayor of Belvidere, and as such he took the executive chair in the council on the evening of his forty-sixth birthday, April 26.

He built and occupies one of the attractive residences of Belvidere, which is presided over by Mrs. Moore, *nee* Susie Brown, whom he wedded March 10, 1875. Both he and his estimable wife have a large circle of friends and are highly esteemed.

**H**ERBERT D. POST.—Prominently identified with the commercial interests of Freeport, who while promoting individual prosperity has at the same time advanced the general welfare and added to the material prosperity of the community, is the gentleman whose name introduces this review. He has gained marked prestige among the merchants of the city and his success is the more remarkable in that it has been gained entirely through his own efforts. Without capital he entered upon his business career, meeting all difficulties with determination and energy, fearing not competition, on account of the honorable policy he pursues, which commends him to the patronage of the public, and thus steadily working his way upward. His is a life that has followed the well-trodden paths of honest, earnest endeavor, and though not filled with events of exciting interest contains lessons that may be profitably followed.

Mr. Post is a western man by birth, training and interest, and possesses the true western spirit of progress and advancement. His birth occurred in Weyauwega, Wisconsin, on the 4th of February, 1857, and he belongs to the Post family which has long been connected with the history of New York. His father, Joseph D. Post, was born in that state in 1824, and when a young man emigrated to Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Cook, a daughter of Orson

Cook, who also belonged to an old American family. They removed to Wisconsin, where four children were born to them and where they were living at the time the Civil war was inaugurated. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, Mr. Post responded to the president's call for volunteers and was commissioned first lieutenant of Company B, Fourteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He was always found at his post of duty, was in the thickest of the fight, and in the battle of Shiloh he fell mortally wounded, yielding up his life as a sacrifice that his country might be perpetuated. He was a man of superior ability, honorable in all business transactions, a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, full of generous impulses, a devoted husband and father, a good citizen and a most brave and loyal soldier. His widow bore with fortitude the great sorrow that came to her, nobly reared her children, and departed this life in 1894, at the age of fifty-seven.

Herbert D. Post was only in his fifth year when the great Civil war bereft him of a father's care and guidance. He was educated in the public schools of Freeport and began his business life as a clerk. He thus mastered the principles and methods followed in mercantile life, and in 1880, when twenty-three years of age, established a grocery store on the same block in which he is now located. He began operations on a small scale, but has increased his facilities to meet the growing demand of his trade and has now a large stock of goods and is proprietor of one of the leading grocery houses of Freeport. His honorable dealing has raised him to his present high position among the business men of Freeport, and he is reputed one of the most successful merchants of the city. He gives his entire time and attention to his store and is ever courteous, obliging and prompt. The salient points of his character are those which all might cultivate with like satisfactory results.

In 1885 Mr. Post was happily married to Miss Anna Lois Wilson, of Wisconsin, and to them were born two children, a son



and a daughter, but the mother was attacked by consumption and was called to the home beyond this life in 1890. She was most devoted to her family and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. In 1895 Mr. Post was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Caroline E. Wise, of Sioux City, Iowa. They have one son.

In 1887 Mr. Post was made a Mason in Moses R. Thompson Lodge, now Excelsior Lodge, No. 97, of Freeport, and has since advanced rapidly in the order, having attained the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and he and his wife belong to the First Presbyterian church of Freeport. His political support is given the Republican party, but public office has no attraction for him. Both Mr. and Mrs. Post are widely known in Freeport, where they have many warm friends and their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality.

**D**R. JETHRO MASTIN is one of Shannon's oldest and best citizens, and may be said to be one of the founders of this town, he having built one of the first houses in it; and he is not only a pioneer of the town, but he is also a veteran member of the Masonic fraternity at this place. He was created a Master Mason in 1866 in Shannon Lodge, in which he was soon shown official preference, and in which he served ten consecutive years as Worshipful Master, in that time doing much to advance the best interests of the lodge. The Doctor is also a member of Lanark Chapter, the degrees of which were conferred upon him in 1870, as follows: Mark Master, February 8; Past Master, February 8; Most Excellent Master, February 28; and Royal Arch, May 24.

Dr. Mastin, like many of the prominent men scattered throughout this country, claims Ohio as the place of his birth. It was in Harrison county, May 20, 1825, that he was ushered into life. His ancestors were among the early settlers of Maryland. His father, James Mastin, was born on Dela-

ware Bay; was a soldier in the war of 1812, and while in the service of his country was taken prisoner and was held as such in Dartmouth prison until the close of the war. In 1815 he left the east and sought a home in the Western Reserve, locating first in Harrison county, whence some years later he removed to Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where his death occurred, in 1857, at the ripe old age of nearly a hundred years. He had been married four times and was



*Jethro Mastin*

the father of eleven children. The wife who was our subject's mother was in her maidenhood Miss Ann DeWalt, and Pennsylvania was her native state. She was the mother of five children, all of whom excepting Jethro have passed away, he and a half-sister being the only living representatives of the family. At the age of twelve years death deprived him of a

mother's loving care. He was reared to farm life, having only meager educational advantages, as his schooling was limited to a short attendance at the district school and a term at Bedford Academy in Ohio. He made the best of his opportunities, however, improving all his leisure time in study and through his own efforts securing a fair education. He read medicine in the office of Dr. E. N. Knight, of Chili, Coshoc-ton county, Ohio, and for about twelve years was engaged in the practice of the medical profession at Shannon and in Stephenson county, Illinois. He located on the present site of Shannon in 1862, that year erecting the buildings which form the nucleus of the town, and here he was occupied in the practice of medicine up to 1873. Since that date he has been engaged in the lumber and coal business here, enjoying a large patronage and being prospered in his undertakings.

Dr. Mastin is a man of family. He was married in February, 1852, to Miss Cath-erine Daugherty, a native of Belmont county, Ohio, and their union has been blessed in the birth of three children, namely: George C., who is engaged in the practice of law in the city of Chicago; James W., a railroad conductor residing at Denver, Colorado; and Margaret, who is the wife of George E. Ward, residing with our subject. For some years they resided in the old home referred to as the first house in Shannon, but it has long since given place to their present comfortable and at-tractive residence. Religiously, this worthy couple are devoted members of the Meth-odist Episcopal church, in which the Doc-tor has for years been an honored pillar.

In local politics our subject has long figured quite prominently. For thirteen consecutive years he served as supervisor of his township, being chairman of the board of supervisors six years of that time; and for thirty-three consecutive years has been elected and served as justice of the peace.

Such, in brief, is the record of this worthy citizen, a man now in his seventy-

second year, well preserved both physically and mentally, and one who is justly en-titled to the high esteem in which he is held.

**F**RANK ROTHGEB, who is one of the Past Eminent Commanders of Beau-seant Commandery, No. 11, Knights Tem-plar, at Quincy, was made a Mason in Lambert Lodge, No. 659, in which he was elected an Entered Apprentice September 1, 1885, passed the Fellow-craft degree October 6, and raised to the sublime de-gree of Master Mason November 3 in the same year. He served efficiently as the lodge's Secretary for some time, until, on account of necessary absence, he declined re-election to the office. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, on July 2, 1886; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Quincy Council, No. 15, on Au-gust 22, 1886, and was constituted a Sir Knight in Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, on December 13, 1887. In the latter body he has held the offices from Sword Bearer to that of Eminent Commander, filling the latter for the years 1895 and 1896. The part taken by Mr. Rothgeb in the Com-mandery has been capably performed with the fullest credit to himself and to the en-tire satisfaction of his brother Sir Knights, and all speak of his abilities and services in the highest terms.

Brother Rothgeb is a native son of Quincy, Illinois, where he was born Octo-ber 4, 1861, and is of German-Huguenot stock. His father, Henry Rothgeb, was born in Germany in 1822, and came to Quincy in 1845, engaged in the grocery business and has been one of her industri-ous and reliable citizens. He married Mrs. Anna B. (Biddle) Rothgeb, his brother's widow, and eight children were born to them, one of the sons, G. A., being a resi-dent of East Las Vegas, New Mexico, and a Past Eminent Commander of the Knights Templar. The mother died in 1870, and the father at the venerable age of sixty-six years. They were a worthy couple and

their decease was mourned by a large circle of friends.

Brother Rothgeb was the fifth child in order of birth, and acquired his education in the public schools of Quincy. He is one of the city's representative sons, and has been engaged in various business pursuits, is at present a clerk in the post-office, but is soon to embark in business on his own account. He has been captain of the local militia, having joined Company D, Fifth Infantry, Illinois National Guard, as a private, was promoted to corporal and sergeant, and the following year organized Company F, in the same regiment, and was elected its captain, which office he held for some time, taking a great deal of just pride in his company. Recently, for private reasons, he resigned his commission.

Politically Mr. Rothgeb is a Democrat. He is a gentleman of integrity, merit and ability, and a citizen of whom his native town may well be proud.

On May 15, 1895, the marriage of Mr. Rothgeb and Miss Elizabeth Groom, of Camp Point, Illinois, was celebrated. She is the daughter of William and Susan Groom. The union has been blessed with a little daughter, Constance Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Rothgeb are consistent members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is one of the trustees and secretary and treasurer of the board.

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**F**RANK J. KNOWLES needs no introduction to the readers of these volumes, for he is well known in commercial, musical and Masonic circles. It has been said that Chicago is thoroughly engrossed in money-making, that its business interests are paramount to all others, but a study of the city life shows a remarkable development of art and social interests. While its trade circles largely control the commerce of the country, its advancement has been just as remarkable along the lines of aesthetic culture, while its organized charities and benevolences are a power in its cosmopolitan life that is indisputable. The

cultivation of art, science and belles-lettres, in addition to the promotion of trade, has produced a symmetrical development that gives the city its force and greatness. Mr. Knowles has for a number of years been prominent in the business life of the west side, has been active in charitable work as a member of the Masonic fraternity and as a member of the Lexington Quartet is widely known to lovers of music.

The province of this work calling our attention more largely to the Masonic interest, we find that in 1891 he became a Master Mason in Waubansia Lodge, No. 160, and learned the lessons concerning charity, universal brotherhood and hospitality which are the grand characteristics of the order. He was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter, No. 148, in 1892, and learned in capitular Masonry—the keystone of the Masonic arch—the history of the past with its beautiful and impressive legends. He passed the circle of Tyrian Council in 1893 and the same year was constituted, created and dubbed a Knight Templar of St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35. In 1892 he received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite and attained the thirty-second degree in Oriental Consistory. He is also a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. Mr. Knowles is deeply interested in the fraternity and in his upright career exemplifies its honorable teachings. He is highly esteemed as a worthy and acceptable member of the craft and has made many lasting friendships among the brethren.

Mr. Knowles is a native of Knowlesville, New York, born July 9, 1856. He resided in that town until October 10, 1871, when he came to Illinois, locating in Lockport. His business training was obtained in a drug store, and finding that trade congenial to his tastes he determined to engage in business for himself along the same line. Accordingly, in 1876, he opened a store in Lockport and successfully conducted the same until 1885, when he came to Chicago. The following year he established his pres-

ent store at the corner of Polk street and Ogden avenue, and in the prosecution of his business he has prospered, building up an extensive and lucrative trade. Honorable business methods and unfaltering industry have been the secret of his success and have won him the confidence and patronage of all with whom he has come in contact in his commercial life.

On the 20th of May, 1894, Mr. Knowles was joined in wedlock to Miss Belle Smith, a native of Chicago, and the circle of their friends is extensive. With an inherent love of music he has cultivated his talents in this direction and ten years since became one of the organizers of the Lexington Quartet, of which he is the manager. Their music has been a distinctive and greatly enjoyed feature in Masonic entertainments, but this organization has not alone enjoyed their work. Their popularity in all gatherings has made them well known in Chicago's social circles; and the varied range of their music, from the popular airs of the day to the most classic, enables them to please the diversified tastes of the public.

**A**LLEXANDER OWENS, of Milan, Illinois, has for almost a third of a century been numbered among those who follow the ancient teachings of Freemasonry, and his loyalty to all its principles makes him a worthy and valued member of the order. He was made a Mason in Trio Lodge, No. 57, of Rock Island, being initiated as an Entered Apprentice on the 15th of February, 1866, passing the Fellow-craft degree on the 10th of May, and being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 23d of August. The symbols of these three degrees contain the germs and are the foundation of all Freemasonry; and its principles form the basis of the entire order. On the 29th of November, 1866, Mr. Owens dimitted from Trio Lodge to Eureka Lodge, No. 69, of Milan, of which he was one of the organizers. He held the offices of Junior and Senior Warden for several terms and has been an active working

member, exemplifying in his life the true spirit of the society. He is a companion of the chapter, being exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, of Rock Island. Capitular Masonry is the keystone of the arch of Freemasonry and teaches in its beautiful and impressive legends the history of the past. Its predominating tincture or color is scarlet, symbolizing ardor, zeal and purification, and historically refers to the rebuilding of the temple of Jerusalem. Mr. Owens has never severed his relation to Barrett Chapter and is highly esteemed by the companions with whom he has thus been associated for some years.

A native of county Antrim, Ireland, Mr. Owens was born near the city of Belfast, on the 17th of June, 1830, and comes of the good old Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock that has furnished to the United States many of her best citizens, renowned both in war and in peace. His parents were Archibald and Mary (McMaster) Owens, both natives of county Antrim. In 1845 they were both stricken with typhoid fever and passed away within a week, leaving a family of two sons and five daughters, three of whom are still living.

Mr. Owens was then a youth of fifteen years. Thrown upon his own resources at that early age, he looked seriously at the problems which life presented to him, and with resolute heart and willing hand started out to make his own way in the world. After two years he sailed for New York to improve the advantages afforded young men in this land of the free. He served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and in 1852 removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where he followed that pursuit for four years. In 1857 he came to Milan, which has since been his place of residence, with the exception of a short interval. In 1859 he spent six months in California, visiting Sacramento, Maysville and San Francisco, and from the Pacific slope returned to St. Louis, where he remained until 1861, when he returned to Milan. He has since been engaged in con-

tracting and building on an extensive scale and has erected many churches, school-houses, residences and business blocks in Rock Island and vicinity. Thoroughly understanding every detail of the business, he is capable therefore of directing others, and he has a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, so that he has won success in his undertakings. He is thoroughly honorable in all business transactions, and throughout the community bears the good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches. He now holds the position of superintendent of the Mississippi & Illinois canal, having charge of the construction of all the lock gates of the first five miles.

Mr. Owens was happily married in 1852 to Miss Helen Wyman, a native of New York. They have reared a family of six children, namely: Annie Louisa, wife of W. H. Smith, of Chicago; Charles C., a business man of Cleveland, Ohio; Jennie, wife of Ira Zahn, who resides near Milan; Helen, wife of H. F. Hunter, a resident of Boston, Massachusetts; Elizabeth B., wife of Alfonso McNulty, of Des Moines, Iowa; and Emma A., wife of R. B. Sterns, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Owens are valued members of the Presbyterian church, and in politics he is a staunch Republican, who warmly advocates the tenets promulgated by that party. He has served his county as supervisor for a number of years, was one of the trustees of Milan, and for five years was president of the village. He is deeply interested in its welfare and does all in his power to promote its moral and material interests.

**C**HARLIE P. DORN.—It is not from numbers that Freemasonry has derived its strength, but from the fraternal mission of humanity which it has executed for so many years and which gives it dignity, honor and immortality. Men glorify their Heavenly Father by loving their neighbors as themselves, and by doing good to their fellow men, and this is what Masonry

teaches. Mr. Dorn has been a valued member of the order since 1881, when he was admitted to Euclid Lodge, No. 65, on December 6, serving as its Junior Warden and Secretary, holding the latter office for six years, from 1882 to 1889. He received the capitular degrees in Euclid Chapter, No. 13, in 1882, in which he was Master of the Veil; was made a Royal and Select Master in Aurora Council, No. 45; and was constituted a Sir Knight in Aurora Com-



mandery, No. 22, in 1892. He became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, in 1893, and is a member of Rising Sun Chapter, No. 51, Order of the Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he was Banker for six years, and in 1896 was elected its presiding officer, and he is a member-at-large of the Independent Order of Foresters.

Mr. Dorn was born in Stephenson county, Illinois, March 5, 1852, and spent the first part of his life on the home farm, attending the district schools during the winter months. Upon attaining his major-

ity he began his career in life by engaging as a clerk in a produce house at Monroe, Wisconsin, in the meantime devoting his leisure time to the study of dental surgery. He subsequently moved to Orangeville and there practiced dentistry for two years. In 1878 he came to Naperville, where he has since successfully followed his profession. In 1885 he took a course of lectures in Rush Medical College, and in 1892 a post-graduate course at the Haskell school.

In his political views he is affiliated with the Republican party, and religiously is an adherent of the Congregational church. He is a progressive citizen of Naperville, possesses a thorough knowledge of his profession, and is popular with all who know him.

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**A**LLEXANDER B. LEITH, one of Chicago's prominent and enterprising business men, is still more closely connected with many of his fellow townsmen through the ties of Masonry. His identification with this order has been of comparatively short duration, but within the three years of his connection he has become fully imbued with the spirit of the fraternity and is deeply interested in all that pertains to its advancement. He was made a Mason in Union Park Lodge, F. & A. M., taking the three degrees of the blue lodge in 1894. The following year he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason, his membership being in York Chapter. He also became a member of St. Bernard Commandery, K. T., in 1895, and in that year was made a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. He manifests in his life the spirit of the fraternity and exemplifies its honorable teachings in his upright career.

Mr. Leith is a man well known in the business world of Chicago, his connection with one of the leading industries of the city securing him a wide acquaintance. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on the 12th of July, 1868, and in his native land learned the trade of a machinist, his close

application making him a good workman. This he has made his life occupation, and his steady advancement in that line has brought to him a merited success. In 1887 he determined to try his fortune in America, hoping to avail himself of the better opportunities here afforded young men for advancement. Choosing Chicago as the scene of his future labors he followed his chosen occupation here in the employ of others until 1890, when he formed a partnership with A. J. Adams and B. Hampton, establishing the Fulton Machine Works. They do an extensive business, and in addition to general work in their line make a specialty of the manufacture of the Thistle Bicycles, one of the best wheels that have ever been placed on the market. Its reputation has gone throughout the length and breadth of the land and the success of the business has been almost phenomenal. The excellence and durability of the wheel at once commended it to the public, and as bicycling has rapidly grown in favor the Thistle bicycle has found its way to all parts of the country. The shops of the firm are most thoroughly equipped and the reputation of the company is irreproachable.

In 1896 Mr. Leith was united in marriage to Miss Maria Durkin, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. They have many friends in this city, and Mr. Leith is popular in both social and business circles. His career is an exemplification of what can be accomplished by determined purpose, resolute energy and capable management. Success comes largely as the result of the recognition of opportunities and taking advantage of the same. This quality Mr. Leith possesses, and in consequence has worked his way upward to a foremost place in Chicago's business circles.

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**J**AMES FRANCIS ROWINS was made a Mason in Waubansia Lodge, No. 160, of Chicago in 1894, and the same year took the Royal Arch degrees in LaFayette Chapter, No. 2. It was also in 1894 that he became connected with the Royal &

Select Masters of Palestine Council and with Apollo Commandery, in which he was made a Knight Templar. In April, 1895, he joined Oriental Consistory of the Scottish Rite, and during the two years of his connection with Masonry he has advanced rapidly in the fraternity, has labored earnestly for its interests and has become widely known as one of its valued members; and in addition to his Masonic connections he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Rowins was born in Talbot county, Maryland, on the 7th of August, 1850, and in that state was reared to manhood and acquired his education. He also learned the printer's trade there, gaining a thorough knowledge of the business which he has made his life work. In 1873 he left the state of his nativity and removed to Indiana, settling at Crown Point, whence he removed to Dakota in 1886. Five years were passed in the northwest and he then returned to Illinois, since which time he has been a resident of Chicago. Here he carries on a general printing business and has a well-appointed establishment, where he turns out first-class work. His ability in this direction and his fair and honorable dealing have brought to him a liberal patronage and therefore he enjoys a fair income.

Mr. Rowins was united in marriage in 1873 with Miss Jennie S. Holton, a native of Crown Point, Indiana, and a granddaughter of Solon Robinson, at one time agricultural editor of the New York Tribune, and the first settler in Lake county, Indiana, where he was known as the "squatter king." Our subject and his wife now have four children, Howard H., James E., Josephine Sarah and Cora Belle.

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**A**RTHUR H. BRUMBACK, M. D.—The fraternity of Masonry teaches ethics by symbols, and its creed embraces a belief in the eternal God, the grand architect of the universe. It inculcates in the mind the higher ideal in life, and exists in response to a desire of the soul for a do-

main of brotherhood,—a congenial companionship that should tend to soften the harder lines of life and render it more beautiful. Beneath its spreading branches mankind may obtain solace and security from most of the storms incident to human existence. The work of this order will never be fully appreciated until men of all ranks, conditions and creeds shall harmonize in a combined effort to do the greatest good to the greatest number. That this much-desired end is being consummated is demonstrated by the increased interest that is manifested throughout the world in, and the daily addition to, the already enormous membership.

No more convincing argument in favor of Freemasonry could be given than that it descends from father to son for several generations, for surely no father would advise a son to become affiliated with an organization that would be otherwise than of the greatest benefit to him. The father of Dr. Brumback was for many years before his death an honored member of the fraternity, and his son holds a similar position in the brotherhood to-day. In April, 1883, he was made a Master Mason in Denver Lodge, Hancock county, was exalted in the Augusta Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons in June, and created a Knight Templar in Almoner Commandery, No. 32, August 4, of the same year. At present he is affiliated with the Garden City Lodge, the Wiley M. Egan Chapter, and the Chicago Commandery, all of Chicago. In his daily life Dr. Brumback has always endeavored to follow the precepts of the society and to advance its interests in every possible manner.

The Doctor is a native of Hancock county, Illinois, where he was born March 31, 1862. After passing through the various grades of the common schools he attended Carthage College, at Carthage, Illinois, and then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago in the fall of 1882, in which he was a member of the first class and graduated in 1884. Upon receiving his diploma he went to Quincy, Illinois, where he began the practice of his

profession for a short time and one winter delivered lectures on hygiene in the medical department of Shattuck University. His duties next called him to Kansas City, Missouri, where he took up the practice of medicine until the fall of 1890, at which time he came to Chicago and has since pursued his calling in this city. The Doctor makes a specialty of pulmonary diseases and is professor of physical diagnosis in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is a member of the Chicago Medical Society and is examining physician of the Royal Arcanum, Royal League, National Union, Northwestern Masonic Aid Association, the *Ætna* Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Alliance, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and medical director of the North American Union. Dr. Brumback is a man of keen discernment, thoroughly familiar with all the branches of his profession and holds a prominent position in the medical world.

In 1889 Dr. Brumback was united in marriage to Miss Sophia J. Wiborg, a native of Canada, and they have one son, Benton Lee. A man of genial nature and a prepossessing personality, he is well liked by his numerous friends. Among his many social relations he is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple, and is highly respected by his fellow Shriners.

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**JULIUS CRONAU.**—Masonry is a bond of friendship which time can only strengthen and make more indissoluble. It brings men together and encourages a spirit of common brotherhood that has for its object the uplifting of mankind and the establishment of a universal feeling of charity, love and kindness to one's fellow creatures. Although allied to no particular religious denomination, its fundamental principles are extracted from the book of God and its aims are directed to the upholding of Christianity and the fatherhood of a Supreme Being, which, while not brought forward in a conspicuous manner, nevertheless

permeates all the rites and ceremonies of the craft.

Mr. Cronau was initiated into the fraternity in Galva Lodge, No. 243, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 14, 1887, Brother A. O. Stoddard being the Worshipful Master who conferred the degrees. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Kewanee Chapter, No. 47, and was made a Mark Master April 14, 1887, Past Master May 11, and Most Eminent Master and Royal Arch June 8. He at once became an active and efficient member of his chapter, filling the offices of Master of the Third Veil and Captain of the Host for two terms. On December 5, 1887, he was created a Sir Knight in Temple Commandery, No. 20, at Princeton, and on April 21, 1894, was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, Valley of Chicago. Brother Cronau has always been zealous, faithful and true to the precepts of the order, and is regarded by his brethren as a most exemplary Mason.

The birth of Mr. Cronau occurred at Kewanee Illinois, on July 26, 1865. He is of German extraction, his parents being Peter and Mary (Fallendore) Cronau, both natives of Germany, who came to the United States shortly after their marriage, locating first in New Haven, Connecticut, whence they moved to Chicago and later to Kewanee, where Mr. Cronau was for many years a prominent merchant tailor and business man. He erected a fine brick block in the city and a beautiful residence, where the subject of this review was born and where he now lives with his mother, who is now in the sixty-seventh year of her age. The father was a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, being initiated in Kewanee Lodge, No. 159, on March 19, 1861, passed June 18, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason June 18. In 1866 he became a member of Kewanee Chapter, No. 47, receiving the degrees of Mark Master November 21, Past Master November 22, Most Eminent Master December 6, and Royal Arch December 8. Mr. and Mrs. Cronau became the parents of



eight children, four daughters and four sons, three of the latter—Edward, Theodore and Julius—being active business men and Sir Knights Templar. The youngest son is Lewis Peter. The father departed this life November 11, 1876, at the age of forty-nine years.

Mr. Cronau was the fifth child and his early education was received in the public schools of Kewanee, which was supplemented by a course of instruction by mail from the Philadelphia Ophthalmic College. He then began to learn the trade of practical jeweler, which he studied in both Kewanee and Chicago, and at which he worked in Galva, Illinois, for four years. In 1889 he opened his present store in Kewanee, and by strict integrity and close application he has succeeded in building up a prosperous business. He is an intelligent, active man and a capable and gifted worker in the fraternity, thoroughly well versed in the ritual and always endeavoring to live up to the tenets of the order. Politically he is an enthusiastic Republican, and he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

**F**RED H. DIXON, a prominent contractor and builder of Belvidere, Illinois, is a worthy member of the Masonic order at this place and has during the nearly four years of his identity with it manifested its teachings in his every-day life.

Early in the year 1893 Mr. Dixon sought admission to Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., was duly elected to receive its degrees, and was entered March 20, passed April 3, and raised May 15. The chapter degrees were conferred upon him the same year by Kishwaukee Chapter, R. A. M.; the Mark Master and Past Master degrees, May 8; Most Excellent Master, May 22, and Royal Arch, June 12.

Mr. Dixon is a New Yorker by birth, but from childhood has been a resident of Belvidere, Illinois. He was born in Oneida county, New York, August 30, 1861, and is of English extraction, his parents being Thomas and Mary Ann (Jarvis) Dixon, both

natives of England. They came from New York to Illinois in 1867, when their son Fred H. was five years of age, and settled in Belvidere, where he was reared and educated, having the advantage of the excellent public schools of this place. In his youth he showed a preference for the carpenter's trade, devoted his attention to it after he left school, and soon mastered it in all its details. His practical knowledge of the trade, together with his marked business ability brought him into prominence, and to-day there are in Belvidere numerous buildings, both private and public, which are monuments to his skill in the line of business he has chosen. Among these buildings may be mentioned the fine high-school building and the large factory of the National Sewing Machine Company.

In his views politically Mr. Dixon harmonizes with the Republican party, and in local affairs has always shown a commendable interest. He is at present a member of the city council, serving as alderman from the first ward.

Mr. Dixon was married October 7, 1884, to Miss Corina Daville, a native of Belvidere, and they have one child, a son, J. W.

**G**EORGE A. ROOT, a prominent citizen of Lanark, engaged in the grocery business, is a gentleman whose identification with the institution of Freemasonry entitles him to personal mention in the present work, since he has been a member of that order for over thirty years. He received the degrees of the blue lodge while a resident of Decatur, Illinois, in 1864; later, while living at Bloomington, he affiliated with the lodge at that place; and he is now a member in good standing of Lanark Lodge, No. 423, F. & A. M., of which, for the past five years, he has been Senior Warden. He became a member of Lanark Chapter, R. A. M., in 1890, receiving the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master January 30, and Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch February 24. At this writing he fills the office of King in the chapter.

In both branches of the order to which he belongs he takes an active and enthusiastic interest, all his work in the same being characterized by his usual earnestness and dignity.

Mr. Root is of eastern birth. He was ushered into life at Coventry, Tolland county, Connecticut, March 1, 1839, and is of English descent. At an early period in the history of America three brothers by the name of Root came from England to this country and were among the first settlers of Hartford, Connecticut, where they had lands granted to them from the king of England. They and their descendants have figured prominently in the affairs of this country, both in peace and war, Nathaniel Root, the grandfather of our subject, having participated in the war of the Revolution. Rev. Marvin Root, the father of George A., was born in Coventry, was a graduate of Williams College and of Yale Theological Seminary, and was for many years a minister in the Congregational church. He filled various pastorates in the east, remaining there until 1857, at which time he came to Illinois, where he was a potent force in the home missionary field. He died at Lanark in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He had married in his youth, in the east, Miss Loxea Bushnell, a native of Stonington, Connecticut, and, like himself, a descendant of one of the first families of that state. Their union was blessed with six children, of whom five are yet living, one son, Thomas, having lost his life while serving as a Union soldier in the late war. The mother lived to be eighty-four years old. She sympathized with and encouraged her worthy husband in his ministerial work, and in her quiet and unassuming way performed many a Christian deed of kindness.

George A. Root was educated in Newark, Ohio, and was in the book and stationery business two years at Piqua, that state. Coming thence in 1859 to Illinois, he taught school and worked on a farm near Lanark until September, 1861, when, in response to President Lincoln's call for volunteers to

put down the Rebellion, he enlisted as a member of Company B, Seventh Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, and went to the front. He was in many of the prominent engagements of the south, and for his gallant service was from time to time promoted until at the close of the war he was major of his regiment. Like most veterans of the late war, Mr. Root is identified with the G. A. R. He has filled nearly every office in his Post and is now its Past Commander.

The war over, Mr. Root returned to Bloomington, Illinois, and in 1867 came from there to Lanark, where he purchased land and where for twenty years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He still owns his fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres near this place. Under President Harrison's administration Mr. Root served four years as postmaster of Lanark. In 1894 he engaged in the grocery business, in partnership with his son, Fletcher Irvin Root, and has since done a prosperous business in this line.

Reverting to that page in Mr. Root's life which is more purely domestic, we find that on June 16, 1866, was consummated his marriage to Miss Helen Fletcher, a native of Illinois. They have five children, as follows: Anna, wife of Mr. Ezra Schrock; Fletcher I., Lizzie, Robert, and Viola.

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**M**ON. EDWARD LA FONTAINE CRONKRITE stands to-day as one of the representative citizens of Illinois, his connection with legislation, his prominence as a business man of Freeport and his honorable identification with the Masonic fraternity, all serving to make him well and favorably known.

There are no rules for building characters; there is no rule for achieving success. The man who can rise from the ranks to a position of eminence is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that come along his path. The essential conditions of human life are ever the same; the surroundings of individuals differ but slightly; and when one man passes another on the high-

way to reach the goal of prosperity before others who perhaps started out before him, it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably encompass the whole human race. To-day, among the most prominent business men of Freeport, stands Mr. Cronkrite, and his connection with Masonic interests has made his life record of interest to his brethren of the craft.

Mr. Cronkrite was born in Saratoga county, New York, January 27, 1832, and is a descendant of the sturdy Holland-Dutch settlers who established the colony of New York. His father, Joseph G. Cronkrite, was a native of that state and was an industrious farmer through a long life of eighty-eight years. His wife lived to the age of sixty-three. They were people of the highest respectability and worth, and the father served as postmaster during the administration of President James K. Polk. In the family were six sons and four daughters.

The subject of this review was educated in the common schools and in an academy of West Poultney, Vermont. In 1855 he went to California, where he engaged in teaching school until 1859, when he returned to Freeport. Here he engaged in clerking for two years, during which time he learned the grocery business and then opened a grocery store of his own, which he has since successfully conducted, covering a period of thirty-four years. He soon acquired an enviable reputation as a thoroughly reliable merchant and in consequence has enjoyed a very liberal patronage, which he justly merits.

Mr. Cronkrite was happily married October 17, 1861, to Miss Nellie Carter, a native of Freeport and a daughter of Marcus Carter, of this city. Their only son, William Napoleon Cronkrite, is now a leading citizen of Freeport. In politics our subject has been a lifelong Democrat and has been one of the most active adherents in this section of the state. He has served as a member of the city council and as the honored mayor, administering the affairs of

the city government in a way that reflected credit upon himself and constituents and brought to Freeport material improvement and prosperity. He was six times elected by his party to the state legislature and was chairman of various important committees, while on one occasion he was the candidate of the Democracy for speaker of the house. He was a wise and just legislator, placing principle above party and fidelity to duty above self-aggrandizement.

Mr. Cronkrite's connection with Masonry began in 1862. His wife belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she is now Worthy Matron. In 1863 he became a Royal Arch Mason and in 1867 was made a Knight Templar. He is a charter member of Freeport Consistory, was one of its first officers and is now its Past Commander-in-Chief. During his entire connection with the fraternity he has been one of its most ardent and useful members, an untiring worker in its interests and has been honored with all the highest offices in the various branches with which he is associated. He has taken all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second, and has served as district deputy. As a member of the time-honored fraternity, as a public officer and as a citizen, his career has been such as to win him the regard of all, and there is in his record much that is worthy of emulation.

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**THOMAS BENTON BRUMBACK.**—Although the grave may receive all that is mortal of man, yet will his good deeds live after him and stand as an everlasting monument to a life that has been spent in following the precepts of Christ and endeavoring to walk in the narrow path that He has taught us leads to a heavenly reward. Mr. Brumback was a man whose faith in Christianity was unswerving, and his life was full of the beauties of its teachings. He early perceived the benefits to humanity to be derived from the principles of Freemasonry, and became an active mem-

ber of that order, taking more than an ordinary interest in its workings, and doing all in his power to further its cause and spread its doctrines throughout the land. He was a charter member of the Denver Lodge, of Hancock county, in which he was Past Master; was a charter member in the chapter and held the office of Past High Priest, and was also a charter member of the commandery, in which he was Past Eminent Commander. He took the ineffable degree of the Scottish Rite in the consistory at Quincy, Illinois. In all his associations with the organization he was held in high esteem by his brothers, who, at his death, lost one of their most valued members.

Mr. Brumback was born in Hancock county, Illinois, March 4, 1839, on the farm where he lived for so many years. His educational advantages were few, and were received at the district schools of the county. He followed the occupation of farming and owned eight hundred acres in Hancock county, which was highly cultivated and on which he raised a great deal of stock. He held a number of minor offices, among them being that of supervisor of his township, to which he was elected in 1864, and that of assessor, holding that office in 1868-9. He was again elected supervisor in 1875, and served two years, and in 1878 was elected to the state legislature. In these positions he was efficient, capable and honest, and performed his duties in a manner that won for him the commendation of his constituents.

Mr. Brumback was married in February, 1861, to Miss Abbie D. Southwick, a native of Massachusetts, and the daughter of Baruch and Mary (Fowler) Southwick, who were also natives of that state. The Southwick family is of English stock, the founder of the American branch coming to this country on the Mayflower in 1630. The first of the name, Lawrence Southwick, located in Salem, Massachusetts. The family were members of the Society of Friends and as such they suffered many hardships in common with others of their belief, among them being that of banishment. Mr. Southwick,

the father of Mrs. Brumback, was a chapter Mason. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brumback, four of whom died in childhood. Arthur H., the eldest of the family, was born in 1862, and a sketch of him will be found in another portion of this volume.

Daniel Brumback, the great-grandfather of Thomas B., was of German descent and came from Pennsylvania to Virginia at an early day, settling near Newmarket. Several children were born to him, of only two of whom we have any record,—John and Henry,—the latter being the grandfather of the subject of this memoir. He married Miss Mary Grove, and eleven children were born to them, one of whom, Jacob, was the father of Thomas B. He was married February 5, 1835, to Miss Nancy Grove, of Page county, Virginia, and in the same year came to Hancock county and located on section 30, St. Mary's township, where he bought two hundred and forty acres of land, to which he gradually added more land, until at his death, which took place January 5, 1853, at the age of forty-three years, he was the owner of one thousand and one hundred acres. He was an energetic, industrious man and a good financier. In politics he was a Democrat, but never held any office. Although not affiliated with any religious denomination, he had a decided preference for the old-school Baptist faith. His children were eight in number,—Joseph S., Thomas B., Henry P., Mary E., Susan F., Emily E., John H. and Laura A. Three of them died in childhood.

After his marriage Mr. Brumback lived in a log cabin, locating on a part of his mother's farm for one summer, and in the following fall moved to the homestead where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1894. After the close of this useful life the last sad rites were performed by Almoner Commandery, No. 32, which conducted all that was mortal to the grave with the simple but beautiful ceremonies of that order. Ever true to the best instincts of his nature and beloved by his many

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friends, the loss of Mr. Brumback was sincerely felt by a community that was bereft of one of its most honored members.

**G**EORGE PHILIP BAY is one of the earnest and devoted members of the Masonic fraternity of Chicago, his identification with the order covering a period of almost forty years. As the days have lengthened into months, the months into years, he has been found a faithful representative of the order, and though not specially prominent as an officer is a worthy exponent of the benevolent and fraternal principles which are the basis of the society. Mr. Bay was made a Mason in Kilwinning Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is a life member, in 1859, and in 1870 was raised to the Royal Arch degree in Corinthian Chapter, in which his membership is also to continue until his life is ended. He was knighted in Chicago Commandery in 1872, and on the 26th of October, 1886, he became a charter member of Englewood Chapter, No. 59, K. T. He is highly esteemed by the members of the craft and his long connection with the fraternity makes him especially worthy of mention in a volume whose province is the recording of the Masonic history of Illinois and of the lives of those who have aided in forming its annals.

The record of Mr. Bay's life tells the story of a man who has worked his way upward from a humble position to a place of affluence and secured an honorable position in the business world of America's second metropolis. He was born on the 9th of July, 1830, in Wiborg, Denmark, a son of Soren Andreas and Henriette A. (Pfaff) Bay. The family from which he descended is one of importance in Denmark, its members for more than a century having been trusted officials under the Danish government. The grandfather served as burgo-master and the father also held official preference in Wiborg.

In early life Mr. Bay, of this sketch, availed himself of the opportunities that

the public and private schools of Wiborg afforded for acquiring a good education, and was thereby fitted for the practical duties of a business career. He served an apprenticeship to the trade of wood-turning and was employed at that pursuit until 1852, when he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America. Locating in Chicago, he worked at his trade in connection with the furniture business for a number of years, after which he embarked in the grocery business in 1861. This enterprise proved one of eminent success. He soon secured a good trade, which constantly increased, and the liberal patronage brought to him a good income. Thus he accumulated considerable capital,—sufficient to enable him to embark in the banking business, to which he directed his energies in 1873. Forming a partnership that year with Andrew Peterson in the establishment of the private banking house of Peterson & Bay, with the intention of dealing in real estate and securities, the business was carried on under the original firm name up to July 1, 1895. Their office was at first at No. 36 Clark street, but the increase in patronage has been so rapid that it has necessitated more commodious quarters, and several changes have been made, until, in 1890, they removed to the southwest corner of La Salle and Randolph streets. On the 1st of July, 1895, the firm of Peterson & Bay reorganized their bank as the Western State Bank, under which name they are doing an extensive business, comprehensive in its scope and in the magnitude of its transactions. The name of either of these gentlemen is a sufficient guarantee of reliability and sound dealing, and since the period of the great fire, which laid in ruins so much of the city, they have been connected with many of the important real-estate transactions of the city. They not only conduct a bank of deposit, but do a general loan and discount business and deal extensively in local stocks and securities. Their bank is one of the most substantial concerns of the kind in the city,—a position which is due entirely to the honorable efforts and

upright business methods of the members of the firm, who in this way have won the public confidence and therefore the public patronage.

On the 30th of October, 1855, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Bay and Miss Clara T., daughter of R. Buck, of McHenry, Illinois. Eleven children were born to them, of whom four sons and four daughters are yet living: Their names are: Clara H. Miller; Alice, the wife of Frank I. Blish; Charles P.; Hiram H., a member of Grayling Lodge, No. 356, F. & A. M., and of Grayling Chapter, No. 120, R. A. M., both of Grayling, Michigan; Henry M.; Effie L.; Irean J. and George P., Jr.

Mr. Bay holds his religious membership in the Universalist church in Englewood and gives a liberal support to charitable and church work, thus exemplifying the principles of Masonry. His political support is usually given to the Republican party, but he does not consider himself bound by party ties, his judgment being an important factor in exercising his right of franchise. He is a member of the Real Estate Board, of which he served for one term as treasurer. Fond of travel and delighting in the breadth of mental vision which it brings, he usually spends two or three months each year in visiting various sections of his adopted land, with which he is now very familiar. He is a loyal American citizen, true to the interests and institutions of the republic, and never feeling a single regret that he allied himself with the United States. When he came here his capital consisted of less than fifty dollars, but the advantages for self-advancement afforded here have brought to him a handsome competence as the result of his energy, perseverance and well-directed efforts, and he finds that his greatest pleasure is using the wealth so acquired for the promotion of the happiness and welfare of his family.

**H**ANIBAL HENRY RUBIN.—As one of the respected and successful business men of Belvidere, and more especially

as one of the worthy Masons of the town, is this gentleman, Mr. Hanibal Henry Rubin, entitled to personal consideration in the present work.

Reverting first to his Masonic history, we find that the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred upon him by St. John's Lodge, of Whitewater, Wisconsin, January 18, 1883, and for the time being he made no further progress in the order. Later, however, he was transferred to Belvidere Lodge, No. 60; was passed November 2, 1891, and raised on the 16th of the same month. In 1893 he petitioned for the chapter degrees, was duly elected by Kishwaukee Chapter, No. 90, R. A. M., and March 28 had revealed to him the mysteries of the Mark Master and Past Master degrees. The degree of Most Excellent Master was conferred May 27, and on the 12th of June he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason. In both the lodge and chapter he has filled official position. In the former he served acceptably as Junior Warden, and in the latter he has since 1893 been the incumbent of the Treasurer's office, having each year been re-elected.

Mr. Rubin was born in White Water, Wisconsin, February 17, 1861, son of Jacob and Susan Rubin, natives of Switzerland, who emigrated to this country in early life and settled at White Water, where the father was for a number of years engaged in the manufacture of pottery, and where he died October 14, 1882. The mother died in 1871, at the age of fifty years. They were the parents of nine children, Hanibal H. being one of the four of that number who are still living. He owes his early educational advantages to the public schools of Janesville, Wisconsin, and there also he took a commercial course. He is a graduate of the Commercial College of Janesville. At the age of sixteen years he began to learn the trade of baker, and to this business he has since given his attention, meeting with success in his undertakings. He came to Belvidere first in 1881, worked for wages here that year and then returned to White Water, where he spent the next two years. In 1884 he established his pres-



ent business at Belvidere, beginning with small capital, but with plenty of business push and a determination to succeed; and that he has made a success is due solely to his own efforts.

Mr. Rubin was happily married May 30, 1883, to Miss Rosa Fenwick, a native of Belvidere, and to them have been given four children, all born in this city, namely: Charles Francis, Vera Sophia, Pearl Jeanette and Susan Jane.

In connection with Mr. Rubin's fraternity associations, it should be further stated that he is a worthy member of the I. O. O. F., and has passed all the chairs in both branches of that order. His political views are those of the Republican party.

**W**ILLIAM NAPOLEON CRONK-  
RITE.—An honored son of a worthy sire, this gentleman, like his father, is an enthusiastic, loyal member of the Masonic fraternity, and at the present is serving as Eminent Commander of Freeport Commandery and First Lieutenant Commander in the consistory of Freeport, in which his father is Past Commander-in-Chief. Soon after attaining his majority he became a member of the order, taking the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow-craft; on the 9th of November, 1884, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and in 1887 and 1888 served as Worshipful Master of his lodge. He was soon made a Royal Arch Mason and was High Priest of the chapter in 1891. Thus has he been honored in official preferment in the order in which he has arisen to the thirty-second degree.

Mr. Cronkrite is one of the native sons of Freeport, his birth having occurred here July 8, 1863. His father, Edward Lafontaine Cronkrite, has for more than a third of a century been identified with the commercial interests of the city. William was reared in his parents' home and acquired his literary education in the schools of Freeport, Mount Morris Seminary and Knox College, at Galesburg, Illinois. He took

up the study of law under the supervision of J. S. Cochran, and was admitted to the bar in 1884, after which he was appointed deputy county clerk, holding the office for eight years. Since that time he has been engaged in the active practice of his chosen profession, meeting with gratifying success and winning a reputation which places him in the front rank among the representatives of the law in Freeport. He is now the corporation counsel of the city of Freeport. He is a deep student and his researches in the line of his calling have been extended and comprehensive; moreover he has the faculty of readily applying his knowledge and selecting from voluminous evidence the points which bear most readily on the case. His clients' interests are as dear to him as his own and his thorough mastery of a case is evidence of careful and painstaking preparation. He is an earnest, logical and eloquent speaker and his arguments also carry weight and seldom fail to convince. He has a wide acquaintance through this section of the state and the circle of his friends is very extensive.

**O**RRIS BISSELL DODGE.—In the present connection we are pleased to touch upon the salient points in the life history of one who figures as a prominent business man of Dixon, Illinois, and who has high rank among the leading Masons of the state,—Orris Bissell Dodge. He had the honor years ago of being made a Mason by his own father. That was in 1865, at Rantoul, Illinois, in the lodge of that name, of which his father was a charter member and the first Worshipful Master. Two years later, in 1867, our subject moved to Dixon, bringing with him a dimit and here joining Friendship Lodge, No. 7, in which he soon became an active worker and of which he is now Past Worshipful Master. He joined Nachusa Chapter, No. 56, in 1869, the Royal Arch degree being conferred upon him on the 27th of July of that year. Shortly afterward he was elected Secretary of the chapter and later was honored with

the official position of High Priest, an honor which was bestowed upon him four successive years. In 1871 he became a member of Dixon Commandery, No. 21, and was knighted February 14. In the commandery, as in the lodge and chapter, he was soon recognized as an enthusiastic and valued member, and here, too, he was honored officially. He served one year as Warder, five successive years as Prelate, and three years as Eminent Commander, and during all this time he worked with unabated zeal for the best interests of the order, and while Commander he conferred the orders of knighthood upon over sixty companions. At the conclave in Chicago in 1880 his commandery showed the largest number of men in line of all commanderies outside of Chicago, a fact in which he has just reason to take pride, as it was largely due to his efficient efforts that the organization enjoyed such prosperity.

Mr. Dodge is a native of Ohio and was born at Twinsburg, December 8, 1838, of English and Welsh descent, his ancestors having settled in this country previous to the Revolutionary period. His great-grandfather was born on this side of the Atlantic and was one of the American patriots who lost his life at the battle of Bunker Hill. He was a resident of Massachusetts and had been married only a short time when he joined the army. His son, John Dodge, our subject's grandfather, was an only child and was of posthumous birth. When a young man he moved to Twinsburg, Ohio, where he lived to the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. Religiously, he was a Congregationalist, as also were the parents of our subject. His father, one of the early Ohio pioneers, became a successful merchant, and moving to Illinois in 1854 he lived to be eighty-six, and the mother sixty-seven, and her mother at time of death was ninety-two.

Orris B. Dodge is one of a family of five children, three of whom are living, himself and two sisters. He was reared and educated at Bissell's Seminary in his native town, remaining there until 1854, when he

came to Illinois, locating first at Rantoul, where he spent three years cultivating a prairie farm and then eight years in merchandising. In 1867 he removed to Dixon, where he was successfully engaged in the dry-goods business for seven years. In 1874 he became interested in the Grand Detour Plow Manufactory, a business which was established in 1837 at Grand Detour on Rock river, six miles above Dixon, and which later was removed to Dixon in 1869. In 1879 it was incorporated, and since that date Mr. Dodge has been its secretary and treasurer. The Grand Detour Plow Manufactory is one of the prominent enterprises of Dixon and is too well known to need especial mention here. We state in passing, however, that the company has enjoyed a marked prosperity and that the success to which it has attained is largely due to the efficiency of its secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Dodge has a most charming family and delightful home, his residence, which he planned and built and which is surrounded by attractive grounds, being one of the most handsome places in Dixon. He was happily married June 27, 1872, to Miss Annie More, and to them have been given a son and a daughter, John Orris and Annie Louise, both now members of the home circle. Their household of faith is that of the Episcopal church, in which Mr. Dodge is now senior warden and for twenty-nine years has been an honored vestryman. He was a member of the building committee which erected the beautiful church edifice in which they now worship.

In his political affiliations he is a staunch Republican, and as a public-spirited citizen he has a reputation most enviable. Four years he served as a member of the city council. He was chairman of the committee which had in charge the putting in of the Dixon water-works, a plant now recognized as one of the best in the country. He aided in the establishment of the public library of Dixon and is now president of the Library Association. He is also president of the Dixon Business Men's Association, an active member of the Lee County Lect-

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*Squire Rush Harris*

ure Association, the Gladstone Chautauqua Circle and other social and literary clubs. In short, he is a man who has at heart the best interests of the city, gladly gives his support to all measures or movements which in his opinion will promote its welfare, and as such he has the high esteem and good will of all.

**SQUIRE RUSH HARRIS**, who has for a number of years been engaged in a general insurance, real-estate and loan business in the city of Chicago, is identified with numerous fraternal organizations here, prominent among which are the several branches of the Masonic order.

Mr. Harris was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, on September 27, 1854, the son of Edward Greenleaf Harris and Lovisa E. (Harvey) Harris. His father, a native of Ohio, was the son of Jarius Harris, who was a native of Massachusetts and joined the army in the war of 1812. Afterward he went to Pennsylvania, was married there, and subsequently moved to Ohio. Mr. Harris's mother was a descendant of John W. Harvey and was born in Cattaraugus county, New York. In February, 1861, the parents of our subject came west, locating in Knox county, Illinois, where he attended school. Fired with the war fever at the opening of the great war of the Rebellion, young Harris desired to enlist, but on account of his youth he was kept at home by his parents, and he continued to attend school during the winter season and work on the farm during the season of the year of such labors. The winter of 1867-8 he attended school in Peoria, Illinois, and in the winter of 1870-1 he graduated at Oneida Academy, in Knox county. Agricultural pursuits proving not in keeping with his ambition and tastes and not fulfilling the scope of his active mind, he came to Chicago, in April, 1872, and during the month of June following he entered the service of J. H. French & Company, afterward the firm of French & Reuss, in the insurance business.

Still later, in September, 1873, he and Mr. Reuss succeeded the old firm, under the name of S. R. Harris & Company, and continued for about six months, when Mr. Reuss withdrew; but the firm name remains the same. Mr. Harris now has entire control of the business, to which he has added real estate and loans. For several years, also, he was financial manager for the Chicago House Moving Company. He is now interested in several building and loan associations, of one of which he was one of the organizers and for some time was president: he is yet a stockholder and a director in the same. He is also connected with several other business associations and has invested extensively in real estate.

Politically he is a Republican, but he has never sought official honors, and indeed would not accept of any. By his fellow citizens he has been asked to accept a nomination for the state legislature, but so far has declined, having lived in the eleventh and twelfth wards ever since his arrival in the city. In his religious relations he is a Congregationalist, a member and regular attendant at the First Congregational church of Chicago.

April 14, 1882, he was united in matrimony with Miss Sarah S. Bradfield, of McDonough county, Illinois, and they have had two children, one of whom died in infancy. The one living is Verna Rogene, who in 1896 graduated at the Marquette school in Chicago and since that time has been attending the Lewis Institute.

In his social relations Mr. Harris is a member of Garden City Council of the Royal Arcanum, to which he has belonged for fifteen years and in which he has held official stations, including that of Deputy Grand Regent of the state. In the Lincoln Club, of Chicago, he is chairman of the municipal committee, and he is also a member of the Menoken Club. In 1874 he was one of the organizers of Company E, First Regiment of Illinois National Guards, of which he was sergeant. He has been active in all matters of reform, assisting with his services and means in all legisla-

tion that would improve our laws or better the condition of his fellow men.

But the most important item we wish to record in connection with this brief sketch is Mr. Harris's connection with the great order of Masonry. He is a member of Hesperia Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 411; of Washington Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M., of which he was Captain of the Host for a time; of Chicago Commandery, No. 19, K. T.; in April, 1897, he became a member of the Consistory, Scottish Rite; and he is a member of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,—in the workings of all which branches he manifests a deep interest, striving in his life to exemplify their teachings.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY KONANTZ, one of the honored Past Eminent Commanders of El Aksa Commandery, No. 55, of Quincy, and one of the successful business men of the city, has for a quarter of a century been a consistent and enthusiastic Mason, and is most favorably known in the bodies with which he is affiliated. He petitioned for membership in Lambert Lodge, No. 659, on October 17, 1872, was elected November 5, initiated November 12, passed December 3, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on January 1, 1873. He at once entered into active work in his lodge, and in course of time was chosen to fill all its offices in succession but that of Steward, serving as its Worshipful Master for two terms, and after a long rest was again, in 1889, elected to fill the same office. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, on September 29, 1874, and in the chapter held the chairs of Scribe, King and others of importance. He received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Quincy Council, No. 15, and was dubbed and constituted a Sir Knight in Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, on May 6, 1876, and in that body held offices from that of Junior Deacon up to and including that of Captain-General, serving in the latter capacity dur-

ing the years of 1881 and 1882. He is a charter member of El Aksa Commandery, No. 55, which was organized April 15, 1882, and received its charter in the fall of the same year. Of this body he was Eminent Commander in 1891-2.

Mr. Konantz is a native son of Quincy, where he was born April 9, 1846, since which time he has watched the city's growth with keen interest and has become closely identified with her business enterprises. His father, Paul Konantz, was born in Switzerland on September 11, 1811, eventually coming to the United States and locating in Quincy in 1836, where in the following year he was married to Miss Wilhelmina Schilthois, a native of Berlin. He was engaged in the transfer business for a number of years in this city, his death occurring in 1875. His wife survives him, and is now in her seventy-sixth year. Nine of their twelve children are still living, of whom the subject of this sketch is the eldest. His education was obtained in the public schools of Quincy, after leaving which he learned the harness-maker's trade, serving three years in Quincy and two in Chicago. In 1875 he determined to branch out for himself, and with seven hundred and fifty dollars capital he opened a shop in this city. From this modest beginning he has, by strict integrity, industry and honorable methods, succeeded in acquiring the leading wholesale and retail saddlery and harness business in Quincy, one of the results of which is his invariable rule of paying spot cash for every purchase he makes. Mr. Konantz has always been an incessant, conscientious worker, and has fully merited his present prosperity and high standing in the mercantile world.

Our subject was married in 1878 to Miss Louisa Farmer Harris, of Hannibal, Missouri, their issue being the following three sons: Orion F., who is attending the Illinois College; and Edward S., and Ralph H., who are pursuing their studies in the public and high schools of Quincy. Mr. and Mrs. Konantz are members of the Congregational church and of Grace Whipple

Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. He is a Republican in politics, but is an independent thinker, and has always declined to run for office. As a citizen, business man, and a Mason, his career has ever been highly commendable.

**L**EE H. WILSON is an interested and loyal member of the Masonic fraternity in Chicago. His identification with the same dates from 1881, when he was made a member of the order in Golden Rule Lodge, No. 726, F. & A. M. His high standing in the society and the confidence reposed in him by his brethren of the craft is well indicated by the fact that for sixteen consecutive years he has filled the position of Secretary in the blue lodge, being called to office soon after he became a member and continuing in that position down to the present time. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126, in 1890. His fidelity to the fraternity is manifest in his active efforts to promote its growth and secure the inculcation of its exalted principles among its members, and by manifesting in his own life the true spirit of its teaching.

Mr. Wilson is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth occurring in Centerville, of that state, 1848. With his parents he left the east and went to Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, where he spent the greater part of his boyhood and obtained his elementary education in the public schools. His business training was of that character which added continually to his store of knowledge; and his business career in later life, in connection with one of the leading journals of the country, has broadened a mind anxious to gain much that is valuable in the realms of learning. In his youth he began learning the printer's trade and has since been connected with the "art preservative" in different capacities. He came to Chicago in 1866 and was a charter member of the old-time Printers' Association, which included on its rolls the names of

some of the most prominent leaders of the art in the west. He has been connected with the Inter Ocean for the continuous period of twenty-seven years, and is now the oldest employee in years of consecutive service on the paper. From the beginning he has served as superintendent of the circulating department, and that the responsible duties of the position have been faithfully performed is shown by the fact that through all the various changes in the ownership of the paper he has been retained in this place, gaining an enviable reputation as a business man and winning the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. He is a thorough gentleman, very upright and reliable, and his strict adherence to principle commands the respect of all. The place that he occupies among his friends and in social circles is a tribute to that genuine worth and true nobleness of character which are universally recognized and honored.

In 1871 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Huston, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they have one child, Nettie E.

**J**OHAN C. WINANS, the efficient and painstaking Secretary of the Star of the East Lodge, of Rockford, has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for more than twenty years and has ever been most loyal to its interests. He was made a Mason in Pontiac Lodge, of Pontiac, Illinois, from which he was afterward dimitted to join the lodge of Rockford. For six years he has served as its Secretary and has been most active in its work and zealous in its advocacy. He and his wife both hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, and Mrs. Winans is Treasurer of the same.

Our subject was born in Rensselaerville, New York, on the 18th of December, 1832, and is a son of Aaron and Catherine (Gossmann) Winans, both natives of the same place, where occurred the birth of their son. The father attained the ripe old

age of ninety-eight years, but the mother died in the thirty-sixth year of her age. The grandfather was one of the heroes of the Revolution and for his services was given a land grant which he located in the vicinity of Rensselaerville, New York. The family is numbered among the earliest settlers of the Empire state.

John C. Winans was quite young at the time of his mother's death, after which he lived with his maternal uncles and aunts. He is now the owner of the old homestead which his grandfather received from the government and reclaimed from the wilderness. He has also a nice home in Rockford, where he resides with the wife whom he wedded in early manhood,—Susan W., *nee* Crocker, a granddaughter of the Rev. Ephraim Crocker, a noted minister of his day and a representative of a family that early located in Albany county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Winans have one son, George A., who is a thirty-second-degree Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

During the greater part of his life Mr. Winans has followed the profession of school-teaching, but he is now engaged in bookkeeping and is also a real-estate conveyancer. His wife has the honor of having been one of the first lady notaries public in the state, and served for some years in the abstract and recorder's office in Pontiac, Illinois. Our subject and his wife are both members of the Methodist church and their many excellencies of character and sterling worth have gained them many friends.

**H**ENRY RUFF, one of the well known, successful, and highly respected business men of Quincy, who is now largely engaged in the wholesale and retail carpet trade, is one of the old and valued members of the Masonic fraternity. He was initiated in Luce Lodge, No. 439, and took a deep interest in it and its prosperity, but adversity overtook it and it was obliged to relinquish its charter. Mr. Ruff then became affiliated with Lambert Lodge, No.

659. He has attained to the ineffable lodge of perfection, is a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, receiving the thirty-second degree on January 19, 1887, in Quincy Consistory. He holds a membership and is an officer in all the Scottish Rite bodies in Quincy.

Mr. Ruff is of French ancestry, his grandfather, Ludwick Ruff, and his father, Casper Ruff, having emigrated from Alsace, France (now a part of Germany), in 1835, and became early settlers at Quincy. His mother's maiden name was Margaret S. Bastian. Mr. and Mrs. Ruff were the parents of three sons and six daughters, all of whom but one are living. The father was an iron manufacturer, a successful business man and an active member of Bodley Lodge, No. 1. His death occurred at the age of sixty-six years. His good wife survives him, her years numbering four-score and eight. The sons are all successful business men and members of the Masonic fraternity.

The birth of Mr. Ruff took place in Quincy, September 19, 1839, and he is among her pioneer children. His early education was acquired in his native city, supplemented by travel in Europe, he having been across the ocean seventeen times, visiting the home of his ancestors partly on business and partly for pleasure. Ever since his youth he has engaged in various enterprises, and by diligence and honest methods he has met with more than ordinary success. He is a stockholder in the Ruff Brewing Company, and for the past seven years has been interested in the wholesale and retail carpet trade.

In his political belief Mr. Ruff is a Democrat, but is independent in his views. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and in his blue lodge he has filled all the offices up to that of Master, declining the latter for business reasons.

Mr. Ruff was happily married, in 1861, to Miss Lizetta Luther, a native of Germany, and they have one daughter, who is now the wife of Dr. George W. Bock, of St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Ruff



are valued members of St. Peter's church, German Protestant. Notwithstanding his advancing years, Mr. Ruff is as energetic and full of business activity as ever, and is looked upon as one of Quincy's representative citizens.

**A**RDEN B. CLEFFORD.—Twenty-five years of earnest endeavor and faithful service on behalf of the fraternity encompasses the Masonic career of the brother whose name initiates this review, than whom there is no more enthusiastic member of the order in the city of Genoa. His



*A. B. Clefford*

connection with the society has been marked by an unceasing devotion to the local bodies with which he is affiliated, and that his efforts to advance their interests and uphold the high standard of excellence it has always been their ambition to maintain have been fully appreciated is amply

testified to by the sincere regard in which he is held by his *fratres*. Mr. Clefford's membership dates back to 1872, when he joined Evergreen Lodge, No. 408, at Wheeler, Indiana, from which he was dismissed upon moving to Genoa and placed his dimit in Genoa Lodge, No. 288. In 1896 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Sycamore Chapter, No. 4, and in 1897 received the orders of Knighthood in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15. Our brother is a close student of the teachings of Masonry, and, possessing an ability far above the average, brings to his work a high degree of intelligence, making him a valuable acquisition to the Masonic circles of the state.

A native of the Hawkeye state, Mr. Clefford was born in Tama county, April 4, 1851, and is the son of John and Elizabeth (Granger) Clefford, the former of whom was born in Connecticut. He died at the age of fifty-eight, his good wife departing this life after attaining a similar number of years. They were the parents of ten children, our subject being the eighth in the order of birth. In his youth he received exceptionally good educational advantages, having attended the public schools of Valparaiso, Indiana, and later the Methodist College, subsequently concluding his mental discipline at the Normal school of that city. Possessing a spirit of independence he started out in the world to face the stern realities of life, and secured employment at the munificent salary of thirteen dollars a month, but relinquished his position to take up the vocation of teaching, at this time being but nineteen years old, and for the following twelve years was engaged in instructing the young idea how to shoot, his labors being principally confined to the public schools of Indiana and Iowa. Eventually concluding to embark in the dairy business, Mr. Clefford established himself at Wheeler, Indiana, purchased twelve cows, and in this modest manner started in on a career that has culminated in success and prosperity. In 1890 he came to Genoa and built the Cold River Creamery and

thus laid the foundation for what is now the largest concern of its kind in the north-western part of the state, operating it with rare good fortune until 1894, at which time he disposed of it, having been made a most advantageous offer by Ira J. Mix, of Chicago. Some time subsequent our subject purchased two finely developed farms, comprising four hundred and forty-seven acres, situated near Genoa, which contain splendid residences and out-buildings, and here Mr. Clefford has one hundred and twenty cows, from which he supplies milk to Mr. Mix. This he does merely from force of habit and a desire to be occupied, as he is financially independent, his farms being valued in the neighborhood of thirty-six thousand dollars, and his enterprise having resulted in securing to himself a comfortable competency.

Mr. Clefford's record is that of a man who has risen to affluence and a position of prominence among his fellow men solely by his individual efforts, combined with a character of the strictest integrity, honesty of purpose and a determination to succeed which obstacles could not set aside nor temporary failures discourage. Beginning life with nothing but what was furnished him by nature,—a stout heart and willing hands,—he has advanced along life's highway, and now, in the prime of manhood, is enjoying the fruits of his early labors.

From the time when the book and rule became the implements by which he obtained a livelihood, Mr. Clefford has been deeply interested in all matters pertaining to education, believing that to be the foundation on which rests the highest condition of moral and social happiness; and since coming to Genoa his interest has not abated, as he was at once placed on the school board, where his extensive knowledge and intellectual abilities make him one of the most valued members. He is a citizen of whom Genoa may well be proud, and whose presence redounds to the honor of her residents. As a business man he occupies a position in the foremost ranks and retains the confidence of all with whom he deals,

among whom his word is as good as his bond.

On September 8, 1872, Mr. Clefford married Miss Abigail Lakey, a native of Huntington, Indiana, and a daughter of Aaron B. Lakey, one of that city's oldest settlers. One child was born to them, Aaron Arden, who died at the age of five months. Mrs. Clefford departed this life April 9, 1874. The second marriage of our subject took place on March 8, 1877, when he was united to Miss Linna Jane Hubbard, of Corydon, Iowa. They have two children, Ava L., born December 21, 1878, and Florence V., born October 13, 1885, both of whom are exceptionally bright and attractive, and the pride and the joy of their parents. Mr. Clefford's home life is a very happy one, and in the possession of his excellent wife and charming daughters his lot is assuredly one to be envied.

**COL. MOSES W. POWELL.**—For nearly half a century has Col. Powell been identified with the business life of Chicago, and the prominence he now holds in connection with the city's industrial activities has not come by accident, but is the logical result of the application of energy, consecutive industry, marked business sagacity and honorable methods. He is conspicuously concerned in the line of industry to which he has devoted his attention from his youth, and the M. W. Powell Company, of which he is president, is recognized as one of the leading representatives of the roofing and paving industries of the Garden City, the company being general contractors in all kinds of work in these lines, while the scope of its operations has long been of extended order. Colonel Powell may be well considered as among the pioneer business men of Chicago, for he has been identified with its history since 1850, has witnessed the development of the straggling and unpretentious town to a position as one of the leading urban centers of the world, has seen the prostrate city rise from its baptism of fire to a commanding position

and a glory greater than the most sanguine could have apprehended. That he is well known in both business and social circles needs scarcely be said, while his identification with the great Masonic fraternity is of so conspicuous order as to render this brief review of his career peculiarly apropos in this connection.

Moses W. Powell is a native of the old Keystone state, his birth having occurred at Ebensburg, the county seat of Cambria county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1831. His parents were David and Mary Powell, representatives of prominent old families of that state. Mr. Powell acquired a common-school education, and in his early youth turned his attention to that line of enterprise with which he has ever since been concerned, learning the roofer's trade. He came to Chicago in 1850, and was here employed as foreman in the work of his trade until 1855, when he instituted operations upon his own responsibility, associating himself with N. B. Mansfield in the roofing business, the firm of Powell & Mansfield continuing operations for the period of one and one-half years, after which Mr. Powell associated himself with Bartlett & Arnold, in whose employ he had previously been retained in the capacity of superintendent. The firm of Bartlett, Powell & Company conducted an excellent business during the ensuing twelve years, after which Mr. Powell was for four years associated with G. W. Getchell, under the firm title of Powell, Getchell & Company. Thereafter business was conducted under title of M. W. Powell & Company until 1888, when the M. W. Powell Company was incorporated, our subject having consecutively served as president of the same, while Victor M. Barbour is secretary. The enterprise was originally limited to general roofing, but in 1890 its scope was augmented by the addition of a department devoted to contracting in paving of all kinds, while metal roofing and architectural work became a feature of the company's business in 1891.

In addition to his interests in this line, Colonel Powell is extensively concerned in

cattle-raising in San Miguel and Montrose counties, Colorado, his connection with this enterprise dating back to 1886. The extent of operations conducted in the roofing business may be appreciated more fully when cognizance is had of the fact that a branch concern is maintained in Los Angeles, California, under the firm name of M. W. Powell & Company, Sutherland Hutton being the resident manager. Colonel Powell also has valuable mining interests in Colorado.

The Colonel gained his military title through his conspicuous connection with the Illinois National Guard. He brought about the organization of the Sixth Regiment, which was subsequently consolidated with the Second Regiment. He held the office of major about four years and was thereafter promoted lieutenant-colonel, which position he held at the time of his resignation. In the early days when Chicago's fire department was maintained on the volunteer system, Colonel Powell served as assistant engineer seven years; and later was for four years first assistant chief. He is a member of the Builders and Traders' Exchange, the Builders and Traders' Club, the Civic Federation, and is a trustee of the Indiana Avenue Improvement Company. In his political adherency the Colonel is a radical and uncompromising Republican.

Colonel Powell has been an exemplar of the principles of Freemasonry from the days of his early manhood, as is evident from the fact that as early as February 19, 1869, he had passed the Scottish Rite degrees, attaining the thirty-second and the incidental title as a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. His affiliations with the several Masonic bodies are briefly noted as follows: Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M.; he was knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1864; is a charter member of Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, and Oriental Consistory of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a life member of all the Masonic bodies. He has attained a constant and abiding in-

terest in the affairs of the time-honored fraternity with which he is so prominently identified, and is well known and most highly esteemed in the Masonic circles of the state.

**L**ORENZO B. MOREY, Aledo.—Free-masonry has the facilities for quietly selecting good men for its votaries. Some, however, have not the taste or the leisure for pursuing the higher courses of study established by the order, and some men, of course, are naturally more depraved than others; but those who are both intellectual and moral are apt to attest their fine mental qualities by advancement in social and intellectual culture. And while all sane men fully understand and recognize the simple principles of justice and mercy in the abstract, it requires much study of the peculiarities of the present civilization and of human nature in general, to be able successfully to apply those principles to details in practice. These principles are exhibited in the life of Mr. Morey, who is one of the honored citizens of Aledo.

He was made a Master Mason in Trio Lodge, No. 57, at Rock Island, in February, 1863, being initiated as Entered Apprentice on the 5th, passed to the Fellowcraft degree on the 9th, and raised to that of Master Mason on the 10th. This was during the war, and he took the degrees while engaged in raising recruits for the Union army. June 19, following, he was dimitted from the above lodge. Previous to the last transaction, however, he had received the capitular degrees in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, also at Rock Island, soon after joining the blue lodge; and he also received the chivalric degrees in Everts Commandery, No. 18, at Rock Island. He is now a member of Aledo Lodge, No. 252, is a charter member of Cyrus Chapter, No. 211, at Aledo, while he continues his membership in Everts Commandery.

Mr. Morey is a native of the state of Illinois, born in Marietta, Fulton county,

April 5, 1838. He is a descendant of Scotch-Irish ancestry who were early settlers of the states of Maine and New York. His father, Ezekiel Morey, emigrated from the state of Maine to Ohio, where he married Miss Esther Elizabeth Underhill. In 1836 he came further west, to Illinois, settling first in Fulton county, and in 1838 in Mercer county. Taking up government land, he industriously pursued the noble art of agriculture as the vocation of his life. He has always been an exemplary citizen. In the late war he served in the Ninth Illinois Cavalry, and was honorably discharged for disability in 1862. He died at the age of eighty-three years. His good wife mentioned above, departed this life in 1864, aged forty-eight years, having eight children, six of whom are still living; and after her death Mr. Morey married again and had one child.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch, the eldest of the first family of children, received his education in the public schools and became a clerk in a store in Pre-emption, Illinois; but, the great Civil war being then in progress, and his country calling for help, he, enlisted in her cause August 1, 1861, in Company A, Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was elected first sergeant, and for faithfulness was promoted from time to time until he became second lieutenant and then first lieutenant, and ultimately captain of his company. He participated in the bloody carnage of the battlefields at Pea Ridge and Vicksburg, and in all the engagements of his regiment in the department of the Gulf. After the siege of Vicksburg he was assistant inspector-general, with Major-General F. J. Herron, and continued with him during the remainder of the war. He was in Banks' expedition at Brownsville, Texas, also up Red river, and was in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, when the glorious news of the surrender of General Lee reached him and the war closed in victory for the Union army. He was mustered out on the 12th of June, 1865, at Shreveport, Louisiana.

Returning home, he purchased a farm

and since then he has been actively and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. He has imported several fine horses from Kentucky, and has become noted as a breeder of fine horses. He has raised a two-year-old colt with a pacing record of 2:21½. In 1875 he became a member of the firm of A. M. Byers & Company, and was one of the owners of the Farmers' Bank, of Aledo.

In his political principles he is a Republican. He has served several times on the board of supervisors of his county, and he has had the honor of being twice elected mayor of Aledo, and he faithfully served in that office. He has a delightfully pleasant and comfortable home in the city, and he and his wife are highly esteemed by the community.

October 10, 1865, is the date of his union in matrimony with Miss Abbie G. Wright, a daughter of Horace E. Wright. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, president of the Relief Corps of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is active in the educational interests of the city. Twice has she been elected a member of the educational board, and is now serving her second term.

**J**AMES P. MORROW, a prosperous hardware merchant of Carrollton, was initiated in Carrollton Lodge, No. 50, A. F. & A. M., in January, 1863, of which he has since been Secretary, Senior Deacon and Senior Warden. The Royal Arch degrees he received in Jacksonville Chapter, No. 3, in which he has been High Priest three years. The cryptic degrees he received in Carrollton Council, No. 48, R. & S. M.; and the chivalric degrees he received in Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 29, K. T., and of this body he has been Eminent Commander two years. All these bodies, too, he has represented in the Grand Lodge. He is also a member of Moolah Temple, Mystic Shrine, at St. Louis, has been active in Masonic work, and has attended several conclaves.

Mr. Morrow is a native of this state, born November 19, 1841, educated in the public schools, engaged in the dry-goods business in Carrollton a few years, and for the past thirty years has been successfully engaged in the hardware trade. He has been a member of the school board and of the town board, but has never been an aspirant to any office. He is one of the substantial business men of Greene county. Politically he is a Democrat.

**P**IERSON B. UPDIKE, receiver for the Litchfield Car & Machinery Company, at Litchfield, has been prominent in Masonic circles, having held nearly all the positions in the bodies of which he is a member and attended the triennial conclaves of Knights Templar at Baltimore, Washington, New Orleans, Chicago and St. Louis. He was initiated in Gillespie Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M.; he is now a member of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 136, and has held the office of Worshipful Master. The Royal Arch degrees he received in Elliott Chapter, No. 120, of which he is still a member and in which he has held the office of High Priest; and the chivalric degrees were conferred upon him by Belvidere Commandery, No. 2; but he now affiliates with St. Omar Commandery, No. 30, of which he was one of the constituting members; he has held the position of Eminent Commander.

Mr. Updike was born in Trenton, New Jersey, July 14, 1836, educated in the public schools of Illinois, having been brought to this state in the year 1842, when a child, the family locating in Jerseyville. After the death of his father he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he carried on for about ten years. He came to Litchfield, Illinois, in 1866, and engaged in the implement and hardware business, and this he continued for about thirty years, with success. Selling out in 1895, he was appointed receiver of the Litchfield Car and Machinery Company, which position he is now filling.

Mr. Updike is one of Litchfield's old and respected citizens, is well and favorably known, and is a useful member of the community. Politically he is a Democrat.

He was elected mayor of the city of Litchfield three times, namely: in 1869, 1870 and 1878; and he was a member of the thirty-sixth general assembly of the state of Illinois in 1889-90, in both of which offices he reflected great honor upon himself and his constituents by his faithful service.

**C**HARLES A. WEIMER, a cigar-manufacturer of Carrollton, is an exemplary Mason who stands high in the esteem of his brethren in the order. The blue-lodge degrees were conferred upon him in Carrollton Lodge, No. 50; the Royal Arch in Carrollton Chapter, No. 77; the council degrees in Carrollton Council; and the Knight Templar degrees in Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 29. In the blue lodge he has filled the office of Junior Warden; in the chapter the offices of King and Scribe; and in the commandery he has been Eminent Commander. He is also a member of Moolah Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, of St. Louis, and of Temple Chapter, O. E. S. He attended the triennial conclaves at St. Louis, Denver and Washington. In his political views he is a Democrat.

Mr. Weimer was born in Orb, Germany, August 30, 1849, educated in the public Catholic schools of his native land, learned the cigar-maker's trade, and in 1872 sailed for the United States. Landing at New York, he came on direct to St. Louis, where he worked at his trade for two years, and then came to Carrollton and opened a cigar factory. He has ever since continued in that business, being very successful. The workmen and traveling salesmen he has in his employ number altogether about thirty-two. Of course he carries a fine stock of cigars, tobacco, pipes, etc. He came to this country a poor lad, but by economy and industry he has accumulated a competency.

In 1875 he married Miss Ida Hall, and

in 1884, a second time, he married Sue Vedder, and he has two children.

Adam A. Weimer, a brother, is also a member of all the bodies of Masonry and has filled some of the minor offices. He is also a member of Moolah Temple, Mystic Shrine, and of the Order of the Eastern Star. He came from Germany, landing in this country June 16, 1877, and has had a varied life. By profession he is a musician, and was with the Boston Ideal Opera Company for three years, visiting all the important cities in the Union. He has been a resident of Carrollton since 1889, being associated with his brother, Charles, in business.

He was married September 10, 1884, to Miss Mattie E. Maberry, and they have two children. Politically he is a Democrat.

**W**ILLIAM B. MAIN, one of Chicago's prominent merchants and well-known citizens, is a Mason of high standing who has always evinced considerable zeal in the local bodies of which he is a member and has fitly manifested his appreciation of the fraternity's precepts by his honorable career in both business and social circles. Mr. Main was raised to the Master Mason degree in Covenant Lodge, No. 526, was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter, and was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, in which he has held the chair of Junior Warden.

Mr. Main is a native of Presque Isle, Maine, where he was born in 1845. Coming to Chicago in 1850, he is indebted to the public schools for his educational advantages. In 1861 he enlisted in the Thirtieth Illinois Cavalry, in which he served three years, and was promoted to the position of second lieutenant, participating in all the principal engagements. He performed meritorious service, proving himself to be a brave, gallant soldier and possesses the unusual record of having never been off duty a single day. He was mustered out in Chicago and in 1865 embarked in the

wholesale clothing business, which he continued until 1871, when the great conflagration occurred and swept away everything he possessed. Far from being discouraged, however, Mr. Main immediately started in business again and from that second venture has grown the present concern, which is one of the largest houses of its kind in the city. For the past two years it has been located at No. 233 Market street.

Our subject has witnessed the wonderful growth of Chicago from the time its inhabitants numbered fifty thousand souls, and he has grown with it in spirit and in his business until to-day he is one of the best known merchants in the country. In 1865 he was acting in the capacity of a traveling salesman for King, Kellogg & Co., the first wholesale house established in the city, which a few years later was changed to The Charles P. Kellogg Company. In 1888 Mr. Main was taken in as a member of the firm and became one of its managers, which position he is at present filling. He is energetic and progressive, and his honorable business methods recommend him to all with whom he has dealings.

In 1868 Mr. Main was married to Miss Emma Merrill, his second marriage taking place in 1876, when he was united to Mrs. Eva Spencer, of Cortland, New York. They have one son, William E.

**E**MIL GEHRKE, wholesale dealer in flour at No. 110 Illinois street, Chicago, is one of the popular young business men of this city, and has a connection with Freemasonry that extends from the blue lodge to the commandery. He was initiated, passed and raised by Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, A. F. & A. M.; exalted by Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, R. A. M.; had the degrees of Royal and Select Master conferred upon him by Chicago Council, No. 4, R. & S. M.; and was knighted by St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, K. T., with each of which he is at present affiliates. Also he has been inducted into the Mystic Shrine and is

a member of Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and belongs to the St. Bernard Drill Corps.

Mr. Gehrke is a native of Chicago. He was ushered into life here December 25, 1856, and has grown up with this city and shared in both its adversity and prosperity. He was a boy of fourteen, a student in Bryant & Stratton's College, at the time of the great Chicago fire, and among those who lost nearly all their earthly possessions by the conflagration was his father. Thus it became necessary for young Gehrke to abandon the idea of pursuing a further course in school, and from the schoolroom he went to his father's store, where, young as he was, he soon proved a valued assistant. For twenty-five years he has been in the flour business with his father, and now has full charge of the establishment, besides caring for his father's large real-estate interests, having to look after no less than fifty houses. He is a gentleman of marked business ability, and to him is due much of the success the firm enjoys.

**C**HARLES E. OLMSTED, of Danville, is a member of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38, in which he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on the 8th of March, 1889. In June, 1894, he was elected to the office of Worshipful Master and served one year. On the 29th of May, 1889, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Vermilion Chapter, No. 82, and in June, 1892, was chosen by the companions of the order for the position of High Priest, in which he also served for one year. In Danville Council, No. 37, he passed the circle of cryptic Masonry, and on the 3d of October, 1889, he was created a Knight Templar in Athelstan Commandery, No. 45, in which he was elected Eminent Commander in June, 1893. His constancy to the order is most marked, and he is numbered among the valued followers of the craft. He also belongs to Iris Chapter, No. 307, Order of the Eastern Star, of which he is now

Worthy Patron. He is also connected with other civic societies, being a Knight of Pythias, a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and Ben Hur Lodge.

Mr. Olmsted is numbered among the native sons of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Catlin, on the 15th of July, 1859. His parents were Albert G. and Elizabeth Ann (Wright) Olmsted. He acquired his education in the district schools and assisted in the duties and labors of the home farm until he had attained his majority. He then turned his attention to commercial pursuits and secured a clerkship in a general store in Danville, where he remained for a time, after which he engaged in office work. Since February, 1894, he has been bookkeeper and credit clerk in the Golden Rule dry-goods store and most efficiently discharged the duties of his important position.

In politics Mr. Olmsted is a sound-money Democrat, and is a worthy man, a valued citizen and a worthy Mason.

On the 15th of November, 1881, Mr. Olmsted was married to Miss Agnes B. Emmett, of Danville, and they had one child, who died in infancy. The mother also departed this life November 17, 1887.

**J**OHAN J. BRITAIN, an active and earnest member of the brotherhood who makes his residence in Chicago, was initiated in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, in 1892; he was advanced to the capitular degrees and exalted to the august degrees of the Holy Arch in Englewood Chapter, No. 176; was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Imperial Council, No. 85, in 1896; and he was constituted and created a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, in 1894. On April 26, 1895, having accomplished a successful pilgrimage across the desert sands, he became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Brittain is a native of England, his birth having taken place in London on the 18th of July, 1865, and when five years old

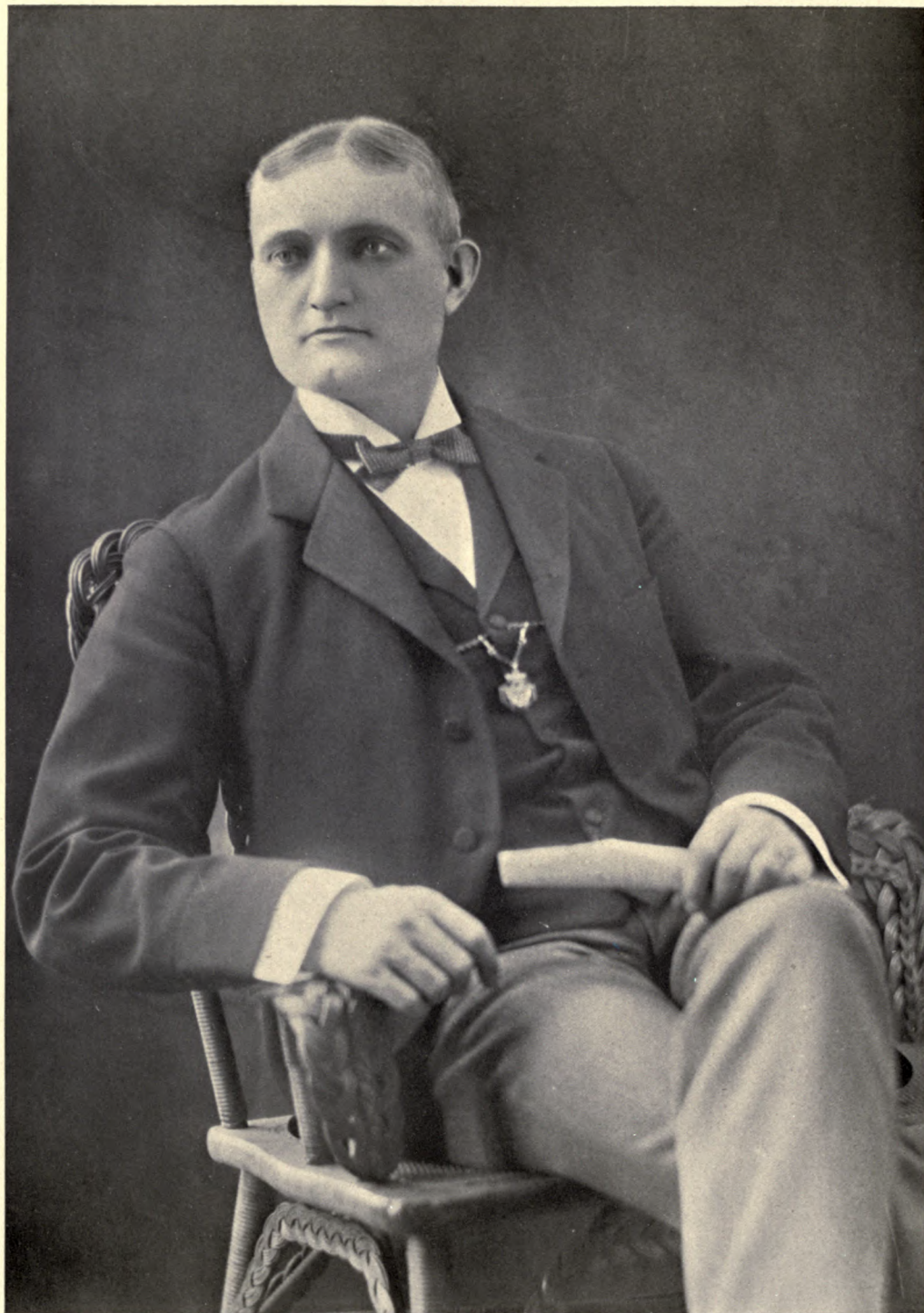
he was brought to the United States by his parents, who located in Chicago, and was here reared to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools, subsequently engaging with the firm of Fowler Brothers, packers, remaining in their employ for nine years. In 1886-7 he was with Swift & Company for eight months, and then became associated with J. Dold, at Kansas City and Omaha, for two years, later becoming engaged in business for himself for one year. In 1890 he returned to Chicago and entered the employ of the Chicago Packing & Provision Company as buyer, a position he has since held; fulfilling the duties pertaining thereto in a manner eminently satisfactory to his employers.

The marriage of Mr. Brittain was celebrated in 1887, when he was united to Miss Jennie Morton, who was born in Canada, the daughter of English parents.

**A**LBERT M. CRANE, whose identification with one of the leading industries of the country is of a very important character, being general sales agent of the Illinois Steel Company, has attained to this responsible position entirely through his own efforts. Individual endeavor, close application to the work entrusted to his care and the most unremitting faithfulness to all duties have steadily secured him advancement, and he is now in a commanding position in the world of trade. He is also known as a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity and has attained a high degree in the Scottish Rite division of the order. He was made a Mason in Crystal Wave Lodge, of Brooklyn, New York, and after his removal to Chicago was dimitted to Covenant Lodge, No. 526, of which he is still an affiliate. He received the grades and orders of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory in 1895 and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. Nor has he neglected the social side of the fraternity, but is a worthy Noble of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.



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*E. V. Ellis*

Mr. Crane is a native of the Empire state, his birth having occurred in Oswego on the 31st of August, 1855. He was reared and educated in that city and entered upon his business career as a stenographer. In 1878 he went to Boston, where he lived for seven years, after which he took up his residence in Brooklyn, where he spent three years. For two years thereafter he was connected with the business interests of Pittsburg, but left that city in 1890 in order to accept a position with the Illinois Steel Company, at Chicago. In 1894 he was appointed assistant general sales agent, in which capacity he served until February, 1897, when he was appointed general sales agent. The volume of business conducted by this company makes this position a very important one; in fact the success of the industry largely depends upon those who attend to its sales, and the careful selection of men to perform this work is therefore a matter of much moment. Mr. Crane's promotion from the position of assistant to that of general sales agent well indicated the trust reposed in him by the company and their high opinion of his ability. He is a man who can look beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities of the future, has keen discrimination and sound judgment, and his work is therefore most satisfactory.

Mr. Crane was married in 1881 to Miss Winifred Faye, a native of London, England, and their family now numbers three sons, Albert Maynard, Luther Little and Frederick Sloan.

**T**HOMAS EDWARD BOTTENBERG, a Sir Knight Templar residing at Rushville, is prominently engaged in the practice of law, being now state's attorney for the county of Schuyler. An outline of his Masonic relations is as follows: He received the sublime degree of Master Mason in Astoria Lodge, No. 100, in 1891; exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Rushville Chapter, No. 184, on the 16th of July, 1895; and was created a Sir Knight Templar in Rush-

ville Commandery, No. 56, K. T., on the 1st of June, 1896. Ever since his connection with the order he has taken an active interest in its history and principles and is one of the brightest members.

Mr. Bottenberg is a native son of Illinois, born in McDonough county on the 28th of November, 1868, and is of German ancestry. In 1889 he graduated in the classical course at the North Indiana University, pursued a course of law reading in the office of Montgomery & Glass, and was duly admitted to the bar in the spring of 1893. In the fall of the same year he became a member of the firm of Montgomery, Glass & Bottenberg. On June 1, 1896, Judge S. B. Montgomery retired from the firm, and the style name was continued as Glass & Bottenberg.

In his political sympathies Mr. Bottenberg is a Democrat, and as such, in the fall of 1897, was elected state's attorney, in the execution of the duties of which office he is now giving satisfaction to his constituents.

**E**DWARD D. ELLIS, a gentleman who ranks high in Masonry and who is one of the valued members of the order, took the first vows of craft-hood in Hesperia Lodge, No. 411, in 1883; was exalted to the Royal Arch Mason degree in Washington Chapter, No. 43, in 1896; received the chivalric degrees in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, in 1897; and became a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago, in 1895. Mr. Ellis is deeply interested in Masonry and exemplifies its honorable teachings in his upright career and irreproachable life.

Mr. Ellis was born in Beloit, Wisconsin, October 5, 1852, and at an early age accompanied his parents to White Water, in the same state, where he spent the years of his youth, working on a farm and acquiring his education in the district schools, supplementing the same by a course in Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, at which he was graduated in 1872. In the same year he came to Chi-

cago and engaged in the laundry business, organizing, in 1887, the Eureka Laundry Company, of which he is now president. This company has expended fifty thousand dollars in improvements, as it has always been its policy to test every patent or system that would increase the facilities for producing the highest grade of work, without regard to expense. Among the features developed in this manner is the steam ironer, which has resulted most successfully; and a perfect system of heating the irons by steam is now in operation in the laundry. Mr. Ellis is alert, progressive and resourceful, while his methods and manners are such as to command the respect of all with whom he comes in contact, either in a social or business way, and his present position has been won by a strict integrity of character and a faithful adherence to the laws of fair dealing.

In September, 1879, Mr. Ellis was united in marriage to Miss Ella Case, of Wisconsin, and they have one daughter, Alice Eldora.

**C**HARLES EDDY MORTON, one of the best informed Masons and most energetic workers in the city of Warren, received his initiatory degrees in Jo Daviess Lodge, No. 278, in which he entered December 7, 1876, passed January 13, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason January 20, 1877. He has for many years been the very able Senior Deacon of his lodge, and in 1897 he was for the second time elected to the honorable office of Worshipful Master, his thorough knowledge of the ritual making him an impressive and competent official. He has always had the good of the order at heart, and its prosperous and flourishing condition at Warren is in a large measure due to his earnest and untiring efforts on its behalf, his administration as Master being one of the most satisfactory ever given in the city. The fraternity owns the three-story brick building in which is situated the lodge hall, renting out that portion not in use, and the local bodies may be said to be practically out of

debt. On April 16, 1877, Brother Morton was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Olive Chapter, No. 168, of which he was elected Principal Sojourner several years ago, and such was his excellent and efficient service in this important position that his brethren have repeatedly declined to dispense with his services in that capacity, and he is still fulfilling the duties incumbent upon that office.

Warren, Illinois, is the native city of Brother Morton, he having been born here on September 21, 1855, his ancestry on both sides of the family hailing from the state of Maine. His parents, Ward L. and Ruth Jane (Glidden) Morton, were both originally from Whitefield, Maine, the former of whom was a volunteer in the Union army during the Rebellion and met his death at the battle of Chickamauga while making a gallant charge on the enemy, being at that time but thirty-five years old. Our subject was but eight years of age when bereft of his father. His mental discipline was acquired in the public schools of his native town until old enough to go to work, when he learned the tinner's trade, which he has since followed and is one of the successful, enterprising and honored citizens of Warren. He is the owner of a valuable farm just outside of the city limits, on which he has erected a substantial stone residence, and having practically retired from active business, is, with his family, enjoying the fruits of his early labors.

In 1876 Mr. Morton led to the altar Miss Ella M. Matthews, of Warren, and this union has resulted in one son, Luther Ward. Mrs. Morton is a consistent member of the Methodist church, and active in all the work pertaining thereto.

A staunch adherent of the Democratic party, our subject takes a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of his home city, and as a member of the council he does all in his power to promote the prosperity and improve the existing condition of his community. He is affiliated with the Modern Workmen, the Independent Order of Odd

Fellows, of which he is treasurer and warden, and the Knights of the Globe, traveling throughout the country amplifying the work of the latter organization, and in that way is rendering to it invaluable assistance. As a member of the fraternity his record is an excellent one, he is a firm believer in the teachings of the craft, and his upright, honorable life is a creditable exemplification of its principles.

**A**LFRED D. LUTZ, an artist of Chicago and a gentleman who ranks prominently in the business circles of this city, is a Mason of high degree and one deeply interested in the work of this time-honored order. The degrees of blue Masonry were conferred upon him by Hesperia Lodge, No. 411, F. & A. M. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason by York Chapter, York Council, R. & S. M., conferred upon him its degrees. He was knighted by St. Bernard Commandery, K. T., No. 35, and the Scottish Rite degrees were given him by Oriental Consistory. These organizations are all of Chicago and in all of them he maintains his membership; and while he has always manifested a most appreciative interest in the attractions of the lodge room and has striven to live up to the teachings as set forth therein, he has never aspired to official position in Masonic ranks, nor is he what may be termed a working member. Mr. Lutz is also a member of the Mystic Shrine, his membership in this branch of the order being in Medinah Temple.

A native of Shirleysburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Lutz was born November 17, 1853, and to the public schools of his native state he is indebted for the educational advantages he enjoyed. At the age of fifteen he came west and located in Carroll county, Illinois, where he passed the years from 1868 to 1878 on a farm. The last named year he became a resident of Chicago and from that date to the present time has resided in this city. For four years he was in the employ of the American Fire Insurance Company. In 1883 he established

the Acme Copying Company, on a small scale, and from that meager beginning fourteen years ago the enterprise has grown to its present large scope, to-day giving employment to about eighty men and having a large plant located at Nos. 302 to 308 Van Buren street. In 1887 the company was incorporated; two years later Mr. Lutz was made president of the concern, and he is now its sole proprietor. An artist himself and a man of more than ordinary ability both in this line of profession and in a business way, he has met competition on every hand and has worked his way up to the proud position he now enjoys among the leading business men of this great mart. He has also other financial interests aside from the enterprise above noted. He is president of the Wellston & Jackson Belt Electric Railroad in Jackson county, Ohio, and is also president of a land syndicate owning an immense amount of property.

In addition to being a loyal Mason and a member of the various branches of that order as stated, Mr. Lutz is a Modern Woodman, having his membership in Camp No. 36. In his political views he accords with the Republican party and gives to it his earnest support.

He was married in 1892 to Miss Margaret Minkler, of New York state.

**W**RAECKE, manager of the Banner Brewing Company, of Chicago, is a Mason whose associations were with Waldeck Lodge, No. 674, F. & A. M., in which he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1884. He became a charter member of Constantia Lodge, No. 783, and has been very active in its work, doing much to promote its growth and insure its prosperity. He was for four years Worshipful Master of Constantine Lodge and has several terms served as Secretary. He is faithful to the principles of the craft and is zealous in his advocacy of its teachings and work. Thoroughly conversant with the ritual, he is a good working member and is one of the valued representatives of Constantia Lodge.

Mr. Raecke is one of the sons of the fatherland. His birth occurred in Germany on the 14th of October, 1845, his education was obtained in its public schools and he there studied architecture and civil engineering. In 1879 he determined to try his fortune in America and sailed for New York. He spent three years in that city, and in 1882 came to Chicago, where he has since made his home. Here he accepted a position with the Seipp Brewing Company, and in 1896 was appointed to the responsible position of manager of the business of the Banner Brewing Company. On the 9th of October, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wendt, a native of Germany, and they have four children—three sons and a daughter.

**HENRY C. CLAYPOOL**, the efficient and popular cashier of the Coleman Hardware Company, of Morris, Illinois, became a member of the Masonic fraternity in 1882, when he was received as an Entered Apprentice into Cedar Lodge, No. 124, A. F. & A. M. He has since been a close student of Masonry, is thoroughly informed on the ritual and the workings of the society, and for three years has served as Worshipful Master. His administration was one of benefit to the lodge, which prospered under his rule, its members working in harmony and adding to their ranks some of the best citizens of Morris. Mr. Claypool was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter, No. 31, and at this writing, in 1897, is serving as High Priest. He learned in the beautiful and impressive legends of caputular Masonry the history of the past and manifests a zeal and earnestness in its behalf which numbers him among the leading members of the chapter. He is also a faithful follower of the teachings of chivalric Masonry, having become a Sir Knight of Blaney Commandery, No. 5. He also belongs to Laurel Chapter, No. 145, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Claypool is a native of Grundy

county, Illinois, where his birth occurred March 31, 1852. His public-school training was supplemented by a course in a business college, and his early life was spent upon a farm. He devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until thirty years of age, after which he filled the office of deputy county clerk for four years. He then became manager of the Chicago Fireproofing Company, with which he was connected for a considerable period, and for six years he has been cashier of the Coleman Hardware Company. He is most reliable in all business transactions, a man of energy and sound business judgment, and his high personal worth has gained him the confidence and good will of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

In 1873 Mr. Claypool was united in marriage to Miss Annie M. Brown, and they have one child, named Carrie M. Our subject is a member of the Globe Mutual Benefit Association, and in politics is a staunch Republican. When twenty-one years of age he was elected supervisor of Wau-pensee township and held that position until 1882, when he removed to the city. In 1893 he was elected city clerk of Morris and is now serving his third year in that position, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity which has secured his re-election and won him the public confidence in an unlimited degree.

**FRANCIS EUGENE RICHMOND**, Secretary of Stewart Lodge, No. 92, A. F. & A. M., at Geneseo, received the Master's degree in the lodge of which he is still a member in 1880. In 1881 he was elected Secretary, and in 1892 was again elected to the position, and has been in the office since by re-election. These re-elections are the best testimonial to his efficiency as a keeper of records.

Mr. Richmond was born in Groveland, Tazewell county, Illinois, on the 17th of August, 1847. In one line of his ancestry he is a descendant of the Deans who landed at Plymouth Rock from the famous May-

flower. His great-great-grandfather, Joseph Richmond, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary army; and his father, Israel Richmond, was a native of Massachusetts, came to Illinois first in 1834, and settled in this state in 1844, where he has been a farmer and nurseryman all his life. He is now eighty-eight years of age. For his wife he married Miss Eliza A. Fenner, of North Scituate, Rhode Island, born in 1812. They settled in Geneseo in 1854 upon a piece of land which has since been incorporated within the city plat. They had nine children, and she died January 29, 1878, at the age of sixty-six years, a consistent member of the Congregational church, of which the surviving husband also is a member, faithful and exemplary.

Mr. Richmond, the subject of this sketch, was reared to farm work and educated in the schools of Geneseo, and has been engaged in the nursery business ever since he became a grown man. He is also a successful fruit-grower and farmer, still occupying the old homestead, and the residence, which was built in 1859.

January 29, 1881, he was married to Miss Mary A. Hopkins, a daughter of Colonel S. G. Hopkins, of Rhode Island, and they have four children, namely: Winifred, Eliza, Abby Louisa, Lela May and Francis Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond are members of Geneseo Chapter, No. 275, Order of the Eastern Star, of which he is the present Worthy Patron.

In his political views Mr. Richmond is a Republican. For the past eighteen years he has held the office of highway commissioner. He has rendered his county much service, and stands high in the estimation of the public.

**M**ON. ALEXANDER McLEAN, a thirty-third-degree Mason of Macomb, McDonough county, Illinois, is a gentleman who has in various ways been honored by his fellow citizens and who has a prominence in educational and fraternal circles that is state-wide.

He was born in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, September 24, 1833, and with his parents emigrated to this country in 1849, settling at Macomb, Illinois, where he has since resided continuously, excepting seven years he was in business in New York city. He has served as deputy circuit clerk, has been a member and president of the board of education, served for four successive terms as mayor of Macomb; was Republican elector for the old tenth congressional district in 1876, and was chosen as



messenger to carry the electoral-college vote to Washington. He has been and is now the oldest member of the board of trustees of the University of Illinois, and has been its president and a leading member of its most important committees.

Mr. McLean is fraternally identified with a number of the most prominent and influential secret societies and therein has been honored with high official position. He has been Grand Master Workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and for seventeen years has been its Treasurer. He has been Grand President of the I. O. M. A.,

and is now its Grand Secretary. He is also Grand Recorder of the Select Knights of America; and for over forty-two years he has been an Odd Fellow.

Mr. McLean's identity with the Masonic order began in 1854. That year he took the first degree in Masonry and since then he has taken all the grades of the order up to and including the thirty-third degree. He was made a Mason in and is still a member of Macomb Lodge, No. 17, of Illinois; is a member of Morse Chapter, No. 19; was made a Sir Knight in Palestine Commandery, No. 18, in New York city, and assisted in the organization, and is Recorder, of Macomb Commandery, No. 61, K. T.; and is now a member, and has been Grand Commander, of Quincy Consistory. Also he has been First Lieutenant Commander of Illinois Council of Deliberation. Mr. McLean has always been an enthusiastic Mason, having formed a favorable opinion, and been imbued with the spirit, of Masonry through the influence of his honored father, Hector McLean, who was made a Mason in 1821, in St. John Lodge in the city of Glasgow, Scotland.

**P**ETER J. KAERCHER, a popular, well-known member of the Masonic order and a loyal, energetic Sir Knight, has been closely identified with the best interests of the fraternity since first taking his vows in the blue lodge, and has held many offices of trust, with credit to himself and honor to the craft. He was made a Master Mason in Archimedes Lodge, No. 377, which, in 1889, became consolidated with St. Clair Lodge, No. 24, and in that body our brother served as Secretary. He was advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry and was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in Belleville Chapter, No. 106, and received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Belleville Council, No. 6, and the orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him in Tancred Commandery, No. 50. In the commandery Mr. Kaercher filled all the chairs, occupying that of Eminent Commander

for two terms, and he has been especially active in this branch of Masonry, accompanying his fellow Sir Knights on many of their triennial conclaves, and being a regular attendant at all the meetings. He is a noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and a charter member of Moolah Temple in St. Louis, Missouri. His services have been highly appreciated by all his brothers, all of whom extend to him their grateful consideration.

A native of Worms, Germany, Mr. Kaercher's birth occurred in that city on October 22, 1842, and at the age of seven years he accompanied his parents to the United States, locating at New Orleans, where he remained until 1850, in that year moving to Evansville, Indiana. There Mr. Kaercher learned the printer's trade and followed the same in that city until 1857, when he returned to New Orleans, Louisiana, and was employed for a time on the Picayune. Once more going to Evansville, our subject devoted his time to learning the cigar trade, working at the bench until 1865, in that year going to Olney, Illinois, and opening a cigar store, which he conducted up to 1873, when he came to Belleville, and has since continued here as one of the city's successful business men. Beginning life as a poor boy, with no advantages of station or wealth, Mr. Kaercher has by his individual efforts worked his way up in the world until now he is in a position to enjoy the fruits of his early industry. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, giving to it a loyal support, and in his religious faith he is an adherent of the Catholic church.

**C**HARLES W. MORRIS is a leading Mason of Chicago, whose loyalty to the craft is most marked and whose life exemplifies the teachings of the ancient and honorable fraternity. He is now Worshipful Master of Berwyn Lodge, No. 839, and his conduct of its work and services has proved an important factor in promoting its growth and advancement. He was made a



Master Mason in Ashlar Lodge, No. 308, and in October 1895, became a charter member of the lodge with which he is now affiliated. He is also a member of Washington Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M., Siloam Council, No. 53, R. & S. M., Siloam Commandery, No. 54, K. T., Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S, thirty-second degree, and in Medinah Temple he joined the Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. His proficiency, his constancy and his devotion to Masonry are most commendable, and it is the allegiance of such men that constitute the strength and power of the craft in this great commonwealth.

Mr. Morris comes to Chicago from the northeast. He was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, on the 11th of April, 1859, and was reared and educated there. That city also witnessed the beginning of his business career and continued to be the place of his abode until 1887, when he came to Chicago. The following year he entered the employ of the J. M. W. Jones Stationery & Printing Company, and in 1892 was elected secretary, an election which was at once a compliment to his superior business ability and a tribute to his personal worth. In his business career he has steadily advanced along the highway of success, and by his native talent and acquired powers he has attained an enviable position in commercial circles.

The home relations of Mr. Morris are very pleasant. He was married on the 14th of March, 1892, to Miss Jeanie Henderson, a native of Newfoundland who descended from Scotch ancestry. Their family numbers two interesting children,—Ernest and Grace.

**W**ILLIAM H. REID.—Among the early settlers of Chicago who have long been identified with the progress of the city stands this gentleman, who is a worthy representative of its business interests, being actively associated therewith for more than forty years. For almost a similar

period he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity and has been most active in promoting its welfare and growth in this metropolis. He was made a Mason in New York city in 1854, but was soon dismissed in order that he might join the fraternity in Chicago. He was one of the founders of Dearborn Lodge and is the only charter member now living. He filled all of its offices and for four years was Worshipful Master. He afterward affiliated with Apollo Lodge, No. 642, and therein has been called to various official positions, which attests the high regard in which he is held by the brethren of the craft. He served as Senior Warden, was Secretary for a time, for three years was Treasurer and has also been its Worshipful Master. He took the Royal Arch degrees in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, on the 11th of June, 1856, and for two years filled the exalted position of High Priest. In 1859 he was knighted in Apollo Commandery and took the Scottish Rite degrees in Oriental Consistory. He is a life member of all these different branches of Masonry and is a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association. Chicago numbers him among its most prominent and influential Masons and his service in behalf of the fraternity has been attended with very beneficial results. He is very familiar with the workings of the order, and wherever he goes he is pressed into the service. He puts its principles into everyday practice in his business life, and is most loyally devoted to this ancient and honored fraternity, which stands first among the civic societies of the world.

Mr. Reid was born in New York city, in 1833, and there spent the days of his boyhood and youth, working, playing and attending the public schools, where he acquired his education. He came to Chicago in 1855 and has since been a resident of the city, being therefore accounted one of its pioneers. He has seen the wonderful transformation that has here been wrought with the passing of years, and, like all loyal citizens, is justly proud of its achievements. He learned the trade of cutter, and in 1863

began business on his own account, having now one of the oldest establishments in his line in the city, as well as one of the most popular. By close attention to business, courteous treatment and an earnest desire to please his patrons, he has secured an excellent trade and won for himself a comfortable competence.

Mr. Reid was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Perry, a native of New York city. They have five children: Mary E., now the wife of Platt B. Gibbs, John F., Samuel C., George W. and James C. One son, William H., a prominent and rising young business man, was killed by accident in August, 1895.

**C**HARLES W. KOPF, a thirty-second-degree Mason, is an affiliate of Herder Lodge, No. 669, A. F. & A. M., in which he took the degree of Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1895. In the same year he received the grades and orders of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret on the 19th of November. He then joined Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and in Masonic circles is highly regarded, while his name is enrolled among those whose fidelity to the craft is above question.

It is astonishing to find that some of the most successful business men of the western metropolis are natives of the city, and are in consequence young men; for few of the old men of Chicago have the honor of being her sons. Mr. Kopf, however, was born here, on the 12th of September, 1870, and in his youth became imbued with the progressive, enterprising spirit which characterizes Chicago. In his youth he was employed in an establishment dealing in flour, and in 1890, with a broad business experience, he embarked in trade on his own account as a member of the firm of C. W. Kopf & Company, dealers in hay and grain. They are now doing a large and prosperous

business and their trade has assumed extensive proportions.

In 1895 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kopf and Miss Emma C. Ruehl, a native of Chicago, and they have one daughter, Rose Elsie. Mr. Kopf is now serving as a member of Governor Tanner's staff, with the rank of colonel. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man, with the best traits of his German ancestry, possessing splendid business and executive ability, is popular and genial and his success is well deserved.

**S**TEPHEN CLEMENT HOLLAND has for twenty-seven years been a follower of Masonic teachings, having in 1870 been initiated as an Entered Apprentice in D. C. Cregier Lodge, No. 649, in which he passed the Fellow-craft and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. His further advancement in the order has been in the Scottish Rite, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. Passing the grades and orders of Oriental Consistory in October, 1896, he was thereupon proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

Mr. Holland entered upon the stage of life March 10, 1844, in La Porte, Indiana, and during his childhood was taken to Virginia, where he was reared and educated until 1859. He then returned to the north and during the Civil war entered the service of his country as a defender of the Union, joining the "boys in blue" of the Ninth Indiana Regiment of Volunteers. After being mustered out of that command he re-enlisted, joining the Sixteenth Illinois Cavalry, in which he served until the close of the war, faithfully defending the starry flag and the cause it represented. He then joined the United States Geological Exploration of the fortieth parallel, under Clarence King, chief of the expedition. His next service was in the employ of the North Chicago Rolling Mills, with which he was connected for several years, when he accepted a position with B. F. Norris, Allister

& Company, wholesale jewelers, serving as credit man of that firm for fifteen years. He has since been associated with A. C. Becken, wholesale jeweler, in the same capacity, and to his sound judgment, keen foresight and sagacity not a little of the success of the house is attributable.

Mr. Holland was married on the 29th of June, 1872, to Miss Fannie A. Hooke, daughter of Moses Hooke and a native of Portland, Maine. They now have one son, Randolph Holland.

**O**SSIAN D. FRARY.—Masonry exerts a power in the advancing of the human race to a purer and nobler plane of life and a higher standard of character which cannot be appreciated by one who has not made a study of its workings. From the time when paganism enshrouded the world in a gloom of unbelief down to the present age of enlightened intelligence, the fraternity has ever raised its voice against bigotry and in favor of moral education. It has fought for its principles with a steadfastness of purpose that has sustained and upheld it in the struggle for purity in the life of mankind, and that the craft has won a brilliant and everlasting success cannot for a moment be doubted. Its work will go on till the end of time or until its endeavors have resulted in the universal brotherhood of man and a perfect faith in the love of God, the father.

One of the most prominent and industrious Masons in Illinois is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this biography. He was made a Master Mason in Normal Park Lodge, No. 797, in 1893, in which he was elected to the office of Senior Warden in 1896. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, and is at present affiliated with Normal Park Chapter, No. 210, of which he is a charter member. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Imperial Council, No. 85, and was also a charter member of that body. In the same year—1893—Mr. Frary

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was created a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, in which he has held the office of Guard, and became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple. His other social affiliations are with the Northwestern Traveling Men's Association, of which he is a director, and with the Royal League. Mr. Frary was born January 26, 1850, his native town being Springfield, Massachusetts. When he was about six years old he was brought to Illinois by his parents, who settled in Kane county, where



he received such an education as was afforded by the district schools of that county. At the age of seventeen Mr. Frary came to Chicago with the intention of beginning his business career and making for himself a place in life. He secured a situation as office boy with the Walter A. Wood Harvester Company, and by perseverance, energy, and faithful services, he has worked his way up until he now occupies the responsible position of manager of the company's Chicago office.

Mr. Frary was married in 1872 to Miss Melissa Read, a native of Elbern, Kane

county, and by this union four children have been born, namely: Don R., Charles O., Paul V. and Blanch. In his religious belief Brother Frary is a member of the Normal Park Presbyterian church.

**A**LBERT G. OLMSTED, a retired farmer of Catlin, has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for thirty years, and in that time has been greatly interested in the workings of the blue lodge. He was elected an Entered Apprentice in Catlin Lodge, No. 285, about the year 1858, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and served as Worshipful Master for one year. He is well versed in the tenets of the craft and exemplifies its precepts in his daily life.

Mr. Olmsted was born in Chautauqua county, New York, October 14, 1831, and when seven years old was brought to Vermilion county by his parents. Here he was reared, and when old enough was put to work in his father's mill. Upon the death of the latter our subject engaged in farming for eight years, and at one time was manager of the county farm. He followed agricultural pursuits until 1892, when he retired and settled in Catlin, near which he owns a farm of one hundred and eighty acres, part of which is land obtained by his father-in-law from the government.

Stanley Olmsted, father of our subject, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, but was reared in Massachusetts and in early manhood went to New York, where he subsequently married Miss Almira B. Green. He then purchased a timbered farm, cleared it off and resided there for some time, later moving to Washington county, Ohio. In 1838 he came to Illinois and located in Vermilion county, where he engaged in sawmilling and lumber-manufacturing until his death, which took place January 30, 1848, at the age of forty-six. He was a Mason, holding his membership in Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38, at Danville.

Albert Olmsted, the immediate subject of this sketch, was married in July, 1855,

to Miss Elizabeth Ann Wright, a native of Vermilion county and a daughter of Thomas N. Wright, who was an early settler in this part of the state. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted, as follows: Mary Bell, who is now the wife of John H. Palmer, of Danville; Charles E., William C., Albert C., all of Danville; and George E., of Catlin, a sketch of whom also appears in this work.

Our subject and his wife are devout members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and are highly respected residents of Catlin. Politically, Mr. Olmsted is affiliated with the Democratic party.

**M**ARTIN N. KIMBELL.—“By their works ye shall know them,” may most aptly be applied to the Freemasons of the world, who have carried on their labors in a silent but effective manner, content to let the results speak for themselves, realizing that they cannot otherwise but redound to the honor and credit of the order. Mr. Kimbell has been conspicuously identified with Masonry for several years, and has always been diligent in furthering its purposes and intents and in upholding its precepts as incorporated in the ritual of the blue lodge. He was elected an Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Myrtle Lodge, No. 795, and in 1895 attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, in Oriental Consistory.

Mr. Kimbell is a native of Chicago, his birth occurring in this city November 8, 1854. His parents were early residents of the county, to which they came in 1836. The youth of our subject was spent on his father's farm, his education having been obtained in the public schools of Chicago. He subsequently became interested in brick manufacturing, which industry has assumed immense proportions.

On September 8, 1874, Mr. Kimbell was united in marriage to Miss Annie Craigmile, a native of Scotland, and five sons and one

daughter have blessed the union. Our subject is one of Chicago's progressive citizens and stands high in the estimation of all who know him.

**R**OBERT J. DALY, one of Chicago's rising young men, is greatly interested in the workings of the Masonic fraternity, and exemplifies by his daily life how well he understands and appreciates the precepts and tenets of the society. Although a member of but two years' standing, he has acquired a thorough knowledge of the principles of Masonry, and is a popular brother in his lodge. He was initiated and made a Master Mason in Garden City Lodge, No. 141, in 1895; was exalted to the Royal Arch degrees in York Chapter, No. 148; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Tyrian Council, No. 78, in 1896; was created a Knight Templar in Apollo Commandery, No. 1; and attained the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory in 1895. He is also a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Daly is a native of Ireland, his birth taking place in that country on November 1, 1867, and at an early age came to the United States. In 1888 he located in Chicago, where he followed various occupations until, in 1895, he was made transfer foreman for the Dixon Transfer Company, which position he has continued to fill in an adequate and satisfactory manner. In his religious faith Mr. Daly is affiliated with the Episcopal church, and socially is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

**J**OSEPH B. CLITHERO, a Mason who ranks high in the local bodies of Chicago, was initiated in Pleiades Lodge, No. 478, and in 1891 was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126, and created a Sir Knight in Chicago

Commandery, No. 19, in the same year, and received the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Scottish Rite. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Clithero was born in Gardner, Grundy county, Illinois, September 1, 1867, and when four years of age was taken to Watseka, Iroquois county, by his parents, and remained on a farm until eighteen years old, obtaining such mental training as was afforded by the district schools during the winter and working on the home place in the summer. In 1885 our subject came to Chicago and was for several years associated with the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company as superintendent of the interlocking, or signal, system, with which he equipped the entire road. He then accepted a position in the detective service of the police department, which he subsequently resigned to engage in business.

As a Mason Mr. Clithero has ever been faithful and true to the ritual, and is in thorough sympathy with the teachings of the order. In the lodge his genial disposition and frank cordiality have caused for him the kindest feeling among the brethren.

**T**HOS. H. ROSS.—Among the well-known citizens of Morris, Illinois, none is more deserving of mention in this work than the subject of this sketch, who is successfully engaged in the lumber business, and whose reputation as a man of integrity and upright life is of the best.

Next to his interest in business, Mr. Ross classes his regard for the Masonic order, of which he has been a worthy member since 1872. In that year he became a Master Mason in Clark Lodge, No. 51, in Louisville, Kentucky. He took the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter, No. 31, in which he was Master of the Veil, and that of Knight Templar in Blaney Commandery, No. 5, of which he has been Treasurer for several years. He is also af-

filiated with Cedar Lodge, No. 124, is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star at Morris, and of Medinah Temple at Chicago.

Mr. Ross has always been faithful in his relations to the fraternity in these various branches of Freemasonry, and has used his influence in promoting their welfare, but has never been a seeker after office. He attended the conclave in Chicago in 1880, and the one held in Boston in 1895.

Thos. H. Ross was born in Waynesburg, Ohio, May 27, 1845, and was educated in the public schools of his native place. In 1864, when only eighteen years old, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio Infantry, determined to do what he could to aid in preserving the nation from disruption and ruin. Being mustered out when his term of service expired, he re-enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Ohio, which was the last regiment to leave the state for the seat of war. In this he served until the close of hostilities, the regiment being in several engagements in Kentucky. Although his experience as a soldier was brief compared with that of many others, he has never regretted the days spent in camp, and is proud to be called a veteran. He belongs to Darvean Post, No. 329, G. A. R., and the reunions of the "boys" are among the most pleasant occasions of his life.

In 1876 Mr. Ross removed from Ohio to the "Prairie state," settling in Morris, where for some years he carried on farming. In 1885 he engaged in the lumber business, which he has followed since with much success. He is well thought of among his business associates, and is held in high esteem as a worthy and valued citizen.

**S**OLON H. EVELETH.—There are no rules for building characters; there is no rule for achieving success. The man who can rise from the ranks to a position of eminence is he who can see and utilize the opportunities that surround his path. The essential conditions of human life are ever

the same; the surroundings of individuals differ but slightly; and when one man passes another on the highway to reach the goal of success before others, it is because he has the power to use advantages which probably encompass the whole human race. Mr. Eveleth is one who has improved his opportunities and steadily worked his way upward until he now occupies the responsible position of cashier of the Wagner Palace Car Company of Chicago. He was born in Massachusetts, July 6, 1856, and made his home in the old Bay state until 1880. He acquired his education in the public schools, and during his early manhood was employed in various capacities in connection with hotel and sleeping-car service. In 1880 he came to Chicago and in 1883 was appointed to the present responsible position which he now occupies. He has the unqualified confidence of the company and justly merits the same. He is most honorable in all business transactions, and is a man of energy and industry who leaves no task unperformed or duty slighted.

Mr. Eveleth was married September 12, 1882, to Mrs. Susan J. Bell. His identification with Freemasonry dates from 1878, when he joined Joseph Warren Lodge, of Boston, Massachusetts. Later he dimitted and placed his membership in Harlem Lodge, No. 540, A. F. & A. M., of Oak Park, Illinois. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in St. Andrew's Chapter, of Boston, Massachusetts, from which he was dimitted to Cicero Chapter, No. 180, at Austin, Illinois. He received the grades and orders of Templar Masonry in Boston Commandery in 1880, and is now a Sir Knight in Siloam Commandery, No. 54, at Oak Park. On the 4th of October, 1883, he attained the thirty-second degree of the ineffable lodge of perfection and was greeted a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret of Oriental Consistory. He also holds membership in Medinah Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and has thus almost rounded the circle of Masonry, learning the lessons of both the York and Scottish

Rites and putting into practice in his everyday life the beneficent and ennobling principles of the order. He is a zealous Mason, whose ardor is evidenced by a fulfillment of the obligations which rest upon all worthy members of the fraternity, and in Masonic circles Mr. Eveleth is widely and favorably known.

**J**OHAN HOSBURY.—One of the great industrial enterprises which have given Chicago her proud position as one of the leading commercial centers of the globe is that which has to do with the dealing in live stock, and among the representative commission operators in this line is he whose name introduces this review. Mr. Hosbury is a man who stands high in the great fraternity which is the subject of this compilation, and there is eminent consistency in according a brief review of his career in this connection. On the 5th of March, 1866 (which was his twenty-first birthday), there was received and entertained by Niagara Lodge, No. 375, A. F. & A. M., of Lockport, New York, a petition which signified the wish of John Hosbury to identify himself with the ancient and noble order, and pursuant thereto the degree of Entered Apprentice was duly conferred upon him on the 2d of April. On the 6th of June, 1878, he passed the capitular degrees in Ames Chapter, No. 88, R. A. M., in the same city, while in 1886 his name was enrolled among the Royal and Select Masters of Temple Council, No. 65, of Chicago. Prior to this, however, Mr. Hosbury had received the degrees of knighthood in Lockport, New York, where he became a member of Genesee Commandery, No. 10, K. T., on the 11th of April, 1879.

The present affiliations of our subject are maintained in the following Chicago Masonic bodies: Landmark Lodge, No. 422, of which he served as Master in 1888; Fairview Chapter, No. 161, of which he was High Priest in 1885-6; Temple Council, No. 65; and Montjoie Commandery, No.

53, in which he held the distinguished preferment of Eminent Commander in 1894. At the present writing, 1897, he is Secretary of both his lodge and chapter.

Mr. Hosbury has a lively appreciation of the dignity, beauty and nobility of the great fraternity with which he is identified, and its interests and objects he does all in his power to advance and aid. His devotion to the order and to the principles for which it stands sponsor have gained him precedence in fraternal circles, while his personality is such as to have given him marked popularity therein. As an exponent of Masonic brotherhood in all that the term implies he is to be classed among those most deserving of honor in this state. In his religious relations he is a Presbyterian.

John Hosbury was born in Lockport, Niagara county, New York, March 5, 1845, the son of Thomas and Christina (Cleghorn) Hosbury. He attended the Union school, one of the best high schools in that part of the state, and was reared to the live-stock business, his father having been one of the largest live-stock shippers in the county. He followed that business in New York until 1880, when he came to Chicago and has since operated at the stock yards with gratifying success. He was married March 10, 1864, to Miss Mary H. Hixson, of Lockport, New York, and they have one daughter, named Gertie M.

**M**IRAM WALLACE LINDLEY, a worthy Sir Knight Templar residing at Havana, has the following Masonic record: The degree of Master Mason was conferred upon him in Havana Lodge, No. 88, A. F. & A. M., in August, 1864; was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Havana Chapter, No. 86, R. A. M., on the 29th of March, 1867; created a Sir Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T., at Havana, November 4, 1875. In the blue lodge he has filled the offices of Steward, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master, the two latter five terms each.

During his incumbency of the last term as Senior Warden he served also as Worshipful Master, by order of the Grand Master. In the chapter he has been Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, and Secretary six years, 1874-9, and again for three years, 1885, 1888 and 1891; in 1883 he was High Priest and is again the present incumbent as Secretary. In the commandery he was Generalissimo in 1887, Recorder in 1880-2, and 1890-2, and Warder in 1889. Mr. Lindley's life has been in every way a consistent example of the elevating tendencies of the teachings of the noble craft. While he was Master he was very prominent in erecting a fine temple for the order, of which the Havana Masons have much reason to be proud. They have a splendid hall and banquet room and all the paraphernalia and equipments required for complete and satisfactory work, all of which they own clear of debt, besides having money in the treasury.

Mr. Lindley is a native of Ohio, born July 5, 1842, and he has been a resident of Illinois ever since 1850. He is a retired hardware merchant, having had an illustrious record as an honest dealer and polite gentleman. For four years he was the police magistrate of the city.

**J**OHAN AUGUST WESTBLADE, auditor of the Fulton County Railway and residing at Lewistown, is a Sir Knight whose Masonic record is as follows: He was made a Master Mason in Lewistown Lodge, No. 104, in November, 1893, exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Havana Chapter, No. 86, in 1894; and was created a Sir Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T., at Havana, in September, 1894. Officially, he has served as Junior Deacon and Steward of his lodge, and is held in very high esteem by the brethren.

Mr. Westblade is a native of Sweden, and was born at Linkoping, on the 14th of September, 1864, and was brought to this country by his parents the next year. They

were Nelson and Anna (Johnson) Westblade. Our subject was educated in Galesburg, Illinois, in the public schools; subsequently was engaged in the dry-goods business at Peoria and Galesburg, and in 1888 began his connection with the road of which he is now the auditor. For this road he began as station agent at London Mills, Fulton county, and by close attention to the interests of his company he has been promoted from time to time until he has reached his present situation; and he is a business man, a good citizen and a faithful Mason.

He married Miss Blanche N. Wagly, daughter of Companion J. C. Wagly, of Lewistown, Illinois.

**R**ICHARD EDWIN O'CONNOR.—It was never the intention of the Supreme Being to make this world an abode of strife and discord, or of warring spirits, continually preying upon their fellow men. Such a state of affairs, however, has been existing from the time of Adam, almost, and the whole order of things has been perverted and turned from the original channel. Man's inhumanity to man has burdened history, and instead of diminishing as time goes on, in spite of the added intelligence of the human race, it is on the increase, and in the present age the struggle to obtain an existence has made the warfare just as fierce as ever, even if it is of a more refined nature. Many centuries ago—just when is lost in obscurity—a little body of men started a society of Masons, which was to assist them in their daily life and give to them higher aims and ambitions. It was originally composed of active workers in the trade of masonry, but it gradually developed and expanded until it not only included the craft alone but also many not following that trade. Its scope was enlarged, and out of this modest beginning sprung the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. Slowly but surely has its influence been working in every part of the universe, its beneficent precepts drawing to its ranks men of all nations, creeds and callings, un-



til to-day it stands out in strong relief as one of the noblest organizations of which the mind of mortal man is capable of conceiving. Built upon a foundation of love, honor and universal brotherhood, it has come down to us, teaching its glorious lessons to all who wish for better things in life and bringing a message of peace to many thousands of souls.

In Chicago Freemasonry has established a firm footing and has a large following, numbering among its membership some of the most prominent men of the city. One of those who has been associated with the local bodies for a number of years is the brother whose name heads this review. After taking the subordinate degrees in the blue lodge he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Arcana Lodge, No. 717, in 1882; was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126; was created a Sir Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, in 1886; and received the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, No. 26, Scottish Rite, in 1887. In 1897 he made a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert and was elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple. In all these bodies our brother has been a consistent member and has lived up to the precepts inculcated in the laws of the order.

Mr. O'Connor was born in Chicago on May 26, 1860, and attended the public schools of this city, after which he took a course of study at the Metropolitan Business College. He followed several occupations until August 16, 1887, when he accepted a position as bookkeeper and accountant with the firm of Harder & Hafer, who conduct an extensive coal business. Mr. O'Connor has been a faithful employee, and his services with this firm embrace a period of sixteen years, during which time he has won the confidence and respect of his employers by his strict integrity of character, his capabilities and the thoroughness with which he accomplishes his work.

In January, 1890, Mr. O'Connor was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wilkinson, a native of England, and two daughters have been born to them, — May and Hazel. In his political affiliations Mr. O'Connor is a staunch Republican. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, and contribute liberally to its support.

The subject of this sketch is an enthusiastic bicycle rider and won the United States championships in long-distance events for two consecutive years, 1895 and 1896. He is at present the state centurion for Illinois, having to his credit about two hundred century bars, of which he is justly proud.

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**W**ILLIAM TABOR ABBOTT, one of the prominent young attorneys of Peoria, Illinois, has advanced to a high degree in the Masonic order. He was first made familiar with the doctrines of this esoteric fraternity by his initiation into Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M., and having passed the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow-craft, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He has served as Senior Warden of his lodge, and takes a deep and abiding interest in its work and the promulgation of its honored and beneficent principles. In the election of December, 1896, he was further honored by the members of the craft by being chosen Worshipful Master for the year 1897. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Peoria Chapter, No. 7, and has served as Principal Sojourner therein for four years. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Peoria Council, No. 11, and was knighted in Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T. In the last named he has served as Senior Warden, and is a member of and holds office of Recorder in the St. Helena Conclave, No. 3, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine. He is also connected with the social department of Masonry, having in June, 1896, become a member of Mohammed Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Peoria, and

at the annual election in December, 1896, was elected High Priest and Prophet. In all these degrees Mr. Abbott takes a lively and appreciative interest, and conforms his life to the principles which form the basic elements of the society.

Mr. Abbott is a native of the Green Mountain state, born in Wells River, Orange county, Vermont, on the 16th of February, 1868. His father, Orrin S. Abbott, is a resident of St. Johnsbury, that state. He is an honored member of Palestine Commandery, No. 5, K. T., and it was from his father that our subject early received favorable impressions of Masonry and became imbued with a desire to identify himself with the order which promotes all moral qualities and true worth. He enjoyed superior educational advantages, was graduated in the academy in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, in 1886, and in 1890 received the degree of A. B. from that well-known seat of learning, Dartmouth College. He then took up the study of law with the intention of making its practice his life work, continued his reading in 1891 and 1892, after which he came to the west, and in February, 1893, passed a creditable examination and was admitted to the bar of Illinois. He then accepted a clerical position in the law office of Stevens & Horton, of Peoria, serving in that capacity until January 1, 1895, when he was admitted to a partnership in the business under the firm name of Stevens, Horton & Abbott. He is now enjoying a liberal clientage and has demonstrated his ability by the successful conduct of a number of cases. He belongs to the Congregational church and is a young man of high personal worth whom to know is to esteem and honor.

**G**EORGE F. HENTHORNE.—Among the most active and influential Masons in the city of Peoria, Illinois, is the gentleman whose name adorns this page.

Mr. Henthorne is a native son of Illinois, and was born in the town of Lacon, March 17, 1846, but since 1871 has main-

tained his residence in Peoria, where he has attained prominence in both business and fraternal circles. His identity with Masonry covers a quarter of a century and is as honorable as it is long. The blue-lodge degrees he took in Sparland, Illinois, in Sparland Lodge, No. 443, May 3, 1871; shortly afterward he transferred his membership to Temple Lodge, No. 46, and has since affiliated with it. He received the Royal Arch degree in Peoria Chapter, No. 7, June 19, 1873; the order of Knights Templar in Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T., March 27, 1874; the R. & S. degrees in Peoria Council, No. 11, April 5, 1878, and has also been initiated into the mysteries of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, St. Helena Conclave, at Peoria, being elected its first Sovereign, and in Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of this place. And besides these various bodies he has membership in the Veteran Association of Illinois Masons. From time to time he has been honored by the brotherhood with official position, and to whatever place he has been called he has responded with prompt and faithful service, ever active and earnest in promoting the welfare of the order. For seven years he was Secretary of the chapter, and for an equal length of time, from 1874 to 1881, was Recorder of the commandery. He was elected High Priest of the chapter and served two years, and for two years also was Eminent Commander of Peoria Commandery, and since that time has been Secretary of the chapter and Recorder of the commandery. In the council he has filled the chair of Thrice Illustrious, and in Mohammed Temple, of which he is a charter member, he was first Chief Roban, and is at present Potentate. He is also Grand Master of the First Veil of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois.

A close connection with Masonry and the sublime truths as illustrated by it cannot fail to leave its impress upon the life of any member of the order, and to say that a man is a good Mason means that and more: it means that he is strictly honorable



*C. G. Hitchcock    G. G. Nenthorne.    D. H. Tripp.*  
*W. G. Irwin.                    W. G. Abbott.*

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and upright in all the varied relations of life, true to humanity and to his God. Such a man is Mr. George F. Henthorne.

**C**HARLES FREEMAN HITCHCOCK, a real-estate dealer of Peoria and a man well known in the business circles of that city where he has resided for over twenty years, became identified with the Masonic fraternity shortly after he attained his majority, and has remained an honored member of the same ever since, squaring his life by the strict justice and universal charity taught by this beautiful order which has been rightly called the "sister of religion."

He was made a Master Mason in Aurora Lodge, No. 254, at Aurora, Illinois, November 22, 1858; he received the Royal Arch degrees in Aurora Chapter, No. 22, January 31, 1860; the council degrees in Peoria Council, No. 11, April 15, 1878; the chivalric degrees in Peoria Commandery, No. 3, October 16, 1866; and the Scottish Rite in Peoria Consistory, March 29, 1870. He was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the thirty-third degree, the last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, September 22, 1885.

Mr. Hitchcock's present affiliations are still with the three local bodies named in Peoria, besides the other local lodges here,—Temple Lodge, No. 46, and Peoria Chapter, No. 7. In all of these Masonic bodies he has been honored with high official preference, and has filled the various offices with that becoming dignity which has always been characteristic of him. For seven years he was Worshipful Master of Sparland Lodge, No. 441, and for two years filled the executive chair in Temple Lodge, No. 46. In Aurora Chapter, No. 22, he was High Priest one year. He filled the office of Recorder in Peoria Council, No. 11, three years; was Eminent Commander of Peoria Commandery, No. 3, five years; and for twelve years has been Commander-in-Chief of Peoria Consistory.

In the Grand Lodge also have official

preference been shown him. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master in September, 1885, for the Fourteenth District of Illinois, by Grand Master Alexander T. Darrah, and was reappointed and served continuously until October, 1893, when he was duly elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Illinois, and was re-elected to this office the following year; and he served as First Lieutenant Commander of the Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation for Illinois. Also he is a member of St. Helena Conclave, Knights of Constantine, at Peoria, of which he is now Treasurer. He received the degrees in Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., May 29, 1895, and on January 14, 1896, was chosen Recorder of the same, in which capacity he is now serving; and in addition to the above named offices filled by Mr. Hitchcock, it should further be stated that he has served also in various minor ones. Indeed, he has been in Masonic office ever since he became Master Mason nearly forty years ago. Having thus referred to his exalted connection with the great brotherhood of Masons, we would now speak briefly of his life's career in other respects.

Charles Freeman Hitchcock was born in Pittstown, Rensselaer county, New York, January 11, 1836. Up to the time he was twelve years old he lived in his native county, and from that time until he was twenty-one he made his home in Washington county, that state, spending his youth and early manhood as a clerk in a store. In 1857 he came west to Illinois and accepted a position as clerk in a clothing store in Aurora. Later he engaged in business for himself at that place. In 1852 he sold out and removed to Sparland, Marshall county, this state, where he was in the real-estate and grain business till the spring of 1875, when he came to Peoria. Shortly after locating here he became identified with the Board of Trade and interested in the grain business, to which he gave his attention until 1888, since which time he has been dealing in real estate. He is a man

of marked ability, and has all these years been recognized as a prominent factor in the business circles of Peoria.

Mr. Hitchcock was married in October, 1861, to Miss Mary E. Pease, of Aurora, Illinois, and they have three children—a son and two daughters.

In his religious views Mr. Hitchcock is broad and liberal and is a believer in universal salvation. He is not, however, a member of any church.

**W**ILLIAM TRAVIS IRWIN, city attorney of Peoria, Illinois, and a member of the firm of Irwin & Slemmons, leading lawyers of this place, is a self-made man and one who has always devoted his attention closely to his profession. He has, however, amid the pressing cares of business found time to turn aside for the pleasure, profit and recreation to be found in Masonic circles. Mr. Irwin was made a Master Mason in Illinois Lodge, No. 263, received the Royal Arch degrees in Peoria Chapter, No. 7; was made a Knight Templar in Peoria Commandery, No. 3, and was initiated into the Scottish Rite at Peoria, with all of which he affiliates at the present time.

Mr. Irwin is a native of the Keystone state. He was born in Dayton, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1856. His youth he passed in attending school and teaching alternately, completing his literary studies with a course in the academies and schools of western Pennsylvania, and in 1879 he came to Paxton, Illinois. Here he studied law under the able instructions of Judge Alfred Semple, judge of the seventh judicial district; and was duly admitted to the bar in 1881. Since that date he has been actively engaged in the practice of law at Peoria, and since 1886 he has been a member of the firm of Irwin & Slemmons, with office rooms in the Niagara building. As already stated, he now occupies the position of city attorney of Peoria. He was first elected to this office in 1893 for a term

of two years, was again elected in 1895, and is now serving his fourth year.

Religiously, Mr. Irwin is a Presbyterian and a consistent church member.

**D**AVID HENRY TRIPP, senior member of the firm of D. H. Tripp & Company, booksellers and stationers of Peoria, Illinois, was born in Decatur, Otsego county, New York, on the 28th of November, 1828, and in the spring of 1851 came to Illinois. Since the fall of the same year he has resided continuously in Peoria and has for a period of forty-five years been identified with the business interests of this place, carrying on operations without change of firm name or location since the year 1860.

In the fall of 1853 Mr. Tripp petitioned for admittance within the portals of the great temple of Masonry, was elected and received the degrees conferred in Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., since which time he has continued a member thereof, and is at this date perhaps the oldest member that was made a Mason in that lodge. He is now Past Master. He is also Past High Priest of Peoria Chapter, No. 7, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Peoria Council, No. 11, Royal and Select Masters, and is at the present time, 1897, Eminent Commander of Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T. He is a member of Peoria Consistory, with which body he became affiliated November 28, 1888, and has ever since been an earnest and active worker, holding several important offices in the co-working bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a charter member of St. Helena Conclave of Red Cross Knights of Constantine, and never fails to attend its meetings. He is also a charter member of Mohammed Temple, Ancient Arabia Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was elected and has continued to hold the office of Treasurer from its organization and is a member of the Masonic Veterans' Association, of Illinois, at Chicago.

**F**RED F. HANDRUP is an affiliate of the various branches of Masonry and is esteemed as a valued representative of the order. His fidelity to its precepts and its principles has brought him official preferment, and his fellow members of the craft freely acknowledge his worth. In 1877 he took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in D. C. Gregier Lodge, and has therein served as Worshipful Master. He was advanced as Mark Master, installed as Past Master, received as Most Excellent Master, and exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, and has acceptably filled the office of High Priest therein. He belongs to Siloam Council, R. & S. M., of which he has been Thrice Illustrious Master; was created a Sir Knight in Chicago Commandery, was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret after receiving the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, and in Medinah Temple was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

The people of all races and classes, if they be men of true moral worth, are welcome to this fraternity, and thus it is that Brother Handrup, a native of Denmark, is connected by the mystic ties of the brotherhood with the representatives of the order in America. Born in the little peninsular kingdom which has furnished to the world some of its most glorious tales of heroism, he entered upon earth's pilgrimage October 12, 1839, and was reared and educated at the place of his birth. In his youth he served an apprenticeship in a mercantile establishment. In 1869 he came to Chicago, and for the past quarter of a century has been in the employ of the J. V. Farwell Company.

Becoming a prominent worker in the organization he was twice honored with an election to the office of Worshipful Master, serving in that capacity in 1881 and 1882. He has since been dimitted from Jerusalem Temple Lodge, placing his membership in Dearborn Lodge, of Chicago. In 1869 he joined Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., of which he is still a member, and of which he has served as Secretary. He also belongs to Aurora Council and in 1870 was knighted in Aurora Commandery, No. 22, in which he served as Warder, Junior and Senior Warden; and he became a charter member of Englewood Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templar. He and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Rising Sun Chapter, and were among its organizers. He takes an active part in lodge work and has done much to promote the interests of Masonry in its various departments. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having taken his degrees in Wau-bansia Lodge, No. 45, at Aurora, Illinois, of which lodge he was Noble Grand in 1874.

Mr. Wood was born in Bury, Lancashire, England, on the 20th of September, 1844, and was reared in his native country and there served an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade between the ages of fourteen and nineteen years. He then determined to try his fortune in America, where he believed better opportunities were afforded young men, and accordingly crossed the Atlantic, locating in New York, where he was employed for a year. He then went to Newark, New Jersey, and followed the same business for two years, after which he returned to England, spending a year in the "merrie isle." On the expiration of that period he came again to the United States and spent almost a year in Richmond, Indiana, working at his trade, after which he went to Aurora, Illinois, where he followed his trade until 1882. He then came to Chicago and took charge of the machine shops of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company; and has since oc-

**W**ILLIAM K. WOOD, in November, 1869, was made acquainted with the esoteric doctrines and fundamental principles of Masonry in Jerusalem Temple Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., of Aurora,

cupied that responsible position in a most creditable manner.

He has never had occasion to regret his emigration to America, for here has found a pleasant home and made many friends. In his religious relations he is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church.

He was married on the 25th of November, 1870, to Miss Elizabeth Garwood, a native of Oxford, England, and they have had eight children, namely: Annie, wife of Arthur Parker; Harry, William, Joseph, Elizabeth, Samuel, John and Benjamin H.

**F**RANK G. STECK is a Knight Templar Mason whose allegiance to the fraternity is marked and continuous. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, on the 31st of July, 1884, and continued his connection therewith until he was dimitted to become an affiliate of Normal Park Lodge, No. 797. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, on the 22d of December, 1885, and on the 12th of January, 1886, was created a Knight Templar in Englewood Commandery, No. 59. He also belongs to Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and he and his wife hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Steck is a native of the Keystone state, his birth having occurred in Legmore, Westmoreland county, on the 1st of April, 1850. He came to Chicago in 1871 and engaged in the live-stock business, which he has since successfully followed. He was married November 4, 1879, to Miss Maria J. Hoy, of Chicago.

**R**OBERT D. LOMAX is a thirty-second-degree Mason. He became a member of the order in 1893, when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Thomas J. Turner Lodge. In the same year he received the grades and orders of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and

was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory in September. The following year he joined the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Lomax was born in Chicago on the 11th of July, 1869. After passing through the public schools of Chicago he entered the business college of Bryant & Stratton, at which he graduated in 1885. He then entered the law department of the Northwestern University, completing his studies in the spring of 1889. Since then he has devoted his entire time, as a stockholder and director, to the interests of the Chicago Consolidated Bottling Company, of which his father, the well-known John A. Lomax, is president. As a member of one of Chicago's oldest families, Mr. Lomax has a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances, always ready to welcome his appearance in any part of the city.

**C**HARLES S. AUSTIN.—The Masonic body is composed of men in all stations of life. Rank and wealth are not the requisites for membership, and a man faithful to its interests has as good an opportunity of reaching the highest pinnacle in its councils as the greatest potentate in the land.

Among the unostentatious but no less valued members of the fraternity in Chicago is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch and who carries out in his daily life the teachings which have made the Masonic order such an excellent school of morals and religion. Mr. Austin was made a Mason in South Park Lodge, No. 662, in 1887, and was elected Worshipful Master of that body in 1894, having previously held the offices of Junior Deacon and Junior Warden. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter, in 1895, and in 1896 was made a Knight Templar in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35. He has always taken an active interest in the workings of the order, and has given much time and attention to promoting the welfare of his lodge.

Mr. Austin was born in Conway, Mas-



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Alexander Mc Lachlan

sachusetts, March 17, 1850, and was reared and educated there. He learned the trade of meat-cutter, at which he became an expert and at which he worked for many years. In 1881 he came to Chicago, where he has since made his home. In March, 1890, he was appointed care-taker of the Rialto building, one of the large and well-known business and office structures in the heart of the city, and has held that position ever since, to the entire satisfaction of the numerous occupants. He is very popular with the tenants, is faithful in the discharge of his duties and well deserves the esteem in which he is held.

Mr. Austin was married in May, 1886, to Miss Isabel Maud Osborne, a native of county Tyrone, Ireland, and three children have been born to them,—Archie, Chester and George.

**A**LLEXANDER McLACHLAN. — Scotland's history is one of thrilling interest. The world has few heroes to compare with Wallace and Bruce; the deeds of bravery performed by its daring people have been the theme of story and of song through many ages; its legends have formed the subject of many a romance or poem; its scenery has called forth the skill of many famed artists. In commercial activity and industrial progress it has also kept pace with modern civilization, and in all those interests which tend to advance the humanitarian impulses of the race it has been among the leaders in the work. The ancient origin of the Masonic fraternity gives it a fame and pre-eminence to which the history of similar institutions affords no parallel; but through many centuries it comprised only what is known as the "blue lodge." Later other branches were added, and in Scotland originated one of its most important divisions,—one which has greatly extended its usefulness. The Scottish Rite, composed of thirty-two degrees, germinated in the latter part of the seventeenth century and assumed its distinctive character in the beginning of the eighteenth. Since

that time it has gained many followers, not only in the land where it originated but also elsewhere throughout the world wherever Masonry is known.

This fraternity has received a hearty endorsement from the native sons of Scotia, and among its most loyal followers are many who claim the land of hills and heather as their birthplace. Of this number is Alexander McLachlan. A native of Scotland, he, however, did not join the Masonic order until after coming to America. November 8, 1883, he took the degree of Entered Apprentice; Fellow-craft, December 15, 1883; and Master Mason, December 27, 1883, in Palace Lodge, No. 765, and was twice elected and served as its Worshipful Master. He was instrumental in the organization of Kensington Lodge, No. 804, became one of its charter members, served as Worshipful Master, and is now Past Master. In 1888 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Sinai Chapter, No. 185, and is now affiliated with Pullman Chapter, No. 204, of which he is a charter member and was one of the most active factors in its establishment. He has served as its High Priest for three years, and is one of its most honored companions. In 1893 the degree of knighthood was conferred upon him in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, and he now upholds the banner of sable and azure with all the loyalty of a true Sir Knight. In September, 1893, he joined the ineffable lodge of perfection, placing his membership in Oriental Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. In the same month he was made a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple, of Chicago.

He is a close and conscientious student of the ethics and teachings of Masonry, is a most untiring worker, and, being a man of much more than average ability, he brings to his work a high degree of intelligence. He meets fully the requirements and obligations of the order and devotes a large share of his time and talent to the advancement of its interests.

Mr. McLachlan was born in Glasgow, Scotland, November 10, 1849, and was reared and educated there. His father, John McLachlan, was born in Scotland about 1822, was a dyer by trade, and died in his native country in 1857. He married Agnes Hosie, who also died in Scotland, her native land, in 1889, about seventy years of age. Mr. Alexander McLachlan served an apprenticeship to the bricklayer's trade in the land of his nativity and followed that business until 1880, when he determined to seek a home across the Atlantic. Accordingly he came to America, and after a short residence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, came to Chicago, where he entered the employ of the Pullman Palace Car Company. In 1883 he was appointed foreman of masonry and sewer departments and served in that capacity until 1888, when he engaged in contracting on his own account. In his efforts and undertakings he has met with signal success. He thoroughly understands his business in every detail, and is therefore capable of intelligently directing the men under him so as to accomplish the best results. His justice toward his employees has won their allegiance and regard, and his honorable dealings at all times have gained him the confidence of the many with whom he has been brought in contact. He built the new Market Hall, the Market Colonnade Circle, the Roman Catholic church, the Swedish church, repair shop and laundry at Pullman, and many other structures in Pullman and Chicago.

In 1871 he was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Douglass, a native of Glasgow, Scotland. They have six children, and the eldest is now in partnership with his father. Mr. McLachlan took a very active part in the reorganization of the Pullman Athletic Association in 1893, and has since served as its president. He is also a member of the Central Association of Amateur Athletics; he is chief of the Clan McDonald, No. 41, of the Order of Scottish Clans, at Pullman, which office he has been filling for the past six years, and this order he organized

in 1888, with a membership of forty. He is also Past Patron of Palace Chapter, No. 264, Order of the Eastern Star, at Pullman, and he has had that office for two years.

When measured by what he is and what he has done, Mr. McLachlan may be pronounced, in the truest and best sense of the term, a "successful man." Few men in any community stand higher than he, and no man enjoys more fully the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. While unostentatious in manner, he readily makes friends of those with whom he comes in contact, and the friends thus made invariably become friends for life.

**W**ILLIAM H. LEWIS.—Onward the triumphant march of Freemasonry continues its progress, its ranks being frequently increased by recruits who are possessed of a desire to perceive the light of knowledge as emanating from the temple, and who wish to join their brothers in purging the world of its sin and selfishness and assist in raising the standard of manhood.

A *frater* who has become identified with the fraternity and who been an earnest laborer in the various local lodges of which he is a member, is he whose name initiates this sketch. Mr. Lewis was made a Master Mason in Pleiades Lodge, No. 478, and such was his endeavor and activity in that body that he was chosen its Senior Deacon, an office he occupies at the time of this writing (1897), fulfilling the duties thereof with marked intelligence and ability. In 1895 he was advanced to the grades of capitular Masonry and was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126, and has been elected its Master of the Second Veil. He received the orders of Knighthood in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, in 1896; in the following year he attained the degrees in the ineffable lodge of perfection, Scottish Rite, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago. His life has ever been conducted in accordance with the spirit of the ritual, as

learned in the blue lodge, and he well merits the high regard in which he is held by his fellow Masons.

William H. Lewis was born in the city of New York on the 28th of April, 1864, and there passed the first few years of his life, his mental educational discipline being received in the public schools of that place. Early in life Mr. Lewis began to turn his attention to cold-storage engineering and construction, and in that capacity made frequent journeys to Chicago in the discharge of his duties in that line until 1890, when he became permanently located in the Garden City. In 1897 he was appointed manager of the Producer Refrigerating Company, and, being thoroughly familiar with the details and mechanical principles of the business, he has proved a valuable accession, and his ability, competency and integrity have gained for him the confidence and high opinion of those with whom he is associated.

In his social relations Mr. Lewis is prominently identified with the Stationary Engineers' Association, of which he has been vice-president, and with the National Association of Stationary Engineers, having held the office of president of that organization. Mr. Lewis is a man possessing a high order of intelligence, excellent judgment and keen discrimination, and his success in life has been the result of his own individual efforts.

**W**ALTER STICKNEY, of Warren, is one of the few Masons of that community who has taken all the degrees in the various branches of the craft, both York and Scottish up to and including the thirty-second degree. The dates of his respective elevations are as follows: He was entered as an Apprentice in Jo Daviess Lodge, No. 278, A. F. & A. M., May 11, 1878; passed as Fellow-craft on the 18th of the same month; raised as Master Mason on the 1st of June following; exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Olive Chapter, No. 168, R. A. M., at Warren,

on the 10th of May, 1879; created a Sir Knight Templar in Galena Commandery, No. 40, K. T., stationed at Galena in 1882; and received the Scottish Rite degrees in Freeport Consistory, Valley of Freeport, in 1887. In all the bodies of the order located in his town he has been an active and efficient member, filling nearly all the offices in the blue lodge, of which he has been its Worshipful Master for two terms. In the chapter he was Secretary for a number of terms, and is one of the worthy brethren who is a good representative of the order, an upright and honorable citizen.

Mr. Stickney is a native of Ontario, born March 22, 1840; came to the United States in 1862, and was engaged in the mail service between Kansas City and Santa Fe, New Mexico, for a number of years, at a time when it was very hazardous business, the agents being frequently attacked by the hostile Indians. Ever since then he has been a business man at Nora, and at Warren he has been engaged in the grain trade. He has a nice family, and is one of Warren's highly respected citizens.

**E**DWARD ADAMS JEWETT.—A faithful allegiance to the Masonic order for a period covering more than thirty-six years has established a cordial condition of brotherhood between Mr. Jewett and his *fratres*, and in that time he has demonstrated his earnest desire to serve the fraternity, giving to its interests and welfare the full energies of his nature and filling various important offices with a degree of discrimination and a high order of intelligence that has been most gratifying to his *confreres*.

Mr. Jewett's identification with the craft began in 1861, when he was made a Master Mason in Washington Lodge, No. 3, at Burlington, Vermont, and was advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry, being exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in Burlington Chapter, No. 3; he received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Burlington Council, No. 2; was constituted and cre-

ated a Sir Knight in Burlington Commandery, No. 2; and he attained the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the ineffable lodge of perfection and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Massachusetts Consistory, of Boston. He retains his affiliation with those bodies and is besides a member of Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 56, Chicago, which he joined in 1881. Brother Jewett has had distinctive honor conferred upon him in being elected to numerous preferments in both the subordinate and grand bodies. He was Worshipful Master of his lodge, served as High Priest of his chapter, and was Eminent Commander of Burlington Commandery. In the grand bodies he was District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of the state. In all of these positions he served with efficiency, acquitting himself of the duties pertaining thereto in a manner that reflected credit upon his executive ability and redounded to the credit of the fraternity.

Edward Adams Jewett was born in the month of July, 1838, at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, where the first years of his life were spent, subsequently in attending the public schools and a local academy, his mental discipline being further supplemented by two years at Harvard University. Upon leaving the latter institution he entered upon his business career at Boston, remaining in that city two years, and thence, in 1860, he located in the city of Burlington, Vermont, where he continued to follow mercantile pursuits until coming to Chicago, in 1873. Here he entered the service of the Pullman Company, holding various positions, until 1888, when he was made assistant general superintendent, which office he has since continued to fill, discharging the duties incumbent thereon in a most capable manner. He is a thoroughly reliable gentleman, well informed on all the details of his work, and is well known in business and railroad circles throughout the country.

Mr. Jewett is a member of the Sons of

Vermont, and while residing in that state he was appointed on the governor's staff in 1871-72, where he held the rank of colonel.

The marriage of Mr. Jewett was solemnized at Burlington, Vermont, in 1870, when he was united to Miss Jennie M. Hubbell. In his political affiliations Mr. Jewett is a staunch member of the Republican party, and a firm advocate of its policies and principles.

CHARLES W. EVANS, M. D., one of the best known physicians in Chicago, is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity and ranks high in the local lodges of this city. He was initiated and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Arcana Lodge, No. 717, in 1893; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126, in 1894; was constituted a Sir Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, in 1895, and attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago, in 1895. In the same year the Doctor made a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert and became a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple. He is sincerely interested in Masonry, and gives it all the support in his power, evincing, by his daily life, that he understands and appreciates the precepts of the brotherhood.

Dr. Evans was born in Chicago July 17, 1863, and here acquired his primary education in the public schools. Upon attaining years of discretion he decided to adopt the profession of medicine, and subsequently matriculated in Rush Medical College, now the medical department of the Lake Forest University, at which institution he was graduated in 1886. He at once engaged in practice and since that time his career has been a most successful one, possessing, as he does, a large and lucrative patronage. He has been, for the past ten years, attending physician to the Central Free Dispensary, Chicago. The Doctor is a member

of the Illinois State Medical Association. He is a wide-awake gentleman, well posted on all the details of his profession, and his undoubted ability inspires confidence in all with whom he comes in contact.

**E**DWARD C. LOTT, who, during a membership of over twenty years, has never faltered in his loyalty to the Masonic fraternity, is at present one of the honored brothers residing in De Kalb, Illinois, where he has become conspicuous for the work



performed by him in the lodge of that city, and in the intense interest evinced in all the workings of the order. Mr. Lott took the first three degrees of the craft in Diamond City Lodge, No. 7, at Diamond City, Montana, in 1872, and dimitted from that body to become affiliated with De Kalb Lodge, No. 144. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in De Kalb Chapter, No. 52, and was elected High Priest for two terms; received the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and was created a Sir Knight in Sycamore

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Commandery, No. 15, in which he served as Eminent Commander. He is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple, of Chicago. In 1875 Mr. Lott was a member of Evergreen Lodge, No. 170, at Freeport, Illinois.

The birth of our subject took place in Wyoming county, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1846, his parents being Dennison and Eunice (Camp) Lott. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his native county, which he attended until sixteen years of age, at which time he enlisted in the Thirty-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, with which he served for a short time, and was then transferred to the Sixth Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving in that until the close of the war. Subsequently he went west and engaged in gold-mining in the territories for about eight years, and then returned east. In 1876, when the I. L. Ellwood Company was organized, Mr. Lott entered its employ and for the past fifteen years has held the responsible position of general manager.

Politically Mr. Lott is a stanch Republican, and in 1884 he was elected to the honorable office of mayor of De Kalb, and gave that city one of the cleanest and most able administrations in its history.

In 1873 Mr. Lott was happily married to Miss N. A. Knapp, of Ogle county, Illinois, and their many friends are always welcome to the hospitalities of their charming home.

**W**ILLIAM F. BROWN, of the firm of Riegel & Brown, wholesale leaf-tobacco dealers, Chicago, is a young man of pushing, hustling business qualifications, and, not unlike many of the leading young men throughout the country, has thought it worth his while to identify himself with Freemasonry. While a resident of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1888, he made application for membership in Dallas Lodge, No. 508, F. & A. M., and was duly elected and received its degrees. His removal to Chicago shortly afterward resulted in his

obtaining a dimit from that lodge, and since 1896 he has been a member in good standing of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, F. & A. M.

Mr. Brown is a native of Stoughton, Dane county, Wisconsin, born January 24, 1863, and was reared and educated at Stoughton and Milwaukee. His business career was begun in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained from 1883 to 1888, and from thence he came to Chicago, where he has since resided. Here, as in Pittsburg, he has dealt in tobacco. In February, 1895, he associated himself with Mr. Charles Riegel, under the firm name of Riegel & Brown, and has since, as a wholesale dealer in leaf tobacco, done a prosperous business.

Mr. Brown is unmarried.

**A**LLEXANDER J. SIMPSON.—The fraternal spirit is very much in evidence in Chicago, and the numerous lodges receive the warm support of several thousand true and zealous Masons, none of whom stand higher in the estimation of the brethren than does Mr. Simpson, whose name appears at the head of this sketch. He was initiated in Garden City Lodge, No. 141, in 1891, was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter, No. 148, was created a Sir Knight Templar in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in 1896, and received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory in 1897. Mr. Simpson is deeply interested in Masonry and does all in his power to promote its aims, manifesting in his life how well he understands the tenets of the society, and has proven himself to be a worthy and acceptable member of the craft. He is also a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Simpson is a native of the Empire state, his birth having occurred in New York city on January 25, 1860, where he was reared and educated until fifteen years old. In 1875 he came to Chicago and accepted a position as clerk on the Illinois

Central Railroad, in which he proved himself such a capable and trustworthy employee that he was promoted to the post of stationer, which responsible position he is to-day filling, to the entire satisfaction of the company. He is practically a self-made man, and his success in life is due entirely to his own efforts, a natural ability and an unswerving devotion to the interests of his employers.

In April, 1884, Mr. Simpson was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Bintliff, a native of Wisconsin, and of this union three children have been born, two sons and a daughter.

**G**EORGE W. SHAW, a well-known merchant at Mattoon, is a consistent Sir Knight Templar, honoring the principles and traditions of the Masonic order. He received the primary degrees of the blue lodge in Mattoon Circle, No. 707, the capitular degrees in Mattoon Chapter, No. 85, the council degrees in Mattoon Council, No. 10, the chivalric degrees in Godfroy de Bouillon Commandery, No. 44, and the Scottish Rite degrees in Oriental Consistory. With all these he still affiliates, excepting that in the blue lodge he is a member of the Mattoon Lodge, consolidated, No. 260. Of the last named he has been Senior Warden and for years its honored Treasurer; of the chapter he has served as High Priest; of the council, Deputy Thrice Illustrious Master, and of the commandery, Eminent Commander. In all these bodies he has been prominent; has attended all the triennial conclaves ever since 1877 excepting two, and was Adjutant of the Second Illinois Regiment at Boston in 1895. Indeed, in Masonic circles he is known almost throughout the state of Illinois.

Mr. Shaw was born in Alexandria, Kentucky, September 19, 1840, and educated in the public schools of Indiana, as his parents moved with their children to Greensburg, that state. He was reared to farm life, and on attaining his majority he entered the mercantile business, in 1861, as a



clerk. In 1869 he came to Mattoon and opened a boot and shoe store, where he has since continuously been engaged in the business, with the success due diligence and honesty. He has been a member of the city council, and a prominent and useful citizen ever since his residence here.

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**J**OSEPH COLUMBUS HOSTETLER, an attorney at law, Decatur, has been in the continuous practice of his profession since 1875, having a lucrative patronage.

Mr. Hostetler has been Worshipful Master of Ionic Lodge, No. 312, A. F. & A. M., in which he first received the degrees of the ancient craft. The Royal Arch degrees were conferred upon him in Macon Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., of which he is still a member and which he has served as Secretary; of Decatur Council he has served as Recorder, and of Beaumanoir Commandery, Knights Templar, he has been Senior Warden. He is also a member of Medinah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Chicago. He accompanied his commandery to the triennial conclaves at Chicago, St. Louis, Washington and Denver, and in general he takes a deep and abiding interest in the cause of the fraternity.

Mr. Hostetler was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, July 14, 1846, and graduated at Union College, at Schenectady, New York, in the class of 1871. He has been a resident of Decatur ever since 1857, and is one of the best and most favorably known men in the county. In his political principles he is a "gold-standard" Democrat.

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**H**ON. JAMES A. WILLOUGHBY, publisher of the Advocate at Belleville, is a member of Lebanon Lodge, No. 110, A. F. & A. M.; of Lebanon Chapter, No. 62, R. A. M.; of Belleville Council, No. 6, R. & S. M.; and of Tancred Commandery, No. 50, K. T. Of the last mentioned he

has been Eminent Commander. He is also a member of Moolah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at St. Louis. He is zealous as an advanced Mason, faithful to his fraternal obligations.

He was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, May 2, 1855, educated in the public schools, and early engaged in the drug business at Lebanon, in his native county. After continuing in this for five years, in 1880, he was elected county recorder, and he served a term of four years. In June, 1885, he purchased a half interest in the Belleville Advocate, a weekly newspaper established in 1839. This paper he edits with ability and publishes with business capacity. It is a flourishing news journal. Under President Harrison's administration Mr. Willoughby was postmaster for a period of four years at Belleville. In 1894 he was elected state senator, which honorable position he now occupies. He has been very prominent in politics, as a Republican, and is widely and favorably known.

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**J**AMES LEWIS PRINGLE.—For more than two decades Mr. Pringle has been in the employ of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company, in whose service he has steadily advanced until he is now occupying an important and responsible position in the general offices of the company. His identification with the Masonic order is one of an intimate nature, and in the same he has advanced to the Knights Templar degrees. His initiation into the mysteries of this ancient fraternity occurred April 12, 1875, when he became a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 450, A. F. & A. M., at Patoka, Indiana. On the 9th of July, of the same year, he was admitted to membership in Princeton Chapter, No. 75, at Princeton, Indiana; while the council degrees he received at Danville, Illinois. In September, 1879, he was knighted in Athelstan Commandery, No. 45, at Danville, Illinois. His present affiliations are with Normal Park Lodge, No. 797; Normal Park Chapter, No. 210; Imperial Council,

No. 85; and Englewood Commandery, No. 59—in the work of each of which he maintains a most lively and devoted interest. He has served as Secretary of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38, at Danville, Illinois, and Warder of Terre Haute Commandery, No. 16, at Terre Haute, Indiana. Both he and his wife are members of the auxiliary organization, the Order of the Eastern Star, being connected with Terre Haute Chapter, No. 43, at Terre Haute, Indiana. In their religious connections they are members of the Presbyterian church.

James L. Pringle is a native of the state of Oregon, where he was born on the 10th of December, 1853. He passed his boyhood days in that state, receiving his preliminary educational discipline in the public schools, and in 1865 accompanied his parents upon their removal to the east, and they located at Washington, Indiana, where our subject continued his educational training in the public schools, supplementing this with a course of study in the state university at Bloomington, Indiana. He was but sixteen years of age when he became station agent and telegraph operator in the employ of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad Company, and ever since that time he has been constantly identified with railroading interests. For seven years he was train dispatcher of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, and for more than twenty years he has been in the employ of this corporation, in various capacities, having maintained his home in Chicago since 1891.

On the 27th of January, 1876, Mr. Pringle was united in marriage to Miss Dovie E. Polk, and they are the parents of four children,—Agnes, Harry, Jessie and Lillian,—all possessing unusual musical talent. The eldest daughter, Agnes, has attained much prominence throughout the musical circles of Chicago, being an unusually finished performer on that most difficult of instruments, the violin. She presents an attractive appearance, shows a masterly skill, producing rich, firm tones, bowing artistic, and interpretation almost

faultless. She has studied at the Chicago Musical College for the past five years, including three years under the famous teacher and virtuoso, Barnhard Listemann. During the month of June, 1895, she was awarded a special gold medal for excellent work. She graduated June 23, 1896, being awarded the Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas prize—a diamond medal—for the best violinist in the graduating class. She has already played many notable engagements, receiving much praise from all Chicago's leading newspapers. Jessie promises to achieve a reputation equally high as a pianist. During the month of June, 1896, she also was awarded a medal for excellent work. The parents of these talented young ladies have naturally taken great pleasure and satisfaction in affording them the best advantages in the attainment of a musical education, and feel justly proud of the results.

**F**ALBERT MARSHALL WATERBURY was made a Mason in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, F. & A. M., in 1880, and not long after took the Royal Arch degrees in Englewood Chapter, No. 176. He joined the Royal & Select Masters of Palestine Council, No. 66, and in 1882 was knighted in Apollo Commandery, of Chicago. With all of these he yet affiliates save the commandery, having transferred his membership to Englewood Commandery, No. 59. His brethren of the fraternity, recognizing his faithful adherence to the teachings of the lodge and his zealous labors in its interests, have honored him with office. For one year he served as Worshipful Master; was Past High Priest in the chapter and for ten years has been its efficient Secretary; and was Deputy Illustrious Master. He is an honorable member of LaFayette Chapter, No. 1, and has taken a very active interest in Masonry and is widely and favorably known in Masonic circles.

Mr. Waterbury is a native of New York, born on the 12th of April, 1849. When a youth of fourteen he left his old home in

the east and became a resident of Chicago in 1863. Here he attended the public schools for a time and then entered upon his business career, being employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for a period of eight years. Since 1884 he has been employed in the National Live Stock Bank and his twelve years connection therewith has been marked by the strictest fidelity to duty, by thorough reliability and by most efficient service.

In 1873 Mr. Waterbury was united in marriage to Miss Matilda A. Dickson, a daughter of A. C. Dickson, one of the organizers of the Illinois State Grand Lodge of Masons.

**J**ERRY B. MOORE, late of Peoria, and formerly a faithful and enthusiastic member of the Masonic fraternity, was called to his eternal rest on May 16, 1896, mourned by a large number of friends and brothers who deeply felt the loss of one so honored and respected for his many sterling qualities of character. As a man his integrity and honesty were beyond cavil, as a Mason he conducted his life in a manner consistent with the craft, his every endeavor being to live up to the principles and carry out the teachings of the ritual in fact as well as in spirit. He received the degrees of chivalric Masonry in Oriental Commandery, No. 12, at Cleveland, Ohio, the Order of the Red Cross being conferred upon him on April 17, and those of Knight Templar and Malta on April 22, 1882.

Born October 26, 1852, Mr. Moore obtained a common-school education in the city of his nativity, Canal Dover, Ohio, and subsequently embarked in business with his father. Upon attaining his twentieth year he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and for two years was engaged there as a clerk in a hardware store, later entering the business in partnership with a Mr. Burrows, under the firm name of Moore & Burrows. Some time afterward our subject disposed of his interests and became associated with the Cleveland Rubber Company, remaining with

it two years and then returning to the hardware business, establishing the firm of Brush, Moore & Company. In 1890 he came to Peoria, and with Mr. Coleman became proprietor of the National Hotel until 1893, when he bought that gentleman's share in the concern and continued to manage it alone up to the time of his death, the latter occurring under rather singular circumstances. Mr. Moore went east to attend the funeral of his mother, which was held on Easter Sunday, 1896, and on the following day he was taken ill and died at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Powers.

The marriage of Mr. Moore was consummated on November 10, 1892, when he was united to Miss Myrtle M. Powers, of Cleveland, Ohio, and they had one child, Harold Powers, who was born February 15, 1894. Mrs. Moore and her son are now living with her parents in Cleveland.

**V**INCENT P. CORY, a veteran of the Mexican war and an honored citizen of Chicago, has been identified with the order of Freemasonry for the past thirty years, and in that time has given ample evidence of the great interest he takes in the workings of the society, by his faithfulness and industry. Mr. Cory was initiated in Temple Lodge, No. 168, at Adrian, Michigan, in 1865, from which he was dismissed and became affiliated with Englewood Lodge, No. 690, remaining with that for two years, and then became a charter member of Mystic Star Lodge, No. 758. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degrees in Delta Chapter, No. 191, serving as High Priest in 1895. In 1892 he was created a Sir Knight in Calumet Commandery, No. 62, K. T., his present affiliation being with Apollo Commandery, No. 1.

Mr. Cory was born in Romulus, Seneca county, New York, November 16, 1829, and when eight years old came with his father to Ypsilanti, Michigan, where he was reared on the frontier. His early educational facilities were limited, and at four-

teen years of age our subject began to earn his own living, finding employment in a sawmill, where he continued for several years and then learned the wagon-making trade, serving an apprenticeship of two years. He next engaged in carpenter work, and in 1850 moved to Adrian, Michigan, where he entered the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, in 1862, with which he remained for seven and a half years, when, in 1869, he was sent to Chicago in charge of the shops at this point, and held that position until 1876. In 1847 Mr. Cory enlisted in the First Michigan Volunteer Regiment, and served during the Mexican war, under General Scott. In the spring of 1875 our subject was elected trustee of the town of Lake, in 1877 was elected justice of the peace, and re-elected in 1881, serving until May, 1885. He was formerly a member of the Sons of Temperance, filling all the offices of the order up to and including that of Grand Worthy Patriarch of the state of Michigan, and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Good Templars, in the latter of which he was an active worker.

On March 8, 1849, Mr. Cory was married to Mrs. Alzina Barnum, *nee* Wightman, who was a native of New York, and of this union one son, Alphonso L., who is also a member of Apollo Commandery, was born. Mrs. Cory departed this life August 5, 1891.

**C**OLONEL ROBERT B. LATHAM, deceased, was one of the founders of the town of Lincoln and by occupation a general trader. As a Mason he was a member of Mt. Pulaski Lodge, No. 87, of Lincoln Chapter, No. 147, a charter member of Lincoln Council and a Sir Knight of Mt. Pulaski Commandery. He was the first Master of the blue lodge here, and held the office for several years, and for a time he was High Priest of the chapter.

He was born in Union county, Kentucky, June 21, 1818, was a pioneer in

Logan county, Illinois, and the leading citizen during his life; was noted for charitable contributions; was the first owner of the town site of Lincoln, and the growth of the place was the principal source of his wealth. He built almost the entire line of the Pekin, Lincoln & Decatur Railroad, and was for some time president of the company. In 1860 he was a member of the state legislature, and in 1862 raised the One Hundred and Sixth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, of which the governor appointed him colonel. No worthier name adorns the history of Lincoln and Logan county than that of Colonel Robert B. Latham.

**W**ILLIAM WALCOTT WATSON, a Sir Knight Templar and Worshipful Master of Barry Lodge, at Barry, Illinois, has acquired the reputation of being one of the most thoroughly posted Masons in the city. He was made a Master Mason in Barry Lodge, No. 34, in 1880, in which he has filled the offices of Junior Deacon, Junior Warden and Worshipful Master, holding the latter chair for the past seven years, and filling it at the present time in a most satisfactory manner. He has a complete knowledge of the ritual and takes a great deal of pleasure in blue-lodge work, doing all he can to promote the interests of the order in Barry. He received the caputular degrees in Barry Chapter, No. 88, R. A. M., on January 19, 1881, in which he is quite active, and has qualified himself to creditably fill any of its offices. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Barry Council, No. 22, and was created a Sir Knight Templar in Ascalon Commandery, No. 49, at Pittsfield.

Brother Watson is one of Barry's representative sons, he having been born in this city on February 16, 1857. His parents, Jon and Agnes Watson, were both born in Scotland. They emigrated to the United States and in 1842 located at Barry, where the father first became engaged in teaching, later embarking in the mercantile business. He was one of the prominent

members of the Masonic lodge in its early history and served as Secretary for a number of years, and was highly regarded as a citizen, a business man and a Mason. He died in 1861, his wife surviving him until August, 1895, having attained the venerable age of eighty-three years. Three children were born to them, of whom our subject was the youngest. He attended the public schools of Barry, after which he learned the printer's trade, and in 1880 purchased the Barry Adage, an independent weekly paper. In 1883 he enlarged the plant, changed the paper from a six-column folio to one double that size, and otherwise improved the journal until to-day it holds a place in the front rank of the newspapers in this county and reflects considerably to the credit of the city. Mr. Watson has been eminently successful as its editor, owner and publisher, and conducts the publication on independent principles, voicing his sentiments in a clear, concise and convincing manner. He has served in the city council, was a member of the school board, and was an alternate from the twelfth Illinois district to the Republican national convention held in 1888.

Mr. Watson was married December 28, 1881, to Miss Margaret A. Bonnell, of Griggsville, Illinois, and one son, Bret, has been born to them. He is most favorably known in this part of the state, is a valued and useful citizen, and he and his wife enjoy the good will of a wide circle of friends.

**J**OHAN C. GUTHRIE, a well-known and popular member of that order which cherishes as its ideal object the attainment of a universal brotherhood and fosters a feeling of charity, truth and unselfishness in the heart of man, was initiated in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in May, 1895. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, on the 15th of July; received the degrees of cryptic Masonry in

Imperial Council, No. 85, in October, 1895; and on August 23d he was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59. He accomplished a successful pilgrimage across the desert's sands and on October 11, 1895, was elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple. He is an enthusiastic Mason and an earnest worker in the bodies of which he is a member.

Mr. Guthrie was born in Newburg, New York, on the 3d of March, 1859, and is a son of John and Mary (Clement) Guthrie. Reared in his native state, he obtained his education in the public schools, supplementing the same by a course of private instructions, until arriving at the age of thirteen years, when he was apprenticed to the baker's and confectioner's trades, at which he served four years and then took charge of the shops, acting in the capacity of superintendent for the following four years. In the spring of 1880 he turned his face westward and located in Montana, engaging in business there for three years, and in December, 1883, he came to Chicago and worked at his trade until 1888, when he started in for himself, opening a store on Ogden avenue. In the spring of 1891 he moved to Englewood, and here, by honest methods, untiring industry and a strict integrity of character, he has built up a large and prosperous business, his success being fully commensurate with his merits. While living in New York he was a member of Company E, Seventeenth Battalion, New York National Guards.

On December 3, 1884, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Guthrie to Miss Mary Sippel, a native of Germany, and of the four children born to them, Robert and Ruth are still living, Florence having died when two years old, and Willie at the age of seven months.

**A**LONZO WYGANT.—The creed of Freemasonry is not complicated in its construction nor difficult to understand. Its

beliefs are simple, and yet in them is comprised that which if universally adopted would elevate the standard of the world and make all men brothers, bringing to bear influences that would lift the nations to the highest plane of morality and goodness. There are many followers of the principles inculcated in the fraternity in Chicago, and none are more highly honored than Mr. Wygant. He has attained the Knight Templar degree and is most active in that department of the organization. He was initiated in the blue lodge September 12, 1874, passed September 26, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in W. B. Warren Lodge. He received the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, in which he was made Mark Master October 20, 1882, Past Master and Most Eminent Master on October 27, and was made a Royal and Select Mason November 3, 1882, in Siloam Council. He was created a Knight Templar in the Chicago Commandery, from which he was dimitted to become a charter member of Columbia Commandery, No. 63, which was constituted November 6, 1893, and in which he served as Generalissimo during the last year of its existence under dispensation, holding the same office in the first year under charter. Mr. Wygant is also connected with that society which has for its aim the promotion of social intercourse among its members, the Mystic "Shriners," in which he is a Noble of Medinah Temple, and where he has acquired many warm friendships by his genial manners and personal worth.

Mr. Wygant was born at Stone Ridge, New York, July 31, 1846, and is the son of Thomas and Hannah Woodruff (Ketcham) Wygant. When quite young he came to Chicago, in 1850, where he received his education in the common or public schools. In 1863, at the age of seventeen, he became a messenger in the banking house of C. B. Blair & Company, where he remained one year, and left to take the position of messenger with the United States Express Company. The qualities of his character and

particularly his staunch reliability, forced him gradually to the front until, in 1888, he became the general agent for the United States and Pacific Express Companies, which position he holds to the present day.

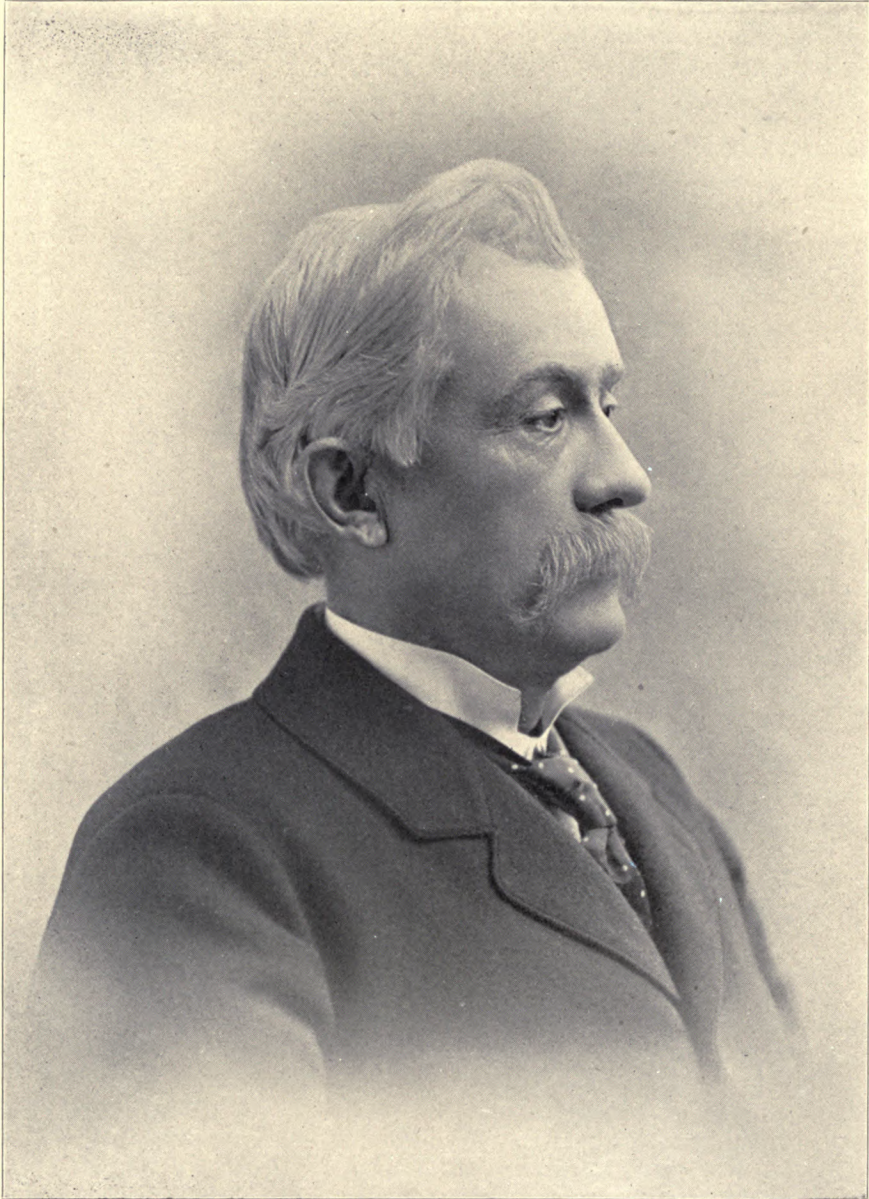
In his political affiliations Mr. Wygant has always given his staunch support to the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in social circles he is in a number of clubs, principal among which are the Illinois Club, the Chicago Athletic Association, the Lakeside and the Review Club.

Mr. Wygant was united in marriage to Miss Caroline S. Aspinwall, of Chicago, in 1869, and they have a daughter, named Elsie Amy.

**J**OHAN K. MILNOR, plasterer, Litchfield, is an appreciative student and practitioner of the principles of Masonry and an admirer of its legends and history. He was initiated in Litchfield Lodge, No. 517, A. F. & A. M., received the Royal Arch degrees in Elliott Chapter, No. 120, and the Knight Templar degrees in St. Omar Commandery, No. 30. Of the blue lodge he has been Worshipful Master, of the chapter he has been High Priest, and of the commandery he has been Eminent Commander. He is also a member of Levene Chapter, No. 55, O. E. S. Mr. Milnor has been active in the fraternity, and has attended a number of the triennial conclaves.

Mr. Milnor is a native of Pennsylvania, born December 11, 1828, educated in the public schools, and came to Alton, Illinois, in 1844, where he learned the plasterer's trade, which he has followed ever since. In 1866 he came to Litchfield, where he has since been a resident. For four years here he has been a township supervisor. He was married in 1856 to Miss Elcencia Jones, and they have five children. Politically Mr. Milnor is a Democrat, and in his social relations, besides being so well up in Masonry, he has filled all the chairs in the

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*J. L. Campbell.*



Odd Fellows' lodge, is a member of the encampment and at present is captain of the Patriarchs Militant.

**M**ON. JAMES L. CAMPBELL, one of the best-known real-estate dealers of Chicago and a man whose connection with municipal affairs has made him widely known to Chicago's citizens, has for twenty-seven years been connected with the Masonic fraternity. He became a member of Blair Lodge in 1870 and has since continued his relation to the organization which cherishes the appropriate tincture of "blue," symbolizing universality, and reminding its members that friendship, morality and brotherly love should be as extensive as the blue vault above them. He took the degrees of capitular Masonry in Washington Chapter, in 1873, and is also identified with chivalric Masonry, through his connection with Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knight Templars. He has taken the ineffable degrees in the lodge of perfection, becoming a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. His relationship to either of the two last-named organizations would make him eligible to membership in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and he is enrolled among the Nobles of Medinah Temple. Such in brief is the history of his connection with this ancient fraternity, which numbers him among its consistent members, although the pressing duties of his business prevent him from taking an active part in the workings of the lodge.

Mr. Campbell is a native of Livingston county, New York, his birth having occurred in Caledonia, on the 19th of May, 1832. He attended the common schools in his youth, and after reaching the age of twenty-seven pursued a course in the Upper Iowa University. In September, 1850, he came to Chicago, and from this city made his way to Elgin, where he remained for six years. In 1856 he removed to Iowa, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar in West Union, Iowa, in 1862. The same

year he returned to Chicago and further continued his studies in the Union Law College, where he was graduated with the class of June, 1866, the same class of the late Norman T. Gassette, who made the opening and Mr. Campbell the closing address at the commencement exercises.

Opening an office in Chicago, Mr. Campbell continuously and successfully engaged in law practice until after the disastrous fire which laid the city in ruins in 1871. His keen foresight enabled him to see what an excellent opportunity existed then for a real-estate man, and he turned his attention to the business which has since engrossed his time and energies. Homes were needed by those who had been rendered homeless by the flames, many transfers in real estate were being made, and the business became one of the most active and thriving enterprises of the city. The keen sagacity and sound business judgment of Mr. Campbell had ample opportunity for exercise, and his judicious investments resulted in bringing to him a handsome competence. Probably no business man of Chicago, and certainly none of the west side, are more widely known. The real-estate transfers which he has handled have been many and extensive, and he is the owner of much valuable property, largely residences, which he has erected for sale and rental. For thirty-five years he has been continuously identified with the growth and progress of the city, aiding in its advancement and promoting its upbuilding.

Mr. Campbell has also been prominently connected with the municipal affairs of the city and might well be known as the patriarch of the city council. He was elected alderman in 1869, and in 1870 was elected to represent the West Side of Chicago in the state legislature, serving for two years. In the fall of 1873 he was again elected to the city council and was re-elected in 1884, 1886, 1888, 1893 and 1895. The fact that he has been chosen again and again for the office indicates his absolute fidelity to duty and the confidence reposed in his political integrity. His

course in the council is well known to Chicago's citizens and his support of many measures has largely advanced the welfare of the western metropolis.

Mr. Campbell is a member of the Lincoln Club. He was married in 1859 to Miss Sophronia R. Crosby, of Fayette, Iowa, and they had one child, Frank Fremont, who died January 5, 1883, at the age of twenty years. Along the road to success passes a never-ending procession, and it is of much interest to note the progress of these travelers, especially when one leaves behind the friends of youth, passes many whose start was more advantageous and reaches the goal of prosperity in advance of many, by reason of his unflinching purpose and tireless energy. Such a one is Mr. Campbell, who to-day occupies an eminent position among Chicago's business men,—an honored early settler, a faithful public officer and a worthy Mason.

**S**ETH SCOTT BISHOP, B. S., M. D., LL. D. — The delineation of a well rounded character is one of the most difficult tasks that the biographer essays, for it is hard to point to particular elements in his life record and say these are his marked characteristics and really show forth the true man. Distinguished in the medical profession, honored in civic organizations, esteemed in social circles and loved by those who know him best, Dr. Bishop everywhere commands respect and admiration and has taken his place among the leaders in thought and action in the western metropolis. As the province of this volume, however, is the portrayal of Masonic connections, labors and service, we will revert first to his identification with the fraternity and touch later upon his efforts in other directions.

Since 1883 the Doctor has been familiar with the esoteric doctrines of the craft, for in that year he was received as an Entered Apprentice in Landmark Lodge, passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. In Fair-

view Chapter, No. 161, R. A. M., he took the degrees of capitular Masonry, and in 1895 he passed the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. In Medinah Temple he became associated with the Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. This in brief is the history of his association with the different bodies, but it does not give his real Masonic record, for it is largely in the practice of his profession that Dr. Bishop, seeing ample opportunity for the practice of the principles of the order, follows the teachings in a way that helps the brother in distress or encourages the disheartened.

The Doctor entered upon the scene of life's activities in the town of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, February 7, 1852, and his early surroundings were those of the frontier, for his parents had made a settlement in that neighborhood among the first residents and were bearing a part in the development and progress of the region. The public schools of the neighborhood afforded him his early educational privileges, which were later supplemented by a course in a private academy, in which he was graduated in 1870. He then continued his studies in Beloit College for three years, thoroughly mastering the branches to which he gave his attention. Fond of music, he devoted much time to that art as a student of the piano and organ, and this work, in connection with his application to literary branches, proved too much for his health, which became greatly impaired. Mind and body demanded a rest and he sought an employment which would afford him a complete change. Accordingly he entered the office of the Fond du Lac Commonwealth, where he did general office work until his health was restored. During that time he printed the first daily paper ever taken off a power press in that city. After taking up his academical studies he edited, printed and published a little school journal, *The Pen*, all of which work was accomplished outside of school hours.

The Doctor, however, seemed to possess a natural predilection for the medical profession, and it was his most earnest desire to make it his life work. While still in school he began a course of preparatory reading, and visiting New York he there pursued the preliminary and regular courses in the medical department of the University of the City of New York, in the fall and winter of 1871-2. He continued his studies under Dr. S. S. Bowers, and then came to Chicago, where he matriculated in the Chicago Medical College, being numbered among the graduates of that institution of the class of 1876.

Opening an office in Fond du Lac, Dr. Bishop at once began practice, but after a short time went to Rochester, Minnesota, thinking that it would prove an advantageous field of labor, for the state was then passing through an era of rapid development. Since 1879 he has been a representative of the medical fraternity of Chicago and in this city has found ample scope for the exercise of his superior skill and ability. His knowledge of the science of medicine is broad, comprehensive and accurate, and his investigation has been carried out along original lines and has resulted in the discovery of truths valuable to the profession. From the beginning his practice here has been a series of splendid successes. The public was not long in accord- ing him a liberal patronage, or the profession in yielding him a foremost place in its ranks. In 1881 he was elected to the medical staff of the South Side Free Dispensary, where he first had charge of the children's department and afterward of the department of the eye and ear. Subsequently he conducted clinics in the West Side Free Dispensary. From its organization he has been consulting surgeon to the Masonic Orphans' Home, and from 1882 up to the present time has been surgeon to the Illinois Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary. He is also professor of otology in the Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital, and professor of diseases of the ear, nose and throat in the Illinois Medical College.

Dr. Bishop has been honored in various medical organizations, being a valued member of the Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota State Medical Societies, the Chicago Pathological Society, the American Medical Association, and the Mississippi Valley Medical Association. He has several times been elected a delegate to the International and Pan-American Medical Congresses, before which he has delivered notable addresses. These have won for him a high reputation as an original thinker, whose investigation results in practical benefit to the profession. His contributions to the medical literature of the country have been many and valuable. His papers on "Hay Fever" gained the first prizes of the United States Hay Fever Association, of which body he is now vice-president. His lecture on cocaine in hay fever was delivered at the Chicago Medical College; the monograph, Pathology of Hay Fever, was read at the Ninth International Medical Congress, and he also gave a statistical report of twenty-one thousand cases of diseases of the ear, nose and throat. He has published a book on Diseases of the Ear, Nose and Throat, which has met with a very flattering reception and is acknowledged by the profession to be one of the most able and helpful works of its kind extant.

Dr. Bishop is well known to the profession as an inventor of numerous surgical instruments of inestimable value. These include the massage otoscope, an adjustable lamp-bracket, an improved tonsilotome, a middle-ear curette, an ossicle vibrator, a compressed-air meter, a light concentrator, a cold-wire snare, a nasal speculum, a camphor-menthol inhaler, a pocket powder-blower, a nasal knife, an automatic tuning fork, double retractors, an ear aspirator, combined periosteum elevator, retractor and curette, all of which were suggested in the course of his own work in hospital or private practice and each holds an important place to day in the estimation of the profession.

The Doctor is a prominent member of various societies formed for benevolent or

social purposes or for self-culture, including the Knights of Honor, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of the United Workmen and the Beta Theta Pi of Beloit College. He was married in March, 1855, to Miss Jessie Button, daughter of Peter Button, for many years a leading contractor of Chicago and a prominent Mason, a Past High Priest of Washington Chapter, and for fifteen years Principal Sojourner. The Doctor has two children—Jessie and Mabel. In 1890 the Doctor and his wife made an extended tour abroad, visiting many of the European capitals and other places of interest in the old world. While in England he attended the meeting of the British Medical Association, in Birmingham, and took advantage of the opportunity given by travel to witness the latest phases of European college and hospital work. He is a man of domestic tastes and finds his greatest enjoyment in the pleasures of the home circle. Recently with his wife and daughters he made a trip in his carriage through the lake regions of Wisconsin. Such an outing was characteristic of the Doctor, who puts forth every effort to promote the interests and enhance the happiness of his family. His irreproachable life, devoted unflinchingly to the faithful discharge of every duty, has won him the unqualified regard of all with whom he comes in contact; and the circle of his friends is only limited by the circle of his acquaintances.

**M**ILTON JOHNSON, president of the Citizens' National Bank, of Decatur, is an active member of the commandery, and has attended the triennial conclaves at St. Louis and Washington, besides two annual meetings of the Grand Commandery. His present affiliations are still with the various lodges in which he was initiated, namely, Macon Lodge, No. 8, A. F. & A. M.; Macon Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M.; Decatur Council, No. 16, R. & S. M.; and Beau-manoir Commandery, No. 9, K. T.,—all of Decatur. Of the chapter he has been

Secretary, and of the commandery, Eminent Commander.

Mr. Johnson was born in Milwaukee county, Wisconsin, September 30, 1845. After receiving a common-school education he attended a course at Bryant, Stratton & Spencer's Commercial College at Milwaukee, and in 1866 came to Decatur, in the employ of the United States Express Company. After the expiration of about three years he was employed by Powers, Ferris & Company, wholesale dealers in boots and shoes, as bookkeeper and salesman, and held these positions also three years. In 1872 he entered the bank of J. Millikin & Company, where he remained for the long period of twenty years, filling various positions of trust, during the last eight years of this time being a partner in the business. In 1892 he sold out his interest there and became connected with the Citizens' National Bank, as vice-president for the first year, since which time he has been the president. He is well known in banking circles as well as business circles generally, and the outline above given is sufficient to assure the reader of the high standing of Mr. Johnson among all classes. Politically he is a Republican.

**G**USTAVUS C. BROBERG.—Consistent charity, the practice of strict morality, and a high standard of principles are the requirements necessary to become a member of the fraternity of Freemasonry. All selfish aims in life must be cast aside by the applicant ere he enters the sacred temple to pay homage before the altar of eternal brotherhood. Mr. Broberg has been a faithful and industrious Mason for the past ten years, exemplifying by his daily life the tenets and precepts of the order. In 1888 he received the degree of Master Mason in Blair Lodge, No. 393, was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, and was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35. He is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and takes an active part in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Broberg was born in Sweden October 20, 1858, and was educated in the public schools of his native city. In 1876 he came to the United States and after remaining in New York city for a while followed the vocation of a sailor for nearly two years. During 1878 and part of 1879 he was engaged at the life-saving station at Buffalo, New York, and in the latter year came to Chicago, where he entered into the employ of a steamship company. In 1883 he embarked in business for himself as agent for various steamboat lines, continuing successfully in that until 1895, when he was appointed general western passenger agent for the Dominion Line Royal Mail Steamers, with an office at No. 69 Kinzie street. He is also conducting a general ship and land agency in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is the editor of the *Hummerist*, a weekly Swedish paper of twenty pages, which was established in 1889, and to-day has a circulation of twenty-one thousand copies.

Mr. Broberg was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Gloor, of Chicago, and one daughter has been born to them. In his religious faith he is a member of the Lutheran church, and politically is a conservative Republican. He is a man of energy, integrity, and excellent business qualifications, which have gained for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

**WARREN M. BROWN.**—Catholic in its aims and spirit, Masonry welcomes all the ameliorating agencies of the age, jealous of neither sect nor party, but ever toiling to enlarge the boundaries of human progress and to pour into life the streams of deeper and richer experience. Thus touching the supreme humanitarian interests, it has naturally drawn to itself the allegiance and affection of men whose lives are ordered upon the higher plane, its perpetuation becoming by this means a reflex as well as a direct action. The subject of this review is known as one of the zealous and loyal adherents of the great fraternity,

and in the various Masonic bodies with which he is identified he is distinctively popular, by reason of his character as a man and his fidelity to the tenets and teachings of the order.

Mr. Brown first saw the "light" by which Masons work in Hesperia Lodge, No. 411, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago, having become an Entered Apprentice in the same February 9, 1870, passed to the Fellow-craft degree March 9 following, and raised to the degree of Master Mason on the 16th. His earnest devotion to his lodge is shown to have been appreciated by the *fratres* thereof,



since he has been honored with a life membership, January 17, 1883, in the same, in which he has held the various official positions and is Past Master. In 1874 he passed forward in the capitular grades and was exalted to the Royal Arch in York Chapter, No. 148, of which he is now a life member. The cryptic degrees were conferred upon him in this chapter, and thus, though not identified with any council, he has been greeted a Select Master, the date of receiving this degree having been March 26, 1878.

He was knighted in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, August 7, 1880, in which he later served as Junior Warden. Upon the organization of Englewood Commandery, No. 59, in 1885, he became a charter member of the same, and he has ever since been one of its prominent and honored knights.

Warren M. Brown is a native of the old Pine Tree state, having been born at Atkinson, Piscataquis county, Maine, on the 12th of December, 1836, the son of Isaac and Sarah A. Williams Brown. His educational discipline was secured in the common schools of his native state; but, as his father died when he was but fifteen years of age, he was early compelled to assume the sterner responsibilities of life, the care of the family largely devolving upon him. He turned his attention to house and sign painting, being thus employed for a period of fifteen years. In 1855 he came to the west, locating in Quincy, Illinois, where he continued to work at his trade for a time, after which he moved to LaSalle county, where he was engaged in farming for a period of three years. As early as 1863 he took up his residence in Chicago, and since that date he has been continuously identified with the business interests of the western metropolis. He continued to work at his trade for four years, after which he engaged in the retail grocery business, and eventually in the commission business, on South Water street. He was duly successful in his enterprise, but in 1890 he directed his efforts into an entirely different field of endeavor, engaging in general contracting in the line of building. In 1891 he became connected with the Kimball & Cobb Stone Company, which is now merged into the Brownell Improvement Company, and this association has ever since continued. The company holds a conspicuous position in its line, and has handled many large and important contracts, in the way of both private and public buildings. The contract for the elevation of the tracks of the Lake Shore and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Rail-

roads in Chicago was secured by this company, and the work is now under way; Mr. Brown is superintendent. He is a man of marked business ability, and in all the relations of life has proved himself worthy of respect and confidence.

In political adherency he is identified with the Republican party, and in religion he is a Universalist, being a member of the church of that denomination in Englewood.

In April, 1859, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Dunster, who was born in Melrose, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of six children, namely: Emma C.; Freeman E., who is associated with his father in business; Grace, the wife of Dr. Frederick Guthrie; Myrtle Belle and Ethel May.

Elmer W., a deceased son, was born in Chicago, May 26, 1861, and died in this city, February 22, 1870.

**E**DWARD L. LOTT.—Considering the shortness of mortal existence, it seems unnatural that it should not be a happy one, filled with a peace and contentment that should bind the human race together in bonds of indissoluble friendship. That such is not the fact, however, is a sad reality, and none see it with clearer eyes or keener perceptions than do the members of the Masonic fraternity, and as a result they are putting forth every effort to bring about such a condition of things. Illinois is well represented in this grand movement and the lodges of the order are rapidly being recruited all over the state.

In the city of Morris Mr. Lott has won the admiration of his *fratres* by the active measures he takes to show his interest in the craft. He was initiated in LaFayette Lodge, No. 657, at Grand Tower, Illinois, in 1870, and served as its Worshipful Master. He was dimitted from that body and became affiliated with Cedar Lodge, No. 124, of Morris, Illinois, in 1885, of which he has served for the seven years past as Secretary; was exalted to the degree of

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*W. C. Budd.*



Royal Arch Mason in Orient Chapter, No. 31, in 1886, and has held the offices of Secretary seven years and Principal Sojourner, and was created a Sir Knight in Blaney Commandery, No. 5, in 1886, occupying in that body the chair of Recorder for the past ten years. He accompanied the commandery to Boston in 1895, at the time of the triennial conclave. Mr. Lott also holds a membership in Laurel Chapter, No. 145, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Lott was born in Warren, Ohio, July 16, 1845, and, coming to Morris at an early age, attended the public schools here and later the University of Chicago. After leaving the latter he went to Grand Tower and there engaged in the drug business for fourteen years from 1869 to 1883, and then came to Morris and followed the same occupation for six years. In 1891 he retired from active life and has since given his attention to traveling and looking after his property, of which he is an extensive owner, among his possessions being two excellent farms situated near Morris.

Mr. Lott has always been an energetic man, and it is due to his perseverance and powers of application that he is to-day able to enjoy the fruits of his early labors. He is a public-spirited gentleman and is greatly respected by his fellow citizens.

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**W**ILLIAM O. BUDD.—The esoteric work of the great craft whose noble history traces down through the dim avenues of the past has never failed to offer a tangible revelation patent to those who are aside from the great fraternity. Lofty principles and goodly deeds have manifested themselves to all sorts and conditions of men, and none but the "profane" fanatic has ventured to assail an institution whose influence is altogether ennobling, whose definition of duty is insistent and emphatic, and whose level describes the higher plane where man's inhumanity to man can find no place. Among those who have maintained an abiding interest in

Masonry and its broad fraternal functions is the subject of this review, and his distinguished advancement in the order stands in unmistakable evidence of his eligibility and his worthiness as an exemplar of the teachings of the ancient and honored craft. In connection with Masonic history in Illinois there is an element of peculiar interest attaching to Mr. Budd's identification therewith, for not only is he a native son of the state, but he has here passed his life and has consecutively affiliated with the various Masonic bodies in which his initiation was placed, while it has been his to attain the distinction of the maximum degrees in the order. On the 10th of April, 1888, William O. Budd became an Entered Apprentice in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he soon passed the Fellow-craft and Master Mason's degrees. On the 27th of November, 1888, he became identified with Englewood Chapter, No. 176, R. A. M., and thereafter rose consecutively through the various degrees of the York Rite, becoming a Royal and Select Master in Imperial Council, No. 85; and on the 24th of September, 1889, receiving the degrees of knighthood in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templar. In 1891 Mr. Budd attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, in Oriental Consistory, and his is also the distinction of having made a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert, to win a place in Medinah Temple of the Ancient Accepted Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

As before stated, Mr. Budd retains membership in each of the bodies in which his degrees were passed, and his interest in the work of each has been singularly unflagging. He has been honored with distinguished preferment in his commandery. Having filled all the subordinate offices, beginning with Standard Bearer, he was chosen Eminent Commander at the annual election in December, 1896,—this being a distinctive tribute to his earnest devotion and particular eligibility, the while standing in evidence of the popularity which is

his among the Sir Knights of Englewood Commandery.

William Orlando Budd was born in La Salle county, Illinois, on the 7th of March, 1847, the son of Michael and Catherine A. (Ebersole) Budd. The boyhood days of our subject were passed on the parental farmstead in his native county, and he contributed his quota toward carrying on the work of the farm, incidentally imbibing copious draughts of the spirit of independence which is ever the concomitant of a life thus closely linked to nature. The discipline was one which also begot a lively appreciation of the nobility of honest toil and of the advantages which stretched far beyond such a narrowed mental horizon. In his early boyhood he was afforded such educational privileges as were granted by the common schools in the vicinity of his home, and this training was later supplemented in an effective way by courses of study in the seminary at Mt. Carroll, this state, and in the Jennings Seminary at Aurora. After leaving school Mr. Budd entered vigorously upon the practical work of life, having been for three years prominently concerned with a carriage-manufacturing enterprise at Ottawa, Illinois, whence, in 1873, he came to Englewood, where he has gained distinctive precedence among the successful business men of this populous and attractive suburb of the Garden city. For a period of two years he devoted his attention to real-estate and building operations, after which, in the fall of 1875, he removed to Chicago proper and entered the employ of the extensive iron merchant, S. D. Kimbark, in the capacity of traveling salesman. He retained this incumbency until the year 1882, when he returned to Englewood and resumed his connection with the enterprise of dealing in real estate, the improvement of the same and of general building operations. This has represented his sphere of endeavor to the present time, and most gratifying success has attended his efforts.

He has erected in Englewood not less than one hundred and fifty dwellings, and

in addition to this has handled a large amount of most valuable realty, both improved and unimproved. It may be stated, without fear of contradiction, that Mr. Budd is entitled to the honor of being the most extensive operator in this line that this division of the great western metropolis can claim. His well-directed efforts have had an important bearing upon the improvement and upon legitimate advancement of the material interests of Englewood, for through such medium the general prosperity of any community is manifestly conserved. He has a most discriminating knowledge of real-estate values and is considered an authority in this regard, while his honorable methods and strict regard for the ethics of business life have gained to him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has to do. His reputation in business circles is such as is ever the diametrical result of the application of the forces noted.

Mr. Budd is a regular attendant upon the services of the New Jerusalem church in Englewood. He has other fraternal relations aside from those in the Masonic order, being identified with Normal Lodge, No. 309, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; with Englewood Council, No. 565, Royal Arcanum; while of the Harvard Club, one of the leading social clubs of Englewood, he served as director from October, 1893, until October, 1896, having been president of the same during the last year of his term as a director.

On the 20th of February, 1872, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Budd to Miss Fannie A. Stone, of Ottawa, Illinois, and they are the parents of two children: Harry S., who was born August 25, 1879, and who is now prosecuting a thorough course of study in the Manual Training School of Chicago; and Alice C., who was born August 9, 1884. The family home, on Harvard avenue, is a most beautiful and substantial residence of modern architectural design, being one of the most attractive domiciles in Englewood, while it is a center of refined and gracious hospitality, our sub-

ject and his wife enjoying a notable popularity in the leading social circles in the beautiful suburb where they have so long maintained their home.

**C**HARLES LESTER.—It has been and ever will be the object of the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons to promote a condition of universal brotherhood throughout the world which shall be instrumental in developing social happiness and the humanitarian instinct that is now lying dormant in the soul of all mankind. The lines



made immortal by our martyred president, Abraham Lincoln,—“with charity to all and with malice to none,”—most aptly illustrate one of the fundamental principles of the order. Mr. Lester has faithfully observed the tenets of the society ever since his initiation, and is an honored member of the local bodies in Chicago. He was elected and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Waubansia Lodge, No. 160, in 1893; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in LaFayette Chapter,

No. 2, in 1894; was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1895; and in the same year received the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Scottish Rite. He is also affiliated with the social organization known as the Ancient Arabic Order, and became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple in 1896.

Mr. Lester is an Englishman by birth, born in London, March 11, 1857. Coming to the United States in early life, he located in Brooklyn, New York, where in 1869 he began his business career in the jewelry line. A few years later he came to Chicago and secured employment in the establishment of the New Haven Clock Company. By diligence and strict application to his duties he attracted the attention of his employers, who advanced him as occasion demanded until he became assistant in the office of the manager of the company. January 1, 1897, he accepted the position of western manager of the Waterbury Watch Company, and now has an office at 211-213 Wabash avenue.

September 14, 1887, Mr. Lester was married to Miss Lillian Dent Wilcoxon, who was born in Iowa and is a descendant of one of the old families of this country. Her great-grandfather served with Washington in the Revolutionary war and was one of the early Masons of the United States.

**L**EROY A. GODDARD.—Occupying a conspicuous place on the roll of Illinois' eminent Masons is the name of this gentleman. As soon as age entitled him to admission he joined the ancient and honored fraternity which through almost thirty centuries has by its principles and teaching fostered those qualities of justice, truth and benevolence which in all ages and in all climes awaken the respect of men. Thus when twenty-one years of age Mr. Goddard received the three ancient-craft degrees in Fellowship Lodge, No. 89, F. & A. M., of Marion, wherein he still retains his member-

bership. He was elected Worshipful Master of his lodge in 1880, and has been a member of the Grand Lodge continuously since, not missing a single session. He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon for five successive years, and was elected and served for two years each as Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master, holding the last named office through the years 1894 and 1895, and being the youngest man to occupy that position in Illinois. At this writing he is chairman of the committee on finance. Thus has he been highly honored by the members of the craft, who, recognizing him as one of the most worthy exponents and loyal members of the fraternity, have called him to many positions of trust. His present affiliation is with Fellowship Lodge, No. 89, of Marion, of which he is Past Master; Mt. Carmel Chapter, No. 159, of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, of which he is Past High Priest; also is Past High Priest of Marion Chapter, No. 100, of Marion; Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52, of Chicago; Oriental Consistory, of the Valley of Chicago; and Medinah Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. In 1896, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, he received the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America. He is an officer of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, R. A. M., is an honorary member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Illinois, and is also an honorary member of the following lodges of Chicago, F. & A. M.: Garden City Lodge, No. 141; Accordia Lodge, No. 277; Kenwood Lodge, No. 800; and Berwyn Lodge, No. 839. While serving as Grand Master Mr. Goddard dedicated, with the ceremonies of the craft, the two magnificent Masonic Temples of Chicago, one at 3118 and 3120 Forest avenue, and the other at 615 and 617 North Clark street. He has also officiated at other ceremonials in connection with the erection of important buildings. He placed the corner-stone of the main building of the Illinois State Fair Associa-

tion, at Springfield, and also of the Northern Normal School at De Kalb.

The history of one so prominent and well known as Mr. Goddard in Masonic circles cannot fail to prove of interest to the Masons of Illinois, and we therefore gladly give it a place in this volume. He was born in Marion, on the 22d of June, 1854, and is therefore one of the native sons of the state. He is the youngest of the seven children of James T. and Winifred (Spiller) Goddard, the former a native of Virginia, the latter of Tennessee. The father located near Marion with his parents in 1832 and died there October 29, 1886. He was a successful merchant and a leading business man of the community in which he so long made his home.

During his boyhood Leroy A. Goddard worked at various tasks through the summer, his first employment being in a country printing-office at a salary of one dollar a week. In the winter season he attended the public schools until sixteen years of age, when he was compelled to abandon his school entirely, at which time he commenced work as a clerk in a country store. On attaining his majority he purchased a half interest in a small country store, and the venture proved a successful one, yielding him a good income and enabling him later—January 1, 1879—to purchase a quarter interest in a private bank, which had been established the year previous in Marion. In March, 1882, he closed out his other business interests and assumed entire ownership and management of the bank under the title of the Exchange Bank, which he conducted until 1890. In that year he transferred the plant and good will of his bank in Marion and retired from business after notifying every depositor to call and get his money. Mr. Goddard then established the First National Bank of Mount Carmel, assuming its management as president, with his brother, H. T. Goddard, as its cashier. On the first of August, 1892, Mr. Goddard, of this review, was appointed cashier of the Fort Dearborn National Bank of Chicago, which important and re-

sponsible position he has since adequately and creditably filled. He is one of the able financiers of Illinois,—a fact which is confirmed by his position and his reputation as a banker. Like most of the successful business men of the nation he has arisen to prominence through his own efforts, and his advancement has been sure and steady, for it has resulted from earnest purpose, unabating industry and honorable dealing. Occupying a high and honorable place in the business circles of Chicago, his personal worth has gained him the respect of all with whom he is brought in contact.

On the 14th of November, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Goddard and Miss Anna C. Bridenthal, the eldest daughter of Colonel H. B. Bridenthal, of Vincennes, Indiana.

The political support of our subject is given to the Democracy, and at the early age of twenty-one he was elected treasurer of his native town, while two years later he was elected mayor and served in that capacity for two terms, after which he was again elected treasurer. He was a member of the Democratic state central committee in the years 1885 and 1886, but has never had aspirations for political office or been active in politics other than to entertain his convictions and express and vote them as all true American citizens should do. He is a liberal contributor to benevolent and charitable organizations, thus exemplifying the teaching of brotherly kindness of the civic society with which he has been associated for so many years.

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**J**OHAN C. HALLENBECK.—It is a noble work which has for its purpose the development of human love and the spreading of good will and brotherly kindness throughout the universe; and an organization that has for its basis these objects is destined to go rolling down the ages of time in a triumphant march of prosperity. This is the secret of the successful progress of Masonry, and those who give it their individual assistance in its onward stride will

have as a reward the consciousness of knowing that they have been instrumental in furthering the teachings of Christ in redeeming the work from its sordidness and selfishness and bringing forth the ineffable light of peace and love.

Mr. Hallenbeck's connection with Masonry has been a prominent one, and he has always followed to the best of his ability the principles incorporated in the laws of the fraternity. He became an Entered Apprentice and received the Fellow-craft degree in Auburn Park Lodge, No. 789, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason February 4, 1892. On September 18, 1892, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Auburn Park Chapter, No. 201, and on November 19, 1892, he was created a knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59; January, 1895, he was made a member of Temple Council, No. 65, R. & S. M. He has the distinction of being a charter and life member of both Normal Park Chapter, No. 210, R. A. M., and Imperial Council, No. 85, R. & S. M., and in the former holds the office of High Priest, while in the council (which he founded) he is Past Thrice Illustrious Master. Mr. Hallenbeck is at the present time affiliated with Normal Park Lodge, No. 797, Normal Park Chapter, No. 210, Imperial Council, No. 85, and Englewood Commandery, No. 59. He is a loyal Mason and follows closely the precepts of the bodies to which he belongs.

Mr. Hallenbeck was born in New York city, October 17, 1849. He remained there until he was nine years old, when he was brought to Chicago by his parents and secured a good common-school education in the institutions of this city, after which he entered into a business career and obtained a position in a book and stationery establishment, with which he remained for fifteen years. In 1876 he decided to start in business for himself, which he did, as a manufacturer's agent, and this he has successfully continued from that time. He is an energetic man, of a progressive nature, and is well thought of by all who come in

contact with him in a business way, as well as socially.

On December 10, 1873, Mr. Hallenbeck was united in bonds of holy wedlock with Miss Caroline W. Merrill, who was born in Sandusky, Ohio, and five children have been born to them—three of whom survive—Frank, May and Harry. Frank became a Master Mason March 12, 1896.

**W**ESFORD TAGGART, the principal furniture dealer of Tuscola, has lived a remarkable life. He was born in Nashville, Indiana, November 17, 1833, and educated at Bloomington, same state. During the war he first enlisted in the Eighth Illinois, but was rejected, and afterward he raised Company E. which was attached to the Twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteers, and he was made its captain. Subsequently he was promoted to the rank of major and afterward lieutenant-colonel, and had the command of the regiment after the battle of Stone river. He was wounded at the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 8, 1862, by a gunshot, but he never left his command. Serving till the fall of 1864, he was then mustered out, at Springfield, Illinois.

He was being initiated as Entered Apprentice in a lodge at Maryville, Tennessee, during the war, when a squad of soldiers broke up the lodge, and he was not raised until he located in Tuscola, in Tuscola Lodge, No. 332, A. F. & A. M. Subsequently he received the Royal Arch degrees in Tuscola Chapter, No. 66, the cryptic degrees in Tuscola Council, No. 21, and the Knight Templar in Melita Commandery, No. 37. He has been Worshipful Master of the blue lodge, King and Scribe of the chapter and one term was Eminent Commander of the commandery. He attended the famous triennial conclave of Knights Templar in 1880 at Chicago.

On arriving in Tuscola in 1865, Mr. Taggart entered the grocery business, but after three years he engaged in the manufacture of buggies and light wagons till

1877, when he sold out. In 1881 he entered the furniture business, which he has since continued, doing well in that line.

In 1879 Mr. Taggart was elected sheriff of the county, and by re-election he served two terms. He has also served one term as a member of the thirty-fifth general assembly of Illinois; and he has been alderman several terms, and from 1869 to 1875 served as president of the board of education. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in politics is a Democrat.

**L**ARRY KNUDSON, a steadfast and loyal adherent of that fraternity which involves in its teachings symbols of the ties of brotherhood, together with all the duties and obligations incurred in that relationship, became affiliated with Garden City Lodge, No. 141, in 1893, and he has contributed a zealous allegiance to that body, thereby gaining the high consideration and good will of its members. As a Mason Brother Knudson has ever lived up to the principles embodied in the ritual and conducts his daily life in accordance with the precepts and tenets of the order.

A native of Norway, the birth of Mr. Knudson occurred in that northern country on the 28th of March, 1853, and there the days of his childhood were passed, acquiring his education in the public schools until nearly fifteen years old, when he was apprenticed to a shipmaster and for fifteen years followed the hardy life of a sailor, his natural adaptability gaining for him constant promotion in that calling until he attained the position of captain.

After so long a service on the rolling deep Mr. Knudson determined to try his fortunes on land, and, hearing of the many advantages offered in the United States, he embarked for this country, and in 1881 he came to Chicago, and here secured employment in the Chamber of Commerce building. After that edifice was sold, Mr. Knudson was retained during the period of reconstruction and subsequently, upon its com-

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pletion, he was appointed its chief janitor, —a position he has since retained, his long term of service attesting in a most conclusive manner to his entire efficiency in fulfilling the duties of that office, his genial nature, cheerful disposition and obliging manner making him a universal favorite with both his employers and the tenants of the building.

On February 26, 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Knudson to Miss Antoinette Scherve, who is likewise a native of Norway.

**L**OUIS C. WAGNER.—The continuity and insistency of Masonic influence constitute one of its most important functions, and have been, perhaps, one of the most potent elements in preserving the identity of the great fraternity from the remote past to the present day. Masonry, with its exalted principles and teachings, can not fail to maintain a vital hold upon the consecutive affection and devotion of those who have been workers on its Temple, while such are its exoteric claims that it constantly recruits itself from the ranks of those most appreciative of the true human values.

The advancement of the subject of this review in Masonry has been rapid and gratifying, and his devotion to the great craft-hood is beyond peradventure. Mr. Wagner received his initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry in Chicago, and in this city he has advanced to the honors of the various bodies of the order. In 1886 he became a Master Mason in Pleiades Lodge, No. 478, A. F. & A. M., and in 1890 he was exalted to the Royal Arch in Fairview Chapter, No. 161, while to him was extended greeting as Royal and Select Master in Imperial Council, No. 85, in the year 1895. Prior to this, in 1892, he attained the chivalric degrees in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templar, and had also effected a successful pilgrimage across the desert and gained title as a Noble of Medinah Temple of the Mystic

Shrine. In the year 1895 he was created a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, in the Valley of Chicago. He has been zealous and faithful in his Masonic duties and services, and this has not passed unnoticed or unappreciated by his *confreres*. He has been called upon to serve at the Third Veil of his Chapter, while in the commandery he held for two years the office of Standard Bearer, and for an equal length of time that of Warder. In the fall of 1896 he was elected Junior Warder. He has given ample proof of his love for the institution of Masonry and his desire to advance its interests. He has always shown the characteristics of a true-hearted "frater," and has gained the confidence and respect of those with whom he has been associated in the various bodies wherein he has membership.

Louis C. Wagner is a native of the Empire state, having been born at Lancaster, Erie county, New York, on the 29th of November, 1861. He was reared and educated in the state of his nativity, and upon attaining his majority decided to seek his fortunes in the west. He located in Chicago in the year 1882, and here identified himself with the real-estate business, in which he continued until 1889, when he engaged in contracting and building, to which line of operations he has since devoted his attention, his efforts having been attended by gratifying success, while his prestige has been the direct result of correct and honorable methods and well-directed and able endeavors. In politics he renders allegiance to the Republican party. In the spring of 1897 he was urged by his friends to accept the nomination for alderman of the thirty-fourth ward of Chicago, but declined. He is a member of the Harvard Club and Woodlawn Cycling Club.

In 1885 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wagner to Miss Mary Gantzert, a native of the state of Illinois, and their attractive home in Woodlawn is brightened by the presence of two children,—Alvin Louis and Percy Evan. One child died in infancy.

**J**OHN F. SCOTT, attorney at law, Mattoon, is a zealous and exemplary Sir Knight, having been Eminent Commander of Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, No. 44, at Mattoon, of which he has been for a long time a member. He is also a member of Mattoon (blue) Lodge, No. 260, of which he has been Worshipful Master; of Mattoon Chapter, No. 85, R. A. M., of which he has been King, and of Mattoon Council, No. 10, R. & S. M., of which he is the Treasurer. He is also a member and Past Patron of Adah Chapter, No. 62, O. E. S. He attended the triennial conclaves at St. Louis and Denver. Also he has passed all the chairs in the order of Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Scott was born at Huntsburg, Ohio, December 5, 1843, received an academic education and also a collegiate training at Hiram College in that state; engaged in insurance business for a time, reading law meanwhile, and in 1874 was admitted to practice, graduating at the Union College of Law at Cleveland, Ohio. He has been a resident of Mattoon ever since 1869, and now for a number of years he has been a successful practitioner of his profession in that city. For a few years he was manager of the Masonic Benevolent Association, of Mattoon. He is now serving as mayor of the city for the fifth term; he has been a member of the county board of supervisors for five terms, and one term as alderman of the city; and has been secretary of the water-works company ever since its organization.

**H**ENRY CLAY THOMPSON. — The principal difference between the ancient and the modern orders of Masonry lies in the points which concern religion. Although the society claims to know no particular sect or denomination, but to be a universal religious body, yet there is no doubt that since its modern establishment as an association it has received the stamp of Christianity. That this is so is shown by the use of prayers and other portions of the

ritual in America, and the Lord's prayer and versicles in England. The name "Free and Accepted Mason," and the present rites and mode of government, are doubtless of modern origin, their existence not having been traced back further than to the beginning of the eighteenth century; but the same idea of the fraternity was extant and had been from remote time. It is said that the commencement of the institution is as ancient as the pyramids of Egypt and that in the mysteries carried on by the priests of Osiris and Isis are to be found the same method of instruction and initiation which the imagination of four thousand years have altered to suit the views and necessities of the times.

Howbeit, Chicago has a large number of enthusiastic Masons and there is none more loyal to the brotherhood than Henry C. Thompson, who is faithful and energetic, and ever ready to perform any duties to which he may be called. He was made a Master Mason in Landmark Lodge, No. 422, in 1891; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Fairview Chapter, No. 161, in 1892, in which he served as Master of the First Veil and Principal Sojourner; and was created a Sir Knight in Montjoie Commandery, Knights Templar, on April 21, 1892; and in 1896 was honored with the office of Eminent Commander. Mr. Thompson attended the conclave of the grand encampment which was held at Boston, Massachusetts, in August, 1895, and in other ways has always shown an active interest in the affairs of the order.

Mr. Thompson was born in Natick, Massachusetts, January 20, 1846, and there pursued his early studies in the public schools until the outbreak of the Civil war, when, though but fifteen years old, the spirit of patriotism burned hotly within his breast and he resolved to take up arms in the defense of the Union. Accordingly he enlisted at Boston in April, 1861, in the Eleventh Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, serving under Generals Hooker and Sickles in the Third Corps of the Army of

the Potomac. He was taken prisoner at Warrenton, Virginia, and transferred to the United States navy, being assigned to duty in the service of the United States steamer Niagara, at the European station until August, 1865. After the close of the war Mr. Thompson returned home and engaged in mercantile pursuits, principally acting as traveling representative for some of the large eastern manufacturers. He finally came west and was associated with a wholesale house in Chicago for a number of years, and subsequently engaged in the life-insurance business with the New York Life Insurance Company.

**G**EORGE H. NICHOLS, who is identified with Masonry in several of its branches, took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Englewood Lodge, No. 690. He crossed the threshold of capitular Masonry as a companion of Englewood Chapter, No. 176, R. A. M., and was dimitted therefrom to become a charter and life member of Auburn Park Chapter, No. 201. He was knighted in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, and received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory. He was also admitted to membership in Medinah Temple as a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. He is loyal to Masonic teachings, true to its principles and active in carrying out its beneficent purposes.

Mr. Nichols is a native of Marlboro, Massachusetts, born February 23, 1855, and was reared in the Bay state, his education being acquired in its public schools. At the age of twenty-one years he went to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he remained until 1881, when he came to Chicago and engaged in the manufacture of neckwear. In 1884 he accepted his present position as superintendent of the Brownell Improvement Company and has since acceptably served in that capacity.

He was married June 19, 1879, in

Bridgeport, Connecticut, to Miss Josephine Hill, and they have one child, named Eileen.

**T**HOMAS C. CUNNINGHAM.—As one investigates more closely the underlying principles that govern the organization of Freemasonry and obtains a brief glance of the beauties inculcated in the tenets of the society, it is not to be marveled at that an exoteric public is daily viewing with less prejudice the increasing popularity with which the order is being invested. Professional men, men in public life, and business men all unite with one another in giving their united support and in promoting its interest. Among these may be mentioned with a high degree of appropriateness Mr. Thomas C. Cunningham, whose membership dates from January, 1889, when he became a Master Mason in D. C. Cregier Lodge, No. 643, of which he served as Worshipful Master during 1892 and 1893. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Masons in Washington Chapter, No. 43, in 1890, and held the chair of Principal Sojourner; he received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Siloam Council, No. 53; was constituted a Sir Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, in 1890; and attained the ineffable degree in the lodge of perfection, Oriental Consistory, in 1892. He is also a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. He is a hard-working, conscientious Mason, and merits the regard in which he is held by his brethren.

Mr. Cunningham is a native of Canada, his birth having occurred in Ontario, on March 17, 1860. Until reaching his majority his days were passed upon a farm, attending to the duties incident to such a life, and obtaining what education was possible in the district schools. In 1881 he came to Chicago and here engaged in various occupations until 1888, when he embarked in the stove-repairing business on his own account, and by perseverance, industry and

steady application to his work he has succeeded in building up an extensive trade, from which he derives a comfortable competency.

On June 25, 1884, Mr. Cunningham was married to Miss Lillie M. Taylor, of Trenton, New Jersey, and this union has been blessed with two children,—Lillian Estelle and Mabel Gertrude. The home life of our subject is characterized by the closest domestic ties; he is a kind father and a loving husband, and both he and his wife occupy a high place in the esteem of their large circle of friends.

**J**OHAN J. ZOLLER.—Freemasonry thrives in nearly every civilized country on the globe, and its lodge fires burn brightly, shedding their gleams of wisdom and good cheer within the confines of innumerable cities, towns and villages. Wherever a ray of intelligence permeates the mind of man there the altars of the fraternity are erected and there her rites and symbols consecrate the lives of men to the uplifting of humanity.

Chicago abounds in loyal members of the order, among the most zealous of whom is Brother Zoller, who in 1886 became initiated in South Park Lodge, No. 662, and is its present Worshipful Master. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Fairview Chapter, No. 161, in 1893, and in the same year was created a Knight Templar in Apollo Commandery, No. 1. He is also a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order, holding membership in Medinah Temple. He is zealous and enthusiastic and is justly esteemed a worthy and acceptable member of the craft.

Mr. Zoller is a native of Germany, having been born in that country May 5, 1847. When but three years old he came to the United States with his parents, who settled in Philadelphia, and there our subject was reared, receiving his education in the public schools of that place. In 1872 he came to Chicago, and in 1880 embarked in trade in paints, oils, glass, wall decorations and

painters' supplies, in which he has since continued most successfully. Our subject is a careful business man, having a strict sense of integrity, and has acquired a comfortable competency.

In 1876 Mr. Zoller celebrated his marriage with Miss Sarah Magee, who is a native of Ireland, and of this union two sons have been born.

**W**ILLIAM H. EBERLE joined the Masonic fraternity in 1890, being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Pleiades Lodge, No. 478, A. F. & A. M. The same year he took the degrees of capitular Masonry in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126, and was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch. His further advancement has been in Scottish Rite Masonry, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, and having passed the grades and orders was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, in 1891.

Mr. Eberle is a native of the fatherland, born on the 11th of July, 1836. He remained in the place of his nativity until sixteen years of age, and in his youth learned the confectioner's trade. In 1852 he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, taking up his residence in Chicago. In 1854 he went to Kansas and established the first wholesale liquor store in Leavenworth, that state, the firm name being Gardner & Eberle. Returning to Chicago, he here secured a position as head cook and was one of the first white cooks employed on a Pullman dining car running to California. Since 1871 his time has been given to the conducting of an auction sale stable and in dealing in horses. His record is that of a man whose name is synonymous with all that is honorable in trade transactions and he thus commands the confidence and respect of the public, while winning a liberal patronage from which he derives a good income that is well merited.

Mr. Eberle was married on the 24th of December, 1861, the lady of his choice be-

ing Miss Louisa Kuetemeyer, also a native of Germany. They now have two daughters: Ida, now Mrs. Captain A. G. Dutton, and Louisa.

**JAMES WALKER.**—Nearly forty years ago the brother whose name heads this review took the vows of Freemasonry and has faithfully adhered to them from that time down to the present day. He has been an industrious worker in the bodies with which he has been associated, has been honored with many offices that it has been in the power of his brethren to give him, and much of the prosperity of the local



lodge is due in a measure to his indefatigable labors in its behalf. Well does he merit the gratitude extended to him by his fellow Masons of Aurora.

Mr. Walker received the first degrees of the order in Jerusalem Temple Lodge, No. 90, in 1859, and served as its Junior Warden and Worshipful Master for six years. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Aurora Chapter, No. 22, in 1860, of which he

was High Priest for five years; was made a Royal and Select Master in Chicago Council, and is a charter member of Aurora Council, No. 45, in which he has held the office of Thrice Illustrious Master; was constituted a Sir Knight in Galesburg Commandery, No. 8, in 1868, assisted in organizing Aurora Commandery, No. 22, and is at present the only charter member remaining. He was the second Eminent Commander, serving in that capacity two years. He attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Princeton Consistory, from which he was dimitted to become affiliated with Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago. He is also a member of Waubansia Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F., and served one time as Conductor, refusing all further honors. Mr. Walker is a charter member and was the first Patron of Rising Sun Chapter, No. 51, Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Walker is likewise a charter member of the same body, and was the first Associate Matron, and the second Worthy Matron, filling those offices for nine years. She was the Associate Grand Matron for two years, and Worthy Grand Matron of the state for the years 1885 and 1886. In 1886 she was appointed Worthy Grand Conductress of the General Grand Chapter, serving three years.

Mr. Walker was born in Wilmington, Delaware, November 20, 1834, and is the son of William and Demaris (Pachet) Walker. His boyhood days were spent in attending to the duties of farm life, varied occasionally by sojourns to the city. In 1841 his parents removed to Michigan and braved the dangers and vicissitudes of pioneer life; his father soon succumbed, dying of typhus fever, leaving the mother to struggle on alone with her family of little ones in a new country.

When fourteen years of age our subject desired to make a start in the world and went to Detroit, where he served an apprenticeship in a machine shop. Here he remained until 1852, when he came to Chicago and took charge of the shops of the Chicago Steam Engine Works for six

months, and was then called by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, with which he remained until the spring of 1857. On June 4 of that year he came to Aurora and accepted the position of foreman in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy locomotive blacksmith shops, and has been in charge there ever since. During his forty years of service he has had only three days' vacation, and has not been absent from the place more than two months altogether. He is an expert mechanic and has been an industrious, faithful employee, witnessing and assisting in the growth of the great corporation.

Mr. Walker is a staunch Republican, casting his first vote for John C. Fremont, and has cast a ballot for his party at each election since then. In 1870 he was unanimously chosen mayor of Aurora, which office he filled in a most meritorious manner, settling many disputed questions satisfactorily to the city and people.

On November 20, 1856, he was married to Miss Jennie A. Atkinson, a native of Oswego, New York, and a daughter of William and Hannah (Prince) Atkinson. When she was a child her parents moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where they lived until 1853, when they came to Chicago. Of the two children born to our subject and his wife, one survives, Alice E. She is the wife of Charles Carroll Nichols, who is Grand Lecturer of Royal Arch Masonry of Illinois.

**A**DAM CLARKE SCHADEL is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and no man in Warren has done more for the craft in that city or labored more assiduously for the adoption of its principles. He has for many years devoted both time and money freely to its great work and interest, its calls never being allowed to pass by unheeded, whether by day or night. His history forms an important part in the annals of Freemasonry in this section of the state, and in the brief outline which we can

here give we can but scarcely suggest the wide scope in which his kindly, loving disposition, mature judgment and generous impulses have found fertile fields for the expression of those attributes which bind men together in one brotherhood. In 1867 he was made a Master Mason in Winslow Lodge, at Winslow, Stephenson county, Illinois. Soon afterward he came to Warren, and in 1871 was admitted to membership in Jo Daviess Lodge, No. 278, in which he has since been an active and worthy affiliate. He learned thoroughly the ritual, and the tenets of the order are indelibly engraved on his mind and find expression in his life. He has efficiently served in several offices in the blue lodge, including that of Senior Warden, and for twelve years he was its Worshipful Master, doing most excellent work and taking great delight in advancing the interest of the order. Desiring to organize a chapter of Royal Arch Masons in his town, he went with others to Lena, Illinois, where he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lena Chapter, No. 112. He became one of the charter members of Olive Chapter, No. 167, in January, 1875, and served as its first Principal Sojourner, after which he was elected High Priest, and in a most satisfactory manner filled that important office for eight years, and is the present incumbent. The frequency with which he has been called to the place plainly indicates his eminent fitness for the work and his fidelity to his duties, also the high esteem in which he is held by the companions of the chapter. In 1887 he was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Galena Commandery, No. 40, in which he still retains his membership. The same year he received all the Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Freeport Consistory. He became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, of Chicago.

Mr. Schadel is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Hoblersburg,

Center county, on the 18th of June, 1846. He is of German lineage. His grandfather, Gideon Schadel, was born in Germany and became the founder of the family in America, locating in Pennsylvania. He and his family were Lutherans when they came to this country, but were won by the fervor of the early Methodists and became devoted members of that church and great admirers of Dr. Adam Clarke. It was this which secured to our subject his name. Gideon Schadel, Jr., father of Adam Clarke Schadel, was born in Pennsylvania and died when his son was a small boy.

The latter was then reared by his uncle, Perry Schadel, and with him removed to Illinois in 1855. After attaining his majority he spent three years in the study of dentistry in Orangeville, Illinois, and then removed to Warren, where he opened an office and has since engaged in practice. In the prosecution of his profession he has met with very gratifying success. He keeps abreast with the improvements that are constantly being made in the methods of dentistry and his splendid equipments and his skill in his work has enabled him to secure a liberal patronage. He is accorded a foremost place in professional circles by the representatives of this calling as well as by the public, and his honor in all business transactions has brought him the high esteem of the citizens with whom he has so long been associated. He is a man of excellent business qualifications, and is now a member of the banking firm of Clark, Hawley & Company, who do an extensive and profitable banking business.

In 1872 Mr. Schadel was united in marriage to Miss Mary Clark, a sister of S. A. Clark, his partner in banking. Their home has been blessed with six children, but the eldest son, Harry, died in his twentieth year. The surviving children are Hattie C., Robert L., Ralph Waldo, William C. and Lucele. They are an estimable family and enjoy the highest regard of the citizens of Warren. Their home is one of the best residences of the city and its hospitality is proverbial.

**K**ARL A. LANTAU is a Mason who has always manifested considerable interest in the welfare of the fraternity and who has been a faithful worker in the bodies of which he is a member. His labors have been highly appreciated and he is one of the most esteemed members of his lodge. Mr. Lantau was initiated in Arcana Lodge, No. 717, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1890. In 1892 he was dimitted to assist in the organization of Ben Hur Lodge, No. 818, of which he was elected Worshipful Master in 1897. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Wiley M. Egan Chapter in 1892, from which he was dimitted in 1896 to become affiliated with Delta Chapter. He is loyal and consistent, ever ready to fulfill any duties that may be assigned to him, and he is an honored and respected brother.

Mr. Lantau was born in Sweden August 17, 1856, and was reared in his native country, receiving his education in the elementary schools of his native town. He began his career in life by engaging in mercantile pursuits, but subsequently took up the study of electrical engineering. Realizing that greater advantages were open to him in the United States, he came to this country in 1887, and located in Chicago, where he secured employment as an electrician, and continued as such until 1896, since which time he has been engaged in the manufacture of bicycles.

In 1887 Mr. Lantau was united in marriage to Miss Eda Nelson, who is also a native of Sweden. He is a business man of ability, a progressive citizen, and as both a man and a Mason he possesses the regard of all who know him.

**S**TEPHEN AUGUSTUS CLARK, for many years one of the most prominent business men of Warren, is a thirty-second-degree Mason, and his identification with the fraternity covers a period of more than a quarter of a century. He took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft

and Master Mason in Jo Daviess Lodge, No. 278, of Warren, on the 17th of March, 1870, and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lena Chapter, at Lena, Illinois, in 1874. On the 26th of January, 1875, he became a charter member of Olive Chapter, No. 167, of Warren. He was created a Sir Knight in Galena Commandery, No. 40, of Galena, Illinois, in 1877, and received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite up to and including the thirty-second degree in Freeport Consistory on the 30th of January, 1878. Soon after his initiation into the blue lodge he became a zealous and ardent worker on behalf of Freemasonry and was called to fill various offices, including that of Worshipful Master. In the chapter he was also equally honored, discharging the duties of several official positions in a most creditable manner and is one of the Past High Priests. He is one of the best-informed Masons in this section of the state, has acquired a most thorough knowledge of the ritual and is an ardent admirer of the tenets of the order, which inculcate uprightness and integrity among its members and inspire them to nobler living.

Mr. Clark was born in Gratiot, La Fayette county, Wisconsin, near the Illinois state line, on the 30th of July, 1848, and is of Scotch ancestry. On his mother's side he comes of good old Revolutionary stock. His father, Lyman H. Clark, was born at Carthage, Jefferson county, New York, and was married there to Adamantha Coffeen, a native of the same place and a daughter of William Coffeen, who was born in Vermont. In 1805 he removed to Jefferson county, New York, becoming one of the prominent early settlers of that part of the state. The great-grandfather of Mr. Clark, Captain John Coffeen, was a member of the Vermont guards and a participant in the war for independence. Soon after their marriage the parents of our subject removed to Gratiot, Wisconsin, where they made their home until 1853, and then came to Warren, Illinois. Here the father was a pioneer merchant and followed that pursuit up to

the time of his death, which occurred in October, 1876, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. He was a citizen of the highest worth and a valued member of the Masonic fraternity. His brother, S. H. Clark, was one of the earliest Masons in Warren and aided in organizing the lodge here.

Mr. Clark, whose name introduces this review, was the eldest of a family of six children, of whom five are still living. He was educated in the public schools of Warren and began his business career in 1866 as an errand boy in the bank at Warren. With this institution he has since been connected. He was faithful to his duties, steady, energetic and quick to master the business, and in consequence was promoted from time to time until he is now one of the owners and managers, being at the head of the firm of Clark, Hawley & Company. For thirty-one years Mr. Clark has devoted his attention to banking and is an expert in that business. He is a safe though progressive, financier, and the known reliability and honor of the partners, combined with their excellent business policy, have secured to them a very liberal patronage, and success has accordingly crowned their efforts. Mr. Clark is now known as one of Warren's wealthiest and best citizens and his business reputation is without a blot.

In 1870 Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Maude Goodfellow, of Belmont, Wisconsin, and they have a delightful residence,—the old Clark homestead,—which was built by his father. Mrs. Clark is a valued member of the Methodist church and is a cultured lady who delights to extend the hospitalities of her home to her many friends. Mr. Clark gives liberally to church and benevolent work and is not slow to aid any enterprise calculated to benefit the community in which he lives. He supports the Republican party by his ballot and is a man of independent views, whose opinions are formed from observation, study and careful reflection. His life has ever been in harmony with the Masonic principles and he is esteemed as a most exemplary member of the craft.



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Louis E Ireland M.D., 1884

**L**OUIS E. IRELAND, M. D. S., L. D. S., D. D. S.—Routine marks the substantial progress of the present age. No longer does biography thrill us with tales of valor and of heroism: the record of our leading men is a story of persevering effort, of faithful performance of each day's duty and of accomplishment through continued application. Lacking the old-time elements that furnished the theme of story and of song, biography nevertheless to-day contains many valuable lessons which serve as incentive and encouragement to others, and the career of Dr. Ireland is prolific in these. Professional success is always creditable, for in professional life advancement must depend upon individual ability, and the high position which our subject occupies in dental circles well indicates his superior ability.

Dr. Ireland, who is now superintendent of the Boston Dental College, of Chicago, was born in Chenango county, New York, on the 16th of October, 1846. His primary education was received in the schools of his native town and was supplemented by study in Toronto, Canada. Early in life he developed a taste for the science of dentistry and determined to enter the profession as a life-work. He began his preparation in Toronto and afterward entered the American Dental College of Chicago, at which he was graduated with the degree of D. D. S., the degree of L. D. S. having been previously conferred upon him by the State Board of Dental Examiners for the state of Illinois. He practiced in his native state for a number of years and since 1875 has been a member of the New York State Dental Association. In 1885 he removed to Chicago and has since been engaged in active practice here, winning golden opinions for his skill and proficiency. A close and earnest student, he is constantly abreast of all real improvements and scientific advancements; and this, added to his long and comprehensive experience and practice, has placed him in the high professional position he occupies. He is now an instructor in two dental colleges of the

city and is superintendent of the Boston Dental College, one of the leading educational institutions of Chicago, whose high standing has been maintained under his wise guidance.

In his political preference the Doctor has always been a Republican and has labored earnestly for the growth and success of the party. He was chairman of the Republican central committee of Otsego county, New York, has long been a member of the Blaine Club, of Chicago, and is now the acting president. He has never sought or desired office, his labors in political circles being prompted by a desire to promote the best interests of the country. He is also a member of the Hamilton Club and Sons of New York, and was formerly vice-president of the latter. For a time he held membership in the Chicago Athletic Association. He has attained the Knight Templar degree in Masonry, his identification with the fraternity dating from 1868, when he was made a Master Mason in Freedom Lodge, No. 324, A. F. & A. M.

On the 16th of November, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Ireland and Miss Frances Rose, of New York, and the family now occupy an elegant home at No. 32 Woodland Park. Received in the best society circles, honored in professional circles, esteemed by a large number of friends, Dr. Ireland is well deserving of mention in this volume.

**F**RANKLIN MARLING.—Among the enterprising and successful business men of Chicago who are found in the Masonic ranks is the subject of this sketch, Mr. Franklin Marling, dealer in hay, grain, coal and wood, at the corner of Division street and Cherry avenue. His identity with Freemasonry had its beginning about the time he reached his majority. He was then a resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Kilburn Lodge, F. & A. M., conferred upon him the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason degrees. Since coming to Chicago he has been exalted a

Royal Arch Mason by Lincoln Chapter, R. A. M., and received the commandery degrees, Apollo Commandery performing the work which made him a Sir Knight. His present affiliations are with Germania Lodge, Lincoln Park Chapter and Lincoln Park Commandery, he being a charter member of the last named. From the first his interest in Masonry has been constant, he has striven to incorporate its teachings in his life, and as a devoted and worthy Mason he is entitled to the high esteem in which he is held by the fraternity.

Wisconsin is Mr. Marling's native state. He was born in Mayville, January 29, 1859, and was reared and educated there, enjoying the privilege of the public schools. His parents were natives of Germany who came to this country in early life and settled in Wisconsin, his father being twenty-one at the time of landing here; is now deceased. In 1878 the subject of our sketch went to Milwaukee and entered the employ of the Phister & Vogel Leather Company, with which he was connected four years. Next he went to Jefferson, Wisconsin, where he was in employ of J. B. Camberry, in a grain business and was engaged in carrying on the same for four years, at the end of which time he came to Chicago. Here he invested in the hay and grain business, and has since carried on operations under his own name, his location being at the corner of Division street and Cherry avenue, where he keeps a large stock of hay, grain and coal and wood.

Mr. Marling was married in 1881 to Miss Alma Andrae, of Mayville, Wisconsin.

**C** J. WENTWORTH, a young man who has proved to be a valuable acquisition to the Masonic fraternity, was initiated in Home Lodge, No. 508, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1893; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, in 1895; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Palestine Council, No. 66; and was created a Sir Knight in

Apollo Commandery in 1896. He is an energetic brother and fully appreciates the tenets and precepts of the order.

Mr. Wentworth was born in Haydenville, Massachusetts, November 18, 1872. He received his early education in that city and in 1887 moved to Boston, remaining there four years. In 1891 he came to Chicago, where he has continued to reside. He at present holds the responsible position of bookkeeper in the employ of the Crane Company, and as such has performed his duties in a competent and efficient manner. He is a wide-awake, progressive gentleman, and possesses the regard and confidence of all who know him.

**A**NDREW S. THOMAS, a member of the firm of J. P. & A. S. Thomas, dealers in dry goods, notions, etc., was initiated into Freemasonry and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Lakeside Lodge, No. 739, in 1889; in 1890 the caputular degrees were conferred upon him in Chicago Chapter, No. 127; he received the orders of knighthood in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52, and attained to the various grades of the Scottish Rite from the fourth to the thirty-second degree, upon which he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, his admission being obtained in 1893. He is a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order, having successfully made a pilgrimage across the sands of the desert, his membership being in Medinah Temple. A zealous and industrious member of the fraternity, Mr. Thomas does everything in his power to advance the welfare of the bodies with which he is allied, and being a thoroughly informed Mason he is capable of assuming any duties that may be required of him.

A native of Norway, where he was born on the 27th of December, 1863, Mr. Thomas remained in that country until reaching his eighteenth year, in the meantime attending the excellent public schools and acquiring a liberal education, subse-

quently embarking for the United States and locating in Chicago, where he took a course of study at Bryant & Stratton's Business College. Upon leaving there he began his mercantile career in the dry-goods business, a calling he has since followed and put into it all the energies of his nature. In 1886 he formed a partnership with his brother, J. P. Thomas, in the same line, under the firm name of J. P. & A. S. Thomas, and by industry, perseverance and a high standard of business principles they have built up a large trade.

**C**HARLES RIEGEL, No. 40 La Salle street, Chicago, is the senior member of the firm of Riegel & Brown, leaf-tobacco dealers, and is one of the enterprising business men of this city who forms a link in the Masonic chain here.

Mr. Riegel was created a Master Mason in 1891, that year being initiated, passed and raised by Mithra Lodge, No. 410, F. & A. M., of Chicago; and not long afterward he was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, and made a Sir Knight by Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, both of Chicago. In all three organizations he has shown an appreciative and enthusiastic interest.

While a foreigner by birth and early associations, Mr. Riegel is thoroughly an American at heart, having spent more than five and twenty years of his life here. He was born in the province of Rhine, Prussia, July 24, 1856, and was educated in the parochial schools of his native land. In 1871 he sailed for America, landed in due time at New York city and from there came direct to Chicago, reaching this city without a dollar in his pocket and unable to speak a word of our language. At first he worked at whatever he could get to do, attending to errands, etc., and subsequently learned the cigar-making business, picking it up himself. For eight or nine years he was engaged in the manufacture of that article. Then he was for fourteen years engaged as salesman,

and in February, 1895, he opened his present business in partnership with William F. Brown, the firm style being Riegel & Brown. Mr. Riegel's career has been one of signal success. At present his extensive business interests take him to various cities and towns throughout the country, and he has a wide acquaintance and is well known as a genial, obliging business man.

In his political views Mr. Riegel is what is termed an independent, and fraternally, besides being a Mason, is associated with the Knights of Pythias and the National Union, having been a trustee in the latter for several years.

He was married in 1889 to Miss Matilda Voelkel, a native of Berlin, Germany, and they have six children.

**H**MARRY B. HENDERSON.—A good Mason is always a good citizen; for he who has learned and understands the ritual, and who appreciates the many beauties contained in the precepts of the order, can never stoop to deeds of unworthiness or lend himself to vice and corruption. His life must ever be directed onward and upward, striving to attain that which will conduce to human happiness and transform the world into an abiding place of love and universal brotherhood.

In 1886 Mr. Henderson received the first three degrees in Paxton Lodge, No. 416, and is the present Worshipful Master of that body, serving his third consecutive year; was exalted to the Royal Arch degrees in Paxton Chapter in 1892, of which he is Royal Arch Captain; and was created a Sir Knight in Mount Olive Commandery, No. 38, in the same year, and served as its Warder. In his fraternal relations Mr. Henderson has always been considerate, and has fulfilled the duties assigned to him in a capable and most praiseworthy manner, thereby winning the high regard of his fellow Masons.

Mr. Henderson's birth took place January 30, 1861, at De Graff, Logan county, Ohio, he being one of three children born

to Charles E. and Anna B. Henderson; who were natives of Virginia. The father was a member of the Masonic fraternity and attained the degree of Royal Arch. Our subject came to Paxton at an early age and received his primary education in the schools of this place, which was later supplemented by a course at the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. Upon finishing there he was employed by the Lake Erie & Western Railroad Company six years as station agent, operator and clerk in the auditor's office; later he embarked in a mercantile career, and at present holds the responsible position of book-keeper for Sen. Charles Bogardus, and is secretary and one of the stockholders of the Paxton Electric Light Plant. Mr. Henderson is an enterprising, progressive young man, and by his ability, faithfulness to the interests entrusted to his care, and his honesty and integrity, he has acquired the enviable position which he now holds and which he is so well qualified to fill.

He married Miss Nellie Finley, of Paxton, Illinois, in the summer of 1897.

**F**RANK HERSHEY.—Upon the broad basis of brotherly love and the advancement of those principles that will tend most to benefit mankind and elevate humanity to a higher altitude of aims and ambitions, is founded the organization of Freemasonry, the teachings of which have come down to us from time immemorial. Wherever it is found the light of civilization and education has penetrated, and its powerful rays serve to dispel the gloom of bigotry and ignorance. One of the followers of Masonry who have given it the assistance of his help and energies in Chicago is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch. He became an Entered Apprentice, took the degree of Fellow-craft, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Landmark Lodge, No. 422, in 1882. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Fairview Chapter, No. 161, and was created a

Knight Templar in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, June 10, 1884.

Mr. Hershey was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1844, where he lived and attended school until he was seventeen years old, at which time he went to Dauphin county and resided there until 1865, then came to Illinois, where he remained for nearly a year, and then, in 1866, moved to Kansas and engaged in the shipping of stock. For the past ten years he has been buying and fattening sheep for the Chicago and eastern markets. His purchases are mostly made in the state of Oregon, from which point he trails them across the country to Nebraska, where they are fed until they have reached a proper degree of fatness, when they are sent east to supply food for the human family. In this business Mr. Hershey has met with more than ordinary success, and during the last ten years has sent many thousand head of sheep to the eastern market.

The subject of this sketch was happily united in marriage in 1870 to Miss Sophia Leach, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and they have a family of charming children, two sons and two daughters.

**R**UDOLPH P. BRAUN is a member of Home Lodge, F. & A. M., having taken the three fundamental degrees of the craft in that organization in 1892. His business is that of a druggist and he deserves much credit for the success that he has achieved in life. He was born in Vienna, Austria, on the 9th of January, 1866, and was brought to America during his infancy. Almost his entire life has been spent in Chicago. He attended the public schools of the city and was afterward a student in the Metropolitan Business College. He entered upon his business career as an employee in a drug store and determining to make that calling his life work he pursued a course of study in the Chicago College of Pharmacy, in which he was graduated in the class of 1887. The following year he embarked in business on his own account

and has succeeded in building up a good trade.

He is entirely a self-made man, owing his success solely to his own enterprise, perseverance and energy. He now has a liberal patronage and is a popular druggist in his section of the city.

**A** N. WYLLYS.—The spirit of Freemasonry thrives in nearly every city, town and village in the Union, and its precepts are upheld by all who would see the dawn of a glorious era when all men shall be as brothers, selfishness be consigned to the abysmal depths of the past, and charity, love and truth shall reign supreme. Prominent among those who have been zealous in serving the order to the greatest extent of their abilities and who exemplify its principles by their daily lives, is Mr. Wyllys, a Mason of twenty-five years' standing. His initiatory degrees were received in Kishwaukee Lodge, No. 402, A. F. & A. M., at Kingston, Illinois, of which he was for seven years a faithful and efficient Secretary, and has served as Worshipful Master with ability, circumspection, and to the entire satisfaction of his *fratres*. He was advanced to the grades of capitular Masonry in Sycamore Chapter, No. 49, and the orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, K. T. His constancy and devotion to his lodge and the tenets of the fraternity, and his untiring efforts in behalf of its cause, have won for him the highest consideration and good will of his fellow Masons.

Born in Chateaugay, Franklin county, New York, on February 16, 1847, Mr. Wyllys is a son of G. W. and Laura A. (Blackmore) Wyllys, both of them being natives also of Chateaugay. The father was born there in 1811, became a blacksmith by occupation and a member of the Advent church, and his demise took place December 18, 1871. His wife survives him, and now, at the ripe age of eighty-two years, is an honored citizen of Genoa, Illinois. They were the parents of nine

children, two of whom are deceased. Our subject was the sixth child in order of birth and was early in his youth deprived of the usual educational advantages secured by most boys, owing to the fact that his father was ill several years before his death, which necessitated the son's leaving school at the age of fifteen to learn the blacksmith's trade under the tuition of the eldest brother, C. W. Wyllys, and in that way assisted in supporting the family. In 1868



*A. N. Wyllys*

he opened a shop of his own in South Grove, De Kalb county, Illinois, and continued there for three years, when he came to Kingston and established a shop here, which he successfully conducted until 1892. In 1888 Mr. Wyllys was elected secretary of the Kingston Mutual County Fire Insurance Company, and has since held that position. Being, as he is, a public-spirited citizen of the most zealous type, he is ever

ready and willing to do anything in his power to advance the welfare of his town and community and eager at all times to devote the energies of his nature in their behalf. The Kingston Mutual County Fire Insurance Company now carries eleven hundred thousand dollars in insurance, which practically demonstrates the entire confidence in which it is held by the agriculturists of De Kalb county. Mr. Wyllys has for several years taken an active interest in all things pertaining to educational affairs, and has served as school director, in which office he did much to promote the standard of public institutions throughout the county. For twenty years he has held the office of justice of the peace.

In 1871 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wyllys to Miss Emily M. Cristman, a native of South Grove, De Kalb county, Illinois, and a daughter of Henry and Louisa (Pooler) Cristman, both of whom were born in Herkimer county, New York. Henry Cristman died January 4, 1883, in his fifty-second year, his wife departing this life October 26, 1896, at the age of fifty-nine. They were the parents of three daughters, of whom Emily is the wife of our subject; Mary E. married William H. Mason and lives in South Grove; and Ida F. became the wife of Fred S. Goodrich and likewise resides in South Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Wyllys had three children: Lottie A., who died at the age of four months; Alta G., who married James Gross, a cousin to Professor L. M. Gross, the county superintendent of schools, and they have one child, Wyllys Gross, whom Mr. and Mrs. Wyllys regard with the warmest parental affection. Our subject's son, Hervey A., is a bright young man of rare abilities and mental attainments, who, after graduating at the high school at Kingston, followed the vocation of teaching for a period of three years, and then, deciding to devote his future to the noble profession of medicine, entered the medical department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, and, although but twenty-one years old at the present writing, there is every indication of

a brilliant career before him. Our subject, being himself deprived of his schooling at an early age, determined that his children should not be placed under similar disadvantages, and has therefore spared neither pains nor money in obtaining for them the best education possible, in which laudable ambition he has been cordially encouraged by his estimable wife.

Mr. Wyllys is a self-made man in the strictest sense of the term, starting in life with no capital other than a brave heart and a strong determination to make a place for himself in the world, and he has slowly but none the less surely mounted upward and has steadily risen to a condition of success and prosperity. One of the principal factors in his progress has been the faithful and loving assistance given him by his wife, a woman of more than ordinary attainments, who has rendered invaluable service in the way of many wise and sensible suggestions regarding his business affairs, by which he has on several occasions profited, and who by her loving, hopeful and ever cheerful disposition, has encouraged him when the pathway of life seemed dark, and imbued within his heart an ever-abiding faith in the future. Mr. Wyllys is the owner of two excellent farms, highly developed and comprising three hundred and twenty acres, one of which is situated half a mile from the town of Courtland, Illinois, and the other near South Grove. He is one of the representative citizens of Kingston, and his undoubted integrity of character, the honorable methods he has ever pursued in all his business transactions, and his strong advocacy of temperance, give him an exalted standing in his community and gain for him the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends.

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**J**OHN WHEELER, a captain of the police force of Chicago and one of the most efficient officers in this department of the city's service, has through fourteen years' connection with Masonry demonstrated his loyalty to the order and his alle-



giance to its teachings. He was made a Mason in 1883, when he took the three basic degrees of the craft in Thomas J. Turner Lodge, No. 409. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, No. 43, in 1892, and the same year learned the esoteric doctrines of chivalric Masonry in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar. This entitling him to admission in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, he joined Medinah Temple, and with its Nobles crossed the sands of the desert. His latest advancement has been through the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and in Oriental Consistory he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in the present year, 1897.

Captain Wheeler is one of Illinois' native sons, born in Du Page county, on the 8th of March, 1851. He was reared in Rochelle, and in his youth learned the iron-molder's trade, which he followed for some years. In 1878 he was appointed a member of the police force of Chicago and has since been connected with that important department of the public service which has in its keeping the safety and welfare of the city to so large a degree. In June, 1895, he was promoted to a captaincy and now has charge of the Maxwell street police station. He is an efficient officer, faithful to the interests committed to his care, and it is to such men that the city looks for protection. He is a genial companion and a loyal Mason, and in his wide acquaintance has many warm friends.

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**JAMES HERBERT WINN.**—Moral uprightness, charity to all, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man,—these are the principles that govern the institution of Freemasonry and that have marked it as one of the most powerful and influential social organizations in existence. Its following has grown to mighty proportions, and many are those who have taken

upon themselves the vows of craft-hood, receiving its beautiful teachings within their hearts and in consequence leading a nobler, better and more complete life. Ten years ago Mr. Winn was received into the blue lodge, took his initial degrees, and soon became familiar with the ritual, making every effort to follow its tenets in his daily life by conforming to the golden rules of the fraternity, of which he has ever since been an honored member.

On November 24, 1887, Mr. Winn was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in La Grange Lodge, at La Grange, Illinois, from which he was dimitted and became affiliated with Englewood Lodge, No. 690, and in that body was elected to the chair of Worshipful Master in 1894. November 27, 1892, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, of which he served as King in 1896, and as High Priest in 1897. He was created a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, in April, 1893. He has filled every office conferred upon him with dignity and signal ability, and by his manly characteristics and sterling qualities of mind and person has won the good will and high opinions of his fraters.

Mr. Winn was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, September 10, 1866, and there obtained his fundamental education in the public schools. In the month of June, 1883, he came to Chicago and obtained employment at his trade of manufacturing jeweler, in which he has continued to the present time. He engaged in the manufacture of ornamental jewelry in 1891 at No. 96 State street, and makes a specialty of Masonic emblems, articles for decorating insignia, etc., and diamond mountings. Mr. Winn is energetic and progressive, and is one of the successful business men of Chicago.

The marriage of Mr. Winn and Miss Frances A. Kelly was celebrated in 1888, and two children have resulted from this union, a girl, born August 18, 1889, died August 25, of the same year; and a boy, Chester Vernon, born August 25, 1890.

**HENRY ALLEN BABCOCK**, the leading clothing merchant of the city of Rushville, has the following Masonic record: He was made a Master Mason in Ipava exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Lodge, No. 213, A. F. & A. M., in 1882; Lusk Chapter, No. 23, R. A. M., at Vermont, in 1889; and was created a Sir Knight Templar in Rushville Commandery, No. 56, K. T., on the 7th of May, 1897. In his home lodge he was Secretary for five years. Mr. Babcock is an appreciative student and practitioner of the principles of the ancient and noble order, and an exemplary, pious member of the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder; is an obliging, honorable and successful business man, and is spoken of in very high terms by the citizens of the community in which he resides.

He is a native of the state of Illinois, born in Fulton county, on the 27th of March, 1861, and has been engaged in merchandising for the past eighteen years, opening his present large clothing store in Rushville in February, 1893. He is married and has a nice little family and a delightful home.

**GEORGE W. LORENZ**.—Hardly a village of Illinois does not number among its interests a Masonic lodge. With marvelous rapidity this society has grown, extending its beneficent influence into all the walks of life, uniting by the ties of brotherhood a vast army of men and placing before them high ideals and bringing into their lives noble purposes. It rests upon the broad foundation of morality and has for its object the betterment of man. Of this organization Mr. Lorenz is an exemplary member. In 1893 he took the three degrees of ancient-craft Masonry in Palace Lodge, No. 765, and has been one of its most active and prominent workers. He has held the office of Senior Deacon and Junior Warden, and in December, 1895, was honored by his brethren by being chosen for the high and honorable office of Wor-

shipful Master. His thorough familiarity with the work has made him a very competent official and one well worthy the high esteem which is accorded him by the craft. In 1895 he joined the capitular branch of Masonry, being exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Pullman Chapter, No. 204, in which he now holds the office of Master of the Second Veil.

Mr. Lorenz is a native of the neighboring state of Indiana; was born on the 1st of October, 1867, in Crawfordsville, and in his parental home spent his boyhood days, while in the public schools he acquired his education. His choice of a business which he wished to make a life-work fell upon the machinists' trade, which he learned in his native city, after which he came to Chicago in 1889. In the extensive industries of Pullman he found employment and his fidelity to duty, and his expert workmanship has enabled him to continue in that place, having the confidence of the company and the regard of those among whom he is employed.

**HUGH MASON**, secretary and treasurer of Oakland Building Association, also secretary and treasurer of the Hercules Coal and Mining Company, northwest corner of Madison and Clark streets, Chicago, is of Scotch birth and ancestry and possesses to a marked degree many of the sterling characteristics of his countrymen.

Mr. Mason was born in Edinburg, Scotland, September 8, 1839. In 1849 he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America and settled with them in Toronto, Canada, where his education was carried forward, first in the public, model and Toronto grammar schools and later in the Upper Canada College, where he took a partial course. As soon as old enough he engaged with his father in the seed and grocery business in Toronto, and continued there thus occupied until 1859, when he went to Whitby, Ontario, and resided there for four years. He then came to Chicago,

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*E. H. Elwell*

in 1863, and engaged for a short time in the grocery business, and then entered in the coal business, operating in the employ of some of the leading coal firms in the city, and, like most young men, had his ups and downs in business before he finally secured a foothold. He, however, has been connected with the coal business all these years. He became identified with the Oakland Building Association at its organization in July, 1880, and was its second president, a position he filled for ten consecutive years, up to January, 1893, since which time he has served as secretary and treasurer. To his efforts is largely due the present prosperity of this organization. During his more than thirty years of residence in Chicago Mr. Mason has been successful in accumulating large property interests, now being the owner of much valuable real estate on the West Side.

He was married in 1893 to Miss Carry R. Russell, a daughter of Captain Alexander Russell, late of Oswego, New York.

For over twenty years Mr. Mason has belonged to the Masonic fraternity. The degrees of the blue lodge were conferred upon him in 1875 by Covenant Lodge, F. & A. M., of which he is Past Master. Also he has advanced through the higher degrees of the order up to and including the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He is Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Chicago Council and Past High Priest of Corinthian Chapter, and also maintains a membership in St. Bernard Commandery and Oriental Consistory. During all these years he has taken an active and enthusiastic interest in Masonic work, and is prominent and influential in the circles of this the greatest of civic societies.

During the Chicago municipal campaign of the spring of 1897, it was ascertained by the Municipal Voters' League that Mr. Mason was one of the best men for official position, and he was accordingly nominated for alderman of his ward, the eighteenth, of which he had been a resident for thirty years. He had never sought office, and never a breath of suspicion had been ex-

hibited against his character in any respect; but the curious turn which politics often make resulted in the defeat of his election. His residence is at 369 Jackson boulevard.

**E**DWARD H. ELWELL.—Loyal in upholding the cordial virtues and supporting the exalted principles of Masonry; one whose interest in the great craft has never wavered and whose personal popularity among the fraternal associates is unmistakable, it is eminently befitting that there be incorporated in this compilation a brief review of the life of Edward H. Elwell, of Chicago, the resident director and manager of the northwestern department of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Detroit, Michigan. The record of his achievements in the great industrial and business world is such as to ever reflect honor upon him as a man of sterling integrity and conspicuous ability.

Mr. Elwell's identification with the Masonic order dates back to the year 1869, when he became a member of Moderation Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., at Buxton, Maine, the town of his nativity. He still retains his affiliation with the lodge in which the Masonic mysteries were first revealed to him. In 1889 he passed the capitular degrees in York Chapter, No. 148, R. A. M., of Chicago, and within the same year he was the recipient of chivalric honors, becoming a Sir Knight in Montjoie Commandery, No. 53. In 1886 he completed a successful pilgrimage across the burning sands of the desert and gained an entry to Medinah Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Elwell is consistent in his Masonic membership and fraternal endeavors, and he is held in high regard for this as well as for his admirable characteristics as a man among men. He is also identified with the two kindred societies, the Sons of the American Revolution and Sons of the Revolution. His maximum rise in Masonry is that implied in his having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, becoming thereby a Sublime Prince of the

Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, of the Valley of Chicago.

The lineage of Mr. Elwell traces back to the Colonial period of our national history, and in the connection there are many points of interest to be detected in following out the annals during the succeeding years. Our subject himself is a native son of the Pine Tree state, his birth having occurred at Buxton, Maine, on the 9th of November, 1845. He was born on the old parental homestead farm, which had come into the possession of his paternal grandfather about a century ago. The place is still owned and occupied by the father of our subject, the former having been born and reared there. The identification of the Elwell family with American history dates back to the year 1835, and for many years thereafter the representatives of the line maintained their homes at Salem and Gloucester, Massachusetts. They were Puritans in their religious belief, and had undoubtedly sought refuge in the new world in order that they might here be able to follow their convictions in mode of worship and general life.

Edward H. Elwell grew up under the sturdy discipline of the farm, the while imbibing copiously from the cup of self-reliance and ambition which nature is ever ready to extend to those who seek to learn her lessons. He lent his quota toward carrying on the farm, and secured such educational privileges as were afforded by the district schools. The narrowed mental horizon of the pastoral life did not satisfy the aspiring and energetic young man, and he determined to prepare himself for a wider sphere of endeavor. He accordingly fitted himself for college by devoting himself to most diligent study in an academy of his native state; but over-application impaired his health to such an extent that he was compelled to cease all study for a time. Upon recovering his wonted physical vigor he engaged in school-teaching for two years, after which he entered Brown's Commercial College, at Portland, Maine, where he continued his studies only about two

months when the building was burned and he had to temporarily forego his ambition to secure a commercial education.

In 1867, at the age of twenty-two years he became a life-insurance solicitor, in Maine, and he was so successful in his efforts that he was soon promoted to the position of general agent, removing to Detroit, Michigan, in 1872. Here for some three years, during his leisure hours, he devoted his attention to the reading of law, thus rounding out a most thorough and complete business education. In 1882 Mr. Elwell identified himself with the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company, and in this connection his thorough knowledge of life-underwriting and his large experience in the field made him a most valued official, and he became one of the principal supporters and confidential advisers of the administration. He was placed in charge of the northwestern department of the company's business, with offices in Chicago, and he has been singularly successful in giving prestige and precedence to his company in the several states embraced in his department. He has wielded an unmistakable influence in insurance circles, is one of the substantial men connected with the Michigan Mutual Life, in which he is a stockholder and director. His progressive spirit, rare tact and discrimination, and correct methods have been potent factors in advancing the interests of the great company which he represents, and its increase in business in his department stands in evidence of this. He has attained a due measure of success in his operations and is known as one of the reliable and representative business men of the western metropolis, where he is held in high regard in both business and social circles, being a man of genial and engaging personality. In politics Mr. Elwell renders a stanch allegiance to the principles and policies advanced by the Republican party.

In the year 1882 was consummated the marriage of Mr. Elwell to Miss Nettie L. Tuttle, of Durham, Maine, her Puritan ancestors having taken up their abode in

America as early as 1636. Mr. and Mrs. Elwell are the parents of two children,—Russell T. and Grace E.

**A**RTHUR L. CLIFTON.—Every true and loyal Mason must realize that it is his high privilege to bear some humble part in working out the exalted aims of the fraternity of purifying and uplifting mankind, and there can be no doubt that each and every one does do all in his power to bring about such a condition of things. Mr. Clifton is an active member of the Englewood bodies, where he is regarded as a man possessing many excellent traits of character, and valued accordingly as an acquisition to the order. He was initiated in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, on June 16, 1892, passed July 7, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason July 21 of the same year. The chapter degrees were received as follows: Mark Master, July 28; Past Master, August 25; Most Excellent Master, August 25; and Royal Arch, November 29, 1892. He was created a Knight Templar in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, on November 25, 1892. Mr. Clifton is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, holding membership in Medinah Temple, Valley of Chicago.

Mr. Clifton is a native of Scotland. Deciding to try his fortunes in the new world, he sailed for the United States in 1876, and subsequently located in Chicago, where he shortly afterward entered the real-estate and insurance business, in which he is still engaged, with that success which comes only from prompt and faithful service.

On May 2, 1889, Mr. Clifton was united in marriage to Miss Fannie J. Crawford, of Dixon, Illinois. In his political principles he is a Republican.

**H**ENRY BEST.—Freemasonry appeals to all that is best in a man's nature, and develops the instinct of humanity and charity that is latent in the soul of every human being. Its moral laws are such as

to attract only those who believe in the purity of a social existence and who are earnest in their higher ideals and nobler aims in life. For over twelve years Mr. Best has been an exemplary member of the Masonic order, industrious in the local lodge and taking a deep and abiding interest in everything that pertains to the welfare of the craft. He is well liked by his *confreres* for his genial disposition, his sincerity, and the many excellent qualities of his character. He was initiated and made a Master Mason in Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, in 1885; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, and was created a Sir Knight in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52. In his fraternal relations he is ever kind and considerate, and is a popular member of the bodies with which he is affiliated.

Mr. Best is prominent in other societies and orders, being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple; a charter member of Court Energy, No. 19, Independent Order of Foresters, of which he was Financial Secretary for four years; a member of Garfield Lodge, No. 195, Ancient Order of United Workmen; the Veteran Union League, the Veteran Club, the Hamilton Club and is a Turner.

Mr. Best has spent his entire life in Chicago, having been born here December 22, 1848, in the old Best homestead, at Madison avenue and Fourteenth street. At the age of eight years he was sent to the public schools, and there received a liberal education until sixteen years old, when he entered his father's brewery and subsequently became manager of the entire business. At the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Best enlisted as a drummer boy in the Seventy-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, against the wishes of his parents, as he was still a minor. He got no farther than Cairo, however, for there his father captured him and took him home. In his youth Mr. Best was fond of all kinds of athletic amusements, especially excelling in swimming, receiving several medals for his skill and endurance in the water, and in

1866 won quite a reputation for bravery by saving a man from drowning.

Some time before the great fire of 1871 Mr. Best was engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business, but, like thousands of other unfortunates, lost all his property in that conflagration. His inclinations were then directed toward politics, and he entered the arena under the banner of the Republican party in 1873, when he ran for constable and received a larger majority than any other candidate on the ticket. He was re-elected to the same office in 1878, but resigned before the expiration of his term to accept the position of deputy sheriff under John Hoffman, and was re-appointed under Sheriffs O. L. Mann and Seth Hanchett. His career as a deputy was most creditable, and he performed some excellent detective work, being instrumental in recovering much valuable stolen property, besides bringing the delinquents to justice. In November, 1884, Mr. Best was elected clerk of the circuit court and succeeded himself in 1888. He was elected south town assessor in 1893 and ran over five thousand votes ahead of his ticket, being the only successful candidate on the Republican ticket. He was returned to the same office in 1894 with a majority of four thousand, again the only Republican candidate elected.

In 1870 Mr. Best was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Meyers, and three children, two boys and a girl, have been born to them. He is a kind husband, a firm friend, and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

**W**ILLIAM A. WALTER has attained to a high degree in Masonry and is one of the leading representatives of the order in Chicago. He has faithfully studied the teachings of both the York and Scottish Rites and has followed the principles which embody the highest teaching that the world has known concerning the relation of man to his fellow men. He became a member of the fraternity by his initiation into Lake-

side Lodge, No. 739, and learned the symbolic truths of capitular Masonry in Chicago Chapter, No. 127. He passed the circle and was greeted a Royal and Select Master of Palestine Council, No. 66, and was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52. He received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, and with these different organizations he is still affiliated. For several years he has served as Treasurer of his lodge. He crossed the sands of the desert as a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and is now resting among the members of Medinah Temple. He has a wide acquaintance in Masonic circles and his worth is recognized by his brethren who entertain for him high regard.

Mr. Walter was born on the 9th of June, 1847, in Chicago, and acquired his education in the public schools. His father having died in the cholera epidemic in 1854, at an early age he removed with his mother and older brother to a farm in Cook county and spent his youth working in the fields and gaining from the free outdoor life a certain strength that is continually being called into requisition to renew the forces of life in the city. In 1870 he returned to Chicago and secured employment with Wadham, Willard & Company, ice dealers, who were succeeded by the Washington Ice Company, and his faithfulness and trustworthiness won him promotion from time to time until he became a stockholder and director in the company, and for several years he has been its cashier. The Washington Ice Company is one of the foremost in the trade in the city; its business has assumed extensive proportions and its sales yield to the stockholders a good income. Mr. Walter is also one of the directors of the Masonic Home Temple, and has been president of the Thirty-first Street Building & Loan Association ever since its organization in 1886. With him success in life has been reached by his sterling qualities of mind and heart, true to every manly princi-



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*Yours truly,  
Oscar E. Fehn.*

ple. He has never deviated from what his judgment would indicate to be right and honorable between his fellow men and himself, and in his business he is discerning, conservative and energetic.

He is a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, his ancestry having come to this country from England about 1629 and first settling in Massachusetts and afterward in Connecticut. His parents were born in the village of Goshen, Litchfield county, that state, and his father came to Chicago in 1837, and his mother two years later. In his political views he is a Republican, and as a citizen his sympathies are ever on the side of good order, progress and improvement.

Mr. Walter was married in Chicago, in 1878, to Miss Alice Miller, daughter of John Miller, of the well-known firm of Miller Brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Walter have two children—Ralph C. and Helen M.

**O**SCAR E. FEHN is a Royal Arch Mason, of Chicago, who for eight years has affiliated with the order that has been the defender of liberty and justice, charity and benevolence, as broad as the universe in its scope and membership and with a foundation of truth and right that is as firm as the everlasting hills. From that far-distant time wherein the first of the craft established its immortal basic principles down to the present day, you may read in history the annals of every civilized country of the humanizing and liberalizing tendencies of our great association, ever taking sides with the foremost champions of human rights in every clime and land, and, at the same time, lifting up its mighty potentiality for law and order and peace. Liberty and justice, guided by conservative law, have been promoted and upheld in every country and in every century by this fraternity, who receives its members from the ranks of the high and the low, the right and the poor, considering only the character and worth of the individual. It is these qualities that largely appeal to the

practical business man of this matter-of-fact world, and Mr. Fehn is among the wide-awake, progressive business men of Chicago, who have allied themselves with this fraternity. As an Entered Apprentice he was received into Germania Lodge, No. 182, passed the Fellow-craft degree, and on the 24th of November, 1889, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He has served as Junior Warden in his lodge and is deeply interested in the success and growth of the organization. In 1891 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, and has since affiliated therewith.

Mr. Fehn is one of Chicago's native sons, his birth having occurred in this city on the 11th of June, 1867. His father had come to the west some years before, locating in Chicago in 1854. The son was here reared and educated and received his business training under the guidance of his father, who owned and conducted a restaurant. He became manager of the large establishment which is located at Nos. 121 and 123 North Clark street, and is now in business for himself, succeeding, when but nineteen years of age, his father, who went on a visit to Europe and left him in sole charge. His thorough understanding of the wants of the public in this direction has enabled him to meet the wishes of his patrons and has enabled him to secure a large and constantly increasing business. His success is entirely due to his own efforts, his close application, earnest purpose and thorough reliability winning him the confidence and support of many.

**J**OSEPH SCHOTT, cigar manufacturer, Lincoln, Illinois, figures as one of the enterprising young business men of the city. He has been a Mason ever since he attained his majority, active and enthusiastic in the work of the order and well posted in Masonic lore.

Mr. Schott was made a Master Mason in Lincoln Lodge, No. 210, in 1881. This

lodge was subsequently consolidated with Logan Lodge, No. 480, and became Logan Lodge, No. 210, of which Mr. Schott has since been a member and in which he has served as Senior Deacon and Senior Warden. The chapter degrees were conferred upon him by Lincoln Chapter, No. 147, R. A. M., that same year, and in 1882 he was knighted by Constantine Commandery, No. 57, K. T. In the chapter he served three years as High Priest and in the commandery he has successively filled the offices of Warder, Standard Bearer, Senior Warden, Generalissimo and Eminent Commander, bringing to these various official positions the promptness, dignity and good judgment necessary for the success of the order. Five years he was a representative to the Grand Chapter and nine years to the Grand Commandery.

Mr. Schott, as his name indicates, is of German origin. He was born in Germany October 4, 1860, and emigrated to America in 1872, when a boy of twelve years, locating in Lincoln, Illinois, where he grew to manhood and where he has since resided. He has been engaged in the manufacture of cigars here since 1885 and does both a wholesale and retail business.

Mr. Schott was married September 21, 1892, to Miss M. B. Traner.

**G**EORGE WALTEMAR DU NAH, the popular merchant tailor of Bloomington, Illinois, is a native of Denmark, born February 14, 1858, and has traveled extensively and seen much of the world, the date of his arrival in America being September 19, 1881. He learned his trade in his native land; then he traveled through Germany and Switzerland, stopping at various points of interest, and from Switzerland journeyed on foot across the Alps to Italy. Next he went to Paris, the mart of fashion, and there took a course of instructions in the French Cutting Academy, of which he is a graduate. From Paris he came direct to America, landed at New York city, and after working at his trade there for a time

went to Elmira, where he spent three years. In 1887 he came west to Springfield, Illinois, where he was in business under the firm name of Thornberry & Du Nah for a year and a half, at the end of that time going back to New York and shortly afterward accepting a position as cutter in a large tailoring establishment at Marquette, Michigan, where he was thus occupied two years. In 1890 he entered the cutting competition at the Tailors' Convention at Chicago and won the gold medals. At this time he accepted a position offered him by the D. Edward Ely Company, which he filled until the reorganization of the company in 1894, when he resigned and purchased the business of Mr. Peter Grotz, of Bloomington. Here he has since done a successful business, and stands high as a business man, a citizen and a Mason.

Mr. Du Nah's Masonic history covers only three years but includes identity with the lodge, chapter, council, consistory and shrine. He was made a Master Mason in Bloomington, in December, 1894, and received the degrees of the other branches above named the following year. The chapter and council degrees were conferred upon him in Bloomington; those of the consistory and shrine at Peoria, the former May 9 and the latter May 29.

Mr. Du Nah was married in Elmira, New York, September 9, 1884, to Miss Marie Hogg, and they have two children, Edward Ely and George Waltemar, Jr.

**S**AMUEL WOODSON WADDLE.—Few Masons in Illinois have been more closely identified with the fraternity and its work, or have enjoyed greater distinction in the way of official honors, than has Mr. Waddle, one of the veteran brothers of the state. His initiatory degrees were received in Wade-Barney Lodge, No. 512; he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Bloomington Chapter, No. 26; was made a Royal and Select Master in Bloomington Council, No. 43; constituted a Sir Knight in De Molay Commandery,

No. 24, and has attained the thirty-second degree in the ineffable lodge of perfection, Oriental Consistory. Brother Waddle has held most of the offices in the local bodies, having served as Worshipful Master, High Priest and Eminent Commander. He is the present Treasurer of the lodge, council and commandery. In the Grand Chapter he was appointed by Past Grand High Priest De Lancey as Grand Principal Sojourner, and subsequently advanced by successive steps until, in 1879, he was elected Grand High Priest. He has never held office in the Grand Lodge or Grand Commandery, his connection with those bodies being in the capacity of representative or committeeman. He has been a faithful, sincere Mason, and richly merits the good will and high esteem with which his brothers regard him.

Mr. Waddle was born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, August 22, 1834, and is a son of Alexander and Sarah J. A. (Woodson) Waddle, the former of whom was the eldest son of John Waddle, of Chillicothe, Ohio, who was a merchant of some prominence of that city about the beginning of the present century. After his death the family moved to Clarke county, and there, on a farm near South Charleston, our subject spent his boyhood days. The maternal grandfather, Samuel H. Woodson, was one of the old-school Kentucky gentleman, who represented his district in congress, and was Grand Master of Masons in his jurisdiction. The death of Mr. Waddle's mother in early infancy left him to the care of his maternal grandmother, with whom he passed the first ten years of his life. At this time his father was again married and he was taken to his home in Clarke county, Ohio, where he lived until 1860. His youth was such as usually fell to the lot of a farmer's boy of fifty years ago. His education was derived principally at a log school-house, supplemented by a term at a private school for boys. In 1860 he came to Bloomington and engaged in the mercantile business with varied success, and later in a manufacturing enterprise. In 1867 he was elected alder-

man for one term, and in 1878 was appointed city clerk, which office he satisfactorily filled until 1885, when he resigned to accept a position in the Third National Bank of Bloomington, of which he was made cashier in December, 1891, and is serving in that capacity at the present time.

On September 23, 1856, Mr. Waddle was married in Greene county, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, and two daughters have been born to them, one of whom died in infancy. The other is now living with her parents and is the widow of the late Benjamin D. Lucas, who was at one time a leading attorney of Bloomington. The domestic relations of Mr. and Mrs. Waddle has been such as to afford them the greatest earthly happiness. Their friends are legion and are always assured of a warm welcome at the hospitable home of our subject. Although he is not connected with any church as a member, he comes of old Scotch-Irish stock, and attends the Second Presbyterian church of Bloomington. Mr. Waddle holds a membership in the Masonic Veterans' Association of Illinois, and is highly thought of in his home city both as a man and a Mason.

**G**EORGE JAMES BARRETT, book-keeper for E. A. Wilson, in the real-estate and insurance business, and secretary for the Springfield City Savings and Loan Association, Springfield, Illinois, is well known in the business and fraternal circles of this city, he being a Mason of high degree. His history therefore is appropriate in a work of this character and is as follows:

George James Barrett was ushered into life at Springfield, Otsego county, New York, August 13, 1850, and at the age of fifteen left home to make his own way in the world and went south. That was about the close of the Civil war. A position as paymaster's clerk in the United States navy was tendered him and accepted, and he was ordered to the South Pacific on board the United States steamer Wateree.

For three years he was on the coast of South America. While there he witnessed the battle between the naval forces of Spain and the batteries at Callao, Peru, May 2, 1866. Also he witnessed the tidal destruction of the city of Arica, Peru, and of all the shipping at that port, August 13, 1868, the loss of life by drowning being about eight thousand people! In that awful destruction his own vessel was stranded, and thus ended his three-years cruise. Leaving the navy at that point, he returned to the United States, and at Boston, Massachusetts, in 1869, accepted a position in the office of the auditor of the New England division of the Adams Express Company, and was with this company at Boston and Hartford until 1872. During 1873 and a part of 1874 he was with the Union Express Company at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and in 1875-6 he was in Chicago with Polk's National Directory Company. In 1877 he traveled through the south, spending some time in Mississippi and St. Louis, Missouri, and in August, 1878, came to Springfield, Illinois, as an employee of Mr. Wilson, the gentleman with whom he has since been associated. In company with Mr. Wilson, he originated the Springfield City Savings & Loan Association, of which he is secretary and one of the directors.

Mr. Barrett is a man of family. He was married in 1880 to Miss Ella Lacy, a native of Indiana, and they have six children, namely: Eleanor Lacy, Gilbert Thomas, George J., Jr., Emily, Ruth Du Pleaux, and Anna Louise.

Not unlike many of the most intelligent and honorable and upright men in this and other cities, Mr. Barrett has found instruction, recreation and pleasure in Masonic work. The degrees of blue Masonry were conferred upon him by Springfield Lodge, No. 71, A. F. & A. M., in which body he is now serving as Senior Warden. He was exalted in Springfield Chapter, R. A. M., No. 1; made a Royal and Select Master in Springfield Council, No. 2, R. & S. M.; and knighted by Elwood Commandery, No. 6, K. T., in 1893. In December of the

same year he was made a Knight Templar he was elected to the office of Recorder of the commandery, a position he is highly qualified to fill and one in which he has since been retained. His religious creed is that of the Presbyterian church.

**M**ILLARD F. RIGGLE, who for more than twenty years has been actively engaged in the practice of law in Chicago and is one of the well-known and prominent members of the bar here, took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Golden Rule Lodge, No. 726, in 1882. He has since been deeply interested in Masonry and follows closely the teachings of the order which rests upon the virtues and truths that have been cherished through many centuries. He is in hearty sympathy with its plans for usefulness and for mutual benefit, and embraces every available opportunity to mold public sentiment and promulgate its doctrines. In the blue lodge he served as Treasurer for a number of years and was also honored with an election to the exalted position of Worshipful Master. In 1883 he was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, and is now Past High Priest. He became a follower of the sable and azure banner of Knight Templary on the 11th of December, 1883, when he became a member of Apollo Commandery, No. 1; and in 1882 he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. He is also a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. In brief this is the history of his connection with the most ancient and useful of all fraternal organizations, but it indicates little of his faithful service in behalf of the order. He believes most firmly in the religion of helpfulness and is a close and conscientious student of the teachings and ethics of Masonry in all departments, while to his work he brings a high degree of intelligence.

In the legal profession Mr. Riggle has won a prominence that results from close application, thorough preparation, strong mentality and devotion to his clients' interests. A native of the Buckeye state, he was born in Coshocton county, on the 13th of August, 1851, and was reared on a farm in Hardin county until eighteen years of age. A diligent student, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunities offered for an education and completed a classical course in Smithson College, of Logansport, Indiana, where he was graduated with the class of 1876. For three years he successfully followed school-teaching and then began preparation for the legal profession. He was for some time a student in the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, graduating in that institution in 1877, and the same year he was admitted to the bar and established an office in Chicago, where he has since remained, a worthy and prominent member of the bar at that place. In October, 1889, he was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court in Washington. From the beginning his business has steadily increased and he now has a large clientage. He has a comprehensive knowledge of the science of jurisprudence, his cases are prepared with the most painstaking care, and he rests his cause on the evidence and the law. His familiarity with authority and precedent enables him to meet his opponent in the forum with a strength which is greatly unassailable, and his success is the merited reward of his own labors and talents.

**J**OHAN F. HESCHONG, for two decades a resident of Peoria, and all this time engaged in the drug business here, is a man well known in business circles and one who is likewise prominent in the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Heschong is a native of Hannibal, Missouri, born August 2, 1856. He served an apprenticeship to the drug business in St. Joseph, Missouri, where he lived from 1858 to 1876, and the last named year

came to Peoria as clerk in the drug establishment of A. W. H. Reen, in whose employ he remained until 1881. That year he engaged in business on his own account and has since conducted a successful business, giving it his close and careful attention.

Business cares, however, have not wholly absorbed his time, for, as already stated, he is a prominent factor in Masonic circles, the lodge room being for him a place of both entertainment and instruc-



tion and in which he takes great pleasure. He is a member of Schiller Lodge, No. 335, of Peoria, and has been an active and enthusiastic Mason. He has passed nearly all the offices in Schiller Lodge, serving as Worshipful Master during the years 1891, '92 and '94; and it may truly be said of him that he was one of the best Masters this lodge ever had. While occupying the executive chair he represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and in 1895 attended the Grand Lodge as a proxy. Mr. Heschong is a member also of Peoria Chapter, No. 7, and served as Captain of the Host in 1894 and again in 1895.

**R**OBERT TARRANT, an honored and zealous Mason of Chicago, has for over thirty years been faithful and true to the vows taken in the blue lodge, and demonstrates in his daily life how fully he appreciates and understands the tenets and precepts of the order, together with all its beautiful teachings. Initiated in Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, at Chicago, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1864, he became a life member of that body, and in 1868 was advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry, the keystone of the arch of the fraternity which sets forth in its beautiful and impressive legends the history of the past, becoming a Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, No. 35; and finally the orders of knighthood were conferred upon him in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in 1879.

Mr. Tarrant was born January 10, 1832, in Columbia county, New York, and there attended the district schools until seventeen years old, when he went to Schenectady, New York, and there learned the machinist's trade, in which he continued for about four years. Then he traveled throughout the state, following his trade in various cities for the ensuing five years. February 2, 1856, Mr. Tarrant came to Chicago, where for ten years he was engaged in railroading, and then began the manufacture of engine machinery, in which he has continued up to the present time. He is now a president of the Tarrant & Ramsay Foundry Company, and is treasurer of the Felt & Tarrant Company, manufacturers of mathematical instruments. He is one of Chicago's progressive and energetic citizens, and well he merits his present success, which has been acquired only by unremitting labor, perseverance, and a strict adherence to the highest standard of principles.

In his political faith Mr. Tarrant is a staunch Republican and has been such ever since the organization of the party, casting his vote for every presidential candidate placed on the ticket, and still gives his support to the cause with which he has been so long affiliated.

The marriage of our subject took place in 1854, when he was united to Miss Sarah A. Near, of Ballston Spa, New York, and of the children born to them two are living,—one son and a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Tarrant are spending the evening of their lives surrounded by their many friends, and are enjoying the peace and contentment naturally resulting from noble, well-spent lives.

**J**OSEPH M. GROUT was born near Mechanicsburg, Sangamon county, Illinois, in the year 1855. His father, the Rev. Joseph M. Grout, a pioneer minister of the Presbyterian church in Sangamon county, died of cholera in 1855, shortly before the birth of his son, and when the child was only ten weeks old the mother died. Thus at a tender age was the subject of our sketch deprived of parental love and care. He was taken in his infancy, by an uncle, to Massachusetts, and in that state passed the first eight years of his life, then returning to Illinois, where he was educated. He is a graduate of Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois, with the class of 1876, and immediately after his graduation entered upon the study of law at Springfield, in the office of Hey, Green & Littler, and was admitted to the bar in 1878. In the fall of that same year he entered into a copartnership with Thomas Sterling, with whom he was associated until 1882, when by mutual agreement they dissolved partnership. From 1882 until 1886 he practiced alone and since the last named year he has been associated with his present partner, Mr. C. L. Conkling. Mr. Grout has always taken a deep interest in politics. In 1884 he was a candidate for the legislature, and was defeated. From 1885 to 1889 he served as city attorney of Springfield.

Mr. Grout has a wife and two children—Annie Dickinson and William Dixon.

Of his relation to the Masonic fraternity we would now speak. It was in 1879, at the age of twenty-four years, that he petitioned for admission to St. Paul's Lodge,



No. 500, of Springfield, into which he was duly received and in which he has been honored time after time with official position, the Worshipful Master's chair having been filled by him for four terms. In the '80s he legally penetrated the mysteries of the chapter, council and commandery, being knighted by Elwood Commandery, No. 6, in 1889, in which body he served as Warder in 1892. Also he is a member of Oriental Consistory, of Chicago, the degrees of which were conferred upon him in April, 1895; and both he and his wife are members of Flower City Chapter, No. 152, Order of the Eastern Star, at Springfield.

**E**DMUND L. MANSURE, manufacturer, Chicago.—Among those who deserve special mention in this volume is the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this brief sketch, since he is a young man having laudable ambitions as well as the capacity and integrity which characterize him as a consistent member of such an order as the Masonic, and indeed of any society organized on the principles of benevolence and sociability. The Masonic order, perhaps, has more of these elements than any other, and is more permanent and universal, although, for many of its purposes the Odd Fellows are more numerous in certain localities.

The lodge relations of Mr. Mansure may be briefly outlined as follows: He was initiated, passed and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, his native city, in 1883, received the capitular degrees, or exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch, in Fairview Chapter, No. 161, R. A. M., Chicago, in 1888, and the chivalric degrees in Montjoie Commandery, No. 53, also at Chicago. Of the two latter he is still a member, while in 1888 he received a dimit from the Philadelphia blue lodge and is now a member of Oriental Lodge, No. 33, here at Chicago. His social nature has also led him to join and take active part in several other organizations, as the Wash-

ington Park Club, Kenwood Club and the Chicago Athletic Association.

Mr. Mansure was born June 10, 1860, in Philadelphia, and reared and educated there, learning also the business of manufacturing. In 1887 he came to Chicago and established his present business.

In 1892 he was united in matrimony with Miss Nellie G. Forsman, of Chicago, and they have one son, who is named Walter F.

**P**ETER SCHNEIDER, No. 2222 State street, Chicago, is one of the most popular and successful photographers of the city, and has an artist's keen appreciation for the sublime truths as illustrated in Masonry. His identity with the great Masonic order dates from the year 1891, when he was entered, passed and raised in Waldeck Lodge, No. 674, A. F. & A. M., in which shortly afterward he was elected to the office of Junior Warden. The Scottish Rite degrees were conferred upon him by Oriental Consistory in April, 1893, and he has also penetrated the mysteries of the Mystic Shrine, its degrees having been given him by Medinah Temple. An interested and appreciative member of all of these bodies, his life is naturally in harmony with the teachings as set forth by them, and he enjoys the confidence and high esteem of the brotherhood.

Mr. Schneider, as his name indicates, is of German origin. He was born in the fatherland, May 30, 1851, and spent the first fourteen years of his life there, emigrating to this country in 1865 and taking up his abode in Chicago. Early in life he manifested a taste for art and began to develop his talent. He was a student in the Art School of Chicago previous to the memorable fire. In 1877 he turned his attention to photography, has followed this profession for nearly twenty years, keeping fully abreast with the marvelous progress it has made, and is justly entitled to the high rank he holds among the leading photographers of this great city.

In 1880 Mr. Schneider was married to Miss Mary Stotzer, a native of Switzerland, and they are the parents of three children, —Edward, Lily and Oscar.

**D**AVID ABRAM SCHOCH.—A biographical history of the Freemasons in Illinois would be incomplete did it not contain mention of the brother whose name appears at the head of this sketch and who is a representative member of the fraternity residing in Orangeville. Mr. Schoch was initiated in Orangeville Lodge, No. 687, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1868, while the lodge was still under dispensation. He at once became one of the active members, was elected to the West, and shortly after was chosen Worshipful Master, which important office he filled intermittently for eight years, and is one of the important factors in sustaining the order in his town, being thoroughly familiar with the ritual, believing in the honorable tenets of the fraternity, and exemplifying the same by his daily life. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Freeport Chapter, No. 23, in 1876, received the orders of Knighthood in Freeport Commandery, No. 7, stationed at Freeport, and he has attained the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in Freeport Consistory up to and including the thirty-second, which entitles him to being proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He continues his membership in all these honorable bodies, in which he retains the warm friendship and good will of his fellow Masons.

Born in Snyder county, Pennsylvania, on February 18, 1835, Mr. Schoch is of Swiss stock, his ancestors taking a prominent part in the emancipation of Switzerland, thereby making a brilliant record for themselves in the annals of their country's history. The father of our subject, John Schoch, was born in Pennsylvania and there married Miss Lydia Houtz, who was likewise of Swiss descent. He was an industrious, highly respected farmer, a Lutheran

in his religious faith, and he departed this life at the age of fifty-six. His good wife survives him and in 1897 had attained the venerable age of four-score and four. Of their thirteen children nine are living. The six sons are members of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Schoch was the third child in order of birth and remained on the home farm alternately working and attending school until nineteen years old, when he journeyed westward to try his fortunes in the new country, arriving in Orangeville in 1855, and that city has since been the scene of his active career. He embarked in the mercantile business and continued successfully until 1857, when the financial panic that swept this part of the country numbered him among its victims and left him five hundred dollars in debt; but with the pluck and energy that has characterized his entire life he determined to overcome his misfortune and once more make a place for himself in the world; so, although without any previous experience, he took a farm on shares, rented other lands, was soon able to buy other lands, and became one of the successful agriculturists in his part of the state. He was the first to successfully conduct a creamery, which was supplied with cream from the adjacent farms. He has from that time met with the prosperity he deserves and now has a beautiful home built by himself on eighty-six acres of land adjoining the enterprising city of Orangeville, and besides owns two hundred and forty acres of rich soil just east of the town. His residence is a commodious and attractive one, situated on a bluff in one of the most delightful localities in Illinois.

The marriage of Mr. Schoch was consummated in 1857, when he was united to Miss Harriet Wagner, and of their four children but one survives, Maud, who resides with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Schoch are highly esteemed residents of their home city, and are valued members of the Methodist church, he being one of the builders when it was erected in 1887, and is now a trustee, and secretary of its official board, and has been superintendent

of the Sunday-school ever since it was organized. In politics he is a Republican, but is not a politician and never sought office. As a business man, a member of society and a Mason he stands high in the estimation of all his numerous friends.

**A**RCHIBALD FISHER.—Masonry is in perfect accord with all known agencies for the improvement and uplifting of mankind, promotes benevolence, upholds patriotism and emphasizes the truth of a universal brotherhood. One of its most



*Yours Truly*  
*Archibald Fisher*

most consistent adherents in the state of Illinois is Brother Fisher, a thirty-second-degree member of the fraternity residing in Macomb, to whom was accorded the Master Mason's degree in Kyle Lodge, No. 553, in 1871, his connection with that body con-

tinuing until it surrendered its charter, when, on April 5, 1878, he became affiliated with Macomb Lodge, No. 17, and was for some time its Junior Warden. Mr. Fisher received the degrees of chivalric Masonry in Morse Chapter, No. 19, on May 3, 1882, and filled the office of Recorder with credit and circumspection. In 1893 he attained knightly honors in Almoner Commandery, No. 35, K. T., at Augusta. At the time Macomb Commandery was organized he became a charter member of it and adequately performed the duties of Prelate for two terms, being the present incumbent of that office. In 1889 the inefable degrees of the Scottish Rite were conferred upon him, and he was declared a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago. Mr. Fisher retains his membership in all these bodies, taking an especial interest and pleasure in commandery work, and is universally regarded as a reliable and valued acquisition to the order.

A native of the state of Virginia, Mr. Fisher was born in Wheeling on January 24, 1848, and is of direct Scotch descent. His grandfather and father, both of whom were named John Fisher, were born in Glasgow, Scotland, where the former followed the vocation of a book publisher until 1825, when he emigrated to the United States with his family, located in Wheeling, Virginia, and there continued in the "art preservative" until his death. At the time of his arrival in Wheeling our subject's father was sixteen years old and upon reaching his majority he embarked in the manufacture of plantation wagons, carts and implements, with which industry he was identified up to 1868, in that year coming to Macomb, where his death occurred in 1876,

at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a member of the Methodist church, and was an honest, industrious and highly respected citizen. He is survived by his life's companion, who is now in her eighty-fourth year and who makes her home with the subject of this

biography. Two of their four children are living, of whom Brother Fisher received his education in the schools of Virginia, Ohio, and Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He learned the moulder's trade, and upon coming to Macomb with his father in 1868 he established a foundry, which, by arduous labor, honest methods and close attention to the necessities of business, he has conducted with most successful and satisfactory results. He has erected a large brick foundry and machine shop, and is at present engaged principally in making castings for several extensive manufacturers of school, church and theater furniture.

Mr. Fisher celebrated his marriage in 1874 to Miss Helen M. Warren, a native of Cincinnati, and they have had eight children, named as follows: Ford Allen, Laurence, Mary B., Helen Edna, Jessie L., Archibald, Jr., Helen and Elliot. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are worthy members of St. George Episcopal church and contributed liberally of both their time and means to the building of the present sacred edifice, which is one of the ornamental structures of Macomb. Mr. Fisher has taken a deep interest in religious work and has filled the offices of vestryman, clerk, superintendent of the Sunday-school and senior warden. In politics he is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, but has never sought or even desired to hold public office. He resides in one of the finest residences in the city, which is charmingly situated on a hill and surrounded by four acres of cultivated land containing large shade trees, well kept lawns and other triumphs of the horticulturist's arts.

Mr. Fisher may justly be said to be a self-made man, who by honest toil, perseverance and integrity, has acquired prominence and affluence and the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

**T**HOMAS DEMPSTER is probably as well known in fraternity circles as any other man in Chicago and his sterling worth and fidelity to all the principles upon

which the different orders rest have won him the highest regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact. The Masonic fraternity, whose history forms the subject of this volume, has numbered him among its affiliates since 1893, when he took the three fundamental degrees of the blue lodge in Garden City Lodge, No. 141. The same year he crossed the threshold of capitular Masonry, being advanced a Mark Master, installed Past Master, received as Most Excellent Master and exalted to the august degree of the Royal Arch in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126. In 1895 he passed the circle of cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Select Master in Tyrian Council, No. 78. It was also in 1895 that he was created a Sir Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, and in Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, he also holds a membership. His name is on the rolls of the order of the Knights of Pythias, the Royal League, Royal Arcanum, National Union, North American Union, Home Circle and Fraternal Alliance, and he takes a deep interest in the growth, success and upbuilding of these various lodges. He has served as treasurer of most of these and the funds of the societies could not be in safer hands. Of the North American Union he is one of the original founders, and has been honored with the highest office in the order,—that of Supreme Chancellor.

Mr. Dempster is also well known in business circles for his honesty and integrity, and is regarded as one of the leading real-estate dealers of the city. He comes from that land whose sturdy stock forms one of the best elements in our American nationality. His birth occurred in Glasgow, Scotland, July 27, 1861, and in the schools of that city he acquired his education. He there learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1885, when, hoping to better his financial condition, he crossed the Atlantic to America and took up his residence in Chicago. Here he followed carpentering for about a year and then turned his attention to the real-estate

business, which he has continuously followed since 1886. He has handled some very valuable property and his thorough understanding of the real-estate market and his knowledge of values have enabled him to effect some sales which have brought to him handsome returns.

Mr. Dempster was married on the 30th of January, 1886, to Miss Jeanie J. Devlin, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and they have four children, in whose names they have indicated their love of the land of their birth and its people, calling their children Elizabeth McDougal, Alexander McDowel, Thomas Colby and William Abraham Lincoln.

**A**NDREW T. PICKARD.—Great undertakings are slow in their fulfillment. For several centuries Masons have been making earnest endeavors to infuse a sense of moral obligations and brotherly love into the hearts of their fellow men, and while a great advance has been made since the inception of the order there is yet much work to be done, and to each lodge falls the duty of adding its mite to the general contributions and give its assistance in elevating humanity. In Chicago there are many loyal and zealous Masons who make every effort to live up to the principles of the fraternity, thus individually promoting its welfare, and among the valued brothers none is more deserving of mention than Andrew T. Pickard.

Brother Pickard was initiated and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Apollo Lodge, No. 642, in February, 1895, and in the following year he attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago. He is also affiliated with the social branch of Freemasonry, being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

The subject of this review was born in the province of Quebec, Canada, May 24, 1867, was reared in his native town, attending the public schools, and later learned

the blacksmith's trade, subsequently turning his attention to horseshoeing. He came to Chicago on January 30, 1891, and secured employment at his trade until March, 1893, when he established a shop on his own account. He is an expert in his calling, and does a large and prosperous business.

On May 7, 1889, Mr. Pickard was united in marriage to Miss Rosina Phillips, who was born in England, and two daughters have been born to them—Edith M. and Laura R.

**A**LBERT STONE BIXBY, jeweler, Danville, is an eminent Mason. He was made a Master Mason October 19, 1867, in Iowa City Lodge, No. 4, Iowa; a Royal Arch Mason March 30, 1870, also at Iowa City; Royal and Select Master August 1, 1870; a Knight Templar May 13, 1870; and received the degrees of the Scottish Rite May 23, 1870, in Palestine Lodge, No. 2, at Iowa City. His present affiliations are: blue lodge No. 38, Illinois; Chapter No. 82, Council No. 37; Commandery No. 45. In 1869 he was Worshipful Master of the blue lodge in Iowa City, No. 4; High Priest of the Chapter in Illinois in 1879; Recorder of the council; Eminent Commander in 1879. "By his works his brethren know him," and the promotions they have tendered him are their testimonial.

Mr. Bixby was born in Columbus, Ohio, December 28, 1839, attended the public schools and ended his educational career at the high school. At the age of sixteen years he began to learn the jeweler's trade and served an apprenticeship of four years. He followed his trade in various places until 1860, when he offered his services to the cause of the government under the call for three-months men, at Greencastle, Indiana, but was not accepted. However, he afterward went to Wisconsin and enlisted, August 13, 1862, being accepted, as a private in Company B, Thirty-eighth Wisconsin Regiment, Third Brigade, Seventeenth Army Corps, and was finally mustered out as captain June 24, 1865.

Subsequently he went to Columbus, Ohio, for a time, and after the death of his father, in 1866, he went again to Iowa and engaged in the stove business with his brother, until 1872. Next he went to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he followed his trade of jeweler until the next year, and then came to Danville, where he has since been engaged in this beautiful line of business, in which he excels for his skill and honesty.

In his religious connections he is a Presbyterian, and in his politics a Democrat. From 1885 to 1889 he was assistant postmaster at Danville. He is a member of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the order of Knights of Honor.

August 6, 1866, he was united in matrimony to Helen V. Patton, and they have had one son and two daughters,—Stanley P., Maggie and Alice, of whom only Alice is living.

March 31, 1851, and is the son of Samuel and Mary (Campbell) Sloan. He attended the common schools of his native city until seventeen years old, when he secured a position as water boy on the Chicago & Alton Railroad. He then became storekeeper for the Construction Company of the Peoria, Pekin & Jacksonville road; was next with the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western, which has now merged into the Big Four, as foreman at the time it was being constructed, and after its completion he took charge as section foreman, holding that position until October 3, 1874, and was then promoted to the position of division roadmaster. On November 15, 1878, he resigned and became associated with the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad as general roadmaster, remaining in that capacity until March 1, 1891, when he accepted the roadmastership of the Lake Erie & Western and served as such until May 15, 1893, resigning to take up the duties of mayor of Danville. He is a member of the Roadmasters' Association of America and was elected its vice-president six times.

In politics Mr. Sloan is a Republican. He has been a member of the central committee for four years, has served as alderman for three terms, and in 1886 was elected mayor of the city, and re-elected in 1893. In December, 1894, he was appointed by W. C. Thompson as chief deputy sheriff of Vermilion county, and is the present incumbent of that office.

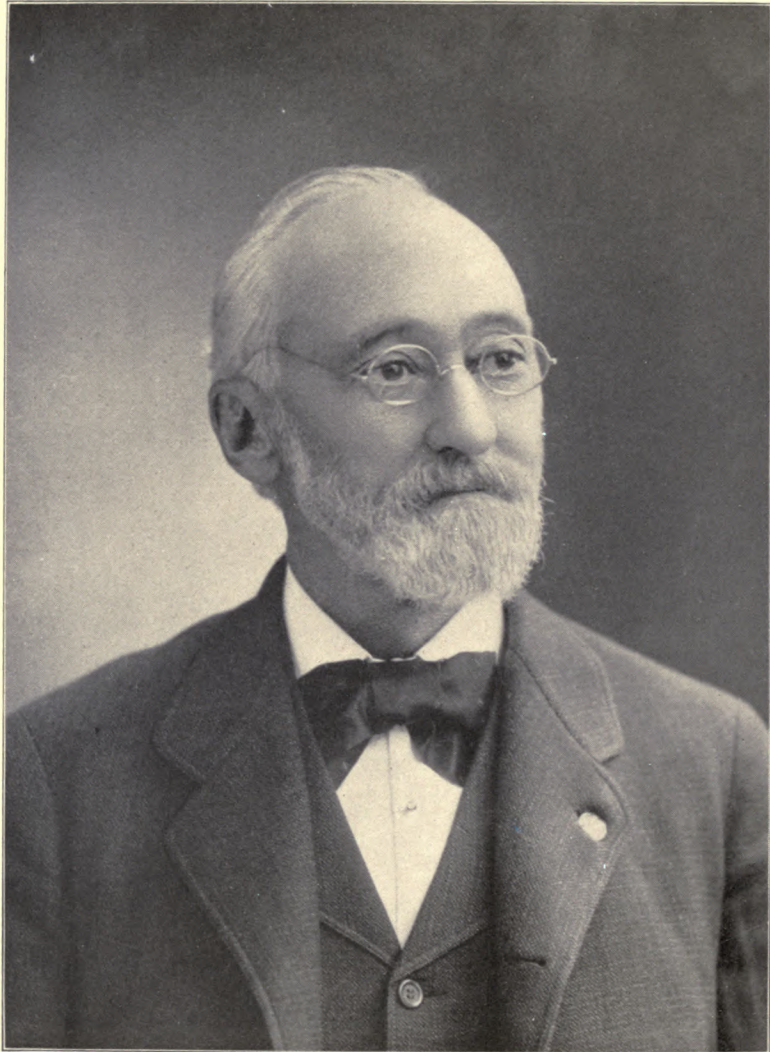
Mr. Sloan was married September 21, 1873, to Miss Lucinda J. Stone, of Pekin, Tazewell county, Illinois, and they have had the following named children: Marnette G., James E., Ella, Henry, William, Luella and Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan are worthy members of the Baptist church.

**J**AMES SLOAN, deputy sheriff of Vermilion county, and one of the public-spirited citizens of Danville, is a loyal member of the Masonic fraternity who has been conspicuous in his lodge for the zeal and enthusiasm displayed by him in promoting the interests of the order. He was initiated in Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38, and on November 1, 1882, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He was exalted to the capitular degrees in Vermilion Chapter, No. 82, on December 4, 1882, was created a Sir Knight in Athelstan Commandery, No. 45, on September 25, 1883, and at length received the ineffable degrees in the lodge of perfection, Oriental Consistory. Mr. Sloan filled the office of Junior Warden for one term. In October, 1883, he became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple. He is a member of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Association, of Chicago, the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Sloan was born in Joliet, Illinois,

**R**N. TRIMMINGHAM, secretary of the Chicago Underwriters' Association, has for forty years been identified with the business interests of Chicago, and throughout this long period has enjoyed the confidence and high esteem of the many business

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men with whom he has been associated; and in Masonic as well as business circles he has high standing, his connection with Freemasonry covering more than twenty-five years and extending to the higher degrees of the order, wherein he has been given marked official preference.

Mr. Trimmingham received the degrees which made him a Master Mason in Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, A. F. & A. M., in October, 1871, and the following year was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, No. 43, the same body that same year conferring upon him the degrees of Royal and Select Master. He was knighted by Chicago Commandery, No. 19, in 1874, and remained a member of the same until 1888, when he was dimitted in order to affiliate with Siloam Commandery, No. 54, of which he is now an honored member and Past Eminent Commander, official positions one after another having been fittingly bestowed upon him until he reached the highest office in the commandery, where he presided with his usual earnestness and dignity and won the admiration and esteem of his brother Knights. During all these years of intimate association with Masonry his work has not been confined to the lodge-room but has reached out through his daily life and made him helpful to others, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth" ever being his motto.

Mr. Trimmingham was born at St. John's, Newfoundland, September 2, 1838, and remained in his native city until he was nine years of age, then accompanying his parents and other members of the family to the United States and settling at Baltimore, Maryland. In 1851 he went to the West Indies. On the islands of St. Vincent and Barbadoes he made his home until 1856, when he came again to the "States," this time to Chicago, where he has since maintained his residence. His early life was spent in acquiring an education and was attended with mercantile experience. In 1866 he became interested in fire insurance, to which line of business he has since devoted his attention with signal success, now

holding the responsible position of secretary of the Chicago Underwriters' Association, and the success to which he has attained is due to his own natural and acquired ability, and his industry and faithfulness. The confidence reposed in him has never been misplaced, and the high esteem which is accorded him in both the business and fraternal circles in which he moves is what is sure to follow in the wake of sterling worth.

**S**AMUEL A. FRENCH.—As long as the world exists will the institution of Freemasonry continue to thrive and spread its beneficent influence broadcast over the universe, rendering invaluable assistance in elevating the standard of manhood and advancing the cause of humanity. Its power for good is incalculable, penetrating as it does into all the civilized countries and enrolling under its banner men whose earnest purpose to better the world's condition is unswerving. It is no wonder that such an organization should have the support and good will of all intelligent men, who should strive to uphold its teachings by setting the example in their own lives, thus showing to others the beauties of the principles on which it is founded.

One of the oldest and most prominent Masons in Chicago is Mr. Samuel A. French, who has done so much to advance the interests of the brotherhood not only in this city but also throughout the state of Illinois. His labors have been given freely and out of his love for the work, and he richly deserves the warm place he holds today in the heart of every Mason in the Garden City. Mr. French's connection with the fraternity dates back over forty years. In 1855 he passed the degrees in the blue lodge, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Nunda Lodge, No. 169, which was conferred upon him at a meeting held in the farm-house of Horace Burton in McHenry county, Illinois. He is at present affiliated with Windsor Park Lodge, No. 836, which he organized in the spring

of 1893, serving as its first Master under dispensation, and later was elected to the same office, which he filled for eighteen months. About 1857 he helped to organize a lodge at Algonquin, Illinois,—No. 190,—of which he was Master until 1868, when he moved to Elgin and organized Monitor Lodge, No. 522. He served as Master of this lodge for three or four years, during which time he organized Bethel Commandery, No. 36, at Elgin, and was its first Commander, in which capacity he remained for three years. Mr. French was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Loyal L. Munn Chapter at Elgin, Illinois, in 1869, and the same year was created a Knight in Sycamore Commandery at Sycamore, Illinois. In 1872 he came to Chicago and became affiliated with St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in which he at present holds his membership. He is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, Chicago, and was a member of the Iroquois Club for a number of years. Mr. French is a faithful worker in the fraternity, and, as has been shown by his record, has accomplished a great deal in promoting the prosperity of the society and helping on the good work.

Mr. French is a native of New York state, where he was born April 8, 1832. His early education was received in the public schools, and this was supplemented by a course of study at the University in Jackson, Michigan. After leaving school he engaged in mercantile pursuits, which he carried on in this state until 1875, when he began the study of law, and after being properly qualified was admitted to the bar. He has continued to follow that profession, in which he has been most successful, and to-day he stands foremost among the lawyers of Chicago. His long experience in the practice of law has given him an extensive knowledge of its workings in all the details, and those who seek his services do so feeling confident that their interests will be looked after in a conscientious and competent manner. Although well along in life, Mr. French's brain is as active as ever, and

quick to grasp the legal aspects of a case and to take advantage of them. He is an enthusiastic wheelman and during the summer months uses that mode of conveyance in preference to riding or driving, and receives considerable benefit from the exercise.

Mr. French was married in 1853 to Miss Elizabeth Skillman, and they have one son, Garrie S., who is in the real-estate and loan business in Chicago, also a Past Master of Windsor Park Lodge, No. 836, and a veteran in St. Bernard Drill Corps, and a member of Arab Patrol Mystic Shrine.

**F**RANK RIEDLE.—Masonry, it is said, existed "from the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." A great many give the statement that it originated at the building of Solomon's temple full credence. Be that as it may, there is no doubting the good that it has worked among the enlightened nations of the world in the past, nor the good it will continue to accomplish in the time to come. Men who study its teachings cannot help but be impressed with the grand precepts advanced by its laws. The subject of this review became an Entered Apprentice, received the degree of Fellow-craft, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Apollo Lodge, No. 642, in 1870; he was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2; was made a Royal and Select Master of Palestine Council, No. 66; was created a Knight Templar in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52, and received the ineffable degree in the Oriental Consistory of the Scottish Rite. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple. He has never sought office in any of the bodies but has been content to work in the ranks of the fraternity.

For nearly half a century Mr. Riedle has been a resident of Chicago. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, December 23, 1847, he was brought to Chicago by his parents in 1850, at the age of three years. They

were obliged to travel by water at that time, as there was not a railroad to the city. Mr. Riedle received a liberal education during his youth, attending the public schools and later taking a business course at Eastman's Business College in Chicago, a branch of Poughkeepsie, New York, at which he was graduated in 1865. While at college he took a private course in German. Mr. Riedle early saw the advantages that a good education would give him and he bent all his energies toward securing one. After leaving college he entered into a mercantile life, obtaining a position as clerk and book-keeper, which he held for several years. Desiring to begin business for himself, he went to Schererville, Indiana, and started a brick-yard, with which he continued for two years. He next took up the profession of civil engineering and returned to Chicago once more, where he helped survey both the South parks, the Seventy-fifth street and Eighty-seventh street ditches, Stoney Island avenue and State street from Sixty-third to Ninety-second streets, and the whole town of Cicero.

Mr. Riedle next turned his attention to real estate, and became associated with Enos Ayres, one of the oldest men in that line in Chicago. He remained with him for a few years and then engaged in the same business for himself and has continued in that business most successfully up to the present time, a period of twenty-five years. His office is located at the corner of Thirty-first and State streets, where he does a general real-estate and insurance business. Socially he is a member of a number of organizations and German orders. In 1868 he was married to Miss Caroline Gunther, a native of Hanover, Germany, and they have two daughters, Cora and Florence.

During the twenty-five years that Mr. Riedle has been identified with the real-estate business he has proven himself to be a man of integrity, upon whose given word thorough reliance may be placed. His methods are open and above-board, and all who have done business with him speak of him in the highest terms.

**T**HOMAS HAMER STOKES, Eminent Commander of Constantine Commandery, No. 51, K. T., at Lincoln, Illinois, was initiated and passed July 9, 1883, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Lincoln Lodge, No. 210, August 13, 1883; exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Lincoln Chapter, No. 147, September 22, 1885, and created a Knight Templar in Constantine Commandery, No. 51, stationed at Lincoln, Illinois, April 29, 1889. His constancy and zeal have won the recognition of his brethren of the craft who have shown their appreciation of his services by electing him to various official positions. In the lodge he has served as Secretary, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master, in the chapter as Secretary, Captain of the Host, Scribe and King, and in the commandery as Recorder, Warder, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Captain-General, Generalissimo, Eminent Commander, filling the last named position at the time of this writing, in 1897. He has a very thorough knowledge of the ritual and his kindness of heart is in harmony with the principles which constitute Freemasonry.

Mr. Stokes was born near Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio, on the 28th of March, 1848. His father, Benjamin Atkinson Stokes, was born in New Jersey, September 3, 1812, of English and Welsh parentage, emigrating to Ohio in 1817, where he was married in 1840 to Miss Maria L. Mulford, a native of his own state. For more than half a century he has been a prominent and influential citizen of Warren county, identified with numerous enterprises, in the development of its resources; but agriculture has engaged his principal attention. They had a family of ten children, eight of whom are still living. Mrs. Stokes passed away December 27, 1894, at the age of seventy-three.

The subject of this sketch obtained his education in the district school, with a year each at the Ohio National Normal at Lebanon, and Antioch College at Yellow Springs. He came to Illinois and located at Lincoln,

August 29, 1868, and taught school two years, one of which as principal of one of the ward schools of that city. He afterward engaged in clerking, and on the first of January, 1880, purchased the Lincoln Times and successfully continued its publication until 1896, making it one of the leading country newspapers in central Illinois, and an able exponent of Democracy, the principles and tenets of which have had his hearty endorsement and support. He was enrolling and engrossing clerk in the house of the Illinois legislature in 1885 and gained a wide acquaintance among the most prominent members of his party throughout the state. He has attended all the state and national Democratic conventions since 1880, and in 1892 was the presidential elector from his district, casting his vote for Grover Cleveland for president and Adlai E. Stevenson for vice-president. He was appointed to the position of postmaster in 1894 and is now acceptably filling that office, with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the patrons. He has introduced many radical and needed reforms in the conduct and affairs of the office, and is credited with having one of the best equipped and most commodious offices in the state. He well understands the duties of the position and is painstaking and conscientious in their discharge.

Mr. Stokes is a staunch adherent of sound-money principles, attended the first conference of sound-money Democrats in Illinois, and was active in the organization of the National Democratic party. His political faith is epitomized in the Indianapolis platform of 1896, and during the campaign of that year his best efforts were put forth to stay the tide of populism, socialism and anarchy. He is unfaltering in his support of what he believes to be right, has the courage of his convictions, and neither fear nor favor sway him from his course.

Mr. Stokes was married in 1871 to Miss Mary M. Larison, of Lincoln, Illinois, and they had three children, but on the 18th of July, 1888, they had the misfortune to lose their son Carroll, a bright and promising

boy, whose death, when twelve years of age, was occasioned by a fall from a horse. Their surviving children are Mabel and Walter R. They have a delightful home in the city of Lincoln and enjoy the esteem of a host of friends.

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**S** T. WEBBER, an enterprising business man of Chicago and a resident of that city, was born at Harrisburg, Saline county, Illinois, on the 2d day of January, 1859. Although a busy man he has found time to advance himself to a high degree of Masonry, as the following brief record will show:

He is a member of Auburn Park Lodge, No. 789, A. F. & A. M.; Auburn Park Chapter, No. 201, R. A. M.; St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, K. T.; Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree, Valley of Chicago; and Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., all of which are located in Chicago.

Besides, he is a member of Auburn Park Lodge, No. 505, I. O. O. F., and of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 266, K. of P., of Chicago.

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**L** ORIN OTIS HOWARD, Secretary of Clarke Chapter, No. 29, R. A. M., at Beardstown, was initiated into the mysteries of the grandest fraternal body in the world in Cass Lodge, No. 23, Beardstown, Illinois, receiving the Master Mason's degree December 17, 1894; exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Clarke Chapter, No. 29, on the 6th day of March, 1895; and was created a Sir Knight Templar in Rushville Commandery, No. 56, K. T., at Rushville, Illinois, June 6, 1895. In the blue lodge he has served as Senior Deacon, in the chapter as Principal Sojourner, and is now serving his second term as its Secretary. He is a zealous and appreciative student of the rich resources of the history of Freemasonry, and delights in conforming his life to the obligations imposed upon him as a brother.

He was born in Ottawa, Illinois, Sep-



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tember 21, 1870, and is from an old English family who were colonial settlers of New England. His great-grandfather Howard served as a soldier in our Revolutionary war with Great Britain. His father, Winslow Howard, is a native of the state of New Jersey, and is a Master Mason. Mr. Howard, the subject of this sketch, is cashier of the local freight office of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at Beardstown. He and Mrs. Howard, his wife, are valued members of the Congregational church, have two children, and enjoy the high esteem of the citizens of their community.

**C**ARL ALBERT HELMLE, of Springfield, had conferred upon him the initiatory degrees in the blue lodge of Freemasonry about 1876, after which time he was closely identified with the order, became well versed in its laws and usages, and has always been a faithful adherent to its tenets and precepts, maintaining a high standard of moral principles and extending a generous consideration to his fellow men. Mr. Helmle was made a Master Mason in Tyrian Lodge, No. 333, at Springfield, in 1877; was exalted to the Royal Arch degrees in Springfield Chapter, No. 1; was constituted a Sir Knight in Elmwood Commandery, No. 6, and in 1883 had the honorable distinction of attaining the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite, Oriental Consistory, in company with that hero of the Civil war, General John A. Logan.

Mr. Helmle was a native of Germany, born in Karlsruhe, Baden, September 10, 1827. In 1849 he came to the United States, and on account of ill health spent the greater part of his time traveling in the west and studying the country. In 1854 he located in Springfield and entered upon a business career that was marked by honest endeavors and a strict adherence to the best principles in life. For a number of years previous to his death he conducted a general store and his integrity of character and honorable methods gained for him the con-

fidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. He held a number of local offices in the city, and gave valuable assistance to educational and charitable institutions, and was in every way a loyal, progressive and public-spirited citizen.

In 1853 Mr. Helmle was married to Miss Marie Flesche, and seven children have been born to them: Ernest H.; Marie, who is the wife of Herman Pierik; Albert H., a resident of Springfield; Ida, who married L. C. Herman, a member of the fraternity living in St. Louis, Missouri, and August, Franz and Emma. Carl Albert Helmle died January 27, 1897.

Ernst Hubert Helmle, the eldest son of our subject, was born November 3, 1853, is second vice-president of the Springfield Marine Bank, and is a zealous Mason. He was initiated in Tyrian Lodge, No. 333, in 1882; in October of that year he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Springfield Chapter, No. 1; in November received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Springfield Council, No. 2; was knighted in Elmwood Commandery, No. 6, in December, and was elected Recorder in the same month; and on October 8, 1884, attained the several grades in Oriental Consistory of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Chicago. He still retains his membership in all these bodies. In his lodge he has served as Junior and Senior Warden; was Worshipful Master during the years 1884-5; Treasurer of the commandery for a number of years, and in 1896 was Eminent Commander.

**R**EUBEN NEAL LAWRENCE, D. D. S., Lincoln.—In spite of all the suspicion raised against Freemasonry by rejected men and other unappreciative unbelievers, most men of brains seek to enter through the gates into the celestial city built by artistic Masons, to behold and admire, study and understand, commit to memory and practice the principles illustrated by the architecture within its walls.

The expense and time required are counted as nothing compared with the reward.

Dr. Lawrance, one of these men, entered this beautiful moral city in 1859, in Wayne Lodge, No. 172, in Illinois. In 1864 he received the capitular degrees in Goodbroke Chapter, No. 39, at Clinton, this state; was greeted a Royal and Select Master, and also created and dubbed a Sir Knight Templar, at Holly Springs, Mississippi. His present Masonic affiliations are with Logan Lodge, No. 210, Lincoln Chapter, No. 47, Lincoln Council, and Constantine Commandery, No. 51. Of Holly Springs Lodge, No. 35, he served as Worshipful Master one year, was High Priest of Holly Springs Chapter a year, Thrice Illustrious Master of Holly Springs Council one year, Captain-General of Holly Springs Commandery two years, Eminent Commander of Constantine Commandery here at Lincoln in 1883, Prelate of that commandery sixteen years and Captain of the Host of Lincoln Chapter, No. 47. Dr. Lawrance is well known to be apt and thorough in the work of the degrees, appreciative of their importance, and his life is a good illustration of the beneficent principles of fraternal union taught in that peculiar college.

Dr. Lawrance was born near Lincoln, in Logan county, July 13, 1839, and early during the last war, August 16, 1861, entered the service of his country, as a private, in Company F, Thirty-eighth Illinois Infantry. His faithful service and undaunted bravery earned him promotions as corporal, sergeant-major, first lieutenant of his company and quartermaster of his regiment. He participated in the siege of Corinth, in May, 1862, in the battles at Champion Hills, the same year, Knob Gap, Tennessee, in December, 1862, and Stone River, Tennessee, the same month, in the last of which he was severely wounded in the face. Afterward he was engaged in the battles at Liberty Gap, Tennessee, in June, 1863, and in September following in the noted battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, in which he was wounded in the thigh. After

that he was in the Atlanta campaign, in 1864, the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, in November of that year, and in the battle of Nashville the next month. He was not mustered out until March 20, 1866, being in the army four years and eight months. Sherman's army, however, of which he was a member, was mustered out in 1865, but he was detained on staff duty in New Orleans and Texas.

The Doctor was an artist when he entered the army, with his uncle, and after his discharge from the service began the study of dentistry, at the Ohio College in Cincinnati, where he graduated in 1867, and he began practice at Atlanta, Illinois. In 1868 he moved to Holly Springs, Mississippi, where he engaged in dentistry until the outbreak of the yellow-fever panic in 1878, when he came to Lincoln, which has ever since been the place of his residence and the scene of his operations. From July 1, 1886, under Governor Oglesby's administration, to Altgeld's inauguration in January, 1893, he was a member of the state board of examiners in dental surgery, of which board he was president for four years. Also he had been United States inspector and supervisor of registration and election in Mississippi at the time of the election of R. B. Hayes as president of the United States, when a most delicate situation existed and when but the smallest spark might have precipitated the nation into a fiercer war than that of the great Rebellion.

Dr. Lawrance is a consistent member of the Episcopal church, of which he has been warden for sixteen years. He was married in May, 1868, to Miss Mary Cool, in Highland county, Ohio, and they have two children.

**CAIRO DARIUS TRIMBLE.**—Thirty-three years encompass the period of Mr. Trimble's allegiance to the Masonic order, than whom there is no more loyal or enthusiastic member living in the state of Illinois. Faithful to the teachings of the



blue lodge, and to the principles that have made this the grandest society ever formed by man for the benefit of humanity, he has watched the steady growth of a fraternal spirit throughout the country, not in an idle or passive manner, but by assisting its progress and onward march in every way possible and giving to it the best energies of which his nature is capable.

Mr. Trimble dates his connection with the craft from May 10, 1864, when he was made a Master Mason in Bureau Lodge, No. 112, at Princeton, Illinois, from which he was advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry and was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in Princeton Chapter, No. 28, on November 29, 1866, receiving the degrees of Royal and Select Masters on December 15, following in Orion Council, No. 8, and attaining the orders of Knighthood in Temple Commandery, No. 20, on January 14, 1867. Upon moving to Ottawa Mr. Trimble obtained a dimit from those bodies and placed his membership in Occidental Lodge, No. 40, Shabbona Chapter, No. 37, Oriental Council, No. 63, and Ottawa Commandery, No. 10. While in Princeton he was elected Secretary of Bureau Lodge, No. 112, and has served as Eminent Commander of both Temple and Ottawa Commanderies, at present being Past Grand Commander of those bodies in the Grand Commandery of Illinois. The chairs to which Mr. Trimble has been called have been filled with intelligence and fidelity, and our brother richly deserves the high consideration and confidence in which he is held by his *confreres*.

The city of Wilmington, Ohio, marks the place of Mr. Trimble's birth, which occurred there on July 18, 1829. Upon taking up his residence in Princeton, Illinois, he attended the public and high schools of that place, supplementing the start thus obtained by a course of study at Eureka College. Most of his youth was spent on a farm, and after leaving college he took up the vocation of teacher, following that until failing health compelled him to return to the farm, which he did in the

year 1855. He remained on the farm until the fall of 1860, when he was appointed deputy clerk of the circuit court, and then subsequently was elected clerk of the county court of Bureau county. In his politics he is a staunch Republican, and has held the offices of deputy clerk of the circuit court, clerk of the county court, clerk of the appellate court for the second district, and clerk of the supreme court of the northern grand division of Illinois, discharging the duties of those positions with ability, and to the eminent satisfaction of his party and the public. At the close of his term as clerk of the supreme court, in the year 1880, he engaged in the manufacture of glass at Ottawa, in which he continued until the fall of 1894. In March, 1896, Mr. Trimble became the editor and publisher of the Ottawa Journal, one of the leading newspapers of the state, and has continued as such with his usual application and untiring energy.

On March 27, 1856, was celebrated, at Princeton, Illinois, the marriage of Mr. Trimble and Miss Clara A. Dwight, of Belchertown, Massachusetts. They have had the following named children: George M., born November 7, 1857; Clara E., born December 29, 1862; and Fannie M., born September 10, 1865. Mr. Trimble is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife enjoy the warm regard of their hosts of friends.

**C** B. MORROW, a successful business man of Chicago, is one of the leading and influential members of Thomas J. Turner Lodge, No. 409, A. F. & A. M. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1893, since which time he has been most zealous in preserving and protecting the ancient landmarks of the craft, has been active in the practical working of the order and has for three years acceptably served as Secretary of the lodge. The degrees of capitular Masonry were conferred upon him in Washington Chapter, No. 42; and he was dubbed and created a Sir

Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, K. T. He yet continues his connection with these organizations, and faithfully follows the teachings of the blue lodge and chapter and observes the vows of knighthood.

Mr. Morrow was born in Rochester, New York, on the 5th of October, 1857, and was reared in the Empire state. His business training was in the line of mercantile pursuits and from his youth he has been dependent upon his own resources, so that the success he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own efforts. He came to Chicago about 1883 and has been a resident of the city continuously since. For the past three years he has been engaged in the manufacture of display fixtures. The importance of this business is little estimated. Viewing results one scarcely stops to think of causes that produced them, yet a careful consideration of the subject at once shows us that an important part of the business of mercantile life is the attractive display that can be made of the goods. It is often this more than the persuasion of a salesman that creates the demand, and thoroughly understanding this, Mr. Morrow has given his attention and energies to the manufacture of display fixtures. In this line he has built up a good trade and receives patronage from some of the largest houses of the city, also has a large business created by the demand for his products in smaller towns. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man, energetic and enterprising, and his careful management and well-directed efforts have brought to him a merited prosperity.

**H**ENSON ROBINSON.—The gentleman whose name introduces this biographical review is one who has long figured prominently as a business man of Springfield, Illinois, and who has been intimately associated with the Masonic fraternity for about twenty-seven years. All these years he has led an honorable and upright life, in strict conformity to the

teaching of Masonry, and has a character that is above reproach. His career, briefly reviewed, is as follows:

Henson Robinson was born in Xenia, Greene county, Ohio, March 14, 1839, and there learned the tinner's trade in his youth. In 1858 he came west to Illinois, landing at Springfield, July 1, and here he has since maintained his home. His first year in Springfield was spent in attending school. Then he worked as a journeyman at his trade until March 13, 1861, when he engaged in business for himself under the firm name of Henson Robinson Company, beginning without means and working his way up until he gained a footing with the leading business men of the city. He deals in stoves and house-furnishing goods of a kindred character, and manufactures galvanized iron cornice and fronts, for some years past employing from twenty-five to thirty men and doing an annual business of sixty thousand dollars. Thus from a poor journeyman tinner has Mr. Robinson climbed the ladder of success until to-day he is at the head of the largest establishment of its kind in the city of Springfield.

He was married in this city, May 8, 1861, to Miss Henrietta M. Keyes, daughter of James W. Keyes, who located here as early as 1831. Mr. Keyes was an honored Mason, a member of Springfield Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M. To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson three children were given, two daughters and a son, namely: Lydia M., Margaret H. and Charles Henson. Death entered the family circle August 11, 1895, and bore away the eldest child, Lydia M., whose early departure cast a gloom over the home and the social circle of which she was an ornament. She was an accomplished and charming young lady, loved most dearly by those who knew her best, and was in the prime of bright womanhood and usefulness when she was summoned home. Her Christian character has left its impression wherever she went.

Mr. Robinson as a citizen has always shown himself to be public-spirited and enterprising, interested in all that pertains to

the welfare of his city and country and ready to lend his support to any measure or movement intended, in his opinion, for their good. Frequently he has been honored with positions of local prominence and trust. He served three terms on the Springfield board of supervisors; several years was a member of the board of education, one year as its chairman; was one of the projectors and builders of the Citizens' Street Railroad, of which company he served five or six years as treasurer; and in 1878 and 1879 he was treasurer of the Sangamon County Agricultural Society. In 1878 he was a candidate on the National Temperance ticket for the office of mayor in opposition to both the old political parties, and was beaten by only one hundred and twenty-one votes.

Turning now to the Masonic record of Mr. Robinson, we find that he was made a Master Mason in Springfield Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M., and ever since that date has filled either an elective or appointive office in the lodge, for the past twenty-two years serving as its Treasurer. Also for twenty-two years he has been Treasurer of Springfield Chapter, No. 1. He is a member of Springfield Council, No. 2, and Elwood Commandery, No. 6, in the latter of which he served six years as Treasurer; and has a membership in Oriental Consistory, of Chicago. From the beginning of the organization of the Masons' Orphans' Home in Chicago he took a deep interest in the enterprise and was elected one of its first trustees. His name is engraved on the tablet that adorns the hall of the Home. Thus has his connection with these Masonic bodies been long and intimate. He loves the order and loves the society of Masons, and by his true, unselfish, loyal life has made himself worthy of the confidence and high esteem the brotherhood has conferred upon him.

Mr. Robinson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has been a trustee of the church organization to which he belongs for over twenty-eight years.

**T**HOMAS SCOTT AND SAMUEL YATES BALDWIN, of Quincy, have not only been prominent in Masonic circles of their home city but have also achieved world-renowned fame as daring aeronauts, and the history of their career, as well as their Masonic record, will without doubt prove of great interest to our readers. Their ancestors were English who in the mother country belonged to the nobility, a fac-simile of the coat of arms being at the present time in the possession of the Baldwin family. Dr. Samuel Yates Baldwin, the father of our subjects, was a native of



Syracuse, New York, and when a young man came to Illinois, where he was married, in the city of Wilmington, to Miss Elizabeth Jane Sibathan. He was a gentleman of considerable education, having been graduated in both the professions of law and medicine, and naturally became a valuable acquisition to the state in which he had taken up his abode. He was a man of influence and ability, a leading Democrat and a warm personal friend of Senator Stephen A. Douglas and other prominent

members of his party in Illinois at that time, and on one occasion was a candidate for congress. He accumulated considerable property, but the failure of his health obliged him to seek a change of climate and he went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, in a vain hope of recuperating his physical powers, as his death occurred in that city in 1865. His wife and four children survived him and the former made every effort to preserve the property, but without avail. Meeting with repeated adversity her health and spirits were broken and in 1876 she passed away from all earthly sorrows. The children were left in comparatively poor circumstances, but the two youths, both of whom were bright and energetic, at once sought employment and began to earn their living by delivering the Herald to its patrons and later lit the lamps of the city. Subsequently, notwithstanding the fact that so far as they were aware there had never been any athletes among their ancestors, they discovered that they possessed talent in that direction, which they quickly developed and soon after secured an engagement with a traveling show as acrobats and trapeze performers. They became associated with the Great Eastern Circus and followed the fascinating life of the ring for some time, but while in Texas the combination failed and Messrs. Baldwin were turned adrift with but little money and less prospect of obtaining any more.

Reduced to straightened circumstances they finally conceived the idea of giving street exhibitions of tight-rope walking, taking up a collection at the conclusion of each entertainment from those who had witnessed their deeds of daring and feats of strength and agility, and in this manner added considerably to their store of worldly goods. The great possibilities connected with balloon ascensions next occurred to them and they spent some time studying the subject from a scientific standpoint, which resulted in their inventing the parachute, and to them is due the credit of making the first successful descent from a balloon in that manner. This novel method

of dropping to the earth from an altitude of several thousand feet attracted universal attention and their fame quickly spread, not only through the United States, but even all over the world. They traversed the globe twice, giving their wonderful exhibitions in all the principal cities and before the crowned heads of Europe, many of whom they met personally. While they were in London, England, making an ascension before the Prince of Wales, T. S. Baldwin performed the remarkable feat of rising to the height of a mile and descending by parachute to the exact spot from which he had ascended. After attaining the greatest possible renown in the countries of Europe, the brothers returned to the United States, and, coming to Quincy, gave an exhibition from what is now known as Baldwin's Park, as they have since become its owners. A vast concourse of people assembled from all the adjacent cities, towns and villages, and the citizens of Quincy were so pleased with the performance that they had made a large gold badge, valued at four hundred and fifty dollars, besides raising a purse of a similar amount, which were presented with a neat speech by Judge Carter, of the supreme court. In connection with the monetary success of Messrs. Baldwin, it may be interesting to know that they frequently received one thousand, one thousand five hundred, and sometimes three thousand dollars for a single ascension, as a result of which they have accumulated a comfortable fortune, with the added pleasure of having seen the greater part of the world.

Deciding to locate in the city of their nativity, the brothers purchased thirty-three acres of land—Baldwin's Park—in which are located a handsome, commodious hotel and other large buildings for the accommodation of school picnics and exercises of every description, the league baseball grounds, a half-mile race-track, and a pretty lake. One of the most unique attractions is the large captive balloon, which has a capacity of one hundred and five thousand cubic feet, is ninety feet in height, and has an ascension power of seven

thousand pounds. It carries twenty passengers, and when it is anchored at a great altitude a magnificent view can be had of Quincy and the surrounding country as far as the eye can reach. The construction and methods of operating the balloon cannot be given in detail, but it is sufficient to say that it is a scientific wonder and the result of the brothers' own genius. They conduct a balloon and parachute manufactory and are capable of producing everything necessary in that line. They have demonstrated their business acumen by being the originators of balloon advertising, and they have made four hundred and fifty ascensions, and remarkable as it may seem, have never met with an accident.

Samuel Yates Baldwin, the elder of the two, was born in Decatur, Illinois, on October 14, 1855, soon after which he was brought to Quincy by his parents and here obtained his education in the public schools. He was made a Mason in Bodley Lodge, No. 1, in 1892, was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, March 29, received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Quincy Council, No. 15, August 8, 1896, and was created a Sir Knight in Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, November 11, 1892. He is a member of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias and staunch supporter of the Democratic party. He has charge of the manufacturing department of the balloon business with which he is connected. In 1878 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Wheeler, of Quincy, and they have had four children, namely: Charles, who was accidentally drowned in his fourteenth year, Samuel Y., Jr., Florence, Carrie and Emogene.

Thomas Scott Baldwin was born in Quincy on June 30, 1858, and for a while attended the public schools of his native city. He became an Entered Apprentice in Strand Lodge, No. 1987, at London, England, in 1887, and took the degrees of Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Bodley Lodge, No. 1, in 1891. He was exalted a

Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, March 29, 1892, was created a Sir Knight in Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, on November 17, and attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Quincy Consistory February 24, 1891. As a member of the fraternity Mr. Baldwin found it most pleasant, during his travels twice around the world, to meet wherever he went other *fratres*, who always extended to him their friendship and the hospitality of their homes.

While Mr. Baldwin is the inventor of parachutes without ribs and the originator of parachute descensions in the world, strange to say he has a book on balloons published by a Thomas Baldwin in 1785.

Mr. Baldwin was married in 1887 to Miss Carrie Pool, of Quincy, the result of this union being one son, Thomas A., who is now six years of age. In politics Mr. Baldwin is a Democrat. He is one of the popular and public-spirited citizens of Quincy, and is in charge of the entertainments at Baldwin Park.

**L** T. HOY.—That the local Masonic bodies are in a flourishing and prosperous condition is largely due to the energy and progressiveness of such brothers as he whose name heads this review. Faithful to every principle incorporated in the laws of the society, he has been a worthy *frater*, and has filled many responsible offices with credit and ability. Mr. Hoy was made a Master Mason in St. Mark's Lodge, No. 63, at Woodstock, Illinois, in 1888, was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Woodstock Chapter, No. 36, and was created a Sir Knight in Calvary Commandery, No. 25, in the same year. He has been honored with the chairs of Worshipful Master, Master of the Third Veil, Eminent Commander for two years, and was Deputy District Grand Master of the fourth district, serving as such for two terms.

Mr. Hoy was born in McHenry county, Illinois, October 28, 1850, and is the son of M. D. and Catherine M. (Alberty) Hoy,

the former of whom is a native of New York, coming to this county in 1844. He has been a prominent merchant and banker of Woodstock for many years, Mrs. Hoy was born in New York, her death occurring in 1862. Our subject was one of seven children and was reared and educated in the public and high schools of Woodstock. When eighteen years old he entered the employ of a drug firm, with which he remained for three years and then embarked in business for himself, and as the result of his energy, perseverance and honorable methods, he has become one of the most prosperous and successful druggists in the city. He has built up a large trade and numbers among his patrons the best people of Woodstock.

In his party affiliations Mr. Hoy is a staunch Republican, and has filled several local offices. He has been a delegate to the congressional and state conventions, and has served as chairman of the Republican county central committee for the past six years, treasurer of the city council, county supervisor for eight years, and was one of the officers of the Agricultural Fair Association. He has been active in all lines of party work, and has rendered invaluable assistance during the campaigns.

Our subject was married in 1875 to Miss Anna A. Vandebogert, at Palmyra, New York, and they have two sons: Clinton L., at present a student in the Chicago University; and Eugene R., who is attending the University of Wisconsin. During their long residence in Woodstock Mr. and Mrs. Hoy have gained a large number of warm personal friends, who hold them in high esteem.

**HENRY OSTERMAN**, a Royal Arch Mason of Chicago, has been identified with the fraternity since 1890, in which year he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Thomas J. Turner Lodge, No. 409, A. F. & A. M. He passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He has al-

ways been active and faithful in the work of the order, and in 1896 was honored by the brethren by being chosen Worshipful Master. He served most acceptably in that position, laboring earnestly for the interests of the society. He is not only well versed in the work of the lodge-room but also follows the humanitarian principles which recognize the brotherhood of the race and extend the helping hand to the needy. In 1892 he took the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126.

Mr. Osterman has spent his entire life in the two chief cities of the nation. He was born in New York, on the 21st of July, 1863, but when four years of age was brought by his parents to Chicago, where he was reared to manhood. He obtained his education in the public-schools and when he laid aside his text-books entered upon his business career to make his own way in the world. For some time he has been employed as agent and collector and has been very successful in that capacity.

On the 9th of March, 1884, Mr. Osterman was united in marriage to Miss Emma Boeber, who was born in Buffalo, New York. They have two children, a son and daughter.

**GEORGE BESORE**, a miller at Urbana, is an exemplary Mason who fills the office of Treasurer in three bodies of Masonry—Urbana Lodge, No. 157, Urbana Chapter, No. 80, and Urbana Commandery, No. 16, and besides he is a member of Urbana Council, No. 19, R. & S. M. He attended the triennial conclave of Knights Templar at Denver, and in many ways has he exhibited his interest in the cause of that order which has had a more glorious history than any other in the world.

Mr. Besore was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1832, educated in the public schools and came to Urbana in 1866 and engaged in contracting for building until 1876, when he entered the

lumber business, which he carried on until 1895. He then bought the mill which he now owns and runs. He is a faithful business man and a useful citizen, interested in the public welfare. He has been city alderman for several years, was a member of the school board, is a director of the public library, a director of the Building & Loan Association, vice-president of both these institutions and is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian church.

**A**RTHUR G. JACKSON, a popular and enterprising dealer in dry goods and shoes at Mount Carroll, Illinois, has been identified with Masonry during the past decade and in this time has frequently been honored with official positions by his brother Masons. The three degrees of blue Masonry were conferred upon him by Vienna Lodge, No. 150, on the evenings of December 19, 1885, and January 27 and February 16, 1886. December 7, 1886, he was elected Secretary of the lodge, and served as such two years, following which he was elected to and served in the offices of Senior Deacon, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master, in all of which he rendered impressive and highly appreciated work. He joined Vienna Chapter, No. 67, R. A. M., in 1895, receiving the degree of Mark Master, May 21, the Past Master and Most Excellent Master, May 27, and the Royal Arch, June 3. Later he changed his membership from Vienna Lodge to Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, with which he has been affiliated since July 3, 1894; and his chapter membership has since September 20, 1895, been with Lanark Chapter. Both Mr. Jackson and his wife have threaded the labyrinth of the Eastern Star and are acceptable members of this order at Mount Carroll, Mrs. Jackson being one of its officers. While a resident of Vienna Mr. Jackson served as Worthy Patron of the Star.

Turning now for brief mention of some of the salient points in his life aside from those connected with his Masonic history,

we find that Mr. Jackson was born in Vienna, Illinois, July 1, 1863, son of Samuel and Frances P. (Bain) Jackson, both natives of the town of Vienna, where for many years Samuel Jackson has been engaged in merchandising and dealing in agricultural implements. He and his wife have reared eight children and their family circle has never been broken by death. Religiously, the parents are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Arthur G. Jackson, the second born in



this family, grew up in his native town, and the education which he received in its public schools was supplemented by a course in the Normal School at Carbondale. When a boy of only twelve years he began assisting his father in the store, early became familiar with the various details of the business, has continued in this line ever since and has proven himself a successful merchant. He was for eight years in business for himself at Vienna, during that time also having the agency for the American and Adams express companies, and since February, 1892, has been conducting

his present store at Mount Carroll, where he carries a large and well assorted stock of dry goods and boots and shoes.

Mr. Jackson was married in 1887 to Miss D. May Copeland, a native of Old Caledonia, Illinois. Their happy union has been blessed with a son and daughter, Arthur C. and Margaret C.

In his political views Mr. Jackson is a staunch Republican.

**D**R. J. M. WILCOX, physician and surgeon at Clinton, has taken an active interest in the Masonic fraternity ever since he saw the inner light. His initiation was in Cavanaugh Lodge, No. 36, and he now affiliates with De Witt Lodge, No. 84. The Royal Arch degrees were conferred upon him in Goodbrake Chapter, No. 69, with which he still affiliates; and the Knight Templar degrees were conferred upon him in Clinton Commandery, No. 66, to which body he yet belongs and of which he has been Eminent Commander. He is also a member of the order of Knights of Pythias.

Dr. Wilcox was born at Elizabeth, Illinois, October 3, 1846, and graduated at the University of Wisconsin and at the German-English Normal School. Afterward he taught school four years in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was principal of the schools at Elizabeth for a time. In medicine he graduated in the medical department of the Northwestern University, March 4, 1879. Then he was located at Kenney for a few months, and in 1880 came to Clinton, where he has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his favorite profession. He is a member of the De Witt County Medical Society, the Central Illinois Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. He is the district surgeon for the Illinois Central Railroad Company. Of the city he has been alderman and president of the school board for a number of years. He is intimate with the financial standing of the community, having been

vice-president and one of the directors of the Clinton State Bank ever since its organization.

**F**E. HOBERG, attorney at law, Peru, Illinois, is a "high" Mason, enthusiastic, appreciative and well posted. Among the offices he has held in the order are those of Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 13, High Priest of Peru Chapter, No. 60, R. A. M., Thrice Illustrious Master of Peru Council, No. 12, R. & S. M., and Eminent Commander of St. John Commandery, No. 26, Knights Templar,—all of Peru. The council degrees, however, he received in Oriental Council, No. 63. In the Grand Council of the state he is Grand Captain of the Guard. He is also a member of Amaranth Chapter, No. 296, Order of the Eastern Star, of Peru. He is a member of the committee on condition of the rite and representative of the Grand Council in Kansas.

In religion he is a Lutheran and in politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Hoberg is a native of the city of which he is still a resident, born December 29, 1862, and at the age of fifteen years began life in commercial business, in Peru, and after seven years' experience in this line he commenced the study of law, under the instruction of H. M. Gallagher, Esq., and was admitted to the bar, September 22, 1887. Shortly afterward he opened an office here and has ever since been successfully engaged in the practice of his favorite profession. He is now serving his ninth year as city attorney and member of the board of education. He has also held the offices of city clerk, town clerk and supervisor, etc.

In 1888 he was united in marriage with Miss Anna R. Knapp and he now has five children.

**W**ILLIAM BOLDENWECK.—To the German stock that has taken up its abode in our midst is America indebted for



many of this country's enterprises, which have been given an impetus by the Teuton's intelligent appreciation of existing conditions and his ability for directing affairs of a material nature along secure lines of endeavor. Representatives of the fatherland have found here unrivaled opportunities to develop and bring into practical operation their native talent for conducting extensive enterprises and bring to a successful conclusion any undertaking with which they may become allied. They are among our most patriotic citizens, loyally uphold our national institutions, and as the possessors of official preferment and in many other ways they demonstrate their unalterable allegiance to the flag of their adopted country. The subject of this review has for a number of years been prominently identified with the business and political interests of the city of Chicago, where, by his unswerving integrity and honorable methods in all his dealings, he has gained the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens, and it is such men as Mr. Boldenweck that the order of Freemasonry welcomes into her temple, knowing that he will adhere to, and value the principles and teachings of, the time-honored craft.

Mr. Boldenweck was elected an Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Golden Rule Lodge, No. 726, in 1896; he was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in York Chapter, No. 148, R. A. M., and is a worthy follower of capitular Masonry, which in its symbolic teachings illustrates the beautiful and impressive legends of the past. He received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, wherein he attained the thirty-second degree and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. Upon accomplishing a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert he was elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. His manifest honesty of purpose in all the relations of life and his earnest and zealous adherence to the pre-

cepts and tenets of the order have secured to him a marked popularity in the local bodies, for he has ever been true to himself as both a man and a Mason.

The birth of Mr. Boldenweck occurred in the German empire, on the 9th of August, 1851, and when but three years old his parents emigrated with him to the United States, subsequently locating in Chicago, where, in the month following their arrival, both the father and mother succumbed to the cholera, which was at that time raging with such fatality. The intellectual discipline of Mr. Boldenweck was obtained in the public schools of Chicago, which he attended until thirteen years old, at that age being apprenticed to the tin-smith trade. He was alert and ambitious, however, and later became a bookkeeper, eventually engaging in the cut-stone and contracting business, which he followed until his retirement, in 1887. He also dealt to some extent in real estate and mortgages and his business career has been such as to greatly redound to his honor as well as to the credit of the city he has chosen as his home and field of successful endeavor.

A man of more than ordinary executive ability and intrinsic worth, Mr. Boldenweck has frequently been called upon to occupy positions of trust and responsibility, and he has shown the same fidelity, careful consideration of details and integrity that distinguished his business career and made it the success it was. He had the distinct honor of being the first and only mayor ever elected in the city of Lake View; he has been a member of the board of education, and is serving his second term as one of the drainage trustees; he was appointed by Mayor Cregier as one of the organizers of the World's Columbian Exposition. Mr. Boldenweck brought to these offices a high degree of intelligence and accomplished the discharge of the duties pertaining thereto in a most efficient and satisfactory manner.

The marriage of Mr. Boldenweck was celebrated on the 25th of March, 1873, when he was united to Miss Adelheid G. Samme, a native of Chicago and a most

estimable woman, whose many excellent qualities of mind and character have endeared her to a host of friends.

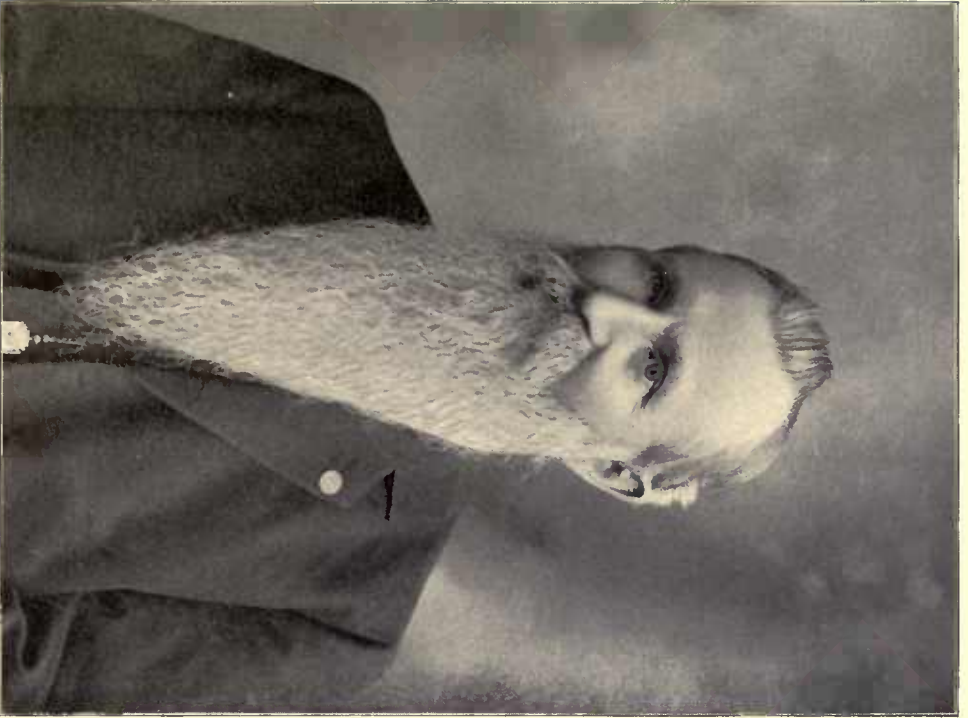
**J**OSEPH HARRISON COLLINS DILL. —The laudable object of Freemasonry naturally appeals to every man whose soul is possessed of a love for his Heavenly Father, a warm affection for his fellow men and a sincere respect for honesty and integrity. To attain a perfect condition of brotherhood and an ideal state of existence is perhaps a dream that will never be realized as long as sordid selfishness and the bitter struggle for supremacy continue, but the efforts of the fraternity are slowly merging in that direction, and none can tell to what heights of human happiness it may yet soar. Certain it is that those who are giving it the benefit of their aid merit the gratitude of their fellow beings in their endeavors to place humanity upon the highest pinnacle of earthly peace and contentment.

Among the worthy members of the order in Illinois who have given unmistakable evidence of their great interest and faith in the craft is Mr. Dill, who for thirty-one years has devoted his energies to the cause of the local bodies with which he is affiliated. He was initiated in Heyworth Lodge, No. 251, on December 20, 1866, passed February 23, 1867, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 30. In this lodge he was Senior Warden during the year 1875, and was its Worshipful Master in 1876 and 1877. He was exalted to a Royal Arch Mason in Goodbrake Chapter, No. 59, at Clinton, Illinois, August 25, 1881; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters on May 4, 1882; and was constituted a Sir Knight in De Molay Commandery, No. 24, K. T., on March 12, 1883. He attained the degrees in the Scottish Rite bodies, from the fourth to the thirty-second, on April 13, 14 and 15, 1896, and was District Deputy Grand Master of the fifteenth district for the years 1882-3-4-5, was Deputy Grand Lecturer

from 1881 to 1893, and is the present Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, having been elected to that office on October 4, 1893. His adherency to the Masonic Veteran Association dates from October 4, 1894, and he is a member of Sherman Post, No. 146, Grand Army of the Republic, which he joined September 23, 1885. Mr. Dill's relations with his *fratres* have been of the most pleasant nature, his generous disposition and kindness of heart endearing him to every one who has the pleasure of his acquaintance. His conduct is based on the theory that if one desires friends he must first show himself friendly, that it is better to say good things of the living than of them when they are gone, and that one should bring a smile to the faces of those he loves rather than a tear or frown. The best way to serve God is to serve well our fellow man.

Mr. Dill was born July 24, 1836, at Haddonfield, Camden county, New Jersey, his parents being Jacob S. and Mary Dill. They were a most admirable couple, and their good example and words of admonition made a lasting impression on our subject and influenced his entire career. He attended school at Haddonfield, where his studies were few and his advantages very limited. It was his early ambition to be dependent on no one, but to make his own way in the world, and with this object in view he left his home in November, 1851, and obtained a position as clerk in the store of A. C. Clement, in Haddonfield. Subsequently he went to Philadelphia, and on April 14, 1855, began clerking for the firm of Curwen Stoddart & Brother, with which he remained until March, 1858. On April 21 he left Philadelphia and came to Jasper county, Illinois, and there on the wild prairies, which were then in their pristine condition, he commenced the life of a pioneer farmer.

During the war of the Rebellion Mr. Dill performed brave and meritorious service on the field of battle. He enlisted in Company I, Sixty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, on December 1, 1861, was mustered



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in as second lieutenant April 10, 1862, promoted as first lieutenant November 22, 1863, and to the rank of captain June 15, 1865. His regiment was attached to the Fifteenth Army Corps, commanded by General John A. Logan, and was in the sieges of Vicksburg and Atlanta and the battles of Missionary Ridge, Savannah, Bentonville and a number of smaller engagements. He was with Sherman's army a greater part of the time, and was with that famous general in his celebrated march to the sea.

In 1866 Mr. Dill moved to Heyworth and engaged in buying and shipping grain. The following year he went into the hardware business, to which he later added groceries, and continued in that vocation until 1881, when he was appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer, after which most of his time was occupied in lecturing lodges. In 1884 he moved to Bloomington and has made this city his home ever since. He was township collector in 1870 and census enumerator in 1880.

Mr. Dill was married on April 14, 1858, at Philadelphia, to Miss Anna Massey Kimber, and they have had three children, of whom the following record is given: Ellwood Walter, born October 15, 1859, and died in New Mexico March 13, 1893; Joseph Harrison Collins, Jr., born October 20, 1861, died in Chicago, May 31, 1892; and Charles Dudley Hendry, born and died September 8, 1867.

The ideas of God and religion possessed by our subject were largely obtained from the example of a good mother and his early associations with the Society of Friends. He believes in the mercy and goodness of the Supreme Being, who will reward the good deeds of man in another world, the entrance to which is through the portals of what we call death. He is an upright citizen and a credit to the community in which he lives.

**W**ILLIAM BRYAN CARLOCK, of Bloomington, is one of the prominent Masons of central Illinois and one in

whose life has been exemplified the teachings of this ancient and honored order. A fit subject for biographical honors, his life history is turned to by the writer with no little degree of satisfaction.

William Bryan Carlock was born March 15, 1842, in White Oak Grove, Woodford county, Illinois. His father, Abraham W. Carlock, was born in West Virginia, in the year 1800, and was of German parentage, while his mother was of English and Scotch-Irish extraction. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, received his early education in the common schools and taught district schools with marked success. He entered upon his collegiate course at the age of twenty, and graduated with the highest honors of his class at Lombard University, Galesburg, Illinois, June, 1867. He entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and completed the full law course of that widely renowned institution in the spring of 1869. In his school life he was a close and faithful student, a forceful and argumentative debater in the lyceum and generally master of all questions and problems presented him for inquiry. His examinations in the lecture room and for admission to the bar showed the highest attainments in the several branches of the law. In the year 1870 he was admitted to practice, after a course of study in the office of the then well-known firm of Williams & Burr.

His advance in his profession has been rapid, marked with honesty, ability and energy, and to-day he stands in the front ranks of the McLean county bar, with a large clientage and a lucrative law and loaning business. As a speaker he is enthusiastic, logical and convincing, and has conducted with success the trials of many important cases, two of which were for murder. He is noted for accuracy and thoroughness in his brief work and for being systematic in the arrangement and preparation of his cases for the consideration of the court or jury. He is a good German scholar and has shown high attainments as a German speaker, having ac-

quired that language at the age of twenty-five, and these acquirements have contributed in no small degree to his success. He has made choice and profitable investments in real estate and owns some fine farms in Illinois, a large tract of land in South Dakota, besides valuable real estate in the city where he resides.

Mr. Carlock is a man of family. October 6, 1870, was consummated his marriage to Miss Missouri McCart, an attractive and accomplished young lady. To them two promising sons have been given, Leslie Bryan and William Clifton, both now grown to manhood. Leslie Bryan is now associated with his father in business, and, like him, has made considerable advancement in Masonry, having taken all the degrees in the York Rite, except those of the Commandery.

In religion Mr. Carlock is a pronounced Unitarian and for a number of years was one of the trustees of the Unitarian church of Bloomington.

Politically he is a staunch Democrat, though not a bitter partisan, and has always manifested a reasonable independence in casting his vote. He has been a hard political worker and is influential with the common people.

Having thus briefly touched upon some of the salient points in his history, we now revert to that part of his life which has to do with Masonry. He was created a Master Mason on the 18th of September, 1888, taking all of his blue-lodge degrees in Mozart German Lodge, No. 656. He was twice elected Worshipful Master of this lodge and with credit to himself conferred the degrees in conformity to the German standard work, corresponding to the English standard. It is said of Mr. Carlock that he is one of the best posted Masons in the state of Illinois, in the ritualism and history of the order, in both English and German. He has taken all the degrees in Masonry in the York Rite, and all except the thirty-third degree in the Scottish Rite. Twice he has been elected High Priest of Bloomington Chapter, No. 26, R. A. M.; was four

times elected Thrice Illustrious Master of Bloomington Council, No. 43, Royal and Select Masters, and was appointed by Grand Master Lord, Deputy in Charge of the Fifth Arch, and re-appointed by Grand Master Gross to the same office. On October 27, 1897, he was appointed Grand Marshal of the Grand Council by S. O. Spring, Grand Master, and he has, besides holding these offices, served on some important committees in that body. Three times he was chosen Junior Warden of De Molay Commandery, No. 24, and at present is the Senior Warden of the same. He received the degree of the Order of High Priesthood in the Grand Council of Illinois, on October 24, 1895. He was conducted through the labyrinth of the Order of the Eastern Star in Bloomington Chapter, No. 50, on February 3, 1891. In the latter he held the office of Worthy Patron for the years 1892 and 1893. He was appointed by the Grand Chapter, at its meeting in Chicago in 1894, as a member of the committee to draft, reform and systemize the constitution and by-laws for the government of that body. After much careful work the committee submitted its report, which was adopted, and the constitution and by-laws as prepared were published.

At the Grand Chapter meeting in Peoria, October 15, 1896, he was elected as its Associate Grand Patron, and on October 7, 1897, he was elected Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter. He was appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer by Grand Master Goddard, on November 13, 1894, and again reappointed to the same office by Grand Master Scott, on October 10, 1895. He was constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine May 29, 1895, in Mohammed Temple, at Peoria. He is a faithful, correct and energetic worker in all Masonic bodies and orders to which he belongs, and he is a constant reader of Masonic literature. He holds Masonic principles as near and dear to his heart as the teachings of his church, and in contact with the world and his fellow men he has endeavored to adhere strictly to the tenets of the Mason's

profession, namely, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth." He loves his fellow men, takes pleasure in the society of Masons, and is ever ready and willing to help a worthy brother Mason in seeking knowledge or aid. Mr. Carlock is wide-awake in all his undertakings, is a cultured gentleman, honorable in all his dealings, courteous and affable with all, charitable in all worthy matters and popular with all classes, and has an extensive acquaintance throughout central Illinois.

**G**EORGE STUART is a brother who understands the purpose of Freemasonry and the obligations it imposes upon the brotherhood in all its bearings, and has always endeavored to live up to the full requirements. He was elected an Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft degree, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, in 1895, and in the same year attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago. He is also a member of the social branch of Masonry, being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple. Mr. Stuart is a zealous, painstaking *frater*, genial and companionable, and is popular in the bodies with which he is affiliated.

Mr. Stuart's native home is Canada, where he was born April 10, 1856. He was raised on a farm until fifteen years of age, attending the district schools when the opportunity presented itself, and thus acquired his education. He subsequently started out to win a place for himself in the world and learned the milling business, which industry he has continued to follow. In 1879 he was appointed superintendent of the American Cereal Company, and has dispatched the duties devolving upon that office in a commendable and capable manner. His position in life is the result of industry, application, honesty of purpose and a strict integrity of character, which qualities have aroused the strongest feelings of confidence and regard in those with whom

he is associated, in business as well as in his social life.

The marriage of Mr. Stuart to Miss Ellen Shane was celebrated October 14, 1877. Mrs. Stuart is, like her husband, a native of Canada. Six children have been born to them, two sons and four daughters.

**C**HARLES S. SEAVER.—The sum total of human happiness lies in the contentment of the soul, a social unity of mankind, and an entire absence of all selfish and vain ambitions and desires which cause in their gratification a bitter struggle for supremacy. The attainment of this mental and moral condition has been the all-absorbing object of Freemasonry, and as the years speed by and are lost in the abyss of the past, the goal aimed at approaches nearer and nearer until the hands of time shall point to its perfect consummation. One of the worthy and industrious members of the craft in Joliet, Illinois, is Charles S. Seaver, who has been prominently identified with the local bodies of that city for some years past, during which time he has been thoroughly in sympathy with the tenets of the order, and by his kindly consideration and manly qualities has won the warm regard of his brothers, who honor him for his intrinsic worth and his many excellent traits of character.

Mr. Seaver was initiated and made a Master Mason in Matteson Lodge, No. 175, was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Joliet Chapter, No. 27, received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Joliet Council, No. 82, was created a Sir Knight in Joliet Commandery, No. 4, and attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory at Chicago. He is also a member of the social branch of Masonry, being a Noble in the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple.

The birth of Mr. Seaver occurred in Glover, Orleans county, Vermont, August 17, 1853. His youth was spent on a farm, performing the work incident to such a life

and attending the public schools of Glover. When he was fourteen years old the family removed to Coventry, Vermont, where our subject lived until he was eighteen years of age, when his parents died. He then secured a position in a lumber mill, where he remained for five years. Next he went to Coaticooke, Canada, and in 1878 embarked in the grocery business, which he carried on for three years and a half, at the end of that time going to Chicago, where he remained for about a year. In 1882 he came to Joliet and bought out the firm of George Monroe & Son, retail grocers, and conducted the store for four years. He then became associated with George H. Monroe, and they established a wholesale flour, fruit and produce business, which they managed until 1886, when Mr. Seaver purchased the interest of his partner and continued alone until January 1, 1897, when he added a wholesale grocery department and incorporated a stock company.

Mr. Seaver is a self-made man in the broadest sense of the word, starting out in life with no other capital but a pair of stout arms and firm determination to make a place for himself in the world. His success, although gradual, is now assured, and is due entirely to his unaided efforts and personal worth.

In 1874 Mr. Seaver was united in wedlock to Miss Ella A. Parker, a native of Vermont, and they have one daughter, Maud E. Mr. Seaver is a member of the Union Club, and he and his family attend the Episcopal church.

**E**DMUND BUCKINGHAM, an active and appreciative member of the Masonic fraternity in Chicago, has from the time of his initiation held in high regard the principles of the order and has, to the best of his ability, so governed his life as to conform with its tenets and precepts. Following his election as an Entered Apprentice, Mr. Buckingham passed the Fellowship and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Mizpah Lodge, No.

768; was advanced to the Royal Arch degrees of capitular Masonry in Delta Chapter, No. 191, received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Temple Council, No. 65, and the orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him in Englewood Commandery, No. 59. He is an earnest Mason, an energetic worker in the bodies with which he is affiliated, and enjoys the good will and friendly consideration of his *fratres*.

Edmund Buckingham is a native of England, his birth having taken place in that country in 1859, and there he was reared, attending the public schools until he was seventeen years old, when, in 1876, he decided to try his fortunes in the United States and embarked for this country, subsequently locating in Chicago. Here he secured employment with the firm of Swift & Company, at the Stock Yards, and has continued with them until the present time, giving such faithful, capable service that he was promoted to the position of foreman, of which he is the present incumbent.

In 1893 Mr. Buckingham was united in marriage to Miss Lillian R. Archer, also a native of England, and they have two children,—Dora Gertrude and Florence Lillian.

**H**ENRY ADAM HUEFFNER, a zealous and enthusiastic Mason living in Virginia, where he has done much to increase the prosperity of the local bodies, was initiated in Virginia Lodge, No. 544, on November 17, 1893, passed January 6, 1894, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 3. He was exalted to the august degrees of the Royal Arch Mason in Clarke Chapter, No. 29, at Beardstown, April 24, 1895, and was created a Sir Knight in Hospitaler Commandery, No. 31, at Jacksonsville, Illinois, in the same year. In 1896, having accomplished a successful pilgrimage across the burning sands of the desert, he became a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, holding his membership in Mohammed Temple, at Peoria. In his lodge he has served as



Junior Warden and in that capacity rendered most valuable and efficient service.

A native of Germany, Mr. Hueffner was born in Neun Kirchen, Baden, on August 1, 1844, and when five years old came to the United States and located at St. Louis, Missouri, with his parents, Peter J. and Christina (Kumpf) Hueffner. His father was by vocation a whip-manufacturer, and attained the venerable age of eighty-one years, having been preceded to the land of eternal rest by his wife while in her forty-fifth year. They were both devout mem-



bers of the Evangelical church, and were the parents of three children, two of whom now survive. Our subject was educated in the public schools of St. Louis, Missouri, subsequently entering upon his business career in a mercantile establishment, but for the past twenty years he has been prominently engaged in milling, and is the proprietor of the Virginia Rolling Mills, besides which he owns the mill at Petersburg, Illinois. Mr. Hueffner possesses an active mentality and a progressive nature, and as a natural consequence of this combination

he has invented several improvements in connection with milling and the manufacture of the new-process flour, one of them being called Hueffner's Wave Corrugation, which is of great value to the trade and is in general use throughout the country. He is engaged in its manufacture at Columbus, Ohio, and at Dubuque, Iowa. Mr. Hueffner has a registered trademark, consisting of three bars, one red, one white and one blue, and the brands of flour made by him are called "Belle of Virginia," "Perfect Straight" and "Extra Fancy," each and every sack turned out at his mill being guaranteed high-grade goods. He also manufactures choice white purified corn meal and mill feed of all kinds. One of the peculiar and interesting features in regard to Mr. Hueffner's milling career is the fact that he never had any experience in that line before establishing the mill at Palmer, Illinois, but naturally acquired a knowledge of the business without any previous instruction; and to-day, by his own genius and by personal application, he has become one of the most expert and scientific millers in the country, and has succeeded in establishing an extensive and prosperous trade. In addition to other talents, Mr. Hueffner is very much of a philosopher, and has printed on his business cards some valuable hints in prose and verse, which may be read to advantage by both old and young. He is independent in politics, but takes a deep interest in educational matters and is a valuable member of the board of education. In his religion he adheres to the doctrines of the Evangelical church, and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In 1886 he was married to Miss Mina Faudi, of St. Louis, Missouri, and the following five children have come to bless their home: Minnie, now the wife of John Leigh; Lizzie, who married A. M. Boyd; and Arthur, Rosie and Beulah, who are pursuing their studies at school. Mr. Hueffner possesses the high esteem and kind regards of all with whom he comes in contact.

**W**ILLIAM JOHN JACKSON, of Chicago, local freight agent for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company, has been identified with the Masonic fraternity since 1881, when he took the initiatory degree of Entered Apprentice in Zetland Lodge, No. 326, at Toronto, Canada. He passed the Fellow-craft degree, and on the 28th of October was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. His association with capitular Masonry came through his membership in Englewood Chapter, in which he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason November 28, 1894. In December of the same year he took the degrees of chivalric Mason in Englewood Commandery, with which he is still affiliated. He has dimitted, however, from the lodge and chapter to which he first belonged and is now a member of Normal Park Lodge, No. 797, A. F. & A. M., while among the companions of Normal Park Chapter, No. 210, he is numbered. He became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, April 26, 1895, his membership being in Medinah Temple. Mr. Jackson is also a valued member of the Royal League, Royal Arcanum and Columbian Knights, and his pleasant, genial manner, and his character and genuine worth make him a favorite wherever he goes.

Mr. Jackson was born in Toronto, Canada, December 28, 1859, and is a son of John and Jane (Gracey) Jackson. The greater part of his boyhood was passed in the public school of his native city, and in 1875 he was graduated at the Normal School of Toronto. Since nineteen years of age he has been engaged in railroad service. He began as machinist's assistant in the shops of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company at Toronto, filling that position during 1877 and until April, 1878. From May to December of the latter year he acted as freight handler, and from December, 1878, until December, 1881, he was a clerk in the freight office of the same road at Toronto. In January, 1882, he was appointed chief claim clerk for the Chicago & Grand Trunk

at Chicago, serving thus until August, 1885, when he became general freight foreman. From November, 1890, until August, 1891, he was assistant agent for the same company, but at the latter date severed his connection with that road and became assistant local freight agent of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, serving until January, 1896, when he became local freight agent to succeed E. P. Boughton, who had been appointed general superintendent. The history of his rise from a very humble position to his present place of great responsibility is unmistakable evidence of his ability, his fidelity to duty, his skillful service and his faithfulness to the trusts committed to his care. He is a man of splendid business and executive ability, quick in dispatch, of sound judgment and unquestioned probity, and his success in the affairs of life is well merited. He was elected secretary of the National Association of Local Freight Agents' Association, in June, 1896.

On the 28th of August, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Jackson and Miss Eliza Jane Preston, daughter of the late David Preston, of Montreal, Canada, who was formerly with the Canadian Pacific Railroad system at Toronto. Their children are Anne May, born in Chicago January 27, 1887; Edna Gracey, born February 19, 1891; Emma Isabel, born January 28, 1894; and Robert Arnold, born November 27, 1896.

**J**OHAN B. CANFIELD, cashier, Chicago. —Although the study of the elaborate system of Freemasonry may at first absorb the thought or much of the time of the novice by its entrancing nature, all the principles inculcated by the system are conducive to perfection in business habits and to prosperity in business generally, as well as his advancement in social qualities. The young gentleman who constitutes the subject of this brief sketch has made a good start in life by connecting himself with an order so ennobling. He was received, passed and raised in Landmark Lodge, No.

422, A. F. & A. M., in 1894; exalted to the sublime degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Fairview Chapter, No. 161, R. A. M., and received the chivalric degrees in Mont-joie Commandery, No. 53, K. T., the same year, and in 1896 the cryptic degrees in Palestine Council, No. 66, R. & S. M.,—all of Chicago; and with all these bodies he is now connected. In 1896 he was Master of the First Veil in the Royal Arch Chapter, and now holds the position of Captain of the Host. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which he joined in 1895. Thus he is making a thorough and clean "sweep" through all the channels of this order of many functions, to obtain therefrom all the good that he is able to, and thus promises to be ever a faithful and appreciative "brother of the mystic tie."

Mr. Canfield was born in Utica, New York, June 15, 1872, and when about one year of age was taken east by his parents in their emigration to Chelsea, Massachusetts, where they resided for about eight years. They then moved to Brooklyn, New York, and resided there nearly ten years, when, in 1890, they came to Chicago. Young Canfield, therefore, received his education in the schools of Chelsea and Brooklyn, and since his arrival in this city he has been engaged in bookkeeping, for which his qualifications eminently fit him. Besides the Masonic relations already noted, Mr. Canfield is also a member of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution, and in his religious connections he is a member of St. Paul's church, Universalist, of which his father, the Rev. A. J. Canfield, D. D., has been pastor for a number of years.

**J**OHAN H. SANBORN.—Forty years ago the brother whose name initiates this review was first received into the temple of Freemasonry, since which time he has loyally concurred in all the obligations imposed by the order and has assumed the duties of various offices, which he fulfilled with efficiency, fidelity and circumspection,

thereby earning the eternal gratitude and warm regard of all his brothers. Mr. Sanborn had the sublime degree of a Master Mason conferred upon him in Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, on December 4, 1858; he was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Freeport Chapter, No. 23, in 1862, and has been a worthy follower of capitular Masonry, studying therein the beautiful legends of the past; he passed the circle of cryptic Masonry in Siloam Council, No. 53; and the orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, in 1872. In the chapter he has filled the office of High Priest with intelligence and ability, and in 1877 he was elected Eminent Commander of his commandery, in evidence of the appreciation of his fellow Sir Knights.

The city of Attica, New York, was the scene of Mr. Sanborn's birth, which occurred the 30th of July, 1834, and there he remained until six years old, when he moved with his parents to Illinois, locating in McHenry county, this state. His youth was spent on the paternal homestead, alternating his time between working on the farm and attending the district schools, where his early education was obtained. His natural inclinations having a trend toward machinery and mechanical construction, he determined to adopt some calling that would give him an opportunity to make the best use of his talents, and with this object in view, in 1853 he went to Chicago and there learned engineering, since which time his life has been occupied in filling the requirements of that vocation. He commenced his active career as locomotive engineer on the old Galena & Chicago Railroad, continuing with the same until 1864, when it was absorbed by the Northwestern, with which he remained until 1881. From that time up to 1887 he was engaged in running stationary engines in various large buildings in the city. In 1887 he was appointed assistant engineer in the west-side water works. In 1895 he was appointed chief engineer of the west-side pumping works, and has continued to

fill that position to the present time, discharging the responsible duties incumbent upon him with a faithfulness and intelligence that have won for him the highest encomiums.

On July 16, 1856, Mr. Sanborn celebrated his marriage to Miss Mary Colford in Dixon, Illinois, and the following four children have been the issue of this union: John G.; Joseph W.; Ella, who married Em. Sir Joseph H. Macauley; and Ida M., a graduate of the Bennett Medical College.

**S**AMUEL AYERS.—The subject of this review is identified with the several bodies of Masonry, having advanced to the distinguished rank implied in receiving the crown as Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, representing the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. His allegiance to the imperial institution has been one of devotion and constant interest, and he is honored and esteemed in the fraternity, even as he is in commercial circles as one of the successful and substantial live-stock commissioners of the western metropolis. Mr. Ayers became an Entered Apprentice in Mizpah Lodge, No. 768, A. F. & A. M., in 1884, and in due time was made Master Mason in the same. In 1886 he was exalted to the Royal Arch in Delta Chapter, No. 191, and within the same year passed the cryptic degrees in Temple Council, No. 65, in which he was greeted Select Master. Advancing further to gain the chivalric honors, in 1890 he received the orders of knighthood, being created a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templar. In 1892 he received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite and attained the thirty-second degree, as already noted, while in November of the same year he was successful in that desert pilgrimage which entitles him to position as a Noble in Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. In the Scottish Rite he is a member of Oriental Consistory, in the Valley of Chicago.

Samuel Ayers is a native of the old Em-

pire state, having been born in Ulster county, New York, on the 14th of February, 1848, the son of Rev. Samuel B. and Sarah (Roy) Ayers, who removed to Illinois when our subject was ten years of age, taking up their residence in Menard county, where Samuel was reared and educated. Samuel B. Ayers was an early graduate of Princeton College and preached for the Presbyterian church for a period of nearly fifty years. Thoroughly loyal and patriotic, the youth gave distinctive evidence of these exalted attributes when the nation was threatened by armed rebellion, and though but sixteen years of age he enlisted in Company H, of the One Hundred and Forty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in the spring of 1864, and remained in the service until the close of the war.

Mr. Ayers has been a resident of Chicago since 1875 and has become prominently concerned in her industrial life, having at once engaged in the live-stock commission business and having continued consecutively in this line of operation until the present time, his efforts having been attended with gratifying success. Aside from his Masonic affiliations he is a member of Lincoln Post, No. 91, Grand Army of the Republic, and is identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics he espouses the cause of the Republican party, being a staunch supporter of its principles and policies.

In 1874, at Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Ayers was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hamilton, and they became the parents of five children, of all of whom they have been deprived by death.

**L**J. HAMMEL, who occupied the honored position of Worshipful Master of Pleiades Lodge, No. 478, F. & A. M., of Chicago, in 1896, is a native of this city and was reared and educated here, the date of his birth being February 9, 1861. To the public schools of Chicago and to Bryant and Stratton's Business College he is indebted for his educational training, he



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having spent one year in the last named institution. On completing his commercial course he accepted a position as office boy in the banking establishment of Gerhard Foreman, and from that place worked his way up to the position of receiving and paying teller in the bank, where he spent six years. From banking he turned to merchandising, engaging in the dry-goods business on his own account for a few years. For the past seven years he has devoted his energies to the real-estate, renting and loan business, under the firm name of Hammel & Lang, with office in the Times building, and in this enterprise has met with signal success.

Mr. Hammel was married September 22, 1885, to Miss Salamea Voltz, and they have an interesting family of five children, whose names in order of birth are as follows: Jacob D., Freda, Erna, Selma and George E.

Mr. Hammel's father was a prominent Mason, a charter member of Herder Lodge, No. 669, of which he at one time served as Master; and from his father our subject early received favorable impressions of Masonry. He was initiated into the mysteries of the blue lodge March 17, 1892, in which he has filled several offices, including that of Worshipful Master. He is a member of Wiley M. Egan Chapter and Chicago Commandery, No. 19, K. T., and official preferment in these organizations has also been conferred upon him in recognition of his fidelity and ability, he being now Principal Sojourner in the chapter and Warder in the commandery.

**J**AMES RALPH MAGUIRE, of Lewistown, is a member of the ancient and honored fraternity and is prominent in its work as a true craftsman, proving himself worthy and well qualified in every station to which he has been called and ever evincing that fervency and zeal which characterizes the intelligent and loyal Freemason. In December, 1893, he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in

Lewistown Lodge, No. 104, and the sublime and beneficent principles of the order awakening his heartiest admiration he at once became an active worker. He filled the office of Senior Deacon by appointment, was elected and served as Senior Warden, and in the present year, 1897, is the Worshipful Master of the lodge. He has completely mastered the ritual, takes great delight in the work and is an able officer who in the discharge of his duties manifests the utmost fidelity and devotion. He has the fullest confidence and esteem of his brethren, and the society is meeting with renewed prosperity under his management.

Dr. Maguire is a native of the state of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Macomb, McDonough county, on the 28th of November, 1868. His father, Edward Maguire, was a prominent early settler and farmer of that county and married Miss Ellen Harris, daughter of Dr. Ralph Harris, a pioneer physician of Macomb as well as one of the first and most prominent Masons of that part of the state. The Doctor's parents reared a family of six children and are still living in McDonough county, which has been their home for more than forty years. They are prominent and valued members of the Presbyterian church and take an active part in its work.

The Doctor acquired his literary education in the public schools of his native county, and determining to make the practice of dentistry his life work he went to Chicago, where he entered the College of Dental Surgery, graduating on the completion of the regular course with the class of 1890. Removing then to Valparaiso, Indiana, he practiced his profession for a year and a half in that city, after which he came to Lewistown. Since October, 1891, he has represented the dental fraternity in this city and has met with marked success in his undertaking. He has a well-appointed suite of rooms, fitted up with all the accessories and most improved appliances for the most superior workmanship, and his ability in his profession is most

marked and widely acknowledged. He has secured a very liberal patronage, which yields to him a good return, and in professional circles he has won an enviable place.

In 1892 Dr. Maguire was united in marriage to Miss Lyda Diefenbaugh, a native of Valparaiso, Indiana. They are both members of the Presbyterian church and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them, their many excellencies of character securing them friends among the best people of their adopted city. The Doctor is a Republican in politics and always supports the party by his ballot, but is never an aspirant for political honors, preferring to devote his time and attention to his professional duties and to the enjoyment of his home and social relations.

**R**OBERT BURNS WILSON.—Floating on the breezes in every village, town and city of Illinois are the banners of Masonry, and following these emblems of "charity toward all and malice toward none" are thousands of men of resolute purpose, high character and noble resolve, who exemplify in their lives the beneficent teachings of the fraternity that has grown stronger and stronger with the passing years until its force is felt as one of the most powerful influences for good that is known to the world. Unrestricted by race, locality, political belief or social caste, it welcomes to its altars all who wish to keep abreast with the general advancement of the times, and lend their aid and influence to the betterment of mankind. Numerically strong, but stronger still in its record of good deeds, is the Masonic fraternity of Chicago. Its lodges are scattered throughout this great metropolis, each exercising for good, and uniting in closer and kindlier ties of interest those whom possibly political, religious or business life might tend to drive apart. Mr. Wilson, whose name introduces this article, is a worthy exemplar of Chicago's Masons. He was received as an Entered Apprentice of Harlem Lodge, No. 540, in 1891, passed the Fellow-craft de-

gree, and on the 30th of June was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. In December, 1895, he was honored by his brethren of the craft by being chosen Worshipful Master, and in that position he has proven himself an efficient, active and popular officer. He is also connected with capitular and chivalric Masonry through his membership in Cicero Chapter and Siloam Commandery.

Mr. Wilson is a native of Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, born on the 23d of February, 1857. The same year he was taken by his parents to Illinois, the family locating in Freeport, where he was reared, educated and began his business career. Entering the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, he continued with that corporation for one year, and in 1875 accepted a position at Freeport with the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, with which he has since been connected. In 1882 he was transferred to Chicago and became assistant ticket agent at the Wells street depot. He has proved a very efficient and popular ticket agent, for in manner he is ever courteous and attentive, and his gentlemanly demeanor has won him high favor with the traveling public. He has the confidence of his superior officers and well merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

In 1886 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Eva Grace Hubbard, a native of Wheaton, Illinois, and moved to Austin, Illinois, which place has since been their home. He and his wife are both interested and valued members of Austin Chapter, No. 180, Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs. Wilson being Worthy Matron and Mr. Wilson Secretary at the present time, 1897.

**J**OSEPH B. BURTT, who is practicing law at the Chicago bar, is one of the more recent additions to the Masonic fraternity, his connection herewith dating from 1894, but among the worthy and loyal followers of the society he is numbered. He petitioned for and was elected to membership on the 10th of May, 1894, was



initiated as an Entered Apprentice of Thomas J. Turner Lodge, No. 409, A. F. & A. M., and having passed the Fellow-craft degree was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The following year he took the degrees of capitular Masonry in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, R. A. M., and received the grades and orders of chivalric Masonry in October, 1896, being dubbed and created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1. In the same month he was also made a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. Such in brief is the history of his connection with Masonry; but real Masonry is of the spirit,—the exemplification of its principles in the lives of its followers, and in this regard Mr. Burttt stands among the most worthy representatives of the ancient fraternity.

Mr. Burttt is a native of the neighboring state of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Utica, Clark county, on the 4th of December, 1862. The days of his boyhood were passed there, and to the school system of Utica he is indebted for his early educational privileges. He afterward pursued a classical course in the literary department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated in June, 1888. His professional course was pursued in the law department of the same institution and after his graduation in law, in 1889, he came to Chicago, where he entered upon the active practice of his chosen calling. He was admitted to the bar before the supreme court of Michigan in May, 1889, and by the supreme court of Illinois in October of the same year. He is a man of broad general learning as well as of special knowledge, and this fact contributes largely to his success at the bar, where information concerning almost every subject is being continually called into requisition. He has secured a liberal clientage and has been connected with some important litigation. The trusts committed to his care are as dear to him as his own interests, and he is especially painstaking and reliable in the preparation of cases.

In addition to his affiliation with the Masonic fraternity, Mr. Burttt is a member of Lakeside Lodge, No. 230, Knights of Pythias. He married Miss Anna H. Gurney, who was born in Shardon, Ohio, but was a resident of Hart, Oceana county, Michigan, at the time of their marriage, which was celebrated on the 26th of March, 1890. They have one son, John Gurney Burttt.

CHARLES ROGERS LAME, deceased, belonged to that worthy army of Masons who are promoting all that is true and pure and good among mankind and waging a warfare on sin and selfishness. He understood fully the mission of the fraternity and exemplified in his upright life its noble principles. He studied closely its history, learned of the beautiful and impressive truths which have come down to us from past ages and sought in his daily life to live up to the ideal brotherhood which forms the basic element of the order. His identification with Masonry covered a long period. He joined Pittsfield Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M., and from the first was one of its active and faithful members, filling with ability many official positions to which he was called by his brethren who recognized his loyalty and ability. He served as Secretary of the blue lodge and also filled the office of Treasurer. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Union Chapter, No. 10, of Pittsfield, filled most of its offices, including that of King, and was a valued companion of the order. He passed the circle of cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Royal and Select Master in M. J. Noyes Council, and was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Delta Commandery, of Clayton, Illinois. He loyally upheld the beauseant and was one of the charter members of Ascalon Commandery, No. 49, K. T., of Pittsfield, serving efficiently and acceptably for many years as its Recorder. His Masonic brethren held him in the highest re-

gard, for his virtues as a man and a Mason were many.

Mr. Lame was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 27, 1820, and was reared and educated there. He married Elizabeth R. Whortenbey in that city, and in 1836 came to Alton, Illinois. Afterward, however, he returned to the east and did not again take up his residence in Pike county, Illinois, until 1842. He remained near Barry for two years, and in 1846 came to Pittsfield, where he continued to make his home until his death. He was an important factor in the substantial development of the city and extensively engaged in contracting and building. Thoroughly understanding his business in every detail and thus capable of superintending those whom he employed, honorable in all his dealings and faithfully living up to all his contracts, he secured a liberal patronage and on all sides stand monuments to his skill and ability in the shape of fine residence and business blocks in Pittsfield.

Mr. Lame was long a stanch supporter of the Republican party and was always well informed on the questions of the day. He was a lover of liberty and hated oppression in every form, and before the war strongly opposed the extension of slavery into the free territory. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist and assisted materially in the building of the first house of worship of that denomination in Pittsfield. He was public-spirited and progressive, doing all in his power for the advancement of the city and the promotion of the public welfare.

In 1885 Mr. Lame was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who had been a faithful companion and helpmeet on life's journey for many years. They had ten children, seven of whom are living. Mr. Lame departed this life on the 10th of April, 1897, and was buried with Templar honors by the Knights of Ascalon Commandery, with whom he had long been associated and by whom he was highly honored. Over the record of his life there falls no shadow of wrong. He was straightforward

and honorable in all business relations, true to all the duties of public and private life and upright at all times.

**C**HARLES EDGAR LAME, son of Charles R. Lame, is a Knight Templar Mason whose deep interest in the fraternity is manifest by a worthy exemplification of its principles. The period of his identification with the order covers nearly a quarter of a century, the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason having been conferred upon him in Pittsfield Lodge, No. 56, in 1873. He has served as Junior Deacon and Steward of the blue lodge for a number of years, and is now Tyler of all the bodies of Masonry in his city. He took the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Union Chapter, No. 10, of Pittsfield, wherein he has served as Master of all the Veils. He passed the circle of cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Royal and Select Master of M. J. Noyes Council. His affiliation with chivalric Masonry dates from 1891, when he was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Ascalon Commandery, No. 49, of Pittsfield. He has served as its Warden and is a worthy follower of the beauseant, a faithful companion of the chapter and a worthy representative of the lodge. A man of broad and generous nature, the Masonic teachings of brotherhood and beneficence received from him a hearty indorsement from the beginning of his association with the order, and he is accounted one of the leading Masons of Pittsfield.

Mr. Lame is a native of Pittsfield, born May 5, 1852. He was educated in its public schools, and in his youth learned the carpenter's trade, under the direction of his father. In 1889 he was admitted to a partnership with his father and is now sole owner of the business. He ranks high among the representatives of commercial interests in his county and is enjoying a lucrative patronage.

Mr. Lame was happily married in 1875, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah E. Ward, a native of Rockport, Illinois, and a lady of great amiability of character. For twenty-two years they shared with each other the joys and sorrows of life and then were separated by the hand of death, Mrs. Lame being called to the home beyond on the 16th of February, 1897. Thus within two months Mr. Lame was bereft of wife and father. He and his wife were both valued members of the Congregational church and had the warmest esteem of all who knew them.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Pittsfield who occupies a more enviable position in industrial circles than Charles E. Lame, not alone on account of the brilliant success he has achieved, but also on account of the honorable, straightforward policy he has followed.

**F**RANK E. HILLS is a brother who is well versed in general Masonic law and usage and possesses a complete knowledge of the general regulations for the government of the craft in all its branches in Illinois, filling many offices in the past with honor and credit. Mr. Hills was made a Master Mason in Meteor Lodge, No. 283, at Sandwich, Illinois, in which he held the chair of Deacon; was elected a life member of Sandwich Chapter, No. 106, R. A. M.; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters; and was created a Sir Knight in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, serving as its Eminent Commander for the three years during which the asylum was built. While in office Mr. Hills conferred degrees on sixty-two members. His services in the bodies of which he is a member have been greatly appreciated, and he is a popular and highly esteemed "frater."

The birth of Mr. Hills took place in Middletown, Connecticut, October 24, 1842. His parents were Lorenzo R. and Mary A. (Frery) Hills, who, when our subject was ten years old, came west and located at Plainfield, Will county, Illinois,

where his education was begun in the public schools and completed in the Clark Seminary. In 1862 he enlisted in the One Hundredth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and participated in every engagement in the Army of the Cumberland during its existence. He was wounded at Chickamauga and at Franklin and was mustered out with his regiment in 1865. He returned to Illinois and located in DeKalb county, where he embarked in the carpenter trade for two years and then was employed in a hard-



ware store as a bookkeeper in Sandwich. In 1875 he was made corresponding secretary of the Sandwich Enterprise Company, which office he filled until 1878. In that year he came to Sycamore and became associated with the R. Ellwood Manufacturing Company. After the death of Mr. Ellwood his son succeeded him in the business and our subject continued with him for seven years. Subsequently he was appointed circuit clerk of DeKalb county to fill a vacancy made by General Daniel Dustin, who was appointed sub-treasurer of United States at Chicago. At the expiration of

his term Mr. Hills was enrolling and en-grossing clerk of the state senate during the past three general assemblies, where his accommodating and practical business methods made a friend for him of every senator in that body. In 1896 he again became associated with the Abram Ellwood Manufacturing Company, of which he was made secretary, and in that capacity has since served with ability and faithfulness.

Socially, besides the Masonic order, Mr. Hills is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and of Potter Post, No. 12, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was adjutant in 1896.

On January 4, 1867, our subject was married to Miss Mantie Suddoth, a native of Ohio, and of this union four children were born: Hattie Belle, who died at the age of twenty-two months; Alberta Vermelle, F. Robbins, and Harry Preston, whose demise took place October 29, 1895, when he had reached the age of about eighteen years. Mr. Hills and his family are consistent members of the Congregational church. Politically he is affiliated with the Republican party.

**JAMES GAVION ELWOOD.**—To such men as the brother whose name initiates this review is in a large measure due the prosperity and well being of the Masonic fraternity in Illinois, and too much credit cannot be given to those whose industry, enthusiasm and loyalty to the order have given it its present prestige in the state. The name of Elwood is an historic one in the annals of Masonic literature, and has occupied a conspicuous place in the records of the craft in Illinois, the father of our subject, Nelson D. Elwood, being one of the foremost workers in the blue lodge, chapter and commandery of Joliet, and a charter member of those bodies, in which he held a majority of offices. He was Worshipful Master of the lodge, Most Excellent High Priest of the chapter, was the first Eminent Commander of Joliet Commandery, No. 4, K. T., holding that office for four years,

filled the chair of Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the state, and at his death, which occurred in 1861, he was Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

James Gavion Elwood was made a Master Mason in July, 1862, exalted to the Royal Arch degrees in November, 1863, and in December of that year he was created a Sir Knight. His active Masonic career began in 1871, and his affiliations have been continuous with all of the home bodies. He served as Junior Warden of the commandery, was advanced to Captain-General and in 1874 and 1875 he was Eminent Commander. He was elected Warden of the Grand Commandery of Illinois and advanced in regular order to the position of Grand Commander in 1884. In 1883 he was re-elected Eminent Commander, and again in 1884 and 1893, making a total of five years in that office. To Mr. Elwood and the associate directors of the Joliet Masonic Association is the fraternity of that city indebted for the splendid and commodious Masonic Temple, and as an evidence of gratitude it may be stated that nine members of that board have remained in office from the date of organization down to the present time, Mr. Elwood having the honor of serving as its president.

Mr. Elwood was born in Lockport, Illinois, on May 6, 1839, and is the only surviving son of six born to Nelson D. Elwood. He attended the public and private schools of Joliet until fourteen years old, when he entered Russell's Military Academy in New Haven, Connecticut, where he attained to the captaincy of his company, and remained at the institution three years. He then spent two years abroad with a tutor, visiting Geneva, Switzerland, and the Royal University at Berlin, Prussia. Returning to the United States he volunteered his services when the war of the Rebellion was inaugurated, making a most commendable record as captain of Company B, One Hundredth Illinois Volunteer

Infantry. At Louisville he was detailed as inspector-general of Kirk's brigade, and during the battle of Stone river he was appointed acting assistant adjutant-general of the First Brigade, First Division, Twenty-first Army Corps, of the Army of the Cumberland, filling the latter position until his retirement from service. He had no permanent residence until 1867, when he located in Chicago, remaining there until 1870, when he returned to Joliet and has since made that city his home.

In local affairs of a public nature Mr. Elwood has taken a prominent part, during the years 1872-3 serving as alderman, and under the new charter of 1877-9 he was the first mayor of Joliet. Besides these he has held the office of supervisor of the township. He has been prominent in organizing the telephone, gas and water systems of the city, and is a director of the Will County National Bank and of the Joliet Electric Railway. As a representative citizen, a courteous gentleman and a consistent Mason, Mr. Elwood is an honor to his home city and to the fraternity.

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**L**ESTER WATERMAN BOWEN, well known as the leading contractor and builder of Savanna, Illinois, is a native of this city, having been born here November 24, 1845, son of David L. Bowen, one of the prominent pioneers of the state.

David L. Bowen came to Illinois in 1839, was one of the first settlers of Savanna, and as a contractor and builder did much to advance the material interests of the town in its early history as well as in later years; and he has not only been identified in the building interest of the place but also he has figured in its councils and been honored with high official positions, having filled many of its leading offices, including that of mayor. He wedded Miss Lila C. Pierce, daughter of Mr. H. Pierce, a pioneer of Illinois. As the years passed by Mr. and Mrs. Bowen became the parents of five children, and both parents and all the children except one are still living, Les-

ter W., the subject of this review, being the eldest.

Lester W. Bowen grew up and has passed his whole life in his native town, receiving his education in its public schools and early learning, under his father's instruction, the trade of carpenter, which, with contracting, he has followed up to the present time, he having been engaged in business on his own account since 1876. Many of the most attractive and substantial buildings of Savanna are the products of his enterprise and skill. In addition to the business blocks and residences he has built for others, he has erected a number of houses of his own in this city, including the handsome and commodious brick residence which he and his family occupy.

Mr. Bowen was married in 1871 to Miss Flora A. Westbrook, also a native of Savanna, a daughter of Mr. Luther H. Westbrook, a prominent merchant of this city and one of its early settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen have two children, namely: Mary Louisa and Rodney W.

Mr. Bowen is a stanch Republican, and, like his father, has been the recipient of municipal honors. For fifteen consecutive years he has been elected and served as one of the aldermen of the city, and in 1893-4 was mayor.

It is, however, of Mr. Bowen as a Mason that we in this connection wish to make special reference. Mr. Bowen was created a Mason in 1886, in Mississippi Lodge, No. 385, F. & A. M., and for ten years has maintained membership in the same. In 1894 he was exalted in Savanna Chapter, No. 200, R. A. M.; and while he has never been an active worker in the lodge-room he has in his life exemplified many of the virtues and teachings as set forth in Masonry.

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**J**OSEPH W. RANDO, an enthusiastic member of the fraternity, is well posted on the tenets of the order, an earnest student of Masonic lore and thoroughly in sympathy with all its precepts and princi-

ples. He is one of the valuable brothers in the local lodge and is ever ready to devote his time and energies to its cause. Mr. Rando was made a Master Mason in Grove Lodge, No. 824, at Downer's Grove, in 1894, and in April, 1895, attained the inefable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Scottish Rite. He has also made a successful journey across the sands of the desert and become a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Rando was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1854, and was brought by his parents to Chicago when but six years old. Here he received a common-school education and later studied law, but did not take up the practice of that profession. He embarked in the manufacture of picture frames, in which he has continued for the past twenty years. In 1891 he became manager for the Rhodes & Jacobs Manufacturing Company, in which capacity he has faithfully served in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

On January 20, 1875, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Cora E. Stewart, of Bangor, Maine, and two daughters have been born to them.

**JULIUS H. HOELSCHER.** — Masonry stands upon a foundation that has withstood the ravages of time and the antagonism of the ignorant and the prejudiced, and its branches have extended to the utmost ends of the world, spreading the seeds of love, out of which has sprung the universal brotherhood of mankind. As truth is eternal, so the evolutions of the centuries may not eradicate the principles upon which the institution of Freemasonry is erected. Within its ranks are to be found men of moral worth, well versed in the lessons of history, by which they have profited, and who possess the courage of their convictions. As the well-beaten roads over which the ancient brethren traveled are used to-day, it is the object of the mem-

bers to raise the standard of the order to a still higher plane of usefulness.

The medical profession is in itself one in which there is a large field for humanitarian labor, and its scope is considerably broadened by affiliating with the Masonic fraternity. Among those who stand high in its ranks in Chicago is Dr. Julius H. Hoelscher, who has for many years been identified with the relieving of the suffering in this city. He passed the subordinate degrees in the blue lodge and was made a Master Mason in Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611, in 1894; was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, in the same year, and in 1895 was created a Knight in Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64.

Dr. Hoelscher was born in Elmhurst, Illinois, March 13, 1864, and was educated in Chicago and New York, his instruction in the ordinary branches being at the hands of a private tutor. He began the study of medicine at the unusually early age of fifteen years, and when eighteen years old entered the Chicago Medical College, graduating in 1885, in which year he attained his majority. He served two years as house physician at the Alexian Brothers Hospital. He is connected with the Alexian Brothers Hospital, German Hospital, as attending physician, and is also professor of internal medicine and physical diagnosis in the Chicago Clinical School. He is also chairman of the advisory medical board of Hot Springs, South Dakota. He is a member of the Chicago Medical Society, the North Chicago Medical Society, and of the Evolution Club.

The subject of this sketch is of German descent, both his parents having been born in Germany; they are now deceased. Although a young man in years, Dr. Hoelscher is old in experience and is well versed in all matters pertaining to his profession. He is greatly attached to the calling to which he expects to devote the remainder of his life, and in which he has so far met with an unusual degree of success. He is well known in the medical as



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well as Masonic circles, and occupies a high position in the esteem of his many friends both in the professional and social world. He is a self-made man in the broadest meaning of the word, and is gifted with a self-reliant, energetic nature, which has been most beneficial to him in his struggle for a place among his fellow men. His progress through college was materially assisted by the help of his very dear friend and father-in-law, Louis Wolff.

**F**RANK W. BUELL, a talented and industrious member of the fraternity residing in Woodstock, who has served in various capacities with ability and intelligence, was initiated in Woodstock Lodge in 1885, was exalted to the august degrees of a Royal Arch Mason in Woodstock Chapter, No. 36, in 1891, and in that body attained to the office of Third Master of the Veil, fulfilling the duties connected therewith in a most competent and satisfactory manner. During the same year he was constituted a Sir Knight in Calvary Commandery, No. 25, and in 1897 was elected to the chair of Captain-General. He is greatly interested in the work of the order and is one of the highly appreciated brothers of Woodstock.

Mr. Buell was born October 15, 1850, in North Hampton, Fulton county, New York, and is a son of E. B. and Elizabeth (Hillman) Buell, and a grandson of General Buell, of Revolutionary war fame, the family being prominently connected with public affairs at Martha's Vineyard. Our subject was one of six children, five sons and one daughter, and was reared in Illinois and Wisconsin, his educational training being received in the schools of Ripon, Wisconsin, after which, entering upon his business career, he filled a clerkship for five years at Brandon, Wisconsin, then engaged in the grocery business for two years, was messenger for the American Express Company, and for the following three years he embarked in the lumber trade. Subsequently moving to McHenry county, Brother Buel purchased a stock farm, on which he resided for ten

years, at the end of that period coming to Woodstock and here entering the grain, flour and feed business, in which, as a result of honest methods in all his dealings, a strict integrity of character, and untiring industry, he has met with more than ordinary success, and is regarded as one of the popular and solid citizens of the town. He was elected a member of the city council of Woodstock in 1895, and re-elected in 1897 for a second term.

In 1876 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Buell and Miss Eva Davis, a daughter of Dr. L. H. Davis, a well-known physician of Woodstock. Mrs. Buell was called to her eternal rest in September, 1893, survived by her husband and one daughter, Bessie C. She was a loving, faithful wife and mother, and a sincere friend, and her loss was deeply felt by all who knew her in life.

**J**OSEPH M. BAKER, bookkeeper for the Citizens' National Bank of Decatur, is the only man in Decatur who has passed all the chairs in all the York rite bodies of Masonry. His initiations, present affiliations and highest offices held in the various branches are as follows: Ionic Lodge, No. 312, Worshipful Master; Macon Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M., High Priest; Decatur Council, No. 16, R. & S. M., Thrice Illustrious Master; and Beaumanoir Commandery, No. 9, K. T., Eminent Commander; and of all these he has also been a Representative to the Grand bodies of the state. Mr. Baker is also a member of Decatur Chapter, No. 111, Order of the Eastern Star, of which he was the first Worthy Patron. He attended the triennial conclaves at Baltimore in 1871, at Chicago in 1880, at St. Louis in 1886, at Washington in 1889, and at Boston in 1895. He is also a member of the Masonic Veteran Association. He is one of the most active Masons in this part of the state.

He was born in Macon county, Illinois (of which he is still a resident), May 7, 1844, educated in the country schools and graduated at Eastman's Business College in Chi-

cago in the winter of 1866. He then entered a shoe store at Decatur as clerk and in 1872 became a member of the firm known as Barber & Baker. Altogether he was associated with the business of this establishment for twenty-four years. In 1891 he became the bookkeeper for the Citizens' National Bank, which position he has since promptly filled. He is well known in business and social circles, as well as in Masonic. In politics he is a Democrat.

In 1878 he was married to Miss Ida W. Wikoff, and they have one child living, Miss Alice A. Baker.

**J**OSEPH E. DYAS, a lawyer of Paris, Illinois, has been largely interested in the growth of Masonry for more than a quarter of a century. In its high purpose and lofty aims there is something in the fraternity which appeals to the practical business man, who shapes his life in harmony with the old-time principles of honor and justice. Its symbolic truths appeal not only to the aesthetic of our nature but its practical workings at once elicit the commendation and support of those whose interests are not self-centered but reach out to humanity with a helpful purpose. It is these elements of Masonry which have won to the order a membership composed of the best citizens of Illinois. Mr. Dyas was admitted to Paris Lodge, No. 268, in 1867, and from his earliest connection therewith has been a loyal supporter of ancient-craft Masonry. For four years he served as Worshipful Master and under his able administration the lodge was blessed with prosperity. In 1870 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason and for two years was High Priest. In 1878 he passed the circle of cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Royal and Select Master of Young Council, in which he has been honored with the office of Thrice Illustrious Master. In 1871 he took the vows of knighthood in Palestine Commandery, No. 27, and for three years was Eminent Commander. In 1891 he was honored

with the office of Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois; is the present Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and for twenty years was chairman of the committee on appeals of the Grand Lodge, during which time he decided over three hundred cases.

Mr. Dyas was born near Dublin, Ireland, on the 23d of September, 1844. His father, Dr. W. Godfrey Dyas, was a very prominent physician and a gentleman of high scholarly attainments. He was a graduate of the University of Dublin, a noted linguist and was professor of anatomy in the Royal College of Surgeons. In 1858 he removed with his family to Chicago, where he was killed by accident in 1895, when he was eighty-seven years of age. In his family were twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, five of whom are now living.

Joseph E. Dyas was a youth of fourteen years when he came with his parents to Chicago. He acquired his literary education in an academy in Canada and pursued his law studies in the Chicago University, where he was graduated and given his diploma in June, 1865. Locating in Paris, he has since successfully engaged in the practice of law.

Mr. Dyas was married on the 20th of June, 1872, to Miss Laura Sandford, of Paris, a daughter of Hiram Sandford, now deceased, who was the first male child born in Edgar county, his parents locating there when the country around was wild and unimproved. Mr. and Mrs. Dyas are the parents of four children: Richard S., who is attending the Bloomington Law School; John F., Eleanor and Joseph E.

**A**LLEN S. COOKE.—Forty years have passed since the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this review first took the vows of Freemasonry and became identified with the society which has for its object the uplifting of mankind and the perfecting of human character. His

membership dates from 1858, when he was initiated in Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 64, at Norwalk, Ohio. He was exalted to the capitular degrees in Vermilion Chapter, No. 82, R. A. M., and was elected its High Priest; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters when they belonged to the chapter, and was created a Sir Knight in Athelstan Commandery, No. 45, in which he served as Generalissimo for three years. He has also performed a pilgrimage across the desert sands and became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple. He has always been a faithful, industrious Mason, and possesses the good will and high regard of all his brothers.

Mr. Cooke was born in Bellingham, Massachusetts, September 19, 1829, his parents being Welcome B. and Rhoda (Pickering) Cooke. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native city and at the age of twenty-one he was employed by the Boston & Worcester Railroad Company in various capacities. In 1853 he moved to Norwalk, Ohio, and there became associated with the Cleveland & Toledo Railroad Company, with which he remained until 1869, when he went to Kent, Ohio, and there accepted a position with the Atlantic & Great Western road. In 1874 he engaged in the mercantile business near Providence, Rhode Island, until 1877, when he came to Danville and entered the employ of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company as master mechanic, which position later merged into that of "superintendent of motive power and machinery," and has since served the company in that capacity, with the exception of the years 1890 to 1892. Mr. Cooke has invented a locomotive bell-ringer, operated by compressed air, which he now manufactures.

On November 3, 1852, our subject was married to Miss Jane Capron, of Massachusetts, and they have three sons, namely: Elton Allen, who is a Past Commander of Calvary Commandery, at Providence, Rhode Island, and general manager of a wholesale boot and shoe establishment of that city;

Elmer Bates became auditor of the Mackey system of railroads and died in November, 1893, at the age of thirty-two years; J. Earnest is with the Kellogg Coal Company, of Danville, and is a Sir Knight Templar in Athelstan Commandery. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically our subject is a staunch Republican.

**D**R. WILLIAM M. CATTO, physician and surgeon, Decatur, has taken every degree in Freemasonry, even including the thirty-third in the Scottish Rite, and correspondingly has done much work in the lodge, but his pressing duties as a physician have never allowed him to accept those offices which would entail upon him a consumption of time. His affiliations are with Macon Lodge, No. 8, A. F. & A. M.; Macon Chapter, No. 21, R. A. M.; Decatur Council, No. 16, R. & S. M.; Beaumanoir Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; and the Peoria Consistory, S. R. He is also a member of Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Chicago.

Dr. Catto was born near Hamilton, Ontario, November 28, 1858; was educated at St. Catherines, Canada, graduating in 1876; began the study of medicine in 1878, and graduated therein at Detroit Medical College in 1882. For two years he was then house surgeon of the college hospital there; then practiced for several years in Warrensburg, Illinois; and in 1888 came to Decatur, where he has built up as fine a practice as any in the state. He is one of the most prominent physicians in the city. For five years he was physician to St. Mary's Hospital. As a voter he is independent.

The marriage of Dr. Catto took place in 1882, when he wedded Miss Florence Nightingale, a native of the "Land of the Maple Leaf." They have two children: Bruce, aged ten years, and Keith, aged five. The Doctor is a member of the Presbyterian church, and his wife belongs to the Protestant Episcopal church. They are highly esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances.

**G**EORGE WHITING ROSS, physician, Carrollton, has been Junior Warden of the blue lodge at this place, High Priest of the chapter, Deputy Illustrious Master of the council, Eminent Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 29, and a member of Moolah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a close and thorough student of the history, legends, symbols and didactics of the greatest of moral arts, Masonry, and stands high in the esteem of his brethren.

Dr. Ross was born October 7, 1857, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, educated in the Boston public schools, graduated at Amherst College in 1877, and at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, in 1880. He is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Illinois State Medical Association, and has been president of the Medical and Surgical Society of Western Illinois. Under President Harrison's administration he was pension examiner, and has been re-appointed under the present administration. He is surgeon to the Litchfield, Carrollton & Western Railroad Company, and is vice-president of the Greene County Savings & Loan Association. In his politics he is a Republican.

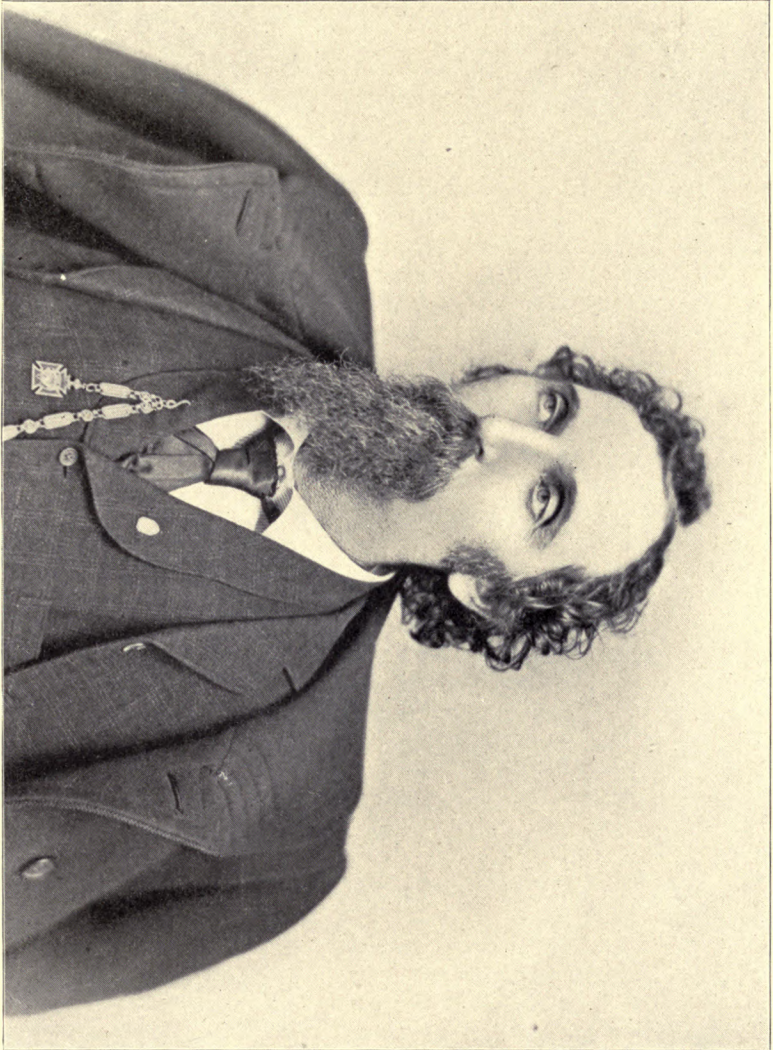
The Doctor was married April 7, 1885, to Miss Daisy J. Gillingham, and they have four children. Dr. Ross moved to Greene county in 1879, settling in Carrollton in 1883, where he has a comfortable home.

**C**YRUS DIXON GORDON, a prominent citizen and Knight Templar of Rock Island, first saw the mystic light of Masonry in Valley Lodge, No. 547, at Coal Valley, Illinois, in 1876, and still retains membership in his home lodge. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Barrett Chapter, No. 18, at Rock Island, receiving the degrees on January 1, 1886. He was created a Sir Knight in Everts Commandery, No. 18, of Rock Island, on April 30, 1892. He has also been elected to membership in Kaaba Temple, at Davenport, Iowa, but

owing to the pressure of his business he has not as yet been installed.

Mr. Gordon was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1841, of Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, James Gordon, when a young man emigrated from that county to Westmoreland county, in the same state, where he was married and reared his children. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and died at the venerable age of eighty-nine years. He was an honest, industrious farmer. His son, Alexander Gordon, our subject's father, was born in Westmoreland county and there married Miss Margaret Alexander, continuing to reside in Pennsylvania until 1842, when he and his family emigrated to Rock Island county, and pre-empted a section of government land, whereon he developed an excellent farm and passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1873 at the age of seventy-three years. His career was marked by industry, honesty and fidelity to all the duties of life. His wife passed away in her eighty-ninth year. He was active in the early history of Rock Island, aiding in the organization of the county and rendering valuable assistance in many other ways. He and his wife are devout members of the Presbyterian church, and were people of integrity and thorough reliability. Of their six children four are still living.

Cyrus D. Gordon, whose name heads this review, obtained his education in the public schools of Rock Island county, his life in the meantime being spent on the farm of his father, where he acquired an abundance of that health and strength incident to such an existence. Soon after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he was about nineteen years of age, he offered his services in the defense of the Union and enlisted as a private November 13, 1861, in Company H, Forty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front full of enthusiasm, confident of right's victory. He participated in the engagements of Forts Henry and Donelson, and in the latter received a ball in his body which he still carries there. The next battle in which



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he was engaged was that of Shiloh, followed by those of Jackson, Corinth and Vicksburg, in the last of which he was shot through the body and thus was laid low the strong, brave young soldier. He had served his country in a courageous and praiseworthy manner for two years and eight months and thirteen days, and was now compelled to give up the fight and suffer long months of excruciating pain, during which time his wonderful constitution fought the battle for life which hung in the balance. No tongue can tell nor pen portray the bodily suffering of this most patient soldier when he lay on a bed of anguish, supposed to be but a few brief hours from death's door; but at length his strong vitality asserted itself and he survived, lacking, however, the same degree of constitutional vigor he had previously enjoyed.

In 1868, having partially recovered his health, Mr. Gordon went to the oil regions of Pennsylvania and soon became an able operative at Pleasantville, and also in Armstrong and Clarion counties, sinking twenty-two wells in all and taking out a million dollars' worth of oil, at an expense of half that amount. But a heavy bank failure and a fire caused the loss of all but twenty thousand dollars.

In 1878 our subject returned to Rock Island county and endeavored to work his farm, but found himself physically unable to do so. In 1888 he moved into the city and embarked in the hotel business, continuing in that for three years. In 1890 he was elected sheriff of the county, a position he satisfactorily filled for four years. He has also become engaged in mining in Colorado, where he is largely interested in gold mines, being a stockholder in and treasurer and general manager of the following companies: The Rock Island Mining & Milling Company, the Rock Island Gold Mining Company, the Spring Gulch Gold Mining Company, and the Black Lion Gold Mining Company, all of which are situated in Boulder, Clear Creek and Custer counties, Colorado, and all valuable mines. Mr.

Gordon is a member of the firm of Gordon & Bowman, dealers in real estate. At Rock Island and in the vicinity, where he is so well known, our subject has acquired a most excellent reputation as a thoroughly upright and capable business man, and enjoys the confidence and high esteem of all who come in contact with him. He has suffered greatly, both in body and from a financial standpoint during his life, but he has managed large interests and always with absolute honesty. He has never asked for a government pension, and does not yet even think of such a thing.

During the last campaign Mr. Gordon was a strong Bryan Democrat and delivered fifteen powerful speeches in favor of free coinage of American silver, and no truer American than he exists to-day.

In 1864 was consummated the marriage of our subject and Miss Zilpah Livingston, who was born in Mercer county, Illinois, where her parents were among the early pioneers. The following four daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon: Frances G., who is now Mrs. Edgar H. Wright, a prosperous farmer of Rock Island county; Edith, who married John Rink, deputy county clerk; and Suzanne and Viola, both of whom are at home with their parents. Mrs. Gordon and her daughters are members of the Presbyterian church.

**P**ROF. NATHAN CLIFFORD RICKER, dean of the College of Engineering, University of Illinois, at Urbana, is a member of the Masonic Veteran Association who deserves special mention in this volume. The degrees of ancient-craft Masonry were conferred upon him in Fraternal Lodge, at Alfred, Maine, in 1866; those of Royal Arch Masonry in Saco Chapter, at Saco, Maine, the same year; and the Knight Templar degrees in Biddeford Commandery, No. 4, at Biddeford, Maine, also the same year. His present affiliations are with Urbana Lodge, No. 157, Urbana Chapter, No. 80, and Urbana Commandery, No. 16. He has served as Senior Deacon

of the blue lodge in Maine, King of the chapter in Urbana, and of the commandery he has been Generalissimo two years and Eminent Commander one year. In 1895 he was Representative to the Grand Commandery. The same year he had command of the Urbana Commandery in their visit to the triennial conclave at Boston, having a special car, and they there took part in the grand parade, for which they were the first on the ground, as a part of the Tenth Illinois Division. Professor Ricker is well known in Masonic circles throughout the state of Illinois, and is an honor to every station he is called upon to fill in the noble order.

Professor Ricker was born on a farm near Acton, York county, Maine, July 24, 1843, of Scotch-English descent, though his father's ancestors came to this country about 1660, settling near Dover, New Hampshire. At the age of thirteen he began work in a mill owned by his father, and continued there for eight years, excepting that during the winter seasons he attended the district school. At the age of eighteen he began to exhibit his aptitude in mechanics, and at twenty-one he began to work at the trade of making piano cases, in order to earn the means for obtaining a better education. He was employed at this for two and a half years, devoting the evenings to studies preparatory for college.

In 1867 he came to Illinois and spent three years in the western part of the state working at carpentry and wagon-making, meanwhile continuing his studies, in a systematic and self-exacting manner that was remarkable. In French and Latin, especially, he advanced himself so far that when he entered the University of Illinois in 1870 he was placed in advanced classes in those studies. But architecture became more and more his specialty, and in 1871 he was appointed foreman of the architectural shops. The first six months of 1872 he spent in the office of J. W. Roberts, an architect in Chicago. Returning to the university the next year, he was graduated at the end of the second term, having fin-

ished a full course in a little over three years. During his last two terms as an undergraduate he had temporary charge of the architectural department.

Immediately after graduation, in 1872, he spent six months in Europe, in study and travel, attending also the Vienna exposition, the cities of Paris, London, etc. Returning home in September, 1873, he accepted the position of instructor of architecture in the university. He introduced the Russian system of shop practice, which was afterward adopted by all other technological institutions in the United States. Two years later he was elected assistant professor of architecture, and the same year he married Miss Mary C. Steele, who had just graduated in the College of Literature. In 1877 he received the title of professor of architecture, and the next year was made dean of the College of Engineering. Every year since he took charge the department has witnessed improvement. In 1890 an assistant was appointed, since which time he has had more time to devote to the advanced classes. He designed and built the chemical laboratory, military hall, natural-science hall, was joint-architect of the new library hall, etc. He has been too busy with his university duties to write much for publication, but he has published a text-book on trussed roofs, which has received flattering recognition among prominent architects and is largely used in architectural offices. On August 23, he was appointed by the governor a member of the state board of examiners of architects for Illinois.

Professor Ricker is a thoroughly broad-minded man, as highly respected as any instructor in the university, modest, faithful, industrious and indefatigable.

**L**UCAS W. FAULKNER.—The advance of Freemasonry has been more rapid in the last few decades than ever before, and its ranks are being constantly supplemented by those who are seeking for a better condition of things, a brotherhood of



universal love, a charity that shall unite all humanity in bonds of common sympathy. The good work is going steadily on and the great state of Illinois is adding her quota and swelling the membership day by day. Mr. Faulkner is a Mason of long standing, who has been particularly active in the chapter and well up in all its work. He was initiated and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Belle City Lodge, No. 92, at Racine, Wisconsin, in 1853, served as its Worshipful Master, and was dimitted from that body to become affiliated with Western Star Lodge, No. 240, of Champaign, Illinois, of which he was Worshipful Master for four years. Mr. Faulkner was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Champaign Chapter, No. 50, in which he now holds the office of High Priest, and was its representative in the Grand Chapter for three years. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Urbana Council, and was created a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine in Saxa Rubra Conclave, in which he holds the chair of Junior General. Mr. Faulkner has always been a loyal, industrious Mason, and in filling the offices to which he was elected, he dispatched the duties connected with them in a manner reflecting credit on himself and with honor to the craft.

Born in Glen, Montgomery county, New York, February 28, 1831, Mr. Faulkner attended the public schools of his native city, and subsequently moved to Racine, Wisconsin, engaging in the drug business at that place for thirteen years. In 1863 he removed to Champaign, Illinois, and there opened a drug store, which he conducted very successfully until 1895, when he decided to retire from business and enjoy the fruits of an industrious and well-spent life.

In political matters Mr. Faulkner is a stanch Republican and has served his party with considerable zeal and ability. He was chief of the fire department eight consecutive years; was chosen to represent the third ward in the city council of Champaign; and in 1894 was elected justice of

the peace, which office he is at present holding. He has attained a great deal of prominence as a business man throughout this part of Champaign county, and is equally well known in social and Masonic circles. His well-regulated life has been spent to advantage, and he is to-day one of Champaign's honored and highly esteemed citizens.

**J**OHN W. GEIST is a member of the Masonic fraternity who has always been a consistent adherent to the principles and precepts of the order, and has so governed his life as to have it conform to the tenets of the craft. Initiated in Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, he became a Master Mason in 1885, and soon made himself familiar with the ritual. In the following year, 1886, he attained to the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in the lodge of perfection, received the grades and orders in Oriental Consistory, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is also a member of the social organization of Masons, having made a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert and become a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple. He is a zealous brother, takes an abiding interest in the workings of the lodge, and possesses the good will and warm regard of his confreres.

Mr. Geist has lived in Chicago all his life, his birth having taken place in that city on January 23, 1857, and there his elementary education was obtained in the public schools, supplemented by a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College. Upon leaving school he entered the employ of his father, who was in the grain, hay and feed business, and in 1873 was taken in as a member of the firm. In 1876 he joined the Chicago Board of Trade and at the time of his admission he was the youngest member on the board. The firm of Geist Brothers, composed of George F. and John W. Geist, was established in 1878, since which time they have been

prominent in the commercial world, the offices and elevators being located at the corner of Thirty-first street and Stewart avenue, where they do a large commission business in the way of shipping grain, hay and feed. This firm is the sole manufacturer of the Three Star Horse and Cattle Feed, a brand that has acquired an extensive reputation for its meritorious qualities and is highly commended by the trade. Mr. Geist is an enterprising, progressive business man, and to these qualities of character is due the high degree of success to which he has attained since entering the mercantile world, and which have gained for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

On January 20, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Geist and Miss Minnie Kubel, who is likewise a native of the Garden City, and of this union two sons have been born, namely, Albert L. and Arthur C.

**W**ILLIAM H. LOEHDE, who is engaged in a real-estate and insurance business, with offices at No. 599 Sheffield avenue, Chicago, is a gentleman well known in Masonic circles, he having been for a number of years a member of the time-honored organization of Freemasons. He was initiated, passed and raised in Lake View Lodge, No. 774, F. & A. M.; had the degrees of Royal Arch Mason conferred upon him by Lincoln Park Chapter, R. A. M.; was made a Royal and Select Master by Chicago Council, No. 4, R. & S. M.; and was knighted by Lincoln Park Commandery, K. T.,—all of Chicago and in all of which he has manifested a deep interest. In the lodge he has served faithfully and acceptably as Chaplain.

Mr. Loehde's name indicates his nationality. He was born in Hamburg, Germany, November 5, 1855; received a common-school education in his native city, and remained a member of the parental home until he was seventeen years of age. Then, in 1872, he sailed for America, landed in due time at New York city, and during the

Cuban excitement in 1873 joined the United States Marine Corps and served on board the United States monitor Dictator, stationed at Key West, Florida, and was there two and a half years, and altogether he was in the service five years, acting as orderly for different commodores. At the end of the five years he came to Chicago, bringing with him the earnings he had saved, and engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, on the north side, where he has since continued and where he has met with marked success, accumulating property of his own and handling a large amount of real estate for other parties.

Politically, Mr. Loehde is in accord with the Republican party and the principles advocated by it, and fraternally, besides being a Mason, he is associated with the Knights of Pythias.

He was married in 1882 to Miss Emily Gerndt, a native of the same country in which he was born, and they are the parents of seven children. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**C**HARLES G. KRUEGER.—If one is to credit tradition, Freemasonry had its first inception at the time when the King of Israel summoned the craftsmen of the valley of Tyre—the hewers in the mountain, the bearers of burden—to assist in erecting the temple at Jerusalem, and the cardinal points then enunciated have been observed by the craft through the succeeding generations down to the present time. Mr. Krueger has been a faithful follower of the precepts of the order, and has been a loyal brother, filling several offices in the local bodies of Blue Island, Illinois, with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. He was initiated in Calumet Lodge, No. 716, and was made a Master Mason in February, 1891. In this lodge he held the office of Junior Deacon for one term. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Calumet Chapter, No. 203, at Blue Island, in 1891, and in 1896 was

elected to the chair of Royal Arch Captain. In 1893 Mr. Krueger was created a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, at Chicago. He was also made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order, in Medinah Temple, in 1894. His present affiliations are still with these bodies, and with Elm Chapter, No. 271, Order of the Eastern Star, also at Blue Island.

Mr. Krueger was born at Blue Island, Illinois, September 5, 1865, where he was reared, receiving his education in the public schools and graduating at the high school in 1881. He then entered upon his business career by securing a position in a grocery store as clerk; where he remained for a period of five years, at the end of which time he entered the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad as brakeman. As he soon gave evidence of more than ordinary ability he was taken off the road and placed in the office of the company, where, by his efficiency and strict attention to the duties assigned to him, he was gradually promoted until, in 1891, he was given his present position, that of ticket inspector in the Union station of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroads. He is a capable, thoroughly trustworthy young man, and possesses the confidence and esteem of his employers. He is an enthusiastic, industrious Mason, ever ready to perform any duty in the craft that may be assigned to him, and his many excellent qualities as both a man and a brother have endeared him to all.

On June 11, 1895, Mr. Krueger was united in marriage to Miss Florence W. Dexter, who is a native of Providence, Rhode Island, whence she came when quite young with her parents to Chicago and was here raised to womanhood.

**G**EORGE K. RIX.—The thought must be constantly growing in the minds of the brethren that Masonry is comprehensive and far-reaching in its power and influence, and that its teachings are ever in advance

of each succeeding and more marvelous age. Every day's duties are made plain, devotion to God and distressed humanity, faithfulness to the usual vocations of life, and the blessings of rest and moral refreshment, being its powerful lessons which it teaches to all who wish to hear and profit by them. Mr. Rix is one of the worthy and well qualified members of the craft in Chicago, and one who takes a deep interest in promoting



*Geo. K. Rix*

the welfare of the order in the city. In 1892 he became an Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft degree, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, was made a Royal and Select Master in Chicago Council, No. 4, and

was created a Sir Knight Templar in Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, of which he was also a charter member. At present he is affiliated with all these bodies, and is besides a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple and of the Knights of Honor. In his intercourse with his brethren Mr. Rix is always affable, kind and considerate, demonstrating by his acts how well he has learned and understands the tenets of the institution.

Mr. Rix is a direct descendant of William Rix, who settled at Boston in 1645, and some of whose descendants were of Revolutionary distinction. His birth took place September 20, 1846, at Newport, New York, where his early education was received. Later he attended the Fairfield Seminary in New York, and the Illinois State University; but before completing the full course in the latter institution, in 1865, he moved to Belvidere, Illinois, where he held the position of principal of the public schools for two years, and subsequently completed the course at Illinois State University. Coming to Chicago and entering the Bryant & Stratton Business College, he was engaged as superintendent of the book-keeping department for about eight years. In the meantime he had given his time to the study of law, and attended the old Union College of Law, at which he was graduated in 1872, with the honor of being the valedictorian of his class. In 1878 Mr. Rix purchased the Bryant & Stratton Business College and conducted it under the name of George K. Rix for about eighteen months, when he sold it back to its original owners. He next bought out the hand-working department of the Clinton Wire Cloth Company, but shortly afterward sold his interest to a Detroit company. He remained with the company until 1884, when it failed and Mr. Rix became associated with the Barbed Wire & Iron Company as manager. In 1888 the firm was changed into a stock company and Mr. Rix was elected a director and appointed secretary and manager, which responsible positions he is at present filling,

to the entire satisfaction of those with whom he is associated. He is well known in Chicago as a business man of integrity, and possesses the high regard of all with whom he comes in contact.

Mr. Rix is a member of the Chicago College of Law alumni, and is vice-president of the Philoretorian Society of the Fairfield Seminary, of New York, which is one of the oldest schools in the country, and which at one time numbered among its students some very prominent men. He is also a member of Marquette Club and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically Mr. Rix is affiliated with the Republican party, and gives it the benefit of his support at each election. He served as a member of the city council from the twentieth ward under Mayor Roche's administration in 1889.

**M**ON. STEPHEN ALBERT, who since 1880 has had, with his wife, a millinery establishment in Chicago, has all these years figured as one of the enterprising business men of the city. In his history are included many years of intimate connection with the Masonic order; and a *resume* of his life is therefore of more than passing interest in a work of this character, reviewing, as it does, the lives of the leading Masons of the state.

Stephen Albert was born in Baden, Germany, September 21, 1837, a son of Stephen and Katharine Albert, both natives of that place; the Alberts, however, are of French origin. The great-grandfather Albert was a soldier under Napoleon, but left the army in Germany and married and settled there. The subject of our sketch spent his life in his native land to the year 1854, when, at the age of sixteen years, he left the home of his childhood and made the voyage to America, landing at New York city on the 21st of August, that year. Continuing his way westward to New Albany, Indiana, he there secured a position as clerk in a grocery store and was thus occupied at that place until January, 1859.

From that time until 1861 he was employed as a clerk at Poland, Indiana, and in September of the last named year he entered Heidelberg College (now University) at Tiffin, Ohio, and the next year he taught a parochial school at Sandusky, that state. In 1863 he resumed clerking, accepting a position in a dry-goods store at Tiffin, where he remained until February of the following year; then he went to Bellevue, Ohio, and engaged in the grocery business, in partnership with a Mr. Royer, under the firm name of Albert & Royer, with whom he was associated for three months. That was during the Civil war and he was a member of the state militia.

Near the close of the war, April 30, 1864, when the governor made a call for these troops, Mr. Albert went out as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was on duty till the end of hostilities, most of the time at Fort Smith, being honorably discharged at the end of his term of enlistment.

Leaving the army, Mr. Albert returned to New Albany, Indiana, where, after clerking for a short time, he and his wife engaged, in August, 1865, in the millinery business, which he conducted at that place until 1880, a portion of the time having a wholesale trade and manufacturing hats, bonnets, etc.; he spent several years in traveling over the state in the interest of the business. He came to Chicago in 1880 and opened a millinery establishment at No. 213 State street, where he remained from September 1, 1880, until February 1, 1885; the next three years he was at No. 157 State street; and since May 1, 1888, has been at his present location, 183 same street.

At different times Mr. Albert has also been interested in other lines of business. He was the organizer of the German Building, Loan & Savings Association, No. 1, New Albany, Indiana, and was its first president,—a position he filled for eight years. In 1874, in appreciation of his services, he was presented a gold-headed

cane by the association. In 1878 he owned and ran a dry-goods store on Fifth street, Cincinnati, Ohio, and he had an interest in another at Flora, Illinois. During 1883-4 he was interested in the manufacture of butterine and oleomargarine in Chicago, under the firm name of S. Albert & Company. In 1890 he opened a barber shop at the corner of State and Madison streets; in 1891 he moved it to No. 49 East Monroe street, and conducted the business until the expiration of his lease, May 1, 1896, when he closed the shop.

It is, however, more especially his Masonic history we wish to chronicle here; and to that we now turn. He was made a Mason in Tiffin, Ohio, during his residence at that place, Tiffin Lodge, No. 320, A. F. & A. M., conferring upon him its degrees as follows: Entered Apprentice, December 22, 1862; Fellow-craft, January 12, 1863; and Master Mason, February 2, 1863. On his return to New Albany he transferred his membership to New Albany Lodge, No. 39, the date of his admission to that organization being May 13, 1866. April 4, of the following year, he was one of the charter members which formed Pythagoras Lodge, No. 355, of New Albany, and still retains his membership therein. In this lodge he has served as Junior and Senior Warden, and for seven years was its Worshipful Master. He was made a Royal Arch Mason by New Albany Chapter, No. 17, November 12, 1866; a Royal and Select Master by Indiana Council, No. 1, November 17, 1866; in New Albany Commandery, No. 5, he took the degree of Knight of the Red Cross November 21, 1866, and the Knight Templar degree November 24, same year; and was made a Scottish Rite Mason February 13, 1867, being one of the charter members of New Albany Consistory and co-ordinate bodies in the Valley of New Albany. He has filled nearly all the offices in these various Masonic bodies up to and including that of Commander-in-Chief of De Molay Commandery. He received the orders of the Red Cross Knights of Constantine; and, holding his membership certificate direct

from the Imperial Council of England, he filled the chair of Active Sovereign in 1874. With others, he organized the Imperial Council of India, and was one of its active members. Indeed, he represented all the Masonic organizations of which he was a member in their respective grand bodies of the state. He has held also a membership in the Masonic Veteran Association of Indiana ever since its organization twelve years ago.

In 1869 Mr. Albert was one of the organizers of the Masonic Mutual Aid Association, of which he was a director and vice-president, serving in the latter capacity seven years, which was during the life of that organization, or until it was merged into the Indiana Division. At present he holds membership in Oriental Consistory, Chicago, St. John's Conclave of the Order of the Red Cross, Knights of Rome and Constantine, Queen Esther Chapter, of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Bethlehem Shrine, No. 1. White Shrine of Jerusalem, to which his wife also belongs.

Another popular fraternal society with which Mr. Albert is connected is that of the Odd Fellows. He was made a member of Hope Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., of New Albany, Indiana, in December, 1858, and still affiliates with it.

Politically he is a Democrat. In 1876 he was elected a representative to the Indiana state legislature from Floyd county, on the ticket with Mr. Tilden, and faithfully served his constituents one term; but for the second term he refused the nomination.

July 2, 1863, Mr. Albert was married to Miss Catharine V. Meikirk, daughter of Daniel C. and Christine (Somers) Meikirk, of Seneca county, Ohio, where she was born in July, 1848.

**W**ILLIAM JESSE HOAG, the well-known live-stock commission merchant of Chicago, has been prominently identified with Freemasonry for the past twelve years as an enthusiastic, loyal, in-

dustrious brother, faithful and true to every trust committed to his care. On September 17, 1885, Mr. Hoag was elected a member of Englewood Lodge, No. 690, in which he had the honor of being Senior Warden; on June 23, 1887, he was exalted to the Royal Arch degrees in Englewood Chapter, No. 176; in October, 1895, he was made a Royal and Select Master in Imperial Council, No. 85, of which he is a charter member; and on August 20, 1887, he became a charter member also of Englewood Commandery, No. 59.

Mr. Hoag was born in Rural Grove, New York, June 17, 1852, and there his first knowledge of the rudimentary branches of learning was received, which was later supplemented by a course at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, from which he came to Chicago in 1873, where he at once engaged in the live-stock commission business. He has been following that vocation ever since and is one of the successful and prosperous commission merchants of Chicago.

On January 31, 1877, the subject of this review was united in marriage to Miss Cora E. McFarland, a native of Chicago, and one son, Albert, has been born to them. In his social relations Mr. Hoag is a member of the Royal League and a charter member of the Harvard Club, of Englewood.

**E**DWARD ROSS MOFFAT.—The local fraternal bodies of Chicago have among their ranks many worthy members, to whose active interest and unfaltering loyalty the present flourishing condition of the lodge is due, and none is more deserving of recognition than the brother whose name appears at the head of this review. He is well-known in Masonic circles and rarely misses a meeting of his "*fratres*." Mr. Moffat was elected Entered Apprentice of Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and was its Worshipful Master for one term. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch

Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, in which he held the chair of Master of the First Veil, and was a charter member of Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, having received the degree of Knighthood in St. Bernard Commandery. He held the office of Standard Bearer in Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, in 1895. Mr. Moffat was constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the National Union, and a bicycle club. He also held at one time the rank of corporal in the First Regiment of Illinois Cavalry.

Mr. Moffat was born in Hamilton, Ohio, December 1, 1857, and took advantage of such educational facilities as was offered in the public schools of that city. Eventually he went to Cincinnati, and there engaged in the special jobbing of wire goods until March 3, 1873, on which date he came to Chicago and embarked in the wall-papering and painting business. In 1883 he started out for himself in that vocation and has continued to follow it ever since with more than ordinary success. Mr. Moffat is associated with other enterprises, being president of the Fort Dearborn Cycle Manufacturing Company, which was organized in May, 1895. Its factory is located at 26 and 28 West Randolph street, and although the concern is as yet in its infancy it has been very successful, and turns out a fine, high-grade wheel, two models of which are known as the Dearborn and the Fort, which are as good as the combination of the best material and expert workmen can produce. The company employs only skilled mechanics and makes the cheapest and most durable wheel on the market. He is the inventor and manufacturer of the puncture cure, "Bi-gum."

Mr. Moffat is a self-made man in every respect and has attained his present status in life by perseverance, an intelligent use of the means at hand, and a strict sense of integrity, which has gained him the respect and confidence of all who know him. In his religious affiliations he is a consistent member of the Methodist church.

GEORGE RICE HOUGH, one of the highly respected members of the Masonic fraternity residing at Clayton, is a brother who is thoroughly familiar with the ritual, and governs his life according to the tenets and precepts of the order. After having the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow-craft conferred upon him he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Tyrian Lodge, No. 333, at Springfield, and filled all the offices in that body up to that of Worshipful Master. In the spring of 1878 he was dimitted and became affiliated with Clayton Lodge, No. 147, on



May 16, 1881, in which he held the chairs of Junior and Senior Warden. On June 8, 1885, Mr. Hough was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Clayton Chapter, No. 104, serving as its Most Eminent King in 1897, and on September 8, 1885, was constituted a Sir Knight in Delta Commandery, No. 48. He takes a great interest in the commandery, has been honored with several offices and is at this writing its Standard Bearer.

The birth of Mr. Hough took place in

New Haven, Connecticut, March 19, 1835. He is of English extraction, his great-grandfather having emigrated from the old country at an early day, locating in New England. In his religious faith he was a Congregationalist. Josiah Hough, the father of our subject, was also born in Connecticut, where he married Miss Laura J. Rice, and of this union six children were born. The mother died in her fortieth year, the father surviving her until sixty-eight years old. Our subject was their third child, whose education was acquired in the public schools of his native city. In 1854 he began firing on a locomotive engine, remaining in that capacity until 1857, when he was promoted to the responsible post of engineer, and since then he has been continually in the employ of the Wabash Railroad. In 1877 he met with a serious accident, after recovering from which he was placed in charge of a passenger train and for the past nineteen years he has served as a conductor, his run being from Keokuk to Clayton. His forty years' connection with the Wabash has been marked by faithful, competent service, and he is one of the reliable and trusted employees of the road, in whom the officials place every confidence.

Mr. Hough was married in 1860 to Miss Georgiana Pringle, of Ohio, and eight children have blessed the union. They are: Laura, the wife of Charles S. Shute, who is a Master Mason; Sophia died in her twenty-first year; John E., a Sir Knight Templar, who is in the employ of the Wabash Railroad Company; Charles R. is in the employ of the Rock Island Railroad Company; Nettie E. is the wife of S. S. Marrett, a member of the Masonic fraternity living at Clayton; Harry is in the employ of the Wabash road; Maggie married J. E. Marrett; and George P. is at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hough are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, the latter being very active in its work, is Past Matron, and has been District Deputy Grand Matron. Our subject is a charter member, has filled all the offices, acting at present

as Secretary, and is Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter. He is also a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Mohammed Temple at Peoria.

On the questions of politics Mr. Hough has always been a staunch Democrat, and while living in Springfield, Illinois, was a member of the city council for three years.

**S**HELLEY B. FORD.—The fraternity of Freemasonry is always ready to extend a welcome to the young men who evince a desire to secure a greater knowledge of the precepts and principles of its lodges, and extends the hand of comradeship to all such, confident that when they have once had revealed to them all the beauties of the aims and intentions of the craft, they will have no cause for regret in having become affiliated with the society. Mr. Ford received the first three degrees in Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611, in 1894; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, in the same year, and was knighted in Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, Knights Templar, in 1895. He is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order, being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple. He is an enthusiastic Mason, and never loses an opportunity of advancing the interests of the lodges with which he is connected.

Mr. Ford was born in Chicago January 19, 1870, his education being acquired in the public schools of this city, after leaving which he engaged in the iron business, continuing in that for a period of six years. He then decided to strike out for himself, and on April 23, 1894, he opened his present store at 123 LaSalle street, which is one of the neatest and best appointed in the city, and here he keeps one of the finest stocks of all the leading brands of cigars and tobacco in the market. He is a young man of excellent business attainments, a character full of energy, firmness and enterprise, and these have secured for him more than a modicum of success. Starting out



in life with no other assistance than his own determination to win his way in the world and an unlimited confidence in his ability to do so, industry and perseverance have brought their own reward, and Mr. Ford is now in a position where he can enjoy the fruits of his labors.

Mr. Ford is well known in sporting circles and takes a great interest in yachting, boating and other aquatic pastimes, in which he has at times taken a conspicuous part. Socially he is a member of the Lincoln Park Yacht Club, the Chicago Yacht Club and the Columbia Yacht Club, to all of which he is a decided acquisition, his genial disposition making him a great favorite with the other members.

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**E**ZRA O. WELDIN, whose diligence in support of Masonry and fidelity to its teachings makes him one of the most prominent and influential members of Lawn Lodge, No. 815, first became associated with the fraternity December 15, 1874, when the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason were conferred upon him in Olive Branch Lodge, No. 40, F. & A. M., Frankfort, New York, which had been chartered in June, 1812. He dimitted from that organization and became a charter member of Lawn Lodge, No. 815, in 1892. He has since been very active in its work, served as Junior Warden under dispensation and after its formal organization was elected to the office of Tyler. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Oneida Chapter, No. 57, of Utica, New York, and was dimitted to Lawn Chapter, No. 205, in 1893, becoming a charter member of this society. The same year he was greeted as a Royal and Select Master of Palestine Council, No. 66, and in 1894 received the grades and orders of chivalric Masonry, being created and dubbed a Sir Knight of Chicago Commandery, No. 19, on the 15th of October. While Mr. Weldin is active and efficient in the work of the lodge room, he is no less faithful as a follower of Masonic teachings,

which call for individual charity and personal aid and sacrifice for the benefit of a brother of the craft. He is a close and conscientious student of the teachings of Masonry in all its departments, is a most efficient and enthusiastic worker, and, being a man of more than average ability, he brings to the work a high degree of intelligence and zeal.

Mr. Weldin was born in East Schuyler, New York, on the 16th of October, 1853, obtained his education in its public schools and made his home there until 1881, when he sought a home in Chicago. He was reared to farm life and the work of the fields early became familiar to him, but preferring a more active business life he learned the carpenter's trade and since his arrival in this city has engaged in contracting and building. Energy and self-reliance are predominant traits in his character and have led to his success. Scorning to depend upon others, he started out in life for himself, and, improving the opportunities which have come to him, he has steadily worked his way upward. Whatever success he has achieved is the legitimate outcome of his own efforts, and his honesty in all business transactions is above question.

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**E**DWARD E. REININGER, M. D.—The requirements of the medical practitioner are somewhat more rigorous than those necessary to any other branch of human endeavor, implying the possession of those qualities of character and disposition that unite in constituting the highest order of manhood. Brought into daily contact with the sadder phases of life, witnessing the sufferings of those afflicted with mental as well as bodily pain, the physician is often called upon to administer not only to the material but also to the spiritual being of his fellow men. Humanitarian in all its various aspects, the art of healing is closely allied to the philanthropic fraternity of Freemasons, and an affiliate of that order is more fully equipped to go

forth among his brethren, sowing the seed of charity, love and unselfishness to all mankind. Dr. Reininger is not only an honored member of the medical profession, in which he has achieved distinct success, but he is likewise a much valued "frater" whose earnest enthusiasm and conscientious adherence to the precepts and tenets of the order have gained for him the warm regard of his fellow Masons. He was initiated and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Garden City Lodge, No. 141, in 1894, and in the same year he was advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry and exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in York Chapter, No. 148; received the grades and orders of knighthood in Columbia Commandery, No. 63, and in October he attained to the degrees of Scottish Rite in the in effable lodge of perfection and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. He holds membership in the social branch of Masonry, and in 1894 became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order in Medinah Temple. The Doctor's prepossessing personal characteristics and his cordial demeanor in the lodge room make him a popular acquisition and bring to him the enjoyment of the high consideration of his confreres.

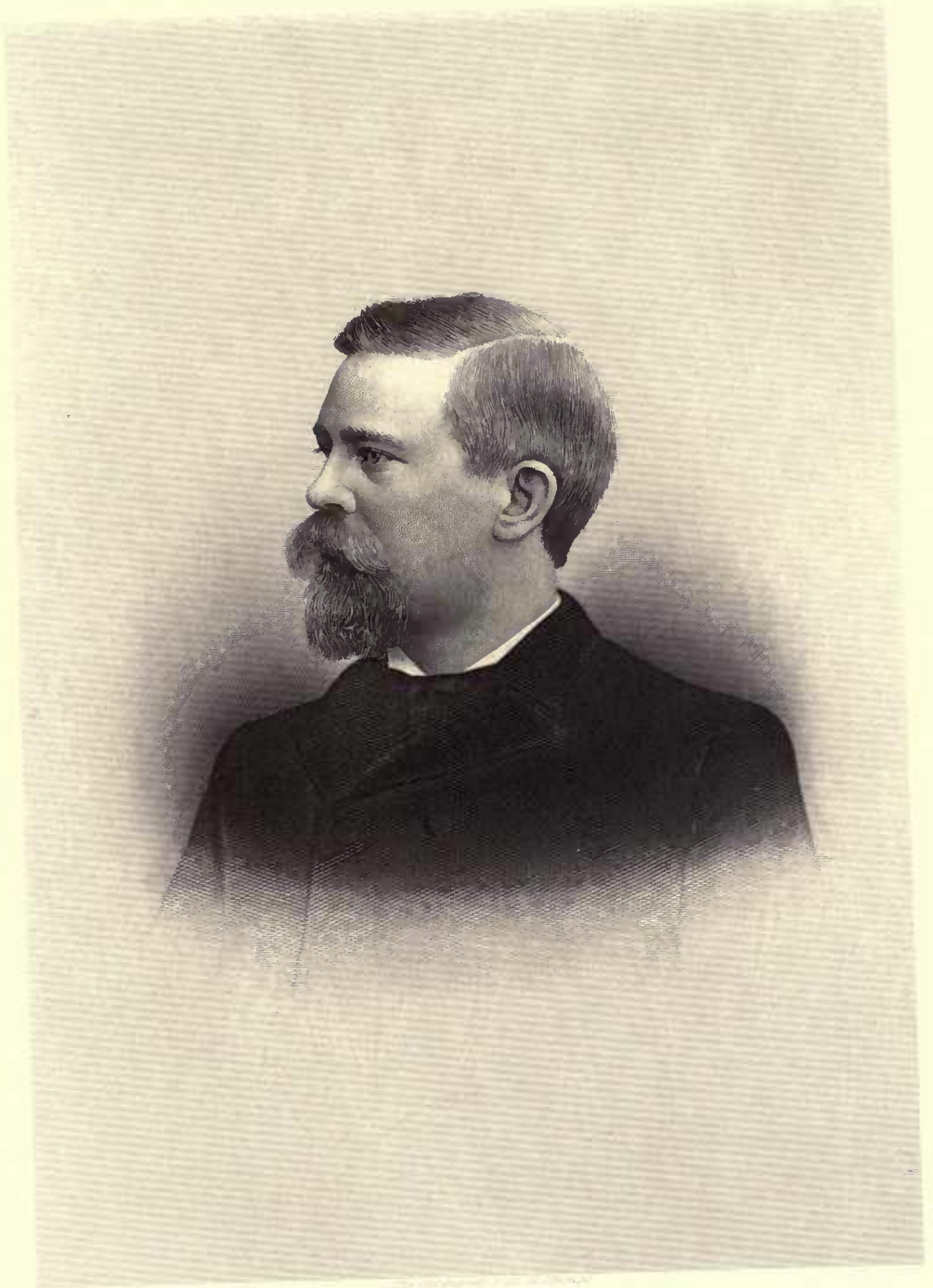
Dr. Edward E. Reininger is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having taken place in Pottsville on the 1st of May, 1854, and while in his infancy he was taken to Bridgeport, Connecticut, and there lived until eleven years old, securing his preliminary literary education in the public schools of that city. In 1865 he came to Illinois, first locating in Tazewell county, and later in McLean county, where he became inured to the life of a farmer, working on the home place in the summer and going to school during the winter months. Subsequently he attended the Northwestern University, at Evanston, and then, following his natural inclinations, he began the study of medicine and entered the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, at which he was graduated on the 21st of February, 1888, and at once took up the active prac-

tice of his profession in Chicago, where he has since practiced; and such talent and ability was displayed by him that he was recalled to his *alma mater* and appointed assistant professor of materia medica and lecturer on the organon in the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College. He is a member of the Cook County Hospital staff, the Illinois Homeopathic Medical Society, the American Institute of Homeopathy, the International Hahnemannian Association and the Chicago Homeopathic Medical Society.

No pomp of power nor influence of wealth has meted out to Dr. Reininger the success which he has gained within the last ten years, his advancement in the calling of his choice being the consequent result of his personal endeavors intelligently applied, plus native ability, perseverance and a strength of purpose that would not be daunted by existing obstacles. The Doctor takes a deep interest in his profession, to which he is greatly attached, and is indefatigable in his efforts to advance the science of medicine, devoting the best energies of his nature to it in the interest of humanity, and taking advantage of every opportunity for further perfecting himself and increasing his already extensive store of knowledge.

The marriage of Dr. Reininger was solemnized on the 12th of June, 1888, when he was united to Miss Nettie Traver, a native of Aurora, Illinois.

**C**HARLES S. THORNTON.—The attaining of prestige in the legal profession implies the possession of certain attributes of character and qualities of intellectuality that will enable one to cope with all the exigencies of strong competition which is ever present in that calling. One of the most able and successful practitioners at the bar in Chicago is Charles S. Thornton, who is also an affiliate of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has had conferred upon him the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He was initi-



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ated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Auburn Park Lodge, No. 789; was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Auburn Park Chapter, No. 201; received the orders of knighthood in Montjoie Commandery, No. 53, and attained the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, being proclaimed therein a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. After a successful pilgrimage across the desert sands, he was elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine and retains his membership in Medinah Temple. He is a consistent "frater" and enjoys a distinct popularity in the bodies of which he is a member.

Charles S. Thornton was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1851, and is the present representative of old New England ancestry, his parents being Solon and Cordelia A. (Tilden) Thornton, the former a native of New Hampshire, and the latter of Massachusetts, a descendant of the well-known Tilden family of Marshfield, that state. In his youth our subject enjoyed excellent educational advantages, attending the public schools of Boston, subsequently spending six years in the noted Boston Latin School and finally graduating at Harvard College. Following the predilections of his early years, he devoted much of his leisure time while in college to the study of law, which he later pursued under the preceptorship of Henry Adams, a prominent lawyer of Cambridge, and in the Harvard Law School, attending the lectures of that institution until 1873. In that year, bent upon seeking his fortune in the west, he moved to Chicago, arriving in the month of March, and here continued his law studies under the guidance of Lyman & Jackson and later in the office of Isham & Lincoln. He was admitted to practice in the courts of the state of Illinois in September, 1873, and immediately after opened an office in the city of his adoption, where he has since enjoyed a prosperous professional career. Early in his practice he became associated with Justice Chancellor, which partnership

still obtains, and in connection with five other gentlemen, under the name of Thornton & Chancellor, the firm is engaged in conducting one of the most successful legal enterprises in the western metropolis.

While Mr. Thornton has, during all these years, carried on a general law practice, he has made a specialty of real-estate and corporation law, and his signal success in these lines has gained him a most enviable reputation. He is a polished, scholarly gentleman, well adapted to the high calling in which all his energies are directed, and his dealings are characterized by a high standard of professional ethics. He has served in several official positions of prominence, among them being corporation counsel for the city of Chicago, and has been especially active in the advancement of educational interests.

The marriage of Mr. Thornton was solemnized in 1883, when he was united to Miss Jessie F. Benton, of Chicago, and the family now comprises the following three daughters: Mabel J., Pearl Esther, and Hattie May, and one son, Chancellor B. Thornton. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton have their residence in Auburn Park, one of the most attractive suburbs of Chicago, and there enjoy the high regard of their many friends.

**DAYTON E. JONES.**—Masons are builders of character, and the implements of society are rendered glorious and sublime in their symbolism of man's duty to man and to himself. The jagged corners of bitter competition and selfish struggle for supremacy are made smooth by the gavel of the brotherhood. In Chicago, where the rush and strife for daily existence is ever on the increase, the local lodges have accomplished a great deal of good in a quiet way. A brother who has taken more than an ordinary interest in the bodies of which he is a member is the gentleman whose name heads this review. His first degree was taken at Zanesville, Ohio, and he passed the Fellow-craft and

was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Auburn Park Lodge, No. 789. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Auburn Park Chapter, No. 201, and was created a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59. His present affiliations are with the Normal Park Lodge, No. 797, Normal Park Chapter and the Englewood Commandery. Mr. Jones is a Noble in the Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine, holding his membership in Medinah Temple.

Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, is the native city of Mr. Jones, his birth having occurred there March 6, 1859. He was educated in the public schools, which he attended until seventeen years old, and then went to Ohio, and located at Zanesville, where he secured a position as traveling salesman, following that vocation for twelve years. In 1890 Mr. Jones came to Chicago, and with his brother engaged in the granite business under the firm name of Jones Brothers. They have been quite successful and rank as one of the leading firms in the city.

Mr. Jones is an energetic, progressive gentleman, high-principled and possessing honest methods, and is well liked by his business associates as well as holding the esteem of his personal friends.

He was happily united in marriage September 11, 1889, to Miss Mary E. Spencer, who was born in Philadelphia, and they have one son, Dayton E. Jones, Jr.

**C**HARLES CLARK DAVIS, of Centralia, dates his affiliation with Freemasonry from 1883, when as an Entered Apprentice he was received in Centralia Lodge, No. 201, A. F. & A. M. He passed the Fellowship degree, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason and has since maintained his connection with the organization. In the same year he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Centralia Chapter, No. 93, has served as Master of the Veils and has been the Representative in the Grand Chapter of Illinois. He passed the circle of cryptic Masonry in 1883 and was greeted a Royal and Select Master

of Centralia Council, No. 28, in which he has since served as Second Officer. He took the vows of knighthood and was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Cyrene Commandery, No. 23, in 1883, and in the present year, 1897, is serving as its Eminent Commander. He has also been its Representative in the Grand Commandery and has been a most loyal follower of the beauseant. He received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory of Chicago in November, 1893, and was thereby proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is actively interested in the fraternity, and does all in his power to promote its growth and to promulgate among men its principles of universality, charity and hospitality.

One of the native sons of Illinois, Mr. Davis was born in Belleville, April 2, 1855, a son of Thomas P. and W. C. (Beal) Davis. To the public-school system he is indebted for the educational privileges he enjoyed. At the age of eighteen he began railroading on the Illinois Central Railroad, serving as freight brakeman from Centralia to Cairo for two years, then being promoted to the position of freight conductor, which he held for about four years. Then he was again promoted to the position of passenger conductor, which he held during the remaining term of his railroad life, resigning on account of his coal business, after thirteen years' service as a passenger conductor. During the latter period many of the prominent people of the country traveled in his trains, chief of which was General Grant on his return from his tour around the world. He was a most careful, reliable and painstaking conductor, who won the confidence of the company and the good will of all with whom his duties brought him in contact. In 1889 he began operating in coal and is proprietor of some valuable mines in this section of the state. The firm of Pittenger & Davis, of which he is the junior member, are now doing a very extensive business in their line, the volume of their trade amounting to shipment of more than five hundred thousand tons of coal annually.

In 1877 Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Ella E. Kell, of Centralia. He is a man of very affable, pleasant manner and genial nature and wins friends wherever he goes. In politics he is a staunch Republican and is a member of the Republican Club. In business he has achieved a splendid success. Although he began in humble capacity he has steadily worked his way upward and has taken his place among the substantial citizens of Centralia. His executive ability, fidelity to duty, honorable methods and unflagging industry have been the essential features of his success and have brought to him a success that is well merited.

**J** M. WENKE has been a member of the Masonic fraternity for only four years, but his record in that time has been one creditable alike to the craft and to himself. His life is in accord with its teachings and tenets and the branches of the order with which he is connected number him among their valued representatives. In 1893 he took the three degrees of the blue lodge and has since been affiliated with Thomas J. Turner Lodge. He was advanced as Mark Master, installed as Past Master, received as Most Excellent Master and exalted to the Royal Arch in Washington Chapter, in 1895.

A native of Germany, Mr. Wenke was born in 1843 and during his infancy was brought to America by his parents, who took up their residence in New Orleans, where he remained for about four years. In 1853 he came to Chicago, completed his education in the public schools and throughout his business career has been connected with the industrial interests of this city. He learned the cigar-maker's trade in his youth and for twenty years has engaged in business on his own account as a tobacconist. He carries a most excellent line of goods and has met with a well-deserved success, his trade constantly increasing as the years have passed by.

During the war he put aside all personal consideration to enter the service of his

adopted country and aid in the preservation of the Union. Enlisting in the Illinois Infantry, he remained at the front until honorably discharged on account of disability: he is now a member of Columbia Post, G. A. R. He was married in 1887 to Miss Mary A. Smith, a native of England.

**F**RANK H. ROOVAART, a talented and industrious affliant of the brotherhood, who makes his home in the city of Chicago, has served the order in various capacities since becoming a member and is always ready to assume any duties in the lodge that may be required of him. He was initiated in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, was advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry and exalted to the august degrees of the Holy Royal Arch in Normal Park Chapter, No. 210, greeted a Royal and Select Master in Imperial Council, No. 85, in 1896, and received the orders of knighthood in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, in 1894. In the lodge he has served as Junior Steward with ability and circumspection, and in the chapter was Master of the Third Veil, bringing to that office a dignity and intelligence that gained for him the high regard and commendation of his *confreres*. He and his wife are both members of the Normal Park Chapter, No. 211, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Roovaart was born in Chicago on the 26th of July, 1864, and here he was reared, obtaining his education in the public schools, attending the same until thirteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to the jewelry-manufacturing business. After serving in that capacity for five years he was given another position, which he retained for two or three years, and in 1886 he and his brother, Henry J., engaged in business for themselves, and, bringing to their work such qualifications as industry, natural talents, perseverance and the highest integrity of character, they have as a result met with a high degree of success

and are among the progressive and praiseworthy citizens of Chicago.

Mr. Roovaart solemnized his marriage on the first of January, 1887, when he was united to Miss Florence B. Reckard, who, although born in Marietta, Ohio, was reared in the Garden City. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Roovaart, namely, Helen and Margaret.

**A**UGUST RIEKE, who is successfully engaged in a fire-insurance business, with office at No. 162 La Salle street, Chicago, is a gentleman well known in the business and political circles of this city and also is he well known in the Masonic fraternity. He received the three degrees of blue Masonry in Lincoln Park Lodge, F. & A. M., was exalted a Royal Arch Mason by Lincoln Park Chapter, R. A. M., and was made a Sir Knight by Lincoln Park Commandery, K. T., in all of which he is a member in good standing. Also he is a member of Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine, and of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Rieke's name is suggestive of his nationality. He was born in Germany, December 22, 1856, and there passed the first nine years of his life, receiving his primary education in the schools of his native land. At the age of nine he emigrated to America with his parents, landing in New York city and coming from there direct to Chicago, where he has since lived. Here he completed his education in the public schools. He was deputy internal revenue collector under J. D. Harvey for about three years, when he resigned and went into the brokerage business. Later he was appointed cashier of the county clerk's office, and served in this capacity for eight years under Henry Wolff, now state treasurer. On retiring from this position he turned his attention to insurance, in which he has since been engaged, making fire insurance a specialty. He is a member of the Royal League. Is an ardent Republican and is interested in all that pertains

to the welfare of the great city in which he lives.

Mr. Rieke was married in 1879 to Miss Minnie Fischer, a native of Cook county, Illinois.

**E**RNEST JOSEPH CROSS, a well-known Mason of Chicago, became a member of the order by joining Oriental Lodge, No. 33, F. & A. M. He now holds membership in LaFayette Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., and was made a Knight Templar in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1896.

Mr. Cross is a native of England, his birth having occurred in Coventry on the 21st of July, 1871. During his infancy he was brought by his parents to America, the family locating in St. Paul, Minnesota, whence they afterward went to New York. Later they returned to England, where they spent two years, when they again crossed the Atlantic, taking up their abode in St. John's, New Brunswick, whence they later went to Musqueau, New Jersey. The subject of this review had accompanied the family on their various removals and while a resident of New Jersey filled the office of deputy postmaster. His next place of residence was in New York, where he entered the employ of the well-known firm of Cook & Son, whose excursions have become world-famed. In 1893 he was sent by the company to Chicago, where he holds the responsible position of cashier, transacting the greater part of their financial business for the entire western territory. It is an important position, but one which he has ably filled; and his genial, ever-courteous manner has made him a favorite with the public as well as with many warm personal friends.

**J**AMES B. TALLMAN, who is engaged in a fire-insurance business at No. 162 La Salle street, Chicago, is one of the representative young business men of this city and one who is deeply interested in Freemasonry, at this writing, 1896, being



Worshipful Master of Myrtle Lodge, No. 795. He was created a Master Mason by this organization November 7, 1891, and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason by Irving Park Chapter, No. 195, R. A. M. His interest in both organizations from the time of his entrance thereto has been unabated, and it is his intention in the near future to advance still higher in the grand work of Masonry.

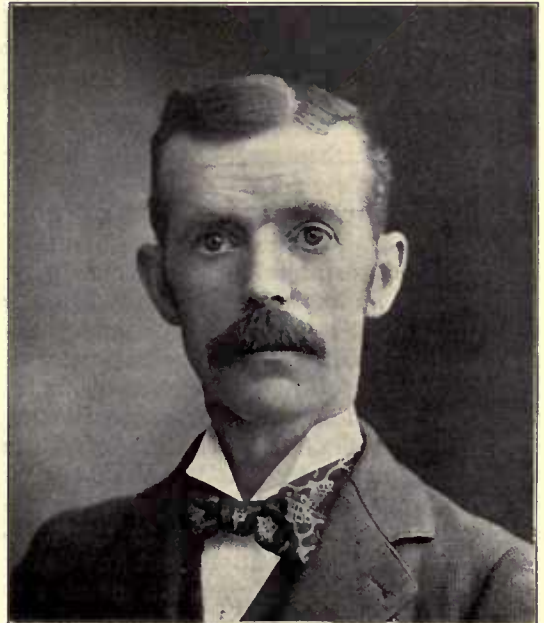
Mr. Tallman was born in Ogdensburg, New York, November 23, 1869, and in his native town was reared and educated. He was engaged in business for a time in Ogdensburg and from there in 1890 came to Chicago, where he was employed as ticket agent for the Northwestern Railroad two years. After severing his connection with the railroad company he turned his attention to the fire-insurance business, in which he is now successfully engaged. He is a member of the Irving Club at Irving Park, is president of the Republican Precinct Club, and has taken considerable interest in politics since his residence here.

Mr. Tallman was married in 1890 to Miss Clara G. Tilton, of Monticello, Indiana, and they have a son and a daughter. Mrs. Tallman is a member of the Presbyterian church.

**W**ILLIAM BENJAMIN WYNE.— Just how long Freemasonry has been in existence is difficult of determination, but its power and mutual benefits to humanity have steadily increased until today it stands at the head of all institutions organized for the welfare and happiness of the world in general and the promotion of morality of the inhabitants thereof. In Illinois alone its precepts and tenets are followed and faithfully adhered to by over fifty thousand members, and one of these who has been most enthusiastic in the work of his lodge is Mr. William B. Wyne, who for over a quarter of a century has proved himself to be a loyal and conscientious Mason.

Mr. Wyne was initiated as far back as

1870, in Melody Lodge, No. 2, at Platteville, Wisconsin, of which he served as Secretary for several years. In 1871 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, No. 2, of the same place; was in 1883 made a Royal and Select Master in Peoria Council, at Peoria, Illinois, and received the degree of Knighthood in Mineral Point (Wisconsin) Commandery, from which he obtained a dimit in 1895 and became affiliated with Columbia Commandery, No. 63, of Chicago. In 1883 Mr. Wyne attained the thirty-



second degree of the Scottish Rite, and was made a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in the ineffable lodge of perfection known as Peoria Consistory, at Peoria, Illinois. His prepossessing manners and kindly consideration have made him a popular member of the bodies with which he has been affiliated, and have gained for him a number of warm friends among the craft.

The birth of Mr. Wyne took place in Rushville, Illinois, on April 15, 1848. He is the son of Benjamin F. and Cynthia Floria (Pattie) Wyne, the former of whom

was for twenty years postmaster of Platteville, Wisconsin, whither he had moved when the subject of this sketch was but a year old. At Platteville Mr. Wyne received his education in the common schools and began his business career as a clerk in a mercantile establishment, continuing in that vocation until 1876, when he engaged with the American Express Company as a messenger, remaining as such until 1891, and then coming to Chicago. During his term of service as an express employee Mr. Wyne arose from the position of messenger to be extra agent and route agent, in the latter capacity having charge of all the American Express offices in Illinois, and was located on the line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad as traveling auditor. In the meanwhile Mr. Wyne had become financially interested in Brink's Chicago City Express as one of its stockholders and a member of the board of directors. On his coming to Chicago in 1891 he became superintendent of the company, which office he has continued to hold since that time. He is conscientious, energetic, always has the interest of the company at heart, and has fulfilled the duties of his responsible position with credit to himself and to the eminent satisfaction of those with whom he is associated.

In political affairs Mr. Wyne is a Republican, faithfully adhering to the principles of that party, but without any desire to hold office. Socially he is a member of the Review Club. He is a man of undoubted ability, possesses a genial disposition and the happy faculty of making many warm, personal friends, whom he numbers by the score.

**J**OSIAH B. LAMKIN, dealer in hides, furs and wool, Champaign, is a representative Mason whose character entitles him to a mention in a work of this nature. He was inducted into the order in Cleveland Lodge at Chicago, and is now affiliated with Western Star Lodge, No. 240, at Champaign. He is also a member

of Champaign Chapter, No. 40, in which he has been Master of the Veils; and in Urbana Commandery, No. 16, K. T., he has been Standard Bearer. He was with this commandery at the great triennial conclave in Chicago in 1880. He is also a member of Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Chicago.

Mr. Lamkin was born in Mariposa, Canada, March 8, 1843, trained in the public schools of that country and at Earlville, Illinois, to which latter place the family moved when he was about sixteen years of age. For several years after he quit school he was a traveling salesman for a Chicago house. In July, 1869, he came to Champaign, ever since which time he has been an honorable and successful business man and citizen of this place. Building a residence on his arrival here, he has made this his permanent home, and now he is well known throughout a large area of the country in this part of the state. Taking an active interest in public affairs, a Democrat in politics, he is at present the chairman of the Democratic Club of Champaign.

**W**ILLIAM TINSLEY is one of the zealous members of the Masonic fraternity. He took the degrees of Entered Apprentice in Thomas J. Turner Lodge, No. 409, in 1896, passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, after which he received the capitular degrees in Chicago Chapter, No. 27, and in 1897 he was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery. He is now serving as Junior Deacon in the blue lodge and is worthily following the teachings of the society which fosters a chivalrous devotion to the right, emphasizes the truth of universal brotherhood, upholds patriotism and promotes benevolence. Although his connection with Masonry covers a period of little more than a year he is deeply interested in the organization and exemplifies its honorable teachings in his upright career.

Mr. Tinsley is also a valued and active

member in other fraternities. He has the warm regard of the brotherhood in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his name is found also on the roll of membership of Lakeside Lodge, No. 230, Knights of Pythias, in which he is now serving as Chancellor Commander. He is a member of the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorapan, and his fidelity to the obligation which these various societies impose on their members has won him the esteem of all with whom he has thus been brought in contact.

In business circles Mr. Tinsley also has a wide acquaintance and his success is the result of his own well-directed efforts. A native of England, he was born on the 1st of July, 1868, and when a youth of twenty years crossed the Atlantic to America. In February, 1892, he arrived in Chicago and the same year embarked in the restaurant business, which he has since followed with marked success. Catering to the public wishes he has thoroughly learned what is demanded by the patrons, and meeting these demands he has secured a large and lucrative patronage. In manner he is social, cordial and genial, and his courteous accommodation of his customers secures a continuance of their trade. He has a well-appointed hotel and restaurant, with good service, and in his business is energetic and enterprising.

**J** S. INGRAM, whose connection with Masonry dates from 1875, was initiated in Harlem Lodge, No. 540, A. F. & A. M., and is now one of its life members. Having passed the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, he was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Cicero Chapter, No. 190, in 1880. He was created a Knight Templar in St. Bernard Commandery in the same year, and afterward dimitted to assist in the organization of Siloam Commandery, No. 54, in 1881, of which he was one of the original promoters. In the latter he has served as

Eminent Commander and his observance of the vows of knighthood and his active advocacy of its teachings make him one of the most valued and acceptable members of the commandery. His virtues as a man and a Mason are of the highest order and worthy of imitation. His knowledge of the workings and principles of the craft is wide and accurate, and he is ever ready and willing to instruct others therein. His zeal for Masonry, his acumen, his diligence, his untiring efforts and the vigilance with which he guards the ancient landmarks make him an important factor in the Masonic world with which he is connected.

Chicago's population is largely formed of residents who have come from the east, and, identifying their interests with those of the western metropolis, have become imbued with the spirit of progress and enterprise so typical of this section, so that they join in the onward movement which has made the western metropolis the feared rival of the Knickerbocker city. Mr. Ingram belongs to this class. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 30th of September, 1837, and resided there until about fourteen years of age, when he went to Ohio. Soon afterward he began earning his own livelihood and has since been dependent upon his own resources, so that whatever success he has achieved is the reward of his own labors. He secured a position as salesman in a general mercantile establishment and was thus employed until 1856, when he left the Buckeye state and removed to Abingdon, Knox county, Illinois. After a short time, however, he went to Iowa, where he resided until 1867. In that year he came to Chicago and has since been connected with the mercantile interests of this city. During the greater part of the time his services have been in connection with the shoe trade and he is now one of the most efficient and popular salesmen in the well-known shoe house of C. M. Henderson & Company. His pleasant, genial manner and his courteous treatment has won him many friends who not only give him their

patronage but also entertain for him the highest personal regard.

In September, 1860, Mr. Ingram was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Peddicord, of Decatur, Illinois, and they have a pleasant home in Oak Park, where they have continued their residence for twenty-three years.

**S**AMUEL YOUNG WEISER, Washington, Illinois, was born in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, January 17, 1831, and came to Illinois in 1853, settling in Washington, where he has since resided. His study of esoteric Masonry began April 30, 1858, when, in Washington, he was initiated in Taylor Lodge, No. 98, of which he afterward served as Worshipful Master for six years. He took the chapter degrees in 1866, and the council degrees about the same time. For four years he served Tazewell Chapter as High Priest, and he holds that high office at present.

Mr. Weiser is a good citizen and a zealous and intelligent Mason.

**T**A. STEVENS, the vice-president of the firm of Chas. A. Stevens & Brothers, proprietors of one of the most extensive mercantile houses of Chicago, is a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, with which he has been identified since 1890. In the blue lodge of Colchester, Illinois, he was received as an Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; after his removal to Chicago he was dimitted to Kenwood Lodge, No. 800, with which he is still affiliated: he is now serving as its Junior Warden. It was also in 1890 that he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason, in Morse Chapter, No. 19, at Macomb, Illinois; and has since affiliated with La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, of Chicago. In 1891 he received the grades and orders of chivalric Masonry, in Almoner Commandery, No. 32, of Augusta, Illinois, and is now a Sir

Knight of Chevalier Bayard Commandery, of Chicago. In 1895 he began the study of the esoteric doctrines of the Scottish Rite and attained to the thirty-second degree in Oriental Consistory, wherein he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He crossed the sands of the desert as a Noble of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine; and in all departments of Masonry is he interested, doing all in his power to promote its growth and spread its beneficent principles.

Mr. Stevens is a native of Colchester, Illinois, born on the 2d of September, 1868. His education was obtained in the schools of that place and at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, while his business training was received in the store of Stevens Brothers in his native town. After he had mastered business methods and practices, he was admitted to a partnership in the business, and as a member of the firm of Chas. A. Stevens & Brothers came to Chicago in 1891. The partners are Chas. A., John H. and Thomas Albert Stevens. Their establishment is the only exclusive silk house in America, and to-day they are conducting a mammoth business. The phenomenal growth of their enterprise is almost unparalleled in the history of Chicago, for from small beginnings they have extended their operations and increased their facilities until to-day they control one of the extensive commercial enterprises of the western metropolis, and have the largest silk trade in the country. The progressiveness of the Chicago business man must not only reach the bounds that others have gained but also must pass beyond into new and broader, untried fields of operation; but an unerring foresight and sagacity must make no mistake by venturing upon uncertain ground. In this manner the Stevens Brothers have gone beyond the previously defined lines of commerce and have built up a branch of merchandising which at once shows them to be men of sound judgment and keen discrimination. Not a little of the success of this firm is



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due to the youngest partner, whose long identification with mercantile interests has well fitted him for his present labors.

On the 24th of December, 1891, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Stevens and Miss Mary Edgerton, of Colchester, and they now have two children,—a son and a daughter.

Mr. Stevens' record is that of a man who has risen to a commanding position in business circles by personal merit and honorable business dealings. In manner he is always courteous and pleasant, of even temperament and social disposition, and in business, social and Masonic circles he is popular.

**M**ON. URBIN S. ELLSWORTH, a farmer residing at Deer Park, La Salle county, is an intelligent and consistent member of that ancient craft which has the most fascinating ritual and lodge work of all in the world, the Masonic order. Appreciating this work as he does, he deserves more than a passing mention in this volume, which is devoted to the Masonry of Illinois. He is affiliated with Tonica Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in which he was initiated May 24, 1892; is a member of Peru Chapter, No. 60, R. A. M., in which he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason June 25 following; and of St. John's Commandery, No. 26, at Peru, where he was knighted October 3, same year. Thus advancing, he gives his testimony to the value of Masonic emblems and work; and besides his Masonic affiliations he is also a member of Deer Park Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he has been Master, and he is Venerable Consul of the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Ellsworth was born April 19, 1851, in South Ottawa, La Salle county, Illinois, a descendant of the Connecticut Ellsworths of whom Oliver was chief justice of the United States under President Washington, and his son William was governor of Connecticut. Mr. Ellsworth completed a classical course of education at Jennings Semi-

nary, in Aurora, this state. His occupation is that of combined farmer and stock-raiser, in which his intelligence has won him success.

In his political principles Mr. Ellsworth is a Republican, and in religion a member of the Congregational church. In his community he is held in high esteem as a citizen by his neighbors, who have honored him with a number of offices, is town clerk, assessor, supervisor, etc., and for six years he has represented his district in the state general assembly. In that body he has always been placed on important committees, and has had much to do with the legislation affecting the Chicago drainage channel, always working for the interest of the Illinois valley.

December 18, 1876, is the date of Mr. Ellsworth's marriage at Aurora, Illinois, to Miss Victoria Gibbs, whose father is a Methodist class-leader, now aged eighty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth's children are William, Ada and Dorothy.

**F**RANK E. LEARNED, chief clerk in the office of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad Company at Chicago, was made a Mason in Trio Lodge, No. 57, of Rock Island, Illinois, in 1883. In 1894 the degrees of capitular Masonry were conferred upon him in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., of Chicago, and the same year he was created a Knight Templar of Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64. He became identified with the Scottish Rite in April, 1897, and received the various grades and orders until he attained the thirty-second degree in Oriental Consistory. He is also a member of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and in the social and working branches of the craft is esteemed as a valuable member.

Mr. Learned was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on the 28th of April, 1856, and spent his youth in his native city acquiring an education in its public schools and obtaining a business training in a manufacturing establishment. In 1882 he removed to

Rock Island, where he was engaged in the railroad business, with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and in 1884 he came to Chicago, where for two years he was clerk in the office of the pool commission. When this was done away with he entered the service of the Wabash Railroad Company, and in 1889 accepted a position with the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railroad Company, serving first as traveling auditor, then as traveling freight agent, and now as chief clerk of the traffic department at the Chicago headquarters. His advancement has been in recognition of his ability and fidelity to duty, which are most marked. He is faithful to the smallest detail of his work and has the confidence of his superiors and the respect of all with whom he is associated in his business relations.

Mr. Learned was married on the 12th of May, 1882, the lady of his choice being Miss Ella P. Milliken, a native of Boston, Massachusetts.

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**C**LARENCE E. MOORE, whose connection with one of the leading mercantile houses of Chicago well indicates his superior business ability, is a worthy Mason, whose identification with the lodge dates from 1887, in which year he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Colchester Lodge, No. 781, of Colchester, Illinois. He passed the Fellow-craft and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and further advanced through the bodies of Masonry in chapter, consistory and commandery. In 1888 he took the capitular degrees in Morse Chapter, of Macomb, Illinois, and was knighted in Almoner Commandery, No. 32, of Augusta, Illinois. Since coming to Chicago he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Though this latter part of the nineteenth century may be termed the materialistic age, the Masonic fraternity, with its large membership, still shows that there are

thousands whose appreciation of the true and good and beautiful in life is manifest by their relation to this order, and whose hearts are responsive to the cry of humanity. The noble purposes of the order are being carried forward steadily by such men as Mr. Moore, who though caring for extensive business interests put these aside to give their time and aid to the weary and distressed of earth's children.

Mr. Moore is a native of Colchester, Illinois, where he was born on the 27th of October, 1866. There he was reared and educated and during his boyhood he entered the store of Stevens Brothers, general merchants, of Colchester. His association with his first employers has never been discontinued, and surely no higher testimonial of his faithfulness, his ability and his fidelity to every trust could be given. When the Stevens Brothers came to Chicago and the extensive silk house of C. A. Stevens & Brothers was established, he also removed to the city and continued with the firm in the important position of credit man. The delicate and peculiar duties of this position he performs with masterly skill and has thereby contributed in no small degree to the success of the house. Mr. Moore is a typical representative of the progressive business age, a genial, courteous gentleman whose moral worth commends him to the confidence of all, and is a true and loyal Mason.

On the 12th of August, 1891, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Florence Curnow, who was born in Colchester, and they now have a son and daughter,—Herbert J. and Mildred.

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**R**ICHARD TUNK is an upright, industrious Mason who has always lived up to the teachings of the order, and has evinced by his daily life how well he understands its tenets and principles. He received his initiatory degrees in Accordia Lodge, No. 277, and was raised to Master Mason June 1, 1894. On December 8, 1896, he was elected Secretary for the year



1897, and fulfilled the duties of that office in an efficient and praiseworthy manner.

Mr. Tunk is a native of Germany, where he was born February 2, 1868, and was reared and attended the public schools of that country until sixteen years of age. In 1884 he came to the United States and located in Chicago, where he followed the trade of designer and wood finisher for some four years, and then embarked in the bamboo-manufacturing business, in which he has met with unqualified success. Mr. Tunk is a capable, energetic business man, of strict integrity and honesty of purpose, and commands the respect of all with whom he comes in contact. As a man Mr. Tunk has ever endeavored to do his duty by his fellow men. As a Mason his many excellent qualities of mind and character have endeared him to his brothers.

On February 11, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of our subject and Miss Lizzie Decker, who was born in Rock Falls, Illinois, and two children have been born to them—Robert and Frank.

**F**RANK B. BORT is at the head of one of the extensive manufacturing concerns in his line in America; nor are his operations limited by the boundaries of this country, for his field of labor extends to Paris and to London. The day of small undertakings, especially in cities, seems to have passed and the era of gigantic enterprises is upon us. In control of extensive concerns are men of master minds, of almost limitless ability to guide, of sound judgment and keen discrimination. Their progressiveness must not only reach the bounds that others have gained, but must even pass beyond into new and broader fields, and must make no mistake by venturing upon uncertain ground. Such Mr. Bort has done, and he to-day occupies a conspicuous place among the manufacturers of Chicago.

He was born in Madison county, New York, on the 23d of January, 1853, and in his youth came to Chicago, where he soon

entered upon his business career as an employee in a brokerage house, where he remained for about a year. Subsequently he was employed as a traveling salesman by J. H. Dunham & Company, wholesale grocers, then on State street, and for some years thereafter was in the same line of business, being connected with a number of the leading business houses of the city. He was with the Royal Baking Powder Company for three years, traveling in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan, and for two years was a traveling representative of the house of Barker & Benedict; then for eight years he was with their successors, the firm of E. B. Millar & Company, dealers in teas, coffees and spices; becoming a partner in the business, he traveled in Wisconsin and Minnesota, representing that house. Subsequently he traveled for the shoe house of Phelps, Dodge & Palmer as their representative in Wisconsin for four years. He was one of the most successful traveling salesmen on the road, for his genial manner, his known reliability, his enterprise and his manly bearing made him very popular and won him a host of warm friends who delighted to give him their patronage. All these qualities brought to him a success which enabled him to become the owner of extensive real-estate interests. As his financial resources increased he made judicious investments in realty, becoming the owner of valuable property in Chicago. He erected here the Bort building, at No. 21 Quincy street, the first modern building erected in that section of the city; and after selling that property he embarked in his present business, establishing the hook and eye manufactory, which he still conducts as the senior member of the firm of Bort & Black. They manufacture this very useful article after their own patent, and have taken out their patent in six different countries. Their Chicago factory is located at Nos. 437 and 439 Wabash avenue. As time passed their sales grew very extensive, and they found a market for their product not only in this country but also in Europe. In order to facilitate the trade abroad they established

a factory at No. 208 Faubourg St. Denis, Paris, and at No. 25 Argyll street, London. This enables them to meet their orders promptly and without the annoyance often caused by long shipments. The splendid success that has attended this industry is due to the superior business and executive ability of Mr. Bort, his capable management and tireless purpose, and in this manner he has worked his way upward from an humble to a commanding position in the world of trade.

Mr. Bort has been married twice and has two children. He belongs to the Iroquis Club and in politics is a staunch Democrat. He has for twelve years been identified with the Masonic fraternity and it is the endorsement of such men that has given the order its high standing. Their allegiance to the society is a sufficient guaranty of its worth and excellence, for a man of Mr. Bort's well-known integrity of character never allies himself with a questionable cause. He became a Mason in 1884, taking the three degrees of the blue lodge on the night which witnessed his initiation into Kilwinning Lodge. He received the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason all on the same night, becoming a member of Corinthian Chapter, and a month after entering the blue lodge he was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35. In March, 1885, he attained the thirty-second degree of Oriental Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, and with all of these organizations he is still affiliated, being a valued and active member of the craft. He is especially active in the commandery, served as Senior Warden for one year, in 1895 was elected Captain-General and since 1884 has been a member of the Drill Corps.

**HENRY HARRISON HOAGLAND**, county judge of Menard county, was born in Morgan county, this state, September 15, 1839, and at thirteen years of age moved to Petersburg, where he obtained his

elementary education; and his more advanced education he obtained at Lombard University at Galesburg, Illinois, and at Jubilee College, near Peoria. He studied law at Petersburg and was admitted to the bar May 3, 1871, in the supreme court. In 1865 he was elected constable in Petersburg, and in 1882 county judge, in which office he has now served continuously ever since, so great satisfaction does he render the public in the discharge of his official duties. In his politics he is a Democrat.

In 1887 the blue-lodge degrees were conferred upon him, and in that lodge he has held nearly all the offices, was Worshipful Master in 1893, and was a member of the advisory committee when the by-laws of Clinton Lodge, No. 19, were formulated. He received the chapter degrees in DeWitt Chapter, No. 119, R. A. M., in 1887, and he has been Secretary of the chapter ever since December 2, that year. Was admitted into St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 47, K. T., in 1888; was Recorder of the commandery from January, 1894, to January, 1895; and January 4 of the latter year he was elected Generalissimo. He has filled nearly all the offices in the various bodies of Masonry.

April 24, 1860, he was united in matrimony with Miss Mary Jane Ballard, of Petersburg, and has three children: Ida B., Minnie L. and Thompson Whitney.

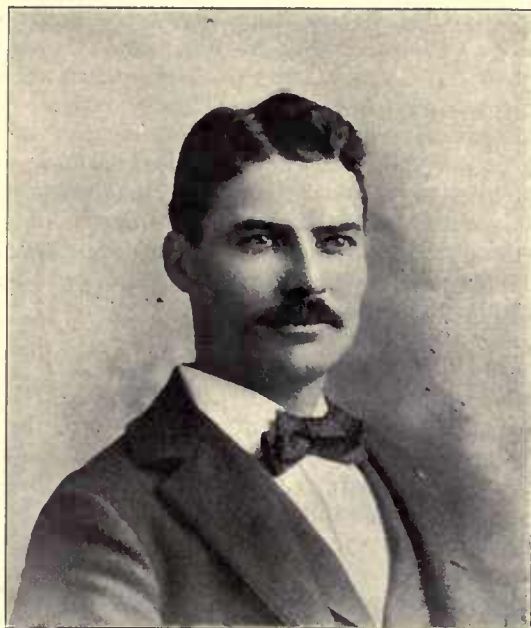
**ELMER SAMUEL GOOD**, the Secretary of two bodies of Masonry in Kewanee, and also a prominent business man of that city, engaged as furniture dealer, was made a Master Mason in Kewanee Lodge, No. 159, in 1894, receiving the respective degrees as follows: Entered Apprentice, May 15; Fellow-craft, June 7; and Master Mason, September 24. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Kewanee Chapter, No. 47, receiving the various degrees on the following dates: Mark Master, November 23, 1894; Past Master, February 4, 1895; Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, February 25, same year. In the fol-

lowing December he was elected Secretary of both the blue lodge and chapter, to which offices he has been re-elected, and he is an accomplished and reliable keeper of records. In 1895 he was created a Sir Knight Templar in Templar Commandery, No. 20, at Princeton, Illinois, where he still retains his membership.

Mr. Good is a "native son" of this city, born May 14, 1863, the son of Samuel W. Good, who was a native of Ohio and came to Illinois with his family during the early settlement of the northern portion of this state, locating on land two and a half miles southeast of Kewanee, where he resided and brought up his children. He died in 1885, and the old homestead is still in the possession of the remaining members of the family. He was a good citizen, held various local offices, and was highly esteemed by the community generally. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Northrop, died in February, 1897, at the age of fifty-eight years. They had seven children, of whom Mr. Good, of this sketch, was the third.

Mr. Good was educated at Kewanee and at Burlington, taught school three years, after which he was employed by O. H. Loomis in the implement business one year; for four years was bookkeeper for the Western Tube Company at Kewanee; and in 1895 he purchased a half interest in the furniture stock of the firm now known as Palmer & Good, dealers in all kinds of furniture and upholsterers. They are also the leading funeral directors, the duties in this line being in charge of Mr. Palmer. They are doing a very successful business, and Mr. Good is one of the most popular business men of Kewanee.

same year exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter, No. 148, in 1893 was created a Sir Knight in Columbus Commandery, No. 63, and in Oriental Consistory he has received the thirty-second degree. Mr. Keating is one of the most prominent and active followers of the beauseant in the commandery, and in his intercourse with his brethren is always affable and considerate, demonstrating by his acts how well he has learned and understands the tenets of the institution. Brother Keating is also identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Royal League, Co-



lumbian Knights, the Menoken Club, and that branch of Masonry which has for its object the social intercourse of its members, the Mystic Shrine, having become a Noble in Medinah Temple in 1895.

Mr. Keating was born in the city of Chicago, January 1, 1869, and is the son of Henry and Mary (McCormick) Keating. He received his education in the public schools of his native city, which he left in 1880 to accept a clerkship with the Northwestern Railway Company, where he re-

**A**RTHUR J. KEATING.—Among those who follow the teachings of the blue lodge and chapter, and who faithfully observe the vows of Knighthood, is Arthur J. Keating, whose name heads this sketch. He was initiated, in 1892, in Garfield Lodge, No. 686, of Chicago, was in the

mained nine years, afterward spending one year in the offices of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Company. The following four years, from 1890 to 1894, he was engaged in the installment business, under the firm name of Verhoeff, Keating & Bradshaw, which was conducted in a most successful manner. Mr. Keating retired from this partnership and formed the brokerage firm of A. J. Keating & Company, which has since had a very prosperous career. He is an energetic, progressive young man of undoubted integrity, and possesses the confidence and good will of all his business associates.

In 1891 Mr. Keating was united in marriage to Miss Ella E. Welch, who was also born in Chicago, and this union has been blessed with a daughter—Helen Marie. In all his Masonic relations Mr. Keating has ever been the strongest believer and supporter of the principles and teachings of the order, and, being a gentleman of a genial and companionable nature, possesses a host of friends, who recognize his genuine worth and manly character.

**C**OLONEL ALLEN LEWIS FAHNESTOCK, merchant at Glassford, has been a faithful member of the Masonic order ever since 1851, in which year, February 10, he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice, April 14 as Fellow-craftsman, and May 12 as Master Mason. Next year, May 4, he received the degrees of Mark Master and Past Master, and Royal Arch January 6, 1853, at Peoria, in the days when that noted Mason, editor and lecturer, Thomas J. Pickett, was Master of the lodge in that city. At present Mr. Fahnestock holds his membership in Lancaster Lodge, No. 106, and in the Peoria Chapter. He was Worshipful Master of the blue lodge from 1853 to 1862 inclusive, in 1865, and again in 1896 is the present Master; and he has been a member of the Grand Lodge of the state all the time he has been Master of the local lodge.

When the lodge at Lancaster was first

established Mr. Fahnestock furnished the money to purchase the equipments, besides large suppers for all the visitors, and he has ever been the guiding and ruling star of this lodge. In Glassford he still owns the hall used by this lodge.

Mr. Fahnestock was born in Abbottstown, Adams county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1828, and came west in the autumn of 1837, locating at Lancaster, a mile and a half from Glassford. Ever since 1856 he has been engaged in merchandising. August 27, 1862, he was mustered in as captain of Company I, Eighty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, of which regiment he was appointed major February 5, 1864; April 14 following he was promoted as lieutenant-colonel, and was finally commissioned colonel, but too late for muster. He served in the department of the Cumberland, and engaged in the battles of Perryville, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Rome, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Savannah, Averysboro, Bentonville, etc.,—all of which were important and hotly contested engagements. Mr. Fahnestock is a member of Timber Post, No. 432, G. A. R., of which he has been commander.

In civil offices Mr. Fahnestock has served as town clerk, school treasurer, supervisor, and in 1866-7 was county treasurer.

**C**ARL MUELLER, a young man of more than ordinary business acumen and a dealer in real estate, forms an important factor in the business circles of Chicago, and also in circles fraternal he is well-known and popular. As a Freemason he has made rapid advancement, having in two years taken all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second. The Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason degrees were conferred upon him by Lincoln Park Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 611, in 1894. The same year he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason by Lincoln Park Chap-

ter, No. 177, R. A. M.; and knighted by Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, K. T.; and the following year he was made a Royal and Select Master by Chicago Council, No. 4, R. & S. M., and penetrated the mysteries of the Scottish Rite, Oriental Consistory performing the work which made him a thirty-second-degree Mason. Also he is identified with the Mystic Shrine, maintaining a membership in Medinah Temple. In the workings of all these branches of Masonry he manifests an appreciative interest, and in the lodge he has filled all the chairs up to that of Senior Warden, which office he now fills.

The place and time of Mr. Mueller's birth are recorded as Portage, Wisconsin, February 17, 1862. His early associations were the city of Madison, that state, where his school days were passed, graduating at the high school. As early as 1876 he became interested in the insurance business in that city, and although then only a boy showed that he possessed more than ordinary business ability. He remained in Madison until June, 1883, when he came to Chicago, to continue here in the same line. From 1886 to 1889 he was traveling special agent and adjuster of the Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance Company of Germany, severing his connection with that company in 1889, and at that time turning his attention to the real-estate business, in which he has ever since been engaged, and in which he has met with marked success. He has an office at No. 86 La Salle street and also one at Lake View, both of which he conducts personally, and he does a general business in his line. Such has been his success, that he is to-day one of the best known real-estate young men in this city.

In addition to being a Mason Mr. Mueller is also identified with a number of fraternal organizations other than the Masonic. He is a member of the Royal League, National Union, Druids and Chicago Turngemeinde. His political views are in harmony with the principles set forth by the Republican party, he is an active and efficient party worker, and at this

writing occupies the position of president of the Eighteenth Precinct Republican Club. For the past five years he has done the city real-estate expert work.

Mr. Mueller has a beautiful home in Lake View, where he and his family reside. He was married in 1889 to Miss Anna Schaab, of Kansas City, and they are the parents of five children.

**C**HARLES FISHER, contractor and builder, Springfield, is one of the most zealous and faithful Masons of his city, as well as one of the most advanced, having served in most of the important offices in all the branches of Masonry.

He was born in Quincy, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1822, and arrived in Springfield, Illinois, November 13, 1840, where in 1848 he became a member of the "mystic tie." March 29 he received the degree of Master Mason, in Springfield Lodge, No. 4. January 12, 1849, in Chapter No. 1, he received the Royal Arch degree, and the same year joined Council No. 2. January 29, 1859, in Elwood Commandery, No. 6, at Springfield, he was knighted, and in 1866-7 he received Scottish Rite degrees, in Carson Consistory, also at Springfield. At present he is a member of Central Lodge, No. 71, of Springfield Chapter, No. 1, Springfield Council, No. 2, and of Elwood Commandery, No. 6. Of the blue lodge he was Worshipful Master in 1853 and 1859 to 1862 continuously; was Treasurer of his lodge from 1863 to 1871; and was Master again in 1872 and in 1878-9. Of the chapter he was High Priest in 1864, 1868, 1872-4 and 1876-7. Of the council he was Thrice Illustrious Master two years; and for twenty-three years he was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council. As a Knight Templar he has been Past Commander, and in the Scottish Rite he has been M. E. Z. Prince, and Grand Master of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem. Also he has been Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Grand Captain of the

Host, Grand Master of the council and Senior Grand Warden of the commandery. From November, 1859, to November, 1865, he was Grand Lecturer for the Grand Lodge. The degree of Royal and Select Master was conferred upon him under the authority of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, before any local council was established in Springfield. He was also Grand Lecturer for the Grand Chapter three or four years during the time he was in the lodge. Mr. Fisher is probably the best posted in the work of the order of all Masons in Springfield, having a fine Masonic library, perhaps the best in the city.

In his religious predilections he is a Presbyterian. He has been alderman in the Springfield city council four years, and he was captain of a company of militia of Illinois.

Mr. Fisher in his youth learned the carpenter's trade, which he has followed the most of his life, and for a long time he has been a contractor and superintendent of construction of buildings. Among the buildings whose erection he has superintended are the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester, the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, the Marine Hospital at Cincinnati and Marine Hospitals at Chicago. In the latter city he was foreman of construction. He did the wood-work on the post-office building in Springfield, also built the First Presbyterian church in Springfield, and Senator Cullom's, David T. Littler's and DeWitt Smith's residences in Springfield, and many other large structures, both residences and business houses.

of those qualities of character which mainly contribute to the success of private life and public stability,—of men who have been exemplary in all their personal and social relations, and enjoyed the respect, esteem and confidence of those around them,—ought not to be allowed to perish. To this latter class belongs Mr. Adams, and the history of Masonry in Illinois gladly accords him a place among the loyal representatives of the order.

Mr. Adams is a Mason of long standing, whose connection with the fraternity is antedated by few. In 1853 he joined the order, in New Paris, Preble county, Ohio, and after coming to Illinois took a dimit from that lodge and joined Hesperia Lodge, of Chicago, of which he has been an affiliate since the 26th of September, 1877. In 1890 he was made acquainted with the esoteric doctrines of the Scottish Rite and took the ineffable degrees of the lodge of perfection, becoming a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. He is faithful to the teachings of this ancient society and exemplifies the spirit of its principles in his daily life.

Mr. Adams is one of the worthy and progressive citizens that the Buckeye state has furnished to the Garden city. He was born in New Paris, Ohio, on the 27th of August, 1824, and spent his youth there in play, work and study. His education was acquired in the common schools and he entered upon his business career as an employee in a mercantile establishment. He removed to Chicago on the 9th of April, 1855, and for several years engaged in the grocery business, meeting with fair success. He was wise in his choice of Chicago for a location, for he came to the city as it was entering upon an era of rapid development, and with the increased population his business grew and brought to him good returns. In 1870 he turned his attention to the undertaking business and has since continued in that enterprise. He is progressive in his work, careful in his attention to all details and does all in his power to meet the wishes and promote the comfort of his patrons.

**J**OHAN M. ADAMS, of Chicago, is entitled to due recognition as a worthy man and Mason. History and biography for the most part record the lives of only those who have attained military, political or literary distinction, or who in any other career have passed through extraordinary vicissitudes of fortune. But the names of men who have distinguished themselves in their day and generation for the possession



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His patronage is now quite extensive, and he ranks among the leaders in his line in west Chicago. His trade brings to him a good income and his success is well deserved.

Mr. Adams has been very prominent in all parades in Chicago, and has one of the finest black horses in the city. His part was the most showy in such parades as that attending the unveiling of the Grant monument in Lincoln park, on Colonel Burge's staff, the dedication of the great World's Columbian Exposition in the fall of 1892, when he was chief of staff, the escort on Chicago day and on Illinois day at Canton during the campaign of 1896, with thirty-two black horses. Indeed, many remarked that without that parade the occasion would not have been a success. Many enthusiastic encomiums were showered upon him for his splendid display of the black-horse cavalcade in the escort of notables on that exciting occasion.

Mr. Adams has been twice married. In 1843 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Eliza Z. Ireland, a native of New Paris, Preble county, Ohio, who died in 1882, leaving one daughter, Clara, now the wife of Charles C. Sackett, of LaGrange, Illinois. His second marriage occurred June 26, 1884, when Flora H. Mullment, a native of Berlin, Germany, became his wife, who died June 12, 1897. He is a man of pleasant, social nature and genial disposition, true to his friends and is very popular among a large circle of acquaintances.

**W**ILLIAM R. MORGAN, the Eminent Commander of Siloam Commandery whose observance of the vows of knight-hood makes him a worthy follower of the standard of sable and argent, and whose life is in harmony with its principles and beliefs, first became connected with Masonry at the time of his initiation into Harlem Lodge, No. 540, about 1885. He took the degree of Entered Apprentice and soon afterward those of Fellow-craft and Master Mason. His identification with the Chap-

ter dates from 1887, when he was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Cicero Chapter, No. 180, of Austin, Illinois. He has been honored with distinctive preferment in that department of Masonry, has served as Scribe, and is now filling the office of King. In 1889 the order of knight-hood was conferred upon him by Siloam Commandery, No. 54, K. T., and with all of these lodges he has continuously affiliated, while in the last named he occupies the highest position in the gift of the Sir Knights, that of Eminent Commander. He is also a valued member of, and has a wide acquaintance in, Medinah Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. No other fraternity has performed such a service for humanity; no other society has been so useful in aiding the poor, the distressed or the weak as this ancient organization which had its origin so many centuries ago, and Mr. Morgan does all in his power to promote its work and advance its teachings among men.

Mr. Morgan has spent his entire life in Chicago, his birth occurring in this city on the 9th of July, 1847. He spent his boyhood days under the parental roof and acquired his education in the public schools. He entered upon his business career in connection with the railroad service and for thirty years has been in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern road, serving for the past ten years as assistant depot master, and on the 1st of June, 1897, was appointed master at Wells street passenger station, Chicago. No corporation demands more faithful service on the part of its employees than the railroad companies, and the long years of Mr. Morgan's connection with the Chicago & Northwestern well attests his fidelity to duty and his loyalty to the interests entrusted to his care. His vigilance and fidelity also won him a deserved promotion, and from a humble position he worked his way steadily upward. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, of enterprise and honorable dealing. He has the respect of his subordinates in the office, and the warm regard

of all with whom he is brought in contact.

Mr. Morgan has been twice married. On the 12th of January, 1871, he wedded Miss Elizabeth C. Hayward, who died September 9, 1894, and for his second wife he chose Miss Alma N. Erfert, of Freeport, Illinois, a daughter of John Erfert, a prominent Mason of Freeport. In this city Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have many warm friends and their home is justly noted for its hospitality.

**J**OHN FISKE NASH, whose name is indelibly inscribed on the rolls of Masonic history in Illinois, has been a representative of the fraternity since 1851. He is one of the most widely known followers of the order in the state, for his active and effective services in its behalf have brought him to the attention of his Masonic brethren throughout the commonwealth and have won him their admiration, respect and gratitude. The universality and humanitarianism upon which the society rests finds exemplification in him, and he is a worthy follower of the brief but all-embracing creed of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. In 1851 he took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason, in Occidental Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M., and has served as its Worshipful Master. Having passed the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Shabbona Chapter, No. 37, and has been honored by his companions of the order with the office of High Priest. He was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Ottawa Commandery, No. 10; was its Eminent Commander for eight successive years, and has been Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois,—an honor which was justly bestowed upon him and worthily worn. He has filled with marked ability nearly all the offices of these various bodies and his zeal in Masonic work is still unabated. The

order which had its origin in the era of our early civilization, which shed its light abroad through the dark ages when bigotry, cruelty and superstition reigned and which in our later progress has been one of the most potential elements for the amelioration of the difficulties and trials which beset mankind, awakens his earnest admiration and most unswerving loyalty, and his fidelity to its principles numbers him among the foremost representatives of the society in Illinois.

Mr. Nash is no less prominent in business circles and for many years has been connected with the banking interests of Ottawa. He was born in Massachusetts, on the 24th of December, 1824, and in 1840 accompanied his parents on their removal to Putnam county, Illinois, where he completed a common-school education, and at the age of eighteen engaged in teaching. In 1847 he came to Ottawa and entered the law office of Dickey & Leland as a student, therein acquainting himself with the textbooks of the profession and continuing his studies with unremitting ardor until 1849, when he passed the required examination and was admitted to the bar. He was elected clerk of the circuit court and recorder of deeds, filling that position from 1855 until 1861. In the latter year he became secretary of the senate of Illinois, filled the same office in 1865 and in the same year turned his attention to the banking business. He assisted in organizing the First National Bank of Ottawa, from the beginning has held the responsible position of cashier and is regarded as one of the most accurate, reliable and trustworthy financiers in the state. Largely through his honorable efforts the bank has attained the high reputation which it now enjoys and has won the success which has attended its progress. He has been prominent in many public interests of his adopted city, is deeply interested in all that pertains to the general welfare and never withholds his support from any measure calculated to prove of benefit to the educational, material, social or moral interest of the community.

He is a man of strong intellectual endowments and broad mental culture. He is not only literary but also aesthetical in his tastes and habits, and has displayed rare judgment in the selection of his library and the works of art which adorn the walls of his residence. His home is a gem of beauty, and the neatness and art displayed on the grounds surrounding it make them a model of landscape gardening. He devotes much of his leisure time to the practical study of floriculture and horticulture, and flowers and fruit respond to his touch in the richest profusion, as if by magic. The social element of his nature is known to most of his Masonic friends, but nowhere does it show more happily than in his own family circle or when entertaining company in his bright and happy home.

Mr. Nash was married in 1849 to Miss Lura Pennell, and they have three children.

**C**HARLES A. BESORE, a coal, grain and lumber merchant, of Urbana, is a prominent factor in the commercial life of this city, and Masonry is glad to number him among her followers. He is true and faithful to her teachings and is therefore well worthy of mention among her honored representatives. He was made a Mason in Urbana Lodge, No. 157, and his zeal and diligence in support of the order led to his selection for the office of Worshipful Master. He is identified with capitular Masonry as a member of Urbana Chapter, No. 80, R. A. M., in which he has served as High Priest. He passed the circle of cryptic Masonry in Urbana Council and was greeted a Royal Master. Therein he has served as Principal Sojourner, and in Urbana Commandery, wherein he was created and dubbed a Sir Knight, he has filled the high office of Eminent Commander. With the commandery he attended the conclaves in Chicago and St. Louis. He is a Past Worthy Patron of the chapter of the Eastern Star in Urbana, and is a most active worker in all these branches of Masonry. His zeal for and devotion to the cause is

one of the strong characteristics of his purposeful life and its principles have governed his conduct toward his fellow men.

Mr. Besore is a native of Clear Spring, Maryland, born on the 25th of April, 1850. In 1853 he was brought by his parents to Illinois and obtained his education in the schools of this state. Entering upon his business career, he learned the carpenter's trade, and afterward followed that occupation for some years in Omaha, Nebraska. In 1867 he came to Urbana, where he has since made his home. He continued carpentering with good success for a time, until his energy, economy and enterprise had brought to him a sufficient capital to engage in other pursuits, when, in 1874, he embarked in his present business. He deals in coal, grain and lumber, and has built up an excellent trade, which returns to him a good income. His dealings are conducted along the line of the strictest commercial ethics and the confidence of the public is uniformly accorded him. His political support is given the Republican party and on that ticket he was elected to the mayoralty. He handled the reins of city government with consummate skill, and his administration promoted many interests of Urbana. He is prominent both in business and social circles, and is a man of pleasant, courteous manner, enjoying the esteem of a large circle of friends.

**S**IDNEY S. MOORE, a painter of Galva, was born in Sharon, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1841; was initiated as Entered Apprentice in Galva Lodge, No. 243, August 6, Fellow-craftsman August 20, and Master Mason September 3,—all in the year 1871, and he is still a member of that lodge. In 1876 he was Master of Advance Lodge, and from 1880 to 1883 of Galva Lodge, and again in 1892. He dimitted and formed Advance Lodge, No. 609, and after the surrender of the charter of that lodge he rejoined Galva Lodge.

In his religious convictions Mr. Moore is a Methodist.

**G**EORGE DILLWYN COOK.—Among the earliest followers of the Masonic fraternity in Chicago there is none who has given to the order a more faithful allegiance than the brother whose name appears at the head of this brief notice. His identification with the craft began two-score years ago, when he became an Entered Apprentice, on the 24th of April, 1877, passed the Fellow-craft degree on the 30th of May; and on the 21st of June was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Ottumwa Lodge, No. 16, at Ottumwa, Iowa. He was advanced to the capitular degrees of Masonry in Clinton Chapter, No. 9, and exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch on the 28th of June, 1878. He received the orders of knighthood in Malta Commandery, No. 31, Ottumwa, on the 9th of October, 1878, and in 1881 he became a charter member of Montjoie Commandery, No. 53, Chicago, of which he has held the office of Treasurer for nine years, being the present incumbent of that position.

Mr. Cook was born in Richmond, Jefferson county, Ohio, on the 27th of February, 1845, and after a preliminary course in the public schools he attended Earlham College, at Richmond, Indiana. He began his business career at the age of fourteen, when he entered a general store as a clerk, subsequently going to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1863, and there became actively engaged in business until 1867, in which year he moved to Chicago, and for the past thirty years has been identified with the mercantile interests of the Garden City, being now the president of the George D. Cook Company, engaged in investment securities.

On June 10, 1873, Mr. Cook was united in marriage at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, to Miss Dora A. Shaw, and one child, Laura Wever, was born to them. Mrs. Cook departed this life on the 14th of July, 1882, and on the 1st of January, 1890, Mr. Cook married Miss Stella Virginia Sturges, at Chicago, and two children have been born of this union, namely: Sturges Dillwyn and Elizabeth Allen. Mr. Cook is one of

Chicago's enterprising citizens, and as a man and a Mason his sterling qualities recommend him to all who make his acquaintance.

**G**EORGE McCracken.—In all the numerous societies organized for social, mutual or mental improvement, there is none that has become so widespread in its membership, or whose beneficial influence has been more extensively and systematically diffused throughout the world than the fraternity of Freemasonry. To the layman it is inconceivable how much good has been accomplished by this order, and an insight into the facts can only be obtained by an affiliation with the blue lodge. Mr. McCracken has been a consistent member of the craft for the past two years, during which time he has faithfully followed its tenets and precepts. He was initiated in Covenant Lodge, No. 526, in 1895, and proved his interest by the aptness with which he acquired the ritual. In the following year he received the Royal Arch degrees in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, and was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35.

Mr. McCracken is a native of St. John, New Brunswick, where he was born February 25, 1849. He was reared and educated in the city of his nativity until sixteen years of age, and in 1865 came to the United States, locating in Boston until 1874, in which year he came to Chicago. In August, 1876, Mr. McCracken accepted a position with the wholesale grocery house of Durand & Company, and has remained in that firm's employ ever since, covering a period of over twenty-one years. His record is that of a man who has attained his present status in life by his personal merit, acquired ability, fidelity to a high standard of principles, and faithfulness in discharging the duties assigned to him by his employers, which qualities have secured for him the confidence and respect of every one with whom he has had business intercourse.

In 1875 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McCracken and Mrs. Annie S. Dew, who was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**G**RIFFEN HAMPTON DEEVES, a progressive citizen of Chicago engaged in the lumber business, has been an earnest follower of the craft for a period of ten years, giving to it in that time his loyal support and endeavoring, in every way in his power, to advance its interests and maintain its high moral standard. The



sublime degree of Master Mason was conferred upon him in Lakeside Lodge, No. 739, in September, 1888; was exalted to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Washington Chapter, No. 43, in 1890, in the same year receiving the orders of Knighthood in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, and on April 20, 1891, he attained to the ineffable lodge of perfection, Scottish Rite, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. Having accomplished a successful pilgrimage across the burning sands of the desert in the month of Novem-

ber, 1891, he was elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Deeves is a native of Buffalo, New York, his birth having taken place in that city on the 19th of September, 1866, and when four years of age he was brought to Chicago, where his literary education was subsequently obtained in the public schools. Upon leaving those educational institutions he entered the lumber business and for fourteen years has been continuously associated with the firm of Perley Lowe & Company. His services have been deeply appreciated, and he retains the confidence and high regard of those with whom he is connected.

The marriage of Mr. Deeves was consummated in 1894, when he was united to Miss Jeanne Pollock, a native of Indiana.

**R**OLLIN ROBERT STRICKLER, railroad conductor, residing at Galesburg, was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Masonry September 18, 1889, Fellow-craftsman December 13, 1890, and Master Mason March 12, 1891. He was elected Senior Warden in 1893 and Worshipful Master in 1895-6-7, now serving in that office; was a member of the Grand Lodge in 1895-6, and was Senior Warden of the same in 1894. He was appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer October 10, 1895, and performed the functions of that office at Quincy and Camp Point. He has been very active in Masonry in Galesburg, and is one of the best posted Masons in Illinois in blue-lodge work. He and his wife are also members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 235, of which Mrs. Strickler was Worthy Matron during the first three years after its organization.

Mr. Strickler was born in Quincy, June 21, 1857, and at the age of seventeen he started out as a brakeman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and has been in the train service ever since excepting the two years he was yardmaster at Quincy during the strike there.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY MILLER, proprietor of a meat market, Farmington, was made a Mason in Farmington Lodge in 1892, received the Royal Arch degrees in Yates City Chapter, No. 98, the degrees of Royal and Select Master at Canton, and the Knight Templar degrees at Peoria,—of all of which he is still a member. Of the blue lodge he has been Junior Deacon one year, Junior Warden a year, Senior Warden two years, and Worshipful Master two years, 1894–5. In the chapter he was Scribe in 1896. He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which he was Worthy Patron in 1885; and his wife, Mattie, is the present Assistant Martrou; and she has formerly been Treasurer of this chapter. In his religious connections Mr. Miller is a Congregationalist.

Mr. Miller was born in Lewisburg, Union county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1849, and is a thoroughly educated butcher and meat vender, having served an apprenticeship in the business for five years. In 1894–5 he was mayor of Farmington, and he has also served two years as alderman of this city. He is well known as an honorable gentleman and useful citizen by the community in which he resides.

**R**OBERT L. MCGUIRE, an attorney at law, resident in Springfield, took the blue-lodge degrees in Masonry in Central Lodge, No. 71, Springfield, the chapter degrees in Springfield Chapter, No. 1, and was knighted in Elwood Commandery, No. 6, also of this city. He took the consistory degrees in 1866, also in this city, but is now a member of the Chicago Consistory. In the blue lodge he has held all the offices excepting that of Master, in the commandery he has held all the positions and was Eminent Commander four years.

Mr. McGuire is a native of Columbia, Missouri, born September 10, 1832; became a student in Missouri State University, and upon the completion of his course of study there in 1862 he came to Springfield, where, in 1863, he was admitted to the

bar. In the practice of his profession he became a partner of Judge James H. Matheny, and this relation continued for about nine years. Thereafter Mr. McGuire had various partners from time to time, and for the last fourteen years he has been a member of the firm of McGuire & Salzenstein. On the bench of the Sangamon county court he succeeded Judge Matheny and served out the term in that responsible position. He was elected mayor of Springfield in 1869, and served two years.

In his legal practice he does a general business, and during his professional career of thirty-four years in Springfield he has been retained in a large number of cases involving issues of great moment to the litigants.

**C**HAUNCEY SHORMAN.—There is an old adage which asserts that "where there is a will, there is a way;" and a more appropriate illustration of this trite saying cannot be found than in the career of the gentleman whose name initiates this review, a brief *resume* of which is herewith presented.

Born in the township of Waukegan, Lake county, Illinois, on the 16th of August, 1860, Mr. Shorman passed the first sixteen years of his life on his father's farm; but his desire to see and know the world could not be satisfied under the parental roof; so on the 3d of March, A. D. 1876, he shipped as a sailor before the mast on a lumber schooner (the Daniel Sickles) at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and in June of the same year engaged as a stoker in the fire-hole of the Old Ironsides, where he received his first instructions in engineering. Tiring of a seafaring life, he accepted a position in the engineering department of the Kankakee Insane Asylum, after which he was employed in the same capacity in the Cook County Hospital, Home for the Friendless, F. P. Owings building, and at this writing he is chief engineer of the Albert Munger buildings. He is also secretary and treasurer of the R. W. Huss

Chemical Manufacturing Company, vice-president of the Home Builders' Land Association, and a director in the Jenner Medical College.

Mr. Shorman takes a deep interest in the science of medicine and is preparing himself for the active practice of that profession by studying during his leisure hours and at nights, and such has been his diligence and earnest effort that he has already taken two courses of lectures and will graduate with the class of '99. Mr. Shorman has all but reached the culmination of his desires by perseverance and a strength of purpose well worthy of emulation, and his success will be the cause of greater satisfaction from the knowledge that it comes from personal effort and not from the influence of wealth or position.

To such a man as Mr. Shorman the fraternity of Freemasons is ever ready to extend the hand of fellowship and welcome him into the councils of its Temple. In May, 1889, it conferred upon him the first three degrees of the blue lodge, and he became a Master Mason in Hesperia Lodge, No. 411. In 1894 he received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago. Since that time he has taken an abiding interest in the craft, using every endeavor to advance its interests, and has thereby gained and now retains the respect and confidence of his "fratres."

**W**ILLIAM J. BLACK, a conscientious, enthusiastic Mason residing in Chicago, has been a faithful observer of the precepts and tenets of the order, and has endeavored to so conduct his life as to fully conform with the spirit of the ritual as acquired in the blue lodge. Mr. Black was initiated in Normal Park Lodge, No. 797, in 1895, and has continued his affiliation with that body, laboring earnestly to advance its interests and promote its welfare. His many excellent qualities and kindly dis-

position have gained for him the deep respect and esteem of his fellow Masons.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Black was born in Cook county, in 1861, and was reared here, acquiring his education in the public schools and subsequently adding to his knowledge by university work, qualifying himself for the vocation of teacher. In 1881 he began the active labors of that profession and has continued as an educator since that time.

In August, 1885, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Archer, of St. Joseph, Michigan, and of the three children born of this union, one survives, namely: Stanley McDonald. In his religious faith Mr. Black is an adherent of the Congregational church.

**F**REDERICK G. COLLEY has passed through the various degrees of the York and Scottish Rites and is a leading Mason of Chicago. In 1896 he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Covenant Lodge, No. 526; also took the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master and was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Normal Park, No. 210, in the same year. He was created a Select Master in Imperial Council, No. 85, also a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, and in August, 1896, passed the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite, attaining the thirty-second degree in Oriental Consistory. He is also connected with the social organization whose membership is limited to Knights Templar and thirty-second-degree Masons, being a member of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. His advance in Masonry has been rapid and his interest in the craft is deep and sincere. He renders a firm allegiance to its principles and loyally upholds its purposes.

Mr. Colley was born in Crewe, Cheshire, England, March 7, 1872, and was reared and received his early education in the place of his birth. He also perfected his education at Dr. Hurst's Academy,

Nantwich. After four years in business in London he came to the United States and for two years traveled in the interests of an English financial syndicate. For nearly three years he has been connected with the Chicago Carpet Company as office manager and expert accountant, and is ably qualified for the responsible duties which rest upon him in that capacity. He is possessed of superior ability as a mathematician, and his business powers are such as will bring to him still greater successes in the future. He is a young man of sterling worth who commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and his friends in Masonic and business circles are many.

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**R**OBERT CHARLES HARPER.—The grandeur of Freemasonry has been sustained and held inviolate through the essential nobility of its exponents and devotees. Its ancient and lofty principles have never appealed to the debased or the vicious, and thus has its fair name remained untarnished through all the centuries that have passed since its inception. Masonry treads with equal footsteps the palace of the king and the cottage of the laborer—a permeating influence as a conservator of peace and safety. Its power for good increases day by day and its membership in Illinois is large and influential. The Scotch type of manhood has found many representatives in the United States and is one of those that have ever been foremost in giving an impetus to the march of progress in retaining a clear mental grasp and in directing affairs along safe and conservative lines. America owes much to the Scotch stock, and Masonry has honored and been honored by noble men of that extraction.

Among the foremost members of the fraternity in Illinois is Robert Charles Harper, of Chicago. He was initiated in Lemont Lodge, No. 708, from which he was dimitted and became affiliated with Garden City Lodge, No. 141. He was ex-

alted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter, No. 148, almost twenty years ago, and was at the same time made a Royal and Select Master in York Council. He was created a Sir Knight in Columbia Commandery, No. 63. On April 18, 1888, Mr. Harper attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the ineffable lodge of perfection known as Oriental Consistory, and became a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is also connected with that social branch of Masons known as the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, having his membership in Medinah Temple, at Chicago. He is one of the most popular of men, demonstrating in his intercourse with the brethren a gentlemanly demeanor, kindness, and consideration, and showing by his acts that he well understands the tenets of the Masonic institution.

Born in Kirkconnel, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, October 12, 1844, he is the son of Charles and Jane (Ingram) Harper, the former of whom was a cut-stone contractor in moderate circumstances. The son received his education in the public schools of Kirkconnel and Kilnarnock, and at the age of fifteen started as an apprentice in the cut-stone trade, serving for a little more than three years. In 1862 he went to London, where he followed his vocation for two years, after which he removed to Rochdale, where he became foreman for Ellis & Hinchleff, of Manchester, and later he went to Yorkshire. In 1868 Mr. Harper determined to seek those advantages that the old world denies her children, and set sail for the United States, arriving in New York in May. After a short stay in that city he came to Chicago, where he labored as a journeyman stonemason, and was so engaged at the time of the great fire in 1871. After the destruction of the business part of the city, he was employed to straighten the walls of the Palmer House. Subsequently he took charge of the stone yards of Price & Grant, with whom he remained for fifteen months. In 1872 he founded the cut-stone firm of Harper,





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Stuart & Monroe, later known under the name of R. C. Harper, a most successful company, which succumbed, however, to the panic of 1873. In that same year he superintended the cutting of the stone for the erection of the county court-house, getting his material from the quarries at Lemont, Illinois, where he remained for five years and four months.

In 1879 Mr. Harper became the general manager of the Young & Faviel Diamond Stone Sawing Company, with which concern he has since been connected, and is financially interested, holding, besides the office of manager, that of treasurer also. In addition to this he is acting-treasurer and vice-president of the Joliet Limestone Company, president and treasurer of the Girard Coal Company, treasurer of the Eureka Mercantile Company, at Girard, Illinois, and president of the Inland White Lead Company, of Chicago.

With regard to his political affiliations Mr. Harper is an independent Republican, desiring and working for the good of his country above all else. Socially he is a member of the Builders and Traders' Club and Exchange.

Mr. Harper has been twice married, the first time, in 1874, to Miss Agnes M. Thompson, of Gibson City, Illinois, who died in 1886, survived by four children, namely: Maud, now Mrs. Fred Scofield, of Chicago; Alice, Charles and Agnes. In 1887 Mr. Harper was married to Miss Maggie Browning, of Chicago, and they have two children,—Bessie and Margery.

**W**ILLIAM M. LEITER has been connected with Masonry since 1892, in which year he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, A. F. & A. M., on the 26th of May. His fidelity to the teachings and his observance of its principles won recognition at the hands of the "fratres," who in 1896 elected him to the office of Worshipful Master, and so ably did he discharge his duties and perform the service of the lodge

room that he was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel on his retirement. He is a conscientious, valued and popular Mason, whose friends in the fraternity are many.

Mr. Leiter is a native of the Wolverine state, his birth having occurred in Charlotte, Michigan, on the 28th of August, 1859. His boyhood days passed quietly, unmarked by any event of special importance. He obtained his education in the public schools and assisted his father, who for twenty-four years filled the office of postmaster at that place. In 1881 he determined to try his fortune in Chicago and soon after his arrival in the city accepted a position in the auditor's department of the Pullman Palace Car Company. In 1883 he became connected with the house of Lapp & Flershem, wholesale jewelers, and has been employed there for fourteen years as head bookkeeper. He is an expert accountant, particularly well qualified for the office, and has the full confidence and the high regard of the members of the firm. Mr. Leiter was married September 12, 1888, to Miss Henrietta Fisher, a native of Peru, Illinois, and they have one son, named Harry M.

**N**EIL STRANG, of Chicago, is a Knight Templar and thirty-second-degree Mason. He has been associated in ties of brotherhood with this fraternity for seventeen years, having been made a Mason in Genesee Lodge, No. 172, of Flint, Michigan. He advanced through the various bodies, becoming a Royal Arch Mason in Valparaiso Chapter, No. 49, of Valparaiso, Indiana, and Knight Templar in Valparaiso Commandery, No. 28, and a thirty-second-degree Mason in Oriental Consistory, in which he received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Strang was born in Bruce, Ontario,

on the 7th of June, 1856, and spent his boyhood there, obtaining his education in the public schools. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and in 1875 removed to Flint, Michigan, where for three years he was foreman of the blacksmith shops of the Chicago, Flint & Grand Rapids Railroad. In 1885 he came to Chicago and has since occupied the responsible position of foreman of the blacksmith shops of the Erie Railroad. A large force of men are under his supervision, but his thorough knowledge of the work well enables him to supervise the interests entrusted to his care. The work turned out from his department is always first-class, and his management is creditable to himself and profitable to the company.

Mr. Strang was united in marriage, in 1895, to Mrs. Jessie (Howard) Chaffe, a native of Lima, Ohio, and like her husband she takes an active and commendable interest in the work of that branch of Masonry to which women are admitted.

**F**RANK GODLEY.—The sacred movement inaugurated by the Ancient Order of Freemasons so many centuries ago has been marching irresistibly onward, upholding the sublime principles of the craft and carrying its banner of hope and faith into every portion of the civilized world, dispersing the gloom of sin and human strife, making way for the sunshine of brotherly love, unselfishness and justice for all men, and ever steadily advancing to the cherished goal, to win which is the highest aim of the fraternity. Fifty thousand loyal brothers support this progression in Illinois, and none is more earnest and energetic in its behalf than Mr. Godley, a worthy "frater" and resident of Springfield, who dates his connection with the fraternity from 1877, when he became affiliated with Tyrian Lodge, No. 333, in which he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; and subsequently he received the exalted degree of Royal Arch Mason, in Springfield Chapter, No. 1, and was constituted a Sir Knight in Elwood Commandery, No. 6.

He attained to the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago, in 1891, in the fall of the year following associating himself with the social branch of Masonry by becoming a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. Brother Godley has always endeavored to conduct his life in a manner consistent with the precepts and principles of the brotherhood, has ever lived up to his knightly vows by doing the greatest amount of good possible to the greatest number of his fellow citizens, and has been a zealous, conscientious member of the local lodge, in which he retains the respect and high consideration of his *confreres*.

Mr. Godley is a native of England, his birth having taken place in Ossett, Yorkshire, on November 14, 1841, and he is a son of William and Sarah (Heaton) Godley, both of whom were likewise born in Ossett. His early education was obtained under somewhat disadvantageous circumstances, as he was allowed only half a day for study and half a day for work until reaching the age of thirteen, when he was obliged to give up his schooling and work the entire day. About this time his mother died and our subject followed the vocation of a sailor for two years, but at the end of that time he came to the conclusion that he was not adapted to seafaring life, so returned home and engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods until 1864, when he left Liverpool, on the 18th of September, and set sail for the United States, landing at Philadelphia on October 29. He subsequently moved to Duquoin, Perry county, Illinois, there learned the mining business, which he later followed at Springfield from 1865 till 1868, during that time sinking the first coal mine in Sangamon county, and then embarked in the coal and wood business, in which he continued for the succeeding eight years. Mr. Godley then organized the Co-operative Coal Mining Company, of Springfield, Illinois, which is still in existence, and fol-

lowing this came the establishment of a manufactory for making shoddy, this constituting his present occupation, besides which enterprises he assisted in the organization of the Springfield Electric Light Company, and possesses shares and stocks in the Springfield Canning Company and the Odd Fellows building, now one of the finest public edifices in this city. Mr. Godley has been an extensive traveler, having crossed the Atlantic ocean six times, while his travels in this country in the disposing of his wares will in all probability amount to ten thousand miles yearly. Mr. Godley is a self-made man, having worked his way up from a position of obscurity and poverty to that which he occupies to-day, one of affluence and prosperity, in the attainment of which he has had only the natural advantages accorded to him, combined with energy, perseverance, a strict integrity of character and a strong determination to overcome all obstacles that might obstruct his pathway to success.

Mr. Godley was married on December 20, 1862, to Miss Elizabeth Lister, and they had the following four children: Sarah Ann, who died at the age of ten months and was buried at Dewsbury, Yorkshire, England; Ada, Annie and Elsworth. Mrs. Godley died while she and her husband were visiting their old home, on June 26, 1895, and was laid to rest by the side of her parents. She had just reached her fiftieth year, the anniversary of her birthday having occurred six days before her demise.

Politically Mr. Godley is a Republican, and has been occasionally a member of the board of supervisors since 1880, holding that office at the present writing. He is one of Springfield's representative citizens, and is a credit to the country of his adoption as well as to the Masonic fraternity.

**W**ILLIAM ARTHUR ALEXANDER, who has been engaged in an insurance business in Chicago for the past twelve years, has since his residence in this city

identified himself with the Masonic fraternity and sought to incorporate in his life its time-honored principles. He was initiated, passed and raised by Blaney Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in 1887, and not long afterward was made a Sir Knight and a member of the Mystic Shrine, Apollo Commandery conferring upon him the Knight Templar degrees, Medinah Temple those of the Shrine.

Mr. Alexander is a southerner by birth and education. He was born in Mississippi, May 2, 1857, son of James Madison Alexander and Elizabeth King *nee* McCord, both members of prominent early-settled families in this country. The Alexanders are of Scotch-Irish origin. Three brothers of that name emigrated to this country about two hundred years ago and located in New England. A few years later one of them removed to Virginia and another to North Carolina, and to-day their descendants are scattered over various portions of the Union. From the Virginia branch is our subject descended. In his father's family, as also in his mother's, were men who fought valiantly for independence in the Revolutionary days, and one of his maternal ancestors, Colonel John King, fell in the battle of King's Mountain. Young Alexander grew to manhood in his native state, and spent the first twenty-seven years of his life on a farm. His education was received at Tuscaloosa College. In 1885 he came to Chicago and engaged in the insurance business, as special agent for Travelers', of Hartford, and in June of the following year he took the management for the western department, including Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the railroad department of the business for the western states,—Fidelity and Casualty Company, of New York. At first he had his office at No. 181 La Salle street, moved from there to the Home Insurance building, and for the past five years has occupied quarters in the Rookery building. In connection with his insurance business, he has for some time dealt privately in real estate. He is politically a

stanch Republican, and during President Arthur's term served two years as census commissioner of southern Illinois. He maintains fraternal relation with other organizations besides the Masonic, the Knights of Pythias included, and is a regular attendant at divine service at the Second Presbyterian church, of Chicago.

December 22, 1895, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Alexander and Miss Maud Julia Greene, daughter of Mosier T. Greene, of No. 1912 Prairie avenue, this city.

**F**LETCHER N. BARNEY, a Mason for a quarter of a century, took the three basic degrees of the craft in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, and is one of its life members. He advanced beyond the portals of caputular Masonry as a Mark Master of Englewood Chapter, No. 176, was installed as Past Master, received as Most Excellent Master and exalted a Royal Arch. In 1879 he was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Chicago, and is now affiliated with Englewood Commandery, No. 59, of which he is a charter member.

Mr. Barney comes from the Empire state, his birth having occurred in Jefferson county, New York, in July, 1846. Reared in that locality he obtained his education in Union Academy, of Belleville, New York, and during the Civil war, although not yet twenty years of age, enlisted in April, 1865, as a member of the One Hundred and Ninety-third New York Infantry, in which he served for about a year, when he was honorably discharged. His duties of citizenship have ever been discharged with the same loyalty that marked his service as a defender of the country.

In 1869 Mr. Barney came to the west and for two years engaged in farming in the southern part of Illinois. In 1871 he came to Chicago, where for thirteen years he engaged in the grocery business, meeting with a high degree of success. He then turned his attention to the furniture business, in which he prospered, building up an excel-

lent trade that brought to him rich returns. He made judicious investments of his capital in real estate and thus became interested in the handling of property for himself and others. He has a good knowledge of realty values, keeps thoroughly posted on the market, and his sagacity and foresight have made him one of the leading and successful real-estate dealers of the city. He is highly respected in business circles and greatly esteemed not only in the Masonic fraternity but also in the Royal Arcanum, Ancient Order United Workman and the Royal League, in which he holds membership. He is also a member of long standing in the First Baptist church, of Englewood, Chicago.

Mr. Barney was married, in 1870, to Miss Abigail Dike, a native of England, and by this union have been born three children—Norman W., Clara A. and Agnes May.

**J**AMES M. HUTCHINSON, M. D., of Chicago, became a member of the Masonic order in 1885, joining Hesperia Lodge, No. 411, and five years later he was inducted into the esoteric doctrines of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, receiving the grades and orders in Oriental Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. He also belongs to the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

Dr. Hutchinson is a native of Kentucky, his birth having occurred in Lafayette, Christian county, on the 16th of August, 1843. In 1847 he removed to Bloomington, Illinois, and after eight years passed in that city matriculated in the Chicago Medical College, in 1865, and was graduated with the class of 1867. For eighteen months he served as interne in the Cook county hospital and at the termination of his services he was complimented with the usual diploma of the medical board of Cook county hospital. A few years subsequently he was appointed on the surgical staff, where he served for five years. Since his retirement from that position he has

been engaged in general practice and has a large and lucrative patronage. He is a member of the City Medical Society, the State Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

On the 24th of December, 1867, Dr. Hutchinson was united in marriage to Miss Meda J. Chase, who was born in Texas. They have one daughter, Eva A., now the wife of Edward E. Webb, and have lost one son.

**C**HARLES REICHARDT.—Take it the world over, in all climes and countries, the noble purpose of Freemasonry is ever the same,—the cultivation of a spirit of good will, peace and brotherly kindness, and a charity to all mankind. It is not then to be wondered at that it receives the support of intelligent men in every country and that its precepts are faithfully followed wherever civilization exists. A brother who ranks high in the lodge of Illinois is Mr. Reichardt, who received the degree of Master Mason in Landmark Lodge, No. 422, in 1895, was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Fairview Chapter, No. 161, and was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, all in the same year. His association with the brethren has been of the most friendly nature, and his conduct has been such as to highly commend him to his fellow craftsmen.

Mr. Reichardt is a native of Germany, having been born in that country October 12, 1862. When ten years of age he was brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Chicago, where Mr. Reichardt attended the public schools and grew to manhood. He subsequently entered into the employ of Marshall Field & Company, where he remained for eleven years, and then, in 1895, accepted a position with Schlesinger & Mayer, which he is at present filling in an efficient and satisfactory manner. Mr. Reichardt is a young man whose native enterprise and energy have enabled him to overcome all difficulties and acquire a place for himself in the world.

His present success is the result of his personal efforts: a judicious use of his abilities and a strength of purpose have triumphed over all obstacles.

**C**HARLES AUGUSTUS JOHNSON, Worshipful Master of Peoria Lodge, No. 15, F. & A. M., is a native of Andover, Henry county, Illinois, and first saw the light of day June 12, 1862. He was reared at Andover and remained there until 1888, with the exception of a brief time he spent at Cambridge, where he learned the milling



business and ran a planing-mill. Since 1888 he has been a resident of Peoria, engaged in general contracting and doing a prosperous and lively business.

Mr. Johnson's connection with Masonry began in 1889, in Peoria Lodge, No. 15. He was elected to receive its degrees September 30, 1889, initiated October 7, passed December 23, and raised March 24, 1890, and from the very first took a deep interest in the work of the order. He has served as Senior Deacon and Senior War-

den, and at this writing is Worshipful Master of the lodge, giving this office his prompt and earnest attention and ably filling the chair. Also he has advanced to the higher degrees of this ancient order. The consistory degrees were conferred upon him in Peoria, November 10, 1890, and December 11, 1894, the mysteries of the Shrine were opened to him in Mohammed Temple, in the same city. In the Shrine he takes some part officially, but his interest is centered chiefly in the lodge, which, during his incumbency of the executive chair, has largely increased in numbers, he and his staff of officers having already conferred no less than one hundred degrees the present year.

**W**ILLIAM HANDLIN.—In every hamlet, village, town, and city of this country the Masonic lodge throws a guiding light upon the upward path of life, to follow which means an existence purified by elevating thoughts of unselfishness, charity and a love for one's fellow men. The brother whose name heads this review has been closely identified with the best interests of Masonry for the past twenty years, and in that time has filled many offices with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. Mr. Handlin is a life member of Covenant Lodge, No. 526, in which he was raised to the degree of Master Mason in 1871. He was elected to the office of Past Master in 1879, since which he has held the chair of Marshal. He has had the honor of representing this body in the Grand Lodge. In 1876 he was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Corinthian Chapter, and has filled all the offices up to that of King. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Chicago Council, and was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in which he has been Standard Bearer, and is a veteran of the drill corps, being now on the retired list.

Mr. Handlin was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1839, and received his education in the public schools of his native city, after which he learned the

painter's trade. In 1868 he came to Chicago and engaged in business for himself as a sign and house painter and has been quite successful in that vocation.

Mr. Handlin was married to Miss Minnie Scharenberg, of this city, and this union has been blessed by five children, all of whom have attained to years of maturity. He is a member of the Waunita Ridge Gun and Pleasure Club, of which he is vice-president and one of the directors, and was at one time a member of Company I, First Regiment, Illinois National Guards.

Brother Handlin is active in all public matters and is a Republican in his political faith. He has been judge of election in his ward, and held the office of harbor police in Chicago for three and a half years. In both the lodge and in business circles he is highly esteemed for his personal worth and integrity of character.

**G**EORGE NOBLE KREIDER, M. D., of Springfield, Illinois, is a gentleman in the prime of life and usefulness and one to whom success has come as the result of honest, earnest endeavor. Amid the cares of a busy professional life he has thought it worth his while to turn aside for the instruction, recreation and pleasure to be found in the Masonic lodge-room. Dr. Kreider comes of Masonic stock. His honored grandfather, Michael Zimmerman Kreider, M. D., was a prominent Mason and was in 1843 elected Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Ohio, he being the first to hold that office in the state. His father, Edmund Cicero Kreider, was Eminent Commander of Hospitaller Commandery, stationed at Jacksonville, in 1878, and has been Prelate of that commandery for a number of years. Dr. George N. Kreider has passed through the degrees of the blue lodge, chapter, council and commandery, and affiliates with Tyrian Lodge, No. 333, F. & A. M.; Springfield Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; Springfield Council, No. 4, R. & S. M.; and Elwood Commandery, No. 6, K. T. In the commandery he has served



officially and been honored with the position of Eminent Commander three times, 1891-1892 and 1897, an honor fittingly bestowed.

Like many of the prominent men throughout this country, Dr. Kreider looks back to Ohio as the place of his birth and early associations. It was in Lancaster, Ohio, October 10, 1856, that he was ushered into life, his parents being Edmund Cicero and Mary (Gates) Kreider. His Grandfather Kreider, above referred to, was a prominent physician as well as Mason. He was engaged in the practice of medicine in Lancaster from 1830 to 1855, the year of his death, and was secretary of the first medical convention held in Ohio, in 1832.

In the year 1870 the subject of our sketch removed with his parents to Jacksonville, Illinois, where for a time he was a student in the Washington high school. Later he returned to Ohio, and in 1877 graduated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, with the degree of A. B. This course at Delaware had been preparatory to the study of medicine, and in the preparation for his life work he was fortunate in having the best advantages. He attended one course of lectures at the Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, and two courses at the medical department of the University of the City of New York, taking his degree from the last-named institution in 1880, and immediately thereafter entered upon the practice of his profession at Springfield, Illinois. The years 1885-6 he spent in medical study abroad,—in Vienna, Paris, London and Berlin,—where he listened to the teachings of some of the most eminent medical professors. Again, in 1890, he crossed the Atlantic and took a special course at the University of Jena, Germany; in 1894 another special course at Berlin, and in 1897 at the University of Göttingen. His superior qualifications have been recognized by the medical fraternity in this country and he has been honored with high official positions in various medical associations. He was president of the Capitol District Medical So-

ciety, in 1894; president of the District Medical Society of Central Illinois, in 1895-6; of the American Academy of Medicine; of the Illinois State Medical Society, treasurer since 1891; of the American Medical Association; of the Illinois state board of health, in 1884-7, when he resigned; and of the city board of health since 1890. He attended the ninth International Medical Congress at Washington, the tenth at Berlin, the eleventh at Rome, and the twelfth at Moscow. He has been surgeon at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, since 1892; consulting surgeon to the Wabash Railway system hospitals since 1891. Early in his practice he served as special inspector for the state board of health during the epidemic of small-pox in 1882-3. Through his practice he has given special attention to surgery, has performed many difficult surgical operations, and has met with a high degree of success.

An honor recently conferred upon Dr. Kreider was his appointment to the position of lieutenant-colonel and assistant surgeon-general of the Second Brigade, Illinois National Guard, June 24, 1897.

Dr. Kreider has also given no little attention to literary work. He has written numerous articles which have appeared in some of the leading medical journals of the land and have received high commendation.

February 18, 1894, was consummated the marriage of Dr. Kreider and Miss Emma Pasfield, daughter of Dr. George and Hathaway (Pickerel) Pasfield, of Springfield, Illinois. Two children have been born of this union: George Pasfield, born April 10, 1895; and Mary, born April 28, 1896.

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**I**SAAC LANNING.—The principles inculcated in the fraternity of Freemasons and forming the basis upon which that noble organization is founded, appeal strongly to all that is good in man and tend to uplift his spiritual being and invest the material mind with a truer and more Chris-

tianlike appreciation of human existence. It naturally follows that he who takes up the standard of Freemasonry and conscientiously adheres to the teachings connected therewith will lead a better, fuller life, and seldom fail in his duty to his fellow men. Although the state of perfection aimed at by the craft has not as yet been completely attained, the brave army of men are steadily progressing, and as the clouds that obscured the pathway in the past have been swept away, so does the future open up bright and promising, bringing courage and good cheer to those who would despair and fall by the wayside. There is no more loyal and zealous brother in the state than Isaac Lanning, whose association of five years have been marked by unremitting labor and a faithful allegiance to the precepts and tenets of the order, fulfilling many offices in the bodies of which he is a member and bringing thereto a high order of intelligence and executive ability.

Mr. Lanning's initiative degrees were received in Landmark Lodge, No. 422, in 1892, when he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, advanced to the grades of capitulative Masonry and exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in Fairview Chapter, No. 161, and received the orders of knighthood in Montjoie Commandery, No. 53. In the lodge he holds the office of Senior Warden, is the present Master of the Third Veil in the chapter, and in the commandery he occupies the chair of Prelate, and discharges the duties of those positions in a manner fully compatible with their importance and to the entire satisfaction of his "fratres." Mr. Lanning is also affiliated with the social branch of Masonry and is a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple, where his many excellent qualities of character have won for him a high degree of popularity.

The birth of Mr. Lanning occurred in the city of New York, on the 16th of April, 1855, where he was reared and received his literary education in the public schools. Upon leaving the latter he began his busi-

ness experience in a mercantile establishment, continuing the same until 1879, when he removed to Muscatine, Iowa, continuing there for six years, and removing thence in 1885 to Chicago, where he has since continued to reside. Here he engaged in the cigar business and has built up a thriving trade, gaining success by the practice of strict integrity, perseverance and honorable methods in all his dealings.

On the 2d of November, 1889, occurred the marriage of Mr. Lanning to Miss Clara Parks, who was born in Sparta, Randolph county, Illinois. Mr. Lanning is a progressive citizen of the western metropolis, and well merits the high esteem in which he is held by all his friends.

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**E**DWARD EAMES HOLMAN, M. D., who enjoys a high rank in the medical profession of the city of Chicago, is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity. The primary degrees were conferred upon him by Jo Daviess Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in 1882, and his exaltation to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch took place in Jo Daviess Chapter, R. A. M., but dimitting from those organizations the same year he became a member of the Englewood Lodge and Chapter. He was made a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, K. T., received the degrees of the Scottish Rite up to and including the thirty-second in Oriental Consistory; and was initiated into the mysteries of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple. In all of these organizations he still maintains a membership. From time to time he has filled various positions, is Past Eminent Commander of Englewood Commandery and chairman of the Triennial Conclave Committee for his commandery.

Some of the salient points in Dr. Holman's career are of interest in this connection. He was born at Millville, Worcester county, Massachusetts, December 25, 1854, and at an early age removed with his parents to a farm near Spring Valley, Minnesota. When fourteen years of age he left



1850 HENRY TAYLOR, JR. CARICAT.

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the farm and began work in a printing office in Spring Valley, where he served an apprenticeship of three years, learning the printer's trade. In the meantime he also continued his education and was graduated at the high school. At the age of eighteen he began teaching school and studying medicine, which course he pursued for three years, then entered Hahnemann Medical College, of Chicago, at which institution he graduated with honors in 1878.

In May of that year Dr. Holman began the practice of medicine in Warren, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he remained until 1882, removing to Chicago to accept the chair of medical jurisprudence in Hahnemann Medical College, which position he held for three terms. He has resided in Chicago, in the suburb of Englewood, since 1882. He is general surgeon of the Englewood Union Hospital; surgeon for the Chicago and Erie, and the Western Indiana Railroads; professor of renal anatomy and pathology and practice in Harvey Medical College, of Chicago; member of the International Medical Association of Railway Surgeons, Erie Association of Railway Surgeons and a member of several medical societies. He is also a member of the Chicago Athletic Association and the Harvard Club. He has traveled extensively in this country and in old Mexico and is perfectly familiar with the "rough" side of life as learned through hard horseback-riding and in the camp. He is a great lover of hunting and fishing, and the fact that he is the possessor of a large and well-stocked farm in Ogle county, Illinois, shows that some of his early education enters into his very busy life. And yet the Doctor finds time to read his numerous medical journals and books, also to write humorous articles and to make "after-dinner speeches," in which particular he is an adept and has won for himself an enviable reputation. At one time he was a contributor of humorous articles for Nasby's paper, the Toledo Blade. Socially he is very genial and has a host of friends. He enjoyed the personal friendship of Generals Grant and Logan

and of Senator Windom, who was an intimate friend of his parents. He can relate many interesting incidents of life on the farm, in the printing-office, in the school-room and in connection with his early struggles to obtain an education. In his life he has exemplified the principles as set forth in Masonry, and clearly shows the spirit of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

The Doctor was married to Emma S. Felt, at Kewanee, Illinois, March 11, 1880. They have one daughter, Ethel A. Holman, a lovely young lady, who is the sunshine of their beautiful and happy home at 6314 Harvard avenue, Chicago.

The Doctor's parents were Benjamin F. and Susan C. (Eames) Holman. The father was born at Warwick, Massachusetts, and at the age of twelve was apprenticed to learn the edged-tool trade; at seventeen he was foreman of large works; at twenty-one he was in partnership with his brother, Ansel Holman, manufacturer of axes and scythes, at Slatersville, Rhode Island; succeeded in business, amassed a comfortable competence, and in 1857 moved to Minnesota, took up a large tract of land, engaged in general farming; was justice of the peace and county commissioner some fifteen years, and was a man of sterling integrity and universally beloved. His sons say of him, "We never knew him to tell a falsehood." He died at the age of seventy, from a ruptured blood vessel, the result of violent exertion. One brother, Sewell Holman, was a literary genius, and printed with his pen the first paper ever published at Janesville, Wisconsin. Another brother, Russell Holman, was also a man of letters, a Baptist clergyman, who founded the first Baptist church in New Orleans, Louisiana. Still another brother, Harvey Holman, was a merchant in St. Louis, Missouri, next in Chillicothe, Illinois, from which latter place early in the '50s he journeyed to California to regain his health, leaving his business interests in the care of his partner, who in two years robbed him of all he had and left him badly in debt. He returned in a few

years, paid dollar for dollar, engaged in mercantile business again, was successful, and died a few years ago, aged seventy-five, leaving a fortune of two hundred thousand dollars.

Susan C. Holman, the Doctor's mother, was born in Unadilla, New York. Her father died when she was a child, and she and her mother removed to Providence, Rhode Island, making their home with Rhodes Chapman, their mother's brother, who gave her a liberal education at Warren Seminary, Rhode Island. She was a beautiful woman, a lovely character and very talented. On her mother's side she was a direct descendant of Roger Williams. She died of pneumonia, at the age of sixty-nine years.

The Doctor has a brother, five years his senior, A. R. Holman, of Spring Valley, Minnesota, who is well known throughout the northwest as an attorney for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad and as a politician. The Doctor also has two sisters, both married and living in Faribault, Minnesota.

**C**ARL TRICK, a loyal and industrious member of the fraternity, whose zeal has won for him the warm regard and high appreciation of his "fratres," has been affiliated with Freemasonry since 1894, when he was elected an Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Lessing Lodge, No. 557. He is faithful in adhering to the precepts of the order and governs his daily life in accordance with its precepts and tenets.

Mr. Trick is a native of Germany, his birth taking place in that country on the 11th of July, 1853, and there his youth was passed, his literary education being obtained in the excellent public schools of the fatherland. In 1873 he decided to seek a wider field for his endeavors, than which none presented more tempting inducements than the United States, to which he emigrated in that year, locating in Chicago, where the

first ten years of his residence were spent as an accountant in a large mercantile establishment. In 1884 Mr. Trick entered the employ of the J. L. Hoerber Brewing Company, with which he served in the capacity of a bookkeeper and agent until 1891, when he became connected with the Wacker & Birk Brewing and Malting Company, filling a similar position up to 1895, in that year being appointed secretary of the company, and has since officiated as such, gaining by his energy, his strict integrity of character and his executive ability the confidence and respect of those with whom he is associated. He is a competent, reliable business man, a consistent, faithful member of the craft, and he enjoys the high consideration of the fraternity as well as of the mercantile world.

The marriage of Mr. Trick was solemnized on November 27, 1875, when he was united to Miss Wilhelmina Maier, who is likewise a native of Germany.

**J** FRANK HUBERT, a successful physician and surgeon of Chicago, is a Knight Templar Mason, who though not active as an office-holder in the lodge room is yet a worthy exemplar of Masonry's mission. He closely follows its teaching and has ample opportunity to put into practice, through the avenue of his profession, its prevailing spirit of charity and benevolence. God, Liberty and the Brotherhood of Man are the inspiring words on its banners, and these indicate all man's duty to his Creator and his fellow man. Masonry has ever been the reverent assistant and handmaiden of religion pure and undefiled. In the humble "Bau-hatzen," or lodges, of the Ancient Freemasons of Germany were formulated the plans and specifications which were later on, through their labor, genius and industry, transformed into the architectural marvels of grandeur and beauty which we see at this day uplifting toward heaven, through the centuries, the all-conquering cross of Christ. In all lands Masons have carried forward the work of

Christianity, especially in its practical teachings, and at the same time have been the advocates of civic justice and the promoters of good fellowship and benevolence among their fellow men.

This fraternity therefore elicits the support and advocacy of every high-minded man, who once inquires into its doctrines and its practices; and among its faithful followers in Englewood is Dr. Hubert, of this review. He was made a Mason in Clifton Lodge, of Clifton, Illinois, in which organization his father also held membership, while his brother, Edward Hubert, Jr., likewise affiliates with the order. The Doctor served as Senior Deacon of Clifton Lodge, and in April, 1892, was dimitted to Normal Park Lodge, No. 797. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, March 30, 1893, and on the 12th of June, of the same year, became a Knight Templar of Englewood Commandery, No. 59. In Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, he was made a Noble February 20, 1895, and both he and his wife hold membership in Normal Park Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. The Doctor also belongs to the American Protective Association and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his wife belongs to the Order of Daughters of Rebekah, and is now Past Grand of the Golden Link Lodge, No. 3.

A native of Massachusetts, the Doctor was born in Stoneham, on the 31st of May, 1858, and when ten years of age came with his father's family to Chicago. His early education, acquired in the public schools of this city, was supplemented by private instruction, and having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work he matriculated in 1879 in the Bennett Medical College, where he was graduated on the 23d of March, 1883. He practiced for one year in this city, and then, on account of failing health, went to Montana, where he prosecuted his profession for a year. On the expiration of that period he located in Ashkum, Illinois, and for seven years was

numbered among the successful physicians of that place, building up a very large and lucrative patronage. In 1891 he returned to Chicago and opened an office at the corner of Halsted and Sixty-ninth streets, in Englewood, where he was soon established in a good business, which has constantly increased. In 1893 he was appointed assistant to one of the chairs in his *alma mater*, but owing to his constantly growing practice he was obliged to resign that position and now devotes his time and energies entirely to his professional duties. Success in the practice of medicine and surgery is an unmistakable evidence of skill and ability. Mediocrity, incompetence and inexperience cannot be disguised, and the fact that Dr. Hubert now has a large business is proof of his power as a practitioner, and his high standing in the profession. He is a valued member of the Chicago Eclectic Medical and Surgical Association, the Illinois State Eclectic Medical and Surgical Association and the National Eclectic Medical and Surgical Association.

Dr. Hubert was married December 27, 1887, to Miss Carrie F. Warfel, of Ashkum, Illinois, and to them were born four children, two of whom are still living, namely: Roland Elwood and Gertrude Edith.

**S**AMUEL JAMES WILLETT, merchant tailor, was made a Mason in John D. Willard Lodge, No. 250, in New York city, in 1859; came to Springfield in 1863; received the Royal Arch degrees in Springfield Chapter, No. 1; the council degrees in Springfield Council, No. 2; was knighted in Elwood Commandery, No. 6, in 1873; was Eminent Commander in 1878, and is now Prelate of the commandery and has served as Prelate for twenty years.

Mr. Willett is a native of England, born in Cheshire, January 9, 1829, learned the tailoring trade in the old country. Emigrated to America in 1852, landing at New York city, where he was engaged as cutter until 1863. Coming to Springfield at that time, he continued as cutter until 1880, since

which time he has been a merchant tailor, doing a large and prosperous business. For many years he served as trustee and school director, in West Springfield.

He was married in Brooklyn, New York, October 18, 1860, to Miss Emma S. Turse, and they have five living children: Samuel J., Jr., Harry Turse, Mary Augusta, Carrie Hamilton and Emma Eugenie.

**A**LBERT SNOOTS.—Upon becoming impregnated with the elemental precepts, the divine laws and the exalted principles inculcated in the Masonic fraternity, human existence becomes more attractive, life wears a more inviting aspect, and the ragged edges of tumultuous competition are made smooth by the exemplification of Masonic law. He who has taken the vows of the blue lodge, who has sought light on the beautiful legends of the past from the fountain head in the chapter and who has attained to the chivalric order of knighthood, cannot but realize that his career has received ennobling influences which will guide it along the highway of life until at last it reaches the harbor wherein dwell peace and joy eternal.

The fraternity is strongly fortified in Chicago, where the numerous lodges are warmly supported by several thousand affiliates, and of these none is more enthusiastic in his adherency than Mr. Snoots, whose identification with the order covers a period of twenty-two years. His initiatory degrees were received in Hubbard Lodge, No. 220, at Adamsville, Ohio, in 1875, subsequently dimitting from that body and becoming affiliated with Blair Lodge, No. 393, in 1892. While a member of Hubbard he held the office of Junior Warden for two terms. He was advanced in capitular Masonry and was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Washington Chapter, No. 43, in 1893; was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Siloam Council, No. 53; was created, constituted and dubbed a Sir Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19; and attained the ineffable degrees of the Scottish

Rite in Oriental Consistory, wherein he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. Mr. Snoots is a zealous "frater," always seeking to sustain and advance the best interests of the order, conducting his life according to the exalted principles thereof, and there is no one more regular in attending the meetings, ever ready and willing to devote his energies and talents to any duties or labor that may be required of him, thus gaining the gratitude and warm regard of his *confreres*. He is a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership formerly being in Medinah Temple, but he subsequently transferred the same to Aleppo Temple, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Snoots was born in Adamsville, Ohio, on the 28th of May, 1854, and there his youth was spent, acquiring his education in the public schools of that city. His father was a blacksmith by trade and in that our subject also served an apprenticeship. In 1880 he went to Texas, residing in that state one year, thence going to Boston, Massachusetts, where he embarked in the granite business, retaining his connection therewith for a period of fifteen years, and at present is the representative in Chicago of the Charles Clements Company, dealers and manufacturers of granite and statuary, having been for five years a member of the same firm. He is a progressive, energetic business man, thoroughly familiar with all the branches of his calling, and by his integrity, fidelity and honorable methods he has gained and retains the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact in both business and social circles.

**C**HARLES S. RANKIN.—Civilization owes to Freemasonry a debt which is incalculable; it has exerted its beneficent and ennobling influence upon mankind while centuries have rolled on in their course to eternity, and its potentiality is immeasurable. The Masonic creed is brief and all-embracing,—the fatherhood of God, the





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brotherhood of man,—and yet therein is contained all that has lifted man from paganism to true religion, from barbarity to civilization. It is then but fitting that the history of Masonry be written, else the annals of the world's progress would be incomplete. Chicago numbers many followers of this ancient craft, men who have done much for the upbuilding and perfection of human character and who feel themselves better citizens and stronger men by reason of their identification with the Masonic fraternity. They have closely followed the teachings of the blue lodge, council and chapter, have faithfully observed the vows of knighthood, and manifest in their lives the true royalty of the sublime princes.

Among those who aid in upholding the standard of this ancient and honored society is Charles S. Rankin, who has received the distinct privilege of having conferred upon him the thirty-third degree, attaining the same before the Supreme Council in Boston on the 21st of September, 1897. Mr. Rankin was made a Master Mason in William B. Warren Lodge, No. 209, and was elected to the office of Worshipful Master of that body for 1887, and re-elected his own successor for 1888. He became a companion of the chapter, being exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, in which he served as Captain of the Host; he was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Palestine Council, No. 66, of which he is Past Thrice Illustrious Master; received the orders of knighthood in Apollo Commandery, No. 1; and subsequently attained, in consecutive order, the degrees of the Scottish Rite, being proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, in which he is at present (1897) fulfilling the duties of T. P. G. M. In his official capacity in the various bodies of which he is a member, Mr. Rankin has ever given the utmost satisfaction, and by his intelligence, efficiency and executive ability, he has met with the highest approval of his "fratres," as well as gaining and retaining their warm-

est regard for his affable, generous and considerate disposition.

Charles S. Rankin is a native of Herkimer county, New York, where his birth occurred on the 14th of January, 1850, and there were passed the first five years of his life. After that period his parents moved to Chicago, and Mr. Rankin grew to manhood in the western metropolis, receiving his educational discipline in the public schools, attending the same until about seventeen years old, when he inaugurated his business career by obtaining a position in the office of the American Express Company, where his industry, strict attention to business, fidelity and integrity of character soon brought him to the notice of his superiors, and he was marked for promotion to higher responsibilities, which he eventually received, and he has continued to attain the various grades in the office until to-day, after thirty years of faithful, conscientious services, and is still with the company in a responsible position. Mr. Rankin is a self-made man in the broadest sense of the term, acquiring his present status in life by personal endeavor and native talent.

In 1885 he married Miss Barbara Becker, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. They have one son, Charles S.

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**W**ILLIAM J. AIKIN.—Inconsequential and aimless as it may appear to an exoteric public, Freemasonry nevertheless exerts an undercurrent of beneficial influence which the advent of time but increases, and its potentiality for good has long since become an acknowledged fact. Consecrated to the advancement of humanitarian projects, inured to the difficulties that for centuries have congregated in its pathway and obstructed its onward march, it has emerged triumphant and lives to-day a vigorous exponent of the principles incorporated in its ritual and an exemplification of the victory good ever achieves over evil. Faithful followers have been instrumental in bringing about this much desired result,—men whose intelligence, discretion and

good judgment have placed beyond a doubt the authenticity of the fraternity and established its intrinsic worth to the universal satisfaction of all interested. Of those who have conscientiously supported the standard of the craft in Illinois and rendered to its interests a stanch allegiance, none merits in a greater degree the consideration of his "fratres" than does William J. Aikin, whose name initiates this review. After having the primary degrees conferred upon him in Garfield Lodge, No. 686, and being raised therein to the sublime degree of Master Mason, he was advanced to the grades of capitular Masonry and was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in York Chapter, No. 148. Mr. Aikin subsequently sought admission in the Scottish Rite, attaining to the ineffable lodge of perfection, and in 1892 he received the thirty-second degree in Oriental Consistory, being therein proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He has also successfully accomplished a pilgrimage across the burning sands of the desert and was elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, with membership in Medinah Temple. Consistency has been Mr. Aikin's endeavor since becoming affiliated with the fraternity, and his daily life is an adequate exemplification of the high degree of intelligence with which he interprets the Masonic ritual.

Born in Fayetteville, Tennessee, on the 2d of June, 1848, Mr. Aikin resided in his southern home until the outbreak of the Rebellion, when, on account of his father's sympathies, which were strongly in favor of the continuation of the Union, thus making him exceedingly unpopular in his home state, the family moved north and took up their abode in Illinois. Here the subject of this review attended the public schools until sixteen years old, when his patriotic spirit overcame the opposition of his parents and in February, 1864, he enlisted in Company G, Twenty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and rendered faithful service in defending the Union until receiving his honorable discharge, on the 31st of December, 1865.

After the conclusion of hostilities between the north and south Mr. Aikin returned to his native state and there remained until 1869, when he removed to Chicago and accepted a position with the American Express Company, retaining his connection with the same for a period of two-score years, the last two of which he acted as superintendent for the state of Wisconsin. He severed his associations with the express company to take the position of general manager of the Preferred Accident Insurance Company, and is the present incumbent of that office, devoting all the energies of his nature to fulfilling the duties incumbent upon him and thereby gaining the distinct confidence and high respect of the company's officials. That Mr. Aikin possesses all the requisite qualifications that go to make a successful man in whatever walk of life he may direct his endeavors—those of fidelity, competence, ability and integrity of purpose—is satisfactorily evidenced by his long term of service with the business enterprises with which he has been connected, and it is to those same qualifications that he is indebted for his present success in the line of work he has chosen as his vocation in life.

In his other social relations Mr. Aikin is an energetic member of Columbia Post, Grand Army of the Republic, being a charter member, and takes an active part in all the workings of that organization.

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**C**HARLES E. WINSLOW, of Chicago, has been a faithful exponent of the principles inculcated in the tenets of the Masonic fraternity, and has given ample attestation of his sincere belief in all its aims and objects, and by unflinching zeal he has contributed to advancing the interests of the order in Chicago. Mr. Winslow was made a Master Mason in Evergreen Lodge, at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, in 1883, and was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Forest Chapter, No. 34. He received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Wausau Council, No. 51,

at Wausau, Wisconsin, and in the same city he was constituted a Sir Knight in St. Omar Commandery. He was dimitted from the foregoing bodies, and is at present affiliated with Normal Park Lodge, No. 797, and with Englewood Commandery, No. 597. In the blue lodge he has been honored with several offices, including those of Senior Deacon and Junior Warden, and has fulfilled the duties appertaining thereto with distinctive executive ability and circumspection.

The birth of Mr. Winslow occurred at Stockton, Wisconsin, on the 7th of September, 1860, and while yet a child he was taken by his parents to Stevens Point, Wisconsin, where his early education was received in the public schools, supplemented by a course of study in the Manning Business College, at Omro, Wisconsin, eventually graduating at that institution. His first business experience was acquired in a general store, where he was employed as a clerk, and such was his diligence, economy and ability that he was in time enabled to purchase the business, conducting the same for the following two years. Disposing of his interests in the store, Mr. Winslow came to Chicago in 1891 and engaged in the lumber business, which he has since followed, and is to-day one of the successful and progressive merchants in that line in Chicago, his probity and honorable methods gaining him the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

In 1883 Brother Winslow celebrated his marriage to Miss Lizzie Boehn, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and of this union one child, Carl, has been born. Mr. and Mrs. Winslow are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is an enthusiastic musician and is a member of the Illinois Male Quartette.

**F**RANK HOWE WHITNEY.—The fraternal spirit of Masonry has been freely imbibed by Whitney and his relatives; and seldom can such family Masonic connec-

tions be exhibited as that shown by him—a fact that will be clearly demonstrated by the following brief record. His father, Alonzo Whitney, was made a member of the order in Clinton Lodge, No. 19, at Petersburg, Illinois, from which he was afterward dimitted in order to become a charter member of Greenview Lodge. Our subject's grandfather was a Mason, as were also his two brothers, three brothers-in-law, two nephews, and his father-in-law, the latter taking the initiatory degrees in Clinton Lodge, at Petersburg, from which he obtained a dimit for the purpose of assisting in the organization of Greenview Lodge.

Mr. Whitney was initiated in Clinton Lodge on April 17, 1893, passed May 20, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on June 24 of the same year. In 1895 he was elected Junior Warden, and served in that capacity with fidelity, energy and signal ability. He was exalted to the august degrees of capitular Masonry in Dewitt Chapter, No. 119, at Petersburg, as follows: Past Master, December 14, 1893; Most Excellent Master, January 8, 1894; Royal Arch, May 17, 1894; and he was constituted a Sir Knight in St. Aldemar Commandery, at Petersburg, having the degree of the Red Cross conferred upon him November 26, 1894, and that of the Black Cross January 22, 1895. He was elected Junior Warden of the commandery in 1895, and re-elected in 1896 and 1897, performing the duties of that office in an efficient and eminently satisfactory manner. Having successfully made a pilgrimage across the burning sands of the desert, he was declared a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and was received as a member of Mohammed Temple, at Peoria, Illinois, on May 29, 1895. Mr. Whitney has been loyal to the principles of the fraternity, laboring in an effective manner for its welfare and advancement, and is regarded as a valuable member of the local lodge with which he is affiliated.

Mr. Whitney was born December 28, 1860, on a farm in Menard county, where

his father had located on his arrival in Illinois and where the latter died October 9, 1871. Our subject was reared to country life, receiving his education in the district schools; and so well has he made use of his abilities and opportunities that he is to-day regarded as one of the prominent and progressive agriculturists and stock-raisers of Menard county. The farm on which he lives is in an excellent state of cultivation and supplied with all the latest improvements in the way of machinery, being situated three miles north of Athens.

On January 27, 1886, Mr. Whitney was united in marriage to Miss Cora Johnson, and both of them are highly respected residents of the community.

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**W**ILLIAM M. CATE.—There is a certain consistency of principle existing between the medical profession and the fraternity of Freemasons, an affinity of organism that expands and develops into a high standard of charity, benevolence and active philanthropy, having for a foundation the alleviation of human suffering, mental as well as physical, and exalting to a higher sphere all mankind. The Mason stands ready with outstretched hands to render assistance at any and all times to a needy brother, irrespective of creed, nationality or social distinction. In a like manner the physician gives the benefit of his knowledge and skill to those who require them, often without remuneration, in this way demonstrating a practical philanthropy, of which the exoteric public forever remains in ignorance, and not infrequently sacrifices his life in the pursuance of what he considers to be his duty.

The medical profession in Chicago possesses among its members some of the brightest and most powerful intellects in the world, her colleges and hospitals affording opportunity for study and practice which are unsurpassed anywhere on the globe; and among the foremost in rank of the medical practitioners here stands the

brother whose name initiates this review, Dr. William M. Cate. He has been affiliated with the order for over twenty years, during which time he has been an active worker, giving a large portion of his time and talents to the advancement of the cause and contributing not a little to the prosperity and welfare of the bodies with which he is associated. His initiatory degrees were conferred upon him in Star King Lodge, at Salem, Massachusetts, where he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in 1877, and one year later attained the ineffable Scottish Rite degrees of Sutton Lodge of perfection, in Massachusetts. Upon moving to Chicago he transferred his membership to William B. Warren Lodge, No. 209. In 1897 the Doctor was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2; was constituted a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in the same year, and in 1896 attained to the Scottish Rite degree in Oriental Consistory, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is connected with the social branch of Masonry, having accomplished a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert, and become a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, in 1896. Dr. Cate is deeply interested in the fraternity, the fundamental principles of which constitute the basis of all religion, of all ethical relations, and of the advancement of civilization, and his kindly disposition, genial nature and brotherly consideration have strongly endeared him to his "fraters."

Dr. William M. Cate was born in Augusta, Maine, on the 26th of June, 1852, his early mental discipline being received in the public schools of Salem, Massachusetts, whence he was, in the course of time, sent to Harvard University, at which institution he was graduated in 1869. Following his youthful predilection, he then pursued the study of medicine, subsequently entering a homeopathic medical college, where his diligence and perseverance resulted in his securing the degree of Doctor of



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Medicine two years later. He moved to New York and there opened an office, in which he remained for a time, coming to Chicago in 1891, immediately after which he entered upon the active practice of his profession, in which he has met with a high degree of success, being regarded to-day as one of that city's most talented physicians.

During Dr. Cate's medical career of nearly a quarter of a century, he has had many opportunities for study and research, of which he has taken advantage, and he has given to the world the results through the medium of various professional journals and periodicals. He was the editor of the *Medical Examiner* and is an authority on sanitary science, on the subject of which he has written extensively, many of his articles having attracted widespread attention. He was deeply interested in the Home for Crippled Children, and he was surgeon of the Home during the first few years of its existence. There he secured material for the writing of several monographs on orthopedic surgery, which contain a great deal of valuable matter, very beneficial to the profession. The Doctor was professor of chemistry and toxicology in the Homeopathic Medical College of Missouri, and is the author of numerous sociological and medical articles which have been published in American and foreign medical and scientific journals.

Although reared in the homeopathic school, Dr. Cate does not confine his treatment to the principles involved therein; but, being broad-minded and progressive, he adopts those methods which he is convinced will produce the best effects irrespective of school or class. The outcome of this course of action has brought about the most satisfactory results, as is evidenced by the Doctor's large and ever-increasing practice. He is a man of unimpeachable character, possessing unusual intellectual endowments, which permit him to grasp in a masterly way every problem which presents itself for solution, and having a thorough understanding of his calling, which he uses

to the greatest advantage of humanity, he is an honor and a credit to the profession which he has adopted as his life-work.

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**E**RNEST C. TAYLOR, a thirty-second-degree Mason, is an affiliate of Lakeside Lodge, No. 739, F. & A. M., in which he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1893. He has taken the degrees of the lodge of perfection, those of the Councils of the Princes of Jerusalem and Rose Croix Chapter, and received the grades and orders of Oriental Consistory in 1894. In the same year he was received into the membership of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and likewise holds membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. His fidelity to Masonic principles makes him an esteemed member of the craft and he has many warm friends among his brethren of the order.

Mr. Taylor came from "bonnie" Scotland, his birth having occurred in Stranraer on the 26th of December, 1870. He acquired his primary education in the schools of his native town and subsequently pursued a course of study in Edinburg University. When a young man of twenty years he emigrated to America and took up his residence in Chicago. He has since made his home in this metropolis of the west, where he filled various positions until 1894, when he became assistant superintendent of the Washington Park Club. His uniform courtesy, genial manner and business ability well fit him for this position, and he has discharged his duties in a manner alike creditable to himself and satisfactory to the club.

On the 16th of April, 1896, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Reid, a native of Park Hill, Canada.

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**L**EONARD W. CAMPBELL.—Pregnant with the highest aims and most exalted ambitions of which human intellectuality is capable,—sublime unselfishness, a Chris-

tian-like charity to all mankind, a universal brotherhood and a dissolution of soul-destroying strife and bitter competition,—the ancient and honorable fraternity of Freemasonry has attained in the world a position unexcelled by any other society, and to-day stands pre-eminent as the medium by which inspiring lessons and glorious truths are spread broadcast throughout the universe. Its supporters are numberless and embrace residents of every civilized country on the face of the globe. Illinois alone claims a membership of over fifty thousand "fratres" who have remained faithful to the vows taken in the blue lodge, and among these Leonard W. Campbell holds a conspicuous place as an honored Mason who has ever evinced a lively interest in the progress and prosperity of the order, and who ranks as one of the most valued brothers in the local bodies with which he is connected.

Mr. Campbell's association with the craft dates back to 1880, in which year he was made a Master Mason in Pleiades Lodge, No. 478; in the following year he was advanced to the grades of capitular Masonry and exalted to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126, and received the orders of knighthood in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in which he was created a Sir Knight on the 18th of October, 1881. Subsequently he was dismissed from that body and became affiliated with St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35. He is an ardent follower of chivalric Masonry, taking a deep interest in all its workings, has held the office of Standard Bearer, and is one of the active members of the drill corps. In addition to his connection with St. Bernard, Mr. Campbell is an honorary member of De Molay Commandery, at Louisville, Kentucky; Detroit Commandery, at Detroit, Michigan; and Grand Rapids Commandery, at Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1882 he attained the ineffable degrees in the lodge of perfection, Scottish Rite, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, in Oriental Consistory. He is also an honorary member of De Witt

Clinton Consistory, at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Accomplishing a successful pilgrimage across the desert's sands, he became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, in Moslem Temple, Detroit. In his other social relations he is a charter member of Chicago Lodge, No. 4, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Chicago, in which he has held the office of treasurer for the past ten years. Mr. Campbell's labors in behalf of the Masonic fraternity have been unremitting, and that his fidelity and faithfulness to the principles and teachings of the order have been appreciated is evidenced by the warm regard and fraternal spirit of kindly consideration in which he is held by his *confreres*.

Leonard W. Campbell was born in Ogdensburg, New York, on the 12th of June, 1844, and on September 1, 1846, at the age of two years, he was brought to Chicago and has ever since been a resident of this city. On the 1st of October, 1861, he enlisted in the Ninth Illinois Cavalry, and upon being mustered out he returned to Chicago, and has subsequently been identified with either the business or commercial interests of the western metropolis. He eventually entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad as traveling freight agent, and was the first ever sent out of Chicago in that capacity by any railroad company. His connection with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad included eighteen years of service, and he was subsequently appointed local freight agent of that road in Chicago, and remained in that capacity until he transferred his associations to the great Northern Railroad, where he has remained for the past ten years, fulfilling the duties of general agent. By virtue of his marked ability, his industrial perseverance and his strict integrity of character, he has attained his present position; and his recognized qualifications have gained and retains for him the entire confidence of the officials of the corporation.

For a time Mr. Campbell was president of the Chicago Grenadiers, a military organization; and during his official term of

incumbency he was one of the five men who organized Columbia Post, No. 706, of Chicago, Grand Army of the Republic, which has long been known as one of the finest appearing and best equipped posts in that organization, and the fame of which has penetrated every state in the Union. In this Mr. Campbell is an energetic and highly-respected member and actively participates in all the affairs with which it is concerned.

**C**HARLES A. MOSES, of Chicago, is well and favorably known in Masonic circles, his identification with the time-honored order covering a period of nearly twenty years. He was made a Master Mason of Covenant Lodge, No. 526, F. & A. M., in 1878, was advanced to the grades of capitular Masonry and exalted to the august degrees of the Holy Royal Arch in Corinthian Chapter, R. A. M.; and was constituted and created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35. Like most of the Knights Templar Masons, he has penetrated the mysteries of the Mystic Shrine, his membership in that organization being in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Moses has been an enthusiastic brother during his affiliation with the fraternity, giving to it the benefit of his intellect and executive ability. He has served in the commandery as Warder and Standard Bearer, and he has also accomplished a great deal of active work as a member of the St. Bernard Drill Corps, taking part in the competitive drills.

**J**AMES E. BURTON, one of Chicago's substantial citizens and a well-known and zealous member of the Masonic fraternity, received his initial degrees in Mizpah Lodge, No. 761, in 1891, and was elected its Senior Deacon; he was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Delta Chapter, No. 191, in 1892, and held the chair of High Priest in 1896; was made a Royal and Select Master in Temple Council, No. 65, in the same year, and was its Conductor

for one term; and was constituted a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, in 1895. His interest in the order has remained unabated, and he is ever ready to perform any duty that may be assigned to him with cheerfulness and to the best of his ability. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burton are members of Columbia Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of which he is Past Patron, and she has held the office of Ada.

Mr. Burton was born in Paris, Monroe county, Missouri, March 4, 1861, the day on which President Lincoln was inaugurated. He was reared on a farm in his native county until eighteen years old, taking advantage of the educational facilities afforded by the district schools during his spare moments. In the spring of 1880 he came to Chicago and assisted his father, who was the proprietor of a hotel at the stock-yards, for three years. In 1885 Mr. Burton embarked in the live-stock commission business, locating at the yards, which vocation he has continued to follow ever since, with more than ordinary success. He is a bright, energetic man, possesses excellent business qualities, and is held in respect by all with whom he comes in contact.

In 1887 Mr. Burton was united in marriage to Miss Alice Gounea, a native of Chicago, and this union has been blessed with two children—Clarence and Clyde. Mr. Burton is a member of the Christian church.

**G**EORGE B. MILNE, a blacksmith at No. 548 Sheffield avenue, Chicago, is a man whose business ability and substantial character have won him a place of prominence and influence among the representative men of this city. "Brotherly love, relief and truth" are prominent factors in his make-up; and as a member of the ancient and honored order of Freemasons, which incorporates these factors in its teachings, he is entitled to personal mention herein.

Mr. Milne received the first three de-

grees of Masonry at Langton, Canada, in 1882, and subsequently at Chicago was exalted to the high degree of Royal Arch Mason by Lincoln Park Chapter, and by Lincoln Park Commandery was made a Sir Knight. With the last two organizations he still affiliates. His blue-lodge membership he transferred to Lake View Lodge, No. 774, A. F. & A. M., in which he has passed all the chairs up to and including that of Worshipful Master, and in which, as a well-posted and enthusiastic worker, he has done much to promote the good of the order.

Mr. Milne is by birth and early associations a Canadian. He was born at Rowan Mills, Canada, December 24, 1857; was educated in the public schools of his native place and learned the trade of blacksmith. He came to Chicago in 1880, but later returned to Canada and was residing there at the time he was made a Mason, as above stated. For several years he worked at his trade as an employee at different places, soon, however, coming again from Canada to Chicago. Later he was in the grocery business for a time on Lincoln avenue, and now he is doing a successful business as a blacksmith on Sheffield avenue.

During his residence in Chicago Mr. Milne has shown a laudable interest in public affairs, and in recognition of his sterling worth and executive ability he has been honored with official preferment. In April, 1895, he was elected to the city council from the twenty-fifth ward, which he represented in a most efficient manner. While a member of the council he was a member of the finance committee and of the committee on streets and alleys north, and chairman of the committee on the city hall and public buildings. Previous to the annexation of Lake View to Chicago he was a member of the Lake View Board of Education. In his political views he has always been a strong Republican. He is a member of the Twenty-fifth Ward Republican Club, and is congressional committeeman from the sixth district. Religiously both he and his wife are identified with the

Presbyterian church and are consistent members of the same; and fraternally, in addition to being a Mason, he is a worthy member of the order of Knights of Pythias. A business enterprise with which he is connected is the Fidelity Loan Association, of which he has the honor to be president.

Mr. Milne was married March 22, 1887, to Miss Clara Sawford, a native of England, and they have one daughter, Gladys Mildred.

**G**EORGE ELLIOTT REDFIELD, one of the veteran Masons of Illinois, whose membership dates back to thirty years ago, is one of the honored and greatly appreciated brothers of the local bodies located at Evanston. He was initiated in Dodge County Lodge, No. 72, in Wisconsin, on November 25, 1868; was advanced and exalted to the august degrees of Royal Arch Mason in Beaver Dam Chapter, No. 26, on March 5, 1869, at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, and was constituted a Sir Knight in Fort Winnebago Commandery, No. 4, at Portage, Wisconsin. Upon moving to Illinois he obtained a dimit and became affiliated with Evans Lodge, No. 524, and later with Berwyn Lodge, No. 839, Evanston Chapter, and Evanston Commandery, No. 58. During his long connection with the order our brother has endeavored to conduct his life according to the principles and tenets which serve as its foundation, and has unostentatiously done all in his power to advance the welfare and interests of the bodies of which he is a member.

Born in Saratoga county, New York, on December 9, 1832, Mr. Redfield received his early mental discipline in the district schools, subsequently entering the academy at Delhi, New York, pursuing his studies in that institution until 1848, when he entered upon his business career by obtaining a clerkship in the hardware store of his uncles at Phelps, Ontario county, filling that position until the fall of 1850, coming west in that year and becoming associated with another uncle in the

hardware business at Beloit, Wisconsin, with whom he remained three years. He then returned to New York city and was there employed in a wholesale hardware house, which he left in 1854, and, moving to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law under the firm name of Redfield & Clark, which continued about four years. Our subject then took a position as buyer for a wholesale house in Milwaukee and after working in that capacity for two years he returned to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, reopened a store there and conducted the same until 1868, in that year accepting the post of state agent for the Home Insurance Company of New York, since which time he has been either state or general agent for various of the leading fire insurance companies, and for about eight years was general agent for several companies at Chicago. He is now employed as independent adjuster, with offices at No. 177 La-Salle street.

The marriage of Mr. Redfield took place in 1855, when he was united to Miss Harriet A. Clark, of Beloit, Wisconsin, and they have six children living, five daughters and one son, the latter being special agent for the Rockford Fire Insurance Company, his territory comprising the states of Iowa and Nebraska. He resides in Rock Island, Illinois. The subject of the review was at one time a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**W**ILLIAM NARCISSE JULIEN, one of the most loyal and energetic members of the Masonic fraternity in Chicago, was initiated in Providence Lodge, No. 711, on February 21, passed March 6, and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 3,—all in the year 1884. He was dimitted from that body for the purpose of assisting in the organization of Myrtle Lodge, No. 795, of which he became a charter member on October 8, 1890. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Irving Park Chapter, No. 195, on

February 12, 1887, and received the orders of Knighthood in Siloam Commandery, No. 54, in November, 1890, at Oak Park, dimitting from the same to become affiliated with St. Elmo Commandery, No. 65, it being largely through the efforts of C. J. De Berard, Wareham H. Gray and William N. Julien that this commandery was instituted. While a member of Providence Mr. Julien held the office of Steward; in the chapter his services were brought into requisition as Excellent High Priest, and in the commandery he officiated as Captain-General, all of these offices being filled in an intelligent and able manner that reflected credit upon our brother and redounded to the honor of the craft. Having successfully accomplished a pilgrimage across the sands of the desert Mr. Julien became a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple at Chicago; and he belongs to Irving Park Lodge, No. 190, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to Court Irving, No. 45, Independent Order of Foresters, in which he is popular to a high degree.

Mr. Julien is a native of New York city, where he was born February 25, 1859, but shortly after was brought to Chicago by his parents, where he attended school until about fourteen years old, and then entered the law firm of Mattocks & Mason as an office boy. In 1873 he was employed as galley boy in the office of the Chicago Legal News, from which he was promoted to the position of copy-holder, and it was while acting in that capacity that he acquired a liking for the law, and would remark while reading briefs and law books, "I hope some day to be a lawyer." He remained in the employ of the Legal News for a period of twelve years, during which time he became the most expert stereotyper in Chicago, and upon leaving that place he was appointed foreman of the stereotyping department of the Chicago Evening Journal. Subsequently Mr. Julien followed the dictates of his heart and took up the study of law, for two years pursuing his readings under the preceptorage of Hon. Stephen A. Reynolds, and as

a result of his application and industry he passed a successful examination for admission to the bar in August, 1887, before the appellate court at Mount Vernon, Illinois. In 1886, at the time of the anarchist troubles in Chicago, Justice of the Peace Fred Englehardt, of the town of Jefferson, married Miss Nina Van Zandt to August Spies by proxy and the county board declared Englehardt's office vacant, he no longer being a resident of the town in which he was elected to preside, and Mr. Julien was appointed in his place for the unexpired term and afterward regularly elected, serving until the annexation of the suburbs surrounding Chicago, when he was recommended by the judges of Cook county, appointed by the governor, and confirmed by the senate. In April, 1891, Mr. Julien was a candidate for alderman from the twenty-seventh ward on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated by M. J. Conway by seven votes, that election being the closest ever held in the ward. Our subject is a man of keen discrimination, a strict sense of justice, and, possessing the courage of his convictions, performs his duty as he sees it, let the consequences be what they may.

**C**HARLES SIDNEY CUTTING, of Chicago, is a Knight Templar and thirty-second-degree Mason. His connection with this ancient and honored society is much more than an endorsement of the principles of Masonry; it is the assimilation of its teaching into his every-day life. He lives up to its full requirements, meets every obligation which it imposes and exemplifies the spirit of its beneficence and brotherly aid. He was initiated in Palatine (Illinois) Lodge, February 6, 1886, passed March 6, following, and raised, on the 20th of the same month, to the degree of Master Mason. His membership is still in Palatine Lodge, of which he has served as Worshipful Master, and in Palatine Chapter, of which he is Principal Sojourner. He was made a Royal Arch Mason at Elgin, Illinois. He became a Companion of the Illustrious Order of

the Red Cross on the 21st of November, 1887; and on the 30th of November of the same year was knighted in Bethel Commandery, No. 36, of Elgin, Illinois. He was afterward dimitted and is now affiliated with St. Elmo Commandery, No. 65, K. T., of Irving Park, in which he has served as Generalissimo. He received the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S., and through the long years of his connection with the fraternity has always been recognized as a worthy member thereof.

Charles S. Cutting is not only a worthy member of the Masonic society, but is also one of Chicago's able lawyers and has been prominently identified with a number of interests that have materially promoted the welfare of the city. He was born in Highgate, Vermont, March 1, 1854, and during his early boyhood went to the Pacific coast. He obtained his education in the high school and Willamette University, of Salem, Oregon, and later was engaged in journalistic work as assistant editor of the Cedar Rapids Times, published at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Subsequently he turned his attention to the profession of teaching and for six years was principal of the high school of Palatine, Illinois. In 1874 he came to Chicago, studied law and has engaged in active practice at the bar since 1880. His practice has been mostly civil, and he handles in a masterful way the intricate and complex problems involved in civil law, which indicates thorough preparation of his cases and a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the law applicable to his cause. He carefully sifts all evidence and marshals his facts with the precision of a military commander. His high standing at the bar is indicated by the fact that in 1887 he was appointed to the position of master in chancery of the circuit court, holding that office until 1890, when he resumed the private practice of law.

On the 27th of June, 1876, in Palatine, Illinois, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cutting and Miss Annie E. Lytle, a native of that place. Their union has been

blessed with one son, Robert M., and their home is now in Austin, one of Chicago's beautiful suburbs. Mr. Cutting is deeply interested in the cause of education and while residing in Palatine served as president of its school board. He has also been a member of the school board of Cook county for nine years, and during his incumbency as its president materially advanced the educational welfare of the county. He is a member of the Bar Association and the Law Club. In his political principles he is a Republican. His strong mind, his keen powers of analysis, his love of his profession,—all argue well for future success at the bar, where he is already numbered among the eminent members.

**J**OHAN S. BOYD.—The corner-stone of Freemasonry is founded on the Holy Bible, and the truths drawn from that inspired work are applied to every-day life, forming in part the precepts and tenets of the order and inculcating in the hearts of every brother the divine power of love, charity and fraternity. One of the enthusiastic and zealous members of the craft who has given to it his earnest support for the past seventeen years is the gentleman whose name initiates this review. He received the first three degrees of Masonry in Doric Lodge, No. 316, at Toronto, Canada, in 1880; was in the same year advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry and exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M., at Toronto; received the council degrees and was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Adoniram Council, No. 1, in 1892; was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Godfrey de St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 2, in 1880; and in 1895 he attained the ineffable degrees in the Scottish Rite and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. In 1888 Mr. Boyd became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Rameses Temple, and he was elected an honorary member of the Masonic

Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast in January, 1894. He takes a strong interest in the workings of the fraternity, and stands ready at all times to do everything in his power to advance its welfare.

The birth of Mr. Boyd occurred in Erie, Pennsylvania, on the 15th of May, 1855, and was reared in the city of his nativity, receiving his mental discipline in the public schools. He commenced his business career in the employ of R. G. Dun & Company's mercantile agency, subsequently embarking in the hotel business, continuing to follow that vocation until 1890, when he moved to Detroit and there became connected with the newspapers, since which time he has been a traveling correspondent. He is a bright, energetic gentleman, well equipped mentally and physically for his arduous duties, and well merits the success that has attended his efforts in that line of endeavor.

**M**ON. LORIN CONE COLLINS, JR.—This name stands conspicuously high on the roll of Chicago's lawyers and the legislators of Illinois, but not alone in professional and legislative circles is he well known. He is numbered among the members of the Masonic fraternity whose zeal for and devotion to Masonry in its various branches has made him a valued representative of the craft. He became an Entered Apprentice in Providence Lodge, No. 711, of Jefferson Park, Illinois, on the 19th of October, 1882; Fellow-craft on the 7th of February, 1884, and Master Mason on the 20th of March following. He has since dimitted from Providence Lodge and belongs to Beacon Light Lodge, No. 784, of Norwood Park. He was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Austin Chapter, but is now affiliated with Irving Park Chapter, of which he is a charter member. He is also a charter member of St. Elmo Commandery, K. T., of Irving Park. Masonry and the worthy principles on which it rests receive his earnest support, as exemplified in his relation with his

fellow men, whether in public or private life.

Lorin C. Collins is a native of Connecticut, his birth having occurred in Windsor, that state, on the first of August, 1848. His parents, Lorin Cone and Mary (Bemis) Collins, were also natives of New England, and the ancestry of the family can be traced back to Governor Bradford, of Massachusetts, who came to the rock-bound coasts of New England with other exiled Pilgrims in the Mayflower. When a child of five years, Mr. Collins, of this review, accompanied his parents on their removal to Minnesota, where he soon became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His elementary education was acquired in the public schools of St. Paul, and at the age of nineteen he went to Delaware, Ohio, where he was fitted for college by a thorough preparatory training. In 1868 he became a freshman at the Northwestern University, at Evanston, where he completed the classical course and was graduated in the class of 1872. For some time previous he had determined to study law and make its practice his life work. Accordingly, on the 6th of July, 1872, he became a student in the law office of Clarkson & Van Schaack, able attorneys of Chicago, and diligently continued his research in the fields of legal science until close application and his keen analytical mind had given him a mastery over the most important points and facts in the law, and he was admitted to the bar in September, 1874, after an examination before the supreme court at Ottawa. He at once began practice and from the beginning has met with success. He soon gained and has since retained a large and distinctively representative clientage and to-day ranks among the able members of the profession in Chicago. His high standing is largely due to his thorough preparation of cases. He studies all facts connected with his cause in a most complete and exhaustive way; he views his case from every possible standpoint; he is familiar with the law that bears upon it and is ever ready to meet any

argument or point that may be brought up by the opposing counsel.

In 1878 Mr. Collins was called to public life by his election to the state legislature and for three successive terms he served as a member of the general assembly. During the first session he opposed the election of General Logan to the United States senate, supporting Senator Oglesby, but afterward became one of the General's warmest personal friends. In 1883 he was elected speaker of the house. He is recognized as one of the ablest parliamentarians of the country, and his just rulings and freedom from everything of a partisan nature not only won him the commendation of the fair-minded men of both parties but also added dignity and honor to the position wherewith he was honored. Mr. Collins has always given his support to the Republican party and is one of its leading members in Illinois. He has studied closely the questions and issues of the day in relation to the welfare and prosperity of the nation and from the lecture platform as well as in the legislative halls of Illinois he has done effective service for his party.

In 1884 he was appointed judge of the circuit court and was twice re-elected to that position, continuing on the bench until 1893, when he resigned. He then resumed the private practice of law, and on the 15th of November, 1895, the well-known firm of Collins & Fletcher was organized. They now have a large clientage and Mr. Collins has met in forensic combat many of the ablest lawyers of Chicago, who have found in him an antagonist worthy of their steel. He is a fluent and attractive public speaker and possesses in an eminent degree that quality which is known as personal magnetism. He is a lawyer of rare ability and unflinching adherence to principle. He is forcible in argument, eloquent in his presentation of a cause before judge, jury or the people. In manner he is courteous and genial, truly American in thought and interests, and though he has won high honors at the hands of his fellow citizens he is still one with them.



**G**EORGE B. HOPPER was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Mizpah Lodge, No. 768, A. F. & A. M., on the 3d of October, 1892, and continued his connection therewith until the 21st of February, 1895, when he was dimitted to Englewood Lodge, No. 690, of which he is still an affiliate. On the 23d of February, 1893, he took the degrees of capitular Masonry in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, and is identified with cryptic Masonry as a charter member of Imperial Council, No. 85, R. & S. M. On the 3d of June, 1893, he was created a Knight Templar in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, and in Medinah Temple he is also numbered among the Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. He and his wife belong to Maple Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and he is also a valued representative of the Royal League and the Royal Arcanum, having been one of the organizers of Dexter Council.

Mr. Hopper entered upon earth's pilgrimage August 7, 1858, in Newark, New Jersey, and with his parents came to Chicago in 1863, then a child of five years. Here he was reared to manhood, spending his youth in the usual manner of boys of the period. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and when his school life was ended he turned his attention to the packing business, entering the employ of Libby & Company, with which firm he remained until 1880. In that year he formed a connection with the Nelson Morris Company, and has since been one of its representatives. His long continued service well indicates his fidelity to duty and the confidence reposed in him by his employers.

He was married on the 3d of December, 1878, to Miss Jessie F. Robins, a native of Chicago, and they have three children—George, Walter and LaRoy.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY GORMAN.—To become affiliated with the order of Freemasonry is to demonstrate a desire to

follow higher aims in life and to devote one's abilities to the uplifting of our fellow men. This most laudable ambition could not be better supported than by associating with that institution which has been instrumental in succoring mankind from the depths of vice and raising them to an exalted altitude of morality and unselfishness. Mr. Gorman has been working in the interest of humanity for the past twenty years, having, in 1876, become a Master Mason in Dramatic Lodge, No. 541, at Glasgow, Scotland, from which he was dimitted upon coming to the United States, and in 1890 was received into Garden City Lodge, No. 141. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter, created a Knight Templar in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in 1892, and attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Scottish Rite. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order, holding his membership in Medinah Temple.

The subject of this brief sketch is a native of London, England, born January 20, 1852, where he was reared, receiving his education in the public schools. For several years he devoted considerable time to the study of music, and, meeting with encouragement as an amateur, decided to follow this finest of all arts as a profession. Thus he participated in several operatic productions of note, in his native country, under the management of Mr. D'Oyley Carte, the producer of all the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, and the late Sir Augustus Harris. While engaged in this profession Mr. Gorman came to the United States and took part in the original production of the celebrated opera of "Mikado," in Philadelphia, under the management of Colonel John McCaul and under the personal direction of Sir Arthur Sullivan, and made a tour of the principal cities of the United States, traveling in this capacity for two years.

Meditating, then, upon the comforts of a home, and a reunion with his children, who were still in England, he came to Chicago, in 1889, and accepted an offer of a

commercial appointment, and about four years later drifted into the real-estate business, taking also an active part in the building of the Calumet Electric Railway and in the promotion of the Englewood Electric Street Railroad Company, whose track is now operated by the Storage Battery Company, of Philadelphia.

In 1876 Mr. Gorman was married to Miss Sarah A. Fyson, a native of Brighton, England, but educated and resided in France for several years previous to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Gorman are adherents of the Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. Gorman is also a member of the Douglas Club. They have two sons and two daughters, viz: William H., Blanche De Lisle, Florence E. and George G. Miss Blanche is developing considerable musical talent, both vocal and instrumental, excelling at the piano, especially considering her youth. Politically he is a staunch Republican and is a strong advocate of the principles promulgated by that party. He is one of Chicago's progressive citizens and merits the high esteem in which he is held by all who know him.

**C**ONSTANT BROWN, the Worshipful Master of Stewart Lodge, No. 92, A. F. & A. M., Geneseo, was made a Master Mason in that lodge in 1887; was elected and served one year as Junior Warden, then Senior Warden two years, and then Worshipful Master, which office he is now holding for his seventh term. He has made a thorough study of the ritual and has secured the high esteem of the brethren because of the able manner in which he has so long discharged the duties of his office.

Mr. Brown is a native of the state of New York, born on the 20th of March, 1845. His father, Charles H. Brown, was also a Master Mason and was one of the organizers of the lodge in Canajoharie, New York; is in his religious views a Presbyterian and is now seventy-eight years of age. Our subject was educated in Rome, New York, learned telegraphy, and has

been one of the trusted and faithful employees of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company for the past thirty years. For the past thirteen years he has been ticket and freight agent at Geneseo. He has a pleasant family and enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

**C**ORNELIUS C. CHANDLER, widely known as a representative of the building interests of Chicago, claims a connection with the Masonic fraternity of twenty-five years' standing, having taken the three fundamental degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Home Lodge, No. 508, in 1868. The degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch were conferred upon him in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, in 1883; and in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52, he was made a Knight Templar and has since been a worthy follower of the beauseant.

Mr. Chandler comes from the old Granite state. He was born in New Hampshire, on the 13th of July, 1837, but during early childhood accompanied his parents on their removal to Massachusetts, the family locating near Boston, where he grew to manhood, acquiring his education in the public schools. Early in life he learned the carpenter's trade and for a number of years was engaged on the building of churches in various sections in the east. When nineteen years of age he removed to Syracuse, New York, and while residing there joined the Union army as one of the "boys in blue" of the One Hundred and Eighty-fifth New York Infantry. He went to the front and valiantly served his country until the stars and stripes floated over the capital of the southern Confederacy and the preservation of the Union was an assured fact.

Mr. Chandler then returned to the north and on the 5th of September, 1865, removed to Chicago, where in the pursuit of his chosen profession he has gained an enviable reputation as a reliable and efficient contractor and builder. His business

has grown with the increase of the city and he has been engaged on the construction of many important buildings.

Mr. Chandler was married in Syracuse, New York, in January, 1856, the lady of his choice being Miss Anna Eliza Denick, and to them have been born seven children, four sons and three daughters.

**J**OHAN HENRY ESALEY, a brother who has a high appreciation of the Masonic fraternity, who understands its tenets and precepts and governs his life and actions according to the ritual of the craft, was made a Master Mason in Avon Harmony Lodge, No. 253, in 1876, and served as its Junior Warden for one term. He obtained a dimit and became affiliated with Buda Lodge, No. 399, in which he likewise held the chair of Junior Warden. He was again dimitted and on January 24 joined Rushville Lodge, No. 9, having, in 1884, been exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Temple Chapter at Princeton, Illinois, from which he eventually severed his connections, and on September 9, 1885, was received as a member of Rushville Chapter, No. 184. In 1884 the degree of Sir Knight was conferred upon him in Temple Commandery, at Princeton, Illinois, from which he was dimitted and became associated with Rushville Commandery, No. 56, and at the present time is a member of all the local bodies of the city.

Mr. Esaley is a native of Switzerland, where he was born July 25, 1841, and when eleven years old came to the United States with his parents, who located in Pennsylvania. From that time on he has made his own way in the world, and may justly be considered a self-made man in the truest sense of the term. His early career was not one of flowery ease, for as a boy he worked at tilling the soil for farmers who took no particular interest in him or his future, and such education as he was able to obtain was received in the district schools, which he attended at intervals during the winter months, the greater part of

his knowledge being secured in the practical school of experience. When eighteen years old Mr. Esaley began to learn the milling trade, being paid the "munificent" salary of thirty dollars a year, besides which he was allowed his board and washing, and during the first three years of his apprenticeship he was given permission to add to his finances by working in the fields at harvest time. In 1863 our subject came to Illinois and has been constantly identified with the milling business in various cities throughout the state, having at one time been associated with J. B. Stewart at Buda, whence he moved to Rushville and erected the mill of which he has since been the sole owner. It has a capacity of one hundred and forty barrels a day, is modern in every particular and supplied with all the latest improvements and inventions pertaining to milling; and as Mr. Esaley is an expert in his line and thoroughly well informed in all its details, he produces the highest grade of flour, that gives perfect satisfaction to all who consume it. By adhering strictly to honorable methods he has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative business, and has secured the possession of some valuable property.

The marriage of Brother Esaley to Miss Elida McIntosh, of New York, was celebrated in 1869, the issue of this union being two children—Della A. and Ralph B. Mr. and Mrs. Esaley are consistent members of the Baptist church, while in politics our subject is a staunch Republican and has served his party and community in the capacity of city trustee.

**W**ILLIAM A. McCUNE.—The business interests of Sterling, Illinois, has an able representative in the subject of this sketch, who is the president of the firm of William A. McCune & Company, proprietors of the Sterling Pump Works; and in this gentleman the Masonic fraternity also has a most worthy exponent. Of his identity with this order we will first speak.

The son of a Mason and with early im-

pressions favorable to this ancient institution, Mr. McCune, shortly after reaching his majority, sought admission to Rock River Lodge, No. 612, A. F. & A. M., was duly elected to receive its degrees, and on May 29 was created a Master Mason. In the blue lodge he has ever been active and enthusiastic. He has filled its offices from Senior Deacon up to and including Worshipful Master, and in the last named chair served two terms. Nor has his interest in Masonry ceased with the three degrees of the blue lodge: he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason by Sterling Chapter, No. 57, R. A. M., July 14, 1875, and was soon given a working place therein. He served several terms as Captain of the Host, after which he was elected High Priest two successive years, and following that was again made Captain of the Host. He was knighted by Dixon Commandery. In October, 1884, when Sterling Commandery was instituted, his name was on the list of charter members, and he was elected Senior Warden, in which position he served while it was under dispensation. Afterward he was re-elected and again served, and has filled every office from the one mentioned to that of Eminent Commander.

Mr. McCune was born at Camden, New York, February 11, 1852, and is of Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, John McCune, was born in Paisley, Scotland, and in 1802 emigrated from that country to America, settling in Brattleboro, Vermont, where our subject's father, William McCune, was born. In early life William McCune was a sailor, on the oceans and lakes. In 1855 he came to Illinois and at Sterling opened the Wallace Hotel, which he conducted for ten years, following which he was in the real-estate business up to 1871. That year he founded the pump factory, of which his son, our subject, is now the head, and with which he was connected until his death. He was a Knight Templar Mason and a most highly respected citizen. His wife, *nee* Almira Hazen, was a native of Oneida county, New York. They were the parents of three children. Their son, William A.,

was a small boy at the time of their removal to Sterling, and here he was reared, receiving his education in the public schools, and on leaving school became engaged in the manufacture of pumps, in company with his father. Upon the death of his father he succeeded to the business, which is now an extensive one, shipments from William McCune & Company being made to numerous points throughout the northwest.

Mr. McCune is also interested in other enterprises. For a number of years he has been president and secretary of the Sterling Hydraulic Company, which has improved the water power of the river that has been of such benefit to both Sterling and Rock Falls. In his political predilections he is Democratic. He has served as city alderman, and under President Cleveland's first administration was postmaster of Sterling. Also he has served as a member of the Sterling school board. Indeed, he has in many ways been prominently identified with the city and its best interests. He has erected a number of buildings here, including his own elegant home.

In 1877 he was married to Miss Annie E. Crawford, a native of Sterling and a daughter of J. L. Crawford, who was an early citizen and prominent merchant of this place and one of its worthy Masons. Mr. and Mrs. McCune have three children—Fred L., Helen A. and Gretchen H. Mrs. McCune is the Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star Chapter, which was recently organized at Sterling, being the first to fill this honored position.

**R** J. HILLINGER, who is identified with the ancient-craft, capitular and chivalric Masonry through his connection with T. J. Turner Lodge, No. 409, A. F. & A. M., Washington Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M., and Apollo Commandery, No. 1, K. T., was made a Mason in 1893. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft and was raised to the sublime degree of the Master Mason. When wishing to learn more of the truths and teach-

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ings of this ancient and benevolent fraternity, he took the four degrees of the chapter, in 1894. He was dubbed and created a Sir Knight in 1896, and is a worthy follower of all these organizations. He has the high regard of his brethren and in his association with them evidences a full understanding of the duties and obligations which rest upon him as a representative of the society.

Mr. Hillinger is one of Chicago's native sons, his birth having occurred in this city on the 8th of January, 1870. Under the parental roof his boyhood days were passed, and in the public schools his education was acquired. He was married on the 26th of November, 1896, to Miss Cora Putnam, a native of Cook county.

He is now employed as a silk salesman in the dry-goods house of H. L. Stanton & Company, manufacturers of silk watch guards and eye-glass cords, Chicago. Mr. Hillinger has been in the silk business for the last sixteen years, and commands the confidence of his employers and the respect of his patrons. He is always affable and courteous and is therefore especially fitted for the duties that devolve upon him. In social circles he is a popular young man, whose genial nature has won him many friends.

**D**ANIEL G. MOORE, M. D., is a member of the Masonic fraternity who has rendered faithful allegiance to this beneficent order in Chicago, and is therefore worthy of a place in this compilation. He was initiated in D. C. Cregier Lodge, No. 643, was advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry and exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Washington Chapter, No. 43, received the orders of knighthood in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, and attained to the ineffable grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, wherein he had conferred upon him the thirty-second degree and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is associated with the social branch of Ma-

sonry and has been elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, with his membership in Medinah Temple. He is an enthusiastic Mason, does all in his power to advance the cause of the craft, and is held in the highest esteem by his "fraters."

Dr. Moore was born in Illinois City, Rock Island county, Illinois, on the 19th of January, 1844, his parents having moved from Ohio to this state in 1837. The Doctor was reared on a farm, attending the district schools, where he acquired such a literary education as could be obtained from existing circumstances, until 1862, when, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company B, and rendered gallant and courageous service until August, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. He then returned to Illinois, where he engaged in teaching school, and, having an early predilection for the medical profession, he occupied his leisure time in studying that science and subsequently matriculated at Rush Medical College, where he was graduated with the class of 1879. He at once entered upon the practice of his profession in the western metropolis, where he has brought to his calling a high order of intelligence, and by his distinct ability in his chosen calling he has met with continued success and occupies an honorable place in the front rank of the medical fraternity in Chicago.

Dr. Moore was honored by the official preferment of city physician, appointed by Mayor Harrison; he was on the staff of Governor Altgeld during the latter's administration; and he is a member of the Chicago Medical Society and the American Medical Association. The Doctor is a gentleman of the old school in taste and manners, and his presence in the sick room is often as beneficial as medicine, his sympathetic nature and kindly disposition gaining the entire confidence of the patient.

Dr. Moore has taken an active part in politics for thirty-five years. He has always been a Democrat, and is such because

he believes it to be the party of the people and for the people. He is one of the leaders of his party in Illinois. He was made a member of Mayor Harrison's cabinet and confirmed during the ceremonies attending the inaugural of that executive officer.

The marriage of Dr. Moore was solemnized on the 8th of October, 1884, when he was united to Miss Mary E. Radell, of Wisconsin, and their children are three in number, namely: Leah Catherine, Oliver Frederick and Daniel G., Jr.

**HENRY WINK.**—The wisdom of those who originated the order of Freemasonry challenges the admiration of all the wise and good who have succeeded them. The cardinal points which were enunciated at the time when the fraternity was first conceived have been observed by the craft through succeeding generations down to and inclusive of the present, and has kept pace with the development of humanity, the advancement of moral intelligence and the march of the world in science and art. Masonry is not a religion, nor is it even a substitute for a religion, but it recognizes a supreme Divinity, faith in God, hope in immortality and charity to all mankind as the principles on which it is founded. It declares that all the brothers are on a level, opens wide its doors to all nations, admits of no rank except priority of merit, and its only aristocracy is the nobility of virtue.

“Her towers and monuments fade not away;  
Her truth and social love do not decay;  
Her actions, tending all to one great plan,  
Have taught mankind what man should be to man.”

Mr. Wink, the subject of this review, passed the subordinate degrees and was made a Master Mason in Waldeck Lodge, No. 674, in 1871, and served as Junior Warden in the body. He became a charter member in Constantine Lodge, No. 783, of which he was the first Senior Warden and in which he at present holds the office of Worshipful Master. He is deeply interested in the workings of Masonry and loses no opportunity to advance its cause in the world. As

a member of the local bodies he is greatly esteemed by his brothers, who deeply appreciate the efforts made on his behalf in favor of the organization.

Mr. Wink is a native of Germany, his birth having taken place at Elberfeld, August 6, 1836. In 1864 he came to the United States and settled in Philadelphia, where he remained engaged in business until 1868, when he moved to Chicago, and has since made this city his home. In his youth he learned the trade of dyer, and he has thus far in life followed that trade. After coming to this city he worked at various places until January, 1872, when he started in business for himself. He has built up a prosperous trade by his natural ability, industry and determination to advance to the front.

In 1861 he was married to Miss Rosalie Tillman, who also is a native of Germany, and they have had one son, named Henry L.

Besides the Masonic relations already referred to, Mr. Wink has also business relations in other associations, as he is a member of the Masonic Orphans' Home Association, and has for six years been president of the German Masonic Aid Association, which in 1894 presented him with a magnificent diamond star as a token of their high regard and appreciation of his services.

**WILLIAM J. McALPINE**, a prominent contractor and builder of northwestern Illinois, residing in Dixon, has been a representative of Masonry for fifteen years, his identification with the order dating from 1881. In that year he rose from Entered Apprentice to Knight Templar and is a valued member of the different branches of the fraternity. He became an Entered Apprentice in Sycamore Lodge, No. 134, A. F. & A. M., passed the Fellow-craft, and was soon after raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He then took the Royal Arch degrees in Sycamore Chapter, No. 49, and was created a Sir Knight in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, K. T. He is a val-



ued member of the society, worthy of the confidence and esteem of his brethren of the craft, for he is faithful to all the obligations which it imposes, to the vows of knighthood and the teachings of the blue lodge. His rank in business circles is alike high, and his career worthy of emulation. He is the architect of his own fortunes as well as many of the principal buildings of northwestern Illinois, and has builded a character which commands the admiration and respect of all.

Mr. McAlpine is descended from an old Connecticut family which was long identified with the history of the Nutmeg state. His father, Lemuel McAlpine, was born there, and after arriving at years of maturity married Miss Sarah Price, a native of New York. They moved to Ohio, and in Ash-tabula, on the 15th of August, 1852, the subject of this review was born. In 1853 the parents removed with their family to Illinois, locating on a farm in De Kalb county, where they lived and reared their children. They were people of the highest respectability, and their genuine worth won for them the regard of all with whom they came in contact. The father departed this life in 1894, at the age of eighty-four years, and the mother passed away in her sixty-seventh year.

William J. McAlpine, their second child, was educated in Aurora Seminary, and in his youth learned the trade of carpentering, which he has since followed, steadily working his way upward from the position of an humble employee to a place among the most prominent contractors in northwestern Illinois. His business has assumed extensive proportions, and the secret of his success lies in his steady application, his fidelity to the terms of a contract, his unbounded enterprise and sound judgment. He has taken contracts for the erection of many fine structures, not only in Illinois but also in Iowa and Wisconsin, and is now engaged in the construction of the State Normal School in De Kalb, this state, also the fine Masonic block in Dixon. He has over one hundred and fifty skilled work-

men in his employ, and his patronage has brought to him much of the leading business in his line in this section of the state. The plans and methods he has followed in his business career, his keen perception and great sagacity are important factors in his success, but his prosperity is also due in no small measure to that quality which enables him to successfully control men and affairs. Since 1887 he has been identified with the building interests of Dixon and many of the finest homes, business blocks and public edifices of the city stand as monuments to his skill and enterprise.

In 1876 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McAlpine and Miss Mattie L. Manning, but after six years of happy married life she was called to the home beyond, in 1883. Four years later our subject was married to Miss Bertha German, whose death occurred in 1891. His present wife was formerly Miss Jennie L. Norris, and their marriage was solemnized in 1895. In society circles in Dixon they occupy an enviable position, and their hospitable home is a favorite resort for their many friends. Mrs. McAlpine belongs to the Episcopal church and is a lady of high culture and refinement. Mr. McAlpine gives his political support to the Republican party. He is of a genial and generous disposition, kindly and courteous in manner, and his life record is one which should serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others, demonstrating what can be accomplished by him who will make the most of present opportunities and perseveringly press forward to the goal of his hopes.

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**S**AMUEL JEFFREY AVERY. — The tendency of the age is to concentrate one's energies upon a certain line of action to the exclusion of almost every other interest, and it is therefore seldom that a man who attains prominence in business is active in social or other lines. But Dr. Avery, whose name introduces this review, has become one of the leading physicians of the city and at the same time is known in

Masonry as one of its worthy representatives, active in support of its principles and in the advancement of all that tends to promote its growth. He is well known in Chicago in the ranks of this noble and benevolent order and can boast a line of ancestry long and honorably identified with the fraternity. He was made a Mason in Rising Sun Lodge, in Lake county, Illinois, and took the Royal Arch degrees in York Chapter. He was knighted in Apollo Commandery in 1877, and thus for twenty years has been connected with this most ancient of the fraternal organizations.

Dr. Avery was born in Brandon, Vermont, on the 15th of May, 1828, and is a son of Ebenezer W. and Tryphena (Davis) Avery, both natives of the Green Mountain state. He was reared in Vermont until fifteen years of age, and then came with his parents to Illinois in 1843, the family locating in Lake county in the town of Avon. He was reared on a farm and in his youth assisted in the labors of field and meadow. Later he determined to devote his life to the practice of medicine and thus aid his fellow men. To fit himself for this calling he matriculated in Rush Medical College, of Chicago, and on the completion of his course established an office here and has since devoted his energies to practice. His success is well attested by the high esteem in which he is held by his many patrons. He possesses the requisite qualifications of the able physician and has that keen love of the profession and true sympathy for his fellow men without which no physician can hope to attain to the greatest heights in his chosen calling. His efforts therefore are something more than an attempt to gain wealth; he feels a personal interest in each case and makes it his earnest effort to relieve the suffering of his fellow men and restore to them that most cherished possession, health.

Dr. Avery has been twice married. In 1850 he wedded Miss Wealthy A. Hall, who died in 1861, and in 1863 he married Mrs. Olive L. Boardman. He has one daughter, Eliza W., now the wife of H. Woodward.

He was reared in the orthodox faith but as his views have changed with advancing years he finds his opinions are more in harmony with the doctrines of the Universalist church, and his thorough and conscientious belief in the holiness of helpfulness as a rule of action is strongly manifest in his own upright life. His genial manner, his ready appreciation of humor and his own social disposition have made him a favorite in a chosen circle of acquaintances, and he has a large number of warm friends who esteem him most highly.

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**S** A. WALTHER, attorney at law, Chicago, received his initial degrees in D. C. Cregier Lodge, No. 643, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1894. In 1897 he was elected to the chair of Junior Warden in that body.

Mr. Walther was born in Chicago on September 8, 1860, and here grew to manhood's estate. His primary education was obtained in the public and high schools of this city, receiving his diploma from the latter with the class of '80. He subsequently pursued his studies in the Normal School, and later, having formed a taste for the legal profession, he matriculated in the Union College of Law, at which he was graduated in 1886, and the following year he entered into the active practice of his profession.

In 1891 Mr. Walther was united in marriage to Miss Julia S. Gunderson, a native of Norway, who early in life came to the United States and located in Chicago, where she was reared and educated, and where for some years she was employed as a competent and successful teacher in the public schools.

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**H**ENRY M. BRAUMOELLER, of Chicago, has advanced through almost every department of Masonry, since becoming a member of the order in 1888. In March, of that year, he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Thomas

J. Turner Lodge, No. 409, and in the same year the esoteric doctrines of capitular Masonry were revealed to him by the Companions of Washington Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M. He was greeted a Select Master in Siloam Council, No. 53, and knighted in Chicago Commandery, No. 19. He has taken the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry up to and including the thirty-second, being proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, on the 23d of April, 1891. With all these bodies he is still affiliated save Turner Lodge, having been dimitted from that to become a member of Covenant Lodge, No. 526. He is also a member of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Braumoeller has spent his entire life in Chicago, entering upon the stage of life's activities here July 4, 1864. His education was obtained in the excellent public schools of the city and he entered upon his business career as an employee in the Architectural Iron Works, of which his father was owner. The son was carefully instructed in the business in all its departments and soon gained the mastery of the industry, becoming a proficient workman. He became a member of the firm in 1895, and his enterprise, zeal and sound business judgment have contributed not a little to the success which has attended this important industrial concern.

On the 29th of March, 1893, Mr. Braumoeller was joined in wedlock to Miss Ada Metger, a native of Chicago, and they now have two children,—Ada and William Henry,—the latter born on the thirty-second anniversary of his father's birth, July 4, 1896.

**J**OHN E. RICHARDSON, both in his business and fraternal associations, is connected with Masonry. He became a member of the order in 1874, when he joined Pythagoras Lodge, No. 180, A. F. & A. M., of Lancaster, Iowa. He was afterward dimitted to Hennepin Lodge, No.

4, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, of which he is now a life member. Twenty years after the time when he was first made acquainted with the esoteric doctrines of the society he began the study of the principles of capitular Masonry in St. John's Chapter, R. A. M., of Minneapolis, and in 1895 he was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, of Chicago. He is very true and loyal to the order and his influence and labors are exerted in behalf of its progress.

Mr. Richardson was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, on the 20th of July, 1853, and there spent the days of his youth, obtaining his education in the common schools. He afterward entered the Iowa State University and completed an irregular course in 1878. He followed journalism for a time, and in 1880 removed to California, where the same year he was admitted to the bar and practiced law in that state until 1886, in which year he removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Through the next four years he continued his residence in that city, and in 1890 came to Chicago, where he has since made his home. In 1891 he organized the Masonic Mutual Savings and Loan Association and has since been secretary and manager. His control of its affairs has been very wise, and owing to his enterprise, perseverance and good management he has made the enterprise a success.

On the 19th of May, 1880, Mr. Richardson was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Stevens, a native of Steubenville, Ohio, and they now have one daughter, Verna by name.

**D**AVID DUNBAR DUNKLE, the well-known insurance agent and newspaper correspondent of Monmouth, who has been permitted to behold the glories of the Masonic sky, adorned with emblems like stars in the firmament, was initiated into that mystic world in Monmouth Lodge, No. 37, on the 7th of May, 1868, passed June 2, and was raised to the sublime degree of a

Master Mason on July 7, of the same year. In Warren Chapter, No. 30, he was marked on February 12, received as Most Excellent Master on March 19, and attained to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch the next day,—all in 1869; he received the council degrees in Monmouth Council, No. 14, March 24, 1869 (the Monmouth Council has since been removed to Galesburg); the degrees of Scottish Rite in Monmouth Consistory, No. 4; but these bodies at Monmouth later surrendered their charter, many of the members uniting with Oriental Consistory, of Chicago. Mr. Dunkle was among this number, and on the 19th of April, 1894, he was honored by being elected to life membership in this consistory. At present he is affiliated with Monmouth Lodge, No. 37, Warren Chapter, No. 30, Galesburg Council (formerly Monmouth Council), No. 14, and in October, 1896, he was appointed by Grand Master Owen Scott as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth District,—a position he occupies at this writing (1897). He is a life member of Galesburg Council. His other official preferences have been as follows: In the blue lodge, Senior Deacon, 1869; Junior Warden, 1870; Senior Warden, 1871; Worshipful Master, 1872, 1874, 1876, 1878, 1879, 1880 and 1887; Senior Steward, 1888; Secretary, 1882–86, and from 1889 to 1897. In the council, Thrice Illustrious Master; and in the chapter, Captain of the Host, 1870; High Priest, 1871–74, 1876–77–78–79, and from 1881 to 1897, inclusive, a period of twenty-three years, and King, 1872. He is a charter member of Monmouth Chapter, No. 277, Order of the Eastern Star, instituted in August, 1894, and he served as its first Worthy Patron, to which position he was re-elected in 1894.

Besides the foregoing Masonic bodies, Mr. Dunkle is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being initiated therein in 1878, in Monmouth Lodge, No. 577, and later he united by card with Warren Lodge, No. 160, of which he is now a member and trustee. He also belongs to McClanahan Post, No. 330, Grand Army of

the Republic, of which he was Senior Vice-Commander in 1883, Post Commander in 1885, and in 1886 he was aide-de-camp to the national Commander-in-Chief, S. S. Burdette.

David Dunbar Dunkle was born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of November, 1840, and was reared as a farmer until eighteen years of age, when he learned the molder's trade at Everett, that state. On the 27th of August, 1861, in response to his country's call for aid to quell the Rebellion, he enlisted as a private at Newcastle, Pennsylvania, in the One Hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company F, of which J. H. Cline was captain, Daniel Leasure commanding the regiment, and participated in the engagement at James Island, South Carolina, in June, 1862, in the battles of Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Wilderness, Spottsylvania and others, and was mustered out at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of August, 1864,—just three years to a day from the time he was sworn into service.

In 1866 Mr. Dunkle came to Monmouth and engaged in his trade as a molder for twenty-one years in the employ of the Pattee Plow Company, fifteen years of which he served the company as foundry foreman. In 1896 he retired from that vocation and is now connected with J. P. Higgins in the insurance and real-estate business, under the firm name of Dunkle & Higgins. In 1885 he embarked in the grocery business as a member of the firm of Dunkle & Bristol. In 1895 he was elected a director of the Monmouth Homestead & Loan Association, and in 1896 he was re-elected for a term of three years. Politically he is affiliated with the Democratic party, and in 1883–4 he was elected to represent his ward in the Monmouth city council.

In 1883 Mr. Dunkle was secured by the Chicago Herald as special correspondent for Warren county, a position he still retains. He is also at present, and has been for many years, a representative of the United Press Association, and he has repre-

sented the Chicago Tribune, Record, Inter Ocean, the Peoria Transcript, Burlington Hawkeye, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Democrat and Republican, and the Monmouth Gazette and Review.

Referring to his religious faith it may be stated that Mr. Dunkle is a consistent adherent of the Presbyterian church.

**E**W. JULIAN, a dealer in boots and shoes at Urbana, is an advanced and active Knight Templar, who has been Eminent Commander of Urbana Commandery, No. 16, and a representative of the same to the Grand Commandery in 1896, and was with it at the great triennial conclave at Chicago in 1880. He has with marked ability filled every office, from Warder to Eminent Commander, in Urbana Commandery; was Eminent Commander in 1896, and refused re-election on account of ill health. He has also been Principal Conductor of Urbana Council, No. 19, R. & S. M., and Captain of the Host of Urbana Chapter, No. 80. In his religious relations, he, with his estimable wife, is a sincere member of the Baptist church. (If there is anything bad in Freemasonry, sincere, intelligent and consistent church members generally would see it and condemn it in spite of all the "pledges" they are said to make; and the example of such men as the subject of this sketch is a sufficient guarantee to the public that Freemasonry is what its votaries pretend that it is. Besides, we know a tree by its fruits.)

Mr. Julian is a native of Indiana, born in New Castle, that state, January 8, 1844; was educated in the public schools and learned the shoemaker's trade in his native county, and for one year was "on the road" in the interest of the Candee rubber goods. The advantages gained by learning the trade gives him a more thorough knowledge of the shoe business in all its departments. Coming to Urbana in 1874, he has since been successfully engaged in the boot and shoe trade, except two years he spent in Salt Lake City, Utah, in this business.

Being in poor health he has traveled a great deal, making tours over a considerable portion of the United States.

In December, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Carr, of Vermilion county, Illinois.

**W**ILLIAM HERBERT HIGBY. — Through centuries, when relief and aid societies, benevolent institutions, hospitals and charities were unknown, the Masonic fraternity was extending a helping hand to the poor, the needy and distressed. When many were the persecutions inflicted in the name of religion, it taught the lesson of universal brotherhood and endeavored to replace the cruelties of unenlightened nations with the benevolence of civilization, and with the passing of time it has not only kept abreast with all advancement in this direction, but has been a leader in the good work of teaching mankind his duty to his fellow man. Such an organization has naturally elicited the sympathy and support of the best men everywhere and throughout Illinois her leading citizens have flocked to its standard and promoted its noble mission. Among the number who in Streator follow its banner is Mr. Higby, and he stands foremost in Masonic ranks in this section of the state. He became a member of the order August 9, 1886, having been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Waltham Lodge, No. 384, of Utica, from which he afterward dimitted to Streator Lodge, No. 607, A. F. & A. M. He has since served as Junior Warden. He was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Shabbona Chapter, No. 37, of Ottawa, April 18, 1888, and dimitted to Streator Chapter, No. 168, in which he has filled the office of King, while in the present year, 1897, he is serving as Captain of the Host. He passed the circle in Oriental Council, No. 63, of Ottawa, and was greeted a Royal and Select Master, May 28, 1888. His membership is now in Streator Council, No. 73, of which he has served as Thrice Illustrious Master, holding the office

in 1896 and 1897. He was also Deputy Third Arch in the same year. He was knighted on the 5th of August, 1889, in St. John's Commandery, No. 26, of Peru, Illinois, but has since dimitted to Ottawa Commandery, No. 10.

Mr. Higby comes of a family that has long been connected with Masonry. The lineage of the Higbys can be traced back to Edward Higby, who in 1647 emigrated to this country, presumably from England. The great-grandfather of our subject, Asahel Higby, a native of Connecticut, was a member of Horeb R. A. C., No. 7, of New Hartford, New York, which organization, however, has lapsed, and was the possessor of a solid-silver emblematic mark, which is now the property of William H. Higby. The last named is a son of William M. and Margaret E. (Wright) Higby, natives of Ohio and Scotland respectively. The former came to La Salle county, Illinois, with his father in 1836, and died in 1867. He was a very prominent man and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

William H. Higby is a native of Utica, La Salle county, his birth having occurred on the 13th of September, 1864. He was liberally educated, completing his literary course by his graduation at the State Normal University, of Normal, Illinois, in 1883. Four years later he was graduated at the Illinois College of Pharmacy, of Chicago, and from 1883 until 1890 was connected with the drug trade of Utica. In the latter year he came to Streator, established a drug store here and has since carried on a large and constantly increasing business. His success in life may be attributed to his own indomitable energy and the close and assiduous attention he has paid to the minute portions of his affairs as well as to the seemingly more important interests. His courteous manner and reliability have secured him a liberal patronage and his prosperity is well deserved.

On the 4th of June, 1890, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Higby and Miss Phebe Annetta Finley, of Grand Ridge, Illinois, and they now have a little daughter, Mary

Margaret, born April 24, 1892. In his political connections Mr. Higby is a staunch Republican and in his religious views is a Presbyterian.

**F**REDERICK W. JOESTING.—Though the grasp of vice be strong upon the soul of mortal man, there is a still more powerful friend at hand to rescue and guard it against its most potent enemies—selfishness, immorality, and the bitter struggle for supremacy that ingulfs mankind within its capacious maw. Masonry ever has been and ever will be a foe to such depraving influences, and will seek to elevate man to a condition more consistent with the original intention of the Supreme Being.

The brother whose name heads this sketch was initiated and made a Master Mason in Ervin Lodge, No. 315, of which he was honored with the chair of Worshipful Master for four terms; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Alton Chapter, No. 8; received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Alton Council, No. 3; and was created a Sir Knight in Belvidere Commandery, No. 2, in which he served as Senior Warden. He accompanied the commandery to Chicago on the occasion of the triennial conclave held in that city in 1880.

Mr. Joesting is a native of Germany, having been born in Hanover, June 9, 1843, and there he acquired his education in the public schools. When fifteen years old he came to this country and located at Alton, Illinois, where he was engaged as a clerk in a clothing store. In 1864 he was made a partner in the business, which association lasted until 1867, and was then dissolved. He next formed a partnership with William Sachtleben, which continued until 1895, when the firm of Joesting & Son was formed, which carries a complete and unexcelled line of clothing and gentlemen's furnishings.

In public life Mr. Joesting has served as a member of the common council, and was mayor of Alton for a term of two years. He is president of the Germania Loan As-

sociation, has passed all the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was for some time president of the Odd Fellows Temple Association and is now its secretary.

In 1865 Mr. Joesting was united in marriage to Miss W. A. Neinhaus, and of this union four children have been born. Mr. Joesting is an energetic, progressive citizen of Alton, and with his wife is a prominent member of society in his home city.

**A**RTHUR CLIFTON ATHERTON, as a member of the ancient and honorable fraternity, has proved himself a worthy and true craftsman, ever evincing that fervency and zeal which characterizes the intelligent and loyal Mason. For twenty-five years his labors on behalf of the order have been unremitting, his time has been unselfishly devoted to the work, and he retains the grateful acknowledgment of those "fratres" with whom he has so long been associated. Receiving the Master Mason degree in 1873, he was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in Corinthian Chapter at Des Moines, Iowa, and the council, commandery and consistory degrees were conferred upon him in quick succession, he attaining to the thirty-second and being proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret on July 22, 1874. In 1895 he became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Mohammed Temple, at Peoria, Illinois. In his early Masonic connections Mr. Atherton was very active in advancing the interests of the order and was one of the organizers and charter members of the commandery at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and also of the commandery at Marshalltown, Iowa, some time after which he returned to his parent commandery at Des Moines, where he still retains his membership and enjoys the high regard of his brothers. He is a representative Mason, a man of high principles, noble, generous impulses, and possesses hosts of friends, both in and out of the fraternity.

Born in Anderson, Madison county,

Indiana, on August 3, 1850, Mr. Atherton was educated in the public schools of his native state, and early in life engaged in railroading, which he has made his life work. In 1880 he came to Lewistown to take charge of the Fulton County Railway, which extends from Galesburg to Havana, and of which he is general superintendent and general freight and passenger agent, besides being one of the stockholders. He is also engaged in handling lumber and railroad material.

Mr. Atherton was married in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1873, to a daughter of Hon. C. C. Cole, ex-chief justice of Iowa, and this union has been blessed with three children. Our subject and his wife have one of the pleasant homes of Lewistown, where they reside in domestic peace and contentment, giving their earnest support to the Presbyterian church, of which they are regular attendants. Politically regarded, Mr. Atherton is a staunch Republican and a firm believer in the principles of that party.

**G**EORGE E. MILNER.—Great, indeed, and most worthy of emulation must be that organization which has for its object the uplifting of the human race and placing it upon a plane that shall elevate it high above the petty evils of the world and eradicate the misery attending the selfishness and immorality of the people. Such are the principles upon which Freemasonry are founded, and under these circumstances it is not to be wondered at that it has established a foundation so firm that the enemies of the past have been unable to shake it, and which time, in its unalterable march, will only strengthen. Rising to a state bordering on perfection, it has withstood the onslaught of those whom, either from wanton wickedness or from intense ignorance, would overturn the grand structure, and its teachings have to-day firmly imbedded themselves in the hearts of all who seek for a better and purer life.

Among those who are working in the in-

terest of this organization is Mr. Milner. He was born in Washington county, Rhode Island, in 1848, where he received his early education in the district schools. After obtaining a fair knowledge of the ordinary branches of learning, he began his business career in a shoe factory, in which he was apprenticed for several years. He continued to work in factories in Rhode Island for a number of years and in 1867 he came to Chicago and for two years was employed with the firm of C. H. Fargo & Company.

In 1876 Mr. Milner started in business for himself, taking up the line with which he had been so long connected, and began the manufacture of shoes. This he followed for a while and in 1886 accepted the agency for the Goodyear Shoe Machine Company, and has continued in its service since that time. He has proved a most capable man, filling the position with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his employers. Energetic, with a thorough knowledge of all the details of the business, he is the right man in the right place, and richly deserves the confidence and respect reposed in him by those with whom he comes in contact.

Mr. Milner was first married in 1878 to Miss Carry E. Long, who departed this life in November, 1889. For his second wife he married Miss Margaret Connell, in September, 1890, and this union has been blessed with one child,—George E., Jr.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Milner stands high in the bodies of which he is a member. He was made a Master Mason in Blair Lodge, No. 393, in 1890, was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, No. 43, in 1891, was created a Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, in 1892, and has held the office of Sword Bearer in that body.

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**F**RANKLIN W. GOODWIN.—The followers of the "mystic tie," strong in number and in influence, include many of the active, energetic business men of Chicago, whose industry and progress have

been important factors in securing to the city its reputation for advancement and its power as the controller of western commerce. The same activity has been the means of making Masonry the most stable fraternal institution of the country, for the endorsement of the best citizens insures its continued growth and prosperity. The general tendency of this busy age is toward organizations that display compensation as an inducement to fraternization. These are well enough in their spheres of operations, but they cannot take the place of an institution that rests its claims to attention upon the charitable side of the human heart. This has been the force which has perpetuated the institution through centuries. As truth and right are eternal, so the mutations of the years may not eradicate the principles upon which the fair structure is resting. To-day it is more potent than ever and civilization acknowledges its indebtedness for advancement thereto. Among the worthy representatives of the order in Chicago whose long connection therewith and fidelity to its teachings entitle them to honorable mention in its history is Franklin W. Goodwin, who was initiated in Hinsdale Lodge, of Hinsdale, Illinois, in the winter 1871-2. In 1875 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126, has been Master of the three Veils of the society and is still connected with that branch of the craft. He is also a Knight Templar Mason, joining Chicago Commandery, No. 19, in 1880, when the national conclave was assembled in Chicago.

Mr. Goodwin is a native of the city which is still his home, although the greater part of his childhood and youth was passed in the east. He was born on the 10th of September, 1848, a son of Hiram and Hannah (Jordan) Goodwin, who came from Maine to Chicago about 1845. The father died when our subject was five years of age, and the mother closed her eyes in death a year later. Thus left an orphan he was taken to Maine, where he was reared by relatives



until twenty years of age. His school privileges were those afforded in the neighborhood of his home, and his other advantages were somewhat meager. His success in life has been achieved independently of friends or influence, and is the legitimate outcome of his own honest endeavor. When twenty years of age he returned to his native city, where for some time he was engaged in various enterprises. In 1883 he embarked in the insurance business, which he has now followed for fourteen years. He is an excellent judge of human nature, is quick to see and take advantage of an opportunity and his judgment is seldom at fault; these qualities have been important attributes in his business career and have brought to him the success which has crowned his efforts. He is widely known in insurance circles, where his sterling worth has won him high regard.

In June, 1881, was celebrated the marriage which united the destinies of Mr. Goodwin and Miss Louise McNett, a native of Ohio. They have five children,—Hiram, Edna, Robert, Dorothea and Henry.

**F**S. YOUNG is a valued member of the order of Freemasonry who has always endeavored to the best of his ability to conform to the laws, usages and customs of the craft, and in doing so has gained the good will of his fellow Masons. Brother Young was initiated in Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, on November 19, passed December 3, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason December 10, 1885; was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, No. 43, on October 28, 1886; received the degrees of Royal and Select Master; was knighted August 13, 1888, in Chicago Commandery, No. 19; and attained the degrees in the ineffable lodge of perfection, Oriental Consistory, April 24, 1890. He is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order, being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple. In his lodge Mr. Young has ever displayed a considerate kindness and an appreciation of the ritual.

Mr. Young was born in the city of Burlington, Illinois, in 1848, his parents being John and Mary (Woodworth) Young. He attended the common schools of Burlington and completed his education in the University of Chicago. He then entered upon his mercantile career and was placed in charge of the city business for the firm of Sprague, Warner & Company, wholesale and retail grocers, which position he held for five years. He then became associated in the same capacity with Franklin McVeagh & Company, having an interest in the business, and remained with that firm four years. In 1893 he accepted the position of manager for the J. S. Sawin Manufacturing Company, and has continued to perform the duties of that office in a comprehensive and intelligent manner.

In 1863, Mr. Young, although but fifteen years old, gave his services in the defense of the Union and enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and remained throughout the continuance of the conflict. He then entered the regular army in Company G, Eighteenth Regiment, Third Battalion, and at the age of seventeen held the rank of first sergeant of his company. He is a member of Columbia Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a loyal member of the Republican party.

Mr. Young was married in 1869 to Miss Lou Cummings, of Chicago, and four children have been born to them: Charles P., Bertrand M., Foy and Shedd. Mrs. Young is a consistent member of the Episcopal church.

**J**AMES EVERETT BARBER.—Among the loyal and enthusiastic Masons of Rochelle, there is none better or more favorably known than the brother whose name heads this review. Mr. Barber was made a Master Mason in Horicon Lodge, No. 244, October 18, 1887, of which he was elected Senior Warden; received the Royal Arch degrees in Rochelle Chapter, No. 158,

March 21, 1890, and served as its High Priest during the years 1896 and 1897; and attained the degrees of chivalric Masonry in Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, in the same year. Brother Barber is well informed on Masonic history, is a faithful adherent to the precepts of the order, and as both an officer and a member has always evinced more than an ordinary interest in the work of the society.

Mr. Barber is a native of Rutland county, Vermont, where he was born October 17, 1858. His parents, B. M. and Caroline (Linsley) Barber, moved to Grundy county, Illinois, when our subject was ten years old, and there he was reared on a farm until attaining his majority, in the meantime obtaining such education as could be had in the district schools in the vicinity. In 1884 Mr. Barber came to Rochelle and purchased a hotel, which he conducted in connection with a bakery and grocery store. In 1889 he took charge of what is now the De Los House, which is the only first-class hostelry in the city. Our subject is an ideal host, his table contains all the delicacies of the season, and those who have once enjoyed the hospitality of his house never fail to pay him a second visit.

Politically, Mr. Barber is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has served on the school board for several years. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of the Globe.

Mr. Barber was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Shelley, of Paris Point, Illinois, on June 1, 1882, and of this union one child has been born—Carrie E. Mrs. Barber is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**A**RTHUR JAMES DRIVER, of Sycamore, whose zeal in Masonry is most commendable, has been affiliated with the order for a third of a century. It upholds loyal citizenship and patriotism, promotes

the spirit of brotherly love, teaches forbearance, gentleness and charity and ennobles all of its followers by its high purposes. Such an order at once appeals to the man whose aims in life are high and who, without pretentious display, endeavor to follow all the precepts which tend to make the world better and brighter. Belonging to this class of citizens, Mr. Driver has naturally therefore been earnest in his support of the fraternity, and is numbered among the exemplary Masons of DeKalb county. In November, 1864, the degrees of ancient-craft Masonry were conferred upon him by Cortland Lodge, No. 301, of Cortland, Illinois, and later he was elected Worshipful Master of the organization. He afterward was dimitted to Sycamore Lodge, No. 134, with which he is now affiliated. In DeKalb Chapter he took the degrees of capitular Masonry, but is now a companion of Sycamore Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M., in which he has served as King. In December, 1875, he passed the circle of Sycamore Council and was greeted a Royal and Select Master. He is identified with chivalric Masonry as a member of Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, taking the Order of the Red Cross March 21, 1878, and the Knight Templar degree on the 1st of April following. He is a loyal follower of the beauseant and in 1893 served as Eminent Commander.

Mr. Driver was born in London, England, on the 22d of September, 1839, a son of Charles and Mary Ann (Craney) Driver. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native land and at the age of twenty years he started out to make his own way in the world. Believing that America furnished a better field of opportunity he sailed for the United States and took up his residence in Oconto, Wisconsin, in the pineries, where he remained until July, 1860. He then removed to Malta, DeKalb county, and worked on a farm until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he entered the service of his country. The Monday following the fall of Fort Sumter he enlisted in Company A, Thirteenth Illinois Infantry, which was assigned to the

Army of the Tennessee, and with that command he participated in the engagements at Vicksburg, Arkansas Post, Jackson, Tennessee, Nashville, Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely. On the 18th of June, 1865, the war having been brought to a successful close, he was mustered out.

Mr. Driver at once returned to DeKalb county and for some years thereafter carried on agricultural pursuits. In 1871 he came to Sycamore and in connection with farming conducted a hardware store until 1890. He was then appointed postmaster by President Harrison and held that office for five years or until September, 1895. He has been prominent in promoting various enterprises of the city and is now secretary and treasurer of the Electric Light and Steam Heat Company and is also acting as manager of the business. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Alida Young Temple Company and is a man of resourceful business ability, whose enterprise overleaps the many obstacles in the path to success and with resolute purpose presses forward to the goal of prosperity. His well directed efforts have brought to him a handsome property and have demonstrated the wisdom of his boyhood's determination to make a home in the land of the free.

In 1866 Mr. Driver was united in marriage to Miss Fannie R. Tindall, of Sycamore, who died April 7, 1886, and their three children died in early life. On the 24th of August, 1887, Mr. Driver was united in marriage to Mrs. Nancy J. (Huntington) Carley, a native of West Randolph, Vermont. She is a member of the Universalist church and a most estimable lady.

Mr. Driver gives his political support to the Republican party and is unfaltering in support of its tenets. He has served as a member of the school board for fifteen years and has labored earnestly to advance the cause of education and to promote other interests looking to the social, moral and material welfare of the community. He belongs to the Potter Post, No. 12, G. A. R., of which he has three times served as Commander and in fraternity and

business circles has made many lasting friendships, while his sterling worth everywhere commands for him high regard.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY GRAHAM, one of the faithful, enthusiastic and energetic members of the Masonic fraternity in Illinois, received his initiatory degrees of the order in Van Meter Lodge, No. 672, at Cantrall, Illinois, on January 10, passed January 21, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 1, 1890. In this body he served as Junior Warden in 1894 and 1895, and held the chair of Senior Warden during the year of 1896. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in De Witt Chapter, No. 119, at Petersburg, in 1890, of which he was elected Principal Sojourner in 1891, and was constituted a Sir Knight in St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 47, at Petersburg, becoming a Knight of the Red Cross on January 1, and a Knight of the Black Cross on January 20, 1890. In 1892 he held the chair of Junior Warden, and proved himself a most capable officer. He has attained the degrees of the Scottish Rite in Peoria Consistory, and in 1894 was declared a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. On May 30, 1895, Mr. Graham "performed a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert" and became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Mohammed Temple, at Peoria.

The birth of Mr. Graham occurred near Athens, Menard county, on August 11, 1862; his mental training was acquired in the common schools and in the college at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he took a business course and partially mastered the studies of the scientific department, but was obliged to relinquish his studies on account of his father's illness, and take charge of the latter's business affairs. That he has been most successful in his endeavors is evidenced by the fact that he is the most extensive breeder and shipper of Poland Chinas in Menard county, making a spe-

cialty of this breed, to which a large portion of his farm, located three and a half miles northeast of Athens, is devoted. His facilities are of the best, his farm is conducted on scientific principles and is supplied with all the latest improvements.

Mr. Graham has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Annie Clark, who died, survived by her husband and one child, Edith. On the occasion of his second marriage he was united to Miss Phebe Hardman, and they have one child, named Harold.

**M**UGH DOBIE HUNTER.—There never was a time in the history of Freemasonry when the consummation of its object was so near completion as in the present day. The intellectual faculties of the people are being directed to the existing evil in the world, and a general crusade against crime has been the result. Investigating committees have been appointed in the larger cities to look into corruption prevalent in their municipal government, and who shall say that the entering wedge was not inserted, or at least instigated, by the adherents of Freemasonry? The fraternity has a large and influential following in Chicago, and one of its most enthusiastic and energetic members is H. D. Hunter, who has given much of his time to the work in the blue lodge. He was made a Master Mason in Kilwinning Lodge, No. 31, in 1890, in which he has held the chairs of Junior Steward, Senior Warden, and in 1894-5 was elected Worshipful Master. In this year he represented the body in the Grand Lodge. In 1891 Mr. Hunter was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, attained the Knighthood degree in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, and received the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Scottish Rite, April, 1893. He is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order, being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, Valley of Chicago.

Mr. Hunter was born in St. Mary's, Ontario, October 18, 1856, at an early age coming to Chicago, where he attended the public schools, subsequently returning to Canada and entering the Upper Canada College at Toronto, remaining there from 1870 to 1873, in which year he went to Heidelberg, Germany, and spent two years in the university of that place. He returned to America and began preparations for adopting the legal profession by attending the Union College of Law at Chicago. He did not carry out his original intentions, however, but entered a business career, and since 1878 he has been successfully engaged as a commission merchant, his operations being on the board of trade. He is one of the firm of W. E. Webbe & Company, with offices at 807 Royal Insurance building.

Politically Mr. Hunter is a staunch Republican and a firm believer in the principles of that party. In religious affairs he is an earnest adherent of the Presbyterian church.

**W**ALTER DAVIS HALL.—The institution of Freemasonry is not merely an organization for the cultivation of the social side of man, although that is one of the features that enters into its workings. It is practical in its methods, and the actual benefits derived from it are many. One of its most laudable undertakings is the erection all over the country of numerous Masonic widows' and orphans' homes, where the wives and children of Masons are sheltered and cared for if unable to support themselves. These homes are located in nearly every state in the Union, and this is only one of several ways in which the fraternity demonstrates its sincerity. Illinois is rich in its membership of loyal Masons who are ever ready to give their aid to all worthy movements, and of these none is more active in his support than Walter D. Hall, who has been honorably affiliated with the order for twenty-one years. He became an Entered Apprentice, passed the

Fellow-craft and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Elliott Lodge, Jamaica Plains, at Boston, Massachusetts, was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, and attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago. Mr. Hall is also a member of the Boston Masonic Aid Association, and of the Royal League.

The birth of Brother Hall took place in Boston, Massachusetts, December 13, 1855, and it was there he obtained his education in the public schools. In 1881 he came to Chicago and embarked in the commission business, and is to-day recognized as one of the progressive and enterprising merchants of this city.

Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Allie L. George, of Chicago. They are both adherents of the Baptist church, and are liberal contributors to its support. Politically Mr. Hall is a stanch Republican, believing firmly in the principles as set forth in the platform adopted at the national convention held in St. Louis in June, 1896.

**W**ILLIAM H. CORNELL, a Master Mason of Belvidere, is prominently connected with the industrial interests of the city and his labors have not only brought to him a handsome competence but have also materially added to the prosperity of the community. He is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Boone county and was born on the family homestead on the 31st of July, 1853. His ancestors were natives of New York, and his grandfather, Nathaniel Cornell, located in Onondaga county, New York, ten miles northwest of Syracuse, when the country was an undeveloped wilderness. In the midst of the forest he improved a farm, on which he resided for fifty years, bearing his part in the work of development and progress which changed his country from a wild region to one of high civilization. His son, Lyman P. Cornell, was born on the

old home farm in 1819, and in 1840, when a young man, emigrated westward, taking up his residence in Boone county, Illinois, where he took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres of government land. For fifty-six years he has resided in the county and now at the advanced age of seventy-seven makes his home here among friends and old-time acquaintances who esteem him highly for his sterling worth and his well-spent life.

William Harvey Cornell, whose name introduces this review, completed his education in the high school of Belvidere, and then, not wishing to devote his energies to agricultural pursuits, learned the trade of carpentering, beginning his apprenticeship in the spring of 1872. For the past nineteen years he has followed this pursuit continuously in Belvidere and is recognized as one of its leading contractors and builders. Many of the public buildings and fine residences stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise, and are evidences of his handiwork. Time tests the merits of all things and stamps its approval or disapproval thereon. The work of Mr. Cornell has met the severest test of this character and has won commendation. He is now engaged in the erection of one of the finest residences in the city, and among other fine structures which he has erected is the South Side high-school building in 1882. Honorable and straight-forward in his dealings and faithful to the trusts confided to his care, he is able to command a liberal share of the public patronage and is now enjoying a good trade.

Mr. Cornell was happily married, in the spring of 1882, to Miss Ella Lanning, a native of Boone county and a daughter of James L. Lanning, a well and favorably known citizen of the county. They have one son, James Millard.

Mr. Cornell is a valued and active member of several civic societies. He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, A. F. & A. M., in March, 1896. He has been an active member of the Independent Order

of Odd Fellows, has passed all the chairs in the subordinate lodge and the encampment, and has also been representative of his lodge in the Grand Lodge. He has been a prominent and active worker in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, filling every position in it most creditably, and is also a member of the Knights and Ladies of Security. He is a Republican in politics and is a reliable and worthy citizen, who occupies a high position in commercial and social circles.

**W**ESLEY J. CLIZBE.—The work of Freemasonry, as accomplished through the aggregate labors of its individual devotees, has been a most potent element in placing more exalted standards of manhood before the race, in advancing humanitarianism and in inculcating benevolence and helpfulness among all peoples. Its defenses are impregnable, because it is founded on eternal truth; its strength is immeasurable, because it embraces all human potentiality for good. Identification with the great craft indicates the cultivation of all cordial virtues, of honor and of charity, and consequently in the lives of its followers there is naturally found a moral strength which can not fail to command respect and admiration. A good man is a better man from adding to his other attributes that of being a true Freemason. Chicago, where practically every human interest finds representation, may well look with pride and satisfaction upon those Masonic bodies, numerous in membership, where is held high the unblemished escutcheon of the craft, and where the most substantial business and professional men, as well as those in more humble walks of life, meet upon a general level, upon which rises the plumb-line of rectitude, while the square of duty registers character. One of the stanch and representative adherents of the great Masonic brotherhood is Mr. Wesley J. Clizbe, who holds the responsible and important preferment as manager of

the Chicago branch of the great vehicle-manufacturing enterprise of the Studebaker Brothers, recognized as one of the most extensive concerns of the sort in the world.

Mr. Clizbe's initiation into the mysteries of the ancient-craft Masonry occurred in Toledo, Ohio, where he received the three symbolic degrees and was raised Master Mason in Collingwood Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He was later exalted to the august degree of the Royal Arch in Wauseon Chapter, at Wauseon, Ohio, and was eventually dimitted from this organization and placed his affiliation with Fairview Chapter, No. 161, R. A. M., of Chicago. Mr. Clizbe also attained the cryptic and chivalric degrees in the Buckeye state, having been greeted a Select Master and having received the grades and orders of knighthood in Toledo Commandery of the Knights Templar, at Toledo. He has been especially zealous and devoted as a follower of the beauseant, and is at the present time an honored and most popular Sir Knight of Montjoie Commandery, No. 53, of Chicago, in which body he has passed the several offices as Standard Bearer, Senior Warden and Generalissimo, while at the last annual election of the commandery (December, 1896) he was granted the distinguished honor of being elected Eminent Commander for the year 1897,—a preferment to which his sterling attributes and constant and discriminating interest clearly entitle him. Passing forward in the ineffable grades of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Mr. Clizbe was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, thirty-second degree, in Cincinnati Consistory, in the Valley of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 25th of January, 1884. Upon taking up his residence in Chicago he identified himself with Oriental Consistory, and after successfully traversing the burning Arabian desert, he gained title as a Noble of Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. After thus noting the precedence of our subject in Masonry, it is apropos that we incorporate a brief review of his life aside from this consideration.



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Wesley J. Clizbe is a native of Quincy, Branch county, Michigan, where he was born on the 23d of June, 1851. His parents were representatives of pioneer families of that beautiful section of the Wolverine state. He received his educational discipline in the public schools and early turned his attention to the practical duties of life. While the story of his career is in a sense brief and simple, yet it has clearly demonstrated the possibilities of success which may be attained by one who labors with definite ends in view, who is industrious, faithful and self-reliant, whose integrity is beyond question, and whose courage has enabled him to triumph over adverse circumstances. At the age of twenty years Mr. Clizbe entered the service of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, in whose employ he continued for a period of seven years. His practical discipline and discrimination,—the one received and the other developed in this connection,—rendered him eligible for positions of higher trust and responsibility. He accordingly became an employee of the Milburn Wagon Company, and during an association with this concern covering eighteen years he was enabled to prove his value and to become recognized as one of the most capable attaches of the same. In 1896 he accepted his present responsible position as manager of the important Chicago house of the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, of South Bend, Indiana. His administration of the affairs of the house has been signally effective, and the interests of the great corporation have been forwarded in a pronounced degree by his capable management and correct methods.

In September, 1877, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Clizbe and Miss Dencie R. Odell, of Delta, Ohio, and they are the parents of three children,—Roscoe J., Floyd I. and Harry J. Mr. Clizbe is a member of the Douglas Club, one of the leading social organizations of the city, and he already enjoys a distinctive popularity in business and social circles as well as in those of the great Masonic fraternity.

OSCAR MONROE STONE is an active, influential and prominent representative of the Masonic society in Chicago. As truth is eternal, so the mutations of the centuries may not eradicate the principles upon which the fair fabric of Masonry is erected. It has been said that Masonry is grand because it is old; but Masonry is old because it is grand. It has withstood the ravages of time, the revolutions of ages, the unrelenting crusades directed against it, because it is founded upon a philosophic basis. It is that imperial institution which carries lessons of true manhood, devotion to women, loyalty to truth; it is that permanent institution whose example has actually called into being almost every other benevolent order extant; it is that noble institution which in the silent watches, unobserved, carries joy and gladness to the lonely and desolate of heart and extends the helping hand to the unfortunate; it is that immovable institution which, by its tenets and cordial virtues, draws unbidden to her sanctum sanctorum the high, the low, the rich, the poor, and numbers them all alike, its own plighted sons and workmen; it is that imperious institution which, by its sublime principles, unswerving faith and noble deeds, challenges the admiration of the world.

Of this institution Mr. Stone has been a member for more than a quarter of a century, having taken the initiatory degrees in Grand Haven, Michigan, in 1871. Having passed the three degrees of the blue lodge and comprehended in its fullest extent the deep truth of universality as symbolized by the "blue," typical of the immeasurable dome of the blue heavens, he took the Royal Arch degrees and became a companion of the chapter in Grand Haven in 1873. After his removal to Chicago he was dimitted to Lawn Lodge, No. 815, F. & A. M., of Chicago Lawn, and also placed his membership in Lawn Chapter, No. 205, R. A. M., of Chicago Lawn. He was made a Royal and Select Master in Siloam Council, No. 53, of Chicago, in 1893, and was dimitted therefrom to Palestine Coun-

cil, No. 66. In 1892 he was created a Knight Templar and with Chicago Commandery, No. 19, faithfully follows the beauseant. As a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, he is now serving as electrical director of the Medinah Temple, his membership being in that branch of the Shrine which gives its name to one of the leading office buildings of Chicago. Mr. Stone has been honored with a number of offices in connection with the various branches of the order. Having passed other chairs he occupied that of Worshipful Master in Lawn Lodge, and has filled the position of High Priest in the chapter. He has also been Standard Bearer in the commandery and his strict observance of the rules and methods of the societies and his unswerving loyalty to their principles has made him a most valued and welcome member. He was honored by the blue lodge by being made its representative to the Grand Lodge, and also represented Lawn Chapter in the Grand Chapter. Such in brief is the history of Mr. Stone's connection with Masonry, but the history of a true Mason is not one of words but of deeds, in which he exemplifies the spirit of the fraternity and intermingles its truths with the duties of this work-a-day life.

Aside from his connection with the Masonic fraternity Mr. Stone is also a valued member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the National Union, the Royal League and the American Legion of Honor. In his political affiliations he has long been a Republican and served as post-master under President Lincoln. In his religious views he is an Episcopalian. His honor in business, his integrity in private life and his loyalty in Masonry all command the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

Mr. Stone claims Michigan as the state of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Argentine, on the 27th of October, 1850. His preliminary education was obtained in the common schools of his native town, continued in the high school and later he

entered Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College, where a practical business course fitted him for life's responsible duties in the active business world. For thirty-three years he has been in the electrical business, and is most proficient in that line, having given to the subject that close and earnest attention which has enabled him to master many of the laws of the electrical world. Steadily he has advanced in his chosen calling and has won the success which has followed tireless purpose, close application and well directed energy. His children are George Hollis, Oscar Monroe, Jr., Edgar and Ada.

**J**OHAN KNAPP LINBARGER, general agent for the Inter-state Building and Loan Association, of Bloomington, Illinois, is a resident of Delavan, this state. He is a gentleman of marked business ability and one who has long been interested in Masonry, his identity with this order dating back to 1873, when he was initiated, passed and raised in San Jose Lodge, No. 645, at San Jose, Illinois. He went to the Worshipful Master's chair in 1875 by dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and filled that office successively up to and including the year 1880, and each year was a representative from his lodge to the Grand Lodge. He still retains his membership in the blue lodge at San Jose. In 1878, in Delavan Chapter, No. 156, R. A. M., he was a candidate for the degrees and was made a Royal Arch Mason, and of this body he is still a worthy member. He was knighted in St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 47, K. T., of Petersburg, Illinois, August 1, 1889, and May 29, 1895, had the Mystic Shrine degrees conferred upon him by Mohammed Temple of Peoria, in both of which he is a member in good standing. "Brotherly love, relief and truth" has long been his motto, and he has earnestly striven to show forth in his life the principles of Masonry.

Mr. Linbarger is a native of Illinois. He was born in Jerseyville, Jersey county,

March 18, 1852, but was reared on a farm near San Jose, Mason county, early becoming familiar with agricultural pursuits and giving his attention to farming and stock-raising until 1886. That year he moved to San Jose and engaged in the hotel business, with which he was connected for two years. In 1888 he was employed by the Inter-state Building and Loan Association, of Bloomington, as their first organizer, and has since been associated with this company, now occupying the position of general agent.

January 10, 1877, Mr. Linbarger was united in marriage to Miss Julia Warne, of Delavan, and they have three children,—Mabel, Jessie and Harry.

Mrs. Linbarger is an enthusiastic member of the Order of the Eastern Star, that popular auxiliary of Masonry which is made up of the wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters of Master Masons. Mr. and Mrs. Linbarger were both conducted through the labyrinth of the Star in the San Jose Chapter, and since 1884 have been members of the chapter at Delavan, in which Mrs. Linbarger is at this writing, 1896, filling the chair of Associate Matron and proving herself an indefatigable worker. In 1895 she attended the Grand Lodge, O. E. S., as proxy.

**J**AMES POLLOCK, one of the enterprising and successful citizens of Cambridge, is a Sir Knight Templar. He was made a Mason in Cambridge Lodge, No. 49, in which he has held the offices of Junior and Senior Warden, Secretary and Past Master, sustaining the present relation at the present time, he having served as its Worshipful Master two terms. He is a thoroughly well informed member of the order and a man who has taken great interest and pleasure in Masonic work. In the higher branches he is a member of Kewanee Chapter, No. 47, of Everts Commandery, No. 18, at Rock Island, of Kaaba Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Davenport, Iowa, and,

with his wife, is a member of Mystic Chapter, No. 160, order of the Eastern Star, at Cambridge; and they are highly appreciated both by members of the Masonic order and by the citizens of Cambridge and vicinity generally.

Mr. Pollock is still a resident of his native county. He was born within three miles of Cambridge, June 7, 1861, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His father, David Pollock, was born at Waterside within half a mile of the famous city of Londonderry, county Donegal, Ireland, was educated in his native county, and when a young man emigrated to this country to make a permanent home in this land of free men, free institutions and fertile resources. After remaining some time at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, he came, in 1855, to Henry county, Illinois, purchased land and developed one of the fine farms of this splendid section of the state. He married Miss Catharine Anderson, a native of Sweden, and they had two children whom they brought up, namely, the subject of this sketch and a daughter. David Pollock departed this life in 1883, aged eighty-two years. His good wife survives, and is now (1897) seventy-eight years of age.

Mr. James Pollock was educated in the public schools and reared on his father's farm, but he is now engaged in the plumbing business in Cambridge. He is president of the Henry County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and for a number of years has been the secretary of the Henry County Fire Association, taking a praiseworthy and active part in the affairs of the town and county. He does all in his power to promote the welfare of the city and county in which he had his birth and in which he has always been a respected citizen. In his political principles he is a Democrat, and on all questions he is an independent thinker.

In 1886 he was united in matrimony with Miss Lizzie Rhodes, a native of Buda, this state, and they have three children,—Albert David, James and Almira. Mr. Pollock has built a nice residence in Cam-

bridge, where cordial hospitality prevails, and he and his family enjoy the esteem of the community.

**J**OHAN W. MAXWELL, who has been quite prominent in Masonic circles in Chicago for a number of years past, and who is one of the city's most progressive business men, is a native of New York city, where he was born March 25, 1859. Early in life he was taken to Perth, Canada, and was sent to the public schools of that place, which he finally left in order to learn iron-molding at New Castle, which occupation he followed for four years. In 1876 he came back to the United States and enlisted in Company G, Seventh Regiment, United States Cavalry, which was under the command of Colonel O. Terry. The troop of which Mr. Maxwell was a member was stationed out west and his experiences as a soldier were most eventful. About that time the Indians were making considerable trouble for the authorities, and many were the exciting skirmishes that took place between the "redskins" and the troops. Mr. Maxwell was one of those who went to the rescue of General Custer's brave band of heroes, and during an encounter with the Indians he received a gunshot wound and was removed from the field to the Fort D. A. Russell hospital in a delirious condition. The hospital was situated near Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Mr. Maxwell was confined there for over twenty-one weeks. He was a non-commissioned sergeant and was discharged after leaving the hospital, on account of disability. He came east again and followed his trade for a few years, until 1878, when he located in Chicago, and in 1884 engaged in the coal and feed business, which he has followed ever since most successfully.

Mr. Maxwell is an active member of the Masonic fraternity and has always endeavored to live up to its full requirements and the obligations it imposes upon the brotherhood. He became a Master Mason in Home Lodge, No. 508, in 1884, was exalted

to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, in which he held the office of Principal Sojourner, was created a Sir Knight in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52, in which he was Standard Bearer for one term, and received the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory in 1891. He has taken especial interest in the commandery, and attended the triennial conclaves in both Denver and Boston. Mr. Maxwell is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Maxwell's father, Samuel P. Maxwell, was a native of Scotland, who came to the United States and located at Boston, where he started the first locomotive works in that city. Later he moved to Canada, where he died.

The subject of this review was married November 4, 1880, to Miss Mary J. White, who was born in Kansas, and they have two children.

**T**HOMAS J. BENT, esteemed as one of the leading business men and prominent citizens of Chicago, has almost rounded the circle of Masonry, being a thirty-second-degree and Knight Templar Mason. He is a loyal advocate of the principles of the craft which have been handed down through many centuries to become a most important factor in the civilization of the nineteenth century. Even when the darkness of paganism enshrouded the greater part of the world light gleamed from Masonic altars and illumined the good deeds of those who recognized the brotherhood of man and practiced mutual forbearance, mutual helpfulness and benevolence. To-day the followers of Masonry pursue the same practices, their mission being to counteract the effect of those things which tend to drive men further and further apart and to unite in the indissoluble ties of brotherhood the whole human race. More than a third of a century has passed since Mr. Bent first became a member of the society. He joined Perfect Ashlar Lodge,

No. 600, F. & A. M., of New York city, in 1857, and on coming to Chicago was admitted to Garden City Lodge, with which he has now affiliated for twenty-two years, being one of its life members. In 1880 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter, and in 1882 was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, K. T. He attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in 1876, joining the ineffable lodge of perfection known as Oriental Consistory. For three years he served as Standard Bearer therein and for a similar period was Standard Guard. He is also a member of the Masonic Veteran Association, belongs to the order of the Eastern Star and is one of the oldest and most honored representatives of Masonry in Chicago.

Thomas J. Bent was long connected with the industrial interests of this city, but is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil after a useful and beneficent career. He has won a prominent place by his superior ingenuity, mechanical skill, business ability and unbounded enterprise, and is a self-made man of recognition of opportune moments, and his utilization of the same, supplemented by sound judgment and tireless purpose, has won him a handsome competence.

He was born in Liverpool, England, on the 21st of December, 1835, and when a young man of twenty years crossed the Atlantic to America, hoping to find better opportunities for business in the new world. Nor was he disappointed in this hope. He first located in New York city, where he was connected with the calcium-light business for twelve years, and in 1867 he came to Chicago, where he was the pioneer in that enterprise, which is now an important addition to the industrial interests of the city. He was the first to furnish calcium light for the lodge rooms in Chicago and built up a very extensive trade. He also established a calcium-light business in Boston, which was conducted under the management of his son, Samuel L. Bent, until the latter's death. He has invented and

made several fine stereopticons, and is thoroughly familiar with the most improved methods in that line. Mr. Bent also conducted extensive brass works for some time and met with a well-merited success along that line. A few years since he retired from active connection with commercial pursuits, and is now living in an honored retirement, surrounded by the comforts that earnest labor has brought to him.

For many years Mr. Bent has made his home on the west side of the city and takes a deep interest in the improvement and advancement of that district. Public-spirited and progressive he lends substantial support to those measures calculated to prove of public benefit and is a valued resident of the community. His political support is given the Republican party.

He was married in New York city and has reared ten children.

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**W**ILLIAM LEONARD ROACH, who resides in Chicago Lawn, is one who though not taking an active part in the workings of the lodge is yet a worthy exemplar of the spirit and teachings of the fraternity which through centuries has exerted upon mankind a most ennobling influence. Business interests, political affiliations and even religious beliefs tend to separate men by placing the barriers of opinion between them; but Masonry rises above all these and in an indissoluble tie of brotherhood unites the individual members of the human race into one great family. Many years have passed since Mr. Roach first became a member of the order. He petitioned for and was elected to membership in Strict Observance Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Hamilton, Canada, after which he was initiated as Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellowcraft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He afterward learned the lessons of capitular Masonry in St. John's Chapter, of Hamilton, wherein he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason. He received the grades

and orders of chivalric Masonry in the same place, being dubbed and created a Knight Templar in Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery. He also holds membership in Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Chicago.

Mr. Roach was born in the province of Ontario, July 1, 1849, and spent his early youth in his native city of Hamilton, where he remained until 1866. He then went abroad to be educated, and pursued a collegiate course in the mother country. On its completion he returned to Canada, and entered upon his business career in connection with mercantile pursuits. In 1881 he came to Chicago, where he has since resided, his home being now in Chicago Lawn. He is a man of energy and enterprise in business, is well informed on all matters of general interest and is a pleasant, genial gentleman, whose courtesy and high personal worth have won him many friends.

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**C**HARLES W. KING, of Chicago, is not a Mason of long standing, but in the four years of his connection with the order has made rapid advancement through its various bodies and has gained a thorough understanding of its principles and purposes as shown by his exemplification of them in the practical affairs of life. He was made a Mason in Waubansia Lodge, No. 160, in 1893, was advanced as Mark Master, installed as Past Master, received as Most Excellent Master and exalted as Royal Arch in York Chapter in the same year, and about the same time took the cryptic degrees in Palestine Council, No. 66, and was greeted a Select Master. In St. Bernard Commandery, he was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight, and in Oriental Consistory he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also a Noble of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. His Masonic record is a credit to the fraternity, for it is the lives of the members that determine the standing of the order and enables it to maintain the prestige which it gained centuries ago as

the oldest and most beneficial of all the civic societies.

Mr. King is one of Chicago's native sons and possesses the true western spirit of enterprise and progress which has dominated this section and made the little swampy town of fifty years since the metropolis of the west and the close second to the old Knickerbocker city of the east. He was born May 24, 1864, and obtained his education in the city schools. In 1885 he embarked in the restaurant business and has since been connected with that important line of trade. Chicago business interests concentrated in one section of the city and calling thousands of her inhabitants daily to this small portion of her area far from their homes and rendering it impossible for them to return for the noontide meal, make it very essential that the restaurant business take a foremost place in the line of important enterprise, and in this line Mr. King is a leader. He receives from the public a liberal patronage and his success is justly deserved.

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**A**LBERT J. ANDERSEN. — Every lodge belonging to the great fraternity of Freemasonry contributes its mite, moral as well as material, for the elevation of the race, teaching the principles of that brotherly affection that drives from the heart all base passions and brings mankind into sweeter fellowship. In Chicago the lodges have accomplished a great amount of good, and the members stand ever ready to assist with the work in any way in their power. One of the earnest adherents of the precepts and tenets of the order is Albert J. Andersen, who was initiated in Garfield Lodge, No. 686, in 1896; received the degrees of capitular Masonry in York Chapter; was constituted a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, and attained the ineffable degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, all in the same year. He is a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Andersen is loyal and enthusiastic, and is a popular brother in the bodies with which he is affiliated.

Our subject was born in Whitewater, Wisconsin, December 28, 1865, and grew to manhood in the city of his nativity, receiving his education in the public schools. He made his start in life by securing a clerkship in a clothing store, but wishing to extend his field of labor he came to Chicago in 1890, and established the wholesale woolen house of Andersen & Company, which has become one of the best known firms in the city, and has taken a position in the front rank among clothing merchants. Mr. Andersen is an enterprising young man, possesses inherent business qualifications, and is one of the substantial and prosperous citizens of Chicago.

The subject of this review was united in marriage to Miss Mellie S. Wright on April 17, 1887. Mrs. Andersen is a native of St. Augustine, Florida. They have one son, whose name is Sidney L.

**A**LBERT L. BENTLEY.—Members of the Masonic fraternity are familiar with the name appearing at the head of this sketch, as this gentleman has been very prominent in lodge work throughout the states of Illinois and New York, where his labors have won for him the respect and esteem of the brethren. Mr. Bentley became an Entered Apprentice, received the Fellow-craft degree, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Norwich Lodge, of Norwich, New York, in 1868, and served as its Senior Deacon. Upon moving to Chicago he was dimitted and became a member of Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611. In 1887 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, of which he became Royal Arch Captain, and was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, at present being affiliated with Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, of which he has been Treasurer since its organization, and was one of the seven Masons who or-

ganized this commandery. He also assisted in establishing the blue lodge at Pierce, Nebraska, and Golden Rod Chapter, No. 205, Order of the Eastern Star, holding in latter body the office of Past Patron. Mr. Bentley is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple, and a member of the Royal Legion, Stark Council, No. 31, and Lincoln Park Council, No. 353, National Union. Mr. Bentley has been a Mason from the time he was twenty-one years old and has ever since been deeply interested in all its workings. The principles of the craft have been instilled deep within his heart, and he always stands ready to perform any duties that may be required of him.

The birth of Mr. Bentley took place in Norwich, New York, May 18, 1847, and there his early education was obtained in the public schools, which was later supplemented by a course at a business college, at which he was graduated. He then became engaged in the making of tombstones, in which business he continued for a few years, and then, in 1872, he moved to the southwestern part of Iowa, located on a farm and remained there for about six years. In 1886 Mr. Bentley came to Chicago and engaged in the undertaking business, which, with the exception of a few months, he has followed at his present location ever since. He is a man of excellent qualities, has acquired a comfortable competency, and owns the property which he now occupies.

In 1869 Mr. Bentley was united in marriage to Miss Maria B. Ashcraft, of Norwich, New York, and two children have been born to them: Leon A., who is a member of Lincoln Park Lodge; and Hattie M.

Politically Mr. Bentley believes in the principles of the Republican party.

**G**EORGE W. McLESTER.—When all has been said for and against Masonry, it must be acknowledged that its influence has been felt more or less throughout the

world, and the fact that its membership has been and is being constantly honored by some of the most intelligent and progressive men in the world, should be a guarantee of its authenticity and dispense all doubts that may assail those who have not entire confidence in its genuineness. Mr. McLester is a recent acquisition to the order in Chicago, having received the Master Mason degree in Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611, in October, 1894. He was raised to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, was created a Sir Knight in Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64, in February, 1895, and was constituted a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory in April, 1895. He has been an earnest and conscientious brother and his presence is always cordially welcomed in the lodge rooms. He has successfully journeyed across the desert and has become a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple.

Mr. McLester is a native of Ireland, his birth occurring in Belfast on December 14, 1864, and there his education was received in the public and high schools, graduating at the latter at an early age. When but seventeen years old he possessed an ambition to try his luck in foreign lands and consequently sailed for the United States, landing in New York city. From there he went to Canada, stopping for a short time at Toronto, and then proceeding direct to Chicago, where he arrived in February, 1882. He secured employment with the dry-goods firm of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company, with whom he remained for nine years, during which time he occupied various positions of trust, among them being that of bookkeeper, which he held when he resigned, in July, 1891. In that year he embarked in his present business, that of real estate and insurance, and opened an office at No. 88 Washington street, where he has met with deserved success. The record of Mr. McLester demonstrates in a most conclusive manner what natural ability and energy, backed by a firm determination to succeed, will accomplish.

Coming to this country with no other capital but a stout heart and willing hands, Mr. McLester has in a comparatively short time accumulated a comfortable competency and acquired an independent position in life. Although a young man he has excellent business qualifications and owns considerable property in Chicago, both improved and unimproved. He is a public-spirited, progressive gentleman, and is well-known in real-estate and business circles.

In 1885 Mr. McLester was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Rohrbach, who was born in Chicago, and they have one child, Violet. Socially our subject is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Iroquois Club.

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**A**RTHUR G. MOREY.—The Masonic fraternity of Chicago is to be congratulated upon having as a member of its local bodies such an enthusiastic and energetic young man as Mr. Morey has proven himself to be. He was made a Mason in Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611, and held the office of Junior Warden, was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, and was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in which he was elected to the chair of Senior Warden, and for two years was a member of its drill corps. He dimitted to assist in the organization of Lincoln Park Commandery, with which he is now affiliated. He has taken a great deal of interest in the commandery and helped to establish the Junior Standard Team, of which he is very proud. In his other social relations Mr. Morey is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order, being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple, of the Marquette Club, the Chicago Yacht Club, and the Lincoln Park Yacht Club. He is a bright, companionable young man, with many prepossessing qualities, which have won for him a large number of friends both in and out of the fraternity.

Mr. Morey has always lived in Chicago.



where he was born September 8, 1860, and received his education in the public and private schools of that city. During his youth his natural bent was toward architecture, and all his leisure time was spent in the study of that fascinating science. After becoming qualified, he secured the position of county architect, which he held for three terms, and during his incumbency he gave universal satisfaction in the high quality of work accomplished. Upon the expiration of his term in the county office Mr. Morey started in for himself and is at present doing a general business. He has had some of the largest contracts in the city, among them being the North End Masonic Temple, one of the finest halls in the United States, and the Joliet Masonic Temple. He is now designing the temple at Butte, Montana, and also the county jail temple, his work in general being the constructing of halls, temples, etc. Mr. Morey is a young man of keen intellect, well adapted to his profession, of which he possesses a thorough knowledge in all the details. His ideas are original and he has given to the public many crystallized forms of them in the way of charming buildings, whose grace and beauty attract and please the eye. Mr. Morey is a man of strict integrity, and he is regarded with as much esteem by his business associates as he is by his friends and members of the fraternity.

He was united in marriage February 4, 1896, to Miss Bessie Hall, of Chicago.

**JOHN WYCOFF WHITE.**—As a member of the brotherhood has most eloquently said: "The Masonic fraternity was old when the soldiers of Cæsar landed on the shores of Britain; old when Alexander carried the civilization of Asia to Europe. It antedated the years of Confucius, Buddha, David and Solomon; and who can know but the Grand Master of long ago may have tested with plumb and level the foundation stones of the pyramids?" Through the long years since those days this order has continued its steady march

onward, overcoming impediments in its path and issuing triumphant into the light of intelligence, prosperity and peace. "America is the child and heir of all the ages." In our colonial days an invaluable inheritance from our English-speaking ancestors across the sea was the institution of Freemasonry.

Many of Chicago's most prominent and representative citizens are enrolled under its banner, and one of the most enthusiastic members is Mr. White. He was made a Master Mason in Golden Rule Lodge, No. 726, in which he held the chair of Worshipful Master, was exalted in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126; was made a Royal and Select Master in Chicago Council, No. 4, in which he held the office of Thrice Illustrious Master; and was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, Knights Templar, and is at present affiliated with Lincoln Park Commandery, No. 64. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, and has filled the position of First Ceremonial Master in that body for four years. He is well known in Masonic circles, has filled every office to which he has been called with signal ability, and has given thereto the best energies of his nature.

Mr. White was born in Warrenton, Virginia, June 14, 1846, and his early education was received at the hands of a private tutor in his father's family, which was supplemented by a course at the University of Virginia. Just as he completed his schooling the Civil war broke out and Mr. White enlisted in the Confederate army in May, 1861, serving in the army of Northern Virginia, the Seventh Georgia Infantry, the First Virginia Cavalry, and with Mosby's rangers. He was commissioned first lieutenant of the Seventh Infantry on the day he was sixteen years old and had command of a company for one year. It is claimed that he was the youngest commissioned officer in the Confederate army. Mr. White participated in all the principal engagements of his regiments, from Blackburn's Ford to Chancellorsville, was wounded five times and was captured at Fort

Stevens, near Washington, and placed in the old capitol prison in that city, where he was kept nearly three months and then exchanged.

After the cessation of hostilities Mr. White went to Washington and remained there until the summer of 1866, when he came to Chicago and engaged in the steam-boat transportation business, in which he continued for five years, leaving that to take up the grocery trade, with which he has been connected ever since, at present holding a responsible position with the well-known firm of C. Jevne & Company. He is a self-made man in the strictest meaning of the word, and owes his present position to his energetic nature and the natural abilities with which he is abundantly endowed.

In 1872 Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Julia E. Blodgett, a native of Wisconsin.

**C**HARLES CATLIN.—Chicago may well be proud of her native citizens,—those who have gone hand-in-hand with her through the years of prosperity, of despair and of renewed hopes, who have watched the present magnificent metropolis spring from a village on the banks of a small stream and steadily work its way up to one of the foremost cities of the country. And the native is equally proud of the city to which he has given the best years of his life and where all his interests are centered. The gentleman whose name heads this biography is among those who have seen the wonderful development of Chicago, he having been born here November 17, 1844, when the town was beginning its struggle for recognition.

Mr. Catlin first attended the public schools, and his learning was further supplemented by a course at Snow & Hathaway's Academy, at which he was graduated. After leaving the academy he entered into a business career and became associated with his father, Seth Catlin, who was the first secretary of the Board of Trade. He continued

as his father's assistant for a number of years and then accepted a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company as cashier, where he remained for eighteen years. Mr. Catlin next became interested in politics and was placed in charge of the water office, being appointed to that position under Mayor Roche. Subsequently he was appointed by Postmaster Sexton superintendent of the finance division in the postoffice, which position he filled for about five years. In 1882 Governor Shelby M. Cullom secured for him the office of Lincoln Park commissioner, and he served a full term of four years. Mr. Catlin was appointed to his present office of secretary of the gas inspector's department by Mayor George B. Swift. He has been an active participant in local politics and has served on several important executive committees for both the city and county, and at this writing is the alternate for the national convention.

As an authority on sporting matters of all kinds Mr. Catlin has attained a widespread reputation. Boating, however, is the particular branch to which he has given most of his attention, and he is a well of information when it comes to aquatic amusements. He is president of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, the largest organization of its kind in the world, and was its vice-president for five years. In 1880 he organized the Catlin Boat Club, of Chicago, of which he was made president. The club has achieved quite a reputation in the city for its social qualities as well as its feats in the aquatic line.

Mr. Catlin is a Mason of considerable prominence and has done much to further the interests of the bodies to which he belongs. He is a firm believer in the principles of the order and endeavors to follow the divine teachings in his daily life. In 1878 he took the degree of Master Mason in Oriental Lodge, No. 33, and a year later became its Secretary, which office he has held continuously ever since. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in LaFayette Chapter, No. 2, in

1879; was made a Royal and Select Master in Lincoln Park Council during the same year, and was created a Knight Templar in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in 1880. Mr. Catlin has taken more than an ordinary interest in the Oriental Lodge and is a faithful worker in that body, which has a membership of about four hundred.

Mr. Catlin is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and is well known in all political, social and business circles. Politically he has always been an active Republican, and his labors to advance the interests of his party have been untiring.

Upon the outbreak of the Civil war Mr. Catlin enlisted for the hundred-day service in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Illinois Volunteers, and was on duty in Kentucky and Missouri for about eight months.

In 1869 Mr. Catlin was united in marriage with Miss Mary Edith Woods, a daughter of the late W. M. Woods, a prominent Board of Trade man. They have one son, Franklin S., who is a graduate of the Northwestern University, of Evanston, where he took a course of law with the class of '96.

**H**ENRY WILLIAM TOENNIGS, who occupies the position of bookkeeper for the Pekin Plow Company, Pekin, Illinois, is one of the representative Masons of this state and takes great pleasure in his lodge and chapter associations. He was made a Master Mason in 1885, in Empire Lodge, No. 126, of Pekin, the Entered Apprentice degree being conferred upon him May 21, the Fellow-craft June 4, and the Master Mason June 18. Soon he was chosen to fill official positions in the lodge, passed nearly all the chairs, and in 1895 was elected Worshipful Master, which prominent office he has since filled, his administration being characterized by earnestness and becoming dignity. In 1895 and '96 he represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the state. The year following his entrance into the lodge he sought admission

to the chapter and was duly elected to receive the degrees in Pekin Chapter, No. 25, which were given him February 8, 1886. Here also has he filled various chairs, and at this writing he occupies that of Captain of the Host.

Mr. Toennigs is a native of Pekin. He was born August 30, 1859, and has passed his whole life in this town. For the last ten or twelve years he has been occupied as bookkeeper, and as above stated is now with the Pekin Plow Company. He served six years as deputy postmaster under the Garfield, Arthur and Harrison administrations.

Mr. Toennigs was ushered into life too late to make a war record during the civil strife which marked the '60s, but nevertheless he has a military record. He served for some time as a member of Company G, afterward Company I, of the Seventh Regiment, Illinois state militia.

**E**MERSON CLARK.—This gentleman has been a resident of Farmington, Illinois, for thirty years, and for nearly that length of time has been associated with the Masonic fraternity, his identification with this order dating from 1868, when, on Christmas evening, he received the first degree of Farmington Lodge, No. 192. January 1, 1869, the Fellow-craft degree was conferred upon him, and on the 19th of the following month he was raised to a Master Mason. From the first he manifested a deep interest in the work of the order, was from time to time chosen to fill official position, and December 3, 1880, was elected Worshipful Master, and took the chair in the east, which he filled for five successive years, each year representing his lodge in the Grand Lodge of the state; and every year since his retirement from the executive chair he has been an attendant at Grand Lodge, once serving as proxy. Since 1889 he has filled the office of Deputy Grand Lecturer. The chapter degrees he took in 1870 and 1871 at Yates City, in Eureka Chapter, No. 98, R. A. M., in which he

still retains membership. He was made a Knight Templar at Galesburg, Illinois, in 1880, but subsequently took a dimit from the Galesburg Commandery and has since affiliated with Peoria Commandery, No. 3.

Mr. Clark is of New England birth. He was born in Randolph, Massachusetts, June 8, 1847, and remained in the east until 1866, when he came out to Illinois and settled at Farmington, where his home has been maintained ever since. Here he is engaged in carrying on extensive operations as a shipper of poultry, eggs, meat, ice, etc.

In his political views and affiliations Mr. Clark is Democratic, and while he is not a politician he has always taken a commendable and lively interest in local affairs. For years he has served as city clerk of Farmington. He was first elected to this office in 1875 and has been its incumbent about half of the time intervening between that date and the present.

**C**HARLES BURKHART, the popular restaurant man of Galesburg, Illinois, has resided here since 1890 and has in this time identified himself with the various Masonic bodies of this city. He was made a Master Mason in Alpha Lodge, No. 155; a Royal Arch Mason in Galesburg Chapter, No. 46; a Royal and Select Master in Galesburg Council, No. 15; and was knighted in Galesburg Commandery, No. 8, in all of which he is now a member in good standing, and in the council is filling the office of Thrice Illustrious, to which position he was elected in 1896. Also he is a member of the Shrine, having received its degrees in Peoria, in Mohammed Temple.

Mr. Burkhart is a native of Illinois. He was born at Springfield, August 9, 1850, and was reared on a farm and in the Lutheran faith. His first business venture was in the manufacture of spring wagons and carriages, and from that he turned to the restaurant business, in which he has been engaged for a period of thirteen years and in which he has met with marked success. Besides his restaurant in Galesburg, which

he has conducted for six years, he has one at Rockford, Illinois, two at Elgin, Illinois, and one at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, all of which he is now operating successfully.

As a citizen, a business man and a Mason, Mr. Burkhart enjoys high standing.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY GLEASON, born in Wardsboro, Windham county, Vermont, November 15, A. D. 1843. His father was Josiah Gleason, and his mother's maiden name Susan R. Morse. Mr. Gleason received his education principally at the district school in his native place, attending the Springfield Wesleyan Seminary later on at Springfield, Vermont.

In 1866 he went to Baltimore, Maryland, to engage in business, remaining there until the fall of 1868; in April, 1869, he came to Chicago, and soon after his arrival here he became connected with the office of the sheriff of Cook county, during the administration of T. M. Bradley, where he remained a greater portion of the time until 1891, during which he was honored with the position, for eight years in succession, of chief clerk and deputy. From 1877 to 1882 he was chief clerk in the probate court, filling that position from the time of Hon. Joshua C. Knickerbocker's election and the organization of that court. In 1885 he was elected collector of taxes of the town of South Chicago by a larger majority than any of his associates either on the city or town ticket, and was the first Republican who had held the office for a number of years prior to this time. Since 1880 he has been a member of the firm of C. H. Knights & Company, prominently engaged in the business of wholesale jewelry and importation of diamonds, located at present in beautiful and spacious quarters in the Columbus Memorial Building, corner of State and Washington streets.

Mr. Gleason has been a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity since 1874, at that time having been made a Mason in Oriental Lodge, No. 33, A. F. & A. M. He contented himself by active work in blue-

lodge Masonry until the fall of 1885, when he advanced to the Royal Arch degree in Washington Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M. He had the honor at that time to be accompanied in the team by General John Alexander Logan. He soon advanced to Knight Templarism and was knighted in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52, K. T., in February, 1886. He filled nearly all of the chairs in that body, and four years from the time he was made Red Cross Knight he was elected Commander of the body. He is also a member of Oriental Consistory.

Mr. Gleason was married in 1883 to Jennie W. Grow. His brother, James M. Gleason, is treasurer of the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, of Boston, Massachusetts, Past Commander and present Treasurer of Boston Commandery, Knights Templar, and a thirty-third-degree Mason, residing at Copely Square Hotel, Boston.

**E**LMER E. BILLOW. — Somewhere, back in the years that have buried themselves amid the decay of time, a thought received birth in the mind of man which has thrived and flourished and grown to such proportions as was surely never dreamed of by its originators. This thought resulted in the banding together of a number of fellow beings for their mutual benefit and for social intercourse, who called themselves Freemasons, and thus that noble fraternity was inaugurated and has come down to us through centuries of struggles and discouragement, often borne to the ground by the fierce onslaughts of ignorance and bigotry, only to rise again, Phoenix-like, from its ashes and spread its triumphant wings over all the universe.

One of the members of the craft who has made himself familiar with the ritual in the local lodges of Chicago and in which he has acquired a high degree of popularity, is the brother whose name initiates this sketch. Mr. Billow attained the three primary degrees of the order in Home Lodge, No. 508, in 1895; he was advanced to the

grades of capitular Masonry and exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, the same year; and in 1896 he received the orders of knighthood in Apollo Commandery, No. 1. After successfully accomplishing a pilgrimage across the sands of the desert Mr. Billow was elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. He has ever evinced the true spirit of Freemasonry in his daily life, and by his kindly consideration in the lodge he has won the good will and regard of his fellow Masons.

The birth of Mr. Billow occurred on the 11th of May, 1862, in Shelby, Richland county, Ohio, and it was there he passed his youth, receiving his educational discipline in the public schools of his native city. Upon completing his studies he went to Springfield, Ohio, and there began his mercantile experience, engaging in the oil business, continuing in that line of enterprise at Springfield until 1888, when he came to Chicago. In 1891 he assisted in organizing the National Supply Company, of which he now holds the responsible position of president and manager. This company designed and installed the fuel oil equipment and maintained the same during the World's Fair, for which Mr. Billow received special mention from the board of lady managers as an expert in that line. The plant was utilized to demonstrate the advantages of oil for fuel.

Mr. Billow was deputized to go to South America in the interests of the Standard Oil Company, and there obtained some valuable franchises and grants in the Argentine Republic for the use of fuel oil on the railroads. He is one of the North American representatives of the Review of the River Plate, a weekly journal devoted to general news of railways, banking, shipping, insurance, financial items and cereal statistics, the home office of which is located in Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic. Mr. Billow is a man of intelligence and distinct business acumen, well up in all the details of his vocation and his recognized

ability and strict integrity of character commands the respect of his business associates as well as the esteem and high regard of his many friends.

By his first wife he had three children,—Glenn Malcomb, deceased, Vera and Susan.

The second marriage of Mr. Billow was solemnized in 1891, when he was united to Miss Jessie McKee, who is a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and they have one child, Marjorie.

**F**ERDINAND WALTHER.—The Masonic fraternity appeals to a high order of intelligence, humanitarian instincts and the better side of man's nature in general, and its membership, therefore, is comprised only of those who possess the above named qualifications. Mr. Walther was initiated in Mithra Lodge, No. 410, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1884, and in 1891, owing to his zeal, industry and personal merits, he was honored with the official preferment of Worshipful Master, and in 1892 he was elected his own successor. Upon the termination of his second official term Mr. Walther was presented with a handsome gold testimonial as a token of the high esteem and appreciation of his fellow Masons. At the first meeting in Masonic Temple he attained the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, wherein he had conferred upon him the thirty-second degree and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is also allied with the social branch of Masonry and has been elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, with membership in Medinah Temple. He is a worthy and acceptable member of the brotherhood, the honorable teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life and conduct.

A native of Germany, Mr. Walther was born on the 11th of November, 1850, and was there reared in the fatherland, acquiring his literary education in the excellent public schools of his birthplace, subse-

quently being apprenticed to the carpenter's trade. During the Franco-Prussian war he rendered his country faithful and efficient service upon the field of battle. In October, 1876, he emigrated to the United States, eventually locating in Chicago, where he continued to follow his trade as a journeyman until 1881, when he commenced business on his own responsibility as a contractor, and in that line of enterprise he has met with distinct success. In addition to his business interests in the western metropolis Mr. Walther is proprietor of the historical spot known as Starved Rock, including three hundred and sixty-five acres of land surrounding it, and almost at the base of the famous rock he has recently erected "Starved Rock Hotel." The hostelry is three stories high, contains fifty guest rooms, and is constructed with all the modern improvements that contribute to the safety and comfort of its patrons.

The prestige to which Mr. Walther has attained in his chosen calling is the logical result of well-applied industry, a strict integrity of character and an honesty of purpose that has carried him over all obstacles. The personal qualities of our subject are thoughtfulness, earnestness and self-reliance, and as a citizen he is public-spirited, truthful and in all things just, and for all that others have done for him he has repaid his fellow man with full measure.

The marriage of Mr. Walther was celebrated in December, 1873, when he was united to Miss Antonia Garsky, who also is a native of Germany, and the following six children have been born to them: Margaret, Arthur, Gertrude, Ella, Werner and Hattie.

**J**ACOB D. WOOD.—The order of Freemasons is represented in Chicago by many earnest, enthusiastic members, among whom may appropriately be included the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this paragraph and who has faithfully and conscientiously observed the

vows taken in the blue lodge and proved himself worthy of the confidence and high regard of his "fratres." Initiated in Kilwinning Lodge, No. 134, he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1891, and in the same year was advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry and exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, received the orders of Knighthood in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, and on October 4, 1894, he attained to the grades of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-third degree, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago. He also crossed the desert sands and became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple. He is a zealous worker in the local bodies of which he is a member and does all in his power to advance the welfare of the craft.

Mr. Wood was born in Elizabethport, New Jersey, on the 4th of August, 1866, and passed there the first seven years of his life, his parents moving in 1873 to Peekskill, New York, where his preliminary educational discipline was acquired in the public schools. After a residence of six years in Peekskill Mr. Wood came to Chicago, whence he went to Quincy, Illinois, making that his home for two years and then returning to Chicago, where he has since continued to live. He secured employment with the firm of A. H. Blackwell & Company, dealers in coffee, tea and spices, where he performed faithful service for a period of fourteen years, during which time he secured the good will and entire confidence of his employers. For the past two years he has been in the produce commission business, owning a half interest and traveling most of the time. For this business his previous experience has well qualified him.

**J**OHAN B. NEWTON, of Chicago, became a member of the Masonic fraternity February 6, 1884, in Meridian Lodge, of Natick, Massachusetts. He took

the degrees of capitular Masonry in a Parker Chapter, R. A. M., of Natick, and served his companions as Captain. He was also knighted in the commandery in Natick and served as Warden of that body for five years. His affiliation with Chicago Masonic bodies has made him a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret and a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. He received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory in 1896, and later joined Medinah Temple.

John B. Newton was born in Oswego, New York, on the 27th of June, 1850, and was reared and educated there. His business training was received in a mercantile establishment and in 1877 he removed to Cochituate, Massachusetts, where he remained for fourteen years, removing to Chicago in 1891. Soon after his arrival in this city he was appointed to the position of chief janitor of the Ashland Block, and has since served in that capacity, meeting fully every obligation that rests upon him and faithfully discharging every duty.

In 1872 Mr. Newton was united in marriage to Miss Josie Faber, also a native of Oswego, New York. Three sons have been born of their union: John J., George W. and Charles A.

**J**OSEPH H. OWENS.—The institution of Freemasonry is not a religion nor a substitute for a religion, but it sympathizes with the Christian when he points to Palestine and joyfully recognizes it as the hallowed land, where God gave to man a revelation of His holy will, where the Savior was born, preached and died, and from the summit of the mountain ascended into glory. The fraternity teaches morality, charity and a common plane of brotherly love throughout the world, it has made an enviable reputation in every nation, and is to-day in a most flourishing condition.

Mr. Owens was made a Master Mason in Evansville Lodge, No. 64, at Evansville, Indiana, about 1880, from which he was dimitted upon his removal to Chicago, and

is at present affiliated with Home Lodge, No. 508. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, and was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1896. He has always endeavored to follow the precepts of the order, and is an honored member of his lodge.

Mr. Owens was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 14, 1849, where he was reared and received his education in the public schools. He subsequently accepted a position as clerk in an insurance office under his brother, the late Owen Owens, who was general agent in Cincinnati. In the early '70s he entered the express business as messenger, and he has since filled the positions of messenger, clerk, route agent, and traveling auditor in 1886. He was made chief clerk to Manager W. H. Snyder, of the Erie Express, and in 1890 was appointed chief clerk to T. H. Walker, general superintendent of the United States Express Company at Cincinnati, Ohio. March 1, 1894, the United States Express Company acquired control of the express business of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and Mr. Walker came to Chicago, and Mr. Owens came with him, as chief clerk, which position he still holds; and by the capable manner in which he has always discharged his duties he has won the sincere regard of his employer.

**M**ARTIN VAN BUREN SMITH, for many years the agent of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company at Morrison, Illinois, and at present the postmaster of the town, is a thirty-second-degree member of the Masonic fraternity. His life's career, both as a Mason and as a citizen, is worthy of record in this volume; and it is with pleasure that we present the following facts which have been gleaned for publication herein.

Mr. Smith was made a Master Mason at Blackbury, now Elburn, Kane county, Illinois; was for some time Senior Deacon of that lodge; and in 1864, having been di-

mitted from it, he affiliated with Dunlap Lodge, No. 321, of Morrison, Illinois, of which he is still a member in good standing. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in 1863, in Fox River Chapter, now Geneva Chapter; and in 1866 was knighted at Dixon, Illinois, where he maintained his commandery membership until the institution of Sterling Commandery, No. 57, of which he was a charter member and with which he still affiliates. In 1867 he took the Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second in Freeport Valley Consistory, and is still a member of the same. The cryptic degrees he received at Dixon. Also he is a "Shriner," a member of Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine, at Chicago. Thus it is seen that Mr. Smith has made as much progress in the order as it is possible for most Masons to make, and moreover his record as a Mason is all that the fraternity could desire.

Mr. Smith is a native of Illinois, born at Turner (now West Chicago), Du Page county, April 3, 1841, and is of English descent. His father, Job Andrus Smith, was born in Massachusetts and was the founder and publisher of the Elmira Gazette, the first paper published at Elmira, New York. In 1834 he came to Illinois and located on the land where our subject was born. This property he improved and on it he made his home for many years, until his death, which occurred at the old homestead, when he was seventy-five years of age. His wife died at the age of forty-five. They had four sons and two daughters, Martin Van Buren, our subject, being the youngest son.

This gentleman was reared on his father's farm, his educational advantages being limited to the public schools, and when a youth had some business experience as clerk in a store. At the age of nineteen he began railroading,—a business he has followed ever since,—and for the last thirty-four years has been railroad agent at Morrison, his long continuance with the same company and his fidelity to it and to the interests of the people being ample evidence of his efficiency and popularity.



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In 1869 he was married to Miss Jessie J. Furlong, a native of New York, and they have two sons and a daughter, viz: William A. M., Robert T. F. and Mary H. The first named is state manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Company and resides at Milwaukee, and the other two are at home, the son being deputy postmaster. They have one of the delightful homes of Morrison, and both Mr. Smith and his family enjoy the high esteem of the people of this city and community.

Religiously, they are Presbyterians, and in his political views Mr. Smith has always harmonized with the Democratic party. He was appointed postmaster under Cleveland's first administration and again under his second, and he is still filling the office:

**EUGENE F. McLAUGHLIN.**—The attainment of prominence is the logical result of merit in both business and social circles; leadership may occasionally be gained by the unworthy but cannot be permanently maintained. Success is not the result of a combination of fortuitous circumstances, not the outcome of genius, but is the legitimate sequence of earnest, persistent effort, guided by sound judgment, the utilization of surrounding opportunities and the exercise of that very important factor,—common sense. Equipped with these qualities the rise from obscurity to leadership in any walk of life is assured, and it is in this manner that E. F. McLaughlin has become one of the successful men of the west.

The loyal Mason possesses the same qualities that are necessary to the successful and honorable business man. Masonry ever encourages the exercise of our best talents and promotes the most worthy characteristics of one's nature; it has been a potent element in the civilization of the race for centuries and has ever maintained its supremacy for usefulness above all other social and benevolent societies. E. F. McLaughlin became a member of the order in 1887, when he was elected an Entered

Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Fort Recovery Lodge, No. 510, of Ohio, from which he subsequently dimitted and became affiliated with Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, of Chicago. He was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in LaFayette Chapter, No. 2, and has since been a worthy follower of capitular Masonry, which in its symbolic teachings illustrates the beautiful and impressive legends of the past. He passed the circle of cryptic Masonry in Palestine Council, No. 66, and was greeted a Royal and Select Master. In 1897 he was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight of Apollo Commandery, No. 1. He is thoroughly familiar with the esoteric doctrines of the York Rite, and in the various branches with which he is connected he is accounted one of the zealous and valued members of the craft. Since February, 1897, he has been a member of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.

While Dr. McLaughlin has a wide circle of friends in the order, he is still more widely known in professional life. A native of Indiana, he was born in Jay county, on the 24th of September, 1860, and in the public schools acquired his elementary educational discipline. Selecting the practice of medicine as his work, he began the study of that science under private instruction and after due preparation he matriculated in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, of New York city, New York, at which he was graduated with the class of 1885. He began the active practice of his calling at once, and in 1893 came to Chicago, where he has since practiced his profession.

**ALLAN R. TOMLIN.**—The principles of benevolence and mutual helpfulness and the esoteric doctrines of Masonry exert an influence upon those who are within the pale of the order that is recognized even by those who have never become identified with it. The order cultivates a

higher manhood, a nobler purpose and worthier aims, and those who follow the Masonic banner are numbered among the best citizens of the commonwealth. Mr. Tomlin belongs to this fraternity, with which he has been affiliated since 1891, when he took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Garden City Lodge, No. 141. He attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory in 1891, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. By reason of this affiliation he was eligible to membership in Medinah Temple, and is now a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Tomlin was born in Galena, Illinois, on the 11th of November, 1855, and was reared and educated at his birthplace. His business experience was begun with the Adams Express Company and for nine years he was connected therewith as a most faithful and competent employee. On the expiration of that period he resigned his position to accept the position of assistant superintendent of the wagon service of the American Express Company, and in 1892 he was appointed superintendent of this department. His record is that of a man who has risen to his present place by personal merit and he has won the approval of his superior and the respect of those who serve under him.

**H**ERBERT A. ROGERS, an active Mason who is well informed on all the laws and usages of that order which has for its object the unification of the human race as brothers, and who is an active, enthusiastic member of the local bodies in Chicago, was initiated in Garden City Lodge, No. 141, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on the 3d of September, 1890; he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter, No. 148, in 1892; and attained to the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, wherein he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in No-

vember, 1891. Mr. Rogers has been honored with official preferment in the order, being elected Master of Garden City Lodge, in 1895, and serving as Master of Ceremonies in the lodge of perfection, and he is a well informed brother and occupies a high place in the estimation of his fellow Masons.

Mr. Rogers was born in Strykersville, New York, on the 21st of July, 1857, attending school in the city of his nativity until twelve years old, when he went to Buffalo, New York, and there first engaged in the hotel business, conducting the same with marked success in that city until 1878, in which year he took up his residence in Chicago. He accepted a position with the firm of Knight & Leonard, in the employ of which he remained until 1895, when, the old firm of Knight, Leonard & Company having been sold at a receiver's sale, Mr. Rogers decided to branch out on his own responsibility and organized the firm of Rogers & Smith Company. In this line of enterprise signal success has attended the efforts of Mr. Rogers, and through the instrumentalities of his native energy and ability, combined with his acquired experience and business acumen, he has built up a large, prosperous trade, gaining and retaining the entire confidence and highest esteem of all who have dealings with him, or with whom he comes in contact, both in the mercantile world and in social circles.

The marriage of Mr. Rogers was solemnized in May, 1888, when he became united to Miss Mabel B. Wright, of Chicago, and two daughters have been born to them, namely: Ruby M. and Florence A., the latter only of whom survives.

**C**RANDALL A. ROSECRANS, secretary of the Allerton-Clarke Company, of Chicago, is a Knight Templar and a thirty-second-degree Mason, deeply interested in that ancient and benevolent fraternity and doing all in his power to inculcate its honorable principles among men. Since 1880 he has been a follower of the ensign

of the institution, upon which are emblazoned charity, mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness.

He was made a Mason in Rural Lodge, No. 305, A. F. & A. M., in Ladora, Iowa, in 1880, and the same year was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Jerusalem Chapter, No. 72, of Marengo, Iowa. About the same time he was made a Royal and Select Master. Since he removed to Chicago he was dimitted from Rural Lodge to W. B. Warren Lodge, No. 209, with which he is now affiliated. He belongs to York Chapter, No. 148, R. A. M., and to Oriental Consistory, R. & S. M. In 1895 he took the degrees of knighthood in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and is also a Scottish Rite Mason through his connection with the fraternity; but the public account of a Masonic lodge and its members is necessarily brief, for their history is one of deeds, not of words. Mr. Rosecrans is esteemed an acceptable member of the craft, for he does all in his power to promote its interests, and molds his life in harmony with its principles.

Mr. Rosecrans was born in Ogle county, Illinois, September 13, 1857, but was reared in Iowa; and his business training was in the line of mercantile experiences. He has since been in active commercial circles, and his advancement on the highway of success has been sure and steadfast. In 1881 he came to Chicago, where he has since made his home, and is now occupying a responsible position as secretary of the Allerton-Clarke Company, doing business at No. 117 Lake street.

In 1887 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Rosecrans and Miss Olive E. Haney, a native of Ogle county, Illinois.

Mr. Rosecrans' record is that of a man who has steadily worked his way upward to his present position of importance. The honorable business methods he has followed have won for him the confidence and support of those with whom he has been brought in contact, and his native talent and acquired ability are the sources of his success.

**A** BRAHAM L. THOMAS, M. D., of Chicago, is a member of Lakeside Lodge, No. 739, F. & A. M., and is a Royal Arch Mason of Chicago Chapter, No. 127. He was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52, and passed the grades and orders of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, whereupon he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is also a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. He has been honored with official preference in most of these organizations and has proved a very capable and zealous officer. He served as Worshipful Master of Lakeside Lodge in 1893, was Captain of the Host in Chicago Chapter in 1892, and was Junior Warden in Chevalier Bayard Commandery in 1894.

Dr. Thomas came from the land of the midnight sun, his birth having occurred in Norway on the 26th of January, 1850. He there spent the first eighteen years of his life, pursuing his education in the public schools. It was in 1868 that he crossed the broad Atlantic to America and became a resident of Rochester, Minnesota, where he continued his education in the high school. His course in that institution completed his literary training, which was supplemented by a thorough course in medicine. He began his medical studies in the office and under the direction of Dr. W. Mayo, and in 1876 came to Chicago, where he matriculated in the Chicago Medical College, now the medical department of the Northwestern University, where he was graduated in the class of 1879. Since that time he has been engaged in active practice and has attained a prominent place in professional circles. He has left no labor unperformed when it would advance him in his chosen calling and further fit him for successful practice. Realizing the importance of the care of human life, he is most conscientious in his work, and by his skill and ability has secured a very liberal patronage. He is a valued member of the

Chicago Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is a close student of all theories and discoveries relating to the medical science, gleaned from these the best and most practical suggestions and applying them successfully to his extensive practice. He is a man of genial manner and his presence in a sick chamber is always inspiring.

**M** B. POWELL, M. D.—There is a certain affinity existing between the medical profession and the Masonic fraternity, as both have for their fundamental principles the divine art of healing, one administering to the ills of the body and the other to the afflictions of the soul, and each has for its basis the humane mission of giving relief to the suffering. As twin stars gleam with an effulgent light from out the dusky firmament of night, so these two bodies go hand in hand, bringing joy to hearts that are overburdened with sorrow and succoring those whom grief has enveloped in the shroud of despair. The noble calling of medicine will ever command the deep and everlasting gratitude of millions of human beings who have reaped golden benefits from the all-powerful light of its knowledge. Many are the unheralded heroes in the ranks of the medical profession who have sacrificed their lives in fulfilling the sublime duty of trying to save their fellow creatures,—a sacrifice that is all the greater in that it is attended with no loud trumpeting, no public demonstration, nothing but the inward consciousness of having accomplished a duty in all its entirety.

Dr. Powell has been a member of the craft for many years and has always taken a personal interest in the workings of the lodges with which he has been affiliated. After being initiated and passing the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in King Solomon Lodge, No. 16, in 1886, at Toronto, Ontario, and in 1892 dimitted to Lawn Lodge, No. 815.

In 1893 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lawn Chapter, No. 205, and in the following year was elected to the office of High Priest, and was the youngest to hold the position at that time. In the same year Dr. Powell became a member of the Order of High Priests.

The subject of this review was born in Whitby, Canada, July 12, 1864, and obtained his early education in the public schools of his home city, which was supplemented by a course in Whitby Institute and Pickering College. After passing through these places of learning the Doctor decided to follow the profession of medicine, and by way of preparation he secured a position in a drug store, where he remained three years, during which time he pursued his studies in medicine and pharmacy and then entered the Toronto University, at which he was graduated. After receiving his degree of M. D. he lived for a while in Michigan and Washington, and then returned to Toronto, where he took the degree of Master of Surgery from the University of Victoria College. In 1892 he moved to Chicago, where he follows his profession and makes a specialty of diseases of women in his office practice.

Dr. Powell was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma A. Rudd, *nee* Phillips, in December, 1893. She is a native of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Dr. Powell is a young man of brilliant mental powers, a strong personality, pleasant, engaging manners, marked ability, and enthusiasm in his chosen vocation. He is a close student of human nature and is destined to fill an important place in his profession.

**E**DGAR S. PATTEN.—When a man passes from the scenes of this life to the great beyond, only the good he has done is remembered and the story repeated to others. A similar fate awaits all things of this world; it is only the good that is imperishable, only the best continues on through the ages, while the defective succumbs to the ravages of time. Lost in the

remote ages of antiquity is the origin of Freemasonry, but through the centuries its principles have come down to us, their brightness unclouded by the shadow of the years, and in this day of organized, concentrated and united effort in all departments of life, the society has received a new impetus which has added to its numbers many thousands of members and made it the most powerful and useful of all fraternities.

Among those of Chicago's leading citizens and representative business men who are identified with Masonry is Mr. Patten, who was made a Mason in Landmark Lodge, No. 422, A. F. & A. M., in 1882. The same year he was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Fairview Chapter, No. 161, and the order of knighthood was conferred upon him in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, since which time he has been a worthy follower of the beauseant of Knight Templary. He received the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory and was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in 1883, his membership being in Medinah Temple. To the fundamental truths and principles of Masonry he conforms his conduct, lending a hand to the poor and needy, supporting the weak against the strong, and recognizing the brotherhood of the race, while acknowledging one Supreme Being as the ruler of the world.

In his business life Mr. Patten manifests the progressive and enterprising spirit so typical of the west, for he is a western man by birth and training. He was born in Lowell, Wisconsin, on the 18th of September, 1848, and in early life became interested in telegraphy. He entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company, where his natural adaptability for the profession enabled him to attain a high degree of efficiency within a short time, and made rapid advancement. In 1870, after three years' experience, he was made manager of the Northwestern Telegraph Company, with headquarters in La Crosse, Wisconsin, also of the Mississippi Valley Telegraph Company, which was later con-

solidated with the Western Union. After faithful service in various positions of responsibility he was made manager of the Postal Telegraph Company in 1884, and later served as manager and assistant superintendent, having the supervision of one hundred and seventy offices. His next promotion made him superintendent of the western division of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, in which capacity he remained until 1893, when he became general manager of the Franco-American Telegraph Company, a position which he yet occupies. His supervision of the affairs of this company in all their intricate workings and complex movements has been most satisfactory to those whom he serves. His long experience in connection with telegraphy and his comprehensive knowledge of the scope of the business and the demands of the people enable him to please the public and at the same time make the business one of profit to the company. He is systematic in his methods, prompt in execution, reliable in all things and his dealings are characterized by the utmost fairness.

Mr. Patten was married in Niles, Michigan, to Miss Permelia V. Allen. His history is that of a man who has attained to an eminent degree of success as the direct and legitimate results of his own efforts, who has had the mentality to direct his endeavors toward the desired ends and the singleness and steadfastness of purpose which have given due value to each consecutive detail of effort. He is a distinct type of the self-made man, as well as one of the most faithful representatives of the Masonic fraternity in Chicago.

**W**ILLIAM WILEY, one of the faithful and appreciative members of the Masonic fraternity in Chicago, was, on the 29th of February, 1892, made a Master Mason in Apollo Lodge, No. 642; in May of the same year he passed the grades of capitular Masonry and was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Fairview Chapter, No. 161; and in the fol-

lowing June the orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him in Apollo Commandery, No. 1,—this commandery being one of the most prominent in the United States.

Mr. Wiley is a native of Massachusetts, his birth having occurred in Boston on the 28th of October, 1849, and there the first seven years of his life were passed, after which he moved to the west with his parents, who located on a farm in Henry county, Illinois. Here Mr. Wiley grew to manhood, acquiring his educational discipline in the public schools, which he attended during the winter, the remainder of the year being occupied in laboring upon the farm.

In 1877 the subject of this review came to Chicago, and has ever since made the western metropolis his home and the scene of his active life. He was employed in various ways until 1883, and then established his present enterprise as a retail dealer in stationery, periodicals and confectionery, the factors of his success being well applied industry, careful and correct business methods and a strict integrity of character.

In the Centennial year, 1876, was consummated the marriage of Mr. Wiley to Miss C. J. Swartz, who is a native of New Jersey and is prominently identified with Forestville Chapter, No. 177, Order of the Eastern Star, of which she served as Matron during the year 1894.

**W**ELLINGTON E. CUDNEY.—The truths and precepts promulgated by the institution of Freemasonry are as lasting as the pyramids of Egypt, and will remain bright and guiding stars, lighting the pathway of duty as long as the world shall last. Its tenets, which point to one great object, have taught mankind what man should be to man, and have ever held up a high standard of morality, charity and brotherly love.

Mr. Cudney is a well-known member of the order in Chicago, where he has attained the ineffable degrees in the Scottish

Rite. He was initiated in Wawarsing Lodge at Ellenville, New York, in 1882, from which he was dimitted upon his removal to Chicago, and became affiliated with Waubansia Lodge, No. 160, in 1894. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter, in the same year; was made a Royal and Select Master in Siloam Council in 1896; was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery in 1895, and received the degree of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory in 1894. He is likewise a Noble in the Mystic Shrine of the Ancient Arabic Order, holding his membership in Medinah Temple.

The subject of this review was born in Homowack, Sullivan county, New York, January 17, 1861, and there spent his youth on a farm, where he worked during the summer and attended the district schools in the winter. In 1883 he came to Chicago and embarked in the provision business. Being of an enterprising nature, full of courage and ambition, he soon acquired a thorough knowledge of his chosen vocation, and eventually organized the firm of Cudney & Co., of which he was elected president and still retains that office. The company is one of the best known in Chicago, doing a wholesale and retail provision business, with offices at No. 441 Lake street, and possesses a wide reputation for integrity and honest methods in all its dealings. It has an extensive trade, both in and outside of Chicago, and is a most successful and prosperous concern. Mr. Cudney is a progressive man of business, possesses sterling qualities of mind and character, and is greatly respected by his many friends and fellow-craftsmen.

In 1886 Mr. Cudney was united in marriage to Miss Etta Nichols, who is a native of Ohio, and three children have been born to them, Ruth, Harold and Florance.

**B**ERNARD TIMMERMAN, who twenty years ago was working for a salary of six dollars per week, but is now in control of some of the most important and extensive



industrial interests of Chicago, stands among the loyal followers of Masonry, whose championship of the beneficent movement has caused others to identify themselves with this oldest and most helpful of all the fraternities. In 1888, he took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, the last degree in June, and in the same month was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Englewood Chapter, No. 176. On the 4th of August of the same year he was created a Knight Templar in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, and to the teachings and practices of the order he has been true and faithful. His relationship with his fellow craftsmen is very pleasant, and he is numbered among the valued members of other fraternal and society organizations, having become a charter member of every club organized in Englewood.

Mr. Timmerman's history differs from that of the majority of Americans in that he was born in the west and emigrated eastward, while most of the residents of this country, on leaving home, turn their faces toward the setting sun and follow Horace Greeley's advice to young men. Our subject was born in La Porte, Sierra county, California, on the 7th of April, 1858, and is a son of Charles H. and Ida Timmerman, the former a native of Germany, the latter of the state of New York. Coming to the United States in 1829, the father, after a short interval in New York, removed to Michigan City, Indiana, and in 1850 went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific slope. It was during his stay there that the birth of our subject occurred. In 1867 he returned with his family to New York and the following year came to Chicago, establishing a home in Englewood in 1869.

Bernard Timmerman completed his literary education by his graduation, at the Englewood high school in 1876, and entered upon his business career as a cash and bill clerk in the wholesale grocery house of Zebulon M. Hall, at six dollars per week.

In the meantime he studied stenography at night and completed a course, including bookkeeping and commercial law, in Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College. In 1877 he secured a position in the house of D. M. Osborn & Co., at ten dollars per week, and was employed in different departments of their houses in Chicago and Minneapolis until January, 1883, when he was made manager of the Chicago office, holding that position until December, 1891. In the meantime he had largely extended his field of operations and provided for a more rapid accumulation of wealth by his real-estate investments. In 1877, in association with the treasurer of the company at Albany, New York, Gorton W. Allen, and Messrs. Stork, Stevens and Smith, of Auburn, New York, he purchased the eighty acres now known as Stork's subdivision of Auburn Park. At that time the property was used for farming purposes, but water and sewer pipes were at once laid, streets were macadamized, stone curbing was put in, sidewalks were built, electric lights and sodded parkways were introduced and four hundred and eighty thousand dollars were expended in improving the district outside of buildings. Mr. Timmerman, in 1888, erected the large brick block on the northwest corner of Seventy-ninth and Sherman streets, the first brick building on the former street. In 1889 he erected the New Julian Hotel, and the Timmerman Opera House of Englewood,—the latter now known as the Marlow Theater,—and has in other ways been prominently identified with the development of Englewood, which within his recollection contained a few shanties and a population of one hundred, while now it is one of the most beautiful portions of the city and has a population of one hundred thousand. He has been an important part in producing this desirable change.

This is but one of the many enterprises with which he is connected. He is a man of resourceful business ability, of unlimited enterprise and energy, and his successful management of his affairs has not only

brought prosperity to him, but has also been of material benefit to the community in which his industries are located. On the 6th of July, 1889, he was elected president of the Inter-State Loan and Investment Association, and has since filled that position. For a year from December, 1890, he was the representative of the National Cordage Company in the sale of its binder twine. On the 31st of December, 1891, he became manager of the Chicago office of A. W. Stevens & Son, of Auburn, New York, manufacturers of threshers, engines and other agricultural machinery. Since July, 1890, he has been president of the Belt Line Transfer & Storage Company, which receives stores and reships merchandise at Chicago. He is now engaged in subdividing one hundred acres in the best part of Hinsdale, with the expectation of making of the same strictly modern high-class residence property.

On the 10th of December, 1893, Mr. Timmerman was united in marriage to Miss Idah M. Canfield, of San Francisco. He is a gentleman of very pleasant, courteous manner, easily approachable, and his thorough reliability and genuine worth have gained him the respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

**J**OHAN B. JENKINS, one of the progressive and energetic manufacturers of the Garden City, has been an affiliate of the craft for sixteen years, the initial degrees being conferred upon him in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, on May 9, 1881. In the following year he advanced to capitular Masonry and was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, on March 30; was made a Royal and Select Master in Englewood Council, and is a charter member of Imperial Council. He was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, on October 27, 1886; and in April, 1893, he attained the Scottish Rite degrees in the ineffable lodge of perfection and was

proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago. He is connected with the social branch of Freemasonry, being a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, and he and his daughter, Sarah M., are members of Normal Park Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Jenkins is an enthusiastic Mason who takes an abiding interest in all the workings of the fraternity, and who is ever ready to do anything in his power to advance its welfare. He is also a member of Normal Lodge, No. 509, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

John B. Jenkins was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the 22d of September, 1848, and there his boyhood was passed, working in a rolling-mill and obtaining what education he could in the public schools of his native city. In 1867, he came to Chicago and secured a position in the rolling-mills of this city, remaining here until 1876. For seven years he was connected with the city water works and then embarked in the manufacture of fire-brick and fire-clay, in which he has since continued, gaining a success that is the direct result of his individual efforts, unaided by the power of wealth or the influence of friends.

In November, 1872, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Jenkins to Miss Hannah Roberts, the issue of this union being the following named children: Sarah M., Reuben, John, Lincoln, Elizabeth and Hannah.

**E**DWIN F. JONES.—An encouraging feature noticeable in the Masonic bodies of Chicago is the enthusiasm and zeal displayed by the younger members of the order, who demonstrate their loyalty by their unflagging efforts to maintain the high standard of principles that forms the foundation of the fraternity. One of the most exemplary brothers is Edwin P. Jones, a rising young business man of this city. He was made a Master Mason in Mizpah Lodge,

No. 768, on January 27, 1889; was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Delta Chapter, No. 191, March 11, 1892; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Temple Council, No. 65, April 20, 1892; constituted a Knight Templar in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, December 1, 1894; and attained the Scottish Rite degrees in Oriental Consistory on February 20, 1896. In the chapter he has held the office of Master of the Second Veil. On April 26, 1895, he became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and in February, 1894, was admitted to Columbia Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, No. 210, of which his wife is also a member.

Mr. Jones was born in Knoxville, Iowa, August 16, 1867, and attended the public schools of that city until fifteen years of age. In June, 1882, he moved to Chicago and secured a position at the stock-yards, where he remained two years, and then became engaged in railroading for the same length of time, after which he returned to the stock-yards, where he has since been employed as bookkeeper, fulfilling the duties of that post in a capable and conscientious manner.

In January, 1894, Mr. Jones was married to Miss R. Dora Whyte, a native of Ireland, who came to this country when a child.

**E**MILE DANNE, a well-known grain commission merchant of Chicago, has been affiliated with the Masonic fraternity for the past ten years, during which time he has shown a due appreciation of the precepts and tenets of the society, and a thorough comprehension of the ritual as learned in the blue lodge. His relations with the bodies of which he is a member have been of the most agreeable nature, and his presence is always a source of pleasure to his "fraters." Mr. Danne received the degrees of ancient Masonry in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason April 10, 1888; he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch

Mason in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, and was created a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, in the same year, and on September 29, 1892, attained the ineffable degrees in the lodge of perfection, Oriental Consistory. He also holds membership in the Knights of St. John.

The birth of Mr. Danne took place at Mobile, Alabama, November 24, 1859, and there acquired his early education in the public schools, remaining in the city of his nativity until eighteen years old, when he started out to engage in the battle of life on his own account. Subsequently arriving in Chicago he embarked in the insurance business, which he followed until 1885, when he became connected with the Board of Trade as a commission merchant and has continued to devote his energies to that calling up to the present time. He has passed triumphantly through three failures of the board, and is at present doing a large and profitable business.

In 1882 Mr. Danne was married to Miss Gertrude Fraiser, of Aurora, Illinois, and two children have been born to them, J. W. and Gertrude Louise. They are members of the Episcopal church.

**W**ILLIAM L. NOBLE, M. D., an enterprising and successful physician in the Garden City, has attained to the thirty-second degree in Masonry and takes a keen interest in all the workings and ceremonies of that order, which is so closely allied to the aims and objects of the medical profession. Dr. Noble was initiated at Canton, New York, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1887, from which he was dimitted to become affiliated with Providence Lodge, No. 711, at Jefferson Park, and in 1890 he had conferred upon him the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite, in Oriental Consistory, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is an active and zealous Mason and occupies a warm place in the hearts of his "fratres."

Dr. William L. Noble was born in Rus-

sell, St. Lawrence county, New York, on the 23d of December, 1860, receiving his preliminary mental discipline in the public schools of his native town, supplementing the knowledge gained therein by a course at St. Lawrence University, being graduated at that institution with the class of 1885. In the same year, as a result of his decision to make the study of medicine his life work, he came to Chicago and matriculated in Rush Medical College, which is now the medical department of Lake Forest University, and, in 1888, after three years of industry and close application, he had the satisfaction of receiving his diploma, which accorded to him the privilege of placing M. D. after his name. He at once assumed the duties and responsibilities of his calling and entered upon the active practice of his profession in Chicago, since which time he has met with a high degree of success that is not only extremely edifying to himself but also conclusively demonstrates his ability and proficiency in the healing art, which is further attested to by the fact that he holds the position of professor of ophthalmology in the Ophthalmological Clinical School of Chicago; is surgeon of the Illinois Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary; oculist and aurist of the St. Joseph Provident Orphan Asylum; ex-oculist and aurist for the county hospital; ex-superintendent of the Cook County Insane Asylum; for two years he was county physician; and was superintendent of the Detention Hospital. In the various capacities herewith given Dr. Noble has evidenced a knowledge of the various branches of his profession that places him in the foremost rank among his fellow practitioners in the state, and which has gained for him a recognized distinction in the fraternity. He is a highly appreciated member of the State Medical Association and of the Chicago Medical Association.

The Doctor does not follow his calling from a mere sense of duty only, but also takes a personal interest in every case submitted to his care, which, combined with his skillful treatment and natural qualifications, have resulted to a great extent in his

large and ever-increasing practice. His intrinsic worth as a man, his knowledge and ability as a physician and his faithful adherence to the craft as a Mason have endeared him alike to his friends, his fellow practitioners and to his brother Masons.

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**W**ILLIAM A. BIRK is an acceptable member of the Masonic fraternity, now affiliating with Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611, A. F. & A. M., in which he took the three fundamental degrees in 1894. He is a native son of Chicago, his birth having occurred here on the 11th of November, 1861. He obtained his education in the public schools and commenced his business life in the employ of a grain firm, members of the board of trade. In 1882 he entered the employ of the Wacker & Birk Brewing Company, of which his father was one of the organizers and stockholders. He mastered the business while connected with that firm and in 1892 became one of the organizers of the Birk Brothers Brewing Company, of which he has been president from the beginning.

He is a man of good business and executive ability, progressive and enterprising as well as successful, and has one of the best equipped breweries in the country, supplied with the most modern machinery and every facility for turning out an excellent product.

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**W**C. BROWN, a Knight Templar, joined the order in 1884, being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Palace Lodge, No. 765, A. F. & A. M. He has served therein as Worshipful Master and has zealously guarded the interests of the craft. He took the degrees of capitular Masonry in Sinai Chapter, No. 185, and those of chivalric Masonry in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, and is a worthy follower of the beauseant and a faithful companion of the chapter.

In business circles Mr. Brown is widely known and his success is well merited, fol-

lowing, as it does, painstaking effort, earnest application and careful management. He was born in New York, on the 12th of July, 1857, and is indebted to its public schools for his educational privileges. He entered upon his business career as a railroad employee and in 1880 came to Chicago, since which time he has been a resident of this city. He followed railroading until 1892, and then turned his attention to merchandising, also engaging in the insurance and collecting business. On the 1st of July, 1897, he was elected secretary of the Banner Brewing Company and is now thus connected with the industry. He was married in February, 1892, to Miss Nettie E. Brown, who was born in Pennsylvania and was reared in Portsmouth, Ohio.

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**L**OUIS F. SHANE, one of the most efficient and capable members of the Chicago police force, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Siloam Lodge, No. 780, and in 1887 was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 124. He has also taken the degrees of chivalric Masonry in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, and by reason of his affiliation therewith was received into the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Shane is a native of the Empire state, his birth occurring in Rochester, on the 31st of August, 1855. His grandparents were among the first settlers of that city, and our subject was born in the ancestral home, where also occurred the birth of his father. The family has always been noted for its patriotism and has been represented in the wars of the country, the grandfather having served in the war of 1812, while the father participated in the struggle which preserved the Union.

Louis F. Shane learned the carpenter's trade in early life and for some time followed contracting. In 1871 he removed to Chicago, where he has since made his home.

In 1884 he became connected with the police force, where his service has since been continuous, and this fact speaks more forcibly than any words can do of his fidelity and capability. Mr. Shane is a broad-minded, progressive American citizen who keeps thoroughly abreast with the times and is well informed on the leading topics and questions of the day. He delights in antiquities and among his treasured possessions of this character are the firearms which were carried by his father and grandfather in the respective wars in which they served.

On the 4th of February, 1880, Mr. Shane was united in marriage to Miss Louise Oswaldt, a native of Lyons, New York, who was born in the same house where her father first opened his eyes to the light of day. Their family now numbers three daughters, Mabel, Myrtle and Gertrude. Mr. Shane is a pleasant, affable and courteous gentleman, well qualified by nature for the duties of his present position, and realizing fully the trust reposed in him he meets every obligation in a most commendable manner.

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**A**LBERT G. DUTTON.—The prosperous and flourishing condition of Freemasonry to-day is a consequent result of the energy, faithfulness, fidelity and enthusiasm of its adherents, whose devotion to its interests have placed it in a position of independence, broadened its scope of action, and increased its possibilities for doing the greatest good to the greatest number. In Chicago the lodges are weekly receiving fresh recruits and the already large membership is ever being reinforced by those who desire to become affiliated with the order. An energetic brother who for the past seven years has been devoted to the best interests of the fraternity and an enthusiastic devotee of its workings, is Albert G. Dutton, a lieutenant of the Chicago police. He became a member of Pleiades Lodge, No. 478, A. F. & A. M., in 1890; is a member of Wiley M. Egan Chapter; of Chicago Commandery, No. 19, and

of the Oriental Consistory, Scottish Rite. He is also connected with the social branch of the craft, and is a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple.

Lieutenant Dutton was born in Candice, New Hampshire, on the 5th of April, 1858, and passed his youth in the city of his nativity, acquiring his literary education in the public schools, which he left at the age of seventeen and went to Providence, Rhode Island, there engaging in mercantile pursuits. In 1877 he moved to Chicago and was variously employed until 1879, when he received an appointment on the police force, and for nearly twenty years has been a guardian of the peace, faithfully serving the public and proving himself to be a competent, efficient officer. His excellent conduct and the good work performed by him gained for him the attention of his superiors, and he was gradually promoted through the different grades until attaining the position of captain in June, 1895, but with the advent of Carter H. Harrison's administration in 1897, owing to political complications, he was reduced to the rank of lieutenant. Capable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, faithful to every trust reposed in him and bringing to his office a high order of intelligence, Lieutenant Dutton is an exemplification of the material chosen to represent law and order and which has gained for Chicago the reputation of being one of the most thoroughly equipped cities, as regards its police, in the world.

The marriage of Lieutenant Dutton was solemnized on the 10th of September, 1884, when he was united to Miss Ida Eberle, a daughter of W. H. Eberle.

**F**RED D. PARKER is a member of Wright's Grove Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in which he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1892. His loyalty to Masonic principles has won him the esteem of his brethren and gained him a place among the representative members of the

fraternity. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias society.

A native of the Green Mountain state, Mr. Parker was born in Brandon, on the 25th of November, 1854, and lived there until ten years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Chicago, where he was reared to manhood and acquired his education in the public schools. After laying aside his textbooks he became a locomotive engineer and for some years was connected with the Michigan Central and the Wabash Railroads in that capacity. In 1886 he obtained the appointment of chief engineer of the Lake View pumping station and has since served in that place, his long continued term well indicating his efficiency and the competent manner in which he meets every duty devolving upon him. He thoroughly understands his business and has the confidence of those who employ him and respect of those who work under him.

On the 8th of December, 1881, occurred the marriage of Mr. Parker and Miss Catharine Lynch, who was born in Michigan City. They now have a daughter and son, —Madaline and Nathan.

**J**AMES BEAUMONT, who is now serving as Worshipful Master of Wright's Grove Lodge, was made a member of the fraternity in 1893, when he took the three fundamental degrees of the order in that organization. He is a conscientious Mason, who earnestly desires to live up to the principles of the order and does all in his power to promote the cause. His fidelity to its interest won him recognition at the hands of his fellow craftsmen, who in December, 1896, elected him to the office which he is now acceptably and creditably filling.

Mr. Beaumont was born in Scotland, on the 5th of January, 1851, and attended the public schools of that country until eighteen years of age, when he went to England and studied engineering. In 1871 he resolved to try his fortune in America, and crossing the Atlantic took up his residence in Massa-

chusetts, but after a short time went to California, where he remained until going to the Black Hills of Dakota. There he lived for two years, from which time until 1886 he was on the plains of the west and became an expert hunter. He followed that pursuit in chase of buffalo and other wild game and was an almost unerring marksman. At length he abandoned that life and came to Chicago, in 1886. The following year he secured the position of assistant engineer of the Lakeview pumping station and has since served in that capacity. He is a competent engineer, reliable and faithful in the discharge of every duty, and in his ten years' service there has given most excellent satisfaction.

In 1886 Mr. Beaumont was united in marriage to Miss Jane Middleton, a native of England, and they now have two sons, James and George.

**A**LBERT MOHR, whose advancement in Masonry has brought him to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, became identified with the order in Harbor Lodge, No. 731, A. F. & A. M., with which he is still affiliated. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Sinai Chapter, No. 185, and in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 19, was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight. In 1896 he received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. He maintains social relations with his brethren of the craft through his membership in Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and in all these bodies has won many friends by his fidelity to Masonic principles and his faithfulness to manly virtues.

Mr. Mohr was born in Chicago August 25, 1860, and spent his boyhood after the manner of most lads of the period. He pursued his studies in the public schools and later learned the boiler-maker's trade, under the careful instruction of his father, who was an expert in that line and was for

many years vice-president of the Excelsior Iron Works, but severed that connection in 1885 in order to establish the boiler works conducted under the firm name of John Mohr & Sons. In 1893 our subject was appointed manager of the South Chicago branch of the works, and in the discharge of his duties has shown himself the right man in the right place. He is very capable, with good business qualifications and is popular with the trade.

Mr. Mohr was united in marriage June 3, 1896, to Miss Emily A. Sutton, who was born in England but was reared in Chicago. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mohr were members of Windsor Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of which she is Worthy Matron.

**J**OSEPH MOHR has advanced through the various degrees of Masonry until he has reached the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. In Covenant Lodge, No. 526, he first was made acquainted with the esoteric doctrines of the fraternity, and having taken the three degrees in that organization, he crossed the threshold into capitular Masonry, where are revealed the beautiful and historic legends of the past, being exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69. In St. Bernard Commandery, No. 19, he was knighted, and in Oriental Consistory he took the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and is loyal and true in his Masonic affiliations, faithfully upholding the standards as a worthy exemplar of its teachings.

Mr. Mohr, as one of Chicago's native sons and early settlers, has long been identified with the interests of the city and has a wide acquaintance here. His parents established a home here when the metropolis was an embryo city, and he was born April 3, 1855. His childhood days were unmarked by any event of special importance, being occupied with study, work and youth-

ful pleasures. He entered upon his business career by learning the boiler-maker's trade and subsequently became foreman in the Excelsior Iron Works, of which his father was vice-president. In 1882 the firm of John Mohr & Son was formed and has since done a successful business, with a constantly increasing trade, which has brought to them a good income. Mr. Mohr, of this review, is virtually the manager of the enterprise, and is a very competent business man, of excellent executive ability and undaunted perseverance. He is popular among the employees of the foundry and with all he meets in business circles, and well merits his success by reason of his straightforward dealing, his well-directed efforts and his unflinching industry.

**C**HARLES R. HORRIE.—A man's successful career is the consequent result of either fortuitous circumstances or of personal endeavor guided by intelligence, integrity and an honorable purpose in attaining his aim in life. If the former be the case then no credit attaches itself to his success; but if the latter obtains, he is deserving of the praise and consideration of his fellow men and merits the warm approbation he receives and which is his just due. The brother whose name initiates this review may most appropriately be included in the last named class and is enjoying the prosperity which has attended his early efforts. He is also a valued member of the Masonic fraternity, the primary degrees being conferred upon him in Blair Lodge, No. 393, in 1893. He is a worthy follower of caputular Masonry, having been exalted to the august degree of Holy Royal Arch in Washington Chapter, No. 43, in 1896, and he received the grades and orders of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, wherein he attained the thirty-second degree and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in 1894. He has accomplished a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert and elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine

in Medinah Temple. His other social affiliation is with the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Horrie was born in Morris, Illinois, on the 5th of January, 1870, and was there reared, receiving his elementary educational discipline in the public schools until fifteen years old, when, in 1885, he moved to Chicago and inaugurated his business career by becoming a correspondence clerk, relinquishing that position to engage as a traveling salesman, and continued as such until 1894, when he settled permanently in Chicago and embarked in the general merchandise business, which he has ever since continued to follow.

The marriage of Mr. Horrie was celebrated on the 11th of October, 1896, on which occasion he was united to Miss Margaret Driver, a native of the Dominion of Canada.

**W**ILLIAM LEWIS TALLMAN, M. D., of Chicago, first became acquainted with the esoteric doctrines of the Masonic fraternity in Mineral Point Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, and in Mineral Point Chapter, No. 12, he took the Royal Arch degrees. He has also been created a Knight of the Temple in Mineral Point Commandery, and his affiliations in Chicago connected him with Oriental Consistory and the Mystic Shrine. In 1894 he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and in Medinah Temple he crossed the sands of the desert and became a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.

Dr. Tallman was born in Tully, Onondaga county, New York, and spent his early life there, acquiring his elementary education in the public schools. Later he entered the University of the state of New York and was graduated with the class of 1878. Having developed a taste of the science of medicine he determined to prepare for its practice as a life work and to this end matriculated in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, where he was graduated with the class of 1881. He received



the appointment of surgeon for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in the northwest, with headquarters in Milwaukee, and remained in that position for ten years. In 1890 he visited Europe, where he further perfected himself in his chosen calling by pursuing special courses of study in London, Paris and Berlin. Upon his return to his native land he located in Chicago in 1891 and has since been successfully engaged in the active practice of his profession. His office is in the Saratoga Hotel, of which he is the house physician, and he numbers among his patrons many of the guests from sixteen hotels of the city, his services being in great demand.

**C**HRISTIAN MUTH.—The German element in America has contributed not a little to the mercantile interests of this country, the well-known personal qualities of the native of that empire—diligence, perseverance, frugality and conservative methods in whatever line of business he may follow, inspiring the greatest confidence in those with whom he has dealings in commercial circles. Hereditary industry is the birthright of every male child born in the fatherland, and, whether he pursues his career in the land of his birth or seeks his fortune upon the soil of foreign shores, he still retains that characteristic. Born in Germany on the 2d of October, 1850, Mr. Muth was reared and educated in the public schools of his native place, until 1864, when he came to the United States and located in Chicago, and here became an apprentice in architectural-iron manufacturing, serving in that capacity for seven years, when, in 1871, he engaged in business upon his own responsibility. This was the year of the great fire in the Garden City, when thousands of homes and millions of dollars were ruthlessly destroyed by the all-devouring flames, and among those who lost everything he possessed was Mr. Muth. Nothing daunted, however, by this experience, he arose, Phoenix-like, and labored hard, until 1874,

when, in company with a partner, he once more embarked in business, but through the mismanagement of his partner he once more lost the hard-earned savings of years. Nevertheless, true to his nature, Mr. Muth pluckily entered the arena of human endeavor for the third time, and in 1879 he established the business with which he is connected at the present time, meeting finally with the merited success so long denied him, and is now enjoying the prosperity that is the logical result of perseverance, applied industry and honesty of purpose.

In 1888 Mr. Muth took upon himself the vows of the blue lodge and became warmly interested in the precepts contained therein, having conferred on him the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in William B. Warren Lodge, No. 209. In the Scottish Rite he attained to the ineffable lodge of perfection and in 1893 received the thirty-second degree in Oriental Consistory, wherein he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. After accomplishing a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert he was elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. Although of a retiring disposition, Mr. Muth is a liberal "frater" in his lodge, never letting his left hand know what his right hand is doing, and is ever ready to contribute of both his time and means to facilitate the advancement of the fraternity. Our subject is a representative citizen of the western metropolis,—a man who has surmounted difficulties that would have disheartened thousands of others, whose name is a synonym of honor, probity and integrity, and whose daily life exemplifies the teachings and principles of Freemasonry.

The marriage of Mr. Muth was celebrated on the 12th of May, 1872, when he was united to Miss Minnie Siegmund, who was born in Germany, but, coming to this country when quite young, was here reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Muth have two children, Henry J. A. and Minnie E.

JACOB H. ZEIS.—The field of Masonry is the world: its objects touch all mankind. Although it has lived through ages of dim uncertainty, during which time empires have been crushed, thrones have crumbled and dynasties have fallen, gone through vicissitudes, wars and revolutions, and has witnessed the rise and growth of all the civilized institutions now on the face of the earth, yet its eye is not dim nor its strength failing. It has no known alpha and its omega will be only when is sounded the dirge of time. Is it then strange that the imperial and imperishable institution continues ever to maintain as its own the support and faithful devotion of those who have cognizance of the deeper humanitarian principles of life and who have a distinct appreciation of the cordial virtues and exalted admonitions to which it grants apotheosis? Among those citizens of the western metropolis who have been constant and faithful and earnest in their allegiance to the great and time-honored fraternity and to its teachings, the subject of this review must assuredly be classed, and for this reason it is eminently fitting that at least a brief record of his life and Masonic career be incorporated in this connection.

Mr. Zeis, who is principal of the Kershaw school, on Union avenue, near West Sixty-fourth street, in the Englewood district of Chicago, on the 13th of March, 1885, became an Entered Apprentice in Triluminar Lodge, No. 767, A. F. & A. M., in which he was raised to the degree of Master Mason on the 5th of February, 1886. He passed to the capitular degrees in 1891, being exalted to the Royal Arch in Englewood Chapter, No. 176, January 24; and within the same year he received the grades of knighthood in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templar, attaining the Red Cross degree on October 10th of that year. He was dimitted from his original lodge and chapter, and is now affiliated with Normal Park Lodge, No. 797, and Normal Park Chapter, No. 210, his commandery membership remaining unchanged. He is Past Master of his lodge, to which office he was

exalted in 1893, and he served for two years as Prelate of his commandery, of which he is at present Junior Warden (1897). There are certain points of peculiar interest in connection with Mr. Zeis' Masonic career, and it is appropriate that mention be made of one or more of the most salient. In June, 1893, as Master of Normal Park Lodge, it was his privilege to confer the Master Mason's degree upon his younger brother, Oliver M., and on this occasion their father, Lewis Zeis, was present as an honored guest and a patriarch of the order. In passing it may be said that the death of the venerable father occurred on the 25th of November, 1894, while he was visiting his sons in Chicago. On his last night of service as Master of Normal Park Lodge, that body, in token of their esteem and appreciation of his fidelity, presented Mr. Zeis with a beautiful Masonic emblem,—a Past Master's jewel,—elaborately set with precious stones. He has not only maintained an abiding interest in the order itself, but has been zealous in supporting collateral charities and benevolences, a worthy exemplar of Masonic teachings in thought, word and deed.

Mr. Zeis claims the Buckeye state as the place of his nativity, his birth having occurred at Fort Seneca, Ohio, on the 24th of January, 1860. He was but one year of age at the time of his parents' removal to Allen county, Indiana, and his preliminary educational discipline was received in the public schools of Valparaiso, that state, where he completed the high-school course and graduated as a member of the class of 1879. He had determined to adopt the legal profession as a vocation, and with this end in view completed the prescribed course of study in the Chicago College of Law, where he graduated in June, 1893, securing his degree and being admitted to the bar one year later. He had taken up his residence in Chicago in 1883 and had devoted his attention consecutively to educational work, pursuing his course of study at the law college in the evenings. His eminent success in pedagogic work has been such

that he has found it expedient to continue in the same instead of practicing his profession, and his high scholarship and marked executive powers could not but conserve his precedence in either field of endeavor.

His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Pilgrim Congregational church in Englewood.

On Christmas day, 1880, Mr. Zeis was united in marriage to Miss Etta M. Blake, a native of Alcona county, Michigan, and her death occurred on the 12th of the following April, 1881. In April, 1884, Mr. Zeis consummated a second marriage, being then united to Miss Elizabeth Gunn, of Paris, Illinois. They are well known and enjoy a distinguished popularity in the representative social circles of Englewood.

**J**OHAN G. McLAREN, a zealous and industrious brother whose ready hand and willing heart are ever at the service of the fraternity, and who has always evinced a strong interest in the bodies of which he is a member, was made a Master Mason in Mystic Star Lodge, No. 758, in 1889; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Delta Chapter, No. 141, in 1891; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Temple Council, No. 59, in the same year; and in 1892 was constituted and created a Sir Knight in Englewood Commandery, No. 59. He is a Past Master of his lodge, having been elected to that honorable office in 1895, and has served as Royal Arch Captain in the chapter, filling those positions with a high degree of intelligence, ability and circumspection that won for him the highest respect and brotherly love of his fellow Masons. He is a Noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and both he and his wife are members of Olive Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. McLaren is a native of Canada, his birth having occurred in Toronto September 10, 1857, and there he was reared and educated, attending the public schools for

a while, subsequently learning the machinist's trade in shops of the Great Western Railroad. In 1882 he went to Toledo, Ohio, where he remained for a while, and in 1885 he came to Chicago and entered the shops of the Lake Erie & Western railroad, his natural ability and close attention to his work winning for him promotion to the position of foreman of the roundhouse, which position he at present holds. He is an expert mechanic, thoroughly versed in the details of his trade, and is held in high esteem by his superiors as well as his subordinates.

On October 15, 1894, Mr. McLaren was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Cranston Gravell, who was born in New York.

**L**EWIS G. CRAWFORD, whose activity in Masonic work indicates his fidelity to the principles of the order, was made a Mason in Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, A. F. & A. M. He took the degrees of capitular Masonry in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, R. A. M., and in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight. In Oriental Consistory he took the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite and became a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. In Medinah Temple he became associated with the Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. He has many friends in Masonic circles and is well worthy of the esteem of his brethren of the craft.

His life record cannot fail to prove of interest to our readers as one which typifies the principles of faithfulness to duty and honor in all the relations of life, which form the basis of much of Masonry. He was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania, on the 3d of March, 1864, and was reared and educated there. He entered upon his business career as an employee of an oil company and removed from Franklin to Emlenton, Pennsylvania, where he remained until coming to Chicago in 1889. The same year he turned his attention to the electrical business and perfected himself in the work of electrical en-

gineering until he was able to command an excellent position in that line. He is now superintendent of repairs for the General Electric Company, and has served in that capacity for the past five years, his capability and fidelity winning the unqualified confidence of the house and making his services particularly valuable to his employers. He has studied closely in the line of his business and has gained therein an efficiency that has made him a recognized leader in his line.

On the 5th of May, 1888, was celebrated the marriage which united the destinies of Mr. Crawford and Miss Ella Maitland, a native of Pennsylvania. During their residence in Chicago they have made many warm friends who regard them highly.

**G**EORGE WASHINGTON AMSDEN is well known in Masonic circles, having been quite prominent in the work of the fraternity, which in its splendid development has kept pace with civilization. It has shed light in many of the dark places of the earth, dispelled the gloom in many a home and the bitterness in many a heart. On its banners are the ennobling and inspiring words of God, Liberty and the Brotherhood of Man. The oppressors of the race, either spiritually, physically or mentally, have trembled before the force of that little ensign, and the great army of Masons in every land and clime have marched forward, constantly adding new recruits to their numbers, strengthening their power and winning glorious victories over oppression, bigotry, superstition and sin.

Mr. Amsden, of Litchfield, belongs to the mighty host in Illinois that, bound together in the ties of brotherhood, is advancing the work begun many centuries ago in Jerusalem. He holds membership in Charter Oak Lodge, No. 236, A. F. & A. M., in which body the three primary degrees of Masonry were conferred upon him. He still affiliates therewith and was honored by his fellow members of the craft by an

election to the office of Worshipful Master. He took the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Excellent Master in Elliott Chapter, No. 120, and was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason there. In the work of capitular Masonry he has also been earnest and has served as High Priest. He was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in St. Omar Commandery, No. 30, and has been especially active in this body. He has served as Eminent Commander and has attended the conclaves in Chicago, Baltimore, Washington, Boston and two in St. Louis.

Mr. Amsden is a native of New York, his birth having occurred in Gowanda, on the 13th of May, 1842. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, and in 1857 when fifteen years of age, he came to Litchfield, Illinois, where he has since made his home. In his youth he learned the machinist's trade and became an expert in that line, thoroughly mastering the business in every detail. At the time of the organization of the Litchfield Car & Machine Company he became one of its principal stockholders, was elected one of its directors and has since been active in the management of what has proved a very profitable enterprise, controlling a constantly-increasing business. His well-conducted business interests have brought him a handsome competence, and as his financial resources have increased he has invested in mineral lands near Emporia, Kansas, and now has considerable realty of that description. He also owns a fine residence property in Litchfield.

During the Civil war Mr. Amsden responded to the first call for troops to aid in the preservation of the Union. Hardly had the smoke from Fort Sumter's guns cleared away when he loyally offered his services to the government and joined the "boys in blue" of Company D, Seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he served three months. He then re-enlisted in the United States navy, remaining in the service until November 12, 1865, when, the war having ended, he was honorably discharged. He

was then with the Mississippi squadron and held the position of first engineer on a number of vessels.

Mr. Amsden has led a busy and useful life and by his own well-directed efforts, perseverance and enterprise has won a comfortable competence. For the past six years he has lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He is highly esteemed as a man and a Mason, and is well worthy of mention in the record of the fraternity in Illinois.

**W**ILLIAM G. BARNES, a prominent citizen of Lena, Illinois, and the present Worshipful Master of Lena Lodge, has been a zealous and greatly appreciated brother in his home lodge and is one of the enthusiastic, indefatigable Masons who have so liberally contributed of their time and talent to the growth and prosperity of the fraternity throughout the state. He received the primary degrees and was raised to that of a Master Mason in Lena Lodge, No. 174, in 1884, and in the same year he was exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Lena Chapter, No. 105. He would have advanced still further in the order, but it was not possible, as the two bodies above mentioned constitute the only ones in Lena. In the blue lodge Mr. Barnes has served as Junior Warden one year, Senior Warden two years, and in 1897 he was elected Worshipful Master. In the chapter he has been Master of the Third Veil, Master of the Second Veil, and is at present holding the office of Royal Arch Captain. He is a devoted, energetic "frater," who not only confines his work to the home lodge, but also accompanies the floor team to adjacent towns, exemplifying the labors there and in this manner rendering valuable assistance to neighboring bodies, thereby winning the gratitude and esteem of his *confreres* for the generous, fraternal spirit evinced in all his actions.

Born in Winchester, Scott county, Illinois, on October 14, 1841, Mr. Barnes is of Prussian ancestry, his father, Charles C.

Barnes, having been a native of that country. The latter left his home at the age of fourteen years, and, having a predilection for a sailor's life, spent five years on the sea, subsequently coming to the United States and settling in Illinois, where he was married to Miss Minerva Gaither, and then for several years followed the trade of cabinet-maker, but later in life took up the vocation of farming, and now, at the age of seventy-nine years, he has retired and is enjoying the reward of his early labors and a life well spent. Mrs. Barnes was called to her eternal rest in 1857. Five children were born to this couple, of whom our brother was the eldest and was reared at Galena, attending the public schools until attaining his thirteenth year, when his parents moved to a farm near Lena, and the rest of his life may be said to have been practically spent in that town.

In answer to President Lincoln's call for three-months volunteers to assist in quelling the Rebellion, Mr. Barnes enlisted in April, 1861, in Company G, Fifteenth Illinois Infantry, which, on May 24 following, was enrolled in the three-years service, and at the expiration of that period our subject re-enlisted, serving throughout the whole of the Grant and Sherman campaigns in the west and participating in all the battles with his regiment. Mr. Barnes' military record is somewhat out of the ordinary in that he experienced a great deal of hard fighting and long tedious marching, but was never off duty one day on account of sickness, never received a wound of any kind, and was never promoted. While guarding the railroad near Atlanta he was captured and spent six weeks among the horrors of Andersonville prison, from which he escaped by giving his watch to a Confederate sergeant for the privilege of assuming the name of a fellow prisoner who had obtained a parole but who had died before receiving it. By taking his dead comrade's name and parole he was allowed outside and shortly after gained his liberty, returning to his regiment at Raleigh and marching with it to Washington, where it took part

in the grand review, which by a singular co-incidence, occurred on May 24, just four years after his company had enlisted in the three-years service. Later the regiment was sent to St. Louis, Missouri, and then to the frontier, to look after the Indians. Mr. Barnes was mustered out in September, 1865, having served continuously for four years and five months, in which time he had enlisted on three separate occasions. He prefers to say little about his gallant war record, although his many narrow escapes and thrilling adventures would furnish the material for a very interesting history. All honor is due him as a citizen, a soldier, and a Mason, and too much praise cannot be bestowed upon those who thus faithfully perform their duty in every walk in life.

For the past thirty years Mr. Barnes has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he has lately combined with the stock business, and is the owner of two hundred and eleven acres of finely improved land near Lena, besides a commodious residence in town. In his political faith he is a Republican and takes an active interest in public affairs; has served as a member of the Lena board of trustees, the school board, and at this writing is deputy sheriff of Stephenson county, in which positions he has served in an able, intelligent manner.

On July 3, 1866, Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Minerva Ann Feruson, the issue of this union being the following three children: Charles Myron, Ina Mable and Fred. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are both members of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she holds an office. She is an adherent of the Methodist church, and with her husband has earned the high esteem in which they are held by all who know them.

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**J**AMES CARR.—There is perhaps no better or more favorably known Mason in the state of Illinois than the brother whose name initiates this review, and who

for over twenty-five years has been an ardent believer in the principles of the order, accepting its tenets, squaring his life by the twenty-four-inch gauge, and proving himself an excellent exemplification of a generous, honorable, upright "frater." He was made a Master Mason in Apple River Lodge, No. 548, in 1869, and at once became an active and useful member of that body, serving as its Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and for five years as Worshipful Master. He was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch on December 9, 1873, in Galena Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M.; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, February 19, 1874, and was constituted a Sir Knight in Galena Commandery, No. 40, on February 24, 1874. Such has been his enthusiasm that he has not hesitated to attend the meetings regularly, although to do so he has been obliged to journey from his home at Scales Mound to Galena; and such is his loyalty to the cause that he has won the high consideration and fraternal regard of all the members in the bodies with which he is affiliated.

Mr. Carr is a native of county Antrim, Ireland, where his birth occurred on October 26, 1846, his parents being John and Martha (McFaddin) Carr, both of whom were born in the north of Ireland. When our subject was one year old his father and mother emigrated to the United States and located in New York city, where his primary education was attained until 1859, when he went with his parents to Jo Daviess county and there continued his mental discipline in the public schools, occupying his spare time by assisting his father with the farm work. In the spring of 1864, Mr. Carr determined to seek his fortunes farther west and went to Virginia City, Montana, later removing to Last Chance, now the thriving city of Helena, and finally to Carpenter's Bar, at each of which he engaged in placer mining, meeting with the success that is sure to follow perseverance, industry and the practice of strict integrity. All of these qualities of character were possessed by Mr. Carr, and after two and a half years spent

in the then new country he returned to Jo Daviess county, bringing with him enough gold to launch him upon the successful business career which he has since continued to follow. His first transaction was the purchase of three hundred acres of his present farm, to which he subsequently added two hundred acres, and now has one of the finest places in the county, comprising five hundred acres of well cultivated land, on which he raises a choice lot of stock, disposing of the same to the eastern markets.

In 1867 Mr. Carr was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Mullen, and the following seven children have been born to them: Matilda, James R., Henry, Harvey, Wilber, Edgar and M. Brown. Mr. Carr and his family are highly esteemed by the residents of the county in which they have so long resided and our brother is spoken of in the neighborhood as a man possessing a generous disposition and a kind heart, always ready to render assistance in cases of sickness and death, and ever ready to extend a helping hand to those in distress.

Politically considered Mr. Carr has been an active Democrat for many years, and was chairman of the board of supervisors of his county for five years, was nominated and elected a member of the thirty-fifth assembly of the state, and during the presidential campaign of 1896 he was chairman of the sound-money Democratic committee of his county. Mr. Carr is a man of marked intelligence and ability, and has met with well-merited success. As both a citizen and a Mason he enjoys the good will and regard of all who know him.

**W** W. LOW.—The events of one day become the history of the next and in the flight of years only the record remains of those things which have influenced mankind either for good or evil. The forces which have impelled mankind to the performance of deeds that have exercised a controlling influence upon nations or races are those which find a place upon the annals of the world. Such a force is

Masonry. For centuries time has continued on its course to eternity while this benevolent and noble organization has won to it thousands of adherents who incited by its honorable principles have lived better truer lives. A good man is a better man for being a Mason, and though some may enter the fraternity who are unworthy to wear the noble name of Mason the majority of the followers of this order are of that class that make the best citizens, the most progressive business men and the most earnest workers in behalf of the measures tending to the betterment of mankind. Since 1890 Mr. Low has been identified with the society, having been made a Mason in Landmark Lodge, No. 422, A. F. & A. M. He further learned of the symbolic teachings by his association with Fairview Chapter, No. 161, in which he was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in 1890. He took the vows of Knighthood and became a faithful follower of the beauregant in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1894. and in the growth and progress of all these societies is deeply and loyally interested. He is esteemed as a worthy and acceptable member of the craft and has the warm regard of his brethren.

Mr. Low is a native of Michigan, his birth having occurred in Flint, October 24, 1858. He was reared and educated there and when he put aside his textbooks to learn the more difficult lessons in the school of experience, the tasks assigned him were those of an employee in a carriage manufacturing establishment. He thoroughly applied himself to the work and soon mastered the business in all its details. Subsequently he became deeply interested in electrical work and sought employment in that line, with which he has been connected since 1883. He came to Chicago in 1886 and has steadily worked his way upward in business circles until he is now president of the Electrical Appliances Company, which owing to his methods of business has a most enviable reputation for reliability as well as efficient workmanship. The history of Mr. Low is indicative of the oppor-

tunities open to young men who will but take advantage of all these, and by energy, perseverance and good management steadily rise above lowly beginnings to positions of prominence in the world of trade. The company of which he is now the head is enjoying a liberal and constantly increasing patronage and he has the respect and confidence of the trade in an unusual degree.

**A**LONZO M. EAGER is accounted one of Chicago's worthy Masons and the vigilance with which he guards the ancient landmarks, upholds the tenets of faith in the chapter, observes the vows of knighthood, advances the objects of the Scottish Rite and above all adheres to the principles of benevolence and fraternity which form the basic elements of this grand old fraternity, make him indeed one of the valued members of the craft in this city. He was first initiated into the esoteric doctrines of Masonry in August, 1884, as an Entered Apprentice of Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, and having passed the Fellow-craft degree he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in the month of August. His advancement through the various degrees and different bodies of the society has been very rapid for within eighteen months after joining the organization he had completed the York Rite and attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in LaFayette Chapter, No. 2, in 1884, in the same year took the Royal and Select Master degrees in Palestine Council, No. 66, and was knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and received the ineffable degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. The organization formed to promote social relations between the brethren of the craft also won his support and in 1885 he joined Medinah Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In 1894 he served as Worshipful Master of the blue lodge. Of the teachings and ethics of Masonry in all departments he

is a close student and his life and good works are in accord with the sublime principles of this magnanimous order.

Mr. Eager was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, on the 6th of July, 1853, and obtained his education in the public schools of his native state. He learned the trade of horseshoeing under the direction of his father and became an expert workman in that line. Coming to Chicago he here established a smithy and has built up a good trade which is steadily increasing.

Mr. Eager was united in marriage on the 3d of July, 1881, to Miss Hattie B. Cowen. Both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, their membership being in Miriam Chapter, No. 1, of which Mrs. Eager has been Worthy Matron and Mr. Eager Worthy Patron.

**J**OHAN PETRIE, contractor and builder of Chicago, Illinois, is a man of large means and extensive operations, and has for over three decades been closely connected with the business interests of this city; and while he has devoted his attention closely to the demands of his business, he has during the past ten years found time to turn aside from business cares and seek that recreation and profit which is obtained only in the Masonic lodge-room. The particular line of occupation which he has followed through life renders him capable of keenly appreciating the beauties of Masonry, and from the time of his reception into the order he has been an enthusiastic and active member.

Mr. Petrie was made a Mason in Waldeck Lodge, No. 674, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago, in 1886, and at the next meeting which followed the conferring of his third degree he was honored by election to the office of Junior Steward. At each succeeding election he was given a promotion until in December, 1893, he was elected Worshipful Master, and in 1894 and 1895 he was elected his own successor. His deep interest in the order and his knowledge of the work have led to the office seeking the



man rather than the man the office, and "brotherly love, relief and truth" have been manifested in his every-day life and action as well as taught within the walls of the lodge-room. And thus he is justly entitled to the high esteem in which he is held by the members of the craft.

While he is thoroughly identified with America and her institutions, Mr. Petrie is a German by birth and early associations. He was ushered into life in Germany, July 7, 1842, and was there reared and educated, spending his first twenty-three years on his native soil. Both his father and grandfather were carpenters by occupation, and the subject of our sketch may be said to have been reared to this trade. In 1865 he left the home of his childhood to seek his fortune in America, landed here in due time and February 14, 1866, took up his abode in Chicago, then a city not to be compared to the Chicago of to-day, which has within its limits many monuments to his skill and enterprise as a contractor and builder. Mr. Petrie came to this country a poor young man. Without capital and without influential friends he has worked his way up step by step to the position he now occupies among the leading business men of this city, and to his native talent and acquired ability, his industry and perseverance, and, above all, his honorable business methods may be traced the sources of his success.

Mr. Petrie was married in September, 1865, to Miss Christina Kobbser, a native of Germany, and they have one son, John P.

**J**AMES W. ATWELL, of Chicago, to whom are delegated the duties of manager of the business interests of the wholesale house of E. V. Roddin & Company, silversmiths, has for more than thirty years worn the emblems and followed the teachings of Masonry. He has aided in the work which has secured to this fraternity the reputation of being the most useful as well as the most ancient of the benevo-

lent societies and strictly regards the ethics of the society. Those qualities which give distinctive character to Masonry finds exemplification in his life and he occupies a high place in the regard of his fellow craftsmen. In 1865 he took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in Lawton Lodge, No. 216, F. & A. M., of Lawton, Michigan, continuing his affiliation therewith until after his removal to Chicago, when he dimitted to Hesperian Lodge, No. 411, in 1875. He served as Senior Deacon in Lawton Lodge, but has never cared for official preferment, content to meet fully the obligations which Masonry imposes upon its members. He guards most carefully the ancient landmarks and is equally loyal to the different branches of the craft. He became a member of Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, R. A. M., on the 1st of December, 1875, and the same year was made a Royal and Select Master in Chicago Council. In 1880 he was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, K. T., and is now a member of its Drill Corps.

Mr. Atwell is a native of the Empire state, born in Schenectady on the 5th of April, 1842. He came to Chicago in 1860, and for some years was in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Illinois Central railroads. He followed telegraphy for some years, being stationed at various places, and was an expert operator. During the Civil war he rendered his country valuable service in the line of his profession, enlisting in January, 1862, in the United States Military Telegraph Corps. He served with the army in western Tennessee until 1864, and his duties of receiving and sending messages on which frequently depended the movements of the troops, were of a very important nature.

In 1864 Mr. Atwell returned to his work in the north and followed telegraphy until 1881, when he entered the employ of E. V. Roddin & Company, wholesale dealers in silverware. His fidelity to duty, his capability and sound judgment have continually won him promotion and he now occupies the responsible position of manager. He

now devotes his entire time and concentrates all his energies to the supervision of the business and has the heart to resolve, the understanding to direct and the hand to execute all of the various transactions which come within his province as manager. In politics Mr. Atwell is a stanch Republican, and while residing in Lawton, Michigan, served as recorder.

**G**EORGE CHAMBERS.—In the great city of Chicago a majority of the inhabitants are of foreign birth. Those who, attracted by the superior advantages offered in business lines, have come here to engage in trade and establish homes,—these valuable additions to the native population have by their industry, economy and honest methods become essential factors in the growth of the city. They have furnished representatives to almost every line of industrial, commercial and professional activity and many of the most prominent, influential and substantial citizens of Chicago are those who have left the old world to try their fortunes in the new.

To this class belongs George Chambers, for many years one of the leading contractors and builders of the western metropolis. His identification with the interests of the city have not only resulted in benefit to himself but has been of material benefit to the community. His skill has adorned its streets and many of the fine edifices now stand as monuments to his enterprise and progressiveness. He was born in England on the 28th of October, 1824, and when twenty-eight years of age sailed for America. About 1854 he came to Chicago and about a year later began contracting and building. He has kept fully abreast with the improvement that has been made in architecture and not only builded the frame structures and unsubstantial buildings which largely composed the city prior to the fire of 1871, but has also been an important factor in the construction of the highly ornate and massive structures which make Chicago the place of beautiful residences

and fine business blocks. He took the contract for the construction of the LaSalle street tunnel, erected the Michael Reese hospital, the Unity church, which he also rebuilded, and many important business blocks in the down-town district. His success has been achieved along the lines of honorable methods, straightforward dealing, tireless purpose and resolute energy, and the prosperity which has come to him now enables him to live retired.

Mr. Chambers is married and has a family of seven children. He lives in a beautiful home in Riverside, where he is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He attends the Presbyterian church and in politics is a Republican, warmly advocating the principles of that party. He has for almost thirty years been a member of the Masonic fraternity, his identification therewith dating from 1869, when the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason were conferred upon him in Blaney Lodge, of Chicago. About 1870 he was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, and is a chapter member of St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35. As one looks back through the vista of years and sees what the Masonic fraternity has done for mankind they must accord it full recognition for its usefulness. When religious ceremonies were largely formed of persecution Masonry was teaching its followers those principles of charity, helpfulness and brotherly kindness which form the basis of all moral worth; it has been a distinctive and potent element in our modern civilization and its power is immeasurable on account of its far-reaching influences. Mr. Chambers has ever been true to its teaching and ethics and is a worthy man and Mason well deserving of mention in the history of the fraternity in Illinois.

**R**EINHOLD EICHENBERG. — The sound principles upon which the society of Freemasonry is founded have been the cause of its enduring for so many hun-

dreds of years, despite the many efforts of its enemies to overthrow it and consign it and its objects to the fate of oblivion. Rising from the ages of struggle to the majesty of its present altitude, it has every reason to glory in the triumph which has taken so long a time to attain. In these enlightened days its beauties shine forth in effulgent splendor and shed their brightness upon thousands of zealous members, among whom is the brother whose name heads this sketch.

Mr. Eichenberg had the degree of Master Mason conferred upon him in Corinthian Lodge, No. 526, in 1890, was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, in the same year, was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in 1893, and attained the ineffable degree of Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory in 1894. He was constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order, in Medinah Temple. He has ever held the order in profound respect and has taken every opportunity to advance its interests.

Germany is the native country of Mr. Eichenberg, his birth having taken place there February 25, 1869. When only three years old he was brought to the United States by his parents and eventually located in Chicago, where he secured employment with the firm of Lyon & Healy, manufacturers of and dealers in musical instruments. He remained with them until 1895, when he entered into business for himself as a commission merchant, and as such has been quite successful.

In his political affiliation Mr. Eichenberg is a staunch advocate of the Republican party, and is a firm believer in a protective tariff and a monetary system having for its basis a single standard of gold. Religiously he is a devout member of the Lutheran church.

**W**ILLIAM H. HUFFMAN, a retired agriculturist now residing in Nunda, has been affiliated with the Masonic frater-

nity for nearly half a century, and is one of the worthy brothers who has watched the growth of the order in Illinois with unabated interest. He received the initiatory degrees in the blue lodge at Crystal Lake, Illinois, in which he has served as Senior Warden. He has given all his time and attention to the workings of that body since 1850 and holds a place of honor among its members.

Mr. Huffman was born in Livingston county, New York, June 20, 1827, his parents being W. M. and Lavilla (Sears) Huffman, the former having been born in Cayuga county, New York, and the latter in Onondaga, in the same state. Mr. Huffman and a brother were soldiers in the war of 1812. He and his wife came to Illinois in 1838 and reared a family of ten children, five boys and five girls. He departed this life at the age of sixty-three, his wife surviving him until attaining four-score and four years. Our subject was eleven years old when he came to this state, and was at once put to work on the farm, attending school during the winter months. During the war he enlisted in Company D, Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years as first lieutenant. He was a brave and gallant officer and took an active part in a great number of battles. After the conflict had come to a close Mr. Huffman returned to Illinois and engaged in farming until he retired from active life and is now reaping the benefit of his early labors. Besides his farm of three hundred and seventy-eight acres he is the owner of a fine town residence.

In 1851 Mr. Huffman was married to Miss Mary Starkweather, at Nunda, New York. She is a daughter of Thomas Starkweather, who comes of English ancestry. Four children have been born to our subject and his wife: Anna, Jennie, Tyler, and Lydia, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. Huffman is a member of Nunda Post, No. 232, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he has been Commander. In politics he is a staunch Republican and held the office of justice of the peace for several years.

**E**DWARD A. GARDNER, of Paxton, is a Mason of prominence, whose connection with the order has been a period of active service in its interest. In 1887 he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Paxton Lodge, No. 416, and the following year was advanced as Mark Master, installed as Past Master, received as Most Excellent Master and exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Ford Chapter, No. 113. He took the degree of cryptic Masonry and was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Gibson Council in 1890, and in 1889 was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Mount Olivet Commandery. In 1895 he took the Scottish Rite degrees in Oriental Consistory of Chicago and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. His brethren of the fraternity have shown their appreciation of his valuable services in its behalf by electing him to various offices. He has served as Worshipful Master of the lodge, was King of the chapter and is now, 1897, serving as Eminent Commander of the commandery. He is a zealous and ardent adherent of the society and the influence of its principles shine through his acts. He who practices the mutual helpfulness, mutual forbearance, magnanimity and integrity which forms the foundation of the ancient craft is a Mason worthy of the name and such a one is the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

Professor Gardner was born in North Washington, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of December, 1861, and is a son of Samuel and Jane E. (Hill) Gardner. His maternal grandfather, Hon. Samuel Hill, served in both the state legislature and senate, and was in the government service until 1859. Very prominent and influential, he wielded a marked influence over public opinion and left the impress of his strong individuality upon the community in which he made his home. The parents of our subject were both natives of the Keystone state and were Presbyterians in religious belief. They had a family of four sons and a daughter.

Professor Gardner was reared in his na-

tive state and acquired a good education in Markle Academy, of Markle, Pennsylvania. At the age of seventeen he began teaching and has given his entire life to educational work, in which he has been very successful. He came to Paxton in 1880, but later spent four years in Kansas. He was principal of the Paxton schools for four years, was elected superintendent of the schools in 1890 for a term of four years, and in 1894 was elected county superintendent of the schools of Ford county. He is now serving in that capacity and in the discharge of his duties manifests a fidelity and displays an ability that has won him high commendation. He was elected to this office on the Republican ticket and is numbered among the most prominent members of that party in the county. Believing firmly in its principles and that the welfare of the nation will be best promoted through the adoption of its tenets, he labors earnestly for its support and is an effective worker in its behalf. In October, 1891, was celebrated the marriage of Professor Gardner and Miss Alice E. Ross, a lady of culture and intelligence, who was born, reared and educated in the Keystone state. The marriage took place in Braeburn, Pennsylvania, and has been blessed with one son, Edward Ross. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church and Professor Gardner is a member of the choir. He is deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of his adopted city and state and withholds his support from no measure calculated to prove of public benefit.

**N**ICHOLAS AUGUST SIEVERS, Worshipful Master of Cleveland Lodge, No. 211, A. F. & A. M., Chicago, Illinois, is one of the valued and honored members of this great order. He was created a Mason in the above named lodge in 1891, and in 1892 received the Royal Arch degrees in Washington Chapter, No. 43; was knighted in Chicago Commandery, No. 19; and became a member of Oriental Consistory. Also he is a Noble in the Ancient Arabic

Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. In the lodge he has filled successively every chair, is familiar with every line of the ritual, and his deep and earnest interest in the work of the order, together with his correct knowledge of the same make him one of the most popular and efficient officers who has ever filled the executive chair in Cleveland Lodge. And not only in the lodge-room does he strive to show forth the principles of Masonry, but also in his every-day life is found prevalent the spirit of the fraternity, —“Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.”

Mr. Sievers is a native of the great city in which he lives. He was ushered into life here on the 8th of December, 1862, and was reared and educated in Chicago, his early training being in the mercantile line, a business which he still follows. His record is that of a man who by his own merit has attained to a position where he commands the respect of all with whom he has business intercourse. Industry and perseverance, systematic and honorable business methods, and his native talent and acquired ability are the sources of his success and have given him a character which is above reproach.

Mr. Sievers is a man of family. He was married April 27, 1887, to Miss Antonie Rohn, a native of Chicago, and they have two sons, Lewis and August.

**J**AMES RALSTON, of the firm of Ralston & Company, cut-stone contractors, has for many years been an important factor in carrying forward the work which has made Chicago the great city it is to-day, and is recognized as one of its substantial business men; and in fraternal circles, as well as those of a business nature, he enjoys high standing, his identity with the Masonic order covering about twelve years. It was in 1884 and in Lakeside Lodge, No. 739, that Mr. Ralston was entered, passed and raised to a Master Mason. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, in 1887 and the same year

was knighted in Chevalier Bayard Commandery, No. 52. The Scottish Rite degrees were conferred upon him by Oriental Consistory, and also he is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, maintaining his membership in Medina Temple. Thus has he climbed the Masonic ladder up to the higher rounds, finding with each ascent a broader vision and a deeper interest in the principles as so beautifully exemplified. And during the years he has been connected with Masonry he has not only admired its teachings and work, but also in his life has he shown the true spirit of Masonry and reflected many of its principles in his every-day action.

Mr. Ralston is a Scotchman. He was born in the “land of hills and heather” January 7, 1836, and in his native land spent the first sixteen years of his life, emigrating at sixteen to America and locating in New York, where he served an apprenticeship to the trade of stone-cutter. In March, 1872, he came to Chicago and the same year commenced business as a member of the firm of Tait & Ralston, cut-stone contractors. The present firm of Ralston & Company was formed in 1890, with John H. Cowen as partner, both gentlemen being practical and thoroughly familiar with all the details of the business. Mr. Ralston's record is that of an industrious, honest young man who, without means or influential friends, worked his way up to a proud position among the leading business men of a great city.

He was married in 1875 to Miss Elizabeth Henderson, a native of Edinburg, Scotland.

**P**AUL ZIEMSEN.—As our fathers in the past ages served their Heavenly Father in the noble fraternity by mighty works for man's use and by the cultivation of the spirit of charity and love, so through the centuries the golden chain which binds man to man has been continued and preserved. The institution of Freemasonry has always been a co-worker with the school-house and

the church in the wonderful achievements that constitute the foundation of civilization, and it gladly joins hands with the educational forces of the nations. Through its system of symbolic and allegoric instruction it has erected an altar at whose feet have sat the wisest and best of earth and for centuries it has been perfecting a system of moral education for the upbuilding and perfection of human character. Its adherents shall walk side by side with the progress of freedom, which shall have no backward step, and march onward with the stately tread of an army not bent on carnage and pillage, but one to war on ignorance and vice and destroy the sting of idleness and venom of malice.

For nearly half a century has the subject of this review been a resident of Chicago, and for over twenty-five years has he been an honored member of the fraternity, ever evincing that fervency and zeal which characterizes the intelligent and loyal Freemason. He stands high in the ranks and is esteemed a worthy member of the order. Mr. Ziemsen was made a Mason in Germania Lodge, No. 182 in 1869, from which he was afterward dimitted in order to become affiliated with Herden Lodge, No. 669, of which he at the present time is the Worshipful Master. In 1874 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter. He takes a more than ordinary interest in Masonry and does all in his power to advance its cause, manifesting in his daily life the spirit of the fraternity and exemplifying its honorable teachings in his upright career. He is a worthy and acceptable member of the craft, ardently concerned in the workings of the lodge, in which he renders most efficient assistance, and is a stanch advocate of the quality rather than the quantity of numbers.

Mr. Ziemsen was born in Germany, December 28, 1840, and lived in his native land until ten years of age, when he came with his parents to the United States and settled in Chicago, where he has since continued to reside. After receiving a common-school education he started in life in the grocery

business, being employed by several houses until 1864, when he opened a store of his own, and has continued to march with the progress of time, until to-day, after thirty-three years of practical experience in the mercantile world, he is numbered among the most successful business men of Chicago. His record is that of a man who by his own unaided efforts has risen to his present position in life and is considered one of the solid and reliable men in his line. His career has been one of industry, perseverance and integrity, and the honorable business methods he has followed have won for him the high regard of all those who come in contact with him. Few men in the branch of commerce with which Mr. Ziemsen is connected have secured a more firm standing, or who command a larger share of public patronage, and his present success is due entirely to his natural talent and acquired ability.

In 1862 Mr. Ziemsen was united in marriage to Miss Mary Porkorney, a native of Bohemia, and they have three children: Frank, Pauline, who is the wife of Louis Richar, and Emily.

**W**ILLIAM T. RUEDY, who for sixteen years has held the position of foreman in one of the departments of the Pullman Palace Car Shops, is a prominent Mason, whose union with the order dates from 1888. In that year he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice of Palace Lodge, No. 765, passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Three years passed and he then advanced in the order to the highest degree of capitular Masonry, being exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Sinai Chapter. He became a charter member of Pullman Chapter, and has been an important factor in its upbuilding and is now serving in the high position of King. He was dubbed and created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1; in 1890, and is a worthy follower of the beauseant, ever true to the vows of knighthood. Familiar with the

work of these various organizations and thoroughly in sympathy with its beneficent principles, he exemplifies in his life its honorable teachings.

Mr. Ruedy claims Ohio as the state of his nativity, and Cleveland as his natal city. He was born on the 16th of September, 1862, and spent his youth in Ohio, coming to Chicago in 1881. Since that time he has been connected with the Pullman Palace Car Company, occupying the responsible position of foreman of one of the departments of that extensive enterprise. His thorough understanding of the business enables him to successfully direct the efforts of those who work under him and his fairness and courtesy to the workmen has won their respect and sincere regard. His fidelity to the trusts committed to his care is indicated by his sixteen years' continuous service with the corporation which tolerates no unfaithfulness. In manner he is pleasant and genial and he is very popular with a large circle of friends.

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**H**ERBERT L. WHITAKER.—However harsh and inconsiderate the every-day work of men may be, whatever are the cross purposes and rivalries incident to competition in trade, or for ambitious preference, because of personal characteristics or geographical locations; however calloused to the seeming hardness of heart or selfishness by the busy, bustling turmoil of daily contact with the stern realities of a not too sympathetic world man may become, occasion warranting it, the magic wand of sympathy makes the whole world kin in sacrificing kindness. The Masonic fraternity is based upon this truth, and for centuries it has been cultivating in the human heart that compassion which results in efforts for the alleviation of the unfortunate. We are stirred and thrilled when a vast organization goes forth on some noble mission, but no deeds are performed by them more praiseworthy than the quiet and often unnoted charities and kindnesses of the Ma-

sonic brothers who, without other hope of reward than the approval of their own consciences, continue their grand work of helpfulness to the less fortunate on the oftentimes wearisome journey of life. Every town, village and city almost in this great state has its little band of Masons who are united in a worthy effort to do away with the wrongs of life and uphold the true and the good.

One of the most exemplary members of Lawn Lodge, No. 815, A. F. & A. M., of Chicago, is Herbert L. Whitaker, who became connected with this organization in 1892. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and in December, 1895, was elected to the office of Worshipful Master, in which he served most capably and acceptably. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lawn Chapter, No. 205, on the 1st of March, 1894, and is now serving as its Secretary. His zeal and ardor for Masonry has made him one of the most valued members of these organizations and he well deserves mention in this volume.

Mr. Whitaker is a native of the Empire state, his birth having occurred in Troy, New York, October, 18, 1857, and when only two years of age was brought by his parents to Chicago, where he was reared to manhood. He acquired his education in the public schools and after learned the carpenter's trade, and still later that of the tinsmith. In 1890 he began business on his own account and is now conducting a good hardware store in Chicago Lawn; also takes contracts for metal work. He has a good trade, his reputation for honorable dealing winning him favor with the public.

Mr. Whitaker was married in 1885, the lady of his choice being Miss Ida L. Hewitt, a native of Warren county, New York, and they have two children, a son and a daughter. In connection with his other social relations Mr. Whitaker is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a man of good business habits, thoroughly

reliable, energetic and progressive and the success which has crowned his efforts is well merited.

**G**EORGE H. BEEBE.—The implements of Masonry are as stimulants to noble thoughts and high ambitions. The truths incorporated in its laws are drawn from the word of God, and stand out in bold relief against insincerity and dishonesty. The doctrine of brotherly love is spread throughout the universe by its votaries, whose aim it is to supplant vice with virtue and to weed out all that is untrue to manhood. Character building is one of the objects of Freemasonry—the construction of a beautiful soul within the edifice of clay. That it deserves the recognition, the assistance, the encouragement of every man who has the happiness of his family at heart there is not the shadow of a doubt, and once he has entered into the sacred precincts of the fraternity, his support of its principles are forever given.

George H. Beebe, the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this review, and who for over a quarter of a century has been identified with the building interests of Chicago as one of the reliable contractors, also ranks high in the Masonic fraternity and is one of its valued members. Mr. Beebe was made a Mason in Oriental Lodge, No. 33, in 1886, and exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in LaFayette Chapter, No. 2, in 1888. He was knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1890. Mr. Beebe is deeply interested in Masonry and does all in his power to promote its interests. He manifests in his daily walks in life the spirit of the fraternity and exemplifies its honorable teachings in his upright career as a worthy and justly esteemed member of the craft.

The subject of this sketch was born in Albany, New York, August 15, 1850. He was reared in his native town until ten years of age, when the family moved to Illinois and settled at Kankakee. Mr. Beebe learned the trade of a carpenter in his youth, in all

that the term “learned” implies, and became thoroughly familiar with all the details of the business. For twenty-six years he has been a resident of Chicago, in the active pursuit of the duties of his chosen calling. His record is that of a man, who, by his own unaided efforts, has worked his way up to his present position, and his thorough familiarity with all its details and the honorable business methods he has pursued have won for him the confidence of those with whom he has had dealings and secured for him a liberal patronage, which, combined with his native talents and abilities, have been the source of his success.

In 1872 Mr. Beebe was united in marriage with Miss Ida F. Vaughn, a native of Vermont. Their family consists of two daughters—Nellie and Florence.

**J**AMES JOHNSTON BELL.—The object and purpose of the Masonic fraternity is the same everywhere, and every member, however much he may differ in language or nationality, sectarian attachment or political preference, has the same rights and duties, and is in thorough unity with every Freemason throughout the world. Among the members of the lodges in Chicago no one holds the tenets and precepts of the order in greater veneration than does Dr. James J. Bell, who was initiated in Lake View Lodge, No. 774, and in 1888 was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. In 1890 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Chapter No. 177, and was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1892. He has been a faithful worker in the local bodies, as far as has been consistent with his other duties, and has won the esteem and high regard of his fellow craftsmen.

Dr. Bell is a native of Chicago, having been born in this city July 24, 1861, and received his early education in the public and high schools. Upon leaving these institutions of learning he decided to devote his life work to the practice of medicine,



and with this object in view he attended Rush Medical College, at which he was graduated in 1886. He at once began to follow his profession, and in the last ten years has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice. He is a close student, keeps well abreast of the time, and is thoroughly posted on all the details of his calling and the latest methods in dealing with difficult cases. He is bright, energetic and progressive, and his ability and quickness in seeing and appreciating all the salient points of a case inspires the greatest confidence in those who seek his assistance.

In 1888 Dr. Bell was happily married to Miss Caroline Belle Myers, a native of Mazon, Illinois, and they have three sons.

**T**HOMAS W. JOHNSTONE. — The Masonic creed is brief and all-embracing,—the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. But its far-reaching influences are immeasurable. It began at a period when tradition had not been superseded by history, and it will end only with time itself, for its basic elements are truth, and truth is eternal. The blue lodge teaches universality, its color being symbolic of the never-ending blue dome of the heavens; the “red” of the chapter signifies zeal and ardor, and these qualities have induced a faithfulness in its members that has made this the strongest of the fraternal organizations. Mr. Johnstone became a member of the Masonic order in 1871, being initiated into the esoteric doctrines of the order in Home Lodge, No. 508, F. & A. M. He is now a member of Triluminar Lodge, and has served as Senior Warden. He took the Royal Arch degrees in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, in 1888, and the same year was made a Royal and Select Master in Palestine Council. He was created a Knight Templar in Apollo Lodge, No. 1, and on the 4th of October, 1882, he became a thirty-second-degree Mason of Oriental Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. He is also a member of the Masonic

Veteran Association,—a practical outgrowth of Masonic principles, mutual helpfulness, mutual forbearances and mutual benefit. More than a quarter of a century has passed since as an Entered Apprentice he became familiar with the teachings of the order. He has almost rounded the circle of Masonry and has shaped his course in harmony with the doctrines and precepts which have been promulgated by the organization through so many centuries.

Mr. Johnstone is an American citizen by adoption, but has spent almost his entire life in the land of the free. He was born in Prince Edward Island, on the 20th of April, 1846, and at the age of three and a half years was brought to the United States. He was reared in Boston until eighteen years of age, when he came to Chicago, having since made his home in this city. His first business venture here was as a sailor on the lakes, and he was thus employed until 1861, when he entered the employ of General Torrence, and for twenty-seven years was superintendent of the real-estate interests of that gentleman. He is still engaged in the same line of business, and few men are better informed concerning Chicago real estate, its values and its possibilities.

Mr. Johnstone was married in 1872, the lady of his choice being Miss Kate S. Swan, who was born in Peterboro, England, and during her childhood was brought to Racine, Wisconsin, where she was reared. They now have one son.

**J**H. BLASS. — It is a strange but interesting fact that the little country of Palestine, now of minor importance in comparison with the countries of Europe and America, gave to the world the Christian religion and the Masonic fraternity. When deeds of cruelty were perpetrated by the followers of false gods; and even when great persecutions were inflicted in the name of religion there gleamed light from Masonic altars. The teachings of the fraternity included lessons of tolerance, for-

bearance, charity and brotherhood, and with the passing years the truth has made its way into all civilized lands, becoming a strong element in the betterment of humanity. The strength of the order is to-day greater than ever and many are its faithful followers in Chicago. Among this number is included the gentleman whose name introduces this review. Mr. Blass first became familiar with the esoteric doctrines of Masonry in Dearborn Lodge, in 1883, as an Entered Apprentice. Having passed the Fellow-craft degree he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and then took the four degrees of capitular Masonry, becoming a companion in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., in 1883. He is also a Knight Templar, having been admitted to membership in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1896.

Mr. Blass is of German birth. The fatherland has furnished to Chicago many of its most reliable citizens whose stability and energy have aided in the substantial improvement of the western metropolis. He was born on the 3d of January, 1862, and in 1871 crossed the broad Atlantic to America, then a lad of nine years. He was reared and educated in Chicago, and at the age of sixteen embarked in the dairy business, which he has since successfully followed. He is a self-made man, energetic and progressive, and has been the architect of his own fortunes.

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**J**OHAN GUTGESELL, JR.—As one progresses step by step into the inner circle of Freemasonry, he realizes that he is acquiring a symbolism intended to promote individual and social happiness, not only in his own country but also throughout the world, an object which other associations have in vain endeavored to achieve. In Illinois there are fifty thousand seekers for the light that sheds its rays for all mankind, and Chicago has her full quota of Masons, who faithfully follow the precepts of the order, none of whom are more loyal and

zealous than the brother whose name heads this review.

Mr. Gutgesell was initiated in Waubansia Lodge, No. 160, and in 1892 was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, and made a Royal and Select Master in Palestine Council, No. 2, in the same year, and in 1895 was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1. Mr. Gutgesell's general nature and his many manly qualities make him a popular member among his fellow Masons.

Born in Chicago, December 24, 1855, Mr. Gutgesell has spent all his life here, receiving his education in the public schools, after which he entered the mercantile business and for twenty years has been associated with the firm of Horner & Company, wholesale grocers. During that time he has acquired an enviable reputation as a man of integrity and honest business methods, and is one of the best known grocers in Chicago.

In 1893 Mr. Gutgesell was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Radman, a native of Indiana, and one child, Arthur John, has been born to them.

**W**ILSON H. DAVIS.—The medical profession stands pre-eminent as an advocate of humanitarian principles, and there is, as a natural sequence, a particular appropriateness in its members affiliating with the Masonic fraternity, the logical result of which is an added appreciation of the precepts of the order and a mentality more thoroughly equipped for the performance of the duties pertaining to the healing art. Dr. Davis is an earnest, consistent brother, and dates his connection with the craft from 1890, when he became initiated in Home Lodge, No. 508. In 1891 he attained the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, wherein the thirty-second degree was conferred upon him and he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. Upon accom-



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plishing a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert, the Doctor was elected a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, since which time he has maintained his membership in Medinah Temple. At the age of twenty-one he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was an active worker in that order for several years, held the position of presiding officer of Excelsior Lodge for a number of terms, and rendered valuable service in promoting its interests. He is also associated with the Order of United Workmen.

The Doctor is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Richmond, on the 25th of November, 1843, and there he resided until fifteen years of age, when he moved to Marion, that state, where he pursued his educational course, at the Marion Academy, for two years, completing it at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. Possessing a strong desire to adopt the medical profession as his life work, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and there matriculated in the Eclectic Medical Institute and followed a complete course of study in every department of medicine and surgery, graduating in February, 1865. Ambitious of gaining a practical knowledge of his profession, Dr. Davis at once entered the city hospital of Cincinnati, where for two years he served in the medical, surgical and gynaecological wards, and then, in 1867, removed to Chicago, where his ability soon gained for him a distinct prestige in medical circles, and a large and lucrative practice was built up, which he has continued to enjoy to the present time with unabated success. For over a quarter of a century has he led a busy life in the western metropolis and has been one of the most progressive and hard-working physicians in the city. He assisted in establishing the Bennett Medical College in 1869, in which, from 1873 to 1888, he occupied the chair of *materia medica* and therapeutics, his high qualifications as a teacher being promptly recognized. In 1875 he took charge of the Chicago Medical Times as its editor, and

under his skillful management the journal flourished for several years; but in 1888 he resigned both his college and editorial positions, since which time he has confined himself entirely to office practice and consultations.

Dr. Davis has attained an extensive reputation as a lecturer, and is frequently called upon to deliver discourses before societies upon scientific and popular subjects. He possesses a remarkable memory, which materially assists him in his long course of study, investigation and experimental research into the philosophy of the action of medicines; and his courses of lectures for twenty-five years, embracing the "philosophy of therapeutics," has placed him among the foremost teachers in that department and caused him to be sought after by eminent practitioners in consultations requiring skill and exactness in severe and complicated cases. These accomplishments, so readily appreciated by college faculties, were very appropriately and beautifully recognized by the officers and faculty of the Rush Medical College in May, 1895, by conferring upon him the *ad-eundem* (honorary) degree,—an honor theretofore conferred only upon distinguished medical men of European countries.

The marriage of Dr. Davis was solemnized on the 6th of December, 1882, when he was united to Miss Hattie L. George, of Waukegan, Illinois, a lady who enjoys the possession of many accomplishments and social qualities.

**B**ENJAMIN A. HALEY.—In a comparison of the relative value to mankind of the various fraternities, it is not difficult to see that Masonry holds first rank. No other organization has accomplished so much for civilization or done as much for humanity, and its power is continually growing, new members being constantly added to its ranks. Among those who have recently taken the vows to advance its principles and follow its teachings is Mr. Haley, who in 1896 was received

as an Entered Apprentice in Thomas J. Turner Lodge, No. 409, A. F. & A. M.; passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1896.

Mr. Haley is a native of Louisville, Kentucky, his birth having occurred in that city on the 25th of May, 1850. He spent the first twelve years of his life there and then removed to Missouri, living in Monroe county during the greater part of his minority. He, however, learned his trade in his native city, and on the 12th of December, 1890, came to Chicago, where he has since followed the barber's trade. For a few months he was employed by others, but in 1891 embarked in business on his own account and has since conducted well-appointed tonsorial parlors. He employs only expert workmen and from the public receives a liberal patronage, having many regular patrons who attest the high quality of his workmanship.

On the 21st of October, 1883, Mr. Haley was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Davidson, who was born in Omaha, Nebraska. They have one son, Guy C.

Mr. Haley is a gentleman of very courteous and genial manner and has won a host of friends.

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**F**RANCIS J. HILL.—Among those whose membership in the Masonic fraternity covers but a short period, but whose zeal and ardor in the work of the lodge is as efficient as that of the older members, is Mr. Hill, who, in 1893, petitioned for membership in Home Lodge, No. 508, A. F. & A. M. He was elected thereto and initiated as an Entered Apprentice. Through the progressive stages he then advanced and after having been raised to the degrees of Master Mason he familiarized himself with the principles of Chicago Chapter, No. 127, R. A. M., of which he has been a worthy companion since 1895. In the same year he joined the followers of the beauseant and is numbered among the Sir Knights of Apollo Commandery, No. 1.

Possessed of an acute sense of honor and a due regard for the feelings of others, he has never allowed maneuvering ambition to hamper him in carrying to its fullest extent that divine principle which underlies true Templarism, "recognizing the suffering man as thy neighbor, though he live at the farthest pole." The Scottish Rite also claims him among its followers, for in October, 1894, he received the grades and orders of the ineffable lodge of perfection, and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. In the blue lodge he has served as Junior Warden and has also filled the office of Warden in the commandery. He belongs to Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is a very active and interested worker in the various organizations with which he is connected.

Mr. Hill was born in Brooklyn, New York, on the 2d of February, 1866, and was reared and educated there. After leaving the school-room he learned the art of decorating glass, and removed from Brooklyn to Boston, Massachusetts, where for some years he followed his chosen vocation, during which time he has thoroughly mastered the business in all its details and became an expert workman. In 1892 he came to Chicago, where he has since made his home, and is now treasurer of the Hill Art Glass Decorative Company, which furnishes all kinds of glass decorations for houses. He is an artist in his calling and the work which he produces is exquisite enough to please the most fastidious taste. The company of which he is now treasurer is doing a good business and gradually building up a large and lucrative trade.

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**C**HARLES E. CASTLEMAN.—Charity and kindness, fidelity and benevolence are some of the things which Masonry teaches to its followers, as before them it places high ideals of pure life and noble action. Its worth to mankind cannot be overestimated. It surmounts the barriers of selfishness and ill will, and brings man into

closer relations with his fellow man and prompts him to extend the hand of assistance to his less fortunate fellow traveler on the journey of life. Of this worthy fraternity Mr. Castleman is a member, having taken the three degrees of the blue lodge in Thomas J. Turner Lodge, No. 409, A. F. & A. M., in 1876. He is now serving as Senior Steward and is regarded as one of the prominent members of the organization. In the same year he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Chicago Chapter, No. 127, and in January of the present year—1897—was created a Knight Templar. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, his membership being in Lakeside Lodge, of which he is now Chancellor Commander.

Mr. Castle was born in Utica, New York, on the 9th of May, 1850, and in his native city spent the first eight years of his life, after which he came with his parents to Chicago, where he has since made his home. With a natural predilection for mechanics he entered upon an apprenticeship in the shops of the Michigan Central Railroad, where he remained for seven years, thoroughly mastering the business in every detail. He then went upon the road as a locomotive engineer and continued with that company for fourteen years altogether. Later he accepted a position as foreman in the shops of the Illinois Central Railroad Company and subsequently served in a similar capacity for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad. On leaving that company he became engineer in the county buildings at Dunning, Illinois, and in 1894 he was appointed to his present position as engineer of the Fourteenth street pumping station. No more capable engineer could have been chosen, and with a fidelity that is above question he is discharging the responsible duties that devolve upon him. He is most careful and painstaking, and his accurate knowledge of machinery make him especially expert in his chosen calling. Advancement has come to Mr. Castleman through fidelity to duty and capability. He has worked his way

steadily upward and the success which has come to him is the reward of his own efforts.

**M**CCURDY C. NEWKIRK.—A man who is engaged in business, professional or public life becomes known to the world through that which has given him prominence in his chosen calling. Mr. Newkirk needs no introduction to the readers of this work, as the many friends and acquaintances that he has made during his career in Chicago are familiar with his merits and capabilities as a business man, a friend, and a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he is an enthusiastic worker.

Mr. Newkirk was made a Mason in South Park Lodge, No. 62, in 1894, and in the following year was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter, No. 6. In 1896 he was created a Sir Knight Templar in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35. He is deeply interested in the workings of the order and does all in his power to promote its interests, manifesting in his life the spirit of the fraternity and exemplifying its honorable teachings in his upright career, thus becoming an esteemed and acceptable member of the craft.

Mr. Newkirk is a native of Bedford, Indiana, where he was born July 24, 1863. He spent his early youth in his birthplace, pursuing his studies in the public schools until eleven years old, when he went to Vincennes, Indiana, and commenced to learn telegraphy. For many years he was employed in the capacity of telegrapher on the lines of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad. In 1887 Mr. Newkirk came to Chicago and engaged in the cigar and tobacco business, which he has conducted in a financially satisfactory manner ever since.

The record of Mr. Newkirk is that of a man who has worked his way upward, in the face of many difficulties, to his present position, by his unaided efforts, perseverance, and a determination to win

success. The honorable business methods he has pursued, combined with the excellent quality of the goods carried in his stock and the natural adaptability to his calling, have secured to him a large and profitable trade.

In 1884 the subject of this review was united in marriage to Miss Emma Robinson, who is a native of Batavia, Illinois.

**PHILIP PETRIE.**—In the responsible position which he holds as chief engineer at the pumping station, No. 206, West Harrison street, Chicago, Mr. Petrie has become well-known to many of the public men of the city as well as to a large circle of friends, by all of whom he is held in high esteem. His ability and thorough knowledge of his profession in all its details, combined with his honorable business methods, have been the chief elements in his success; and as he is still a young man there are yet higher possibilities for him in the future.

Mr. Petrie is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity and is deeply interested in the welfare of the order, doing all in his power to promote its interests and carrying out in his life the excellent principles which it inculcates. He took the degree of Master Mason in 1895 in D. C. Cregier Lodge, No. 643, was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, in 1896, and was created a Knight Templar in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in the same year.

Mr. Petrie was born in Chicago November 16, 1862, and is the son of Charles S. Petrie, also a native of Chicago, born in 1840. The latter is at the present writing secretary of the city fire department. Philip Petrie was reared and educated in his native city and learned the trade of a machinist. He steadily worked his way up, studying the various branches of his calling and perfecting himself in all the details of his work until he attained the proficiency which secured for him the position he now occupies. His record in this has been eminently satisfactory, as is attested by his length of

service, he having been in the employ of the city since June 7, 1892.

The marriage of our subject took place in 1887, when he was united to Miss Sarah E. Large, who was born in Chicago, and they have one daughter, named Gertrude Marion.

**JAMES EDWARD EVANS** is numbered among the active and zealous members of Thomas J. Turner Lodge, No. 409, A. F. & A. M. He petitioned for membership in 1891, was elected to membership, initiated as an Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He is now—1897—serving as Junior Warden and, uniting his efforts with the other officers of the lodge, does all in his power to promote its growth and advance fidelity to its principles among its members. He is well versed in its teachings and the practical work of the society is well exemplified by his charitable efforts in behalf of the brethren of the craft.

Mr. Evans is a native of England, born on the 11th of October, 1863. The first eight years of his life were there passed and in 1872 he bade adieu to the home of his early childhood, preparatory to sailing for America. Arrived in this country he located in Troy, New York, where he made his home until 1887, when he came to Chicago. Having learned the moulder's trade, in 1895 he entered the employ of the S. Obermayer Company, manufacturers of founders' supplies. Thoroughly familiar with his business in all its details, he is a competent moulder and his work is most faithfully performed. He is a favorite in the trade and has served several times as president of the local moulders' union.

In 1895 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Evans and Miss Rose Pfester, a native of Wood county, Ohio. He is a man of good business qualifications, excellent habits, of sterling worth and is a worthy representative of the time-honored fraternity in which he holds membership.



**G**EORGE W. DIXON.—If a history was written of Chicago's native sons who have attained prominence or distinction in the honorable walks of life, mention would undoubtedly be made of Mr. Dixon, who in the thirty-one years of his life has won an enviable place in business circles. He is now secretary and treasurer of the Dixon Transfer Company, which controls a large share of the business in their line. He is a man of sound judgment, of unquestioned probity, of enterprise and energy, and these qualities have brought to him a due measure of success in his undertakings. He was well equipped by a broad and liberal education for the duties that come to him, and his force of character has enabled him to conquer many of the obstacles which are continually found upon the road of success.

Mr. Dixon was born in Chicago on the 16th of September, 1866, and belongs to one of the old and prominent families of the city. He acquired his elementary education in the common schools and won the medal prize for a scholarship. He was graduated at the West Division high school with the class of 1885, and then entered the Northwestern University, of Evanston, where he was graduated in 1889. He also completed the course in the law department of the same institution in the class of 1892, and was elected president of the class which he represented before the supreme court ere he had obtained license to practice. He is a man of strong intellectual endowments and the same thoroughness that characterized his school work he has carried into his business life. His policy and methods in all trade transactions commend him to the confidence and the good will of all, and his success is justly merited.

In the rush and hurry of business life Mr. Dixon does not neglect the duties of society and citizenship, which serves to develop a well-rounded character. On the other hand he is deeply interested in the welfare of the city and has done much for its substantial progress. He is very active in church work, holding a membership in the Methodist church, and in the Sunday-

school he is now serving as superintendent. His political support is given the Republican party. He belongs to the Union League Club and the Hamilton Club, also the Chicago Athletic Association and the Chicago Tennis Club, of which he is now president. He is very fond of athletics, and has attained superior skill with the racket. Mr. Dixon is also a representative of the time-honored fraternity which had its origin before the Christian era and which has come down to us through the ages making better and brighter the lives of all who have become connected therewith. In 1895 he took the three primary degrees of Masonry in Garden City Lodge, No. 141; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter, No. 43, in 1896; attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory in the same year, and in 1897 was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery.

**J**M. DAVIDSON.—The possibility of the ideal in life is scorned by the pessimist, and indeed it would seem beyond the power of mortal man to bring about such a condition of existence. Most laudable, then, and greatly deserving of the support of mankind, are the efforts put forth by the Freemasons to attain, if not perfection, at least a state more worthy of man, whom God hath fashioned in his own image. Streater has her share of the brethren, prominent among whom is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch.

Mr. Davidson received the Master Mason degree in Streater Lodge, No. 607, of which he was Worshipful Master for two years; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Streater Chapter, No. 168, and was Principal Sojourner in that body; took the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Streater Council, No. 73, in which he held the chair of Conductor, and was created a Knight Templar in Ottawa Commandery, No. 10. Mr. Davidson has been

very active in the bodies of which he is a member, and was representative to the Grand Lodge for three years.

The native city of Mr. Davidson is Guysboro, Nova Scotia, where he was born January 20, 1844. He was sent to acquire his early education in the public schools of Canada, and later to Webster Academy, in the state of New York, after leaving which he began to learn the carpenter's trade in Polo, Ogle county, Illinois, in 1866, where he served a full apprenticeship. In 1873 he came to Streator and here followed carpentering until 1876, when he extended his business and engaged in contracting. He has put up a great number of buildings throughout the city and had the largest contract ever let in Streator,—that of the Garfield school building,—and among others he secured the contract for erecting the high-school building.

Politically, Mr. Davidson has represented the third ward in the common council of Streator. He is quite prominent in local politics, and has accomplished a great deal of good in the interest of his party. Personally, he has many prepossessing attributes of character, and is popular with all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Mr. Davidson was married December 13, 1870, to Miss Jennie Bingman, and they have three children.

**H**ERMAN F. BORNEMAN was made a Mason in Mithra Lodge, F. & A. M., and took the Royal Arch degrees in Lincoln Park Chapter. In 1889 he was knighted in Apollo Commandery, and is one of the prominent and active members of that organization, in which he served as Standard Bearer for several years. The principles of Masonry find in him a staunch advocate, and in the advancement of the order he is deeply interested. He is also a worthy member of the order of Knights of Pythias, and is prominent in a German musical society and a keen lover of that art which has inspired his nation through many centuries,

and made it largely the musical center of the world.

Mr. Borneman is a native of Brunswick, Germany, born on the 1st of June, 1851. When a lad of nine summers he left the fatherland and with his parents crossed the broad Atlantic to America, locating first in New York, where he landed. He was reared and educated in that city and entered upon his business career in the tobacco trade, with which he was connected for three years. On the expiration of that period he became interested in the grocery business, and in 1880 he came to Chicago and secured a position in the wholesale grocery house of Steele, Weedles & Company, with which he has now been associated for almost seventeen years, one of the most trusted and efficient salesmen in the establishment.

In 1879 Mr. Borneman was united in marriage to Miss Emily C. Nagle, a native of Chicago, and they have five children,—Hermine, Matilda, Walter, Harry and Eleanor.

**J**AMES SIMPSON BAUME.—The gentleman whose name initiates this review stands as one of the honored and valued members of the fraternity in Galena and is the Eminent Commander of Galena Commandery, No. 40, K. T. He was made a Mason in Miners' Lodge, No. 273, in 1886, and having received the Master Mason degree he was elected Senior Warden of the lodge, and in 1889 was elected Worshipful Master. In 1890 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason and was soon after elected Captain of the Host. In 1892 he was chosen to fill the office of High Priest, in which capacity he served for one year, and in 1895 he was elected Principal Sojourner. In 1891 he received the Knight Templar degrees in Galena Commandery, and in 1893 he was elected Eminent Commander and by re-election has since continued in that position.

Mr. Baume is a native of Chicago, where he was born on the 13th of April, 1857.

He is of English descent, his father, Rev. James Baume, having been born in Yorkshire, England, whence he came to Illinois when a young man. He joined the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1852, and in 1859 volunteered his services as missionary to India, where he labored until 1866, when he was obliged to return to America on account of the serious illness of his wife. He served many important charges in Rock River Conference, including Clark Street church, Chicago, and First church, Evanston. In 1883 he again went to India, where he remained doing successful work in Naini Tal, Poona and Bombay until 1892, when, having suffered from sunstroke, inducing paralysis, he returned to Rockford, Illinois. Here he lived in retirement until June 18, 1897, when he was called to his great reward. In Rockford, Ottawa, Galena, Evanston, Sterling, Princeton, Chicago and other charges served by him his memory is blessed. He joined Evans Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Evanston, in 1871. He was married in Aurora, Illinois, in 1852, to Miss Marie Antoinette Hawkins, a native of Pennsylvania, who removed to Aurora with her father at an early day. They had five children, of whom three are living. The health of Mrs. Baume became undermined by service in India, and she departed this life in 1867. She was a most amiable lady and a devoted Christian, whose memory remains as a blessed benediction to all who knew her.

James Simpson Baume was educated in the Northwestern University of Evanston, Illinois, and read law in Galena, after which he was admitted to the bar in 1878. For the past eighteen years prior to June, 1897, he has been a successful practitioner at this place, retaining a large and influential clientage. In June, 1897, he was elected one of the judges of the fifteenth judicial circuit, comprising the counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll, Ogle and Lee, in which capacity he has proved eminently satisfactory. Up to the time of his election to his present office he filled the

position of master in chancery for sixteen years. Politically he is an active and useful member of the Republican party.

In 1883 Mr. Baume was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Bergh, but after five years of happy married life she was called to the home beyond, leaving two children, Marie A. and Henry Bergh. In 1892 Mr. Baum was again married, his second union being with Miss Fanny Estey, youngest daughter of Augustus Estey, one of the pioneer settlers of Galena. They have one daughter, Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Baume are active members of the Methodist church, in which he has served as trustee for a number of years. In all his relations of life Mr. Baume's career has been one of honor and his conduct entirely in harmony with the ennobling principles of Masonry.

**T**HOMAS J. DIXON. — Three years covers the period of this gentleman's connection with the Masonic fraternity, but within that time he has attained the Knight Templar degree and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. The growth and development of the order is a source of deep interest to him, and he does all in his power to inculcate its honored principles among men. In the social functions of the order he is also a valued factor, for Mr. Dixon has many warm friends in Masonic circles. In December, 1894, he took the Entered Apprentice degree of Masonry in Garden City Lodge, No. 141, therein passed the Fellow-craft degree and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. He took the degrees of capitular Masonry in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, in 1895, and the following year was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Palestine Council. The following year he was knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and has since been a zealous adherent of the chivalric order. He took the degree of the lodge of perfection, councils of the Princes of Jerusalem, chapters of Rose Croix, and in Oriental Consistory attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and was

proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is also a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple, with which he has affiliated since 1896. In that year he also dimitted from Garden City Lodge and is now an affiliate of Home Lodge, No. 508.

Mr. Dixon is well known in Chicago, not only among his Masonic brethren, but also in social and business circles. His entire life has here been passed, and he is a worthy representative of the enterprise and progress which distinguishes his native city. He was born September 9, 1869, and on attaining the usual age entered the public schools. He completed the regular high-school course and the work of the junior year in the Northwestern University at Evanston, after which he laid aside his textbooks to enter upon a business career. He entered the employ of his father, and as he showed himself capable of meeting greater responsibilities larger interests were entrusted to his care until he is now superintendent of the A. Dixon Transfer Company. The volume of business done by this company makes his position no sinecure, but his energy, enterprise and capable management are fully equal to his duties, and the success of the company has been advanced through his administration of its affairs in the capacity of superintendent.

In 1894 Mr. Dixon was united in marriage to Miss Dora Alice Moon, a native of Michigan, and they have two children,—Arthur and John Wesley. In his political adherence he is a Republican, and in his religious preference a Methodist. He is an esteemed member of several of the leading clubs of the city, including the Union League, Chicago Athletic Association and the Hamilton Club.

**J**AMES PADON HARRIS, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Beardstown, is a popular and well-known Mason in the local lodge of his home city, his initiatory degrees having been received

in Cass Lodge, No. 23, on the 19th of June, 1894, from which he was advanced to the grades of capitular Masonry and was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Clarke Chapter, No. 29, on the 6th of March, 1895, and in the same year was constituted a Sir Knight in Rushville Commandery, No. 56, at Rushville, Illinois, and on December 10, 1895, after accomplishing a successful pilgrimage across the sands of the desert, he became a Noble of Mohammed Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Peoria, Illinois. He is an energetic, loyal brother and rightfully occupies a high place in the confidence and regard of the fraternity.

Born in Beardstown, on April 3, 1864, Mr. Harris is the eldest son of John H. Harris, a native of Manchester, England, who came to America when a child, locating in Louisville, Kentucky, whence he came to Beardstown, and was here reared to maturity, graduating at McKendree College, of Lebanon, Illinois. In his early career the father held the position of land agent for John Grigg, of Philadelphia, who owned thousands of acres in the then very sparsely settled state of Illinois, and Mr. Harris traveled on horseback over this territory in every direction, sometimes going for miles without seeing a habitation of any kind, as there were but few people in Cass county at that time. He erected the first sawmill at Beardstown and became a very important factor in the growth and progress of the town and in its future prosperity.

Mr. Harris was one of the organizers of the People's Bank in 1877, of which he was made president, and in 1887 it was merged into a national bank, with a capital of fifty thousand dollars; and so popular did it become and so many prominent citizens wished to purchase stock that the capital was increased to eighty thousand dollars. It has declared dividends of twelve per cent per annum, with a surplus of fifty thousand dollars, and is one of the best managed and most successful institutions of its kind in the county. Mr. Harris has been its presi-

dent ever since its organization, and to his sterling worth, his unfaltering labors on its behalf, and his financial ability is largely due its present flourishing condition. Not only in this, but in other public affairs has Mr. Harris been interested, and he takes a pride and pleasure in promoting every enterprise that has for its object the welfare and advancement of his city. He is a valued member and officer of the Methodist church.

James P. Harris, the immediate subject of this review, was educated in the public schools of Beardstown and subsequently at a business college in Jackson, upon leaving which he entered the employ of the First National Bank and for the past ten years has been its efficient and faithful assistant cashier, discharging the duties of that responsible position in a careful and intelligent manner. In politics Mr. Harris is a stanch Democrat. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and has passed all the chairs, and on November 12, 1896, he became a member of Ilderim Temple, No. 62, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, of Jacksonville, Illinois. His many sterling qualities recommend him to his fellow men, and in all the walks of life his friends are numbered by the score.

**HENRY J. MARTIN.**—The industrial interests of Chicago are a most important element in the prosperity, progress and upbuilding which has marked this city's growth, and those who are connected with its industries and manufactories in an important capacity are therefore deserving of mention among the leading business men of the metropolis. Mr. Martin is now occupying the responsible position of superintendent of the Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing Company. The factories are located at West Pullman and there are made all kinds of agricultural implements and supplies. One who can therefore plan the work and superintend the labors of others must be thoroughly conversant with the needs of the business, the methods of conducting the

same and must know how to arrange all matters so that the most can be accomplished at the slightest expenditure. During his three years' connection with the Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing Company as its superintendent Mr. Martin has given eminent satisfaction, and his control of affairs has won the approval of the company, while his management and consideration to those under him has won their loyal regard.

Mr. Martin was born in Otsego county, New York, on the 11th of March, 1854, and was there reared on a farm, his boyhood being in strong contrast to the active city life of the present. On leaving home he went to Southington, Connecticut, where he entered a manufacturing establishment, and on leaving that place he removed to Cleveland, where he followed the same pursuit for a time. His next home was in Akron, Ohio, and there he was with the firm in whose employ he is at present. Coming to Chicago he has since acted as the superintendent of their extensive works in West Pullman, and his promotion to this position is undeniable evidence of the trust reposed in him by the company and his fidelity to their confidence.

His claim to representation in this volume arises from his faithfulness to the Masonic fraternity as a member of Fides Lodge, No. 842; of Calumet Chapter, No. 203; of Imperial Council, No. 85; of Barnard Commandery, No. 35, and of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

In 1876 Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Carrie L. Miller, a native of Connecticut.

**ORVILLE G. BROWN**, in the year 1896, as an Entered Apprentice, joined the hosts of Masons, and advanced steadily through the various bodies until he became a Knight Templar. He took the three basic degrees in Oriental Lodge, No. 33, and became identified with capitular Masonry in LaFayette Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M. He passed the circle of cryptic Masonry in Pal-

estine Council, No. 66, and in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, was created a Knight Templar. He is also a member of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and thus, within a year, he passed through all the bodies of the York Rite and is now a worthy follower of their teachings.

Mr. Brown is a young man, yet has achieved a fair degree of success in business. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, on the 4th of November, 1871, and there spent his boyhood days, while in the public schools he familiarized himself with the common English branches of learning. He afterward supplemented this knowledge by a course in Devaux Military Institute at Niagara Falls, New York, and was thus fitted for the practical and responsible duties of life. In 1893 he came to Chicago and embarked in the merchant tailoring business, in which he has since been satisfactorily successful. His stock not only embraces the most desirable fabrics of home manufacture, but also fine imported goods from the best looms of England and the continent. His honorable business methods, combined with the artistic and satisfactory manner in which he fills his orders, have secured to him a liberal patronage and the respect and confidence of all with whom he has business relations. He was married on the 8th of September, 1895, to Miss Sophronia N. Votney, who is a native of New York.

**J**ACOB A. HENRY.—The time-honored principles of Freemasonry requires of a member, in his actions, to dignify humanity, exemplify a living faith, and to envelope toil and trouble with a bright reflection of brotherly love, relief and truth. The order practices a charity that vaunteth not itself, tells not to the left hand what the right hand doeth, is rich in the treasures of pardon, instructs the ignorant, and preaches good tidings to the poor and benighted. It performs all these ministrations in silent effectiveness and declares in decisive terms that all within the tabernacle who desire to

be honored and useful must cherish and illustrate the generous feeling and ennobling sentiments therein made known. Mr. Henry is a brother who has always lived up to the vows first taken in the blue lodge, and has conducted his life in a manner so as to conform to the precepts and tenets of the craft, in doing which he has gained the golden opinions of his *confreres*. He received the degree of Master Mason in Porter Lodge, No. 137, at Valparaiso, Indiana, from which he was dimitted to become affiliated with Matteson Lodge, No. 175, of Joliet. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Valparaiso Chapter, No. 28, was made a Royal and Select Master in Joliet Council, No. 82, was created a Sir Knight in Valparaiso Commandery, at present being affiliated with Joliet Commandery, No. 4, and received the ineffable degrees of Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, of Chicago. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, in Medinah Temple, and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter No. 127. He is greatly interested in all the functions of the fraternity, and was present at the St. Louis conclave. He has never sought office in any of the bodies, being content to perform his duties simply as a brother.

Mr. Henry is a native of Wellington, Ohio, where he was born January 7, 1851, receiving his education in the public schools of his native home city and later attending the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. He subsequently learned telegraphy and secured a position as operator in the offices of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, being the first one to handle the keyboard in Braidwood, Illinois. After filling a similar position in Joliet for about a year, Mr. Henry entered the train service and has since been employed on different railroads. He was passenger conductor for about five years on the Alton, Chicago & Grand Trunk road, and worked in a like capacity for the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City Railway. He is a most capable trainman and is well known in railroad circles. Mr. Henry is in every respect a self-made man and has had

a most successful career, due to his integrity of character, unflinching industry and a high standard of principles. Socially he is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, Chicago Division, No. 1, and of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Joliet Lodge, No. 296. He is the son of William E. Henry, who had the honor of being mayor of Joliet for one term.

**W**ILLIAM JENKINS, who enjoys high rank as one of the leading educators of the state of Illinois and who now occupies the position of principal of the Dixon city schools, is identified with the great brotherhood of Masons and is one of the most valued members of the order.

Professor Jenkins was created a Master Mason in the state of New York in Philanthropic Lodge, No. 634, in which he was soon afterward honored with official position, being elected to the chair of Senior Deacon. He was dimitted from Philanthropic Lodge and became one of the organizers and charter members of Rising Light Lodge, at Millville, New York, and was made its first Worshipful Master. On account of removal he was dimitted from Rising Light and about 1875 joined Mendota Lodge, No. 176, at Mendota, Illinois, in which he filled the executive chair and for fifteen years was Secretary, all of this time performing faithful and efficient work and doing much to promote interest in the order. He took the degrees of capitular Masonry in Mendota Chapter, No. 79, and in it has held nearly every office, including that of High Priest; was made a Sir Knight in Bethany Commandery, No. 28, and in that body also he has passed the chairs, being at the present time Past Eminent Commander, and in the Grand Commandery, too, he has been honored with official preferment, having served as Grand Captain General and at this writing holds the office of Grand Generalissimo. In addition to the degrees above mentioned, Professor Jenkins has received those of the High Priesthood. In all of these Masonic bodies he

has shown an enthusiastic interest in the lodge room, rendering impressive work, and in his life exemplifying the principles of the fraternity, "brotherly love, relief and truth" being his watchwords.

Turning for other salient points in the life of Professor Jenkins, we find that he was born in the state of New York, November 24, 1844, and is of Welsh and Scotch descent, his father's people being of Welsh origin and his mother of Scotch extraction. His parents, Thomas and Mary (Davis) Jenkins, lived to ripe old age, three-score and ten years being allotted to each. By occupation Thomas Jenkins was a civil engineer and architect. He and his wife had five children, the subject of our sketch being the youngest and one of the three who survive.

After a preliminary course in the common schools of his native place, young Jenkins entered Hamilton College, where he graduated with high honors as a member of the class of 1867. Since that date he has been engaged in teaching. For seven years he was principal of the Ottawa high school, eighteen years superintendent of the schools of Mendota, and in 1892 had the honor of being appointed superintendent of the educational exhibit for the state of Illinois at the World's Fair, this last named position receiving his most earnest and careful attention. His work in connection with the Columbian Exposition won him many high commendations and did much to advance the educational interests of this state. The next position he accepted was that of principal of the Dixon schools, in which capacity he is now serving and where he is rendering a high degree of satisfaction. Professor Jenkins has held the very honorable position of president of the Society of Superintendents and Principals of the State of Illinois and at this writing is president of the Illinois State Teachers' Association.

He was happily married in 1870 to Miss Camelia A. Thayer, a native of Princeton, Illinois, and they have two children, Madge Thayer and William Donald.

Of his political views, we state that the

Professor is in thorough harmony with the Republican party and is one of its staunch supporters.

**J**ULIUS L. LINS, an enterprising and progressive business man of Wilmington, Illinois, is a thirty-second-degree Mason and one of the worthy members of the order in this section of the state. In prominence and prestige this society is second to none, as it antedates all others in age and equals them in usefulness. It is practically universal, embracing in its membership men of almost every rank, faith and tongue. It treads with equal footsteps the cottage of the poor and the palace of the rich, the home of the humble subject or of the mighty sovereign. Such an order, binding all men together in the tie of universal brotherhood, is worthy of careful consideration, for it has been an important factor in molding the lives of thousands. Among its worthy followers in Illinois is Dr. Lins, of Wilmington, who is a member of Wilmington Lodge, No. 208, and of Wilmington Chapter, No. 142, R. A. M. Having taken the three degrees of the blue lodge,—those of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason—the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh degrees of the York Rite—were conferred upon him, and he thus became familiar with the teachings of capitular Masonry. He received the ineffable degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, of Chicago, and is now numbered among the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. He also belongs to the Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and though never an office-holder in these various branches of the fraternity he is an active Mason, true to the teachings of the order and faithful to its principles.

Mr. Lins is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Hanau, in the province of Hessen, on the 16th of August, 1842. He was educated in his native town, and in 1869 bade adieu to the fatherland and sailed for America. He landed at New

York city and remained there for some time, attending the Bellevue Hospital Medical College for two terms. Coming to the west he settled in Mendota, Illinois, where he remained for a short time, and then returned to New York to complete his medical education. Before coming to America he had attended medical lectures and was well fitted for his chosen calling. For two years he practiced medicine in Ottawa, Illinois, for one year in Morris, Illinois, and then removed to Manhattan, where he was an active and successful member of the medical fraternity until 1880.

In that year Dr. Lins purchased an interest in the Markert & Company Brewery, at Wilmington, and has since managed the business, which under his able administration has been a profitable and growing one. He has built up an excellent trade and his patronage comes from a wide territory. The excellent products of the drinks he manufactures secures a good business and brings to the company a fair profit. All that Mr. Lins has acquired in life has been through his own efforts, and his life demonstrates what can be accomplished through determined purpose.

The Doctor is identified with various social and benevolent organizations, and now holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He belongs to the Sängerbund of Joliet, the Germania Club, the Sharpshooters' Club and the Elks Lodge, all of that city, and of the last named is a charter member. He is a school director in the town of Wilton and highway commissioner of the town of Wilmington, and takes a deep interest in all measures calculated to advance the general welfare.

He was married in 1878 to Miss Emma Markert, a native of Illinois, and they have two children, George and Joliet.

**C**HARLES H. STARKEL, a prominent physician and surgeon of Belleville, is a Sir Knight and therefore a "high Ma-



son." He was initiated into the shining mysteries in St. Clair Lodge, No. 24, of which he is still a member and of which he has been Worshipful Master. The Royal Arch degrees were conferred upon him in Belleville Chapter, No. 106, R. A. M.; the cryptic in Belleville Council, R. & S. M., and the chivalric in Tancred Commandery, No. 50, K. T., of which he has been Eminent Commander. Of the Grand Lodge of the state he has been Senior Steward, and he is also a member of Moolah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at St. Louis, Missouri. In the blue lodge and in the commandery he has been especially active.

Dr. Starkel was born at St. Libory, St. Clair county, Illinois, July 18, 1862, was educated in the Belleville public schools, Morgan Park Military Academy, near Chicago, and at Irving Military Academy, at Ravenswood, Illinois, also a suburb of Chicago. He began the study of medicine in St. Louis, in 1881-2, and continued in 1882-3 at Chicago, graduating at old Rush Medical College, in that city, in February, 1884, and since October, of that year, he has been a successful practitioner at Belleville. Here he has been health commissioner for six years; has also been a member of the state board of health, appointed by Governor Altgeld; has been a member of the medical staff of Elizabeth hospital, and is a member of the St. Clair County Medical Society and of the Southern Illinois Medical Association, and in social relations he is also a member of the Commercial Club. In his political views he is a Democrat.

In 1887 he married Miss Joanna A. Rubach, and they have a daughter, named Gladys.

**HENRY H. MONTGOMERY**, attorney at law at Carrollton, is one of the most eminent Masons in the state. To give a brief outline of his Masonic history in chronological order we may mention that he was initiated in the mysteries of the primary degrees in Mount Nebo Lodge at

Carlinville, Illinois; of the capitular degrees in Carrollton Chapter, R. A. M., No. 77; of the cryptic degrees in Carrollton Council, R. & S. M.; and the chivalric in Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 29, K. T. Of the chapter he was High Priest five years successively; of the council he has been Principal Conductor; and of the commandery he has been Eminent Commander four or five terms. In 1895 he was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the state, and having been made a Knight Templar February 18, 1882, he was perhaps the youngest Grand Commander at the Triennial Conclave at Boston, Massachusetts. He is the Chief of the Tenth Division of Illinois.

Mr. Montgomery was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, and educated at Lombard University at Galesburg, this state, and at Blackburn University at Carlinville. He is a practicing lawyer, standing high in his profession, and in business relations he is secretary of the Litchfield, Carrollton & Western Railroad.

**HENRY P. WEYRICH**, merchant, Pekin, was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Masonry April 4, 1879, Fellow-craftsman April 18, and Master Mason May 2, the same spring,—all in Empire Lodge, No. 126, at Pekin. The degrees of Royal Arch Masonry were conferred upon him June 22, 1891, in Chapter No. 25, at Pekin, and he is still a member of these lodges. Of the blue lodge he was Junior Warden in 1873-4 and Senior Warden for the years 1875-7; was Treasurer from 1877 to January 1, 1892, since which time he has been Secretary. One year he was Representative to the Grand Lodge. Of the chapter he was elected Secretary December 28, 1891, and has been Secretary of the same ever since excepting one year.

Mr. Weyrich was born in Pekin, Illinois, October 3, 1850; was engaged in manufacturing from 1879 to 1891, since which time he has been a merchant in Pekin.

**C**HARLES KNOX LADD, a prominent member of the legal profession and a worthy brother of the Masonic fraternity, was initiated into that order in 1868, when he took the degrees in Wethersfield Lodge, No. 159, in which, as far as was consistent with his large law practice, he has been an active member ever since. He was its Senior Deacon a number of times, has often filled the other chairs in the lodge, and has always been faithful to every trust committed to his care. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Kewanee Chapter, No. 47, in which he has taken an active interest, occupying the chairs of Royal Arch Captain, Captain of the Host, and various others, his thorough knowledge of the ritual enabling him to fill any office whenever occasion required. He was created a Sir Knight in Temple Commandery, at Princeton, and received the ineffable degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago, in 1880, and taking all the degrees up to and including the thirty-second.

New Hampshire is the native state of Mr. Ladd, he having been born in Wilmot, Merrimac county, February 26, 1839. The ancestors of Mr. Ladd were French, some of the male members of whom were stanch adherents of William the Conqueror, and one of them was knighted and given estates in Essex, the name at that time being De Lade. The progenitor of the American branch came from old England in 1633 in the good ship William and Mary, and settled in Boston. His name was John Ladd, and he became quite prominent in the early history of the country. Members on both sides of the family participated in the Revolutionary struggle for independence, and the women of the family melted the pewter dishes of the household, transformed them into musket balls and forwarded them to the husbands and sons during the battle of Bennington. Brother Ladd's father, John Taylor Ladd, was born in Belknap county, New Hampshire, in 1812. He married Miss Lydia Ann Perviet, her ancestors being Huguenots who settled in Massachusetts

in 1680. Mr. Ladd came to Illinois in 1855, with his wife and four children, bought a tract of land and proceeded to follow the life of a farmer, becoming an honorable and reliable citizen. He departed this life in his sixty-eighth year, his wife having passed away when forty-nine years of age. She was a strong believer in the law of right, the principles of which she taught her children by both precept and example.

The immediate subject of this sketch was the eldest of the family, and was raised on the farm, receiving his education, as he says, "between the rows of corn." Later he took a law course in the Michigan State University and was graduated at that institution with honors in 1866. Two years later he began the practice of his profession in Kewanee, on the same corner where he now has his office and where for the past twenty years he has remained, his ability and integrity securing for him the reputation of being one of the most efficient members of the bar in this part of the state. In politics Mr. Ladd is a simon pure Jeffersonian Democrat, and, while he has been active in the councils and campaigns of his party, he has always declined to run for office. He was a prominent participant in the Chicago convention of 1896, and assisted in the nomination of the Honorable William Jennings Bryan, of whom he is a warm personal friend, and in whose interest he took the "stump" during Mr. Bryan's plucky fight, making many effective speeches in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Pennsylvania and New York, and being a man of firm convictions and a high order of talent, he did much to turn the battle against the single-standard party. Although defeated at the polls, the Democrats made a magnificent fight for the interests they considered the best for the whole country.

Mr. Ladd was married in 1872 to Miss Isabella Shelton, who is a Canadian by birth. Their union has been blessed with two children, Grace Lillian and Ernest Charles, the latter of whom is now his father's law partner. Miss Grace is a most

charming and interesting young lady and assists her father and brother in the office. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd have a delightful home in Kewanee and enjoy the high regard of a host of friends.

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**C**ORNELIUS BYE, a prominent merchant of Tuscola, is prominent also in all the Masonic bodies. Initiated in Freedom Lodge, No. 194, A. F. & A. M., he is now affiliated with Tuscola Lodge, No. 332, and has been Worshipful Master. He is also connected with Tuscola Chapter, No. 66, R. A. M., Tuscola Council, R. & S. M., and Melita Commandery, No. 37, Knights Templar. Of the chapter he has been High Priest; of the council, Thrice Illustrious Master; and of the commandery Eminent Commander for several terms; and all of these bodies he has represented at their state councils. He had charge of the Tuscola Commandery at the great triennial conclave at Chicago in 1880. He is also a member of the Tuscola Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Bye is a native of New York city, born January 19, 1829, was brought to Leavenworth, Indiana, when a small boy, and came to Tuscola in 1861, when he engaged in the sale of boots and shoes for several years. For several years he was school treasurer. Politically he is a Republican. As a citizen Mr. Bye is held in the highest esteem.

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**J**OHN J. DALLENBACH, proprietor of a meat market at Champaign, is an active Mason who is especially efficient in chapter work. He is the Junior Warden of Western Star Lodge, No. 240, and Treasurer of Champaign Chapter, No. 50.

Mr. Dallenbach was born in Ripley, Ohio, June 7, 1844, educated in the public schools, and came to Champaign in 1856, since which time he has been a resident here, where he has now so long been well known as an honorable and useful citizen

and exemplary Mason. His trade he learned of his father, and it has been his life business. In partnership with his brother, he enjoys a fine and permanent trade, which they well deserve, as they are clever and pleasant men, standing in high popular esteem.

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**D**R. M. S. CARR, a practitioner of medicine and surgery at East St. Louis, Illinois, is an active Mason who has attended a number of triennial conclaves of the Knights Templar, has held a number of high positions in the order and has advanced himself to a high round in the ladder of Masonic literature.

Dr. Carr received the primary degrees in St. Clair Lodge, No. 24, F. & A. M.; the Royal Arch in Belleville Chapter, No. 106, R. A. M.; the cryptic in Belleville Council, R. & S. M.; and the Knight Templar in Belvidere Commandery, No. 2. He now affiliates with East St. Louis Lodge, No. 504, East St. Louis Chapter, No. 156, the Belleville Council and Tancred Commandery, No. 50, K. T. He has held the offices of Worshipful Master, Master of the Veil and Eminent Commander, besides a large number of minor positions. He is also a member of Rob Morris Chapter, No. 28, O. E. S. Of the Tancred Commandery he was one of the charter members.

Dr. Carr was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, October 2, 1840, educated at the public schools of his native village and at McKendree College, at Lebanon, same county. After reaching mature years he removed to Oregon, where he was Worshipful Master of Thurston Lodge, No. 28, at Harrisburg, Linn county. Subsequently he attended the medical department of Willamette University, but he graduated in medicine in Missouri Medical College, at St. Louis, his diploma being one of the last that were signed by that eminent college president, Dr. McDowell. Subsequently Dr. Carr practiced at Freeburg, Illinois, for twenty-three years, and in 1890 he came to East St. Louis, where he has since been

engaged in the practice of his profession. He is camp physician for the Modern Woodmen, physician for the United States Masonic Benevolent Association, Continental Masonic Mutual Benefit Association, the Prudential Insurance Company of America, the Endowment Rank of the Knights of Pythias and the Continental Life Insurance Company. The Doctor is also a member of the K. of P., and is Past Noble Grand of Pride of the Valley Lodge, I. O. O. F.

March 13, 1862, Dr. Carr was married to Miss Lavina Tate, who died in 1892, and they had five children.

Politically the Doctor is a Democrat.

**W**ILLIAM H. LAMB, cashier of the First National Bank, of Tuscola, is one of the old-time Masons of this city, prominent and favorably known, and is therefore entitled to particular mention in this volume.

Mr. Lamb joined Tuscola Lodge, No. 332, A. F. & A. M., which he has served as Worshipful Master and of which he is yet a member. He has been its Representative to the Grand Lodge of the state. He received the Royal Arch degrees in Tuscola Chapter, No. 66, and of this body he has served as Captain of the Host and King. He is also a member of Tuscola Council, R. & S. M., No. 21, and of Melita Commandery, No. 37, of which he was the first Eminent Commander.

The subject of this brief sketch was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, January 19, 1834. In 1862 he enlisted in the service of the United States, was adjutant of the Seventy-ninth Illinois Infantry, and served till the close of the war, participating in a number of engagements. In June, 1865, immediately after being mustered out, he located in Tuscola, and the same year was elected clerk of the county court for four years. In 1870 he was elected cashier of the First National Bank of Tuscola, and he has now been faithfully serving in this capacity for the long period of twenty-seven years. For two years he

was mayor of the city. Politically he is a Republican, and he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**D**R. A. M. LINDLEY, a practicing physician and surgeon at Urbana, is a zealous, well-posted Mason, well advanced in the various degrees. He was initiated in Urbana Lodge, No. 157, which he has since served as Senior Deacon and Junior Warden; received the capitular degrees in Urbana Chapter, No. 80, R. A. M.; the cryptic in Urbana Council, No. 19, R. & S. M.; the chivalric in Urbana Commandery, No. 16, K. T.; and he has just been elected to promotion in the consistory, Scottish Rite. Of the commandery he has been Eminent Commander two years, and has attended the triennial conclave at Denver.

Dr. Lindley was born at Gnodhutton, Ohio, September 10, 1856, educated at the Illinois State University, and graduated in medicine at the Cincinnati Medical College in 1880. He began practice with his father and has since continued a resident here and a successful practitioner. He has been surgeon for the "Big Four" Railroad Company for sixteen years, and also city physician for several years. The Doctor is one of the best and favorably known physicians of Champaign county.

In 1886 he was united in marriage with Miss Minnie W. Hubbard.

**L**EWIS R. HAACK, Past Eminent Commander of Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T., stationed at Havana, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Havana Lodge, No. 88, A. F. & A. M., in 1868; exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Havana Chapter, No. 86, R. A. M., on the 14th day of November, 1875; and was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T., on the 26th of November, same year. In the blue lodge he has been Junior Deacon,

Senior Deacon, Junior Warden and Worshipful Master eight terms. In the chapter he has served as Master of the Second Veil three terms, Master of the Third Veil one term; and in the commandery he has been Generalissimo two terms, Captain General one term, Recorder one term and Eminent Commander in 1881. He has also been a Representative to the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Haack was born in York, Pennsylvania, October 1, 1841; enlisted in the Union army as a private in Company K, Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, August 24, 1861, and served in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac until October, 1864, never missing a meal or failing to respond to the roll call! For meritorious service he was promoted to the position of brevet first lieutenant.

Ever since March, 1867, Mr. Haack has been an honored resident of Havana, where he has been a dealer in wall paper, and engaged in painting and decorating. In his political views he is a Republican; was alderman of this city in 1874-5, mayor in 1879-80, and has made a good record as a soldier, as a citizen and as a Mason.

**C**HARLES A. MONK, dealer in agricultural implements at Belleville, is an exemplary Mason who deserves mention in this volume. He was initiated into the mysteries of the order in Du Quoin Lodge, No. 234. He is now a member of St. Clair Lodge, No. 24, and he has served as Worshipful Master. Lebanon Chapter, No. 62, conferred upon him the Royal Arch degrees, and he subsequently became a charter member of Belleville Chapter, No. 106. Of the chapter he has served as High Priest. The cryptic degrees were conferred upon him in Springfield Council, but he now affiliates with Belleville Council, R. & S. M. He has served as Thrice Illustrious Master. He is also a member of Tancred Commandery, No. 50, K. T., and he has filled therein the chair of Eminent Commander. He is also a member of

Moolah Temple of the Mystic Shrine at St. Louis. Mr. Monk is an active and thorough Mason. As a Knight Templar he has attended the triennial conclaves at Chicago, St. Louis, Denver and Boston. In his political views he is a Republican.

Mr. Monk was born in Greene, Chenango county, New York, April 3, 1842, and came to Belleville in 1864, since which time he has been a prominent business man here, a substantial and reliable citizen and a useful member of society.

**F**RANCIS MARION JENKS, a prominent business man of Savanna and one of the oldest Masons of that city, has advanced to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and stands high among the brethren throughout the jurisdiction of his consistory.

He was made a Mason in Mount Carroll, in Cyrus Lodge, No. 188, and has long been affiliated with Mississippi Lodge, No. 385, of Savanna, being one of its earliest members and all along one of its most reliable supporters. He is now Past Master of the lodge, and is a member of Freeport Chapter, No. 23, at Freeport, and also a member of Freeport Commandery, being made a Sir Knight in that city, when he joined the Freeport Valley Consistory. The last degrees of the Scottish Rite preceding the final one were conferred upon him about twenty years ago.

Mr. Jenks is a native of the state of Virginia, born July 11, 1829. His father, Brown Jenks, was a native of Rhode Island, while his mother, whose maiden name was Laura Virginia Hill, is a native of Massachusetts. The family came to Illinois in 1836, and young Francis was educated in the public schools of this state. He began his business career as a clerk in a store, and now for forty-five long years has he been a successful business man. He is now a senior member of the firm of F. M. Jenks & Son, dealers in dry goods and boots and shoes. He is also a director in the Savanna Bank. Mr. Jenks is looked upon as one of

the most solid men of his town. In politics he is a Republican, has been a trustee of his township and has served many terms as one of the supervisors.

In 1855 he married Miss Louisa T. Armstrong, a native of Illinois, and they have two sons and two daughters. The oldest son, Frank Hill, is also a thirty-second-degree Mason and is his father's partner in business; Charles M. has just arrived home from college; he is a Master Mason. Minnie is the wife of John Brown Rhodes, and Jessie is the wife of Oliver Greenleaf, and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Jenks and Mrs. Rhodes are members of the Episcopal church. The whole family are highly esteemed in Havana, where they have so long resided.

**F**RANK M. COPPEL, M. D., is a prominent physician of Havana, and an intelligent and consistent member of the Masonic order, well posted, enthusiastic and zealous. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Elsinore Lodge, No. 289, A. F. & A. M., in Elsinore California, September 24, 1888, having been previously initiated August 27 and passed September 10, that year. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Havana Chapter, No. 86, R. A. M., May 10, 1889, and was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T., stationed at Havana, June 12, same year. He was admitted to membership in Havana Lodge, No. 88, November 4, 1889, and is now a member of all the bodies of Freemasonry at Havana. In the blue lodge the Doctor has served as Senior Deacon, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master. In the charter he is Past High Priest, and is now King; and in the commandery he has served as Recorder for several terms, and he is credited by the brethren with being the best informed Mason in Havana, both in the ritual and Masonic law; and he is also a very proficient worker.

The Doctor is a native of this city, born on the 27th of January, 1864, and is the

son of J. F. Coppel, now deceased, who was a valued member of the Masonic order in Havana, a charter member of the chapter and of the commandery here. He was created a Sir Knight Templar in Peoria Commandery, No. 3, in 1871, and departed this life April 2, 1882, one of the order's most acceptable members. Dr. Coppel graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1891, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, in which he has great enthusiasm and enjoys the success that merit wins.

**C**HARLES TROWBRIDGE, one of the oldest members of the Masonic fraternity in the United States, resides at Kewanee. He was made a Mason in Putnam Lodge at Pomfret, Windham county, Connecticut, as early as 1825.

He was born at Pomfret, February 14, 1800, and is therefore now in the ninety-seventh year of his age, and was in his twenty-fifth year when he was first initiated into Masonry. The primary degrees were conferred upon him by Worshipful Master Andrew A. Williams, who was then a merchant at Woodstock, Connecticut. In 1833 he removed to Camden, Oneida county, New York, where he affiliated with Philanthropy Lodge, and was elected and served two terms as its Worshipful Master. Removing next to Painesville, Ohio, he affiliated with Temple Lodge in that town and served as its Senior Warden for three or four years, often doing the Master's work. While living there, in 1853, he received the appointment of Grand Master's Deputy, Lucian B. Bears, then being Grand Master of the state of Ohio; and this office Mr. Trowbridge ably and faithfully filled while he remained a resident of that state. In April, 1859, he came to Kewanee and affiliated with Wethersfield Lodge, No. 159, which has since been Kewanee Lodge, No. 159. In Kewanee he at once became an active worker. He was elected to, and filled, the office of Worshipful Master for about ten years, and he was Deputy

Lecturer for about eighteen years. He was also Captain of the Host in the chapter, was elected High Priest and filled that exalted position about eighteen years, doing a great deal of work, and all in an accomplished and most satisfactory manner. During that time he conferred in one evening all the chapter degrees. Indeed, his life has been largely devoted to the order, and he has richly earned the high esteem in which he is held by his brethren in Kewanee and vicinity.

His ancestry are English. Thomas Trowbridge emigrated from the old country to New England in 1636, settling at Taunton, where he was a deacon of the Congregational church, and from him are the American Trowbridges. In the early history of this country members of this family were active and prominent, participating in the Revolution, etc., held high offices and were eminent in the professions.

Mr. Trowbridge was married January 18, 1837, to Miss Esther H. Peck, a native of Paris, Oneida county, New York, the daughter of Silas Peck and of English ancestry who were early settlers of Bristol, Connecticut. They have two children: Helen J., now the wife of Moses Wilson, of Blue Hill, Nebraska; and Charles W., a prominent architect in Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Trowbridge is now in her eighty-first year, and intellectually is as active as ever. Both Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge are members of the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she has filled the office of Ruth. They have a nice little home of their own in Kewanee. Mr. Trowbridge still retains a great degree of intellectual ability, but is failing in bodily strength, and he has a bright anticipation that ere long he will be vouched for by the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and thus be admitted to an everlasting seat in the Grand Lodge on high.

**C**HARLES R. DEMMING, a very venerable Knight Templar, residing at Geneseo, was made a Mason in Medina Lodge, at Medina, Ohio, in 1825, when he

was but twenty-one years of age, he having been born in Saundersfield, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, October 8, 1804, and is a direct descendant of John Demming, who emigrated from England to Massachusetts in 1635. He received the chapter degrees in Mansfield, Ohio, and was made a Knight Templar at Mount Vernon, that state. In the chapter he served as Captain of the Guard and High Priest.

In early life he was a merchant and wool dealer, in the east, but in 1864 he came to Geneseo and became a prominent farmer, following agricultural pursuits with good success. July 28, 1830, is the date of his marriage to Miss Eliza Pitkin Alden, daughter of Dr. Howard Alden, who was a lineal descendant of John Alden, who landed at Plymouth Rock from the Mayflower. He has had six children, three of whom are living.

In politics Mr. Demming was a Democrat up to the time of the election of James Buchanan as president of the United States, since which time he has been a strong Union man and Republican. For a number of years he has been justice of the peace, and he has served three terms in the Ohio legislature. He is now in the ninety-seventh year of his age, and is spending the evening of his life with his son in one of the beautiful homes which they have built in Geneseo.

**L**INUS SERENO TURNER, the Eminent Commander of Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T., stationed at Havana, is another intelligent gentleman who appreciates the principles, legends and history of that ancient and noble craft, Freemasonry. He was first made a Master Mason in Havana Lodge, No. 88, A. F. & A. M., November, 26, 1894; exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Havana Chapter, No. 86, R. A. M., on the 24th of January, 1895; and was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T., on the 28th of March,

following. He first served in the blue lodge as Senior Deacon, and is now Junior Warden. In his commandery he first served as Generalissimo, and in December, 1896, was elected Eminent Commander.

Mr. Turner was born in Wolcott, New York, on the 9th of June, 1866, and is now engaged in the grain business at Havana. As a young man he has made rapid progress in the order to which this volume is devoted, and he enjoys the high esteem of his brethren.

**J**OSEPH EDWIN NAYLOR, Past Eminent Commander and one of the best posted Masons in the city of Havana, has the following outline as his Masonic record: Raised a Master Mason in Havana Lodge, No. 88, A. F. & A. M., on the 18th of June, 1889; exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Havana Chapter, No. 86, R. A. M., on the 13th of January, 1880; and created and dubbed a Sir Knight Templar in Damascus Commandery, No. 42, K. T., stationed at Havana, on the 29th of April, 1890.

Mr. Naylor appreciates the glorious history and illustrious legends of the esoteric order, and his consistent life is an illustration of the beneficent principles inculcated by the craft. In the blue lodge he has filled the office of Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master two terms; in the chapter he has been Captain of the Host and Scribe; and in the commandery he has been Warder, Junior Warden, Prelate and Eminent Commander. Mr. Naylor is conceded by his brethren to be one of the best posted workers in the order, if not indeed the very best. He has made a splendid Masonic record and enjoys the very highest esteem of his brethren.

**W**ILLIAM J. WAYNE.—From the time of its first inception Masonry has kept pace with the advancement of moral intelligence, the development of humanity, and the march of the world in

science and art. It is not a religion, but it recognizes a supreme Divinity, and its principal pillars are faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity toward all mankind.

William J. Wayne, the gentleman whose name heads this review, is a brother who has attained considerable prominence in all the workings of the fraternity. After receiving the first two degrees in the blue lodge he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Macon Lodge, No. 8, was exalted to a Royal Arch Mason in Macon Chapter, No. 21, made a Royal and Select Master in Decatur Council, No. 16, created a Sir Knight in Beaumanoir Commandery, No. 9, in which he has been honored with the office of Eminent Commander, and is a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Quincy Consistory, Scottish Rite. He is also affiliated with those organizations which have for their object the promoting of the social side of life, being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple, and a member of the Masonic Veteran Association. He is a loyal, earnest brother, ever active in advancing the interests of his lodge, and possesses the good will and high regard of his fellow Masons.

Mr. Wayne was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1845, and subsequently moved to Quincy, Illinois, where he received his education in the public schools. In 1872 he came to Decatur and here embarked in the carriage manufacturing business, with no other capital than an honest heart, a strong will and a firm determination to make a place for himself in the world, and good credit. He began on a small scale and by perseverance and steady application he has succeeded in building up a trade that has developed into one of the largest in the west. In 1882 Mr. Wayne organized and had incorporated the Wayne Company, which manufactures all kinds of fire apparatus, pony carts, carriages, etc. Their goods are all of the highest grade in quality, and they find a market in all parts of the United States. Mr. Wayne is what may be called a self-



made man, and has risen to his present prosperous condition in life solely by his own efforts, backed by strict integrity, honest business methods, and an earnest desire to succeed.

In political matters Mr. Wayne is a staunch Republican, and a firm supporter of the principles of that party. As both a man and a Mason his sterling qualities highly recommend him to his fellow citizens, and obtain the respect and admiration of his many friends.

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**W**ILLIAM WALKER WALLACE, a consistent member of the Masonic order and one of the prominent merchants and leading citizens of Peoria, Illinois, ranks high in Masonic circles as well as in the business circles of his town. His identification with the great body of Masons has formed a bright link in the Masonic chain—a link that has never been weakened by a wavering doubt or an unworthy act. His history, therefore, is highly deserving of a place in the work now under consideration.

Mr. Wallace is a native of the Keystone state and claims Allegheny as the place of his birth, the date of that event being April 6, 1839. During the Rebellion he showed his devotion to the Union by enlisting with the boys in blue and serving from the beginning to the end of the war. As hospital steward he performed faithful and prompt service and at the close of the war in 1865 returned to his home with a creditable record and an honorable discharge.

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**P**PETER HAMMOND, who departed this life at Geneseo, Illinois, April 19, 1878, at the remarkable age of one hundred and two years, was at the time the oldest Mason in the United States. He was born in Newton, Massachusetts, April 9, 1776, and was therefore older than the United States by three months! He lived two years past the centennial of his country. His father, Samuel Hammond, of English descent,

was one of the patriots who attended the Boston "Tea Party."

Mr. Hammond was made a Master Mason in 1799, in Wardsboro, Vermont, and during his life was Worshipful Master many years, and in his one hundredth year was able to attend lodge and take a part in the proceedings. His one hundredth birthday was celebrated by his Masonic brethren in Geneseo, who on that occasion presented him with a handsome gold-headed cane. In his personal habits Mr. Hammond was an exemplary man, never using whisky or tobacco, and in all respects his mode of life and treatment of his fellow citizens was a model, being strictly in accordance with the principles of the noble order whom he adorned by his affiliations.

His son, Joseph Hammond, and his grandson, John Converse Hammond, have long been respected residents of Geneseo. Both take great pleasure in keeping as mementoes the lambskin, jewels and cane which the venerable Peter Hammond possessed, and both these gentlemen are worthy members of the fraternity, at Geneseo. A considerable number of Masons in this city and vicinity congratulate themselves on account of having been initiated into the mysteries of Masonry by that venerable Worshipful Master, Peter Hammond.

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**J**JOHN W. TRIMBLE, a Sir Knight Templar of Rushville, is an active and valued member of the order which has had the most brilliant philanthropic record of all organizations in the world. He was advanced to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Rushville Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., on the 18th of April, 1893; exalted to a Royal Arch Mason in Rushville Chapter, No. 184, R. A. M., on the 20th of January, 1894, and was created and dubbed a Sir Knight Templar in Rushville Commandery, No. 56, K. T., on the 17th of March, same year. From the time of his initiation into the mysteries of the order he has been a faithful and capable member, filling various offices in the different bodies.

He is now Warden in the blue lodge. He is an upright Mason and a good citizen.

Mr. Trimble is a native of Ohio, of Scottish ancestry, and was born November 19, 1850; came to Rushville when a boy and was educated here. He has led an active and successful business life and is now retired.

**G**EORGE E. STICKNEY, Secretary of the chapter at Warren, Illinois, was made a Master Mason in Jo Daviess Lodge, No. 278, A. F. & A. M., having been entered December 1, 1883, passed February 2, 1884, and raised February 16, following. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Olive Chapter, No. 167, R. A. M., at Warren, on the 16th of October, 1884. In the blue lodge he has ably filled the offices of Junior and Senior Deacon; in the chapter he has been Master of the First Veil, and is now serving his fifth year as Secretary of the chapter. Being a good and efficient officer the brethren keep him where he can do the most good.

Mr. Stickney is a native of Belleville, Ontario, born August 13, 1860, and he has resided at Warren, Illinois, since 1881. His occupation is that of plumber. As a citizen and as a Mason Mr. Stickney stands high. His brother, Walter Stickney, is a Consistory Mason who has reached the thirty-second degree.

**G**EORGE W. DAVIS, president of the Carrollton Bank, at Carrollton, since 1883, is a native of Greene county and is therefore one of the best known citizens in this section of the state. He is almost equally well known as a Freemason, in high standing. He first joined the order in Carrollton Lodge, No. 50, of which he has been Worshipful Master; of Carrollton Chapter, R. A. M., No. 77, he has been High Priest; of Carrollton Council, R. & S. M., he has been the Principal Conductor; and of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 29, he has been Prelate and Eminent Commander. Also he has been District Deputy

of the Grand Lodge, and is a member of the Temple Chapter, No. 325, O. E. S., in which he has held the office of Worthy Patron. He attended the triennial conclave of Knights Templar at St. Louis.

Politically, Mr. Davis is a Democrat, and for a number of years he was chairman of the Democratic committee.

Mr. Davis was born in Greene county, Illinois, August 9, 1839, educated at the public schools, and on arriving at manhood he began to take considerable interest in public affairs. He has served as county clerk two terms of two years each, giving satisfaction in the fulfillment of the duties of that office. After the expiration of his last term of office as county clerk he engaged in the grocery business for a number of years, and since 1883, as already stated, he has been president of the Carrollton Bank.

**T**HOMAS D. REBER is a most faithful representative of the Masonic order, the keynote of which is mutual helpfulness, and the plans and purposes of this honored organization are exemplified in his everyday life as well as in his earnest devotion to the societies with which he is connected. He was made a Mason in Rockford Lodge, No. 102, after which he progressed rapidly in the order, taking the chapter, commandery and consistory degrees, and also becoming a member of the Mystic Shrine. He has therefore almost rounded the circle of Masonry and is numbered among its most enthusiastic and devoted members in Rockford. He is actively interested in the working of the order and is now serving his third term as Worshipful Master of Rockford Lodge. This lodge has honored two of its members by retaining them in the highest office for a term of seven successive years, and it seems probable that the same honor will be conferred upon the brother whose name introduces this review. He holds the office of King in the chapter, and is Past Eminent Commander of Crusader Commandery, No. 17, of Rock-

ford, also Chief Roban of Tebala Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Among the brethren of the fraternity he is held in the highest regard and is always spoken of in terms of the warmest esteem. He is a commendable worker in the fraternity and very enthusiastic in promoting the growth and prosperity of the lodge.

In the business circles of Rockford Mr. Reber has also attained to a position of eminence and is now connected with one of the leading industrial concerns of the city, the Rockford Lumber & Fuel Company. He possesses the true western spirit of enterprise, although he is not a western man by birth. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of December, 1863, and is of German and French ancestry. His maternal grandfather, Daniel Deckhart, served in the Revolution, aiding the colonies in their struggle for independence. His father, Benneville Reber, was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, and married Miss Helen Deckhart, by whom he had seven children, Thomas D. being the youngest. The parents were Lutherans in religious faith. The father died in the fiftieth year of his age, and the mother, surviving him, departed this life in 1895, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Thomas D. Reber was educated in the public schools of Reading, Pennsylvania and in the Millersville State Normal School, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He came to Rockford in April, 1883, then a young man of twenty years, and for a time was in the employ of the Central Union Telegraph Company. Subsequently he became book-keeper and assistant clerk for the W. F. & John Barnes Company, and on severing his connection with that house purchased the interest of Mr. Larkins in the Perry & Larkins Lumber and Building Material Company. The name was changed to Perry & Reber, and business was conducted under that style for six years, when their business was consolidated with that of Lawler & Keeler, under the name of the Rockford Lumber and Fuel Company. They are doing a large wholesale and retail business,

handling all kinds of lumber, building materials and coal. Their Rockford offices and yards are located at No. 201 East State street, and in addition they have established branch houses at Beloit and Whitewater, Wisconsin, to facilitate the trade and shipments in that state. Their sales have now reached extensive proportions, and the reputation of the company is most enviable. Its members are all men of known reliability, energetic and progressive, and their success results from systematic, conservative and energetic efforts. In addition to the interest which he owns in the business of the Rockford Lumber & Fuel Company, Mr. Reber is also a director in the First National Bank. His advancement in business has, like that in Masonry, been rapid and commendatory, and although he came to Rockford with no capital his steady promotion has placed him in the front rank among the representatives of commercial interests here.

On the 20th of May, 1886, Mr. Reber was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Logue, a native of Rockford and a daughter of William Logue, of that city. They now have two interesting children—Helen Jane and Edwin Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Reber are members of the Christian Union church. Their home, erected by our subject, is one of the fine residences of the city and is a favorite resort with their many friends. In his political views Mr. Reber is a Democrat.

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**R**OBERT A. SHEPERD, the capable Secretary of Rockford Lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M., was made a Mason in this lodge in 1876, and for twenty years has been one of its most faithful members and active workers. He was elected to the office of Senior Deacon in 1883, serving for two years, and afterward became the Secretary of the organization. He was raised to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in 1888, and in the fraternity circles in this city he is widely and favorably known as a worthy exponent of the teachings of the order, following closely the basic principles

upon which the society has rested for many centuries.

Mr. Sheperd is a native of England, born August 16, 1852. His parents, William and Janette (Robertson) Sheperd, were both born in Scotland, and after their marriage emigrated to America, locating in Rockford, Illinois, in 1853. They brought with them the subject of this sketch, then a year old, and a little daughter; and after their arrival in this country three other children were added to the family. The father was a contractor and builder and did much of that kind of work in this city for a number of years. Both he and his wife were charter members of the First Presbyterian church of this city, and Mr. Sheperd was one of its trustees and most efficient members. His death occurred in 1873, at the age of fifty-two years, and his wife survived him until 1894, passing away at the age of seventy-three. Their children are all living.

Mr. Shepherd, of this review, is the second. He was educated in the Rockford schools and learned the trade of machinist. Since reaching man's estate he has followed various business pursuits, including manufacturing and dealing in realty interests. He is now representing the first ward of Rockford in the city council, having twice before served in that capacity, and is one of the valued representatives of that organization which has in charge the city's affairs.

**T**HOMAS W. McFALL, of Quincy, is a Past Master of Bodley Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and has been prominently connected with the educational offices of the city for the past thirty years. For the first three years he was a member of the board of education; then he was elected superintendent of the city schools, which he has now for the past twenty-six years filled with entire satisfaction to the public. The duties have often been arduous and embarrassing, but he bravely worked his way through.

Long before identifying himself with the Masonic order he had the matter under consideration, but hesitated on account of the opposition that sundry politicians might have to it. When it became evident to him, through the good offices of a brother, that his fears were groundless, he at once sent in an application for initiation and in 1884 was made a Master Mason, in Bodley Lodge. He immediately became interested in the esoteric work and was soon appointed Senior Warden; at the end of his term in that office he was elected Junior Warden and afterward Senior Warden, and at length Worshipful Master, an office which he very ably filled for five consecutive terms, during which he thoroughly acquired the Illinois work, and by both precept and example he has brought the brethren up to a high state of perfection in the work of the lodge, and is entitled to great credit for his patience and thoroughness.

Mr. McFall is a native of the state of Pennsylvania, born on the 24th of June, 1824. He came to Illinois in 1840 and for seven years was prominently engaged in teaching. In 1854 he came to Quincy, and in 1856 was elected clerk of the circuit court. In the spring of 1861 he enlisted in the service of the United States and raised Company F, of the Third Illinois Cavalry, of which he was elected captain. He went to the front with a company of ninety-six men. Soon he was commissioned major, and he served in the southwest, being engaged in the battle of Pea Ridge and numerous skirmishes until his health failed by reason of the hard service on horseback, and he was compelled to resign his commission and return to Quincy, where he has since devoted the most of his time to the city schools.

In 1846 he was happily married to Miss Katharine Myers, and they had six children, three of whom are living,—Esther, Rose and Katharine. They have a pleasant home and are citizens of culture and refinement, enjoying the high esteem of their fellow citizens in the city in which they have so long been identified.

**W**P. SHERMAN, M. D., has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1891, in which year he became affiliated with the lodge in Leland, Illinois. For a year previous there had been no new member taken into that organization, but after the accession of Dr. Sherman to its membership it seemed to become imbued with new life and entered upon a prosperous era in its history. The Doctor continued to work with that lodge until 1895, when he was dimitted and became a member of Fides Lodge, No. 842, in which he is now serving as Senior Warden. In 1893 he was exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Sandwich Chapter, No. 107, of Sandwich, Illinois. Although the duties of his profession make it impossible for him to devote much time to the work of Masonry, he is nevertheless devoted to its principles and much interested in its success and growth, and in the blue lodge and chapter with which he is connected he has the warm regard of the entire membership.

Dr. Sherman is a native of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in Newark on the 22d of July, 1862. He was reared in New York until nine years of age, and in 1871 was brought to Illinois by his parents, the family locating in Plano, Kendall county, where he was reared and acquired his education. When his school days were over and it came time to decide upon a profession or business which he wished to make his life work, he determined to engage in the practice of medicine. He prepared for this calling in Rush Medical College, of Chicago, where he was graduated with the class of 1889. He then began practice in Leland, Illinois, where he remained until 1893, when he came to Chicago and established an office. He has since been connected with the medical fraternity of this city and has won a liberal and lucrative patronage. He is a close student of his profession and does all in his power to perfect himself in the science of medicine. His devotion to the interests of his patients, arising from a true love of his profession

and an earnest desire to relieve human suffering has won him a success and gained him a reputation that are indeed enviable.

On the 14th of February, 1883, occurred the marriage of Dr. Sherman and Miss Belle V. Misner, a native of Kendall county, Illinois. They have two children, R. D. and J. Howard.

**J**OHAN D. MARTIN, of Chicago, has for eight years been affiliated with the most ancient and honored of all fraternities,—the Masonic. He was made a Mason in Golden Rule Lodge in 1888, and still retains his membership therein. The following year he was exalted to the rank of a Royal Arch Mason in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, and in 1890 was knighted in Chicago Commandery. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Medinah Temple, and of these various organizations is a consistent, earnest member, his belief in its principles being unswerving. He is steadfast and true, and his worth is recognized by his fellow members of the craft who have elected him to office. In 1895 he was chosen Worshipful Master of the blue lodge, and has been High Priest of the chapter.

It will be of interest to his brethren to know something of the life of Mr. Martin outside of his connection with the fraternity, and we herewith present a brief review of his career. He is a native of the neighboring state of Indiana, his birth having occurred in West Lebanon, Warren county, on the 12th of November, 1856. There he was reared on a farm, spending his time in work in the fields and in attendance on the common schools near his home, where he acquired a good practical education. The quiet pursuit of farming, however, was not exactly to his taste, and when sixteen years of age he began running an engine, a pursuit that he has followed for the long period of twenty-three years. He came to Chicago in 1877 and for fifteen years has served as engineer for the firm of Shufelt & Company. He is most careful and painstaking in his work, accurate and

methodical, and his long connection with one house shows his absolute fidelity to duty at all times.

In 1882 Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Grady, who is a native of the town of Rosefield, Illinois. Three children have been born of this union, Frank R., Jennie and John D.

**P**AUL E. HARNEY.—Devotion to God and a distressed brother, faithfulness to one's usual vocation and the blessing of mental rest and refreshment, are some of the lessons taught in the Masonic lodges and spread broadcast throughout the world by the brethren. A member of the fraternity who has been a zealous worker in the bodies with which he has been affiliated is Mr. Harney. He has been active in all their workings and was on the obituary committee with LeRoy A. Goddard in the Grand Lodge. He received the degree of Master Mason in Franklin Lodge, No. 25, at Upper Alton, and was elected its Junior Deacon; was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Franklin Chapter, No. 15, in which he was Master of the Second Veil; and was created a Sir Knight in Belvidere Commandery, No. 2, serving in that body as Junior Warden and Generalissimo. In his connection with the order Mr. Harney has evinced an earnest desire to carry out its precepts, and has so conducted himself as to win the entire good will of his brother Masons.

Mr. Harney comes originally from Louisiana, his birth having taken place at New Orleans October 21, 1850. His father was a Romanist, while his mother was a member of the Society of Friends, otherwise termed Quakers. It was the intention of our subject's parents to educate him for the priesthood, but as this was against his personal inclination it was not fulfilled. He was placed in a German school at St. Louis, Missouri, where he became thoroughly familiar with the German language, and was eventually graduated at the institution. As his natural tastes were artistic,

he secured a private tutor, under whom he studied art until 1874, when he went to Bavaria, Germany, and spent two years in the Royal Academy, of which he is still a member. Returning to this country in the latter part of 1876 he located in St. Louis and taught art in the Washington Art Institute until 1885, when he moved to Upper Alton, and has since been a resident of this city. He has a studio in Shurtleff College, where he pursues his vocation, making a specialty of portraying monks and scenes of American farm life. Some very fine pictures have emanated from Mr. Harney's prolific brush, which have elicited very favorable criticism in art circles, where he is well known. He is an honorary member of the Chicago Art Institute.

**G**EORGE DAWSON, of Chicago, is identified with various Masonic bodies in this city and is a zealous advocate of the principles of the fraternity. His membership is in Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, A. F. & A. M.; Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, R. A. M.; St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, K. T., and Oriental Consistory, in which he was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in 1896. He is loyal to the principles of the blue lodge, a faithful companion in capitular Masonry and a worthy follower of the beauseant. He is also connected with the social order which admits to its membership only those who are allied with Masonry, having crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Dawson was born in the distant country of New South Wales, Australia, on the 7th of October, 1869. His boyhood days were there passed and his education was acquired in the public school. In early life he learned the brick-maker's trade, which he followed for some years. In 1890 he came to Chicago and four years ago accepted a position as associate instructor in boxing in the Chicago Athletic Club, one of the finest clubs in the coun-

try. Having studied this profession in the most scientific manner, he is thoroughly qualified for the duties of his position. He is pleasant, genial, courteous, gentle, a favorite with the members of the club, and has made many friends during his connection therewith.

**C**HARLES L. ROMBERGER.—The mysteries of the Masonic order, its symbolic rites and the antiquity of its origin, all have a peculiar fascination for men who study and think deeply, particularly those of a legal turn of mind. We consequently find among its most illustrious and devoted adherents members of the legal profession who find in its teachings much to assist them in the study of mankind.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch became identified with the Masonic fraternity in 1884, and has since given his best thoughts and efforts to its interests. He was made a Master Mason in Dwight Livingston Lodge, No. 371, in which he has held the offices of Junior Warden and Worshipful Master. He received the degree of R. A. M., in Morris Chapter, holding the office of High Priest, and that of Knight Templar in Blaney Commandery, No. 5. He is a member of Oriental Consistory, as well as of the Order of the Eastern Star, Dwight Chapter, No. 166, in which he has held the offices of Past Patron and High Priest. He is also a member of Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine, Chicago, of Wilmington Chapter, No. 142, and Joliet Commandery, No. 4. His affiliations with these several branches of Masonry have always been of the most pleasant character and have made him many warm personal friends as well as given him a wide influence and high standing among his associates.

Mr. Romberger, who is a prominent attorney at law, residing in Dwight, Illinois, and the senior member of the well-known law firm of Romberger & Smith, was born at Wyanet, Illinois, June 12, 1862. His education was obtained in the public

schools of Princeton, Illinois, and after completing the course in the high school or that place he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. He was graduated at this institution in 1882, when only nineteen years of age, and was admitted to the bar in Ottawa the same year, but his certificate was withheld until he reached his majority. He continued the study of law in Ottawa until January, 1884, when he located in Dwight, where he has since made his home.

Mr. Romberger is a man of fine mental ability, a close student, and gives his undivided attention to his professional duties. He has built up a large practice and has the confidence and esteem of every one who has ever been brought into business relations with him. His office is one of the handsomest in the city and is an evidence of the success which has attended his career. In addition to legal work the firm carries on a fire-insurance and loan business, probably the most extensive in Dwight.

As president of the village board of Dwight for one term, Mr. Romberger did much to advance the interests of the town and gave proof of his executive ability. He now holds the responsible positions of attorney for the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company and for the Keeley Company.

Mr. Romberger was married in 1885 to Miss Nellie M. Ensign, of Connecticut, and they have two daughters, Louise Ensign and Emma Theresa. The family is popular in social circles and their hospitable home is always open to their friends.

**M**ALCOLM D. MACNAB, whose rapid advancement in Masonry has placed him among the Knights Templar and thirty-second-degree Masons, first became identified with the order in 1896, having been made a Master Mason in Normal Park Lodge, No. 797, F. & A. M., on the 14th of March of that year. He took the degrees of capitular Masonry in Normal Park Chapter, No. 210, being exalted to the august de-

gree of the Royal Arch on the 27th of June, 1896, and on the 30th of June was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Imperial Council, No. 85. He was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, in 1897, and in the present year attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is a thorough Mason, living up to the principles of the order and has the warm regard of his brethren of the craft.

Dr. MacNab has spent his entire life in Illinois. He was born in Fairbury, this state, on the 18th of September, 1871, and there remained until eighteen years of age, when he came to Chicago, in 1890. He acquired his education in the schools of Fairbury, in the high school of Englewood and was a member of the class of 1894 in Westminster College, of Pennsylvania. Choosing the medical profession as that which he wishes to devote his energies, he prepared for practice in Rush Medical College, of Chicago, and was graduated in the class of 1895. He then began practice in Normal Park and has met with a good degree of success for a young physician. Deeply interested in the science of medicine he studies closely all that tends to advancement along that line and has a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the principles governing his chosen profession.

**EUGENE RANDALL**, whose talents, acquirements and habits all eminently fit him for a successful career at the bar, has been a legal practitioner of Sandwich for about twenty years, and is not only numbered among the leading citizens of this place but is also accounted one of the prominent representatives of the Masonic society here. His identification with the fraternity dates from December, 1875, when as Entered Apprentice he was initiated into Orient Lodge, No. 323, A. F. & A. M., of Lisbon, Illinois. He further became familiar with the esoteric doctrines by passing the Fellow-craft degree and being

raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. After his removal to Sandwich he was dimitted to Meteor Lodge, No. 283, and in the present year, 1897, is serving as Junior Warden. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Sandwich Chapter, No. 107, and in the advancement of its interests displays the zeal and ardor which is symbolized by its prevailing tincture of scarlet. Honored by his companions of capitular Masonry, he was elected Captain of the Host, and in 1896 and 1897 served as Principal Sojourner. He received the order and grades of chivalric Masonry in Aurora Commandery, No. 22, and is now a Sir Knight. He is fully in sympathy with the beneficent mission of this great fraternity, which incites in its members a feeling of kinship that draws man into closer and kindlier relations to his fellow man, and fully understands and meets the obligation which rests upon those who are followers of the banners of Masonry. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Home Forum.

Mr. Randall is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and his natal day was August 12, 1852. His parents were Allen and Harriet (Long) Randall. He acquired his early education in the common schools, afterward attended the Fowler Institute, and was graduated at the University of Michigan. From the days of his infancy he has been a resident of Illinois, the family locating in Kendall. When nineteen years of age he began the study of law and continued his reading alone until his entrance into the University of Michigan. After his graduation he was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of Michigan, and shortly afterward by the supreme court of Illinois. He began practice in Morris, where he remained for three years, since which time he has been a member of the bar of Sandwich. He has a broad and accurate understanding of the science of jurisprudence and in the court-room is a forcible, logical and convincing speaker. His career is characterized by energy, indomitable, untiring but curbed and well regulated ener-



gy, which sustains him in all trials and bears him steadily toward the coveted goal of success.

Mr. Randall was married in 1887 to Miss Mary F. Haywood, of Sandwich. He votes with the Democracy, but has neither timen or inclination for public office, devoting his attention to his professional duties. His fidelity to his clients' interests is proverbial and he is an able lawyer, a valued citizen and a worthy Mason.

**R**OBERT SAYLE FARAGHER.—Freemasonry is an ancient institution, embracing among its members men of all ranks and conditions of life, of every nation and clime, and of every religion that acknowledges a Supreme Being and the immortality of the soul. It stands pre-eminent among organizations established for the purpose of improving mankind. Every human institution is subject to great and numerous variations. The different aspects under which they appear, and the principles by which they are governed, depend upon the advance of civilization, the nature of the protecting government and the habits and opinions of the members themselves. Freemasonry was doubtless at first simply a mutual improvement association. The arts and sciences were cultivated in Egypt and the adjacent countries in Asia when all the other nations were involved in ignorance. Of these sciences astronomy, geometry and architecture took the first place. The priesthood, anxious to acquire knowledge that would give them a further hold on a superstitious people, sought to participate in the learning of the architects, and, once admitted to the fraternity, they produced the combination of science and theology which forms such a conspicuous part of the principles of Freemasonry. The fraternity and priestcraft soon became one and imparted their knowledge in symbolic and hieroglyphic instruction, accompanied by particular rites and ceremonies, which have descended to the modern brotherhood, but devoid of the

original significance and superstition. The craft has a large following in Chicago, and one of its members who takes a deep interest in all its affairs is Mr. Faragher.

In July, 1892, Mr. Faragher became a charter member of Lawn Lodge, No. 815, from which he was dimitted to become affiliated with Landmark Lodge, No. 422. In 1893 he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Fairview Chapter, No. 161; was made a Royal and Select Master in Palestine Council, No. 66; and was created a Sir Knight in Montjoie Commandery, No. 53, in November, 1893. Mr. Faragher was elected to the office of Principal Sojourner in Fairview Chapter, which he filled with credit to the craft and honor to himself. His other social affiliations are with the Mystic Shrine, Medinah Temple, of which he became a member in April, 1895, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Faragher is a native of the Isle of Man, having been born in Douglas, September 27, 1868, and was there reared and received his education in the public schools. When seventeen years of age he possessed a desire to see the wonders of the new world, and took passage for the United States. He subsequently located in Chicago, and now holds a clerkship with the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad.

He is a bright young man, with an abundance of natural energy, which, in conjunction with an upright character, a strict integrity, and an honesty of purpose, have secured for him the esteem and confidence of those with whom he is associated.

**T**HOMAS C. ROGERS.—Freemasonry has ever been a foe to vice, immorality and selfishness, to which, unfortunately, the world has always in a more or less degree been addicted, and which received a strong check when the precepts and tenets which form the foundation of the fraternity were first promulgated in the blue lodge of long ago. The struggle has been going on for centuries, but like all

great movements its progress has been slow, as it has had to contend with ignorance, bigotry and prejudice. It has stretched its hands across the seas to every known country that has any claims to intelligence, and its banner has been implanted in the soil of every enlightened nation. In the United States it has grown to immense proportions, and its lodge fires burn in every city, town and village throughout the republic.

In Illinois the order has received the unlimited encouragement of many of her most prominent and intelligent citizens, who have enrolled their names upon the banner of Freemasonry, among them being Thomas C. Rogers, who was made a Master Mason in Blair Lodge, No. 393, in 1895, exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter, No. 148, and created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in the same year. He was a member of the St. Bernard Drill Corps, and was presented by his "fratres," on the occasion of his marriage, with a handsome silver service as a token of their high esteem.

Mr. Rogers was a native of England, having been born in London on the 9th of October, 1859, his early education being acquired in the public schools of that city, supplemented by a course in the Royal Engineers' College, at Chatham. In 1877 he embarked for the United States and landed in New York, where he became connected with the Mercantile Express Company, continuing with the same until 1889, when he moved west and located in Chicago, and here, in 1893, he embarked in the insurance business, meeting with a high degree of success in that line of enterprise. He was energetic and progressive, possessed the strictest integrity of character, which, combined with his genial disposition, made him a favorite of all who knew him. Death terminated his busy career on the 29th of July, 1897, and his loss was sincerely mourned by his many friends. He is survived by his widow, who was formerly Miss Agnes McCracken, a native of Man-

chester, England, and to whom he was united in marriage in 1896. He also leaves an infant daughter.

**D**ANIEL HOWARD.— Faithfully have the ideas promulgated by the originators of Freemasonry been preserved and the object and aims of the fraternity closely guarded by those who have undertaken the task of continuing the good work inaugurated so many years ago. Among the faithful and energetic "fratres" who render allegiance to the order in Chicago is Daniel Howard, who was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Mission Lodge, No. 92, at Osage Mission, Kansas, in 1875, subsequently obtaining a dimit from the same in order to become affiliated with Pleiades Lodge, No. 478, at Chicago. In 1876 he was advanced to the grades of capitular Masonry and exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in J. D. Rush Chapter, No. 21, at Osage Mission, Kansas; he passed the circle of cryptic Masonry in Chicago Council, No. 4, and was greeted a Royal and Select Master therein; he received the orders of knighthood in Oswego Commandery, No. 6, at Oswego, Kansas; and he attained the ineffable degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory, wherein he had conferred upon him the thirty-second degree and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret. He is also a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. He takes a deep interest in the craft, to which he brings a high order of intelligence, and is held in the greatest esteem by his companions.

Daniel Howard is a native of Ireland, his birth taking place there on the 19th of November, 1848. In 1851 his parents emigrated to the United States and located in New York, where they resided until 1857, removing in that year to Illinois, and here the subject of this review was reared to manhood, acquiring his literary education in the public schools. He then took up the study of telegraphy and eventually secured

a position as operator on the Illinois Central Railroad, retaining the same until 1867, when he became connected with the Adams Express Company for some time. In 1893 he was tendered the position of local freight agent for the Illinois Central, which he accepted, and as such he has since been connected with that road, rendering efficient, faithful service, and thus gaining the confidence and respect of the officials as well as the public.

The marriage of Mr. Howard was solemnized in 1870, when he was united to Miss Harriet Frederick, a native of Ohio, and their children consist of two in number,—Frederick and Mildred.

Frederick Howard was born on the 19th of November, 1871, and is, like his father, affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. He was initiated in Blaney Lodge, No. 271, was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Chicago Chapter, was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and attained the grades and orders in the Scottish Rite, being proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory. Also he is a member of Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

In April, 1897, Mr. Howard was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hawkins, of Neosho, Missouri.

**C**HARLES C. THOMPSON, M. D., although a recent acquisition to the Masonic fraternity, has already evinced a great deal of interest in the order, and there is every indication that he will prove a valuable accession to the craft. His initiatory degrees were conferred upon him in Alpha Lodge, No. 155, at Galesburg, in which he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1896, and in the same year he was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in Galesburg Chapter, No. 46; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Galesburg Council, No. 14; and was constituted, dubbed and created a Sir Knight in Galesburg Commandery, No. 8. He is an en-

thusiastic brother, and stands high in the estimation of his fellow Masons.

Dr. Thompson was born in the city of Cambridge, Dorchester county, Maryland, on September 27, 1849, and early in life moved with his parents to Indiana, where his preliminary mental discipline was received in the public schools, supplemented by a course of study at the Tippecanoe Battle Ground Academy and Asbury University, now known as De Pauw University. His youthful predilection being for the medical profession, he determined to make that his life work, and with this end in view he matriculated in the Kentucky School of Medicine, from which he received his diploma in 1872. Desiring to perfect himself in the various branches of his calling, he went to Europe and there pursued his studies, eventually entering the University of Edinburg, at which he was graduated in 1875. Returning to the United States he took a post-graduate course in the Baltimore Medical College, after which he entered upon the active practice of his profession at East St. Louis, Illinois, remaining there for three years, at the end of that period moving to Knoxville, Tennessee, and thence returning to Baltimore, Maryland. In 1892 the Doctor came to Chicago, where he has since been successfully engaged, his natural adaptability, his extensive research, his close study of medicine in its practical application, and his comprehensive knowledge of its fundamental principles, all tend to make him a physician of more than ordinary ability; and his genial nature and social disposition are instrumental in making him many friends and gain the confidence of all those with whom he comes in contact. He enjoys a large and remunerative practice, and is quite popular both among his fellow practitioners and from a social standpoint, and as a man and a Mason is a credit to the fraternity.

The marriage of Dr. Thompson was solemnized on April 10, 1890, when he was united to Miss Teresa H. Gore, of Baltimore, Maryland; by this marriage he has a son and daughter, Fisher and Emily, and

by a former marriage two sons, Charles and Leland, to whom he is devoted, giving them the best advantages of a liberal education.

**EUGENE W. MONTGOMERY**, junior member of the firm of William Hoskins & Company, lumber merchants of Galena, Illinois, is a gentleman who figures prominently in the business circles of this city, and whose name and influence as a business man extend far beyond the limits of Galena. Also he is a member of this, the most prominent and popular of all civic organizations, the Masonic fraternity, his identity with the same covering a period of nearly a quarter of a century.

Mr. Montgomery was made a Master Mason in 1874, in Carey Lodge, No. 420, A. F. & A. M., at Carey, Ohio, in which for several years he held the office of Treasurer and also at different times filled other positions of importance. In 1874, in McCutchen Chapter, No. 96, at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, he was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason, and in 1886 he received the orders of Knighthood in Galena Commandery, No. 40, K. T. At Galena he has been honored with various official positions in the chapter and commandery, all of which have been filled by him with the most signal ability and in a manner which has reflected credit both upon himself and upon the order. He has attained to the ineffable degrees of Scottish Rite in Freeport Consistory, wherein he had conferred upon him the thirty-second degree and was proclaimed a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, thus acquiring all the degrees of the ancient York and Scottish Rite up to and including the thirty-second. He is also a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and as such has membership in Tebala Temple at Rockford.

Ohio is the native state of Mr. Montgomery, his birth having occurred in McCutchensville, Wyandot county, Ohio, on the 24th of October, 1853, and he is descended from Irish ancestors who landed

in America previous to the Revolutionary war and who were prominently identified with the early history of this country. General Richard Montgomery, a major-general in the Revolutionary war, who, after capturing St. Johns and Montreal, was killed at Quebec on the 31st of December, 1775, was a representative of the family. Our subject's father, Dr. John Montgomery, was a native of Morrow county, Ohio, his parents having settled in the Western Reserve at an early day. For many years he was a practicing physician, was well known throughout that portion of the state in which he lived, and possessed the high esteem of all who knew him. He died at the age of sixty-three years, and his wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Newell Willard, was born in Oneida county, New York, and is a descendant of Major Willard, who came from England to America in 1634. She passed away at the age of fifty-eight years. In their family were eight children, of whom five are now living.

Eugene W. Montgomery was educated in the common schools at Adrian, Ohio, and Apple River, Illinois, after leaving which he learned telegraphy and engaged in railroading, in Ohio, following the same for ten years, during which time he was employed as station agent and operator for the Hocking Valley and the Sandusky, Dayton & Cincinnati railroads. He came to Galena in January, 1880, and soon after his location here he became a member of the lumber firm with which he is now connected and in which he is a most enterprising and potent factor. This firm has established a large business at Galena, Cuba City, Wisconsin, and Elizabeth, Illinois. He is also president of The Kipp-Montgomery Lumber Company, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and besides his interest in lumber, Mr. Montgomery has been for some years and is at the present time associated with several other enterprises. He was one of the organizers of the Windsor Heating Company, and was its president; he was a stockholder and secretary of the Keatley Hosiery Company; and at this writing (1897) he is a

stockholder in the Globe National Bank and the Masonic Temple, of Chicago; the First National Bank, of O'Neal, Nebraska; and the Merchants' National Bank, of his home city. He served on the Board of Education of the city of Galva for seven years, three years as president. When the matter of establishing a park and monument at Galena in memory of General Grant was being discussed, Mr. Montgomery took a deep interest in the project and did all in his power to bring about the completion of the undertaking. He owned one-half interest in two valuable lots, corner Park avenue and Johnson street, on the site selected for the park, which he freely donated July 4, 1890, the consideration of the deed being "one dollar and the high esteem in which he held the name of General Grant."

Politically, Mr. Montgomery has ever been a staunch Republican. He has attended all the national conventions for many years. He presented the celebrated "Grant" gavel to the national convention in Chicago in June, 1888. He has by his personal work, his influence and his vote, given to this party his hearty support, and in recognition of his loyalty to the same he was honored in 1896 by being elected, by acclamation, presidential elector of the ninth district of Illinois, which is composed of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Ogle, Carroll, Lee and Boone counties, and had the pleasure of casting an electoral vote for William McKinley for president and Garrett A. Hobart for vice-president of the United States.

Mr. Montgomery has a beautiful home on the east side of the river, on Park avenue, in Galena. He was united in marriage on the 15th of February, 1877, to Miss Kate C. Hoskins, and their union has been blessed with four children, two of whom are deceased, namely: Maud Eugenia and Fannie Victoria, both having been taken away in childhood, the former at the age of eight and the latter at seven years. The surviving children, a son and a daughter, are Shelley Hoskins and Hattie Eliza.

The Montgomery family are regular attendants upon worship at the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Montgomery, besides his identity with the Masonic order, is a member of the Lumber "Hoo Hoo" Society; also the Grant and Marquette Clubs, of Chicago, and the Ohio Society, of the same city.

**C** H. SIMMONS.—Upon investigating the elements which have been instrumental in securing to Freemasonry its present distinct prestige, its prosperity and undoubted progress, we find that, in glancing from effect to cause, the order's present flourishing condition is the logical result of the high standard of principles underlying all departments of the fraternity—charity, benevolence and the unity of all mankind in a universal brotherhood. In order to maintain this high state of excellence it is necessary to admit only the best material to membership, and consequent upon this fact the lodges of Chicago not only represent power in regard to numbers but they are also adequately represented in quality.

One of the loyal and valuable "fratres" who takes a deep interest in all the workings of the local bodies, is C. H. Simmons, who was initiated in William B. Warren Lodge, No. 209, in 1890; was advanced to the degrees of capitular Masonry and exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in La Fayette Chapter, No. 2, in 1895; and in the same year was created a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1. He is a faithful, consistent brother, thoroughly informed upon the ritual and has gained and retains the warm regard of his co-workers.

Mr. Simmons was born in the city of New York on the 9th of January, 1856, and there he was reared, receiving his educational discipline in the public schools. His early predilection for mechanical construction caused him to take up the study of engineering, in which he has since perfected himself and has held several responsible positions, at present being in command of the steam heating in the Pontiac building.

The marriage of Mr. Simmons was consummated in 1891, when he became united to Miss Corinne Knapp, who was born in Derby, Iowa, a daughter of H. G. Knapp. Her grandmother was a Dickenson, and a granddaughter of Captain Reuben Dickenson, whose father, Ebenezer, was a son of Nehemiah Dickenson, the latter being the fourth son of Nathaniel Dickenson. Nathaniel Dickenson was the progenitor of the family in America and emigrated from England at an early day. His record is traced back to the year 900, when one of his ancestors married the daughter of the king of France.

**F**RANK C. LINDEN, M. D., is connected with various Chicago bodies of Masonry, having advanced through the most of the departments of the fraternity since his initiation into the lodge in 1892, at which time he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Arcana Lodge, No. 717. The following year he took the degrees of capitular Masonry in Wiley M. Egan Chapter, No. 126, R. A. M., and was constituted, created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Chicago Commandery, No. 19. In 1894 he received the grades and orders of the Scottish rite and attained the thirty-second degree in Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S. He also belongs to Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His father, who for ten years has been chief of police in Philadelphia and is one of the leading citizens there, is a prominent thirty-third-degree Mason.

Dr. Linden is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born on the 19th of September, 1860. He was reared there and obtained his literary education in the public schools. Early in life he made choice of the medical profession as one to which he wished to devote his energies, and accordingly matriculated in the College of Physician & Surgeons of Chicago, where he pursued a thorough course of study and was graduated with the class of 1889, being vice-president of the class. He began

practice in Chicago, where he has since remained, and has secured a large and lucrative patronage. He is a member of the Chicago Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and his deep interest in the profession leads him to keep thoroughly abreast with the improvements that are continually being made.

The Doctor was married on the 23d of April, 1884, Miss Jessie D. Vosburgh, becoming his wife. She is a native of Janesville, Wisconsin, and now has one son, Robert F.

**E**DWARD A. YOUNG, one of Chicago's enterprising and successful business men, stands well in the Masonic fraternity and is regarded as one of the valued members of the order. His connection with the society covers a period of twenty-eight years, he having been made a Mason in Vineland Lodge, of Vineland, Cumberland county, New Jersey, in 1868. He was dismissed from that lodge and in 1876 affiliated with Neenah Lodge, of Neenah, Wisconsin, until he transferred his membership to St. Lawrence Lodge, of St. Lawrence, South Dakota. On his removal to Chicago he became a charter member of Woodlawn Lodge, No. 841, and is now serving in a most acceptable manner as its Treasurer. He takes a deep interest in the order and does all in his power for its promotion and manifests in his life the spirit of the fraternity, exemplifying its honorable teaching in his upright career. He is therefore esteemed as a worthy and influential member of the craft and is well worthy of mention in the Masonic history of Illinois.

Mr. Young is numbered among the sons of the Keystone state. He was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, on the 3d of October, 1841, and resided on a farm until eighteen years of age, working in the fields through the summer months and attending the public schools of the neighborhood in the winter. He then left home and began following the carpenter's trade. During the late war his patriotic spirit was aroused,

and he offered his services to the government as a defender of the Union, enlisting among the boys in blue of Company B, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania Infantry. He was wounded at the battle of Cedar Mountain, Virginia, on the 9th of August, 1862, and was soon afterward discharged on account of the injuries sustained, which unfitted him for further service. He afterward re-enlisted in the same company and regiment and served until the close of the war, faithfully defending the old flag which now floats so proudly over the united nation.

After his return from the war Mr. Young remained in Pennsylvania for about a year, and on the 24th of June, 1866, was united in marriage to Miss Maria D. Kellogg, a native of the Keystone state. They have one daughter, Allie M. In the same year of his marriage Mr. Young removed to Vineland, New Jersey, and engaged in contracting and building until 1874, when he sought a home in the west, locating in Neenah, Wisconsin. There he engaged in merchandising for some years, when he went to Chautauqua county, New York, spending four years there. His next home was in Ree Heights, South Dakota, and in 1891 he came to Chicago, where he established his present business. He is now conducting a hardware store at No. 344 Sixty-third street, and carries a large and carefully selected stock, and meeting all the requirements of a first-class city trade. He has won an enviable reputation for fair dealing that enables him to command a large share of the public patronage, and his record is that of one who by his own unaided efforts has worked his way upward to a comfortable position in life. He has always been industrious and persevering, and his systematic and honorable methods have won him the support and confidence of many.

**H**ENRY GOETZ, the popular druggist of the Tacoma building, Chicago, is a gentleman who has climbed high on the Masonic ladder and fully appreciates the

beauties of this ancient order. His connection with Masonry had its beginning in the year 1878, in Chicago, when he was initiated, passed and raised by Germania Lodge, No. 182, F. & A. M. Not long afterward he was exalted by Lincoln Park Chapter, R. A. M., No. 177, and later he was knighted by St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, K. T. Also he is a "Shriner," a member of Medinah Temple, Mystic Shrine. He has filled some positions in the blue lodge.

Mr. Goetz dates his birth in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 29, 1856, and comes of German parentage. He is indebted to the public and high schools of Milwaukee for his educational advantages, being a graduate of the high school. In 1871 he entered a drug store in Milwaukee, as an apprentice to the business, and remained there until 1873, when, in May of that year, he came to Chicago and accepted a position as a drug clerk, being thus occupied for eighteen months. In 1875 he purchased a drug store at the corner of Lincoln and Webster avenues. Subsequently he started a drug store in the Chicago Opera House building. This stock he later moved to Plaza Hotel on the North Side and soon afterward came to his present location in the Tacoma building, that being in 1889, immediately after the completion of the building. Among the attractions of his store—and which adds largely to his patronage—is a fine soda fountain. His successful career is not unlike that of many other prosperous men of his city. He started out a poor boy, without means but with plenty of pluck and a determination to succeed, and to-day we find him the proprietor of two finely-equipped drug establishments.

Other fraternities with which he is connected besides the Masonic order are the Royal Arcanum and North American Union. In his political views he is somewhat independent, voting for men and measures rather than adhering closely to party lines.

Mr. Goetz was married in 1881 to Miss Emma Wagner.

**J**OHAN F. WOLFF.—There is an unusual interest attaching to Mr. Wolff's identification with the Masonic order, for not only has he attained distinguished precedence in the same, but has also made a particular study of its history, in which connection he has had exceptional privileges by reason of his pilgrimages through the Orient and other sections of the old world, where he duly profited by the opportunities afforded him for learning of this ancient and noble organization, whose flag waves in every clime and whose followers are found in every civilized portion of the globe. He is a man of high intellectuality and has gained pronounced recognition in local Masonic circles.

Mr. Wolff first became familiar with the teaching and esoteric doctrines of the order through his initiation into William B. Warren Lodge, where the appropriate tincture of blue, symbolizing universality, is a constant reminder that friendship, morality and brotherly love should be as extensive as the blue vault of the heavens. Having received the degree of Entered Apprentice, passed the Fellow-craft, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, on the 11th of February, 1888, he proceeded to obtain a knowledge of capitular Masonry in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, for in the same year he was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason in that organization. He was created and dubbed a Sir Knight in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, and has been a faithful follower of the beaueasant. That his advance was rapid in the order is manifest in the fact that on the 20th of November, 1888, he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and has since been numbered among the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret in Oriental Consistory, this degree being taken on his birthday anniversary. On the succeeding day Mr. Wolff metaphorically made himself familiar with the sands of the desert through his initiation into the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine and is a Noble of Medinah Temple. The various offices of the blue lodge he has acceptably

filled, including that of Worshipful Master. He is Grand Orator in the Lodge of Perfection and Master of Ceremonies in the Rose Croix Lodge. He is also viceroy of St. John's Conclave, No. 1, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. He has assisted in the official duties in each of the several Masonic bodies with which he is connected and is one of the best known members of the consistory, from the fact that he is recognized as one of its most zealous workers.

Mr. Wolff's zeal for Masonry, his wide and accurate knowledge of the craft, his acumen, his diligence, his untiring efforts and the vigilance with which he guards the ancient landmarks, observes the vows of knighthood and cherishes the teachings of the Scottish Rite, make him one of the most prominent, honored and valued members of the society in Illinois. His interest in Masonry is still further evidenced by his membership in that worthy philanthropic association, maintaining the Masonic Orphans' Home, in the city of Chicago. In the year 1889 Mr. Wolff made an extended sojourn in the Orient, visiting all the places of ancient Masonic interest and thus acquiring an intimate and valuable knowledge pertinent thereto. On this journey he also visited many other quarters of the eastern continent, becoming a thorough cosmopolite and gaining that broad information which only travel can impart. In the line of more purely social relations he is a member of the Union League and Menoken Clubs, of Chicago, and was a member also of the late Acacia Club.

John F. Wolff is one of the native residents of Chicago, his birth having occurred on the 20th of November, 1858. His preliminary education was received in the public schools, after which he continued his studies at Racine College, of Racine, Wisconsin, which institution he left to go to the land of his ancestors, Germany, where he completed a course in that most excellent school, the Royal Polytechnic Institute, in Hanover, where he was graduated in 1880. Returning to the United States



he entered the employ of his father, a manufacturer and wholesale dealer in plumbers' supplies, and in the extensive establishment of the Wolff Manufacturing Company he passed through all the minor positions, thoroughly familiarizing himself with every detail of the industry and honestly winning the high preferment which came to him in his election to the vice-presidency of the company, in 1887. In addition to this conspicuous association he was elected, in 1894, president of the Central Supply Association, which is probably the most extensive organization of the kind in the Union. He occupies a most conspicuous place in commercial circles and his rise has come not through family influence, but as the result of merit and superior ability. He is a typical Chicago business man, with the abundant energy and enterprise of the class that has laid the solid foundation of what is to become the greatest city on the continent. His life has been one of great activity, directed by an ambition to succeed on the lines of usefulness and an unconquerable spirit of determination.

Mr. Wolff, however, is not alone a leader in business circles. His is a well-rounded character, symmetrically developed, with a cultivated taste that finds great pleasure in the arts, especially in music and literature. Having received the most excellent educational advantages, both at home and abroad, Mr. Wolff has duly profited thereby and his high scholarship is unmistakable, as effectively supplemented by extensive travel. He is a fine linguist, being thoroughly familiar with both the German and French languages, as well as that of his native land. The cause of education has been advanced through his efforts and for many years he has been active in educational affairs. With a full comprehension of its incalculable benefit to man in the affairs of life, he has put forth an effort to place its advantages within easy reach of all, and on the 8th of February, 1897, was appointed by Mayor Swift a member of the board of education of Chicago, to which he will prove a valued addition.

In his home life Mr. Wolff's love of music finds scope, for his family are especially gifted in that art. He was married in the ancient and picturesque little city of Rostock, situated on the Warnow river, which nine miles below flows into the Baltic sea, the lady of his choice being Alwine Witte, a native of that place. They are the parents of three interesting children,—Franklyn, Harold and Carla,—and all the members of this household share the fatherland love of music and the talent which so largely marks that nationality. The parents and children are all accomplished performers on various musical instruments and the "Wolff family entertainments" have on several occasions delighted their auditors at evening functions, while in their home it is a source of much pleasure to their acquaintances. At their attractive residence is dispensed a gracious hospitality to a large circle of friends, and Mr. and Mrs. Wolff enjoy a distinctive popularity in representative social circles of the city.

**J** B. McFATRICH, M. D., M. S., is one of the active Masons of Chicago and is warmly devoted to the order in which the highest degrees and many distinguished honors have been conferred upon him. He is a distinguished member of the medical fraternity in Chicago and is most highly esteemed in both social and professional circles. He was born in Lena, Illinois, on the 4th of April, 1862, and attended the common and high schools of his native town, also the Upper Iowa University, where he received the degree of M. S. He began the study of medicine in 1879 at Hahnemann Medical College, at which he was graduated in 1885, and he also attended the Bennett College of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery, and had a diploma conferred upon him by that institution in 1884. His recognized ability has gained for him the positions of surgeon-in-chief for Illinois of the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, of London, England; surgeon in

chief of the Fidelity & Casualty Company, of New York; professor of ophthalmology, otology and clinical surgery in Bennett Medical College.

He has won a prestige that comes only from superior skill and unquestioned merit. His knowledge of the science of medicine is most profound and accurate, his investigations have been varied and far-reaching in their scope and thus has he gained an honorable place among the foremost representatives of his profession in the second city of the western continent.

Dr. McFatrigh was united in marriage in October, 1885, to Miss Vesta R. Putnam, of Chicago, and they have two daughters, Vesta and Florence. In Dr. McFatrigh's case a splendid physical development supports an unusual force of character. In every position of his eventful life he has been successful in the best sense. He is loyal to truth, honor and right; justly valuing his own self-respect and the esteem of his fellow-men as infinitely more valuable than wealth, fame or position. Few men have more devoted friends than he. None excel him in unselfish devotion and unwavering fidelity to the worthy recipients of his confidence and friendship.

**T**HOMAS B. BENT is one of the wide-awake young attorneys of Chicago, whose years, however, seem to be no limit to his ability, for he already takes ranks among many able lawyers many years his senior.

He was born in Chicago in 1870, was reared in the atmosphere of progress and advancement which characterizes the city and is a typical product of Chicago, possessing that energy and determination which conquers all obstacles and presses forward to the goal of its hopes. His education was obtained in the public schools of the city and his boyhood was unmarked by any event of special importance, being passed midst play and study in the manner of most youths of the period. When his literary education was completed he determined to

enter upon the practice of law as a life work and to that end became a student in the Chicago College of Law, where he prepared for the profession, pursuing a thorough course. Thus with a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the science of jurisprudence to serve as a foundation for future successes he entered upon his life work, and his abilities have already won him recognition in a fair clientage which is constantly increasing. He is a young man of strong mentality, of unbounded energy and laudable ambition, and will no doubt gain a leading place at the Chicago bar.

In his political views Mr. Bent is a Republican and staunchly advocates the principles of the party. In the ranks of Masonry in this city he is found, having been a member of Garden City Lodge since 1893, when he took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason. He has served as Junior Deacon of the lodge and is popular with its members as well as with a large circle of friends outside the fraternity.

**J**AMES T. HILL.—One of Chicago's well-known business men, who has attained a high position in the mercantile world early in life, and who is an honored member of the order of Freemasonry, is James T. Hill, president of the firm of Willoughby, Hill & Company. In 1894 Mr. Hill took the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow-craft in Blaney Lodge, No. 271, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the same year. He was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in La Fayette Chapter, and was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, and is still affiliated with these bodies, to which he renders all the assistance in his power and endeavors to advance their interests at every opportunity. He is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order, being a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Medinah Temple.

Mr. Hill was born in Buffalo, New York, October 16, 1868, and was brought to Chi-

ago by his parents in 1870. Here he attended the public schools, and after leaving them he was sent to Yale University, at which he was graduated in 1891. Being compelled to relinquish all further thoughts of continuing his studies owing to an affliction of the eyes, Mr. Hill spent some time in traveling through the countries of Europe, visiting many of the resorts and cities that have achieved a world-wide reputation. Upon his return to the United States he entered his father's firm as an employee and through his earnest efforts and quick apprehension soon mastered the details of the business. In 1893, when C. L. Hill retired from the business, he became even more closely identified with his father in the active management of the house and showed such rare executive ability and appreciation of the work that in 1894 he was admitted to an interest in the business. In 1895 the firm was incorporated and Mr. Hill was elected president, which responsible position he has since continued to fill in a most capable and trustworthy manner. The firm of Willoughby, Hill & Company, manufacturers of clothing and furnishings, is one of the largest of its kind in the west. Mr. Hill is a young man of great intellectual powers, firm in character, and possessing a strict sense of integrity that inspires unlimited confidence among his business associates. He is enterprising and progressive, and there is every indication that his future will be one of success and prosperity.

In his social relations Mr. Hill is a member of the Chicago Athletic Club, the Forty Club, the Sons of the American Revolution, Delta Psi, and a director in the Calumet Club. Politically he is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party. Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Grace E. Bliss, of Connecticut, in 1892, and one daughter, Leslie, has been born to them.

numbered among those who travel in the beaten paths of Masonry and lift the standard of the order to a still higher plane of usefulness. Century after century has been added to the never-returning past since this order saw its beginning and with the swift-flying years an enlightened membership must keep pace with advancing civilization. To-day the various industrial callings and different professions are furnishing to the society men of moral worth who understand the lessons of history, who imbibe the spirit of the lessons taught and who have the courage of manly convictions. These are men who prove themselves Masons by their acts, not by their words, whom the world recognizes as Masons not by the emblems they wear but by the deeds which they perform.

Such a representative of Masonry is Dr. Garretson, who in 1883 became a member of Mason Lodge, No. 17, F. & A. M., of Macomb, Illinois. Having passed the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason, he was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason, becoming a companion in Morris Chapter, No. 39, of Macomb, in 1886. He took the commandery degrees in Augusta, Illinois, in 1887, but on removing to Peoria in 1891 he dimitted from that to Peoria Commandery, with which he is now affiliated. He is also a charter member of Mohammed Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which was organized in 1893.

In perfect accord with the cardinal principles of Masonry is the profession which Dr. Garretson has chosen as a life work. The alleviation of human suffering, which is the basis of his daily care and labor, is also a fundamental element in the fraternity, and in performing his professional duties he often also exercises those principles which lie within the province of the esoteric order. The Doctor was born in Jerseyville, Jersey county, Illinois, on the 20th of October, 1847, and completed his literary education in Shurtleff College, of Upper Alton, Illinois. Determining on the prac-

**P**PETER H. GARRETSON, M. D., of Peoria, who for more than a quarter of a century has been an active member of the medical profession of Illinois, is also

tice of medicine as a life work, he pursued a course of study in the St. Louis Medical College, where he was graduated with the class of 1869. He began practice in Macomb, Illinois, where he remained for twenty-one years. He was one of the most prominent and successful physicians of that city and enjoyed a large and lucrative practice of a general character. In 1890 he went abroad and took a special course of study in Guy's Hospital, of London.

After his return to his native land he located in Peoria, on the 1st of January, 1891, and has since engaged in general practice, also making a specialty of the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. His knowledge of the science of medicine is accurate and comprehensive and he has always been a close and thorough reader of medical literature, thus keeping abreast with improvement and progress. He is of kindly, courteous and genial manner, an attribute especially necessary to the successful physician. His skill ranks him among the leading members of the profession in this city and his merit has won him a liberal patronage.

The Doctor was married on the 1st of June, 1889, in Jerseyville, Illinois, to Miss Elizabeth Van Pelt, of that city.

**W**ILLIAM WALLACE CLARK.—Freemasonry is a practical religion. It does not uphold any particular creed, nor ally itself to any one sect, but is universal in its conception of what is best and most beneficial for mankind. Its doctrines, while of the highest order, are all embracing and conform to all that is pure and noble in the human soul. Mr. Clark has been united with the brotherhood for twenty years, during which time he has faithfully carried out in the spirit as well as in actual deeds, the precepts and tenets of the order. He was initiated in Garfield Lodge and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1876, was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in York Chapter, and was created a Sir Knight in St. Bernard

Commandery, No. 35. His considerate manner and kindly disposition have made him popular in the lodge, and his daily acts demonstrate how well he has learned the ritual of the fraternity.

Mr. Clark was born in Middletown, Connecticut, November 18, 1852, and there he passed his youth, obtaining his mental training in the public schools of his native city. He subsequently moved to New York, where he remained until 1872, when he came to Chicago and at once engaged in the manufacture of paper boxes. His factory is located at Nos. 51-53 South May street, and he has succeeded in building up a large and flourishing business. Possessing an energetic nature and a keen sense of honor, his rise in the mercantile world has been rapid, and he is now recognized as one of Chicago's respected and progressive business men. In his religious affiliations he is an earnest adherent of the Baptist church.

**W**ILLIAM AUGUSTUS WORK is a brother of much usefulness in the Masonic circles of the state, a loyal Sir Knight, and an energetic worker in the local bodies at Beardstown, whose membership was acquired in Rio Lodge, No. 685, at Rio, Illinois, in 1885, from which he was dimitted and became affiliated with Cass Lodge, No. 23, at Beardstown. In 1892 he was exalted to the degree of capitular Masonry in Clarke Chapter, No. 29, and received the orders of knighthood in Rushville Commandery, No. 56, K. T., at Rushville, in 1893. In the blue lodge he has filled the office of Junior Deacon for two years, and that of Junior Warden for a similar period, while in the chapter he has efficiently occupied the position of Royal Arch Captain for two years, giving to all of these positions the best energies of his nature, and demonstrating an unusual amount of circumspection, executive ability and knowledge of Masonic laws and usages. He takes a great deal of pleasure and interest in the order and his labors have met

with the most sincere appreciation at the hands of his "fratres."

Mr. Work was born in Delavan, Illinois, August 16, 1863, and is descended from German-English ancestry. His parents were Hugh A. and Harriet E. (Hill) Work, their marriage taking place in Pekin, Illinois, June 15, 1852. His mother was a native of Orange, Ohio, and his father's birth occurred in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in 1827. At the beginning of the war of the Rebellion the latter enlisted in Company H, Fourth Illinois Cavalry, which was organized at Ottawa, in September, 1861, and commanded by Colonel T. L. Dickey and Lieutenant-Colonel William McCullough. On the 4th of November the regiment left for the field, arriving at Springfield, Illinois, on the 17th, and remaining in camp there until the 1st of December, when they marched to Cairo. On the 12th of January, 1862, they marched into Kentucky, previous to the evacuation of Columbus, and spent fourteen days in reconnoitering to Mayfield and other points, returning to Cairo on the 26th of January, 1862. On the 2d of February they started for Fort Henry, participating in the battle there on the 6th, and on the 12th marched to Fort Donelson, participating in the engagement there from the 13th to the 17th inclusive, the enemy surrendering on the last day. On the 20th of March they arrived at Pittsburg Landing, and on the 6th and 7th of April took part in the battle of Shiloh, followed the next day by a skirmish at Shiloh church; on the 12th at Bear Creek Bridge, Alabama; on the 13th and 15th near Purdy, Tennessee, from which date until the 10th of June they skirmished with the enemy till the evacuation of Corinth, when they marched to La Grange, Tennessee; on the 18th of June, they marched to Chewalla, Tennessee; June 29 to Moscow; July 1 to Holly Springs, Mississippi; July 5 to LaFayette, Tennessee; July 20 to Memphis; August 24, to Trenton, Tennessee; October 12, scouting to the Tennessee river; October 23 marched from Trenton to Humboldt, Tennessee; November 10 and

12 marched from Humboldt to Durhamville, Tennessee; November 24-28 marched from Humboldt, Tennessee, to Waterford, Mississippi; November 30 skirmished at Tallahatchie river; December 2-6 marched from Kelloughs to near Coffeyville and back to the Tockanapatampha river, fighting at Oxford, Water Valley and Coffeyville; December 12 marched to Water valley; December 14 and 16 to Coffeyville; December 20-29 marched to Bolivar, Tennessee, then back to Holly Springs, Mississippi.

On the 1st of January, 1863, the regiment marched to Moscow; on the 2d to Somerville; on the 3d to the vicinity of Wolfe river, Tennessee; on the 4th to Moscow; the 6th and 7th to Germantown; the 8th to Collinsville; 11th and 12th scouted to Fisherville and then engaged in scouting in that region for some days. On the 10th of March, went in pursuit of Richardson to Lousa Hatchee river, and on the 16th pursued Mitchell to Mt. Pleasant, Mississippi; on the 2d of April scouted near Macon, Tennessee; April 4 near Mt. Pleasant, Mississippi; May 6 returned from Okalona, Mississippi; May 19 scouted to Coldwater; May 21 to Panola; June 1-2 to vicinity of Wolfe river; June 4-7 to Cold Water and Lafayette; June 16-20 to Panola; June 24-29 to Cold Water and Byhalia; July 3 to Cold Water and Lafayette; July 11-14 and July 21-23 to Cold Water and Lafayette; July 24-25 to Cold Water and Hernando, Mississippi; July 28-30 to Cold Water and Point Pleasant; August 7-10 to Cold Water; August 13-22 to Grenada; August 28-31 to Cold Water; September 10 to Holly Springs; September 14 to mouth of Wolfe creek; September 17 moved camp from Colliersville to Memphis; September 19 embarked on a steamboat for Vicksburg; September 22 moved camp to Big Black river; September 27 scouted toward Canton, Mississippi, and returned October 1; October 4 scouted near Oak Ridge, Mississippi; October 15-19 scouted near Livingston; October 28 to Messenger Ford and moved camp to Black River Bridge; October 30 changed camp to

Hebron's plantation, Mississippi; November 4 scouted to Messenger Ford; November 13 to Oak Ridge; November 26-27 and December 3 toward Yazoo City; December 11-12 changed station to Natchez; December 13 scouted toward Church Hill; December 14 to Washington; December 16 to Church Hill; December 18 to Washington; December 21-23 to Rodney and Fayette; December 24-25 to Church Hill; December 28 toward Fayette; January 1-2, 1864, scouted in East Louisiana and had a fight with the enemy; January 6-7 scouted to Meadville and had another fight; January 10-11 scouted to Fayette and Church Hill; January 21 to east of Church Hill; January 23 east of Washington; January 25 east of Washington, where another fight occurred; January 28 scouted to Washington; February 1-8 to Meadville, Kingston and Fayette, accompanied by another battle; February 12-15 scouted to Woodville and Kingston; February 16-20 to Kingston and Selsertown and had a fight; March 2 scouted to near Kingston; March 5 toward Meadville; March 9 toward Kingston; March 11, 13 and 14 to Church Hill; March 15 to Washington; March 17-25 to Church Hill; March 29 toward Fayette and Washington, and again met the enemy in an encounter; April 1 scouted to Church Hill; April 6, 11 and 18 toward Kingston; April 20 to Church Hill; April 27 to Liberty; May 1 to Church Hill and Washington; May 4-5 to Liberty and Woodville; May 9 into Louisiana; May 16-17 toward Fayette, Mississippi; May 24 into Louisiana; May 25 to Church Hill; May 30 toward Woodville; June 2 toward Kingston; June 6 toward Liberty and back to Washington; June 7 to Church Hill; June 11-12 to Kingston; June 14-15 to Louisiana to bring in refugee families, with a skirmish at Black River, where they captured some prisoners; June 18 scouted toward Fayette; June 25 toward Meadville; July 1-2 toward Meadville, meeting the enemy in an engagement; July 4 scouted to Cross Bayou, Louisiana, where a fight occurred; July 12 toward Kingston; July 22 scouted into Louisiana, having a

running fight; August 4 and 6 scout in Louisiana and a fight at Cross Bayou; August 9-10 scout to Washington; August 18 scout with the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Illinois Infantry, Fifty-eighth United States Colored Infantry and Eighth Mississippi Artillery, all under command of Colonel Kent, of the Twenty-ninth Illinois, went to Kingston and Woodville, Mississippi, found the enemy in force but repulsed them, capturing forty-five prisoners. August 24-25 they scouted to Bullard Bayou, Louisiana, where a fight occurred; August 28 scouted toward Woodville; September 4 into Louisiana, where they had a fight; September 11-12 toward Kingston; September 19-21 to Woodville; September 22 to Homechitte river, Mississippi; September 25-30 to Sicily Island; October 3-8 to Woodville, Mississippi, where they routed the enemy.

On the 20th of October the portion of the regiment that was to be mustered out started homeward and at Camp Butler, Illinois, November 3, 1864, after three and one-eighth years' service, were mustered out. They participated in forty-two battles and skirmished and traveled eight thousand and three miles. Mr. Work afterward re-enlisted and served until the close of the war.

Peace having been established he located in Delavan, Illinois, and in 1879 removed to North Henderson, where he became a prominent merchant and a highly respected citizen. He died there in 1886, his years numbering fifty-nine. He was a worthy member of the Methodist church, and contributed liberally to its support.

William A. Work received his early mental training in the Delavan public and high schools, which he attended until attaining the age of fourteen years, when he took up the study of telegraphy and subsequently secured the position of station agent at North Henderson in 1880, remaining there for six and a half years. He next became cashier for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, at Rock Island, Illinois, serving in that capacity for one year, at the end of that time being promoted to the position of train dispatcher, and has dis-

charged the responsible duties of that office for the past ten years with efficiency and fidelity and to the eminent gratification of the road officials.

The marriage of Mr. Work was consummated in 1884, when he was united to Miss Minnie Holmes, of North Henderson, Illinois, and to them have been born two daughters: Myrta and Cora, the latter dying when seventeen months old. Mr. and Mrs. Work are active members of the Methodist church, she being a teacher in the Sunday-school, of which he is superintendent, and is also one of the board of stewards. Politically he is a stanch Republican. Both he and his wife are popular members of society and enjoy the friendship of the best citizens of Beardstown.

**F**RANCIS ELGIN GILBERT, Worshipful Master of Belvidere Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., is a Mason of high degree and one of whom we take pleasure in making personal mention in this compendium of Freemasonry. He was made a Master Mason in 1889 by the lodge of which he is now the executive head. In 1894 he was elected Junior Warden and in 1895 was honored by a seat in the East, where he now presides with his usual dignity and impressive manner. To be exact, we state that the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred upon him December 16, 1889; the Fellow-craft, February 22, 1890; and Master Mason, March 17, same year. Also in that year he sought admission to Kishwaukee Chapter, No. 90, was favorably received, and January 3 had conferred upon him the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, his exaltation to the Royal Arch degree being January 18. Also he is a member of Crusaders' Commandery, No. 17, at Rockford, which he joined in 1894; and since 1895 has been a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is well posted in the ritualistic work of these various branches, is enthusiastic in the same, and strives to live up to its teachings.

Mr. Gilbert is a native of Illinois. He

was born at Sterling November 24, 1855, and traces his ancestry back to England, some of his grandsires being among the early settlers of New England. Both his paternal and maternal grandfathers, Jabez Gilbert and John Anderton, came west as far as Illinois some time in the '40s and made a settlement in Lee county, where they resided until the California gold "fever" broke out in 1849, when they went to the Pacific coast. Abner Gilbert, the father of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts, and came west to Illinois with his parents. Here he wedded Miss Clarissa Anderton, a native of New York city. For some time he was agent for Frank & Walker's stage line, that being before the days of railroads. He died in the thirtieth year of his age, leaving a widow and only child, Francis E., the subject of this review, then a child of three years. Mrs. Gilbert survived her husband a number of years, her age at death being fifty-five. Young Gilbert was brought up in his native town, received a fair education in the public schools, and when he started out to make his own way in the world it was as an employee of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. He began as a brakeman, worked his way up to the position of conductor, and for the past nine years has been one of the popular and competent conductors of the road. He owns and occupies one of the pleasant homes of Belvidere, is happily married and has an interesting family. In 1884 was consummated his marriage to Miss Ella Sprague, and they have three sons, Frank, Harry and Edward, all natives of Belvidere.

Mr. Gilbert is identified with the Order of Railroad Conductors, and, politically, he harmonizes with the Republican party.

**R**OBERT J. CHRISTIE, M. D., JR., junior member of the firm of Robert J. Christie & Son, practicing physicians of Quincy, is a zealous follower of the precepts of Freemasonry, who has attained to the degree of Knights Templar. The Doc-

tor was initiated and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Bodley Lodge, No. 1, in 1891; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Quincy Chapter, No. 5, on May 19, 1892; received the degrees of cryptic Masonry in Quincy Council, No. 15, R. & S. M., on August 8, 1890; and was constituted a Sir Knight in Beauseant Commandery, No. 11, on October 7, 1893. In the commandery Mr. Christie has served as Junior Warden, and in 1897 was elected its Senior Warden. He is a talented and able worker in the order and is highly spoken of by the brethren.

Dr. Christie is a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, where he was born February 22, 1864. He is the son of Dr. Robert J. Christie, who also is a Sir Knight and a member of an old Scottish family who were among the early settlers of Virginia. He was a surgeon in the Confederate army during the war of the Rebellion, after which he located in Missouri, and there practiced his profession until 1885, when he moved to Quincy. Here he established a practice, later becoming associated with his son, and the firm is now one of the best known in the city. Dr. Christie married Miss Sarah Nixon, of Virginia, and six children have been born to them. In their religious faith they are adherents of the Methodist church.

The subject of this review is the youngest son. After passing through the common schools he attended the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and the University of Missouri at Columbia, taking a special course of medicine at each of those institutions. In 1890 he joined his father, and by his talent and thorough knowledge of his profession he has already acquired a high reputation as a physician and a surgeon. The Doctor is a member of the United States board of pension examiners. In their political faith both he and his father are affiliated with the Democratic party. They are progressive and enterprising citizens of Quincy, and in professional, social and fraternal circles are held in high esteem.

**W**A. CRISTY, dealer in grain, feed and coal at McHenry, is well advanced in Masonry and does honor to the order. This order is the outgrowth of an immense amount of thought by many minds from age to age, as is the locomotive engine, for example, among modern mechanical inventions. This thought has not been that of ignorant fanatics, superstitious prophets or pompous hierarchs, but simply the result of the ingenuities of a social disposition and a benevolent heart. The leading votaries of the cause, being zealots for the honor as well as for the effectiveness of the Masonic institution, have carefully felt their way along with each new feature until they have evolved a complex but symmetrical social organism which challenges the admiration of the world. The fraternal obligations assumed therein are not comparable with the slavery of a great ecclesiastical or political organization, but merely the necessary cement in the social structure, not burdensome but always helpful.

Mr. Cristy, appreciating these facts, has been a faithful member of the ancient craft. He was initiated in McHenry Lodge, No. 158, in the year 1885, and, proceeding in the study and practice of the principles of Masonry, he attained the Royal Arch degrees in McHenry Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M., in 1891, and the chivalric degrees the same year in the commandery at Woodstock, and his present affiliations are still with all these bodies. He is the present Worshipful Master of the blue lodge. Besides his connection with Freemasonry already mentioned, he is also a member of the order of Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Cristy was born at Johnson, Lamoille county, Vermont, June 6, 1858, a son of J. W. Cristy, who also was a native of New England and a descendant of Scotch ancestry, and who married Sarah Lucinda Whiting, of an old New England family prominent both in peace and war. This worthy couple had three children, all sons. Mr. W. A. Cristy, one of these sons, was brought to Iroquois county, Illinois, in 1866, and to McHenry county three years later.



To his common-school education he added a course of study in a business college at Valparaiso, Indiana. After that he was for a time engaged in the pickle and vinegar business, and finally entered his present lines of trade, already mentioned. In all these lines he has been a shrewd and careful manager and has enjoyed the consequent success; and his dealings are always such as to command the respect of all.

Politically he is a Republican, and he now holds the office of justice of the peace. For four years he has been supervisor.

In 1881 he was united in marriage with Miss Nina G. Walker, a daughter of Samuel H. Walker, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cristy have two children,—Harold E. and Lynn Walker. Mrs. Cristy is an active worker in the Universalist church and is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the state.

**F**RED L. BRYANT, secretary of the Ames & Frost Company, of Chicago, one of the most extensive bicycle manufacturing concerns in the city, has attained the Knight Templar degree in Masonry. This fraternity antedating all others in the length of its continued existence and surpassing all others in the beneficent work it has performed for mankind, has ever numbered among its members the best citizens of every country in which it has taken root. Although there is no class distinction, the humblest and the highest being alike welcomed to its ranks, its followers are uniformly men of sterling character, and it is this which has given Masonry a power and standing unequalled by any other social and charitable organization. Cosmopolitan Chicago has furnished representatives of almost every land to the branches of Masonry here, but this number includes many of her best and most prominent citizens, men who are leaders in all the walks of honorable business life and whose enterprise and progress have made the city one of the wonders of the age. Among this number is Mr. Bryant, who, in Union Park Lodge, No.

610, took the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master. He was subsequently advanced a Mark Master, installed a Past Master, received as Most Excellent Master, and exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Lincoln Park Chapter and was constituted, created and dubbed a Knight Templar in Lincoln Park Commandery. He is also a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, belonging to Medinah Temple, and is an active working member of the craft, while in Masonic circles he is very widely and favorably known.

Mr. Bryant is a native of Herman, Maine, born June 23, 1855. He obtained his education in the public schools of his native state, and learned the carriage-making trade in Herman. He followed that pursuit and worked on a farm until November, 1876, when he came to Chicago and entered upon his business career here in the humble capacity of teamster, in the employ of the Ames & Frost Company. Before starting for the west he had borrowed one hundred dollars, giving his note for the same. He arrived in this city with only three dollars and a half in his pocket, but he resolutely set to work to conquer an adverse fate, and in this has succeeded, winning a notable triumph. He lived frugally and economically until he had paid off his indebtedness, and in his business continued to display a fidelity to the duties entrusted to his care that won for him rapid promotion. Steadily he worked his way upward, demonstrating his fitness for all work, and at length was enabled to purchase an interest in the business. Since 1890 he has been a stockholder and director in the company, and in December, 1893, was chosen for the office of secretary, in which capacity he is still serving. Thus has he become a leading partner in one of the largest bicycle manufactories in the country, with a business that is steadily increasing. Each year the sale of wheels has increased, and as experience suggests improved methods the grade of wheel which is turned out is each year superior to that of

the year before, and therefore commands a ready market. The products of the Ames & Frost manufactory are known throughout the country. Wherever the wheel is known—and where is it not?—the “Imperial” is found, and their house ranks now among the leading industrial interests of Chicago.

In 1896 Mr. Bryant was united in marriage to Miss Helen A. Kellogg, a native of Chicago, and their circle of friends in the city is extensive. Mr. Bryant is well known in Republican circles and is an ardent advocate of the principles of the party. His social relations are not confined alone to the Masonic fraternity, for during twenty-two years he has affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he has passed all the chairs. His life demonstrates the possibilities that are open to young men and is a worthy object lesson.

**A**LBERT WARREN McLAUGHLIN, a prominent physician of South Chicago, has been connected with the Masonic order since 1878, when he joined the blue lodge in New Lexington, Perry county, Ohio. Some time afterward he was dimitted from that organization and affiliated with Somerset Lodge, No. 76, of the same county, in which he retained his membership until Triluminar Lodge, No. 767, was granted a dispensation, largely through his efforts, when he became one of its charter members. He served as its Senior Warden during the year of dispensation and became the first Worshipful Master under the charter, holding the latter office for three years. His service therein reflected credit upon himself and the organization. Loyally devoted to Masonry, he has labored untiringly for its interests and advancement, and its principles are well exemplified in his life. He was raised to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Somerset Chapter, of New Lexington, Ohio, in 1881, but the same year was dimitted and became a member of Sinai Chapter, No. 185, of Chicago, in which he has been honored with the exalted position of High Priest. He

joined the Royal and Select Masters of Calumet Council and was Knighted in Calumet Commandery, No. 62.

Dr. McLaughlin was born in Somerset, Ohio, on the 21st of August, 1856, and there spent his youthful days, acquiring his education in its public schools. He afterward engaged in teaching school and was also connected with mercantile pursuits in the dry-goods line until taking up the study of medicine. He was graduated at the Medical College of Ohio, in Cincinnati, in 1880, and at once entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Somerset, Ohio, where he continued for two years. In 1882 he came to Chicago and has since been a valued and leading member of the medical fraternity in this city. He is a man of superior merit and of real eminence in his profession, and is now enjoying a large and lucrative practice. He has studied closely into the methods of medical practice and his exhaustive research into the science has given him a mastery in its use that has placed him high among Chicago's eminent practitioners.

In 1879 was celebrated the marriage of Dr. McLaughlin and Miss Margaret Bastian, a native of Perry county, Ohio, and they have one child, a son, now ten years of age.

**M**UDSON HIRAM KELLOGG.—The time-honored institution of Masonry has commanded the respect and admiration of the best class of people throughout the world. Its advocacy of all that is noble and true cannot fail to awaken the heartiest commendation. Century after century has dropped into the gulf of time as a leaf falls in the forest since the principles of Masonry first became a factor in the world's advancement and benevolence. Its influence is just as noiseless as the passing of the years, but leaves its impress on that which it touches just as surely as age sets its stamp upon all things material. Hundreds in Chicago are now following its standard, pledged to beneficence, charity and fraternity, and hundreds of homes have enjoyed

the blessings which have come in times of trouble and distress from brethren of this noble craft.

Mr. Kellogg is one of the most enthusiastic and influential members of the fraternity in Chicago, and is untiring in his labors for the advancement of Masonry, embracing every opportunity for molding Masonic sentiment and promulgating its teachings. In 1885 he joined the order, taking the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason in W. B. Warren Lodge, No. 200. In 1886 he was exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in La-Fayette Chapter, No. 2; the same year was made a Royal and Select Master in Palestine Council, No. 66; and on the 9th of July, 1889, the order of knighthood was conferred upon him in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, K. T., in which he is now serving as Junior Warden. He took the Scottish Rite degrees of the ineffable lodge of perfection in Oriental Consistory, S. P. R. S., and in 1895 became a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, his membership being in Medinah Temple. Mr. Kellogg is one of the most loyal members of the fraternity in Chicago. He is seldom absent from the meetings of the different organizations and is one of the most capable and efficient workers. His enthusiasm amounts to an inspiration and causes others to enter into the work with the same devotion and zeal which characterizes his connection therewith.

Mr. Kellogg is a native of Toledo, Ohio, born November 15, 1843. His father, Hudson Kellogg, was a native of Connecticut, and his mother, whose maiden name was Jane Davis, was a native of St. Catharines, Canada. At an early day Hudson Kellogg removed from the Nutmeg state to Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of engaging in the lumber business, but that region was then so infected with malaria that he returned with his family to the state of his nativity. In the latter state the subject of this review passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and in the public schools acquired his education. During the war he entered a rifles company and valiantly de-

fended the Union until the return of peace. On again locating in Connecticut, he turned his attention to the wool trade, which he afterward carried on for one year in Boston and for three years in Philadelphia. In 1884 he came to Chicago, where he has since dealt in wool, building up an extensive and profitable business. He is an energetic and progressive business man who controls his undertakings in a most systematic manner, exercising great energy and sound judgment in the management of his interests.

**GLENWOODPREBLE.**—Probably there is no business that so conspicuously contributes to the improvement of a municipality as that of the dealer in real estate. Of all men who are interested in the enhancement of the values of all species of property the real-estate agent is chief, and therefore the most active. In this line has Mr. Preble been remarkably successful, ever since he came to Chicago ten years ago.

Mr. Preble's prominent connection with that most remarkable of all secret organizations, the Masonic, entitles him to mention on the pages of this work. His initiation into the order took place in Englewood Lodge, No. 690, A. F. & A. M., in which he received the degree of Entered Apprentice February 6, 1890, that of Fellow-craft March 5, 1891, and that of Master Mason April 2 following. Appreciating the grand peculiarities of the order he proceeded in their study, receiving the capitular degrees in Englewood Chapter, No. 176; the more military degrees in Englewood Commandery, No. 59, March 15, 1892; the degrees clustering around the legend of the sacred vault in Temple Council, No. 65, January 12, 1895; and he has also had conferred upon him the degrees of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory—all of Chicago. In all these bodies mentioned Mr. Preble still maintains his membership, excepting that in the cryptic branch he has transferred his membership from Temple Council, No. 65, to Imperial Council. In this branch he has

been honored with the office of Deputy Illustrious Master; and in the commandery he is now Generalissimo. By appointment he served one year as Sword Bearer, and then was elected Junior Warden, passing through all the offices to his present position. The business and social standing of Mr. Preble is such that his identification with any society adds only luster to its prestige. Accordingly he has been gladly received by that illustrious host assembled around the Mystic Shrine, where he is a member of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Preble was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 16, 1858, a son of John G. Preble. When he was yet but a child his parents moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was reared, and educated in the public schools. Engaging in business for himself he was first employed as a common teamster, until 1887, when, as before mentioned, he came to Chicago and engaged in the real-estate business, in which he has enjoyed marked success. Since he has made his residence here he has also taken an active part in musical societies; he is now director of the choir in the Englewood Presbyterian church, where the best musical talent of that fine suburb is employed, and where the worshipers are especially interested in artistic music. Religiously, he is a member of that body, while in political matters he co-operates with the Republican party.

**E**DWARD M. ASHLEY, superintendent of the Counselman system of elevators, in Chicago, is a gentleman who appreciates the peculiarities of the Masonic institution, as illustrated by his zealous study of its legends, symbols, history and principles.

He first saw the light of Masonic day in 1876, in Lumbermen's Lodge, the name of which body was subsequently changed to Arcana Lodge, and with this body he is still connected. Reverential and religiously inclined, he proceeded on to the Holy Royal Arch, becoming a member of Wiley M.

Egan Chapter, No. 126, which body also conferred upon him the cryptic degrees before the Royal and Select Masters formed their council here as a separate organization. Mr. Ashley is also a member of Chicago Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, and Oriental Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. For extended social enjoyment he also "crossed the sands of the great Arabian desert," figuratively, to reach the Mystic Shrine, where hundreds of Nobles are congregated for mutual sympathy and aid.

Mr. Ashley was born in Nunda, New York, November 17, 1848, and when twelve years of age he was brought west, the family removing to Wisconsin. The great war of the Rebellion soon afterward broke out, and with such fury that at times during 1862-3-4 it seemed that the Union would be permanently dissolved. Loyally did Mr. Ashley enlist, joining the Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry for the one-hundred-days service. After this term had expired he re-enlisted, this time attaching himself to the Forty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, winning honor as a valiant veteran.

From the close of that deathly struggle until the year 1871, Mr. Ashley was engaged in teaching school in Iowa and Illinois, and then came to Chicago, since which time this bustling city has been the scene of his business operations and the place of his residence. For twelve years now he has been engaged in the grain trade, for eleven years of which period he has been superintendent of the Counselman system of elevators. His record is that of a man who has risen to so high a station by personal merit; for the honorable business methods he has uniformly pursued, combined with his knowledge of his calling and his fidelity to all duties entrusted to him, are the only sources of his success.

January 8, 1879, is the date of Mr. Ashley's matrimonial union with Miss May E. Winchester, a native of Eastport, Maine. Their two children are named Kendall and Frances H.

**J**OHN LINGO was born in West Liberty, Logan county, Ohio, December 25, 1835, and was a resident of the Buckeye state until July 12, 1866, when he removed to Peoria, Illinois, where he has since maintained his home. In Sandusky, Ohio, he learned the trade of machinist and also that of locomotive engineer, and on coming to Illinois accepted a position as machinist for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, in whose employ he remained twelve years, or up to 1878, since which time he has been division master mechanic for the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville line. For a period of nearly forty years, from May, 1857, to the present time, he has been in the employ of only three different companies, his long continuance with each being ample evidence of his efficiency and trustworthiness.

Mr. Lingo's connection with the Masonic fraternity reaches back more than a dozen years to June, 1883, when he was conducted through the beautiful ceremonies of the order in Peoria Lodge, No. 15. The following year he was elected and served as Steward. In 1886-7 he was Senior Warden, in 1888-9 was Worshipful Master, and again in 1891, '92, '93 and '94 filled the executive chair of the lodge. For the past eight years he has attended the Grand Lodge of the state of Illinois, taking a lively and appreciative interest in the same, and being honored therein with official position. In 1894 he was Deputy Grand Master, and in 1896 was the Fourteenth District Senior Grand Steward. Nor has Mr. Lingo's interest in Masonry been confined to the lodge. He has advanced to the degrees in both the chapter and council, taking these in 1895.

**R**AYMOND LOCKWOOD LEONARD, M. D.—A period of over twenty years marks the identification of Dr. Leonard with the Masonic fraternity, during which time his energy and zeal in the order have been recognized and fully appreciated by

his fellow-members, who accord him their highest esteem and consideration.

Initiated in Covenant Lodge, No. 526, in 1876, his activity in that body soon gained him a distinct prestige and he was appointed to the office of Chaplain. Such was the ability displayed in conducting the affairs of that position that he was chosen Junior Warden in 1882, Senior Warden in 1883 and Worshipful Master in 1884. He was advanced to the grades of capitular Masonry in 1878 and exalted to the august degree of the Holy Royal Arch in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, in 1878. In 1879 the degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred upon him in the council, and in 1897 he was elected to the office of Principal Conductor of Work in Chicago Council, No. 4, R. & S. M. He received the orders of Knighthood in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, in 1879, becoming a faithful and energetic follower of the bea-seant, and in this body he was elected Junior Warden in 1894, Senior Warden in 1895, Captain-General in 1896 and Generalissimo in 1897, and he is favorably considered for the office of Eminent Commander for the year 1898. He is a member of the famous St. Bernard Drill Corps, dating his connection therewith from 1879. He wears a veteran medal and has accompanied the Commandery on all its pilgrimages as a member of the Drill Corps since that year. On these occasions the Doctor is always chief of the medical staff, and his work has been so well accomplished that in 1892 the commandery presented him with a life membership.

Dr. Leonard has become generally known among his Masonic brethren as a director of entertainments, and is well versed in the methods of organizing and conducting all social functions for his lodge, chapter and commandery, and is an acknowledged leader in all such matters. A reception, party, ball, literary or musical affair, a picnic, Easter or Ascension day service, with or without a street parade, by the bodies with which the Doctor is affiliated is always assured of success under his able

management. As a climax to his entertainment work he hopes to take his "fratres" around the world in the near future. Several years ago he took up the work of entertainments for the Illinois Woman's Soldiers' Home and has assisted the ladies to make many hundreds of dollars a year for their charity by helping to organize all their entertainments, his rule being, "Always give the people a good time and save half the gross receipts for the Home."

Dr. Raymond Lockwood Leonard is a son of the late Rev. Joseph Helmer Leonard, who, for twenty-three years prior to his death (1877), was chaplain to the seamen at Chicago, and Susannah (Lockwood) Leonard, their marriage having been solemnized at Kingston, Canada, in 1830. During the year 1852, the Doctor's parents moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and thence to Chicago, in August, 1854. His early education was obtained in the public schools of the western metropolis, supplemented by a classical course at the Illinois School of Trade, completing the same after entering upon his medical studies. His progress was rapid, owing to the fortunate ability of grasping and comprehending subjects of a scope beyond his years.

During his childhood Dr. Leonard studied vocal and instrumental music and at the age of twelve he became the regular organist of the Bethel (Sailors') church. His life from that time forward was a busy one, assisting his father in the latter's missionary work among the sailors at the church, on shipboard and in the marine hospital, and among the sick and wounded soldiers at the latter institution during the war of the Rebellion. Raymond was converted at the age of fourteen years and united with the First Methodist Episcopal church, two years later being elected to the superintendency of the Bethel Sunday-school, which office he held for twelve years, conducting the entire work of the mission for two years after his father's death, largely at his own expense. In 1872 his membership was transferred to Centenary Methodist Episcopal church, in

which he was a member of the large chorus choir, becoming leader of the latter in 1881.

At the age of fifteen years Dr. Leonard began reading medicine with Dr. John Tean, the family physician, and soon after entered Rush Medical College and passed his examinations for the degree of Doctor of Medicine on the 3d of February, 1869, at the age of eighteen years. The certificate given him by the faculty says, "and is entitled to the diploma when he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, as specified in the requirements for graduation." He was the youngest student ever passed by the college, and the coveted diploma was granted January 17, 1872, with what has become historically known as the "fire class of old Rush." After passing his examinations he continued his medical studies voluntarily, took up hospital work, and in December, 1870, was appointed superintendent of the North Chicago Charity Dispensary, and clinical assistant to the chair of diseases of the chest in Rush College. At the time of the great fire he saved the records, and with the assistance of the city health department re-opened the dispensary three days after in the Newberry school building, continuing his services as visiting physician during the winter of 1871-2, in the employ of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society. In August, 1869, he opened an office in the Bethel church building, where he was burned out by the great fire in 1871, rebuilding on the ashes of his former office during the winter, and has since continued in active practice.

Dr. Leonard is a scholarly gentleman, of broad experience, enjoying a lucrative practice among the best families of the city. He says he is not a specialist and has no fad, but aims to be a skillful and expert physician in strictly private practice—promising to give some valuable results of experience and study to his professional brethren in the near future which will show that he has continued his scientific and practical studies. His office and residence are at No. 312 La Salle avenue.

In 1889 Dr. Leonard joined the Sons of Veterans, became captain of Camp No. 166,

holding the office in 1890 and 1891, and again in 1893. In July, 1893, he was elected colonel of the First Infantry, Sons of Veteran Guards, and served in that capacity until the guards were disbanded by changes in the management of the order in 1894.

**C**APTAIN JOHN A. CRAWFORD is connected with the Masonic fraternity through social, benevolent and business relations, and is well deserving of representation in a volume whose province is the recording of the Masonic history of Illinois, and the perpetuating, by written record, the lives of those who have been prominent in the society in the state. Mr. Crawford is the vice-president of the Knight Templar Masons' Life Indemnity Company and is a charter member of the Masonic Orphans' Home. He is one of the older Masons of the state in years of connection with the order, having become a member of Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 311, of Troy, New York, in 1860. After his removal to the west he became a charter member of Covenant Lodge, No. 526, with which he still holds membership. He took the Royal Arch degrees in Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, and joined the Royal & Select Masters of Chicago Council, No. 4, and with both of these is now affiliated. He was made a Knight Templar in Chicago Commandery, No. 19, but on the organization of St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35, transferred his membership to it. He is a member of the Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine and has ever been a zealous and active worker in the order, especially in the commandery. The various organizations have honored him with office, and in Covenant Lodge he has served as Worshipful Master, in the chapter as High Priest and in the commandery as Eminent Commander. He exemplifies the practical working of the fraternity through his relation with the Masons' Orphans' Home, of which he is a charter member, and by various beneficent acts, which he however does not ostentatiously make known. His brethren have

for him the highest regard, and he has a wide acquaintance in Masonic circles.

Captain Crawford was born in Cohoes, Albany county, New York, in 1830, and is a son of James Crawford, who was killed at Lockport, that state, while engaged in widening a canal. After his father's death, which occurred about 1840, our subject went with his mother to West Troy, New York, where he lived for two years, and at the age of twelve entered the employ of a farmer in Watervliet, New York, working for two years for his board and clothes. He then returned to West Troy, where he spent six months as an employee in Roy's butt factory. On the expiration of that period he shipped as cook on the sloop Clinton, receiving four dollars per month for his services. From one position to another he was advanced until he became commander of that vessel. During the winter of 1845 he entered the service of the government, making ammunition at the arsenal at Watervliet, and in the spring of 1847 was seriously injured by an explosion which there occurred. On sufficiently recovering from his injuries, Captain Crawford shipped on the sloop Mechanic and afterward on the John Silliman, which was commanded by Captain Ross, whose wife and sister-in-law were with him on the vessel. It was there that our subject obtained his modicum of a book education and it was through the kindness of these ladies that he had the opportunity, they manifesting a deep interest in the progress made by their student.

In 1852 Captain Crawford began steamboating on the Hudson river as pilot on board the Washington Hunt, the following year was pilot on the John S. Ide and the following year on the steamer Annie, one of the Swift Shore line, while in 1855 he became mate on the tug-boat Commerce, belonging to the same line. Sailing until the following winter he then went to Philadelphia at the request of friends and superintended the building of a tug, preparatory to coming to Chicago. His uncle made him one-third owner of this, and on the new tug, called Andrew Foster, he sailed

for Chicago in April, reaching his destination June 10, 1856. Here he commenced towing vessels for a livelihood and the first year was one of prosperity, for twenty-five cents per bushel was paid for carrying wheat to Buffalo or New York. In 1856 he went to Two Rivers, Wisconsin, for the purpose of towing down two canal boats, but soon after starting on the return trip the wind arose from the southeast and he was obliged to put in at the harbor at Manitowoc, where he arrived in safety by the assistance of the captain of the Gertrude. This was said to be the first steamboat ever inside the harbor at that time.

From 1856 until 1863 Captain Crawford was continuously engaged in the tug service on the lakes, and at the close of the season of 1862 gave up his position on the Foster to take charge of a large wrecking tug, the George W. Wood. For many years he was part owner in a tug line and in 1863 he built the tug Crawford, the boiler of which exploded about two weeks afterward in Chicago harbor, killing all the hands but one. Captain Crawford has been an officer in the Knight Templars' & Masons' Life Indemnity Company since its organization in 1884, and in 1891, on the death of Dr. Allen, he was made vice-president of the company, since which time he has given his entire attention to the business. He is a man of excellent business ability, with a capacity for much work, and his unabating energy, his resolute purpose and his well-directed efforts have brought to him prosperity.

The Captain was married to Mrs. Kate Vance, a widow, daughter of Captain John McFadden. Three children are living: Samuel A., Jane Belle, and the youngest, who through her own persistence was christened John Ellen, and who is regularly called by that name.

**R**AYMOND E. PARKER.—Closely identified with the ancient and honorable order of Freemasons in Chicago is the gentleman whose name initiates this paragraph,

and who has given to the fraternity a large share of his time and talent in promoting its interests in his home city.

Mr. Parker received the first three degrees of ancient-craft Masonry in Union Park Lodge, No. 610, being exalted to the sublime degree of Master Mason December 4, 1893; February 22, 1894, the Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred upon him in York Chapter, No. 148; in June following he was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery, No. 35; the circle of cryptic Masonry he passed in Tyrian Council, No. 78, in September, 1896. In the consignment of official preferment in the chapter for the year 1897, Mr. Parker was honored at the hands of his fellow Masons by the position of Principal Sojourner, the duties of which he fulfilled to the eminent satisfaction of the "fratres" and with infinite credit to himself.

The birth of Mr. Parker occurred in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 22d of October, 1872, and there he continued his residence until arriving at his fifteenth year, when he moved to Chicago and inaugurated his business experience in the paper trade, subsequently becoming associated with the J. W. Butler Paper Company, with which he has remained for the past eight years, acquiring a competent knowledge of the business and gaining the confidence and good will of his employers by his ability, integrity of character and strict attention to his duties.

**A** A. DEVORE stands among the foremost representatives of commercial interests and is a recognized leader in the line of fine tailoring. Such is his superiority in the line of his chosen calling that the house of which he is at the head has a reputation that extends throughout the northwest, and its reliability is never questioned. The life record of Mr. Devore is rich in the practical lessons of industry, enterprise, close application and honorable purpose, and fully demonstrates the brilliant success that may be achieved by the exer-



cise of these qualities in a land where work and worth are the acknowledged attributes of wealth, honor and fame.

A native of the Keystone state, Mr. Devore was born in Washington county, on the 19th of June, 1831, and when only thirteen years of age entered upon his business career as a tailor's apprentice. During this time he obtained, by the exercise of great diligence and perseverance, a good common-school education, notwithstanding he was obliged to work under great disadvantages. He afterward removed to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, opening a tailoring establishment on his own account and built up a very extensive business; but, believing the rapidly developing city of Chicago would furnish a still better field for his operations, he came to this city in July, 1878. Here he opened a merchant-tailoring establishment, at the northeast corner of State and Adams streets, and was joined by his sons, as partners, under the firm name of A. A. Devore & Sons. Several changes in location have since then occurred, but for some years past they have been in their present quarters in the Pullman building, where they have one of the most finely appointed suites of rooms for the conduct of a business of that character in the city or in the northwest. Every convenience and improvement known to the trade has been secured in fitting out their rooms, and the stock which they carry is very superior to that of the average tailoring establishment. Their patronage comes from Chicago's best citizens and they are fully capable of satisfying the most fastidious taste.

Mr. Devore has always been a faithful citizen, and gave strong evidence of his loyal devotion to his country at the time of the Civil war. In 1861, only seven days after Fort Sumter was fired upon, he enlisted in the Union service and assisted in raising a company of volunteers, being at once chosen first lieutenant of the company, which was called "McKenna's Infantry," named in honor of Judge McKenna, of the circuit court. This company first tendered

their services to Governor Curtin, of Pennsylvania, but the quota of that state being full they tendered their services to and were accepted by Governor Pierpont, of West Virginia. They then marched to Wheeling, West Virginia, and were mustered into the three-years service by Major Oaks, of the regular army, at Camp Carlisle, West Virginia, and assigned to the Second Regiment of West Virginia Infantry Volunteers as Company I. They were immediately sent to the front, at Camp Elkwater, under command of General J. J. Reynolds. Mr. Devore's special duty was scouting in the Alleghany mountains between the two Virginias, intercepting the mail-carriers and bushwhackers through the bridle paths of the mountains. His work was of a very important and often dangerous and arduous character, and in evidence of appreciation of his services the West Virginia legislature voted him a medal. At the close of the first year he tendered his resignation on account of ill health brought on by exposure in these mountains. He then returned to the north and resumed his active business life, as stated in the foregoing.

In the town of Greenfield, Pennsylvania, now called Cold Center, Mr. Devore was united in marriage to Miss Rachel J. Long. For thirty-six years he has been an active and consistent member of the Christian church, and served as elder in the church in the town of California, Pennsylvania. For eight years he has held membership in the Central Church of Christ, of Chicago, corner of Indiana avenue and Thirty-seventh street, and is now filling the office of elder therein. In his political connections, he has long been a stalwart Republican, and was a candidate on that ticket for the Pennsylvania legislature in Fayette county in 1872. He made a strong canvass and succeeded in reducing the usual Democratic majority from fourteen hundred to five hundred,—a vote which was certainly a compliment, indicating his personal popularity and the confidence and regard entertained for him by his fellow-citizens. In the November election of that year, so

strong had become the Republican influence, General Grant carried the county by two thousand votes.

While the record of his business career is a matter of the commercial history of Chicago,—and Mr. Devore has a wide acquaintance in trade circles,—the Masonic fraternity knows a different side of his nature in the courteous, genial brother of the craft, who shares with his “*fratres*” in the work and social features of the order. Mr. Devore has been a member of the lodge since 1864, when he took the degree of Master Mason in Brownsville, Fayette county,

Pennsylvania, and from the lodge at that point he now holds a dimit. He was created a Knight Templar in St. Omar Commandery, of Brownsville, and served for several years in the second highest office, that of Captain-General. In July, 1880, he became an affiliate of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, K. T., with which he has since been connected as a worthy and loyal follower of the beauseant. An exemplary Knight, a faithful citizen, an honorable business man, he well merits the uniform regard in which he is held by those with whom he has been brought in contact.





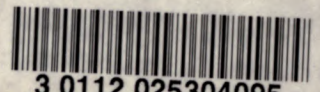




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