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was ready to leave the new colony on account of this, he arranged with the officers of the Northern Pacific Railroad to advance enough wheat for seed to tide the farmers over for another season, and thereby he practically saved that part of the country for the company. In December, 1882, Mr. Luck, with a party of four men, was caught in a terrible blizzard on the plains of North Dakota, and for three days and nights was cut off from the world, but through his intimate knowledge of the country he succeeded in bringing them all back to the settlement.

In 1889 Mr. Luck came to Aurora to engage in the real-estate business and also for the purpose of giving his children better educational facilities than could be secured in the new Dakota town. He has built up an excellent clientele, both in real-estate and insurance lines, has negotiated many property transfers and done much for the development of the city. Through his efforts unsightly vacancies have been transformed into attractive residence districts. He laid out Luck's addition to the city, and he has also been most actively and helpfully interested in a movement toward the location of factories here, and has labored untiringly for the benefit of the town. Mr. Luck has recently completed and patented a cement post and post mold, through the use of which each farmer is able to make his own fence posts, to take the place of the old wooden fence post now used by the farmers all over the country. It is fully as cheap as the old one and will last a lifetime, and will undoubtedly result in a decided change for the better in the appearance of the farms. It is now being placed on the market and has received the endorsement of the best critics.

In 1872 Mr. Luck was married to Miss Ernestine Exner, a native of Germany, who was reared in Australia. They have four children: Mrs. Clara Hoover, Rose, Edward A., and Ottmar. Mr. Luck is connected with the Knights of Pythias fraternity, and admirable social qualities render him popular in the order and in the city. A charming personality and unfeigned cordiality have gained him many friends, while unfaltering determination has promoted his business success.

OSCAR BOWGREN.

Oscar Bowgren, a successful farmer and dairyman of Campton township, is a native of Sweden, where he was born September 4, 1880, the son of Charles and Louisa (Anderson) Bowgren. Both parents were natives of Sweden, the father having been born there in 1841 and the mother in 1846. In 1891 they came to America and located at Geneva, Illinois, where they have since continued to reside. They became the parents of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, namely: Albert, who works in a factory in Geneva; August, a farmer of Campton township; Hulda, the wife of August Anderson, residing near St. Charles; Emil F., who is a tailor by trade and resides in Chicago; Jonathan A., a farmer residing near Elburn; Adolph C., who conducts farming operations near St. Charles; Otto S. and Fritz E.,

residing in Geneva, where the latter works in a factory; and Esther E., deceased.

Oscar Bowgren attended the district schools in Sweden until he was eleven years of age, when he came with his parents to America, and entered the schools of Geneva, passing on through the consecutive grades to the high school. He then sought employment in a piano factory, where he was engaged as a polisher for four years. He left this position to engage in farming, an occupation which he has now been following for the last three years. He has been quite successful in his work, having already accumulated something over two thousand dollars worth of personal property. He operates rented land and is engaged in general farming and dairying. His business is now established on a paying basis and the future holds excellent promise for his continued advancement.

On May 19, 1904, Mr. Bowgren was married to Miss Ida Shogland, who was born in Sweden in 1878 and came to America in 1886. Two children have been born to this union, Verna L., born July 2, 1905, and Gordon, born January 16, 1907.

Politically, Mr. Bowgren is identified with the republican party.

PETER PETERSON.

Peter Peterson, who is engaged in the dairy business on a well improved farm in Virgil township, Kane county, is one of the worthy citizens that Sweden has furnished to this state. He was born in that country, April 14, 1851. His father served for two years in the Swedish army and spent his entire life in that country. His family numbered five children, but three of the number, Johannah, Bertilla and Anna, are deceased. Elna is the wife of Swan Pearson, and still makes her home in Sweden.

Peter Peterson, the other member of the family, was reared in his native country and acquired his education in the district schools, attending to the age of fourteen years. He then began work as a farm hand by the year, being thus employed until he had reached the age of twenty-nine years. He then established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Ingery Larson, who is likewise a native of Sweden. Two years later, however, believing that the new world offered good opportunities to the ambitious young man, Mr. Peterson decided to emigrate to America and accordingly crossed the Atlantic to the United States. He made his way at once to Kane county, Illinois, locating near Maple Park. He was first employed in construction work by the Northwestern Railroad Company, serving in that capacity for ten years. Through his energy, economy and well directed labors during that time he saved a sum of money sufficient to enable him to purchase a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Minnesota. He now rents a well-improved property comprising one hundred and seventy-six acres in Virgil township, this county. He is here engaged in the dairy business, keeping for this purpose twenty-five cows, while the products of his farm find a ready

sale on the market. He is careful and systematic in his methods and he follows the most straightforward principles in his dealings with his fellowmen.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson has been blessed with three children, a son and two daughters, namely: Olaf J., a farmer, residing in Minnesota; and Elmer and Ethel, at home. Mr. Peterson is a member of the Lutheran church, while his fraternal relations are with the Modern Woodmen of America. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized, for here he has found the opportunities he sought and through determined purpose has worked his way upward to success.

ALPHA J. JOHNSON.

Responsibility educates rapidly and experience is an admirable teacher, even though a severe one. Alpha J. Johnson, one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Sugar Grove township, began the battle of life for himself at an early age, and has exhibited throughout his career the self-reliance and resourcefulness which come from dependence on one's own energies and faculties for advancement in the world.

Mr. Johnson is a native of the township in which he lives, having been born opposite the Jericho church, February 8, 1873. He is a son of Rufus F. and Harriet (King) Johnson, and a brother of William A. Johnson, of Sugar Grove township, in the sketch of whom, to be found on another page of this volume, the full family history is given from the time of the arrival of the paternal grandfather, Reuben Bingham Johnson, in Kane county in 1836.

Alpha J. Johnson had but limited opportunities for an education, attending the district school in the neighborhood of his home for only a few years during the winter months, and the school at Sugar Grove two years. At the age of ten he hired himself to a neighbor to work on the farm and was put to plowing corn at twenty-five cents a day, a sum which, meager as it was, seemed bountiful to him and gave him at once a feeling of manliness and independence. He has earned many larger compensations since and has made money in his business operations on varying scales of magnitude, but it is doubtful if he has ever received, for work or business transactions, any sum that gave him half the pleasure he received from his first small earnings in the great world of enterprise and effort.

On February 19, 1901, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Alice Roberts, who was born in Chicago, April 5, 1880, and a year later was brought by her parents, with the rest of the family, to Kane county. The parents located at Sugar Grove, where the father was station agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for a number of years. Mrs. Johnson was educated at the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial school, from which she was graduated in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have two children: Helen, who was born on March 8, 1902; and Ralph, who came into the world November 20, 1905.

Mr. Johnson has been farming on his own account since 1901. He has a good farm, well improved and wisely cultivated, and it is steadily increasing in value and attractiveness. He devotes his whole attention to its cultivation and improvement, and his labors and intelligence in connection with it are bringing him the due recompense of honest industry and skill. He is not, however, so completely absorbed in his own affairs that he has no time or energy to bestow on those of public import. On the contrary, he takes an earnest interest and an active part in the politics of the county as a republican, in its fraternal life as a Modern Woodman, and in its general weal as a progressive, broad minded and far seeing citizen, and his influence and example are potent in their effect since they are always given to the right cause. He is known throughout the county and everywhere is highly esteemed.

SAMUEL McVICKER.

The versatility and adaptiveness of the Irish race to circumstances, and its ability to turn even obstacles into servitors for its advancement, is well illustrated in the career of Samuel McVicker, who is one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of Aurora township, with two hundred and thirty acres of fine land under his skillful cultivation and vigorous management.

Mr. McVicker was born in County Antrim, Ireland, February 2, 1877, and is the son of Robert and Ann (McHatten) McVicker, natives of the same county as himself, where their ancestors lived for generations engaged in tilling the soil. In 1882 the parents brought their young family to this country and took up their residence on a farm near Oswego in Kendall county, Illinois. Here their son, Samuel, attended the country school and assisted his father on the farm until he reached the age of sixteen. The family then moved to another farm in the same county, on which it dwelt and flourished for eight years.

At the end of that period Mr. McVicker, being about twenty-four years old, began to make arrangements for a home and industry of his own, and for one year he farmed rented land on his own account. During the next three years he was employed by the National Biscuit Company in Aurora, but mercantile life was not to his taste. The farm still called to him in pleading terms and the farming interests seemed most promising to his hopes as well as most suited to his desires, and he yielded to the call. On February 16, 1905, he leased the Whittemore farm two miles and a half west of Aurora, which he now occupies and on which he has shown himself to be a thoroughly practical, resourceful and up-to-date farmer. He devotes his whole time and energy to his work, applying assiduous industry and careful management to all his farming operations and using good judgment with reference to every detail of his undertaking; and his success in results is in full accordance with his diligence and intelligence in planning for them and working toward them.

Mrs. McVicker, his mother, died on a farm near Aurora on June 11, 1897, and the father of the family is now living near Batavia. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom are living. Samuel's brothers and sisters are: Maggie, wife of Andrew Spritzer, of Aurora; John, also a resident of Aurora; Jane, who married Daniel W. Robinson, of Aurora, and is living in that city; Robert, of Aurora township; Martha, wife of C. J. Lyons of Batavia; and Henry, an esteemed citizen of Aurora.

On January 9, 1902, Mr. McVicker was united in marriage with Miss Selina Eleanor Boyer, who was born in Aurora, May 20, 1882, and is a daughter of Alfred and Emily (Defoe) Boyer, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. McVicker are Catholics in religion and belong to Holy Angels church of that sect in Aurora. The husband is a democrat in politics and a Modern Woodman in fraternal life. He is averse to official station and has never sought nor desired a public office of any kind. He finds enough to fully occupy his time and energies in looking after his farm and pushing it to the highest development and productiveness. At the same time, he is not indifferent to the welfare of the township, but does all he can to promote it and foster every movement for the advancement of the community and the greater comfort, convenience and enjoyment of its people. He is accounted an excellent and representative citizen and is highly esteemed as such.

GEORGE E. HANKES.

George E. Hankes, who for almost a quarter of a century has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 27, Blackberry township, was born in Sugar Grove, Kane county, Illinois, June 1, 1860. His parents were Michel and Margaret (Dicks) Hankes, natives of Holland and Luxemburg, Germany, respectively. The father's birth occurred in 1836 and in the year 1848 he emigrated to America, locating in Aurora, Illinois, where he resided for one year. On the expiration of that period he removed to Sugar Grove, purchased land from the government, and there carried on farming throughout his active business career. Coming to this country with limited financial resources, it was only by dint of untiring perseverance and unremitting energy that he gained the prosperity which crowned his efforts in later years. During the progress of the Civil war he was twice drafted for service but each time purchased his exemption. In politics he was a democrat, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Catholic church. His demise occurred in 1880 and his remains were interred in St. Nicholas cemetery on the east side of Aurora. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Pierce M., who follows farming near Aurora; Katie, the wife of Con B. Birong, a traveling salesman residing in Madison, Wisconsin; Henry, of Aurora, Illinois, who is employed by the American Well Boring Company; Elizabeth, the wife of Theodore Weydert, foreman for the American Well works; Margaret, the wife of Charles

Duckendorf, a retired agriculturist; and Nicholas, a farmer of Blackberry township.

George E. Hanks, the other member of the family, attended school until fourteen years of age and subsequently assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm until he had attained the age of twenty-six years. Being married at that time, he commenced farming on his own account and has now for twenty-three years been most successfully connected with this line of activity in Blackberry township. He, likewise, owns some registered Chester White hogs, and is widely recognized as one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the community.

Mr. Hanks was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary A. Kohley, who was born December 15, 1866, a daughter of John Kohley. The latter still survives at the advanced age of eighty-two years, making his home in Aurora, but his wife was called to her final rest in 1880. The members of their family, in addition to Mrs. Hanks, were as follows: Catherine, the wife of Henry H. Patterman, a painter of Aurora; Charles, a farmer of Kane county; Margaret, of Aurora; Mary, who likewise makes her home in Aurora; Jacob, who follows agricultural pursuits in Naperville; Agnes, the wife of William Sachen, of Aurora; Anna, who became the wife of Charles Plain and lives in Streator, Illinois; and John, a miller of Aurora. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hanks are: Margaret, Charles, Jacob, Pierce and Henry, all at home.

Politically Mr. Hanks is a republican, while in religious belief he is a Catholic. A native son of Kane county, where he has now resided for almost a half century, he is well and favorably known here and has gained an extensive circle of warm friends.

CHARLES P. EKSTROM.

Charles P. Ekstrom, residing in Campton township, this county, where he is engaged in farming, dairying and stockraising, was born near Helsingborg, Sweden, September 26, 1872, the son of P. and Johanna (Johnson) Ekstrom. Both parents are natives of Sweden, the father having been born there, April 16, 1840, and the mother, July 19, 1849. The father served his regular time in the Swedish army and is now engaged in farming in the land of his birth. He is a faithful and consistent member of the Lutheran church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrom have been born eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, namely: Gustaf, born November 6, 1867, a farmer residing in Sweden; Charles P., of this review; August, who was born June 3, 1871, and died in America in 1891; Hilda, who was born June 3, 1874, and died September 12, 1890; John E., born September 20, 1875, a farmer residing in Sweden; Emma S., who was born October 9, 1877, and was married in 1895 to John August Fritz, a grocer of Rockford, Illinois; Otto, who was born December 7, 1879, and died in Sweden, June 6, 1884; Fred, born July 26, 1882, a carpenter residing with Charles P., of this review; Otto A., born January 25, 1885, a farmer residing in Campton township;

Frida, deceased, who was born October 18, 1887; and Joseph, who was born March 24, 1890, and resides at home with his parents and aids his father in the work of the farm.

Charles P. Ekstrom attended the district schools in his native land until fourteen years of age, at which time he discontinued his school work in order to devote his entire time to his father's farming interests. At the age of twenty he emigrated to America and located in Kane county, Illinois. He was naturally of a thrifty, industrious disposition and was quick to take advantage of any opportunities that presented themselves for his individual advancement. He knew more of farming than of any other industry and, naturally, it was to this work that he turned his attention, ever keeping in mind the ambition he entertained in coming to America, which was that of conducting a farm of his own. His ambition has long since been realized, and the advancement he has already made bids fair to continue under the excellent judgment he displays in the management of his business. In addition to the raising of hay and grain he is engaged in the dairy business, keeping thirty cows for that purpose, and engages extensively in the raising of Berkshire hogs, of which he makes a specialty. He now estimates the value of his personal property at about two thousand dollars.

On August 21, 1897, occurred the marriage of Mr. Ekstrom and Miss Emma Lovis Anderson, who was born in Campton township, October 28, 1876. They have become the parents of two children, namely: Esther Olive, who was born August 10, 1899, and died January 6, 1900; and Carl Elmer, born December 8, 1901. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrom are faithful and consistent members of the Lutheran church, and in politics he is a republican.

Mrs. Ekstrom is a daughter of Gustaf and Anna Christina (Johnson) Anderson, both natives of Westergotland, Sweden, the former born February 25, 1835, and the latter December 23, 1838. For forty years they have now made their home in America, and throughout his active business life the father has followed farming. He is a republican in politics, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church. In their family were four daughters: Augusta, born May 31, 1864; Amanda Josefina, who was born in Sweden, December 15, 1868, and died in America in 1870; Emma, who was born in this country, December 22, 1871, and died in August, 1872; and Mrs. Ekstrom, who is the youngest of the family.

BENJAMIN P. ALSCHULER.

The name of Alschuler has ever figured prominently in the legal circles of Aurora and has come to be regarded almost as a synonym for success in the trial of cases before the bar. B. P. Alschuler sustains the reputation borne by his brother, Samuel Alschuler, who formerly practiced here, and is now successfully practicing as a member of the firm of Murphy & Alschuler. He was born in Aurora, November 8, 1876, his parents being Jacob and Caroline (Steifel) Alschuler, both of whom were natives of Germany.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for B. P. Alschuler in his boyhood and youth. His time was divided between the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground, as he pursued his education in the public schools of Aurora, eventually being graduated from the east side high school. He determined upon the practice of law as a life work and to this end he became a student in the law office of Alschuler & Murphy, of Aurora, the senior partner being his brother, Samuel Alschuler. After thorough preliminary study he passed the required examination admitting him to the bar in 1899. Since 1900 he has been a partner of the firm of Murphy & Alschuler, succeeding his brother upon his retirement preparatory to his removal to Chicago, where he is now practicing law. The firm is a prominent one in the Kane county courts. Mr. Alschuler seems to possess a natural discrimination as to legal ethics. He never fails to recognize the main point at issue and never neglects to give a thorough preparation. His pleas have been characterized by a terse and decisive logic and a lucid presentation.

In March, 1900, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Alschuler and Miss Lilian Reinheimer, of Delavan, Illinois, a daughter of S. M. Reinheimer, one of the old settlers of this state. They now have two children, Jacob Edward and Corinne. Mr. Alschuler is a member of the Masonic lodge of Aurora, of the Royal Arch chapter, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and other organizations. He is an active democrat, stands high in the councils of his party and at the last election was the democratic nominee for congress. While he works earnestly for his party his chief attention is given to his professional duties and his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial.

JACOB WACKERLIN.

The industry, frugality and thrift of the Swiss people are well known all over the world, as are, also, their ardent devotion to their country, their unyielding bravery in battle and their lofty ideals of government and personal freedom. The little mountain democracy of Europe has given the whole earth valuable lessons in the administration of public affairs and the matter of internal improvements. And when its people have gone abroad into other lands, they have carried with them the lessons learned at home and put them into practice for the benefit of the country of their adoption.

Jacob Wackerlin, one of the leading farmers of Sugar Grove township, belongs to this sturdy race and is a fine example of all its practical virtues and useful elements of character. He was born in the canton of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, March 1, 1870, and lived there, attending school and assisting his parents on the home farm, until he reached the age of eighteen years. At that time he came to the United States and took up his residence in New York, where, for three years he worked as a hired hand on a farm. But he had higher aspirations for himself, and the great west held out opportunities for their realization. In 1891 he became a resident of DuPage county, Illinois.

There he passed two years again as a farm hand, still looking ahead and working zealously toward his destined goal.

At the end of the period mentioned Mr. Wackerlin felt that he was in a position to undertake the operation of a farm of his own and found a home. Accordingly, November 23, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Kuebler, who was one of his schoolmates in his native land, and who was born there March 11, 1870. When her future husband left their ancestral mountains to seek the realization of his hopes in the new world there seems to have been no thought of their possible marriage in his mind or in hers. She bade him good-by with cheerfulness and encouragement, saying in substance that he was going to wonderful America, where he would become a rich gentleman, and she never expected to see him again. Mrs. Wackerlin's parents were farmers, and like her husband, she acquired in her rural home and under the tuition of her good father and mother strong elements of character and formed habits of industry and frugality. She came to this country in 1891, and after passing two years in New Jersey, moved to Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Wackerlin have four children: Jacob Washington, whose birth occurred February 22, 1895; Nellie Edna, who was born April 15, 1896; Mabel Gladys, who was born May 10, 1900, and Elmer Leroy, who is now six years old, having been born on June 10, 1902. The parents are firm believers in the value of mental training and intend to give their children the best school privileges and advantages available to them. The oldest son, now thirteen, is a student at the Sugar Grove Industrial School.

In 1899 Mr. Wackerlin purchased the farm of one hundred and seventeen acres in section 31, Sugar Grove township, on which he now lives. Soon after he bought the place the dwelling on it was destroyed by fire, and he thereupon erected a substantial and commodious farm house, which is well arranged and provided with modern conveniences. He has brought his land to a high state of productiveness and made for himself and his family a very comfortable, attractive and profitable country home. In connection with his farming operations he always feeds a large number of cattle in winter for the market, and as he gives them good attention and feeds them with judgment he never fails to realize handsomely on the enterprise. He and his wife are not members of any church, but the children are regular attendants of a Sunday school at Sugar Grove.

Although far from their native land, and cut off from all its scenes and associations, except in memory, these worthy people are not without kindred in this country. Mr. Wackerlin has two brothers and a sister within easy reach of him. His brother, George, lives in Aurora and his brother, John, in Montgomery, Kane county, and his sister, Mrs. Cecilia Shultz, is a resident of Star City, Indiana. Another brother and sister are still living in Switzerland. Mrs. Wackerlin has a brother in Virginia and a brother and sister in Zurich, Switzerland.

The years of their residence in Kane county have been fruitful to Mr. and Mrs. Wackerlin in more ways than one. They have prospered in a worldly way, and they have earned their prosperity. They have also grown strong in public esteem and the cordial regard and good will of their friends

and neighbors, and this result is also based on merit. They have lived acceptably, usefully and progressively, showing proper consideration for others and performing with fidelity and cheerfulness their whole duty toward all with whom they have mingled or had dealings.

JOHN WILKS MARSHALL.

The subject of this sketch was one of Aurora's older citizens. He was born at Trenton Falls, Oneida county, New York, October 28, 1821. He was the son of Romeo Winchell and Harriet (Van Antwerp) Marshall, being one of a family of eleven brothers and sisters. Being naturally of a studious disposition and possessing a retentive mind, at the age of sixteen years he successfully passed the examination for a teacher's certificate and entered upon the work of this profession. Becoming interested in surveying, he took a course of study in this line, engaging in this pursuit through the summer seasons and following the occupation of teaching in the winter months. At the time of his majority, in October, 1842, he came to Aurora, Illinois, and during one year conducted a private school on the west side of the river in the old schoolhouse situated near what is now the Dr. Allaire place on North Lake street. Many prominent citizens of Aurora in later years were numbered among his pupils, among whom may be mentioned George Wilder, R. W. Gates, Mrs. D. B. Waterman, Mrs. Charles Kennedy, Isabelle Holbrook, Lucius Hoyt, Delos Lake and a number of others. The next year he taught in Joliet and afterward went to Galena, entering the employ of Messrs. Corwith & Brother. These gentlemen were pleased with Mr. Marshall and in the fall of 1846 aided him to start a mercantile business in the town of Millville on Apple river, about twenty miles from Galena. On August 8 of the same year he was married to Ellen P., daughter of Alpheus H. and Mercy (Wilkie) Hinds, at the home of her parents in Sugar Grove. To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were born five children, four sons and one daughter, as follows: Frank A., who died in infancy at Millville; Kate E., who for the past eight years has been connected with the Aurora Public Library as reference librarian; Fred C., a dentist of Chicago, who died April 29, 1892, leaving a widow, Mrs. Ivy B. (Curtis) Marshall, and two children, Fred Curtis and John Wilks, Jr.; Don E., who died in early childhood; and Clare W., a dentist who died in Toledo, Ohio, in September, 1903, and who is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie A. (McCleary) Marshall.

For nine years Mr. Marshall did a flourishing business at Millville but, wishing a wider field for his activities, decided to return to Aurora, where a few years previous he had purchased twelve acres of land, extending from South Lake street west to what is now Highland avenue. This land was later platted as Marshall's addition to Aurora. Upon the Lake street side of this property, during the summer of 1855, he built a commodious brick house, it being at that time one of the largest and best residences on the west side of the river, and is still the home of his daughter. The "city fathers" expressed



RESIDENCE OF JOHN W. MARSHALL.

their pleasure in this addition to their growing city by building a board walk from downtown up to the place. In the early fall of the same year Mr. Marshall commenced business with a stock of dry goods, groceries and hardware in the store now occupied by Dorchester & Wilcox at 27 River street. While in this building the reviving of the Beacon began in the rooms above, under the editorship of the late O. B. Knickerbocker, who in speaking of those times said: "Our purse in those days was very light, our capital consisting almost entirely in hope; and we have cause to remember with much gratitude the many favors extended us by our kind-hearted neighbor." In 1858 Mr. Marshall removed his stock to the new building he had erected on River street upon the site now occupied by the J. B. Bishop block, where on Christmas night of the same year he had the misfortune to lose both building and stock by fire, without insurance on either. This misfortune, with the added one of continued ill health, compelled him to leave business. Through his integrity in his business life and close attention to the needs and desires of his patrons he had built up a large and steadily increasing trade and when for a few years he was able to take his place behind the counter in the store of Daniel Volentine his trade went with him. After long years of patient suffering with asthmatic consumption, he passed away in his fifty-third year on Saturday, May 3, 1873. His wife survived him for twelve years, her demise occurring on Monday, April 6, 1885. Mr. Marshall was a man of excellent social qualities and won and kept his personal friends. Those who saw him in his last years found him still the courteous Christian gentleman, bearing his trials with patience and still hopeful and persistent. He left behind him the memory of a character which money cannot build and cannot buy. He died rich in the affection of all who knew him and were worthy of his acquaintance.

ANNAS HATHAWAY.

Annas Hathaway, deceased, who, for many years, was a well known, leading and honored citizen of Elgin, Illinois, was born on the 13th of October, 1827, in Steuben county, New York, his parents being Joel and Anna (Babbitt) Hathaway, natives of Massachusetts. The paternal grandfather of our subject, who was also a native of the Bay state, was of English parentage and a farmer by occupation. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill. His family numbered seven sons and three daughters, and he passed away at the advanced age of one hundred years. The maternal grandfather, Edward Rabbitt, also born in Massachusetts, died in middle life, leaving a family of three sons and three daughters.

During his early life Joel Hathaway worked at the stonemason's trade, but later turned his attention to farming. Coming west in 1850, he and his wife made their home with their eldest son, E. T. Hathaway, in Wayne, DuPage county, Illinois. The father was captain of a company during the war of 1812, and while living in Steuben county, New York, he served as

supervisor and also as county superintendent of the poor for some years. His death occurred in 1870 when he had attained the age of eighty-six years, while his wife, who survived him for five years, died at the age of eighty-one. Both were Universalists in religious belief and were held in high regard by all who knew them. They had a family of five children, all of whom are now deceased.

Annas Hathaway obtained his education in an old log schoolhouse near his boyhood's home, and at the age of fourteen years left the parental roof, entering upon his business career as a clerk in a store, where he was employed for four years. On the 4th of May, 1845, he first set foot in Elgin, Illinois, stopping here to visit friends while on his way to St. Louis, Missouri. After spending eighteen months in Elgin he proceeded to St. Louis, where he made his home for four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Elgin, Illinois, and in partnership with W. C. Kimball opened a store in Union, McHenry county, Illinois. On selling out after two years, he removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he engaged in merchandising, while a year later he went to Chicago and gave his attention to bookkeeping. Subsequently he went to Pike's Peak in 1849 and afterward to California, where he engaged in mining. Returning to Chicago in 1860, he remained in the western metropolis until 1861, and then went south, being connected with mercantile interests until 1866. Once more returning to Chicago, he was engaged in the commission business for one year, and then became interested in railroading on the 1st of September, 1869, having charge of the freight department of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad for four years. From July, 1873, until October, 1876, he was ticket and freight agent for the Chicago & Pacific Railroad, and later had charge of the outgoing freight for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad for six years. On the 1st of February, 1882, he became connected with the pool line under George H. Daniels, but after its dissolution he came, on the 14th of November, 1882, to Elgin, Illinois, where for eight years he served as freight and ticket agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. Going to Tacoma, Washington, on the 31st of March, 1890, he became manager for the Tacoma Trading Company, furnishing coal and building supplies. In December, 1890, he once more returned to Elgin, Illinois. On the 1st of April, 1893, he was appointed chief clerk and secretary of the Northern Illinois Hospital for the Insane at Elgin, Illinois, by John P. Atgeld, governor of Illinois, and held the office until April 2, 1897.

On the 22d of February, 1853, at Elgin, Illinois, Mr. Hathaway was united in marriage to Miss Sylvira M. Bartlett, whose birth occurred in Genesee county, New York, on the 7th of October, 1830, being the eldest daughter of Edmund and Naomi (Babcock) Bartlett. Her parents located in Kane county, Illinois, as early as 1834, making their home upon a farm near Wayne, Illinois, for nearly fifty years. The father died upon that place in January, 1883, while his wife's death occurred in Elgin, Illinois, May 10, 1891. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway were born two children. Carrie is now the wife of Professor D. Webster George, of Jacksonville, Illinois, and has two children. Herbert Annas Hathaway, who has been employed by the Elgin

National Watch Company for the past twenty years, was married to Miss Bertha Dresssaunt on the 9th of March, 1898. She is the only daughter of French parents, who came from Paris, France, in 1854.

Mr. Hathaway was a thirty-second degree Mason, having first joined that order in St. Charles on the 20th of September, 1852. He was a member of Loyal L. Munn Chapter, R. A. M.; Bethel Commandery, No. 36, K. T., of Elgin, Illinois; Oriental Consistory and Medinah Temple, of Chicago. His demise occurred in Elgin, Illinois, on the 19th of August, 1898, and the county mourned the loss of one of its honored pioneers and highly respected and valued citizens. Mrs. Hathaway, who still resides at her home at No. 645 North Spring street, has been a resident of Kane county, Illinois, for seventy-three years and is, therefore, largely familiar with its annals from a very early period down to the present time, being well known and highly esteemed as one of the venerable pioneer ladies of this part of the state.

WELFORD A. READ.

Welford A. Read, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Virgil township, was born on the farm where he now resides, November 17, 1859, his parents being Richmond and Miranda W. (Sweet) Read, the former born in Nova Scotia, May 21, 1821, and the latter in Onondaga county, New York, February 26, 1835. The father came to Illinois in 1838 and purchased two hundred and forty acres of land from the government at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. In Virgil township, in December, 1851, he wedded Miss Miranda W. Sweet, and his demise occurred May 16, 1890, on the home farm of his son, Welford A. His wife still survives him, making her home at Sycamore.

Welford A. Read attended the common schools until sixteen years of age, and throughout his entire life has continued to reside on the farm on section 12, Virgil township, on which his birth occurred. The property comprises two hundred and fifty acres of highly improved and productive land and is equipped with all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century. The buildings on the place, including a commodious and attractive residence, are all in good condition and the farm, in its neat and thrifty appearance, indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. He owns fifty cows and conducts an extensive dairy, shipping one hundred and twenty gallons of milk daily from Lily Lake to Chicago. He likewise has thirty Poland China hogs, eleven head of horses and a fine lot of Plymouth Rock poultry, and owns various kinds of improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. In the different branches of his business he has met with a well merited and enviable degree of success and is a well known and prosperous resident of his native county.

On the 21st of November, 1882, Mr. Read was united in marriage to Miss Cora B. Walker, of Virgil, by whom he has the following children: Stella May, born December 29, 1883, who attended the high school at Sycamore; Ernest O., born August 4, 1885, who attended business college at

Elgin and is now engaged in farming; Maude Blanche, born March 10, 1887, who attended the St. Charles high school and also taught for one year; Floyd S., born June 4, 1888, who attended business college at Elgin and is also now engaged in agricultural pursuits; Richmond R., whose birth occurred July 16, 1890, and who attended the common schools, while at the present time he follows farming; Arthur H., whose natal day was December 2, 1894; Florence C., born April 28, 1897; and Maurice W., whose birth occurred June 30, 1899. All of these children are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Read gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of the Globe. He is also a Mason, belonging to Blackberry Lodge, No. 359, A. F. & A. M., at Elburn; Sycamore Chapter, R. A. M., and Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, K. T. Having been a resident of this county for almost a half century, he has been an interested witness of the changes which have occurred and which have transformed the pioneer region into one of the rich agricultural districts of the Union.

PATRICK TRACEY O'FLAHERTY.

Patrick T. O'Flaherty, deceased, was for many years a well-known citizen of Elgin. His early home, however, was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Clare Tuam, County Galway, Ireland, March 12, 1824. He grew to manhood in his native land and was there married on the 10th of April, 1846, to Miss Elizabeth Liddy. With his bride he sailed for the new world the same year and made his first stop in Canada, remaining there only a short time, however. He then located in New York state and in 1850 came to Illinois, taking up his abode in Elgin, where for some time he worked at his trade of shoemaking in the capacity of cutter and foreman for the firm of Clark & Watson.

In 1852 Mr. O'Flaherty was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 1st of November of that year. There were four children born of that union, namely: Thomas B., who was born July 22, 1847, and died August 9, 1847; Maria J., who was born October 6, 1848, and died November 1, 1880; Sara F., who was born February 17, 1851, and is now the only one living; and Teresa, who was born October 24, 1852, and died November 19, 1852. Mr. O'Flaherty was again married May 11, 1853, his second union being with Miss Eliza F. Mann, who was born in West Meath, Ireland, October 17, 1829, a daughter of John Lowe and Cecelia (Feery) Mann. Coming to America in 1845, she was a resident of New York state for four years, and in 1849 located in Elgin. Six children were born of Mr. O'Flaherty's second marriage: Edward J., Frank M., Cecelia E., Thomas P., Catherine and Leo F., all of whom are still living.

When his adopted country became involved in Civil war, Mr. O'Flaherty espoused the cause of the Union and on the 6th of September, 1862, en-

listed in Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served until the close of the war and was mustered out as corporal June 5, 1865. He was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea and participated in the following battles: Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Black Bayou, Champion Hills, Big Black River, the assault on Vicksburg, the siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, the pursuit of Longstreet, the siege of Knoxville, Resaca, Dallas, Ackworth, New Hope Church and Big Shanty.

After his return from the war Mr. O'Flaherty engaged in the boot and shoe business, dealing in custom made shoes, but he finally sold out his business in 1883. The following year he was appointed one of the original five letter carriers by Postmaster W. F. Hunter at the age of sixty years and acted in that capacity until September, 1892. He then lived retired until called to his final rest on the 16th of August, 1907. His second wife died January 24, 1905. Both were devout members of the Catholic church and were held in the highest esteem by all who knew them. In politics Mr. O'Flaherty was an ardent republican and was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Although born across the water and still retaining a love for his native land, he became a very patriotic citizen as was shown by his service in the Civil war and he was willing to lay down his life for the stars and stripes if need be.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

Working with sedulous industry through obstacles and difficulties, and making every hour of their time and every dollar of their earnings count to their advantage for years, Thomas Wright and his good wife have at length reached the goal of their ambition in a competence for life and a firm and well founded hold on the regard and good will of the people among whom they live.

They were born and reared in England, the former in Buckinghamshire and the latter in Herefordshire, and immediately after their marriage in 1871 emigrated to the United States and took up their residence in New Jersey, the husband working four years in an iron mill at Boonton, that state. In 1876 they came west and settled in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, Illinois, where they have ever since resided.

Mr. Wright was born August 10, 1853, and is a son of James and Sarah (Perrins) Wright, natives of Buckinghamshire, England, where the father died in 1875 after a long life of usefulness as a farmer. Mr. Wright has two sisters: Eliza, the wife of William Cuttle, of Brooklyn, New York; and Anna, the wife of William Sheesby, of Yorkshire, England. The family was in very moderate circumstances and the advantages of educational training for the son were meager and irregular. He succeeded, however, in acquiring a good knowledge of the fundamental branches, and on this he has since enlarged and amplified by his own efforts devoted to careful read-

ing, reflection and study. The early experiences of his wife, whose maiden name was Helen Arnett, were much the same, and her subsequent course has been like unto his.

For two years after their arrival in this county Mr. Wright worked as a farm hand for S. L. Gillette and then rented land of James Gordon, which he farmed two years. During the next twelve years he expended his efforts on a farm which he rented of Mrs. Ruth Harkinson. Having by this time accumulated a goodly sum of money by practicing the most rigid economy and the most persistent industry, he determined to secure a farm and home of his own. Accordingly, in 1893, he purchased a small but well-improved farm of thirty acres in section 30 Aurora township, which he still owns and occupies, and which has been his dwelling place ever since. This little farm is now popularly estimated at a value of \$9,000, and the estimate is not extravagant when it is considered that it is one of the neatest, most attractive and most productive in the township. The house is fronted by a beautifully kept lawn, adorned with a profusion of choice flowers, all pleasing to the observer and creditable to the taste and enterprise of the owners. The land is cultivated to the limit of energy and skill, and the farm is equipped with everything required for the purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright recall many hardships during the early years of their residence in this country. They were total strangers in the land, very young, and unaccustomed to the conditions and habits of the people. The requirements of their situation were all new to them, and they had nothing but their own energies to depend on. But they did not give up or even grow discouraged. They worked their way steadily forward, losing no ground and omitting no effort that seemed likely to win them progress. They have won their fight and now they cheerfully enjoy the victory and do not regret the thorny path which led to it.

SAMUEL G. CONNER.

Samuel G. Conner, residing in Plato township, is devoting his time and energies to that pursuit which George Washington said is "the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." He was born in Kane county, Illinois, August 5, 1845. His father, Samuel Conner, was born in Vermont in 1811, and spent a portion of his early life in Cattaraugus county, New York. He wedded Miss Eunice Colby, of New York, and with his wife and three children came to Illinois in 1842, settling in Plato township, where he purchased fifty acres of land from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre. He successfully carried on agricultural interests and added to his original tract until his farm comprised ninety acres. His wife, whose birth occurred in 1814, was called to her final rest in January, 1906, her remains being interred at Wasco.

Their family numbered eight children. Susanna, a native of New York, became the wife of Norman Billington, a farmer by occupation. She lived

in Illinois for several years after marriage and then removed to Dakota, where she passed away in 1899. Jerushia L. married Leander Collins, a farmer by occupation. She made her home in Elgin until the time of her demise in 1904. Julia, whose birth occurred in New York in 1842, became the wife of Jackson Hillts, a retired agriculturist, and now resides at Milbank, South Dakota. Samuel G., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Welford, born in Plato, Illinois, August 20, 1848, is married and follows gardening near Denver, Colorado. Merritt D., who was born at Bartlett Station, Cook county, Illinois, in 1851, married Miss Matilda Kramer and is a watchmaker of Elgin. Ethan A., whose birth occurred in Plato in 1854, wedded Miss Mary Miller and is engaged in the real-estate business in Elgin. Viola, born in Plato in 1857, became the wife of Dell Pease and makes her home in Elgin.

In 1878 Mr. Conner purchased his present farm of forty-six acres situated three miles southwest of Plato Center. He paid eighteen dollars per acre for the land, but, owing to its present high state of development and also by reason of the many substantial improvements he has placed thereon, it is now worth five thousand dollars.

On the 11th of September, 1870, Mr. Conner was united in marriage to Miss Ann E. Hawley, whose birth occurred in Illinois, February 29, 1852. They have three children: Lettie, born in Elgin, April 5, 1875, is the wife of John R. Tucker, fireman at the Boys Home in St. Charles; Cora, who was born in Plato, in October, 1882, is the wife of Albert Hinkle, an agriculturist residing in Jonesville, Michigan; and Samuel T., whose birth occurred in Plato, June 1, 1887, is still at home.

In his political views Mr. Conner is a democrat and takes an active and helpful interest in local politics, having served as constable for the last nine years, as school director for twenty-four years and as town collector for one year. Having spent his entire life in this county, he is familiar with its annals from a pioneer period down to the present time and is widely known as a prosperous and public-spirited citizen.

COIT SPALDING.

In every community there are certain names which are synonymous with the growth, development and improvement of the locality. The name of Coit Spalding is associated with all that has been progressive in Elburn, where he is well known as a retired farmer and merchant. In the office of county supervisor he has also gained a wide acquaintance and favorable regard as one whose fidelity and trustworthiness are above question.

He was born in Washtenaw county, Michigan, November 12, 1836, his parents being Colwell H. and Beulah (Lyon) Spalding, who were married in June, 1834. Both were natives of the state of New York. The father was born in Onondaga county, March 30, 1800, and became a contractor and builder. He took a contract and constructed the turnpike railroad between

Utica and Syracuse, New York, a distance of one hundred and forty-four miles. In 1844 he became a resident of Kane county, Illinois, settling in Blackberry township, where he purchased land from the government. He was a man of unquestioned integrity, of sound business qualifications, and of honesty of purpose. In early life he gave his political support to the democratic party and voted for James K. Polk, but became a staunch republican on the organization of the latter party and did all in his power to secure the adoption of its principles. For many years he was a justice of the peace, held other offices and was very active in political affairs. He long held membership in the Christian church and was most loyal to its teachings. His death occurred November 28, 1888, while his wife, who was born in 1804, survived him until February, 1891. She, too, was a faithful Christian and held membership in the Baptist church. Her parents were Mathias and Roda Lyon. In the paternal line the ancestry of the family can be traced back to 1670, and in the record Edward Spalding figures prominently. The coat of arms of the family is a shield, having in the center a cross, while around this is an inscription "*Hinc Mihi Salus.*" In the family of Colwell and Beulah Spalding are three children, who yet survive: Gilbert, a resident farmer of Greenwood county, Kansas; Coit, of this review; and Louisa J., the wife of Charles Eckley, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Reared on the home farm in Blackberry township, Coit Spalding was a pupil in the district school until he entered the Academy at Warrenville, where he remained for a year. After putting aside his text-books he assisted his father on the home farm for a time, afterward engaged in railroad work for a year and subsequently clerked in a store. But his attention was largely given to general farming until he began business on his own account in Elburn in August, 1891. He formed a partnership with M. S. Cline for the conduct of a general store and for a considerable period he was prominent in the mercantile circles of the town. In all of his business affairs he has manifested energy, determination and reliability.

On the 1st of January, 1863, Mr. Spalding married Miss Helen M. Barker, a daughter of Jabez and Sarah Barker. Her mother died in November, 1903, and her father the following year, and both were buried in the Elburn cemetery. He was a native of Massachusetts and a pioneer of Kane county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Spalding were born three sons: James, who married Nettie Reeves and is a lumber merchant of Elburn; Lester, a liveryman of Elburn; and Warren, also of Elburn.

In his social relations Mr. Spalding is a Mason, belonging to Blackberry Lodge, No. 359, A. F. & A. M.; Fox River Chapter, No. 14, R. A. M.; and Sycamore Commandery, K. T. He is also affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. The republican party of Kane county numbers him among its most prominent and well-known representatives. For twenty years he has continuously filled the office of supervisor, and in that time has materially reduced the cost of providing for the county poor. He has served continuously as school treasurer since October 14, 1878, and his official duties have been discharged in the most commendable, energetic and capable manner, winning him the commendation of all concerned.

Mr. Spalding now occupies an elegant residence in Elburn, which he erected at a cost of eight thousand dollars. It contains a most interesting heirloom in the shape of a clock that is over two hundred years old. It stands over eight feet high and has a dial in two divisions, the upper part showing the faces of the moon, and the lower, the time. The workmanship is perfect, and the clock has always been in such good running condition that it has become an epigram with Mr. Spalding that "There is nothing so reliable as the old clock." He also has a copy of an old will, bearing date May 13, 1666, which reads: "I, Edward Spalding, of Chelmsford, in the city of Middlesex, New England, being of perfect memory and understanding, do declare this my last will and testament. I bequeath my soul into the hands of the Almighty God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and my body to the earth till the day of Resurrection." The Spalding home is a most hospitable one, and is always open for the reception of the many friends of the family. Mr. Spalding is one of the best known citizens of this part of the county, and there is none who has more friends or more justly deserves the good will and respect which are uniformly accorded him.

N. W. TOMBLIN.

N. W. Tomblin is conducting the largest insurance business in Aurora and is also connected with real-estate interests, while of the Improvement Building & Loan Association he is the secretary. His birth occurred in Plano, Illinois, November 16, 1858. His father, Levi N. Tomblin, was a native of Chautauqua county, New York, and became one of the pioneers of Illinois, arriving in Kendall county in 1836, in which year he located on a farm north of Plano. He made the journey westward with his father, Sheldon Tomblin, who purchased the land from the government. Not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made on the place, but with characteristic energy the grandfather began its development and as the years passed his son, Levi, became a factor in the cultivation and improvement of the property. The latter is now living retired in Plano at the age of eighty-one years. He has seen the country develop from a wilderness into a thickly settled and richly improved district, supplied with all the evidences of a modern and progressive civilization. He recalls many interesting incidents of the early days when many of the homes were log cabins, heated by fireplace and lighted by tallow candle. In early manhood he wedded Miss Elizabeth Cook, a native of New Jersey, who is now seventy-five years of age.

N. W. Tomblin, their only child, was educated in the common and high schools, and was early trained to the work of the farm, assisting in its development for a number of years. He afterward engaged in farming on his own account for a considerable period and then thinking to find other pursuits more congenial and profitable, he turned his attention to the real-estate and insurance business in Plano, where he continued until 1895, when he came to Aurora as special agent for the Berkshire Life Insurance Company. After a

few years he formed a partnership with H. R. Holden in general insurance and for nine years they did a very extensive business. Mr. Holden then retired from the firm, Mr. Tomblin purchasing his interest, and since 1904 he has conducted the business alone. He still occupies the same suite of rooms in the Staudt building, of which he was the first occupant. The business is now conducted under the firm style of N. W. Tomblin & Company, insurance and real-estate agents. No other representative of insurance has such a large clientage or writes such an extensive amount of business annually. He makes a specialty of fire insurance, and among his patrons have been many of the large local firms. He has written more factory fire insurance than all the other insurance brokers in Aurora combined, and he is also a licensed Chicago broker. He is a member of the State League of Fire Insurance, and at the time of the San Francisco fire, when the Traders Insurance Company failed, which company he represented in Aurora, he reinsured all of his patrons at considerable expense to himself in other companies. He accomplished this in less than three hours after the failure of the Traders Insurance Company, and this act was much appreciated by all of his patrons. Mr. Tomblin likewise engages in real-estate operations and is also the secretary of the Improvement Building & Loan Association.

In 1881 Mr. Tomblin was married to Miss Katie B. Wheeler, a native of Plano, Kendall county, Illinois, and they have one daughter, Beulah. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, together with other fraternal organizations, and is deservedly popular and respected. The Greek philosopher, Epicarmis, ages ago voiced the adage: "Earn thy reward; the gods give naught to sloth"; and realizing the truth of this, Mr. Tomblin has put forth effective and unremitting effort in the acquirement of success which is the just crown of his labor.

FRANCIS W. WRIGHT.

Francis W. Wright, deceased, was born in Lancaster, New Hampshire, July 12, 1823, his parents being Wincol F. and Mary (Worcester) Wright, the latter a niece of the compiler of Worcester's dictionary. The father followed the occupation of farming as a life work.

Francis W. Wright learned the trade of a millwright in his early manhood and in 1844 came to Elgin, being here connected for some time with A. Hadlock, the pioneer manufacturer of threshing machines in the locality. In 1862 he purchased a farm of two hundred acres just outside of Elgin, part of which now lies within the city limits, and successfully carried on his agricultural interests until 1892, when he disposed of the property. He then lived retired on the farm for six years and in 1898 took up his abode in Elgin, here making his home until he was called to his final rest on the 5th of June, 1901. He was well known and widely recognized as a worthy pioneer and substantial citizen of the community, and his death was deeply mourned not only by his immediate family but also by a host of friends.



FRANCIS W. WRIGHT

On the 24th of February, 1847, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Asintha L. Lester, a daughter of Edward and Hannah (Newton) Lester. Her father removed to DuPage county, Illinois, in 1835, locating on a farm, which he successfully operated until the time of his retirement from active business life, subsequently making his home in Elgin. At the time of his demise he still owned the farm which he had purchased in 1835. His wife died in 1846. Mrs. Wright attended school at Elgin between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years and was afterward engaged in teaching in this city.

In his political views Mr. Wright was a staunch republican but neither sought nor desired office, preferring to devote his attention to his private interests. He and his wife were formerly identified with the Methodist Episcopal church but during the last few years of his life he attended the Universalist church. He was a resident of this county for fifty-seven years and throughout the entire period had ever maintained an unassailable reputation as a man of unflinching integrity and honesty, whose word was as good as his bond. Generous and public-spirited, his aid and influence were ever given on the side of right, truth and progress, and his cooperation could always be counted upon to further any movement instituted for the general welfare.

WILLIAM BOSSELER.

Among the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Kane county is numbered William Bosseler, who was born in Luxemburg, on the 12th of March, 1873. He remained in his native land until he attained his majority and was a student in the public schools until twelve years of age. He then began earning his own living by working as a farm hand at \$2 per month, but his wages were gradually increased until, at the age of twenty-one, he received \$5 per month. He still has two sisters living in Luxemburg; Barbara, the wife of John Altman, who is manager of a distillery; and Mary, the wife of John Decker, a forest commissioner.

Hoping to improve his financial condition, Mr. Bosseler came to America in 1894 and finally landed in Aurora, Illinois. His cash capital at that time consisted of but ten dollars, and immediate employment being a necessity he soon found work as a farm hand, in which capacity he continued for nine years. During that time he saved his earnings and was at length enabled to engage in farming on his own account. Industrious and economical, he has since saved and by judicious investments has accumulated over \$3,000 worth of personal property. For seven years he has now resided upon his present farm on section 27, Blackberry township, and is meeting with good success in its cultivation.

Mr. Bosseler was married in 1900 to Miss Angeline Konen, who was born in Sugar Grove township, May 1, 1875, a daughter of Philip and Susan Konen, now residents of Aurora. Her father was also a native of Luxemburg, Germany, and it was in 1865 that he emigrated to the new world. For

many years he engaged in farming with good success and has accumulated considerable property. He is now serving as road commissioner in West Aurora. Mr. and Mrs. Bosseler have two interesting children: Lena Jennie, who was born March 9, 1901, and is now attending school in the home district; and William Phillip, born March 2, 1906.

NELSON B. COOLEY.

For a period of thirty years this now prosperous and progressive farmer accepted the hazards and enjoyed the excitement of life as a locomotive fireman and engineer in the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. When he had his fill of this, and desired a more settled and quiet life, he retired to the farm on which he now lives and to which he has since devoted his attention and energies.

Mr. Cooley was born November 14, 1839, in Chemung county, New York, and is a son of Hiram and Hannah (Corey) Cooley, the former a native of Tioga county, New York, and the latter of Rutland county, Vermont. They were the parents of six children, all but two of whom, Nelson and his brother Jerome, of Aurora, are dead. Those who died were: Minerva, the late wife of Walter Seavey; Floretta, the late wife of Washington Fuller; Floyd and White.

Nelson B. Cooley attended the public schools until he was twenty years of age. Then, starting out to make his own way in the world, he secured employment as a clerk in a hotel at Painted Post, Steuben county, New York, a position which he filled acceptably for five years. In March, 1866, he came to Kane county, Illinois, and entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as a fireman, from which post he rose to that of engineer on one of the busy locomotives of that busy company. While he was thus engaged his family lived on a farm in Aurora township, which he rented to his brother Floyd for ten years.

In 1876 he bought a farm of one hundred and forty acres in section 26, Sugar Grove township. After conducting the operations of this farm for eleven years, he rented it and moved his family to Aurora, and during the next seventeen years he was again employed as an engineer by the railroad company. In the spring of 1904 he once more returned to the farm, and he and his son have ever since been active and enterprising in the management and cultivation of it. It now contains one hundred and ninety acres, and is one of the best farms in Sugar Grove township.

Mr. Cooley was married December 31, 1867, being united with Miss Phoebe Bailey, a daughter of Squire Bailey, of Steuben county, New York, where she was born and reared. They have one child, Francis Edward, who was born December 15, 1868. Like his father, he had a taste for railroading, and for eleven years was employed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, as an engineer in charge of one of its locomotives. He is now, however, connected with his father in the management of the farm.

On May 21, 1897, his son married Miss Nellie Cadogan, a native of Van Buren county, Michigan, where she was born in 1868, and a daughter of Walter and Lavina (Bradshaw) Cadogan. At the age of sixteen she came with her parents to Chicago, where a few years later she became acquainted with and married Francis Edward Cooley. They have one child, Letha Marguerite, who was born February 17, 1905.

Mr. Cooley and his son are republicans in political allegiance, and fraternally the father is a Modern Woodman. He and his wife are members of Park Place Baptist church in Aurora, and they also belong to the Sugar Grove Farmers Club. He served as school trustee of the township three years, and in other ways has rendered his fellow citizens good service in the promotion of their best interests and those of the township. His friends and acquaintances esteem him and his family as among their best citizens.

JOHN FRANKLIN GARVER.

John Franklin Garver, chief engineer for the Bowman Dairy Company of Elburn, Illinois, was born in Marshall county, Indiana, December 22, 1862, and the family is widely and prominently known throughout the Hoosier state. His brothers and sisters are as follows: Charles, an agriculturist of Plymouth, Indiana; Edward, residing in Blue Island, Illinois, who is a railroad employe; H. Walter, likewise a railroad employe, who makes his home at Dixon, Illinois; Warren, also of Blue Island, Illinois, who is likewise employed by the railroad company; Marietta, the wife of J. Overlesse, of Elkhart, Indiana.

When three years of age John Franklin Garver accompanied his parents on their removal to Dixon, Illinois, and subsequently the family home was established in Marion, Iowa, where our subject mastered the various branches of learning taught in the public schools. At the age of twenty years he went to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in railroad work, subsequently returning to Elburn, Illinois. Since 1891 he has here held the position of chief engineer for the Bowman Dairy Company, his long retention in the position being incontrovertible proof of his capability and faithfulness in the discharge of his duties. Thrown upon his own resources in early childhood, he has worked perseveringly and persistently and has gained the success which is always the reward of well-directed and untiring effort.

At Elburn, Illinois, on the 22d of May, 1892, Mr. Garver was united in marriage to Miss Anna Amelia Hull, who was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, May 2, 1868. There is one son by this union, Homer H., whose birth occurred March 9, 1894.

During the years 1897 and 1898 Mr. Garver served as city marshal of Elburn, and is widely recognized as a public-spirited citizen whose aid and influence are ever given on the side of right, truth and progress. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Mystic Workers of America and the Foresters, holding the office of court deputy in the last-

named fraternity. His wife is a member of the Methodist church, is connected with the Ladies' Aid Society and also belongs to the Mystic Workers of America. Both Mr. and Mrs. Garver are highly esteemed throughout the community as people of genuine personal worth and sterling traits of character and the circle of their friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

ALFRED BOYER.

Having worked in the employment of one railroad company for a continuous period of twenty-seven years, and during that time having never missed receiving his pay check, which means that he lost no time and gave his employer no cause for complaint, Alfred Boyer, of Aurora, has a record of fidelity to duty to his credit that can not be surpassed and is seldom equaled.

Mr. Boyer is a native of Kane county, born on a farm four miles north-east of Aurora, August 24, 1857, and is a son of Anthony and Elenor (Paradise) Boyer, who were born in Montreal, Canada, and came to Kane county about 1850. Here the mother died on December 28, 1887, and the father on March 11, 1888. They became the parents of twelve children, but only three are now living, namely: Alfred, Anthony and Dennis B. Boyer. Anthony is engaged in farming near Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Dennis lives in Aurora.

At the age of four years Alfred Boyer moved with his parents to the state of New York, where his father farmed for six years on the shore of Lake Champlain. The family then returned to Illinois and located in Aurora. There the son attended the public schools until he reached the age of fourteen, then wishing to begin making his own way in the world, he hired out as a farm hand and continued working in that capacity until he attained his majority.

On August 11, 1878, he was married to Miss Emily DeFoe, a native of Kane county. The young couple passed the first year of their married life in Aurora, and the next two on a farm in DeKalb county. Returning to Aurora at the end of the third year after his marriage, he accepted employment for a short time as a roundhouse hand for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. His skill and fidelity in the performance of the work assigned to him soon won him promotion to the position of hostler in the engine house, and this position he still occupies.

Mr. Boyer has given the company excellent service and won high commendation from the officials of the company. He is capable and knowing, and conscientiously attentive to every requirement. His long tenure of the same position for twenty-seven years, and the fact that in all that period he never missed receiving his pay check on time, embody a high tribute to his worth as an employe. But this is not all. His worth has been recognized by those for whom he works, and set down in the records of the company, where it will ever stand to his advantage.

Mr. Boyer suffered the great bereavement of his life in the death of his wife on January 11, 1900. They were the parents of three children: Alfred Anthony, who is now a railroad engineer and lives in Aurora; Selina Elenor McVicker, wife of Samuel McVicker, who resides on a farm near Aurora, and a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume, and Mary Elenor Boyer, who has taken her mother's place in the domestic establishment and keeps house for her father. There is also one grandchild in the family, Cornelius Alfred Boyer, who was born on August 14, 1907.

In politics Mr. Boyer adheres to the democratic party. In religious affiliation he belongs to the Holy Angels Catholic church of Aurora. Fraternally he is a member of the Burlington Relief association. His father and his grandfather were soldiers in the Canadian revolution and, although his life has been passed in peaceful pursuits, he is not without the martial spirit of his ancestors and would go to war in defense of his country if he were not too old for service.

DEWITT C. WAITE.

When the pioneers of the western part of the great state of New York and the central part too, had reduced nature to subjection in those regions, and tamed and fructified the wilderness there, they or their descendants began to look out toward the setting sun for new realms to conquer, and they found them in this and the adjoining states. Numbers of them settled in Kane county, bringing with them the enterprise, fortitude and adaptability to circumstances and conditions through which they had made their own state great and prosperous, and put those qualities in service here to work out the same results. Among these early arrivals from the Empire state were the parents of Dewitt C. Waite, one of the substantial and progressive farmers of Big Rock township.

They were Hiram and Lucy (Bishop) Waite, natives of New York and farmers in that state. Their son Dewitt was born there, December 1, 1850, and when he was but four years old accompanied his parents to Michigan, where they lived and farmed for six years. At the age of ten he accompanied them to DeKalb county, Illinois, and located with them on a farm near Waterman, on which he lived seven years, attending the country school near at hand and obtaining in it all the education of the kind he ever received, going to school in the winter months and assisting on the farm at all times. But he was diligent at his studies, as he was at his work, and both were of advantage to him as training for a career of usefulness and prosperity.

When Mr. Waite reached the age of twenty-three he hired himself out as a farm hand and continued as such for a few years, but he had other and better things in view for himself and longed to be working on his own account instead of for others. In obedience to this longing he rented land and established a home of his own. In most respects he found his venture a good one

and he continued it twenty years with profit to himself and benefit to the township.

On November 17, 1873, Mr. Waite was joined in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Houston, who was born in Brantford, province of Ontario, Canada, March 16, 1852, and after her removal to Illinois lived at Aurora a number of years. She obtained her education in the public schools and at Jennings Seminary. Her parents were of Scotch ancestry on the father's side and on the mother's they were Pennsylvania Dutch. Mr. and Mrs. Waite have one child, Paull, who attends the district school and helps his father on the farm.

Mr. Waite bought the farm on which he now lives in 1893, when his son was but two years old, the latter having been born on June 30, 1891. This farm is in section 25, Big Rock township. It is well improved, well stocked and well cultivated, and is generally considered one of the most productive and valuable of its size in the township. Mr. Waite is careful and judicious in managing it and gets good returns for the time and labor he devotes to its cultivation. His aged mother, Mrs. Lucy Waite, who was born in 1830, makes her home with him, while Mrs. Hannah Houston, mother of his wife, lives at 208 South Broadway, Aurora, the town in which she has made her home ever since she came to Kane county from her birthplace in Canada in 1854. She is now eighty years old. Mr. Waite belongs to the republican party, and gives earnest attention to local and general politics for the common good.

JEREMIAH CUMMINGS HALL.

Jeremiah Cummings Hall, deceased, was born in Orford, New Hampshire, on the 4th of January, 1833, his parents being Alvah and Clarissa (Cummings) Hall, who came west to Udina, Kane county, Illinois, in 1845. They located on a farm and there spent the remainder of their lives.

Jeremiah Cummings Hall accompanied his parents on their removal westward and acquired his education in the country schools. He then carried on agricultural pursuits on the home farm in connection with his father until the outbreak of the Civil war, when in 1861 he enlisted as a member of Company A, Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted to the rank of corporal and served for three years, during which time he participated in many important and hotly contested engagements, including the battle of Gettysburg. After the close of hostilities he returned home and once more took up the work of the farm, being thus successfully engaged until he retired to Elgin a few months before his demise, which occurred on the 12th of March, 1900. He had for many years been connected with the agricultural interests of this county and was well known and widely recognized as a substantial and enterprising citizen.

Mr. Hall was twice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Sedate Harger, who passed away in 1884 and by whom he had two children, Eva and Minnie. On the 11th of May, 1885, he wedded Miss Katherine A.

Dougherty, a daughter of Michael and Mary (McKee) Dougherty, of Udina, the former born September 27, 1810, and the latter on the 28th of March, 1808. The father, who was an agriculturist by occupation, operated a farm near Udina. He was a republican in his political views and served for several terms as county supervisor. His demise occurred on the 30th of April, 1886, while his wife was called to her final rest May 23, 1896.

In his political views Mr. Hall was a staunch republican, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. His widow now resides in Elgin and is held in high esteem and regard throughout the community in which she has so long made her home.

MATT FREELAND.

Norway has furnished to the United States many enterprising men who have left their native land to enter the business circles of this country, with its more progressive methods and excellent advantages. Mr. Freeland is now engaged as a farmer and dairyman, buying a fine farm property of two hundred and twenty-six acres, located in Virgil township. He was born in Norway, January 16, 1865, a son of Mads Freeland, who was likewise a native of Norway, where he served in the regular army. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He wedded Ele J. Nerem, likewise a native of that country, now living with our subject, and to their union were born the following named children: Volborg M., the wife of Thomas Nelson, a farmer of Kendall county, Illinois; Bertha, the wife of Christopher Malde, a salesman of Norway; Matt, of this review; Martha, the wife of Gunder Frette, who is a farmer residing in Ford county, Illinois; Johanna, deceased; Omund, who is engaged in farming in Minnesota; Bronla, the wife of Peter Oxland, also of Minnesota; Lois, who lives near Maple Park, Illinois; and Stine, who resides in Chicago.

Matt Freeland was educated in the schools of his native country, pursuing his studies to the age of fourteen years. He then began work as a farm hand, being employed in this manner until he had reached the age of twenty-two. Foreseeing that Norway offered no future for him and having heard a great deal about the freedom and the opportunity for advancement in this country, he then decided to emigrate to the United States. He accordingly set sail for America and upon reaching its shores made his way at once to Grundy county, Illinois, where he was employed as a farm hand for two years. He then located in Aurora, where he learned the molder's trade, which he followed for ten years. He then disposed of his effects and removed to Alabama, where he was engaged in farming during the succeeding two years. The south not proving congenial to him, he once more returned to Illinois and resumed the work of a molder, working at the same in DeKalb for five years. On the expiration of that period he took up farming, operating rented land for five years. During the time that passed he lived frugally and economically, acquiring a competence that enabled him to

invest in land, becoming owner of two hundred and sixty-six acres, situated in Virgil township. The land is slightly rolling, giving it proper drainage, and with the exception of forty acres of pasturage the entire tract has been placed under a high state of cultivation. On the farm stands a fine country residence, supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories, and conveniently situated near the school and two churches. In addition to general farming Mr. Freeland is also engaged in dairying, and in this branch of business is meeting with good success.

Mr. Freeland was married to Carrie Peterson Male, who was likewise born in Norway, and by her marriage has become the mother of six children: Martha R.; and Marcus, Emma, Jessie, Peter and Mary, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Freeland gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party. He is a man of excellent business ability and sound judgment, and no foreign born citizen of Kane county is more highly respected than is Mr. Freeland.

AUGUST HEITSCHMIDT.

Among those who have left the fatherland to identify themselves with American life and institutions, who have pushed their way to the front and who are a credit alike to the land of their birth and that of their adoption is August Heitschmidt, now living retired in Elburn, Blackberry township. He was born in Pries, Province of Pomerania, Germany, June 8, 1836, his parents being Carl H. and Anna (Schmid) Heitschmidt, also natives of that country, the former born in 1793 and the latter in 1802. The father of our subject, who was a shipper, came to America to see his son and died on his way to Chicago. His wife died in Cook county, Illinois. In their family were nine children but only two are now living: August, of this review; and Carl, a resident of Minnesota. Those deceased are Martin, Johann, Johanna, Fredericka, Christoph, Mary and William H.

August Heitschmidt had the advantage of a good common-school education in his native land, and after leaving school at the age of fourteen years he served a five years' apprenticeship to the miller's trade. In company with a brother and sister he then came to the United States and first located in Chicago, where for twenty years he conducted a flour and feed store but during the great fire which swept over that city in October, 1871, he lost all his property, and only by the greatest exertion was he able to save his family, consisting of six children, from the flames. At length they managed to reach Laporte, Indiana, where they had friends living who furnished them temporary relief. The railroad company out of Chicago provided Mr. Heitschmidt with passes for his family, as they did all the stricken ones, and Cook county voted seventy-five dollars to each property owner with which to purchase timber that they might begin anew. With this sum he again secured a start but in 1873 he traded his Chicago property for four hundred

acres of land near Woodstock, Illinois. Through the failure of crops he was forced to sell his entire farm in order to secure feed for the large amount of stock he owned at that time and as the price of stock remained very low he was forced into bankruptcy. Nothing daunted, however, he returned to Chicago and secured work as a laborer and in this way accumulated a sum sufficient to again embark in farming. He then purchased two hundred and forty acres of land near Elburn in Kaneville township and in the cultivation of that property he met with excellent success, so that he is now able to live retired, enjoying the fruits of his former labor.

Mr. Heitschmidt was married in Chicago, October 26, 1863, to Miss Julia Clamann, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 20th of August, 1841, and this union was blessed with the following children: Henry, born February 2, 1864, is now a resident of Milford, Indiana; August, born January 28, 1865, is a contractor and miller living in Michigan City, Indiana; Matilda, born October 14, 1866, is the wife of Martin Hanson, a farmer of Elburn; Charles, born October 22, 1870, is a farmer of California; John, born December 30, 1872, is a farmer of Sycamore, Illinois; Julius, born August 25, 1880, is a farmer of Elburn; and Annie, born April 17, 1884, is the wife of Charles Lauer, a cartoonist, of Chicago. Mrs. Heitschmidt has in her possession many interesting curios and heirlooms, including a pair of gold earrings which belonged to her great-great-grandmother and are at least two hundred and twenty-five years old.

By his ballot Mr. Heitschmidt supports the men and measures of the democracy, and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Lutheran church. Although he has met with misfortunes since coming to this country, he has steadily overcome all the obstacles in his path and is today enjoying a comfortable competence, which has been secured through his own unaided efforts, and he well deserves the property that has come to him, for his life has been an honorable, industrious and useful one.

FRANK E. MARLEY.

One of the best known editors of this part of the state is Frank E. Marley, proprietor of the *Batavia Herald*. He was born at Marley's Mills in Randolph county, North Carolina, and is a worthy representative of a good old southern family. Since boyhood he has been identified with newspaper work and he stands high in the esteem of his professional brethren. As a writer he is bright, versatile and very original, as well as progressive, and he not only conducts his own paper with marked success but is also a correspondent for Chicago and other dailies.

As a boy Mr. Marley was apprenticed in the office of the *Red Oak* (Iowa) Express, where he worked at his trade with the same energy that has characterized him in the journalistic profession, and within a short time became a capable printer. He began his editorial labors in connection with the news at Plano, Illinois, and from the start met with success. Finally selling out to

his brother he removed to Sandwich, becoming editor and proprietor of the Sandwich Free Press, which at that time was in a sad condition. Before long, however, a marvelous change became apparent, and the paper, which was once dull and profitless became bright and interesting, as well as profitable. On disposing of that sheet, Mr. Marley came to Batavia, where he established one of the best equipped offices in this locality, and the Herald has become one of the leading publications of the county.

Mr. Marley is a great lover of fine horses and good dogs, and can frequently be seen out for a canter on his Kentucky thoroughbred—Billy M., which is a famous saddle horse of magnificent action, using four gaits with equal facility.

Among the most notable social events of Batavia are the annual southern banquets given by Mr. Marley, who has been instrumental in bringing to the city the most prominent men ever entertained here, including governors, senators and congressmen, who have been very influential in public affairs. These gatherings have proven most delightful events, southern hospitality reigning supreme, and those who have once been a guest never refuse a second invitation if it is possible for them to be present.

JAMES DICKERSON FOX.

While the practice of law and real-estate interests have at different times claimed his attention and his energies, James Dickerson Fox is now devoting his time largely to literary pursuits. A native of New York, he was born in Pitcher, Chenango county, on the 26th of November, 1837. The common schools afforded him his preliminary education, while later he studied in the New York Central College, a well known institution of learning at that day conducted under the auspices of Gerritt Smith in Cortland county, New York.

Mr. Fox was a young man of twenty years when, attracted by the opportunities of the West, he came to Illinois in 1857 and engaged in teaching school in North Aurora. He regarded this, however, merely as an initial step to other professional labor and soon after began reading law with the late C. J. Metzner as his preceptor. He thus studied until June, 1863, when he was appointed second lieutenant of Company H of the Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry. He then remained on duty until January 3, 1864, when his command was overwhelmed by superior numbers and with his comrades he was captured at Jonesville, Virginia, after an all day's fight. He then remained in the Confederate prisons until February 27, 1865, being confined a part of the time in Libby, also in a stockade at Mason and at different times in Savannah, Georgia; Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina, and several other places, undergoing all of the experiences of the southern prisons. Previous to this time he had met all of the experiences which come when in the line of battle or in the execution of marching orders.

After his parole Mr. Fox resumed his law studies and was admitted to the bar on the 19th of June, 1865. For a number of years he was connected



JAMES D. FOX

with the profession and enjoyed a good clientage, but of later years he has engaged in the real-estate business and is now devoting much of his time to literary pursuits. He has become well known as a writer for papers and possesses a fluent, easy, attractive and entertaining style. His sketches of the early history of Aurora, Kane county and Illinois are most interesting and have been much sought by the general press. He has also written a partial history of the Civil war and possesses considerable ability in poetic lines, many of his verses being most attractive. Those who know him, and his friends are many, find him a most entertaining and congenial companion and he well deserves representation in this volume as a well known and leading citizen of Aurora.

In 1868 Mr. Fox was united in marriage to Miss Julia Coy, and after her death he was again married, in July, 1890, to Miss Helen Hart, a daughter of Hon. Joseph Hart, deceased, who was a member of the constitutional convention in 1870 and was also a representative in the Illinois legislature.

While an officer in the Civil war Mr. Fox became thoroughly acquainted with the lot of a soldier and has written many interesting poems along that line, the following being written shortly after the Spanish-American war:

“PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TO MEN.”

The swain with plowman's speed
 Supplants the bounding steed,
 While stirring files of serried warriors yield
 To Ceres' nobler reign
 The strong contested plain
 With all its waste of life and battered field.

From cheery vantage ground
 See fruitful fields abound,
 And cast exultingly a circling glance
 On joyful prospects grand;
 O'er all the beauteous land
 Let peace prevail throughout the wide expanse.

No blare of beastly fray
 Nor clang of martial sway;
 The venging blade now sleeps within its sheath;
 The swelling stream of fight
 Has ceased its work of might
 And stainless Vesta wears her smiling wreath.

No more the crimson flood
 Of patriotic blood
 Invites the vulture or supplies the sod
 With fertilizing dead
 To crown one only head
 Or make of mortal man a demi-god.

O, wealth of golden rule;
 O, joy of hearth and school;
 The artsman's voice and halcyon call of bell
 Now aids to shield the land
 From war's relentless hand,
 Where plenteous peace and sweet contentment dwell.

WILLIAM H. ELLITHORPE.

Owning and farming his parental homestead of three hundred and twenty acres in Burlington township, on which he was born May 31, 1848, and having eighty acres additional three miles and a half from Burlington, both well improved, William H. Ellithorpe is one of the prosperous men in the township and one of its leading citizens. He is the son of Stephen R. and Emily C. (Smith) Ellithorpe, the former a native of Franklin county, Vermont, born near St. Albans, April 19, 1819, while the latter was born at Colwells Manor. While yet a mere boy Stephen R. Ellithorpe secured employment as a clerk in a store. At the age of twelve he left his home and got a position as a cabin boy on a ship trading between New Orleans and the West Indies. This service continued until he reached the age of nineteen, when he became a pilot on a Mississippi river boat, a capacity in which he worked faithfully and to advantage for seven years.

Having by this time become desirous of a more quiet and settled life, he returned to Vermont and married Miss Smith, whose father was a carpenter. Soon after their marriage the young couple became residents of the west, locating on a farm in Burlington township, Kane county. Here their six children were born and all but one were reared, those in addition to their son William being: Benjamin F., who is deceased; Marion R., a farmer in the province of Alberta, Canada; Phoebe E., the wife of John Reser, who is a farmer in Kansas; Antoinette M., who became the wife of Alva Ashcroft and lives in Madison, Wisconsin; and Nathan S., a real-estate agent in Alberta, Canada. On this farm the parents died and their remains were buried in Baker cemetery in Campton township. The father was a Universalist in religion and a democrat in politics.

William H. Ellithorpe's career has been an eventful one. His education was begun in the district school near his Burlington township home, which he attended during the winter months, working on the farm in summer until he was eighteen. At that age he began a course of special instruction in the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College in Chicago, from which he was graduated in March, 1865. During the next nine years he taught school in De Kalb county, finally retiring to the old home on which he has ever since lived.

He has always taken an active interest in public affairs and has rendered his township valued service in several official stations of importance. He was township school treasurer for eighteen years, township trustee of school for

six years, and township school clerk for a similar period. He also served as township supervisor for a number of years. Many of the improvements of which the township is proud were made under his supervision, and the school system is indebted largely to his vigor for its present high standing and development.

On October 15, 1875, Mr. Ellithorpe was married to Miss Martha J. Worden, a native of DeKalb county, who died March 10, 1882, and was buried in DeKalb cemetery. They had two children, Benjamin F. and Stephen R., both of whom are living at home with their father and helping him in the management of the farm. This farm is well watered from its own artesian well, has very productive orchards and is highly cultivated. The improvements on it cost twelve thousand dollars. It is on the Burlington Center road about half way between Burlington and Virgil Center, and has a schoolhouse just across the road from one of its corners. The eighty-acre farm owned by Mr. Ellithorpe also is supplied with water by an artesian well which yields an abundant supply for all necessary purposes.

One of the cherished heirlooms belonging to Mr. Ellithorpe is an old family Bible which has been in the possession of the family for many years. Building his fortunes with assiduous industry in youth and early manhood, and preparing himself with diligent study and observation for the higher duties of life to which he might be called, this useful and influential citizen has made much of his opportunities, and that his worth has been appreciated is proven by the long tenure of office he has had and the continued confidence of the public in his ability and integrity which is involved therein. He has served his day and generation well and wisely, winning and retaining the esteem of the people, who look upon him as one of their best and most useful citizens and public servants.

CHARLES H. DARLING.

Charles H. Darling was born in Aurora, March 4, 1872. His father, Duane S. Darling, was a native of Illinois and was one of the pioneer engineers in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He served during the Civil war as a member of the Forty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, giving valuable aid to the country in its struggle to preserve the Union intact. While he never figured in public life, he was a man of industry whose sterling worth gave him the respect of his associates. He married Clara Shibley, who was born in Aurora and was a daughter of Ralph Shibley, who came to this city during the formative period of its development. He was well known and held in the highest respect by those with whom business or social relations brought him in contact. His daughter, Mrs. Darling, died in 1885, and Duane S. Darling, the father of our subject, passed away in 1908.

Charles H. Darling, after acquiring his education in the public schools, began preparation for the legal profession. He read alone for a time and afterward entered the office of Captain A. C. Little, who directed his studies

until he was qualified for admission to the bar in 1906. He then engaged in practice in his native city for a short time, but is now located in South Bend, Indiana, in order to fill the position of United States commissioner, to which he was appointed by President Roosevelt in May, 1908. In the practice of law Mr. Darling has been very successful, having charge of a number of important cases. He is thorough and painstaking in the preparation of his cases, is strong in argument and logical in his deductions and if earnest effort and devotion to his client's interests will win success, Charles H. Darling will become a successful man.

In 1901 Mr. Darling was married to Miss Louise Hotopp, a native of Kendall county, Illinois, and they now have three children: Charles, Irene and Duane.

EDMUND B. PHILLIPS.

With quickness of apprehension to see and alertness to seize upon an opportunity for his advancement in life, Edmund B. Phillips has built up on his twenty-acre farm three-quarters of a mile west of Montgomery an industry which engages all his faculties and from which he is reaping a golden harvest of prosperity. As he has carried on other business undertakings in company with one or another of his brothers, so in this he is associated with his brother Charles Floyd Phillips, the business being the extensive raising of asparagus for the Chicago market, and, in connection with this, large operations in baling hay and handling threshing machines.

Mr. Phillips is a native of Kendall county, Illinois, and was born near Oswego January 14, 1872. His parents are Albert A. and Amelia Phillips, who now live in Aurora. He attended the Montgomery graded school for nine years and obtained a good common-school education. The father was at that time a farmer, and when the son was nine years old located on a farm one-half a mile west of Montgomery. Leaving school at the age of eighteen and desiring to begin a career for himself, the son secured a position as clerk in the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy freight office in Aurora. Later he became bookkeeper for J. T. Rawleigh, a commission merchant of Chicago.

He exhibited industry and capacity in this work and practiced economy in living, and so saved money from his salary, always looking forward to better things for himself and preparing to get them whenever the chance should come. In company with his brothers, Clarence A. and Charles F. Phillips, he bought a laundry in Chicago, and this occupied the faculties and time of all three for two years. Succeeding in this venture, the brothers were all ready for a more promising and extensive undertaking which was soon available. They purchased a grocery and conducted the business profitably for two years, this also being in Chicago.

During the next five years Mr. Phillips was a conductor on an electric street railway line in Chicago. In August, 1901, he bought the farm of twenty acres three-fourths of a mile west of Montgomery, Kane county, on which he now lives. Soon afterward he was impressed with the great demand for

asparagus in Chicago and started raising it on a scale which has steadily expanded until now he and his brother, Charles F. Phillips, who is associated with him in the business, are the largest shippers of this product in Kane county, their shipments frequently amounting to one hundred and thirty crates in one day. As has been stated, they also carry on an extensive business in the sale of threshing machinery and in baling and selling hay.

Mr. Phillips has six brothers: Guy A., a prosperous Aurora township farmer; Frank L., a cement merchant and contractor in Aurora; Clarence A., a dealer in real-estate in Chicago; Charles F., a resident of Aurora; Harold E., who is engaged in farming at Culross, Manitoba; and Fay E., who is also farming at Culross, Manitoba. All are prosperous and esteemed as strong factors in the public and social life of the communities in which they live. The marriage of Edmund B. Phillips occurred August 1, 1901, at which time he was united with Miss Hattie Warren, a native of Menominee, Michigan, born May 5, 1874, and a daughter of Thomas and Mary Warren. She is also one of seven children, having three sisters and three brothers, but two sisters are now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are the parents of one child, Ruth Josephine, who was born July 6, 1904. In politics Mr. Phillips is a republican, but he is not an active partisan and has never sought nor desired an office of any kind, being content to serve his country and his fellowmen from the honorable post of a private station. He is a zealous member of the Sugar Grove Farmers Club and one of its most energetic workers. He also manifests an intelligent and serviceable interest in all movements for the good of the county and the welfare of its people, doing always a good citizen's share of the work in connection with such undertakings and bearing a good citizen's portion of the burdens incident to their successful realization. In business he is enterprising, alert and energetic. In all the other relations of life he is upright and true, and well deserving of the good opinion his friends, neighbors and acquaintances have of him.

DANIEL G. SMITH.

Daniel G. Smith was for many years actively identified with the business interests of Elgin, where he was making his home at the time he was called to his final rest. He was a native of New York, born on the 5th of January, 1849, and in early life followed the occupation of farming, but after his removal to Elgin he turned his attention to the teaming business and also took contracts in concrete work. He was an upright, reliable business man and had the respect and confidence of those with whom he came in contact.

On the 24th of December, 1879, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hennigan, a daughter of John and Mary (Holmes) Hennigan, of Elgin, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Harry Eugene; Alberta; Fred, who died in infancy; Lewis Walter; May; John Franklin; and Alfred, who died in infancy.

The republican party found in Mr. Smith a staunch supporter of its principles and he took an active and commendable interest in public affairs, filling several town offices in New York prior to his removal to this state. After a useful and well spent life he passed away on the 17th of April, 1891, honored and respected by all who knew him.

FRANK McCANNON.

Both this estimable citizen and his wife were thrown on their own resources early in life, and the success they have achieved is wholly the result of their own native force of character and their industry and frugality in living. Mr. McCannon was born at Essex, Vermont, June 13, 1857, the son of Thomas and Sarah (Hennessy) McCannon, the former also a native of Vermont and of Scotch ancestry, and the latter born in the same state, but of parents who came to this country from Ireland.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. McCannon, Barney McCannon, emigrated from Scotland to this country in the early days, and took up his residence in the Green Mountain state, where he and his son after him were actively engaged in farming. His grandson, Frank, lost his parents while he was but a boy, and after their death he lived and grew to manhood in the home of his grandfather, attending the district school in the neighborhood and assisting in the work on the farm. He remained with his grandfather until he was fourteen years of age and then worked on farms in Vermont until 1878, when he decided to seek a new home in the west, coming to Kane county, Illinois. Here he worked as a farm hand for two years, earning but fifteen dollars a month but saving the greater part of it. He was an only child and is now the last survivor of his line in this country except his own descendants.

In 1880 the golden thread of sentiment drew him into new relations and changed the current of his life. In that year he was united in marriage with Miss Ella Parker, who was born in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, March 9, 1866, and is a daughter of Perry and Mary (Russell) Parker, natives of Connecticut. Her parents came to Kane county many years ago and, for a considerable time farmed in Sugar Grove township with success. About the year 1888 they retired from active pursuits and took up their residence in Aurora, where they still live. They were zealous for the education of their daughter and she received good scholastic training in schools at Plainfield and Sugar Grove. Mrs. McCannon has two sisters: Mrs. Carrie Sibley, of Mount Vernon, South Dakota; and Miss Kate Parker, a school teacher in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. McCannon have seven children: May, who was born April 26, 1881, and is now the wife of James Fleming, of Naperville, Illinois; Maud, who was born January 1, 1883, and is now the wife of Edward Converse, of Champaign, Illinois; Mattie, who was born September 8, 1884, and is now engaged in teaching school in Sugar Grove township; Benjamin G.,

born September 9, 1886, who assists his father in operating the farm; and Minnie B., born October 12, 1888; Nellie, born on December 24, 1890; and Grace, born on July 5, 1892, all three of whom are living at home. There are also five grandchildren in the family.

Mr. McCannon has taken a good citizen's part in the affairs of his township and county and contributed his share to the development and improvement of the country around him. He has served as school director to the advantage of the district and his own credit. In fraternal relations he is a Modern Woodman and in political faith a zealous republican. He and his wife are members of the Twentieth Century Club and all his children living at home belong to the None Such Club. This club meets once a month at the home of one of its members and passes the evening in rendering a musical, literary and social programme for the entertainment of its members and guests. All of the McCannon children have attended the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial school, and Maud, Mattie, Benjamin, Minnie and Nellie are graduates of that institution. Nellie is secretary of its Alumni Association.

Thus from small earnings at first and larger ones later, through the thorny path of self-denial and great economy, yet looking ever to better times and a more generous fortune, toward which they were steadily working their way, these thrifty and worthy people have risen to substantial comfort in a worldly way, and to an elevated place in the regard and good will of their friends, neighbors and acquaintances. They have done well their part in helping to build up the township and advance the best interests of its people, and they have their reward in their present enjoyment of all home comforts and general public esteem.

MRS. BRIDGET CONWAY.

Mrs. Bridget Conway, residing on section 21, Blackberry township, has spent her entire life in Kane county, her birth occurring in Kaneville township, on the 5th of August, 1864. Her father was Michael Keenan, who was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and in early life came to the new world. Deciding to make this county his home, he located on the farm in Kaneville township where his daughter was born. He endured all the hardships peculiar to pioneer life and ever made the most of his opportunities. As time passed he prospered in his undertakings and eventually became the owner of a large amount of land. His widow is still living and now makes her home in Maple Park. In their family were the following children: Frank, a farmer residing in Maple Park; Kitty, the wife of J. F. Wilcox, a retired farmer living in Sycamore, Illinois; William, a retired farmer of Maple Park; Charles, who also makes his home in Maple Park; Mary, the wife of P. H. Boyle, an employe of the Northwestern Railroad at Sycamore; Rose, deceased; Maggie, the wife of M. E. Loftus, a barber at Maple Park; Hannah, the wife of L. C. Clyne, of Maple Park; Michael, a farmer living at the same place; and Bridget, of this review.

During her girlhood Mrs. Conway attended the country schools until seventeen years of age and acquired an excellent knowledge of household affairs while assisting her mother in the duties of the home. On the 26th of February, 1889, she gave her hand in marriage to Thomas M. Conway, who was born in this county on the 29th of January, 1855. They began their domestic life upon the farm in Blackberry township where she still lives. Here she owns one hundred and fifty acres of well improved land under excellent cultivation and upon the place is a good two-story brick residence of nine rooms and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. The farm is conveniently located four and a half miles south of Elburn, and in its management Mrs. Conway has displayed good business and executive ability. She is a lady of more than ordinary ability and is a devout member of the Catholic church.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conway have been born four children, namely: David, deceased; William J., who is attending school at Peru, Illinois; and Thomas A. and Joseph, who are pursuing their studies in the district school near home.

FRANK J. ANDERSON.

Frank J. Anderson, who is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and in dairying on a farm in Virgil township, was born in Chicago, July 4, 1866. His father, G. Anderson, was born in Sweden and came as a young man of twenty-one to America. He enlisted as a member of the Sixth Illinois Infantry in the Civil war and served for fourteen months. He was twice wounded and came near losing his life on the field of battle. Following the close of hostilities between the north and the south he made a trip to California, locating on a fruit farm. He engaged in fruit-raising for twelve years on the Pacific coast, but not being pleased with that climate he then returned to Chicago, where he engaged in the clothing business. It was prior to his emigration to this country that Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Selma Lawrence. After residing in this country for many years the father returned to his native land, where he spent his last years, passing away there when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-six years. He was a Mason and a member of the Lutheran church. His family numbered six children, three sons and three daughters, as follows: Charles O., who is a fruit dealer of California; Augusta, who married George Rochmueller, an engineer of Los Angeles, California; Gust L., who is a traveling salesman for the American Steel & Wire Company and makes his home in DeKalb, Illinois; Sophia, the wife of Charles Larson, a druggist of Stockholm, Sweden; Otto L., who follows farming in Sweden; and Frank J.

Frank J. Anderson, whose name introduces this record, began his education in the district schools of Sweden and was a lad of thirteen years when he came to the United States alone and settled in Chicago. There he continued his studies in the public schools to the age of seventeen years. At that age he began life on his own account, going to DeKalb county, where he

secured work as a farm hand. He was thus employed for six years, when he went to Aurora, where he remained for two years, during which time he was engaged in the dairy business. He then returned to Chicago and was salesman for mineral water for fourteen years. At the end of that time he settled in DeKalb county and began farming. For the past two years he has resided on his present farm on section 1, Virgil township, Kane county, where he rents two hundred and forty acres of land and is engaged in general farming and dairying.

Mr. Anderson chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life Miss Selma Steel, a native of Sweden. Their children are Mabel Esther, Rudolph J., Hannah O. and William F., all under the parental roof.

Mr. Anderson gives his political support to the republican party, and for several years has served as a school director. He is a devoted member of the Lutheran church. He is a man of perseverance, energy and determination and it is these sterling qualities which have gained him success in life and made him one of the substantial and valued citizens of Virgil township.

EDWARD E. BECKER.

Edward E. Becker, cashier of the First State Bank of Maple Park, is numbered among its enterprising and progressive citizens. Mr. Becker is a native son of Illinois, his birth having occurred in South Grove, DeKalb county, on the 22d of April, 1877. The Becker family was established in this state by the paternal grandfather, who, on coming from the east, located on a farm in DeKalb county. The father, John T. Becker, was born in Roxbury, Delaware county, New York, and at the age of thirteen years accompanied his parents on their removal to DeKalb county, where the son acquired his education in the district schools. He later engaged in teaching but when twenty-three years of age enlisted for service in the Civil war as sergeant in Company G, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry. He participated in many of the important engagements of the war, was on Sherman's celebrated march to the sea, and was wounded at the battle of Aversboro, Georgia. He was mustered out as first lieutenant of his company and at the close of the war returned to the home farm in DeKalb county, where he continued until 1890, when he was elected on the republican ticket treasurer of DeKalb county, in which capacity he served for four years. He is now retired and living in Sycamore. He was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Belt, who was born at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Their children are: Grace, the wife of Orton L. Bell, a farmer of South Grove, Illinois; C. Luella and Jessie, at home; and John R., an attorney of Lewiston, Idaho.

The other member of the family, Edward E. Becker, acquired his early education in district school No. 2, South Grove township, his father, mother and eldest sister having taught in this school in former years. At the age of thirteen years he removed with his parents to Sycamore, graduating from the high school there in 1895. He then took a course in stenography in the

Rockford (Ill.) Business College, and from 1896 until 1901 he was employed as deputy county clerk of DeKalb county. He then entered the Sycamore National Bank as bookkeeper, in which capacity he served for two years, at the end of which time, in the fall of 1903, he was elected as cashier of the First State Bank of Maple Park, in which office he has served to the present time. The bank was organized March 3, 1903, with M. Simons as president, and P. M. Alden vice president, while in the fall of the same year Mr. Becker was elected its cashier. The bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars, with a surplus of five thousand dollars. Business is being conducted in a modern structure, situated on Main street. The men who are at the head of this institution follow the most conservative methods in the conduct of the enterprise, in which the people of Maple Park feel a just pride. Its success is due in no small degree to the efforts of Mr. Becker, the efficient and courteous cashier, for he is a man who possesses excellent business ability and sound judgment and his connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome for the same.

Mr. Becker chose as a companion and helpmate Miss Sadie J. White, to whom he was married October 26, 1899. Mrs. Becker was born in Earlville, Illinois, September 21, 1878, a daughter of Ellis T. White, who served in the Civil war, enlisting from Wisconsin, which state was at that time his home. In his younger years he engaged in farming but later was engaged in business in Earlville. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Becker has been blessed with one son, Donald E., who was born March 17, 1903.

Mr. Becker is a Mason, belonging to Sycamore Lodge, No. 134, A. F. & A. M.; Sycamore Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M.; and Sycamore Commandery, No. 15, K. T., of which commandery he served as eminent commander in 1906. His political views accord with the principles and policy of the republican party.

FRED H. RAYMOND.

Fred H. Raymond, residing in Elgin, is practicing law at the Chicago bar and is gaining well merited distinction among the representatives of the courts of that city. Prompted at all times by laudable ambition, his labors characterized by unfaltering diligence and perseverance—qualities which are just as essential in professional as in commercial or industrial pursuits—he now has a large clientage connecting him with much important legal work in the metropolis.

Mr. Raymond was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1867. Having lost his father when but six months old, he was afterward brought to Elgin by his mother, who later became the wife of Joseph Losee, of Woodstock, Illinois. At the latter place Fred H. Raymond spent his boyhood days. His interests and environments were those of the farm and the public schools afforded him his early educational advantages. In the spring of 1884 he



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went to Wichita, Kansas, and his limited financial circumstances rendered it imperative that he seek and obtain immediate employment. He therefore entered the service of a contractor and builder and was engaged in that line of labor until the fall of 1884, when he entered the employ of the Osage Cattle Company with headquarters at Wichita, Kansas, as assistant manager. In this capacity he was engaged in rounding up the various large herds of cattle and also assisted in branding and shipping. While thus employed he was compelled to travel through Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado upon a pony. Night often overtook him far from any habitation and he would use his saddle for a pillow and his blanket for covering, while above him there was no roof and only such shelter as he could provide by knotting the top of the sage brush together.

Mr. Raymond visited the mines of Arizona and Utah in the summer of 1885 and in the fall of that year returned to Wichita, where he became collector for the Wichita Merchants' Association. The following summer he again came to Elgin and though it was his intention merely to visit here, he procured a situation in the watch factory and was thus employed until the spring of 1893. He then resigned in order to engage in the oil business in this city and in the course of time secured an extensive and lucrative trade, which he eventually sold to Mr. Jencks. In the meantime his ambition was aroused for the acquirement of further education that would enable him to direct his energies in professional fields and in 1893-94 he attended a night school. Toward the close of the latter year he located at Woodstock and began traveling for a piano house, but in 1895 returned to Elgin and continued upon the road until the winter, when he resumed his studies. In 1896 he became a law student in the office of Frank W. Joslyn and thus made the initial step leading to his present successful professional career. He is an accomplished musician and was probably at that time as well known in musical circles in Elgin as any one. Nature had endowed him with considerable talent in that direction, which he had developed as the years passed by, and he became the cornetist in the old Elgin Military Band and was also proficient on the string bass. He engaged with several of the best orchestras in the city and by this means was enabled to pursue his studies as a law student.

Following his admission to the bar in 1899, Mr. Raymond became a member of the firm of Joslyn, Schultz & Raymond, while later he was associated alone with his former preceptor under the style of Joslyn & Raymond and acted as assistant state's attorney of Kane county, while his partner held the superior office. In May, 1902, the firm opened an office in Chicago and at the same time maintained active connection with the bar of Elgin. In May, 1903, however, their partnership was dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Raymond continuing in Chicago, where he has built up an extensive practice. He is widely known as a most successful and able trial lawyer in both the federal and state courts and this also required his admission to practice in the United States circuit and district courts, in the United States court of appeals and in the United States supreme court. In the United States court of appeals Mr. Raymond enjoys the distinction of successfully conducting the defense of a criminal case under the lottery laws wherein the indictment in the case

was quashed direct in this court without remanding to the lower court, there being but three such cases reported in the United States Federal Reporter.

Mr. Raymond still continues in active practice in Chicago, being now associated with Francis W. Walker, with offices in the Marquette building. He is financially interested in the Tom Murray Shirt Manufacturing interests and is attorney for the company, which owns the controlling interest of the J. B. Roach Shirt Company of Elgin, Illinois, which interest is largely in charge of Mr. Raymond.

On the 6th of December, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Fred H. Raymond and Miss Mary B. McQueeney, of Elgin, and they now have three sons. Mr. Raymond is a charter member of the Elgin Lodge of Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler and for two years he was treasurer of the state association of Elks. His life record is most creditable in its various phases. He is an illustrious type of the American man who finds in his environment adequate opportunity for the exercise of his energies or else branches out into other fields where he can use his natural talents and powers to the best advantage. His devotion to his clients' interests has ever been proverbial and his prominence has come to him as the reward of earnest endeavor, fidelity to trust and recognized ability.

JOHN C. RAMM.

John C. Ramm, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Burlington township, was born near Berlin, Germany, September 11, 1862, his parents being Fred and Dorothy (Fos) Ramm, both natives of Germany, the former born March 17, 1838, and the latter in 1837. Their marriage was celebrated in February, 1861, and in 1865 they emigrated to America, settling in Dundee, Illinois, where they remained for two years, on the expiration of which period they located on the farm now occupied by their son, John C. Fred Ramm lived on the place as a renter for six years and then bought the farm at thirty-five dollars per acre. It consisted originally of one hundred and sixty acres but has been added to by additional purchase until it now comprises one hundred and eighty-six and two-thirds acres. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ramm were born the following children: John C., of this review, was the first born. Fredrica, whose birth occurred in Germany in 1864, is now the wife of Charles Warford, a farmer residing a mile and a half east of Lily Lake. Mary, born in Illinois in 1866, married Charles Yurs, an agriculturist residing at East Plato. Carrie, who was born in Kane county, Illinois, in 1870, became the wife of Will Allen, a merchant. They resided in St. Charles until her death, which occurred in 1891. Minnie, born in Kane county, Illinois, in 1873, resides with her mother in Elgin. Fred L., whose birth occurred in this state in 1876, is a cattle buyer, making his home with his mother in Elgin. Frank M., born in Illinois in 1880, married Miss Hattie Wilkie, of Hampshire, and they reside at Elgin.

John C. Ramm accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States in August, 1865, and for the past eighteen years has resided on his present farm six miles southeast of Burlington. He is a progressive and up-to-date agriculturist, using the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. He has put in about five hundred rods of tiling and otherwise improved his land, which annually responds to his careful supervision in golden harvests. He owns thirty cows and conducts an extensive dairy, shipping on an average of sixty-four gallons of milk from Virgil to Chicago daily. He also has a twenty-acre wood-lot and raises enough fruit for his own use. The farm with its improvements is well worth twenty thousand dollars, and Mr. Ramm is well known and highly esteemed as one of the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the county.

On the 31st of January, 1889, Mr. Ramm was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Stevens, of Wasco, Illinois. Their children, all of whom were born in Burlington township, are as follows: Devalois, born March 15, 1890, who attended Elgin Academy for one year and is now engaged in farming; John M., born May 20, 1891; Claude L., whose birth occurred September 9, 1893; Leola S., who was born January 21, 1896; Dorothy M., January 28, 1905; and Maurice S., who was born January 9, 1907.

Politically Mr. Ramm is a democrat, while fraternally he is connected with the Knights of the Globe. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and his wife is a member of the Baptist church. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of highest commendation.

BRADFORD G. RICHMOND.

Bradford G. Richmond, cashier of the Kane County Bank, was born on a farm in Campton township, Kane county, Illinois, April 19, 1850. The Richmond family had its origin in Brittany, France, and trace their ancestors by old records back to the year 1040. John Richmond, the ancestor of the American branch of the family, was born at Ashton-Keynes, England, in 1594. He came to America in 1635, and purchased land at Taunton, Massachusetts, in 1637, passing away there on the 20th of March, 1664. The genealogy of the American branch of the family is very complete, containing over eighteen thousand names and giving historical events of the pre-American branch of the family back to the thirteenth century. The parents of our subject, Moses C. and Susan H. Richmond, were natives of Vermont, the former born July 12, 1818, and the latter October 26, 1826. The father came to Illinois in 1840, purchasing a farm in Campton township. He was married at the old Garfield homestead in Campton, Illinois, October 26, 1843, and resided on his farm until April, 1872.

Bradford G. Richmond acquired his education in the common schools in Campton township, Illinois, and resided on his father's farm until 1881,

with the exception of two years spent in business in DeKalb, Illinois. In March, 1881, he removed to Los Angeles, California, where he remained until July, 1884. In February, 1884, he removed to Elburn, Illinois, and in association with G. W. Robinson purchased the warehouse business of Willis & Swain, conducting the enterprise under the name of Richmond & Robinson until April, 1889. In June, 1890, in connection with M. W. Willis and John Warne of Elburn, Illinois, he established the Kane County Bank, of which he has since served as the efficient and popular cashier.

On the 6th of March, 1872, Mr. Richmond was united in marriage to Miss Lily Maie Robinson, at her home in Virgil township, Illinois. They have three children: Nellie M., born May 18, 1874, became the wife of J. R. Anderson on the 27th of September, 1898, and they reside at Elburn, Illinois, where the husband is engaged in the hardware and furniture business. They have two children: Miriam, born January 31, 1901; and Margaret, whose birth occurred February 18, 1906. Maud M., born June 19, 1878, became the wife of E. L. Harris, of Elburn, Illinois, on the 10th of June, 1902, her husband being Swift & Company's credit man at Boston, Massachusetts. They reside at Arlington, Massachusetts, and have one child, Edward R., whose birth occurred November 4, 1903. George B. Richmond was born June 13, 1890.

Mr. Richmond favors the principles of the republican party but does not support that ticket indiscriminately and often casts his ballot for candidates of the opposition if he considers them better qualified for the office in question. He has himself held a number of village and town offices, ever discharging his official duties in prompt and capable manner. Fraternally he has been connected with the Masons for about twenty-three years. The terms progress and patriotism might be considered the keynote of his character, for throughout his career he has labored for the improvement of every line of business or public interest with which he has been associated and at all times he has been actuated by a fidelity to his country and her welfare. He is well known and highly esteemed as a worthy representative of the financial interests of his native county, and by reason of his social, genial nature has gained a host of friends.

CHARLES E. SISSON, M.D.

Dr. Charles E. Sisson, a successful medical practitioner of Elgin, was born at Mindoro, Wisconsin, June 6, 1874, his parents being Olonzo S. and Mary Sisson, the latter a native of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. He supplemented his public-school education by a course in the West Salem high school and afterward entered the Oshkosh Normal School. Determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he took the prescribed course in the College of Physicians & Surgeons, of Chicago, and was graduated from that institution in 1899. Entering upon hospital practice, he remained in the Hospital for the Insane at Mendota, Wisconsin, until June, 1900, and

subsequently became connected with the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane at Elgin, Illinois. In 1904 he commenced general practice in Elgin and has here since remained, having met with a gratifying and well merited measure of success in the prosecution of his profession.

Dr. Sisson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Maude Whitcomb, a daughter of Augustus and Laura Rachel (Tyng) Whitcomb. Her father was a son of George and Lois (Taylor) Whitcomb and was born in New York in 1838, while throughout his active business career he was engaged in the hardware business at Columbus, Wisconsin. In January, 1858, he wedded Miss Laura R. Tyng, a daughter of Dudley and Sarah Tyng. His death occurred at Columbus, Wisconsin, in May, 1876, while his wife, surviving him for a number of years, passed away March 31, 1908. Their family numbered four children, namely: Ernest C., who married Miss Nellie Thompson; Herbert, who died in infancy; Inez, the wife of Henry B. Perry, of Oconto, Wisconsin; and Emma Maud, who became Mrs. Sisson.

FRED WRIGHT.

Going out into the world at the age of thirteen to begin the battle of life for himself and work out his own destiny according to his aspirations and opportunities, Fred Wright, one of the prominent and progressive farmers of Sugar Grove township, has never halted or hesitated in pushing steadily toward the goal of prosperity and success. He was born at Cedar Creek, Barry county, Michigan, November 25, 1859, a son of Ruloff and Huldah (Polley) Wright, both natives of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. Mr. Wright has a brother, Henry Wright, living at Ogden, Tennessee, and another, Frank Wright, who is a resident of Honor, Benzie county, Michigan.

Mr. Wright enjoyed only limited advantages in the way of education. He had for a very few years during the winter months the slender opportunities for schooling which are the lot of poor boys in the remote country districts, and even these were available to him in but an uncertain and irregular degree. When he was thirteen years of age he removed to St. Joseph county, Michigan, to accept a position as a hired hand on a farm, and in this humble and unremunerative occupation he was employed six years. But with the approaching dawn of manhood he determined to do better for himself, and accordingly he came to Illinois and began farming on his own account in Kendall county. He continued his activity in this line and location until 1904, when he bought the farm on which he now lives in Sugar Grove township, Kane county. This farm comprises one hundred and twenty acres and is one of the most desirable for its size, for it is highly productive, and Mr. Wright has made the most of its fertility and responsiveness, working it with skill and good judgment and improving it with all the resources at his command.

On September 20, 1887, he was married to Mrs. Louisa (Wheeler) Graham, the widow of James Graham, and at that time the mother of two

children, her daughters Jennie Graham and the present wife of Oscar Jetter, of Plano, Illinois. Her parents were Jacob and Louise Wheeler, who were born and reared in New York. She was born in March, 1861, and has long been a resident of this state. She and her present husband are the parents of four children: Clarence Eugene, aged twenty; Fred Lester, aged seventeen; Frances Inez, aged fifteen; and Glen Howard, aged six. The oldest son, Clarence Eugene, assists his father in operating the farm. Fred Lester is a clerk and salesman in the store of Mr. Keck at Sugar Grove; and the other two are students at the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial School.

In politics Mr. Wright affiliates and works with the democratic party, but he is not an office seeker and does not allow his party bias to interfere with his general duties as a citizen or his pleasant relations with his fellow-men of all parties and creeds. His wife is a zealous member of the Baptist church at Yorkville. Both are determined advocates and promoters of whatever seems likely to advance the welfare of the township, and both are held in high esteem by all who know them. They have demonstrated their worth and the people around them appreciate it and show that they do.

FRED C. SWIFT.

Fred C. Swift, who is conducting a dairy farm in Virgil township, is a native son of Kane county, his birth having occurred in Dundee, February 26, 1880. His parents, John and Hannah (Hopp) Swift, were both natives of Germany and emigrated to America in 1871, the family home being established in Dundee, Kane county. He was a republican in his political allegiance and a Lutheran in religious faith. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Swift was blessed with six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Will, who makes his home in Elgin and is employed by D. C. Cook of that city; Charley, who is a carpenter and makes his home in Elgin; Mary, the wife of Fred Hanson, a resident farmer of Burlington township; John, who lives in Chicago; Emma, who has departed this life; and Fred C., of this review. The mother still survives and makes her home in Burlington township.

The last named acquired his education in the district schools of Plato township but his advantages in this direction were very meager, for his services were needed on the home farm, and he was compelled to abandon his studies at a very early age. He assisted in the operation of the home property until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he started out upon an independent venture, being employed as a farm hand for a few months. He was then married, the lady of his choice being Miss Tresa Phelan, who was born in Plato township, in August, 1877, and whose parents were farming people of that district. Both are now deceased.

Following his marriage Mr. Swift took up his abode upon a tract of rented land, which has since been his home. He is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and also keeps eighteen cows for dairy purposes. His success is the result of his own well directed energy, labor and perseverance,

and he is justly classed among the representative agriculturists of this community.

Mr. Swift's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give hearty support to the republican party but he has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to do his duty as a private citizen. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church. Starting out in life empty-handed he has steadily worked his way upward to success and no citizen of this community is held in higher esteem and respect than is Mr. Swift.

JOSEPH CHRYSTAL.

Comfortable now in all the ways of life, and having earned his comfort by earnest, honest labor, with struggles through privations and difficulties from his youth to his well matured manhood, Joseph Chrystal, a retired farmer of Burlington township and one of its most substantial and influential citizens, can look back with pleasure over the obstacles that opposed his progress and tried his nerve, for they were turned by his determined spirit into means for his advancement and became sources of inspiration and instruction.

Mr. Chrystal was born at Hemingsford, Canada, April 19, 1845, and is a son of George and Ann (Barren) Chrystal, the former a native of London, England, and the latter of Canada. The father was a farmer's son, and for a few years after leaving school worked as a farm hand in the neighborhood of his native city, but wages were low, crops were often scanty and times were hard. The aspiring youth worked with a will and did his best to get along. He soon learned, however, that he could not hope to ever win such a success as he longed for if he remained in that country. He was still a young man and had no one to provide for but himself, and the new world beckoned him with persuasive hand to more promising opportunities. Many of his associates were in the same condition, and some could scarcely keep the wolf from the door. A company of them were preparing to emigrate to Canada and he determined to join the party. Obtaining a reluctant consent from his parents, he made the trip, arriving in due time at Hemingsford, where he decided to locate for a time and went to work at manual labor for a daily wage. He toiled steadily and faithfully, and the hopes which had quickened his fancy soon began to take on more tangible shapes, for he made better progress than he had at home.

Soon after his arrival in Canada he was married to Miss Mary Barren, and a few years after this event he brought his young family to Illinois, choosing Kane county as his residence and locating on a farm in Virgil township. Six children were born in the household, the sisters and one brother of Joseph being: Elizabeth, who is now the wife of Walter Rice, of Iowa; Louisa, who became the wife of Clarence Elliott, a farmer, and now lives in Sycamore, Illinois; Frances, the wife of Irwin Conner, a farmer now living at Richardson, Illinois; Mary, the wife of John Fathergill, a Burlington

township farmer; and William, who is conducting a profitable poultry business in Iowa. Hannah became the wife of Dennis Crips but both are dead. The father was a Catholic, the mother a member of the Church of England. Both are deceased and their remains were buried in High Grove cemetery.

Their son Joseph received his instruction in the rudimentary branches of book learning in a little country school in Burlington township. The school was primitive and the terms were short. As soon as spring opened the help of every hand was needed on the farms in those early days and all the children had to go to work. In addition to these deficiencies in educational advantages, Mr. Chrystal was able to attend the school but a few years, becoming by force of circumstances a regular hand on his father's farm at an early age. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-four years old, when he was married to Miss Prudence Frink, who was born in the state of New York. They have no children.

After his marriage Mr. Chrystal moved to the farm of eighty acres which he now owns, and it was here that his real battle of life began and his lessons in endurance and self-denial showed their usefulness and power. He had many trials and difficult struggles but he persevered steadily, encouraged by the knowledge that he was moving forward. When his father died he also took charge of the home farm, which went to a younger brother.

Mr. Chrystal and his wife are members of the Free Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics he is a staunch republican. Both are sturdy and reliable in their citizenship and faithful in the performance of public and private duties. They have worked arduously throughout their lives and all they have achieved is the result of their own systematic and persevering industry. Their own struggles have taught them how to appreciate the difficulties of others, and their kindness to all around them has endeared them to many and won them the respect of all.

JOHN WILLIAM BARTELT.

John William Bartelt, a well known and successful farmer of Blackberry township, is one of Kane county's native sons, his birth occurring in Batavia township, December 2, 1866, and he is a worthy representative of an old and honored family of this region. His father, Carl Bartelt, was born in Germany in 1831 and passed his boyhood and youth in that country. It was in 1856 that he emigrated to the new world and took up his residence in Batavia township, Kane county, Illinois, where he secured a tract of land and engaged in farming. He was married at Batavia, December 2, 1861, to Miss Caroline Schimmelpfenig, who was also a native of Germany, born in 1841, and they have become the parents of the following children: Emma, now the wife of J. Schimmelpfenig, a farmer of Batavia township; Amanda, the wife of G. T. Alberding, a bookkeeper residing in Chicago; Edith, the wife of J. Branbury, a farmer of Kane county; Charles, a farmer living near Batavia; Mary, deceased; Willis, who is clerking in Chicago; Lenna, who is

at home with her parents; George, a farmer of Batavia township; Clara, the wife of L. Hubbard, professor of music, residing in Chicago; Edward, who is also clerking in Chicago; and Irma, at home.

John W. Bartelt acquired his education in the public schools of this county, which he attended until seventeen years of age and when not busy with his text-books he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, remaining under the parental roof until 1890. He then secured employment in the Batavia paper mills, where he worked for five years, and at the end of that period rented a farm adjoining his father's, which he operated quite successfully until 1902, when he was able to purchase his present farm, consisting of two hundred acres of rich and arable land in Blackberry township. He is a very progressive and enterprising farmer and his place is thoroughly up-to-date in its appointments.

In 1896 Mr. Bartelt was united in marriage to Miss Lina Alexander, who was born in Elburn, Illinois, November 3, 1873, and they now have three children: Margaret, born October 14, 1898; Dorothy, born January 23, 1900; and Spencer M., born September 12, 1904. Mrs. Bartelt's mother, Mrs. Mary L. (Miner) Alexander, resides with them. She has the distinction of being the first white child born in Kaneville township, her birth occurring November 27, 1837.

Among his cherished possessions Mr. Bartelt has an old chair that has rocked six generations of his family. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his social relations he is connected with the Mystic Workers. The republican party has always found in him a staunch supporter of its principles and he has efficiently served as school director in his district for several years. He is one of the representative and prominent citizens of his community and is widely and favorably known throughout the county which has always been his home.

HARVEY OAKES.

Harvey Oakes, deceased, was born in New York in 1850, his parents being Asa and Sarah (Carlton) Oakes. The father was one of the very earliest settlers of Marengo, to which place he had journeyed overland by wagon. He located on a farm and was widely recognized as a prominent and enterprising citizen, taking an active part in the early development of this section of the state. Both he and his wife passed away in Elgin. Their children were Horace, Charles, George, Harvey, Mrs. Hattie St. John, Mrs. Mary Williams and Mrs. Delia Buck. They also had several grandchildren but the daughter of Harvey is the only one bearing the name of Oakes.

Harvey Oakes acquired his education in the public schools of Marengo, and subsequently learned the tinner's trade, which he successfully followed for a number of years. During the latter part of his life, however, he was employed in the Elgin National Watch Company's factory.

On the 1st of May, 1900, Mr. Oakes was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Chamberlain Gray, a daughter of Nathaniel and Abbie (Thayer) Gray, who were representatives of old families of Maine. The father was of Scotch lineage but the family had been represented in the United States for three generations on the paternal side and for four generations in the maternal line. Nathaniel Gray was a farmer by occupation, but during the last ten years of his life was engaged in the agricultural implement business. His birth had occurred in 1825, and he was called to his final rest in the year 1903, his demise occurring in Maine. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Oakes was born one child, Clarissa Carlton.

In his political views Mr. Oakes was a stalwart republican and took an active part in the local work of the party. Fraternally he was a Mason, being a worthy exemplar of the teachings of the craft. His death occurred in Elgin on the 9th of January, 1904, and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had gained a host of friends in this city by reason of his genial, social nature and upright, honorable career.

CHRISTIAN SOLFISBURG.

Although Christian Solfisburg has passed from the scene of earthly activities, being no longer a factor in the commercial and manufacturing interests of Aurora, the influence of his life and labors remains and his example is a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do. He was the promoter of one of the leading business concerns of the city and left behind a record of irreproachable integrity in business affairs. His natal place was Berne, Switzerland, and the date of his birth the 12th of January, 1832. His parents were John and Mary Ann Solfisburg, who were also natives of the land of the Alps.

Christian Solfisburg was reared in Switzerland to the age of twenty years, when in 1852 he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the United States. He did not tarry on the eastern coast, but came to Illinois, and after spending a few years in Kendall county removed to Kane county in 1856. Here he made his first independent business venture, having previously been in the employ of others. He here began dealing in wood at the town of Aurora, at which period cut timber constituted the universal fuel of the great middle West and of other parts of the country as well. He prospered in this undertaking, and in 1860 he utilized his increased capital in establishing a brick, lime and building material manufacturing business. The gradual expansion of his trade under his careful management and capable guidance made this one of the largest business ventures of the kind in the state. It is still a factor in the commercial life of the county, being conducted by his two sons, Albert C. and A. Lincoln. Mr. Solfisburg was one of the organizers of the Aurora National Bank, and was also a director until the time of his death.

Mr. Solfisburg was a man of splendid characteristics, of high ideals and lofty purposes. His social, genial nature made him popular, while his



CHRISTIAN SOLFISBURG

unwearied industry and unflinching perseverance gained him success. In politics he was ever a stalwart republican, who rejoiced in the adoption of the party principles, yet he never desired office as a reward for party fealty. However, he served for over twenty years as highway commissioner, and was for some time alderman, although this was an unsought honor. In fact, the position sought him, for his fellow townsmen recognized his loyalty to the public good and knew that he would be true to all public trusts. He held friendship inviolable and his home ties as a sacred trust, and was never happier than when he was promoting the welfare and interests of his wife and children.

On the 13th of January, 1859, Mr. Solfisburg was married to Miss Elizabeth Love, whose parents, Robert and Margaret (Lander) Love, were natives of Toronto, Canada. Mr. Love came to Aurora in 1852, and was long one of its honored and prominent citizens. He served the Union as a soldier of the Civil war, and was always progressive in his citizenship. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Solfisburg were born eleven children, all of whom yet survive: Clara, the wife of John Kerr, now living retired; Albert C.; A. Lincoln; Lillian, the wife of H. H. Werner, manager in the shoe department of the Fox River Supply Company; Edwin L., financial clerk in the postoffice; Addie B., the wife of Dr. William B. Sherman; Lydia A., at home; Charlotte, the wife of Van B. Eyerly, a resident of Canton, Illinois; Roy J., a practicing attorney of Aurora; Flora E., at home; and Christian H., a student in the State University at Champaign, Illinois. The sons Albert C. and A. Lincoln are successors of their father in business and are conducting the trade along the same reliable yet progressive lines instituted by their father.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Solfisburg were members of the People's church, and their salient traits of character commended them to the confidence and good will of all. Mr. Solfisburg died July 17, 1905, after a residence in Illinois of over half a century. Coming to the new world without capital, the place which he made for himself in business circles and in the regard of his fellow citizens was most commendable.

GEORGE C. EDMUNDS.

George C. Edmunds, engaged in contracting and building in Aurora, is by the consensus of public opinion accounted one of the representative residents of the city. He was born in Pembroke, New Hampshire, September 3, 1845, and his parents, William and Cynthia (Marden) Edmunds, were also natives of that state. The former was the only child of Moses and Hannah (Knox) Edmunds. The grandfather died when a young man, while his wife was almost a centenarian at the time of her demise.

William Edmunds learned the shoemaker's trade in early manhood and later became a carpenter. He lived for many years in Pembroke, New Hampshire, but died in Manchester, that state, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was a soldier of the Union army in the Civil war, serving

with the Second Regiment of Burdan's Sharpshooters for about nine months. After the war he returned to his home and resumed work at the carpenter's trade. He held membership in the Congregational church, to which his wife also belonged. She died when about seventy-six years of age. Her father was Newell Marden, a native of New Hampshire, who had quite a large family—four sons and four daughters. Three of the number are now living: Mrs. Soplronia Knox, of Manchester, New Hampshire; Nathan Marden, of Weymouth, Massachusetts; and Amanda, the wife of Isaac Fife, of Pembroke, New Hampshire. Unto William and Cynthia (Marden) Edmunds were born six children, three of whom survive: George C., now of Aurora; Albianna, the wife of Charles Warner, of Manchester, New Hampshire; and Hattie, the wife of William Colby, of Somerville, Massachusetts.

George C. Edmunds was reared in the city of his nativity and after attending the public schools continued his studies in the Pembroke Academy. He afterward began work in a brickyard, where he remained for two or three summers and then followed various pursuits. In 1864, when nineteen years of age, he enlisted for service in the navy on the United States ship *Vandalia*, with which he was connected for a year. After the war he came west to Illinois in 1865, settling at Sandwich, where he made his home for a quarter of a century. There he followed the carpenter's trade, being closely associated with the building interests of the community. Later he removed to Sugar Grove and in 1890 he returned to the east, spending the succeeding decade in Manchester, New Hampshire. In 1900 he came to Aurora, where he has lived continuously since. He has been doing contract work nearly all of the time and has erected a number of the handsome residences of the city.

Mr. Edmunds was married to Mrs. Mary A. Edmunds, the widow of Moses Edmunds and a daughter of Stephen O. Gould. They became the parents of three daughters and a son. Nellie F., the eldest, is the wife of Charles Morey, a resident of Manchester, New Hampshire, and they have three children: Irene, Wendell and Pearl. Edgar E. is a printer, who married Flora Lancaster, and they have one son, George L. Pauline is the wife of John Regner, of Lynn, Massachusetts, and has one son, Ernest. Hattie died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away December 9, 1896, and on the 13th of February, 1900, Mr. Edmunds married Mrs. Florence B. Hall, the widow of Erasmus Ward Hall and a daughter of A. S. and Rhoda Ann (Rounds) Bolster. Mrs. Edmunds was born in Eureka, Wisconsin. Her mother was the first white American child born in Winnebago county, Wisconsin. Her father was a native of the state of New York and became a pioneer settler of Sugar Grove township, Kane county, Illinois. He came to this locality with his parents, who took up government land and were among the earliest settlers of the community. The grandfather of Mrs. Edmunds was the owner of a large farm in Sugar Grove township and there died when about seventy years of age. His wife was Mary (Curtis) Bolster, who survived him for many years and was nearly eighty years of age at the time of her death. Their family numbered three sons, including Albert S. Bolster, the father of Mrs. Edmunds. He was long

identified with agricultural pursuits in this county and witnessed it emerge from pioneer environments to take a place with the leading counties of this great commonwealth. He died in 1899 at the age of seventy years and six months, and his wife passed away June 1, 1908, on the old home place. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Edmunds was Lester Rounds, a native of Vermont, who in his business career largely followed general merchandising. He was one of seven brothers who came to the west from the Green Mountain state and settled in Winnebago county, Wisconsin, becoming founders of the town of Eureka. There were fourteen children in that family, all of whom reached years of maturity. Lester Rounds married Aurilla Parker and died at the very venerable age of ninety-four years, while his wife reached the age of seventy-two years. They were the parents of five children. Mr. and Mrs. Bolster had five children: Mrs. Edmunds; Charles Bolster, who is living at Sugar Grove, Illinois; Effie M., the wife of Burt Gould, of Aurora; Ina G., the wife of Clarence Calkins, of Sugar Grove township; and Edward, who died in infancy. By her former marriage Mrs. Edmunds had two children, Edith Nola and Sidney Ward Hall. The latter is at home with his mother. The daughter became the wife of Ralph Merritt Andrews and after his death she married Sherman S. Slick, an employe in the census department at Washington, D. C.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds attend the People's church and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Manchester, New Hampshire. He is also a comrade of Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R., and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in all matters of citizenship he is progressive and loyal. Both Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds are well known in Aurora and have an extensive circle of warm friends, who esteem them highly for their many excellent traits of character. Mr. Edmunds has made steady progress in his business career and, placing his dependence upon the safe, substantial qualities of diligence and perseverance, has gained a goodly measure of success and moreover has won a most honored name.

EDWIN E. CRAFT.

A native of Burlington township and reared and educated among its people, whom he has served with credit in various public positions, Edwin E. Craft has been closely connected with the history of the section and is both a product and a representative of its citizenship. His birth occurred September 16, 1860, and he is the son of Charles T. and Catherine (McKellar) Craft, the father a native of Pennsylvania and both, at the time of the marriage, residents of Plato township in this county.

The father was born November 1, 1828, and obtained his education in the country schools of his native state. His first occupation, after leaving school, was as a driver of a canal team on the Erie canal, and this lasted two years. At the end of that period he came to Illinois in company with a

brother-in-law and his family, making the trip with ox-teams and experiencing the usual hardships and privations incident to such a journey in that day. The new arrivals located near Plato, Kane county, and Mr. Craft secured employment on the Galena division of the Fox River Valley Railroad. A short time afterward, in company with his brother John, he rented a farm, which the brothers worked together for four years. In 1850 he was married and settled down on a home of his own. The children born to him and his wife were: Charles E., now a merchant in Chicago; Katie E., now the wife of H. E. McDonough, also a resident of Chicago and a traveling salesman out of that city; Sarah E., the wife of Thomas Haygreen, a farmer and dairyman of Plato township; George A., a lumber merchant in Rockford, Illinois; Daniel, a farmer in Campton township; and Edwin E.

The last named was educated in the Burlington township public schools, attending until he was eighteen, and at Elgin Academy, which he attended three years. After leaving school he devoted eight years to making cheese and butter. The farther west had allurements for him at the end of that period, and, after passing a year in Minnesota, he went on to South Dakota, where he entered three hundred and twenty acres of land, on which he resided six years. He found Illinois and Kane county more suited to his taste, however, and returning to this county, he bought the farm of one hundred and twenty acres on which he now resides. Of this farm he has eighty acres under cultivation and the rest in pasture land. The farm is on the Burlington road, two miles from a railroad station and one hundred rods from a schoolhouse.

Mr. Craft's wife was Miss Effie S. Cripps, a native of Burlington township, and their marriage occurred October 2, 1884. They have had two children, their daughter Cora, deceased, and their son, Glen, who is living at home. The father is a democrat, a member of the Masonic order and a Modern Woodman of America. He served four years as supervisor and eight years as assessor of Burlington township, and has also been a school director for a number of years. His interest in the welfare of the township is plainly manifest and cordially appreciated, and his place in the esteem and good will of his fellow citizens is firmly established. His father is still living in Plato township. The mother died some years ago and her remains were buried in Read cemetery at Lily Lake.

PHILLIP BROCKNER.

Phillip Brockner, who has extensive farming and dairy interests in Rutland township, is a native of Germany, where he was born December 22, 1872, the son of Adam and Katherine (Leonhard) Brockner. His father was a soldier in the Franco-German war, and after his return to civic life engaged in farming. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brockner were born seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Margarete and Eva, who reside at home; Adam, deceased; Mary, the wife of Charles Shutz; Anna and Katy, both of

whom are happily married and settled in homes of their own; and Phillip, of this review.

Phillip Brockner attended the district schools of Germany until he was sixteen years of age, receiving a good practical education. He then worked in a factory in his home city in Germany for three years, after which he spent one year with his parents. When twenty years of age he came to the United States and located in Elgin, where he secured employment as helper to a stone-mason. It was impossible, however, that after settling in this locality he should not become interested in the rich agricultural resources of the section, and it was only a question of time until he engaged in farming operations in his own behalf. He has found the occupation quite lucrative and has branched out in the business until he now operates two hundred and thirty-eight acres of land, and keeps a dairy of forty-six cows, principally of the Holstein and Durham brand. In addition to raising the hay and grain which is consumed by his own live stock, Mr. Brockner ships a carload of hay and a carload of oats to the city market annually.

Mr. Brockner married Miss Elizabeth Kadel, and they have become the parents of nine children, namely: Amanda, Willie, Phillip, Felix, Arnold, Eva, Roscoe, Hazel and Bernice, all of whom reside at home with their parents.

In politics, Mr. Brockner is a staunch republican, though he has never aspired to political honors, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his farming interests. He possesses the energy, resolution and perseverance so characteristic of his nationality, and he has every reason to feel proud of the success to which he has already attained, as at the outset of his career he had no capital excepting the innate forces that were bound up in his own nature.

JAMES P. FERNALD.

James P. Fernald, the deceased, was a well known citizen of St. Charles, prominent in municipal affairs, active in church work and enterprising in business. His salient traits of character were such as commended him to the confidence and good will of all who knew him and caused his death to be deeply regretted when he passed away. He was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, about 1820. His father, Samuel Fernald, was a weaver by trade and removed to New York city. Still later he became a resident of Troy, New York. After his children were grown and married he went to live with a son, Francis, in New York city, and there passed away. He was twice married.

James P. Fernald was the eldest of three children, his sister being Mrs. Martha Keep, and Francis, who died in New York city. He acquired his education in the public schools and became self-supporting when about twelve or fourteen years of age. In early life he learned the tailor business, serving for seven years in mastering the trade and becoming an expert workman. When a young man he went south and was married in Kentucky to Miss Phoebe Caroline Hayworth, a native of North Carolina. A few years after

with his wife and two children he went to New York city and later took up his abode at Attica, New York, where he followed his trade until about 1844, when he came to Illinois by way of the lakes, landing at Chicago. He thence proceeded to Kane county and settled in St. Charles when it was a little hamlet containing only a few houses. Here he opened up a tailor shop and carried on a business until his death, which occurred in 1882. He received a liberal patronage and was one of the leading merchant tailors of this part of the county. In all of his business relations he was strictly fair and honorable and his reasonable prices and enterprising methods gained for him a fair measure of prosperity.

Mr. Fernald was married three times. His first wife died in Attica, New York, and in that city he wedded Miss Sarah Chadwick, whose death occurred in St. Charles. Subsequently he wedded her sister, Hannah Chadwick. There were three children by the first marriage: Emily, the eldest, born in Eddyville, Kentucky, was brought to Illinois at the age of ten years and now resides in St. Charles. Edwin, born in Eddyville, Kentucky, enlisted in the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served from the beginning to the close of the civil war. He never married and died in Kentucky in 1902. Katherine A., born in New York city, was four years of age when they came to the west in 1845. She became the wife of Edward Chapman, a hardware merchant of St. Charles, who died here, leaving one child, Carrie E., now deceased. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Chapman became the wife of D. B. Moore, who was a blacksmith by trade, but at the time of his death, which occurred in April, 1906, was engaged in the tea and coffee business in St. Charles. The children of James Fernald's second marriage were Sarah, deceased, and George, who is living in Iowa. There were three children by the father's third marriage, but Fred, a resident of California, is the only one who survived.

Mr. Fernald assisted in organizing the Congregational church in St. Charles, contributing generously toward its erection and was always liberal in its support. He served as a deacon in the church for many years and took a helpful part in all of the church activity. His life was in harmony with his professions and all who knew him esteemed him for his many good qualities and now cherish his memory. His daughters, Mrs. Moore and Miss Fernald, who reside together in St. Charles, have always been active and helpful workers in the church and their influence is always on the side of right, justice, truth and progress.

ROBERT J. WING.

Robert J. Wing, who is practicing law at Aurora, with the firm of Hopkins, Peffers & Hopkins, is continually calling into requisition the legal powers which he developed in his student days and which are now constantly expanding through the varied experience of a general law practice. He was born in Aurora, January 14, 1880, his parents being William M. and

Ida (Kinley) Wing, the former a native of Washington county, New York, and the latter of Will county, Illinois. The father was a son of Osburn Wing, a farmer by occupation, who settled in Kane county, Illinois, in the early '70s, taking up his abode on a farm southeast of Aurora. After following general agricultural pursuits for a long period he lived retired in the city until called to his final rest. His wife, Mrs. Abigail (Moncrief) Wing, is of Quaker lineage and still survives her husband, being now eighty-four years of age.

They had a large family, including William M. Wing, who remained a resident of Washington county, New York, until sixteen years of age. He then came west with his parents and lived with them upon the farm southeast of Aurora. Here he continued his education as a student in Jennings Seminary for about four years and upon the death of his father, which occurred in 1871, he began teaching school in the old Keck district west of Montgomery. He was there engaged in teaching for several years, proving an excellent disciplinarian as well as instructor. He afterward entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as a brakeman and a little later became connected with the Hoyt Brothers Company as a molder. A year afterward he went to Sycamore, Illinois, to work in a like capacity and became foreman of a foundry there, but the Hoyt Brothers, appreciating the value of his services, induced him to return and placed him in charge of their foundry in this city. Following the financial panic of 1893 the Hoyt Brothers became a constituent of the American Wood Working Machinery Company and William Wing was made superintendent of their foundry department, in which capacity he is still serving. He is an expert workman in this line and therefore well able to direct the labors of the men who are employed under him. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Wing was a daughter of Abner and Mary Kinley, and in the paternal line is descended from ancestors from the Isle of Man.

Robert J. Wing is the elder of two children, his sister Mabel being the wife of William Given, of Aurora. He was reared in this city and passing through consecutive grades of the public schools was graduated from the East Aurora high school in 1898. He then took up the study of shorthand and secured a position in the law office of John Kelley. While thus engaged he began the study of law but later spent a year in commercial life. He then resumed preparation for the bar as a law student in the office of and under the direction of Senator Hopkins, and in due course of time was admitted to the bar in 1893, since which time he has been associated with the firm of Hopkins, Peffers & Hopkins. He is yet a young man but his ability is becoming recognized and in course of time he will have established for himself a place in the leading ranks of the legal fraternity in his native city.

On the 28th of June, 1905, Mr. Wing was united in marriage to Miss Corda Ellen Clark, a daughter of Jerome B. and Delia (Luther) Clark. Politically Mr. Wing is a republican but while keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day has never sought nor desired office. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church and are prominent

socially, enjoying the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city. They reside at No. 234 South avenue, where Mr. Wing erected an attractive residence in 1902 and he also owns several other residence and city properties here, from which he derives a substantial annual income.

JAMES P. GORDON.

The pen of the biographer has seldom, if ever, a more engaging theme than the life story of a good man who is able to enjoy the sunset and the milder glories of the late evening of his life surrounded by the riches of a prosperous country he has helped to redeem from the waste and develop and improve, ministered to by affectionate kindred and friends, enjoying every comfort and reveling in the strength and beneficence of valued public institutions he has aided materially to found and build up to a widely useful maturity. Such as this is the life story of James P. Gordon, one of the venerable pioneers of Kane county and one of its most successful farmers, whose years of life now number eighty-four, and who is well preserved in a hale, vigorous, serene and cheerful old age.

Mr. Gordon's useful and productive life began in Oneida county, New York, September 29, 1824. When he was two years of age his parents removed to the Oneida Indian reservation in the same state, and there the father built a sawmill, which he operated until death ended his labors. After the death of his father the son took charge of the mill and controlled it for a period of twenty-five years.

In 1868 Mr. Gordon became a resident of Kane county, settling on the farm in section 21, Sugar Grove township, which has ever since been his home. He has added to his first purchase until he now owns three hundred and eighty acres of excellent land, all under skillful cultivation and well improved with good buildings and other necessary structures, and also well furnished with all the appliances required for its proper cultivation. Mr. Gordon's parents were born and reared in New Hampshire. He inherited from them the natural shrewdness and indomitable energy of the New Englander along with other traits of character, which united to make him successful in all his undertakings and a model citizen in all the relations of life.

On January 14, 1850, Mr. Gordon was married to Miss Sarah E. Foster, a schoolmate of his boyhood and youth, and this venerable couple, whose lives flowed in companion channels in their early days, are now passing their declining years together, in the full enjoyment of their beautiful country home half a mile south of Sugar Grove, and in the midst of their children and friends. They have had six children, five of whom are living: Anna, widow of Cornelius Hanson, who died in 1904, and she is living with her parents; Meroe S. and Minnie D., who are also living at home; Daniel J., who resides in another house on his father's farm and helps to cultivate and manage it; and William F., a farmer living half a mile north of Sugar Grove. Nellie, another

daughter and the late wife of Mr. Humiston, died some years ago and her daughter, Nellie G. Humiston, is a part of the household of her grandparents.

Mr. Gordon is a firm republican in politics and a devout member of the Sugar Grove Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his wife. He donated the land on which the church edifice was built and twelve hundred dollars toward its erection; and from the beginning of its history he has been one of its main supports, not only in material substance, but also in moral force and Christian influence.

This venerated patriarch is the last survivor of his father's family. He had two brothers and three sisters, all of whom have passed away. They were: Mary Jane, the wife of Asa McDole; Eliza Ann, the wife of Roswell Cooper; Daniel B. Gordon; and Dolly Dole and Samuel Gordon. Although he is eighty-four years old, Mr. Gordon is still hale, hearty and very active. All his physical and mental powers are vigorous and he is even now as energetic as many a man of fifty. He has always lived a strenuous and busy life, and he is not content now unless he is doing something useful and laborious. He still works in the fields with the other men on the farm, and only last spring (1908), with four horses, plowed many acres of the corn ground.

What a lesson is here for the youth of our country who shrink from hardship and privation as almost the worst of evils, among whom self-denial is often a lost virtue, and who see no dignity and no loftiness in useful labor. It should rebuke all such and recall them to the manliness of our earlier days, when men of mold hewed out their opportunities and made of their very obstacles and difficulties wings and weapons for their own advancement. On the other class of young Americans, those who are in their time and way exemplars of the noble traits which distinguish this "Father in Israel," the lesson will not be lost. It will be a stimulus and an incitement to them, and they will realize that a man who can leave such a record to posterity has rendered his country, his time and his race a service above price.

GEORGE C. WEST.

George C. West, who has recently sold out with the intention of moving to California, formerly operated a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres in Blackberry township, where he was also extensively engaged in stock-raising. He was born in Chenango county, New York, May 9, 1841, his parents being David and Rachel (Stoddard) West, both of whom were reared at Winsted, Connecticut. In the early '40s David West came to Illinois, taking up his abode near Kaneville and undergoing all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. In the early days his home was the stopping place of many of the stockmen who were enroute to Chicago, and he was also quite friendly with the Indians, thus saving the settlers much annoyance by the red men. It was because of his friendship for the Indian chief, Shabbona, that the latter prevented a massacre of the whites. Unto Mr. and Mrs. David West were born the following children: George C., of

this review; F. J., who lives in Dakotah, Iowa; Theron W., who is engaged in carpentering in California; and Helen E., the wife of R. Reeves, an engineer residing in Houston, Texas.

George C. West attended the district school until fifteen years of age, and then entered Wheaton College, which he attended for one year. Returning to the old homestead farm, he successfully engaged in the cultivation of the fields and in the raising of stock. The place comprised one hundred and sixty-five acres of well improved and valuable land, and Mr. West owned two hundred and twenty head of hogs. His prosperity is well deserved, for he has worked earnestly and persistently year by year, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by determined and honorable effort. In 1864 he raised a company of soldiers for service in the Union army but, owing to the cessation of hostilities shortly afterward, it was not called into action.

On the 5th of March, 1864, Mr. West was united in marriage to Miss Nancy D. McDole, by whom he had the following children: Carrie, the wife of William Philips; Bruce E., a stenographer; Wallace, who is engaged in farming; Earl D., who follows agricultural pursuits near Aurora; and Erma M.

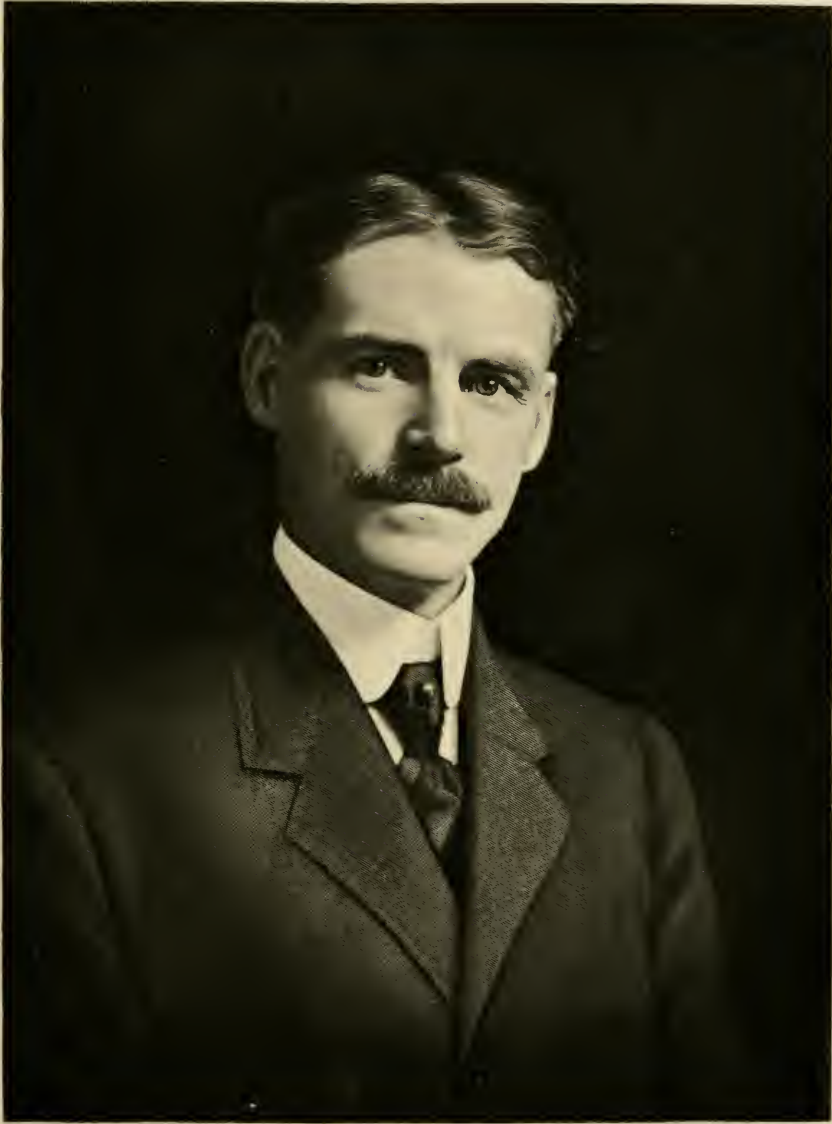
In his political views Mr. West is a stalwart republican and takes an active interest in the local work of the party, having served for ten years as a school director and for a number of years as road commissioner. Fraternaly he is connected with the Masons, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors. He has in his possession some furniture which was used by his great-great-grandfather. He is well known as a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family and has gained the regard and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact by reason of his well spent and upright life.

T. B. STEWART.

Among the energetic and successful business men of Aurora is Thomas B. Stewart, president of the First National Bank, who was born in Campton township, Kane county, in 1858. He is the only son of the Hon. John Stewart and Martha (Thomas) Stewart, the former a native of New Brunswick and the latter of Pennsylvania.

Thomas B. Stewart pursued his education in the high schools of Elburn and Geneva. He spent his early life on the homestead farm in Campton township and in 1899, in company with his father and E. F. Goodell, he bought the banking house of Bowman, Warne & Stewart, changing the firm name to John Stewart & Company. In 1900 Mr. Stewart removed to Aurora and in 1905 was elected president of the First National Bank of Aurora, being now at the head of that institution, which was organized in 1863 and is one of the oldest in the state. He is also still connected with the John Stewart Bank at St. Charles.

Mr. Stewart was married in 1884 to Abbie A. Van Derhoof, a daughter of Levi and Esther (Terry) Van Derhoof, and they have two children:



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Esther, now a student at Wellesley College, and John, who is attending the Wisconsin University, at Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. Stewart belongs to the Masonic lodge at Elburn; to Geneva chapter, R. A. M.; and to Sycamore commandery, K. T. He has always been a consistent republican and interested in the success of his party, serving for twenty years as member of the Kane county republican central committee. There came to him an expression of public trust in his ability and loyal citizenship in his election on the 3d of November, 1908, to the state senate. The consensus of public opinion accords him prominence in both political and business lines.

HERMAN RABE.

Herman Rabe, who is doing a profitable and thriving business as a farmer and dairyman in Virgil township, is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Kane county, his birth having occurred in the fatherland on the 9th of January, 1866. His parents, Christian and Annie (Freking) Rabe, were likewise natives of that country, the father dying when our subject was quite young. The other members of the family are as follows: Fred, a prosperous farmer of Germany; Henry and William, who are also engaged in farming there; Charles, who is employed in a factory in New York; Louis, a farmer of Du Page county, Illinois; August, who also follows farming in Plato township, Kane county; and Louise, who died in Germany.

Herman Rabe, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the schools of Germany but was obliged to abandon his studies at the early age of fourteen years, for, as above stated, he lost his father when he was but a young lad and it was, therefore, necessary that he provide for his own support at an early age. He sought and secured work as a farm hand, being thus engaged for some time. At the age of nineteen, having heard favorable reports concerning the advantages and opportunities to be enjoyed in the new world, he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the United States. Upon reaching American shores he at once made his way to Du Page county, Illinois, where for three years he was employed at farm labor.

On the expiration of that period Mr. Rabe was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Minnie Wiese, who was also born in Germany and by her marriage has become the mother of six children: Freddie, Herman, Hellen, Edna, Bernhardt and Matilda, all of whom are still under the parental roof.

Following his marriage Mr. Rabe took his bride to Chicago, where they began their domestic life. He worked in that city as a teamster for fifteen years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings in the hope that some day he might engage in business on his own account. He then purchased teams, farm implements, and every facility necessary for the conduct of agricultural pursuits and came to Kane county, where he rented a farm, which he has cultivated for the past five years. He is also engaged in dairying, keeping thirty cows on his place. He is meeting with success in his

undertakings, for he follows the most modern methods of agriculture and the products of his farm find a ready sale on the market. His personal property is valued at five thousand dollars, all of which has been acquired through his own labor, industry and economy.

Mr. Rabe's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give hearty support to the men and measures of democracy. He is a member of the Lutheran church. He has never regretted his determination to seek a home in America, for in this country he has found the opportunities he sought and making the best of his advantages has worked his way up until he is today numbered among the prosperous and progressive citizens of this section of the state.

HARRY L. BAKER.

Harry L. Baker, president of the Cooperative Laundry Company, was born in Townville, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1884. He is one of the younger among the enterprising business men of Aurora, but is rapidly forging to the front, and his ability and energy are enabling him to outdistance many competitors. His paternal grandfather, Lewis Baker, lived in Townville, Pennsylvania, the greater part of his life, there following the occupation of carpentering, and it was in the Keystone state that Albert Baker, the father of our subject, was born and reared. He, too, learned and followed the carpenter's trade and he now makes his home at Waverly, New York. He married Malvina Myers, likewise a native of Pennsylvania, as were her parents, John G. and Emeline Myers. Her father was a farmer by occupation and died in Warren county, Ohio, when about seventy years of age. His wife survived him until 1907 and died at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Myers was a soldier of the Civil war, doing faithful duty in the ranks in defense of the Union. His daughter, Malvina, became the wife of Albert Baker and to them have been born two sons and three daughters: Adda, the wife of B. H. Pearson of Aurora; Gertrude, the wife of Frank W. Shook, of Warren, Ohio; Jessie E., the wife of Ord D. Gilliland, of Aurora; Harry L., also of this city; and Charles, who died in infancy. The parents are now living at Waverly, New York, and are Presbyterians in religious faith.

Harry L. Baker was largely reared in Ohio and attended the public schools of Warren. He became connected with the laundry business in the employ of his uncles, F. A. and J. D. Myers, of Warren, with whom he continued for four years. Removing to Aurora in 1903, he formed a partnership with O. D. Gilliland and purchased the laundry which he is now operating. The business has been incorporated under the name of the Cooperative Laundry Company, with Mr. Baker as president, and twenty people are now employed in the conduct of the business, which is constantly growing in volume and in importance. The latest improved machinery is used, skilled workmen are secured and high grade work is turned out, so that the company is deserving of the success which it is now enjoying.

Mr. Baker married Miss Agnes Dow, and they are pleasantly located at No. 114 North View street, while in the city where they reside the hospitality of many of the best homes is freely accorded them. Politically, Mr. Baker is a republican, and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

DAVID A. WELCH.

The agricultural interests of Kane county are well represented by David A. Welch, who operates a farm of sixty acres, situated in Virgil township. He was born on a farm near Lewisburg, West Virginia, December 19, 1846, a son of William and Catherine (Shafer) Welch, who were likewise natives of West Virginia. The father followed farming as a life work. He removed from his native state to Illinois in 1856, locating on a farm near St. Charles. He is now deceased and his remains lie buried in Whitney cemetery, near Wasco, Illinois. The children of Mr. and Mrs. William Welch are as follows: Rebecca, the widow of Samuel Whanger, who followed farming near Fulton, Missouri; Mary, who became the wife of Thomas Rich, a resident of Hampshire, Illinois, but who is now deceased; Belle, the wife of L. Garvin, a farmer residing near Charter Grove, Kane county; Sarah, the wife of George Hall, a resident of Elgin, where he works as a stone-mason; Martha, the wife of Everett Hall, residing in Elgin; Margaret, the wife of C. Bradford, a farmer of Kingston, this state; George, who follows farming in Iowa; Columbus, who lives in Burlington township; and Charles, who is engaged in farming at Sycamore, Illinois.

David A. Welch, the other member of the family, was a lad of ten years at the time of the removal of the parents from West Virginia to Kane county. He was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, assisting in the operation of the home place during the summer seasons, while in the winter months he attended the Stone district school, completing his education at the age of seventeen. This was during the period of the Civil war and, his patriotic spirit being aroused, he offered his services to the government, becoming a member of Company K, One Hundred and Forty-first Illinois Infantry, with which he served for one year. During this time he did mostly garrison duty under Colonel Brewster, holding the fort at Columbus, Kentucky. Upon the expiration of his term of service he was mustered out at Chicago, having made a creditable military record.

Upon his return from the war Mr. Welch made his way to Kane county, where he has been engaged in farming to the present time. He is now operating a well improved tract, comprising sixty acres, and in addition to carrying on general agricultural pursuits he is also doing a dairy business, keeping a number of cows for this purpose. He is a man of good business ability and in his farming pursuits is meeting with excellent success.

Mr. Welch chose as a companion and helpmate on life's journey Miss Annie Taylor, who was born in Madison county, New York, November 29, 1849, and came to Kane county with her parents, who were farming people,

when a little maiden of six years. This union has been blessed with a daughter and son: Pearl, the wife of E. W. Percy, a farmer residing at Burlington; and W. Ray, who is still under the parental roof.

Mr. Welch gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party but has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to do his duty as a private citizen. He is a member of the Baptist church, while his wife is a member of the United Brethren church, though they now attend the Methodist Episcopal church. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of Kane county.

EDWIN ARTHUR POULEY.

Residing on a model farm of two hundred acres in Blackberry township, on which his father was born, and which his grandfather purchased of the government, and conducting in connection with his farming an extensive dairying business with fifty cows as the source of its supplies, Edwin Arthur Pouley occupies an enviable position and would seem to be almost beyond the reach of adverse fortune.

He is a native of Illinois, born at Wheaton, August 29, 1880, and the son of Samuel Edwin and Emma J. (Humphrey) Pouley, the former a native of Kane county, as has been noted, and the latter of the state of New York, whence she came to Illinois in her childhood. The father, who has departed this life and whose remains are buried in the Elburn cemetery, was an active member of the Baptist church and always voted the republican ticket. Being the son of a pioneer and growing from infancy to manhood in the early days of civilization in this part of the country, he suffered all the hardships and privations and enjoyed all the excitement and adventure incident to frontier life, and it must be said that in the strenuous life of that period he bore a man's part and assumed a man's responsibilities, even before he reached the age of maturity. The mother, who is now living retired in her beautiful home at Elburn, having turned the ancestral farm over to her son Edwin, who represents the third generation of the family to occupy it, also encountered the dangers, endured the sufferings and grew strong in the responsibilities of the pioneer days and proved herself equal to all the requirements of the period.

Mr. Pouley is one of a family of seven children, his sisters and brothers being: Edna, now the wife of Roy Merrick, a prosperous lawyer in Chicago; Avis, who teaches school in one of the country districts of Kane county; May J., who is the principal of the Lily Lake public school, also in this county; and Verna A., Vida, Edith and Marjorie, all of whom are living at Elburn with their mother.

Edwin A. Pouley attended the public schools and was graduated from the Elburn high school. He then worked as a clerk and salesman in a dry-goods store two years, after which he pursued a three years' course of instruction at Wheaton College. But scholastic attainments and the pursuits which

ordinarily grow out of them were not the prime attractions in life for him. He was essentially a son of the soil and it called to him with a voice of masterful persuasion, and from college he returned to his father's farm, on which he has ever since resided. The farm has prospered and grown to a high state of development and improvement under the master hands of his forefathers and himself, and it is now one of the best in the county. For his part he has added to its other industries and sources of profit an excellent and extensive dairy business, milking fifty cows and turning their yield into marketable products for the enjoyment of the community and his own advantage.

In 1905 he was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Sharp, who was born and reared in Kane county. They have one child, Ross Edwin, who is living at home with his parents. Mr. Pouley is an active and serviceable member of the Congregational church, giving it his earnest and intelligent support in all its laudable undertakings, and exemplifying in an eminent degree the virtues of elevated Christian citizenship. In political faith he is a republican, and while not a seeker of public office for himself, always takes a leading and helpful part in the campaigns of his party as a matter of duty to his fellowmen. Representing an honored name and a family highly esteemed in this county, he has upheld the former and done credit to the latter in a manner worthy of his lineage and is now regarded as one of the most useful, upright and representative men in the county, meeting all the claims of duty with manly independence and self reliance, and giving an exalted and forceful example to all around him.

JOHN HETTINGER.

After fighting for years the strenuous battle of life, in which he has been engaged from his youth, and fighting it always with courage and fortitude, John Hettinger is now enjoying the fruits of his industry on his ten thousand dollar farm in Aurora township, with abundant means of comfort around him and the gratification of knowing that all he possesses is the result of his and his late wife's own industry, frugality and business capacity.

Mr. Hettinger was born on a farm two miles and a half northeast of Aurora, October 20, 1863. His parents, Peter and Anna (Kirsch) Hettinger, were natives of what is now the German Empire, the former born in the duchy of Luxemburg, March 4, 1837, and the latter in the kingdom of Prussia, in 1829. The father came to America with his parents, Christian and Katharine Hettinger, in 1854. The grandfather was a mason and worked at his trade several years in the state of New York. Learning of the great opportunities for thrift and enterprise in the golden west, he moved his family to Kane county, and here he was successful in his undertakings but lived a retired life for many years, dying in 1888. His son Peter farmed about seven years near Aurora, then bought a farm in the vicinity of North Aurora and on the east bank of the Fox river, on which he has ever since resided. Since the death of his wife in 1877 he has made his home with his children and his youngest son, Peter J., now manages the farm.

The brothers and sisters of our subject are: Anna, the wife of Mathias Kramer, of North Aurora; Katharine, the wife of Bernard Rausch, of Aurora township; Emma Katharine, who lives in Chicago; Peter J., who operates the home farm; and Annie, the wife of Michael Siren, of Batavia township in this county.

John Hettinger acquired a good education and after reaching the age of twenty-one years he was employed in the smelting works at North Aurora for two years. He then rented land for thirteen years in Batavia township. In 1900 he sold his farming equipment and went to Rochester, New York. But liking neither the shop work nor the farming methods of that section of the country, he returned to Kane county and in 1901 bought the farm on which he now lives. It comprises fifty acres of as good land as can be found in this part of the world, or anywhere else, and is highly improved and energetically cultivated.

Mr. Hettinger was married January 24, 1893, uniting with Miss Elizabeth Kinnen, the marriage ceremony being performed in Rochester, New York. Mrs. Hettinger was born on May 5, 1861, and is a daughter of Paul and Mary Ann (Gerstner) Kinnen, natives of Germany, who came to America about 1854 and settled in Rochester, New York, where they still live. Mr. and Mrs. Hettinger have had one child, Herbert, who was born on March 26, 1895, and died on April 29, 1899.

They are members of St. Nicholas church in Aurora, and in politics Mr. Hettinger is a democrat. But he is a patriot more than a partisan and a good and useful citizen without regard to political or other considerations. He has not only improved his own property and brought it to a very high state of advancement, but he has helped to develop and foster every public interest of the township and augment all its moral, mental and material forces, giving time and attention freely to whatever seemed good to him, and allowing no commendable movement to languish for want of the stimulus he could apply to it. His friends know and appreciate his value and esteem him highly.

A. W. LOOMIS.

A. W. Loomis, a prominent and well known farmer and stockraiser of Elgin township, was born at Plato Center, Kane county, December 25, 1865, his parents being Amasa A. and Julia A. (Morgan) Loomis. In 1845 the father removed from Oneida county, New York, to Lake county, Illinois, and took up a claim but returned to the Empire state in 1849. There he worked until 1850, when he went to California and engaged in mining. In 1853 he returned to Illinois, sold his farm in Lake county and bought two hundred and forty acres in Cook county, where he lived for ten years. In 1864 he sold out and went to Plato township, Kane county, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres, on which he lived until 1882, when he sold and came to Elgin township, where he purchased one hundred and ninety acres in section 29. In 1893 the improvements on this farm—house, barns and in

fact everything except a few horses and some household goods—were destroyed by fire. Mr. Loomis remained on the place until his death, which occurred in 1901, when he had attained the age of eighty-two years. His wife, who passed away June 23, 1908, was a daughter of Judge Joshua Morgan, a native of Ohio, who came to this state in a very early day. He served as county judge of Tazewell county for many years. Prior to her marriage to Mr. Loomis on the 18th of October, 1859, Mrs. Loomis was joined in wedlock to William Jones, and of the four children born to this union but one survives, James F., of Port Huron, Michigan, superintendent of the terminal of the Grand Trunk Railroad. By her second marriage she had six children, four of whom died in infancy, the others being: A. W., of this review; and Benjamin F., of Huntington, Indiana.

A. W. Loomis was educated in the public schools of his native county and grew to manhood on his father's farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He has always followed the pursuit to which he was reared and has gained a creditable and gratifying measure of success in his farming and stock-raising interests by reason of his excellent business ability and well directed energy.

On the 20th of January, 1891, Mr. Loomis was united in marriage to Miss Rose Emery, of St. Louis, Missouri, a daughter of Joseph H. and Nettie Emery, both now deceased. They removed to St. Louis from Kentucky, and the record of their children is as follows: Amanda, the deceased wife of John Fray, of Kentucky; Eliza, the wife of Hiram Holomon; Sarah, the wife of J. F. Jones, of Port Huron; Susan, the widow of G. W. Murrell, of St. Louis, Missouri; Hannah, the widow of Chores Knight; Jennie, the deceased wife of George Abshir; Mrs. Loomis; Dennis and William, both of whom have passed away; and Stephen, of Kansas City, Missouri. Unto Mr and Mrs. Loomis have been born two children, Edna B. and Lillian J.

Having spent his entire life in this county, Mr. Loomis is widely and favorably known here and has gained the warm esteem and regard of all with whom he has come in contact by reason of his upright and honorable career.

WILLIAM F. GRAHAM.

The son of sturdy Scotch and German parents, and inured from his childhood to self-denial and earnest, exacting industry, William F. Graham, who owns and operates one of the best farms in Sugar Grove township, has developed force of character and independence through his discipline and made excellent use of the traits he inherited from his father and mother. He was born in Naperville, DuPage county, Illinois, October 13, 1865, and two years later was brought with the rest of the family to the township in Kane county, in which he now lives.

His parents were William and Catherine (Schmidt) Graham, both of whom were born in Europe and came to this country with their parents in childhood. The father was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, born in 1812,

and was brought to this continent when he was eleven years old, the family locating in Canada. A few years later they moved to Illinois and found a home in DuPage county, living there until about 1834. In that year William Graham took up a piece of government land near Naperville, and on this land his son, William F. Graham, was born. The mother, Catherine Schmidt, was born in Baden Baden, Germany, and left her native land in company with her parents when she was thirteen. They made the trip in a sailing vessel and had a stormy voyage, consuming six weeks between the two shores. The future Mrs. Graham lived a few years at York, Pennsylvania, then came west and took up her residence at Naperville. In 1863 she was married to Mr. Graham. They began farming at once and eighteen months after their marriage moved to the farm on which their son now resides. This comprises one hundred and twenty-three acres and is conceded to be one of the best of its size in the county. The buildings and other improvements are modern, the land is well cultivated and very productive, and everything about the place furnishes convincing evidence that the proprietor is a thrifty man, an excellent farmer and enterprising, well-to-do citizen, with pride in his home and an abiding interest in the welfare and good name of his township.

Mr. Graham has two sisters and one brother: Mary, the wife of Harry Reynolds, of North Aurora; Lizzie L., the wife of Arthur Barrows, of Sandwich, DeKalb county; and James A. Graham, who is a successful farmer in Aurora township, Kane county. It will be seen that they all live within easy reach of him, and the family circle, which so long dignified and adorned the parental home, although broken can readily be renewed on convenient occasions.

On the 2d of October, 1889, Mr. Graham was united in marriage to Miss Agnes M. Favreau, who was born in Naperville, Illinois, January 31, 1869, of French ancestry, her parents being John Baptiste and Philemon La Clair Favreau, who were married November 23, 1856. In early life her father followed farming near Montreal, Canada, but the year of his marriage removed to Illinois, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits. He died June 14, 1903, and his widow now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Graham, at the age of sixty-eight years. They were the parents of five children: Alfred J., who died in 1902, leaving a widow and one child; Carrie A., the wife of J. Hughes; Edward Jefferson, who died in 1900; Agnes M., the wife of our subject; and Alexander, who is now superintendent of the Third Rail Railroad at Wheaton, Illinois.

Mrs. Graham is a graduate of Jennings Seminary and for ten years was a school teacher in DuPage and Kane counties. She and her husband are the parents of three children: Leroy William, aged fifteen years; Ray Favreau, aged eight; and Paul Gerald, aged four. The oldest son is a student at the West Aurora high school. He drives to and from the school every day, ten miles distant from his home, and during three years in which he has attended has never missed a day or once been late.

When he was eleven years old Mr. Graham lost his father by death, the latter passing away on September 2, 1876. He was a man of intelligence and breadth of view, but quiet and retiring in disposition. He was, however,

well known and highly esteemed throughout the county. Although thus deprived of paternal advice and guidance at an early age, Mr. Graham has never lagged in the race of human endeavor, or been untrue to his duty toward his country or his fellowmen. He has given the people of the township good service as collector and township trustee, and in respect to all matters of public progress and improvement has borne his full share of the burden and supplied his due portion of the motive power. He has served as school director and trustee for twenty-two years. In politics he is a republican and in religious affiliation he and his wife are members of the Galena Street Methodist Episcopal church in Aurora. He was for seven years president of the West Aurora Farmers Club, is a charter member of the local camp of Modern Woodmen and a zealous Mason, holding membership in Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., in Aurora. Earnestly interested in the cause of education and feeling the lack of it in himself, it is his settled purpose to give each of his children the benefit of the best school advantages he can command for them. He is knowing, energetic and progressive, and steadily maintains his well merited rank as a good, useful and thoroughly representative citizen of the county.

FREDERICK W. MIDDLETON.

Born, reared, educated and well established on the farm of three hundred acres in Burlington township which he has helped to cultivate from his boyhood, Frederick W. Middleton is wholly a product of the locality in which his present activities are employed and his prosperity is expanding. He was born in Burlington township on September 3, 1868, and is a son of John and Eleanor (Varty) Middleton, an account of whose lives will be found in the sketch of his brother, Robert E. Middleton, which appears in this volume. His scholastic training was obtained in one of the district schools of his native township known as "Brush School," which he attended, with many interruptions, until he was twenty years old, the work on the farm requiring his aid much of the time.

At the age of twenty-one, in association with his brother Ernest, he assumed the management of the home farm, the brothers working it on shares. The partnership continued fifteen years and at the end of that time was dissolved by the marriage of the brother, who then left and took another farm for himself. Since then Frederick has managed it alone and has kept up the skillful and judicious cultivation of it which he and his brother had carried on together.

On August 24, 1904, Mr. Middleton was married to Miss Stella M. Baker. They have two children: their daughter, Gladys May, who was born on November 12, 1906, and their son, Earl Laurence, who was born March 5, 1908. The farm on which the family resides is well located on the Elgin and Sycamore road, about twenty rods distant from the neighboring school-house, and with all the surroundings commanding attention because of their

value as conveniences or their attractiveness as picturesque features of the landscape. Mr. Middleton's mother makes her home with him.

In addition to his extensive farming operations Mr. Middleton is also extensively engaged in raising live-stock for the market, shipping on an average of two carloads of cattle and two of hogs every year. Now in the prime of life, with all his faculties in full vigor and energetic action, with his business flourishing and expanding, with employments entirely suited to his tastes and furnishing requirements for the exercise of both mind and body and standing well in the regard and good will of his fellowmen, it is easy to predict for him a future of prominence and influence in the community.

EUGENE TANNER.

With two hundred and forty-eight acres of as good farming land as can be found anywhere, which he owns and cultivates, with a fine dwelling on it, which is completely and elaborately furnished, and with a harmonious and agreeable domestic circle around his hearthstone, Eugene Tanner is not only comfortably situated in life, but would seem to be above the reach of adverse fortune.

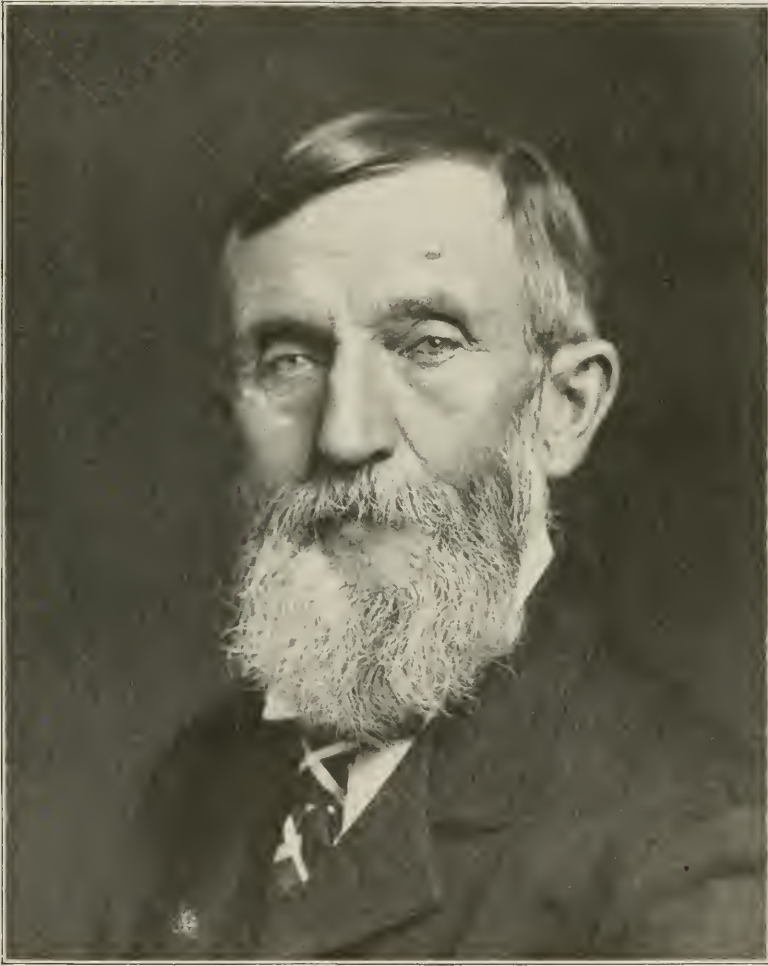
Mr. Tanner was born in Aurora township, in which he now lives, May 9, 1841. Here he grew to manhood, received his education and made his choice of a companion for life. He has passed all his days in the township so far and has no inclination to leave it hereafter while his life lasts. He is therefore essentially one of its people and his own history and activity have been closely interwoven with its record and progress.

His father, William A. Tanner, was a native of Jefferson county, New York, and became a resident of Illinois in 1835, making his home for a time in Chicago, where he taught school, clerked in stores, helped to make surveys, and performed other useful and important duties. He and his wife were the parents of nine children: Eugene; Henry R., a resident of Aurora; Florence, the wife of James Patterson, of Chicago; Amy, the wife of John Johnson, of Naperville, Illinois; Imogene, who lives in Aurora; Marion, who became the wife of Frank Simpson and died in 1905, leaving a family of four children; Martha, the wife of Rev. Charles Thornton, of Park Ridge, Illinois; Mary, the wife of Clark H. Hopkins, of Kansas City, Kansas; and George, who has his home in Sugar Grove.

Eugene Tanner obtained his early education in the district school near his home and supplemented the training he received there with a course of higher instruction at Jennings Seminary in Aurora. When he was fifteen years of age his parents moved to Aurora and he resided there with them for a number of years. On February 5, 1867, he married Miss Elizabeth Stilwell, a native of Jefferson county, New York, and ever since his marriage he has lived on the home farm on section 6, Aurora township, except during the first six years of his wedded life, when he occupied the old Jones farm one mile north of Aurora. He and his wife have had four children: Henry



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Eugene, who died in infancy; Anna M., who is still a member of the household; Clarence G., an enterprising business man of Batavia in this state; and Edna, who died at the age of eighteen. The last named was a very lovable young lady and an accomplished musician. The father of Mrs. Tanner was William Stilwell, a native of New York city but during the greater part of his life a resident and farmer in New York state. A few months before his death in 1888 he came to Kane county and passed the remainder of his days at the home of his son John at North Aurora.

In politics Mr. Tanner trains with the republican party. He is not in any sense a narrow partisan but his faith in the principles and policies of his party is strong and he gives it his earnest and effective support. Although not desirous of public life or the honors or emoluments of office, he at times consented to fill local positions of importance for the benefit of the township and the good of its people, particularly the office of road commissioner, which he filled with great credit and acceptability. He and his wife are members of the Galena Street Baptist church in Aurora, and also of the West Aurora Farmers' Club, and Mrs. Tanner is in addition an active member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Woman's Domestic Science Club and the Woman's Relief Corps, and an ardent worker in all.

The Tanner farm is at the junction of three townships, Aurora, Blackberry and Sugar Grove. The location is a choice one for many reasons and the high state of development to which the farm has been raised through the judicious and energetic management of its owner, together with its substantial, attractive and comfortable improvements, makes it an ideal rural home. It is widely known for its generous hospitality and its genial social atmosphere, and is therefore a popular resort for the hosts of friends of the family. The country around it and the whole county present to the eye and observation of the visitor a very different scene from that to which Mr. Tanner was accustomed in his boyhood, when night was made hideous and alarming by the howling of the prairie wolves on many occasions, which frequently became so annoying that the elder Tanner was obliged to mount his horse and drive them back into the woods.

GEORGE F. ARVEDSON.

George F. Arvedson was born at Algonquin, Illinois, April 26, 1855. He is one of the twelve children of Rev. Peter Arvedson and Hannah A. (Cornish) Arvedson, the latter's grandfather, Dr. Andrew Cornish, having been one of the first to settle at Algonquin, at which place he established a ferry across the river, which gave to the place its first name, "Cornish Ferry." At the age of fourteen the subject of this sketch began his business career as a clerk in a general store at Dundee, Illinois, where he continued for six years, since which time his home has been at Carpentersville, where he was married April 22, 1875, to Lillian Eugenia Buck, born at Carpentersville, Illinois, June 15, 1854, and whose mother was the daughter of Charles V. Carpenter and the sister of Julius A. Carpenter.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Arvedson: Irene Esther, born May 13, 1876; Arthur Eugene, born July 2, 1877; Alice Eugenia, born February 25, 1879; and Raymond Peter, born August 31, 1889. Irene died July 5, 1891. The others are now living at Carpentersville.

G. F. Arvedson is now engaged in the lumber, coal and feed business, under the firm name of G. F. Arvedson & Company. He has been member and president of the board of trustees of the village and is now serving his sixth term as a member of the board of education. His chief interest, however, has always centered on the work of the parish of St. James' Episcopal Church, Dundee, Illinois, and which parish he has served in various capacities for many years, being now senior warden and lay reader.

HENRY BERKES.

Henry Berkes, who is successfully engaged in farming in Virgil township, was born in Prussia on the Rhine, September 29, 1839, his parents being Jacob and Rosie (Raush) Berkes, also natives of that country, both the father and mother having been born in 1800. Jacob Berkes, who was a laborer, did military duty as a soldier, and in 1856 emigrated with his family to America, locating in DuPage county, Illinois. He passed away January 10, 1886, and his wife survived him only until the 5th of July of that year, their remains being interred at Winfield, DuPage county, Illinois. Their family numbered three children. Elizabeth, who was born in Prussia in 1827, married Nick Fachsen, a farmer of that country, who died in DuPage county, Illinois, in 1889. His widow makes her home at Winfield, DuPage county. Nick whose birth occurred in Prussia in 1830, served his country as a soldier for three years. He came to America in 1854, and in 1860 wedded Miss Barbara Daeleiden, a native of Prussia, who now resides at Winfield, her husband having passed away there on the 18th of March, 1900. He is buried at Wheaton, Illinois.

Henry Berkes, the youngest member of the family, emigrated to America in 1856, settling in DuPage county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming, this line of activity having claimed his attention to the present time. He now rents a tract of two hundred acres known as the E. W. Thatcher farm, located three miles northeast of Maple Park. He conducts an extensive dairy, owning thirty cows and delivering on an average of fifty-six gallons of milk daily to the Maple Park creamery. His cows are mostly of the Holstein breed and he also has some Jersey Red hogs and stock from registered sires. He is also largely interested in poultry raising, having three hundred Plymouth Rock chickens, and in the different branches of his business has gained a most gratifying and creditable measure of prosperity.

Mr. Berkes has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Magdaline Riehm, who was born in Prussia in 1845, and died and was buried at Winfield, Illinois, in 1875. By this union were born four children. Nick, whose birth occurred December 29, 1868, wedded Marie Schneider, of Virgil, and

is a steelworker residing at Joliet, Illinois. Theresa, who was born in Winfield, Illinois, September 29, 1870, married Chris Enders, a stonemason of Winfield. Barbara and Otto are both deceased. Following the death of his first wife Mr. Berkes was again married, his second union being with Miss Margaret Deutsch, who was born in Prussia, May 23, 1851, a daughter of John and Margaret (Packer) Deutsch, the former born in Prussia in 1817 and the latter in 1819. John Deutsch was a laborer, celebrated his marriage in 1841 and passed away in Virgil township in 1888. His wife's death had occurred in Prussia in 1857. Their family numbered six children. Nick Deutsch, who was born in 1844, is a farmer residing in Chickasaw county, Iowa. Valentine, who was born in 1846, was a French soldier for three years and for a year and a half participated in the Franco-Prussian war, being wounded at San Quintin. He now follows farming in Prussia. George, whose birth occurred in Prussia in 1848, is engaged in farming near Elburn, Illinois. Magdalena, born in Prussia in 1850, now makes her home in Ellensburg, Washington. Mrs. Berkes is the next in order of birth. Anthon, born in Prussia in 1853, died and was buried at West Chicago. The marriage of Henry Berkes and Margaret Deutsch was celebrated in Winfield, November 30, 1877, and has been blessed with the following children: Antony H., who was born in Winfield, Illinois, January 24, 1879, and is a carpenter by trade; John, born April 30, 1880, who passed away August 11, 1880; Juliana, who was born July 27, 1881, and is also deceased; George J., whose birth occurred February 6, 1883, and who is a carpenter by trade; Marie M., whose natal day was May 25, 1884; Jacob V., born February 28, 1886, who is now serving as school director; Katherine, whose birth occurred June 22, 1887, and who died on the 30th of July of the same year; Anna Marie, born March 13, 1889; Magdalena M., who was born February 11, 1891; and John A., born November 20, 1893. The surviving children are all yet under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. Berkes is a stanch democrat, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Catholic church. His sons are members of the Catholic Order of Foresters. A highly prized and valuable heirloom in the family is a French soldier's certificate issued to Valentine Deutsch, Mrs. Berkes' grandfather, by Napoleon I. Mr. Deutsch was at Waterloo with Napoleon and served in the French wars for sixteen years.

DAVID J. PEFFERS, JR.

The professional ranks in Aurora find a worthy representative in David J. Peffers, Jr., who in the practice of law has displayed a thorough familiarity with legal principles and precedence, while his logical discrimination has enabled him to apply with accuracy to the points of litigation those points in the law which are applicable thereto. His life record began in Scotland, on the 11th of January, 1873. His father, David J. Peffers, came to the

United States in 1879, bringing with him his family. He settled in Kane county, Illinois, and here entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as bookkeeper. He has now been a representative of the company for twenty-eight years and is one of its most trustworthy as well as efficient employes. He is also numbered among the respected citizens of Aurora, and his personal traits of character have won him a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. He married Catherine Guild, a native of Scotland.

Their son, David J. Peffers, is indebted to the public schools of Aurora for the early educational privileges he enjoyed and in the preparation of a legal career he entered the office of A. J. Hopkins in 1896, pursuing his studies under the direction of that well known and prominent attorney until 1899, also acting as his private secretary, while Mr. Hopkins represented the state of Illinois in the United States senate. Continuing his law studies he was graduated from the Columbia Law School at Washington, D. C., in 1900, and in 1902 he began practice in Aurora as a member of the firm of Hopkins, Peffers & Hopkins. He has since been connected with the bar of this city and has enjoyed a most enviable reputation. His experience in Washington proved invaluable and in Aurora he has shown the ability to ably cope with the intricate questions that are involved in an extensive clientage. The business of the firm largely rests upon him as the senior partner spends most of his time in the capital city, while J. F. Hopkins looks after the Chicago business, the firm having offices in the metropolis as well.

Mr. Peffers was married in 1903 to Miss Fannie Hopkins, daughter of Senator A. J. Hopkins, and they now have one son, Hopkins Peffers, born June 22, 1905.

Mr. Peffers is a member of the Masonic lodge of Aurora, and is well known in this city, where he has spent the greater part of his life. His record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, for in this city where he was reared and where his life history is known to all his fellow townsmen he has gained distinction as an able and conscientious lawyer, who is faithful in the work of the courts, careful in the preparation of his cases and clear and forceful in their presentation. His ability is evidenced by the large number of verdicts which he wins that are favorable to his clients' interests and by the high respect entertained for him by his fellow members of the profession.

HENRY BANKER.

Henry Banker, who is one of the prominent and successful farmers of Sugar Grove township, is a native of Kane county, and has passed the whole of his industrious life within its boundaries, engaged, for the most part, in tilling its fertile and productive soil. He was born in Aurora township, May 15, 1856, on a farm owned and operated by his parents,

Frank and Mary (Barthel) Banker, and obtained a good common-school education at the district school in the vicinity.

Mr. Banker's grandfather, Andrew Banker, who was a native of Germany, brought his family to the United States when his son, Frank, was a young man, and located near Aurora in this county. The family consisted of the parents and four children, and from their rather humble home in the new world the father went forth to provide for them by working as a hired hand on a neighboring farm. He was industrious and economical, and in a few years had accumulated a few hundred dollars beyond the needs of the household. With this he bought a small farm on which Ludwig Schaub is now living. His son Frank, when not attending school, assisted him on the farm, remaining at home until he attained his majority, when he began life on his own account by getting married and renting a farm as a home for himself and his bride. A few years later he moved to Blackberry township, buying and taking up his residence on the farm now owned by Charles Levy. A few years afterward he sold this farm and bought the one on section 1, now owned by his son, Julius Banker. His first purchase at this location was a small tract, but he gradually enlarged his holdings by additional purchases of adjacent lands, until he acquired one hundred and eighty-eight acres, all of which he owned at his death, August 22, 1901. His wife died December 19, 1874. Three of their children are living, Henry and his brothers Conrad and Julius, both of whom are residents of Aurora.

Henry Banker was married October 14, 1879, to Miss Fredaricka Ziegler at her home in Aurora. They have ever since lived on the farm they now occupy, which is one of the choice country homes of Kane county. The land is generous and responsive, and, as it is wisely and thoroughly cultivated, its yield is large. The improvements are far above the average of farm buildings in this section of the country, and the whole place bespeaks enterprise, thrift, and good judgment on the part of its proprietor. Mr. and Mrs. Banker are the parents of five children: Barnes, who is a resident of Sugar Grove township; and Frank G., Clara, Agnes and Mildred, all of whom are living at home. Mr. Banker is a republican in politics and he and his wife are members of the German Methodist church of Aurora.

Michael Ziegler, the father of Mrs. Banker, was a resident of Kane county for nearly fifty years, and was active and prominent as a citizen, holding high rank as a mechanic and taking an active part in all matters pertaining to the welfare of his community. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, December 31, 1827. Before the dawn of his manhood he acquired the trade of a locksmith, at which he worked for a few years in his native land. In 1854 he emigrated to the United States and found his first home in this country in New Jersey. There he was married to Miss Mary M. Schoeberlein, whom he brought to Aurora as a bride. For a few years after his arrival in this county he worked as a blacksmith, being employed in the old wagon shop at the west bridge on the Fox river owned by Mr. Woodward. He soon, however, returned to his original line and found employment for several years as a locksmith for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. While thus engaged he invented a car seat lock, which proved to be of

great value. It was soon afterward adopted for use by a number of the principal railroads in the United States, all of which paid him royalties on it. A little while after this he started in business for himself, opening a shop on Fox street in Aurora, in an old wooden store building on the site where the imposing new brick block which bears his name now stands. This was built by him in 1896.

Mr. Ziegler was a charter member of the German Methodist church in Aurora and for forty-four years was one of its main supporters and leading workers. At his death in 1903 he left a widow and ten children as his survivors. His widow followed him to the grave a few months later, dying on September 18, 1903. Their children are: Mrs. Rosa Keck, of Chicago; Mrs. Mary Schaub, of Sugar Grove township; John, Edward and William, all of Elgin, Illinois; Charles and George of Aurora, who are engaged in the plumbing business in a part of the building erected by their father; Mrs. Lydia Haffner, of Oak Park, Illinois; and Mrs. Clara Knuth, of Aurora. At the time of their demise Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler had thirty-four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mr. Ziegler was one of the solid men of Kane county. He had great industry, great energy and sterling integrity, and by his capacity and good management he amassed a large fortune. His advice was often sought on all kinds of business and public matters, and always had weight. About a year ago a fine photograph was taken of a reunion of the Ziegler family. Seventy persons were present, nearly all of whom were descendants of Michael Ziegler.

SMITH YOUNGES.

One of the most prominent stockdealers of northern Illinois is Smith Younges, of Elgin township, Kane county, where he has made his home throughout the greater part of his life. He is a native of the Empire state, being born in Schoharie county, New York, on the 17th of October, 1852, but was only eight years old when brought to this country by his parents, Charles and Magdalen Younges. He acquired his education in the public schools of this locality and, being reared on a farm in Plato township, he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits so that on starting out in life for himself he was well qualified to take up farming as a life work.

On leaving the parental roof at the age of twenty years, Mr. Younges worked for his brother-in-law, W. W. McDonald for a year and a half, and then rented one-half of the old homestead, known as the Edson Kimball place, for three years. At the end of that time he purchased the farm and as his financial resources have increased he has added to his property from time to time until he is now the owner of four hundred and seventy acres of as valuable farming land as is to be found anywhere in Kane county. He has made many improvements on the place, and in connection with general farming has paid particular attention to the raising of stock, dealing extensively in horses, mules and cattle. He makes a specialty of Holstein cattle.

which he ships largely to Mexico, and he has become widely known as one of the leading horsemen of Kane county. For the past ten years he has done an extensive business as a stockdealer, and has steadily prospered in his undertakings, becoming quite well-to-do. In 1897, in connection with his brother-in-law W. W. McDonald, he opened a general store at East Plato, which they conducted together until the death of Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Younges then carried on the business alone until the store was destroyed by fire.

On the 24th of December, 1874, Mr. Younges was married at St. Charles to Miss Carrie Ferson, and unto them were born four children, namely: Clyde, who is associated with his father in handling stock, married Miss Maggie Gadke, a daughter of George Gadke, and they have two sons, Smith Parker Younges and Kenneth George. Nellie is now the wife of George Slimpin, of Houston, Texas. Maude is the wife of Jesse Murphy, a farmer of St. Charles township. Elizabeth E. is at home with her parents.

Mr. Younges served as postmaster of Youngsedale from the establishment of the office in 1889 until it was discontinued in 1904. He also filled the office of school director, but has never cared for political honors, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his extensive business interests. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, his word is considered as good as his bond, and he has the entire confidence and respect of those with whom he comes in contact either in business or social affairs. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order and Elks, and his life has ever been guided by its principles and teachings.

JOHN PHILPOTT.

John Philpott, deceased, was born in Virgil township, Kane county, Illinois, November 18, 1860, his parents being Thomas and Rachel (Russell) Philpott. The father, a native of Ireland, came to the United States about a half century ago, making his way direct to Illinois. Locating near Maple Park, he there successfully carried on agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life.

John Philpott attended the district schools in his boyhood and subsequently became a student in Elgin Academy, later entering Wheaton College. On putting aside his text-books he assisted his father in the operation of the old homestead farm, but subsequently purchased a place of his own. In addition to the conduct of his agricultural interests he was also engaged as traveling salesman for the Estey & Camp Piano Company of Chicago, and in both undertakings met with success, being an excellent farmer as well as business man. About two years prior to his death he took up his abode in Maple Park and there passed away on the 30th of June, 1898.

On the 4th of May, 1885, Mr. Philpott was united in marriage to Miss Etta Palmer, a daughter of Isaac and Laura Ann (Gay) Palmer, of New York. The father died in the east and the mother died in Elgin, Illinois,

February 8, 1905. Unto our subject and his wife were born five children, namely: Chester Arthur, born August 5, 1886, whose demise occurred January 23, 1887; Frank Esmond, of Elgin; one who died in infancy; John Ezra and Myrtle Naomi, of Elgin.

Politically Mr. Philpott was a staunch republican and served on the school board for three years, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. He attended the Methodist Episcopal church and was a man of unfaltering integrity and upright character, who won a host of friends. Having made his home in this locality throughout his entire life, he was well and favorably known here, gaining the esteem and regard of all with whom he came in contact. A year and a half after her husband's demise Mrs. Philpott removed to Elgin, where she has since made her home and where she has gained an extensive circle of warm friends.

PROFESSOR GEORGE N. SLEIGHT.

Professor George N. Sleight is dean of the Elgin Academy and in his life work has embodied the spirit of Kant, who said: "The object of education is to train each individual to reach the highest perfection possible for him." For ten years he has remained at the head of this institution and under his guidance the school has made substantial and creditable advance, for in his efforts in its behalf Professor Sleight has held to high ideals and that his labors have been successful is manifest in many tangible ways.

A native of Newark, New York, Professor Sleight was born October 17, 1869, of the marriage of George A. and Mary E. (Moule) Sleight, who were also natives of the Empire state. The father was a farmer by occupation and died in early manhood, but the mother still resides in Newark, New York. George N. Sleight, an only child by the father's second marriage, was reared in the village of Newark, attended the public schools and afterward matriculated in Williams College at Williamstown, Massachusetts, where he was graduated in 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He afterward attended the Albany (New York) State Normal College, where he won the degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy. He taught for two years as principal of the high school at Andes, New York, and subsequently devoted three years to post-graduate work in the University of Chicago.

Mr. Sleight came to Elgin in 1898 as principal of the Elgin Academy and has occupied the position for ten years. In 1899 the title of dean was given to the head of the institution and he has thus since been known. The academy is one of the oldest educational institutions in Kane county and has greatly prospered under Professor Sleight's management, having now an attendance of about two hundred students in the care of twelve teachers. All branches below collegiate work are taught. The work is carefully systematized and the faculty are constantly aiming toward securing the best possible results in a given time. Professor Sleight belongs to the epoch-makers in educational lines, following out new and advanced ideas. He has



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spent a longer period as the head of the Elgin Academy than any other principal except Professor Sears and has found many problems to solve. He came here imbued with ardor, zeal and enthusiasm, resolved to know nothing but the academy and its interests and that resolution has since been a dominant factor in his life. It has been the province of Professor Sleight to guide, to guard and to watch, to develop ideas for improvement or to reject plans unsuited to existing conditions. With unwearied effort he has sought to secure every needed aid for the higher education which is pursued under his direction and to enlarge and emphasize every opportunity by which the academy has reached its present enviable position as a successful institution of learning.

Professor Sleight is a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He was married in July, 1894, to Miss Eda N. Collins, of Chicago, and they have two sons: Alfred C., born in 1895; and Virgil George, born January 31, 1903. It would be tautological in this connection to enter into any series of statements as showing Professor Sleight to be a man of broad scholarly attainments, for this has been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. He is moreover a man of wide sympathy and while his ideals of life are high, he is charitable in his opinions of others and always has a hand outreaching to aid those who desire his assistance.

T. CASS ELLITHORPE.

T. Cass Ellithorpe is classed among the wide-awake and progressive agriculturists of Virgil township, owning and operating a well improved and valuable farm of fifty acres conveniently situated within three miles of Virgil station. Mr. Ellithorpe is a native son of Kane county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Burlington township, October 12, 1847.

His parents, Timothy C. and Emily B. (Sells) Ellithorpe, were both natives of Canada. In 1835 they emigrated to the United States, the family home being established first in Chicago, where the father worked for two years at the printer's trade. He then removed with his family to Kane county, entering one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, this tract constituting a portion of that which is now owned by the son. Many Indians were still to be found in this district and were a source of constant annoyance to the white settlers. The father cleared and developed his farm and made it a valuable property, continuing to make his home thereon until the time of his death, which occurred May 1, 1861, his remains being buried in Lily Lake cemetery. He was a republican in his political views, while his religious faith was that of the Universalist church. His family numbered three sons and three daughters, namely: T. Cass, of this review; Myron W., who is engaged in farming in Minnesota; Louis C., a retired merchant of New Lebanon, Illinois; Emma, the wife of T. Watson, who resides in the state of Washington; Clara, deceased; and Etta R., the wife of Charles Roland, a farmer also of the state of Washington.

At the usual age T. Cass Ellithorpe entered the district schools, acquiring his education in the Union school, which he attended during the winter seasons, while in the summer months he assisted in the operation of the home farm. At the age of twenty years he completed his education and then took charge of the homestead property, managing the same for two years.

At the end of that time he was married to Miss Bell Mitchel, a resident of Plato township, where her father was engaged in farming. After his marriage Mr. Ellithorpe continued on the home farm until twenty years ago. He is now the owner of a farm of fifty acres in Virgil township. He has set out a large orchard, erected a good residence and outbuildings, and has placed many improvements thereon, these amounting to about four thousand dollars, so that he now has a model property, within three miles of Virgil station, on the Sycamore and St. Charles road. His land has all been placed under a high state of cultivation and he annually harvests good crops as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon the fields. In addition to raising grain, including corn, oats and barley, Mr. Ellithorpe also gives much time and attention to dairying, keeping a number of cows for this purpose.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellithorpe has been blessed with a son and daughter: Walter C., a motorman on a street car in Saginaw, Michigan; and Flora, the wife of D. C. Croft, a farmer of Plato township.

Following in the political footsteps of his father, Mr. Ellithorpe has always voted for the men and measures of the republican party. In everything he is eminently practical and this has been manifest, not only in his business undertakings, but also in social and private life, and he and his estimable wife enjoy the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends.

WILLIAM PATTERSON.

The life of an honest, industrious and capable farmer working his own land is in many ways one of the most independent and agreeable on earth, and especially is this the case in this land of boundless opportunity, wise laws and healthy public sentiment. William Patterson, living near Elburn in this county, is engaged in that agreeable occupation on a farm of his own, embracing two hundred and twenty-seven acres of as good agricultural land as can be found in the county.

He is a native of this state, born at Bristol, May 18, 1844, and a son of Matthew and Jane (Connell) Patterson, both natives of Scotland, the former born in Dumfriesshire and the latter near Glasgow. The father was a farmer and an active member of the Baptist church. He emigrated to America and located near Bristol, Illinois, arriving in that section of the state the same year the Indians were removed from it. He entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land, and on this he resided until his death, which occurred in 1900. He and his wife were the parents of seven children: Janetta, who married Simon Dixon, a farmer, and lives near Bristol, Illinois; Alexander, a farmer, who also lives near Bristol; Mary, who married

Charles Cashman and resides in Brown county, Nebraska; Jane, who is the wife of George Eccles; John, who is city marshal of Plain City, Illinois; Margaret, who married J. J. Miller, and has her home at Bristol; and William, the subject of this sketch.

The last named attended the public schools until he reached the age of sixteen years. He then worked on the farm with his father until he was twenty-two, when he began working for himself, obtaining employment as a farm hand. He continued this until he reached the age of twenty-eight, and then he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Casselman and settled on a farm of his own. Unto them were born five children: Clifford and Charles, who live in Kane county and are engaged in farming; Jennie, who resides with Warren, living on a farm in Blackberry township; and Madison, who has his home at Aurora, Illinois, and is an enterprising and successful manufacturer of shirt waists.

The father is a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in politics is a staunch republican, giving earnest and efficient aid to his party in all its struggles, but seeking none of its honors or emoluments for himself. In all the relations of life he has proven himself a man worthy of the highest confidence and esteem, taking an active and serviceable interest in every commendable undertaking for the progress and improvement of his county and the comfort and convenience of its people, and bearing cheerfully his share of the burdens incident to elevated and representative citizenship in the county, state and nation.

BERT C. VAN DUSEN.

The scenes of his present activities were the scenes of the childhood and youth of Bert C. Van Dusen, except as those scenes have been changed by the flight of time and the progress and improvement that have been wrought. He was born in Burlington township, November 1, 1877, and now, at the age of thirty-one, with all his faculties in full vigor and all his hopes expanding, he is carrying on a flourishing farming and dairying enterprise, which is the acquisition of his own industry, frugality and business capacity, aided by the same qualities in his wife.

Mr. Van Dusen is the son of Orlando and Ellen (Angel) Van Dusen, the former of whom was born in Burlington township in 1852, and the latter on the stormy bosom of the Atlantic while her parents were crossing it in their quest of better opportunities and more comfortable fortunes in this country than they had found possible in their native England. The father attended the country schools in Burlington township until he reached his maturity, with such interruptions as were incident to his circumstances. He and his wife became the parents of five children: Benjamin, now a farmer in Burlington township; Frank, who is an employe on a street-car line in Green Bay, Wisconsin; William, another of the wide-awake farmers of Burlington township; Louis, a farmer now residing in Burlington; and Bert.

The last named grew to manhood and obtained his education in his native township, attending the public schools until he reached the age of twelve, but going only in the winter months as his help was needed on the farm at other times. After leaving school he remained with his parents eleven years, or until his marriage in Sycamore in February, 1900, when he was united with Miss Gertie Whitcome, who was born in Nebraska in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Van Dusen have three children, Verne, Verva and Viola, all of whom are at home and attending school.

After his marriage Mr. Van Dusen worked by the month for three months, and at the end of that period rented a farm of which he is still the proprietor, but he returned to Sycamore to live and has continued to reside there ever since. On the farm he has a herd of seventeen cows, nearly all Holsteins, and with these he conducts a dairy business which engages most of his time and attention. His political alliance is with the republican party and in church membership he is a Catholic. Beginning with nothing he is now a man of substance with increasing prosperity, and he owes all his acquisitions to his own efforts and the assistance of his wife. The energy and thrift which have characterized him in his own affairs have also governed him in reference to public matters, in which he has taken an earnest and helpful interest, giving his support to every undertaking tending to advance the welfare of the township and losing no chance to aid in promoting every worthy cause.

HENRY C. KRUMM.

Henry C. Krumm, a prominent resident of McQueen, Illinois, where for the last fifteen years he has been engaged in the manufacture of tile and brick, was born in Germany, August 3, 1844, the son of Joseph Krumm, who came with his family to America in 1856 and located in Wisconsin. Prior to his coming to the United States he engaged in farming in Germany.

Our subject attended the district schools of Germany until he was sixteen years of age, receiving a good, practical education. He then returned home and contributed his energies to the general advancement of the family interests until he was twenty-four years of age, at which time he came to America and located in Michigan. There he engaged in brickmaking for a time, until he became quite skillful at the work. He left Michigan and located at Dundee, Illinois, where he followed the occupation of brickmaking for nine years, and from there went to Gilbert where he continued in this work for nine years longer. At the expiration of this time he was in a position to go into business for himself, and as he had the courage of his convictions he opened a brick and tile factory at McQueen, which has done a prosperous business from the first. The factory is fitted up with modern machinery throughout, the water power being supplied by means of a steam pump. The output is ten thousand bricks daily and it is now running at full capacity, the services of ten men being required to operate it.

In 1870 occurred the wedding of Mr. Krumm and Miss Lena Hager, who was born in Germany and came to America when twenty-two years of age. Six children have been born to this union, three sons and three daughters, namely: Matilda, the wife of Richard Ludwig, a brick merchant of Elgin; Emma, the wife of William Lorenge, also a resident of Elgin; Clara, the wife of Gus Peasler, a carpenter of Elgin; Adolph and Rupert, both of whom reside at home; and Henry, who is employed in Elgin.

Mr. Krumm is a republican in politics. Religiously, he is a faithful and consistent member of the German Lutheran church. The qualities of good citizenship, of reliability in business and faithfulness in friendship have ever been manifested in his character and the success which has come to him has been well merited.

GEORGE M. HOLBROOK.

We live in a land and an age of changes and mutations. The man who begins his career in this day and country with one occupation will very likely be found sometime later in life engaged in a very different one, for opportunity is many-sided here, and the demand for usefulness presents itself in almost countless phases. These conditions, together with our flexible systems of education, prepare our youth for almost any duty and emphasize the necessity for such general preparation. George M. Holbrook, of Elburn, Kane county, has tried his hand at several lines of serviceable labor and has made good in all.

He was born at Newport, Maine, September 30, 1860, the son of William and Caroline (Bowlen) Holbrook, both of whom are now deceased and have been laid to rest in the soil that was hallowed by their labors. The father was also a native of Newport, Maine, where he was born in 1816 and where he passed the whole of his life, dying there in 1881. He was a millwright and wrought long and industriously at his trade. In religious faith he was a Universalist, and in politics an unwavering republican. Seven children were born to William and Caroline Holbrook: Anna C., who married with W. N. Norwood and has her home in Bangor, Maine; Viola D., who became the wife of Charles Foster, an esteemed citizen of Summerville, Massachusetts; Eudora, who married Melvin Cooley and has since died; William E., who is a resident of Helena, Montana, where he is engaged in the livery business; Carrie, wife of Charles F. Cooley, a prosperous carpenter of Fort Benton, Montana; Fred P., an enterprising and successful boot and shoe merchant of Butte, Montana; and George M.

The last named attended the public schools until he was about sixteen years old and then worked for two years on the farm with his father. When he was eighteen he was apprenticed to a blacksmith and after completing his apprenticeship moved to Boston and later to Winthrop, Maine. But from his early youth the great west presented attractions to him, and the time came when he could no longer resist the temptation to cast his lot with that enterprising and

progressive section of the country. He, accordingly, came to Illinois and located at DeKalb, where he worked at his trade sixteen months. At the end of that time he changed both his residence and his occupation, moving to Freeport, this state, and taking charge of a hotel, which he kept for seven years. From Freeport he moved to Elburn, where he has lived during the last ten years, operating what is now the best equipped and most complete blacksmith and wheelwright shop in Kane county. Parts of the equipment are a gasoline motor machine for sharpening lawn mowers and other tools, a pulverizer lathe and emory wheels, rip-saws, powerdrills and a machine for rubber tiring, and in the use of these and other weapons of industry he is a thorough master, as he is of all features and details of his craft.

As a good citizen should, Mr. Holbrook takes an active and helpful interest in public affairs and has borne his part in the government of the communities in which he has lived. He was for two years a member of the city council of Freeport and served one year on the police force there; and everywhere he has been particularly zealous in local and general politics, attending conventions as a delegate and working hard at primary and general elections. His party affiliation is with the republicans, and he believes in his party with all the force of earnest conviction. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and the National Protective Legion.

Mr. Holbrook has been married twice. His first union was with Miss Anna Rohkar, who departed this life after a few years of domestic happiness and usefulness. The second marriage was with Miss Ida Vansickle, a native of Virgil, this county, whose parents are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook have no children of their own, but they have an adopted son now six years old to whom they are tenderly attached and who rewards their devotion and care with obedience, appreciation and the promise of a serviceable and creditable career in life. In his course of continuous and productive industry Mr. Holbrook has well exemplified the best traits of self-reliant and resourceful American citizenship, and has thereby contributed to the development and progress of the county, state and country of his home, both by his own work and by the forces he has set in motion through his influence and example. Such men as he have helped to make this country great and are still expanding its greatness.

GEORGE ROBERT WEISEL.

In spite of our colossal manufacturing industries, our almost boundless local and our enormous foreign commerce, and our gigantic business enterprises of all kinds, our agricultural interests and their products are, after all, the great source and basis of the wealth and power of our country; and the men managing those interests and fostering and augmenting them, are among the most useful and productive of our people. George R. Weisel of Kane county, is one of the number and may fitly be taken as a good representative of the class. He lives on a farm of his own, comprising

one hundred and fifty-three acres of excellent land in Blackberry township, lying half-way between LaFox and Elburn, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation by his thrift, intelligence and industry, making of it a model country home.

Mr. Weisel acquired his land by purchase, paying for it out of his savings while working by the month as a machinist, and he is entitled to all the greater credit because he has built up his estate and present prosperity entirely by his own efforts and business capacity, unaided by adventitious circumstances or the favors of fortune. This excellent farmer has used his faculties to good purposes and made the most of his opportunities, as his present condition of comfort and high standing in the community attests.

Mr. Weisel was born at St. Charles, Illinois, Septemebr 4, 1857, and is a son of John Andrew and Isabella (Berth) Weisel, the former a native of Weissenburg, Germany, and the latter of Scotland. The father came to the United States at the age of twenty and wrought at his trade as a stonemason until his death in 1907. The mother died in 1888, having lived in this country from the time when she was but twelve years old. The head of the house was a zealous member of the Congregational church, and was prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Five children were born in the family, George's brothers and sisters being: Ella, now deceased; Maggie, the wife of Alexander Sill, a watchmaker and jeweler of Elgin, Illinois; Jennie, who lives with George R., and is his housekeeper; and Charles, also deceased.

George R. Weisel attended the public school at St. Charles until he was sixteen and was then apprenticed to the machinst's trade. After completing his apprenticeship he moved to South Dakota and there entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land. But the new country to which he had migrated did not suit him, and, yielding to his longing for the older state of his nativity, he returned to Illinois and rented land for farming purposes for a period of twenty years in Kane county. He then bought the farm he now owns, paying for it, as has been noted, from his savings while working by the month. To this farm he has since given his whole attention, and with excellent results, making it one of the best in his township and raising it to a value beyond all promise by the diligent and skillful manner in which he has handled it. In all his undertakings and labors he has been zealously and effectively aided by his sister, Jennie, who has been all the while his housekeeper and homemaker, for he has never married.

Some years ago he started a dairy in connection with his farming operations, and this he has built up and expanded until now he has thirty-five cows which yield large returns for the care and intelligence he gives to them and add considerably to his revenues, while, at the same time, helping him to contribute essentially and substantially to the comfort, health and general welfare of the community around him.

Mr. Weisel is a Congregationalist in religious affiliation and ardently supports the church of his choice. He also takes an earnest and serviceable interest in public affairs, although not a strictly partisan in politics, and

is ever ready to do all he can to promote every worthy project for public improvement and the good of the people. His life has been unostentatious but useful. The daily duties found ever at his hand are never neglected, and the louder calls to general service have his prompt and willing response. Everybody who knows him esteems him as an upright man and a first-class citizen, whose example has been potential for good in his community, and whose advice is always deemed worthy of earnest and careful consideration. There are millions like him in the land, and each one of them does his part faithfully toward every interest of his country and his race.

WILLIAM STURGES.

A well developed and highly improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, situated in Virgil township, is the home of William Sturges, who deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in the business world, for all that he today possesses has been gained through his own labors. He was born on a farm near Sycamore, Illinois, June 5, 1869, of English parentage. His father, Edmund Sturges, was born in 1826, in Lincolnshire, England, where his boyhood days were spent and where he also acquired his education. During his early youth he heard much of the opportunities to be enjoyed in the new world and after much deliberation and planning, at the age of twenty-five, bidding adieu to his native land, he joined a party of friends and sailed for the new world. After reaching America he traveled around in search of a location and finally settled in DeKalb county, Illinois, where he secured employment as a farm hand, being thus engaged for five years. During this time he managed to save a sum of money sufficient to enable him to engage in farming on his own account, and at the age of thirty years he rented a farm and established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Margaret Sharkey. Their union was blessed with the following named children: Mary, the wife of Samuel Allen, a teamster, residing at Lily Lake; Annie, the wife of John Willett, a real-estate dealer of Hoopeston, Illinois; Sadie, who makes her home in Fulton, this state; Maggie, the wife of George Eaton, a resident farmer of Plato Center; Susie, the wife of Ernest Richmond, a farmer of Campton township; James, a farmer, making his home near Aurora; and Carrie, who is still at home as housekeeper for her brother.

The other member of the family, William Sturges, entered the district schools of Virgil township, wherein he completed his education. During the summer seasons he assisted his father in plowing, planting and harvesting, being thus engaged until the age of seventeen years, when he started out in life on his own account, working as a farm hand for several years. He was energetic and economical, and thus managed to save from his earnings a sum sufficient to enable him to purchase a small tract of land, situated east of Lily Lake. He took up his abode thereon and continued the operation of the place for twelve years, when, believing that the northwest offered

better advantages for the farmer, he disposed of his farming interests in this state and removed to South Dakota, where he purchased a farm of two hundred and forty acres. He was engaged in farming there during the succeeding three years, but not being satisfied with that country, on the expiration of that period he returned once more to Kane county and has since made his home here. He now operates a well-improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres, situated in Virgil township. He has divided the place into fields of convenient size by well kept fences, has erected good and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and now has a valuable property. He has fifty acres planted to corn, twenty-five to oats, has a meadow of twenty-two acres, while the rest of his farm is used for pasturage, for he keeps a large herd of Durham cows for dairy purposes. He is a man of good business ability and is meeting with success in his undertakings.

Mr. Sturges is a staunch advocate of the republican party, but has never been active as an office seeker, preferring to give his undivided time and attention to his private business affairs. He deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in the business world, for, starting out in life at an early age in the humble capacity of a farm hand, he has steadily worked his way upward until today he is numbered among the prosperous and substantial agriculturists of Kane county.

NELS JOHNSON.

Nels Johnson, who is successfully engaged in farming in St. Charles township, was born in Helsingborg, Sweden, November 3, 1862, his parents being Jens and Anna (Thurson) Johnson, also natives of Sweden. The father, who was born in 1808, was a carpenter by trade and passed away in the land of his birth in 1893. His wife, whose birth occurred in 1818, still makes her home in Sweden. The brothers and sisters of our subject are as follows: Pete, a stonemason by trade, who died in Chicago in 1892; Christine, who was born in Sweden in 1845 and now resides in Pennsylvania, being the wife of Mr. Benson; Hannah, who was born in Sweden in 1847 and still resides in that country, being the wife of Andrea Mongerson, a coal miner; Andrew, born in Sweden in 1852, who married Louise Westberg, and is a carpenter residing in California; and Matilda, born in 1857, who is the wife of Mr. Bergland and lives in Sweden, where her birth occurred.

The year 1882 witnessed the emigration of Nels Johnson to America, and for fifteen years he made his home in Chicago, being for a number of years employed by the McCormick Harvester Company of that city. For the past three years, however, he has carried on agricultural pursuits, his farm being located two miles west of St. Charles. In addition to the work of general farming he operates an extensive dairy, having twenty-five cows and taking milk to the St. Charles creamery. In the conduct of his business interests he has met with a gratifying and well-merited measure of prosperity,

the success which has crowned his efforts being entirely the result of his own well-directed energy and unflinching perseverance.

In this country Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Larson, a native of Sweden, where her birth occurred January 4, 1867. Their children are two in number, namely: Agnar Alton, whose birth occurred in Chicago, July 23, 1895; and Alice Louella, who was born in Chicago, September 7, 1897.

Mr. Johnson gives his political allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party, and he is a member of the North American Insurance Company. Through the utilization of the broader opportunities offered for advancement in the new world he has gained a creditable degree of prosperity and is now numbered among the progressive and enterprising citizens of his community.

GRANVILLE JOHNSTON.

Granville Johnston is now living retired in Aurora in the enjoyment of success which was worthily achieved. He was born in Selby township, Bureau county, Illinois, December 10, 1855, and is descended from one of seven brothers who emigrated from Scotland and settled in Virginia when this country was still numbered among the colonial possessions of Great Britain. After a time the brothers separated, some going to the New England states and others to New York and Pennsylvania. General Bradley T. Johnston and General Joseph E. Johnston, of Confederate fame, were descended from the same ancestry. The paternal grandmother of Mr. Johnston was a Quaker who bore the maiden name of Jones and was a relative of the famous Lynch family of Lynch's Ferry, Virginia, which is now the city of Lynchburg. In the old Quaker cemetery four miles from that place are buried many generations of the Jones and Lynch families.

Henry M. Johnston, father of our subject, was born in Campbell county, Virginia, December 18, 1814, and there spent his boyhood and youth. In early manhood he started out to make his own way in the world, traveling on foot across the Blue Ridge mountains to the Ohio river and covering on the journey a distance of forty miles per day. At Guyandotte he took passage on an Ohio river boat for Cincinnati and thence made his way to Xenia, Ohio, where he resided for four years. During that period he married Miss Margaret Long, a native of Greene county and a daughter of Henry H. and Mary (Walden) Long. The marriage was celebrated in January, 1841, and the following year Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, with their little child, made an overland journey with team to Bureau county, Illinois, and established their home upon a tract of wild land of thirty-six acres in Selby township. Mr. Johnston had but twenty dollars at the time of his arrival but he possessed resolute purpose and unflinching diligence and in the effort to achieve success moved steadily forward. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and his financial rating at the time of his death was fifty thousand dollars or more.



GRANVILLE JOHNSTON



MRS. GRANVILLE JOHNSTON

In 1880 he removed to Morrison, Iowa, where he lived for five years and then returned to Princeton, Illinois, but later he and his wife made their home with their son Granville. The father was a man of retiring disposition but strictly honorable in all his business transactions and merited and received the high esteem of those with whom he came in contact. He died June 30, 1894, while his wife passed away February 28, 1898. Their children were: Francis M., residing in Lansing, Michigan; Joseph Z., who is living in Princeton, Illinois; and James H., who died at the age of twenty-seven years.

Granville Johnston has practically spent his entire life in this state. He was reared to farm life, dividing his time in his boyhood between the public schools and the work of the fields. After attaining his majority he made preparations for having a home of his own by his marriage on the 8th of September, 1880, to Miss Sarah L. Ellis, who was born July 2, 1862, and is a daughter of Miletus W. and Mary (Coleman) Ellis. Her father, a native of Dover township, Bureau county, Illinois, was a son of Abbott Ellis, a native of Albemarle county, Virginia. Mrs. Johnston was born in the same house in which her father's birth occurred. He died October 27, 1881, in Castle Rock, Colorado, and his widow is now residing in Boulder, that state. They were the parents of five children but four of the number are now deceased.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Johnston became residents of Grundy county, Iowa, where he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land at twenty dollars an acre. There he engaged in farming and was one of the progressive agriculturists of the community, introducing there the first steam thresher taken into the county. After ten years he disposed of his land in Iowa at a good profit and returned to Princeton, Illinois. He then bought a farm in the vicinity of that city and in connection with the management of his agricultural interests he also engaged in the real-estate business. He bought and sold many tracts of land on his own account and negotiated various realty transfers for others. In April, 1891, he removed with his family to Aurora, where he has also been well known as a prominent and successful real-estate dealer. His own holdings comprise two fine farms, one of two hundred and twenty-eight acres near Kaneville and the other three hundred and twenty-four acres in Blackberry township. It is his intention, however, to retire from active business life and he is now remodeling a fine stone residence which he recently purchased near Batavia. This house was built in 1844 from stone out of the first quarry opened near Batavia. It is situated on the Aurora & Elgin electric car line and overlooks the beautiful Fox river. It was for many years the home of Judge Samuel D. Lockwood, a former judge of the Illinois supreme court, who granted Abraham Lincoln permission to practice at the Illinois bar. The Johnston home, recently completed, is one of the finest and most substantial dwellings in Kane county and there Mr. Johnston expects to find pleasure in his well earned rest from further labor.

Following the removal of the family to Aurora their children became students in the schools of that city. The daughter, Viola, was born July 30, 1885, and after attending the Aurora high school completed a course of training in the Chicago School of Domestic Arts and Sciences and also a

course of music in the Columbia Conservatory of Music in Aurora. She likewise studied bookkeeping in the Allen Business College, of Aurora, and she is now prominent in the social circles of the city, holding membership in the Galena Street Methodist Episcopal church and the T. H. E. Club. The son, Henry E., born November 11, 1886, was graduated from the West Aurora high school in June, 1906, and is now traveling salesman for the Olds Motor Works, of Lansing, Michigan, with office in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and their daughter are members of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Aurora, and Mr. Johnston has attained the Knight Templar degree in Masonry, belonging to Temple Commandery, No. 20, of Princeton. He has been an able and successful business man and financier, is a public-spirited citizen and in every sense of the word is a gentleman, occupying an enviable position in the social circles where intelligence is a necessary attribute to agreeableness. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are lovers of social enjoyments and their home is always open for the reception of their many friends.

ANDREW MAGNUS.

Andrew Magnus, a leading contractor and builder of Elgin, who is also extensively engaged in quarrying cut stone, was born in Sweden on the 9th of November, 1839, his parents being Andrew and Anna (Britta) Magnus, whom he accompanied on their emigration to the United States in 1852. The father was a farmer by occupation. Our subject first attended the public schools of his native country and continued his education in the academy of Elgin.

On putting aside his text-books he was apprenticed to E. F. Reeves, a mason contractor, with whom he continued until twenty-one years of age. In 1861 he went to California and there worked at his trade, but in 1865 returned to Elgin and took charge of Mr. Reeves' work on some large buildings for a year and a half. Subsequently he worked in Rockford and Chicago and also resided on a farm which he had purchased, for one year. Again returning to Elgin in 1874, he here established himself in business as a mason contractor and since that time has been prominently and successfully connected with the building interests of this city. He put up the greater number of the structures here and practically all of the important contracts were awarded him, including the erection of the Opera House block, Borden's Condensed Milk factory, the Fosgate Hotel, seven large school houses, etc., all of which were completed before the year 1890. During this time he was also engaged in the stonecutting business and in the coal and ice business but sold the latter enterprise to the Knickerbocker Ice Company in 1904. He likewise managed the South Elgin Stone Company and is still interested in the concern. Six or seven years ago he admitted his son-in-law, John S. Russell, to a partnership in the stonecutting business, and likewise became a partner of W. F. Hagel in the conduct of the South Elgin quarry. He now devotes his time to the business of quarrying cut stone and contracting, and is at

present engaged on the construction of a large Catholic church at Decatur, Illinois. At the time of the erection of the First Baptist church in Elgin, in 1871, he acted as foreman, and from that early period to the present time has been continuously connected with the county's upbuilding and development along the most substantial lines.

On the 30th of May, 1871, Mr. Magnus was united in marriage to Miss Carrie G. Samuelson, a daughter of Charles and Inga Marie Samuelson, of Elgin. Their family numbers six children, as follows: Andrew Victor, who wedded Elizabeth McGraw, by whom he has two children, Harold and Orville; Anna, who is the wife of John S. Russell and has one son, Paul; Maud; Clarence; Ethel, the wife of Fred Adkins; and Harold.

Mr. Magnus gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the English Lutheran church. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen. He is widely recognized as one of Kane county's most substantial and prosperous citizens and few, if any, residents of the community are held in higher respect and esteem than Andrew Magnus.

CHARLES FLOYD PHILLIPS.

During the last sixteen years this enterprising and resourceful market gardener and general farmer has been profitably engaged in the interesting industry of raising asparagus for the Chicago markets. He owns and cultivates nineteen acres of very fertile and productive land in sections 31 and 32, Aurora township, the greater part of which is devoted to this toothsome aristocrat of the menu, and the yield is not only great in quantity, but also superior in quality, the output of the Phillips' gardens having a place in the first rank wherever it is known.

Mr. Phillips is a native son of Illinois, having been born near Oswego in Kendall county, on a farm then managed by his parents, whose history is given in the sketch of his brother, Edmund B. Phillips, elsewhere in this volume. When he was seven years old Mr. Phillips moved with the rest of the family to a farm half a mile west of Montgomery in this county, and this enabled him to attend the graded schools in Montgomery, which he did from 1881 to 1892.

On leaving school he at once began the industry which now occupies him and which he has followed ever since, although during 1896 and 1897 he was also associated with his brothers Edmund and Clarence in a laundry business in Chicago. In April, 1898, he enlisted at Springfield for the Spanish-American war, in which his whole company, Company B, Third Illinois National Guard, engaged. The command was ordered to Porto Rico, where it continued in active service until January 22, 1899, when it was mustered out. Mr. Phillips returned to his home and again resumed his place in the business which his brother had managed in his absence. In addition to the culture of asparagus on a large scale, the Phillips brothers carry on extensive

operations in the sale of threshing machinery and in baling and selling hay. They are successful in all lines of their business and are among the most enterprising men in the county.

At Aurora, May 9, 1900, Charles F. Phillips was married to Miss Mayme E. Stanton, the daughter of James and Ellen (Morrissey) Stanton, the former a native of Michigan and the latter of County Waterford, Ireland. The mother came to this country at the age of eighteen, and in 1873 was married to Mr. Stanton at Elkhart, Indiana. Their daughter, Mayme, now Mrs. Phillips, was born at Elkhart, November 25, 1875, and when she was but five years old moved to Kane county with her parents, who are now living in Aurora. The father has been employed for many years in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in that city.

In politics Mr. Phillips is a republican, and, although not an officeseeker, he takes an earnest and helpful interest in the affairs of his party. During the war in which he fought he was corporal of Company D, and he now keeps alive the memories and associations of the contest and his military life by membership in the Spanish-American War Veterans Association, being regular in attendance at the meetings and cordial in his interest in the proceedings of the organization. His wife is a member of St. Mary's Catholic church in Aurora. She was well educated, being graduated from the East Aurora high school in the class of 1893. They have three children: Mildred Evelyn, born March 7, 1901; Marjorie Catherine, born April 20, 1902; and Donald James, born December 14, 1906. There are no better or more sterling citizens in Kane county than Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, and few, if any, are held in higher regard by the general public.

CARL AUGUST ANDERSON.

The Swedish people have done great things for every land in which they have colonized or settled extensively. In their own country the bounties of nature have been given stingingly, and what there are must be made the most of. Accordingly the inhabitants are taught, by both circumstances and training, the necessity for industry, frugality and thrift, beginning their lessons in this regard almost in their cradles. When they go abroad the national traits, which have characterized the race for centuries, are found to be the most valuable assets in the business of life, and they always bring excellent results. In this blessed land of ours, where nature is most prodigal and rewards every honest courtesy paid to her grace with lavish benefactions, Swedish industry and thrift have found at all times both a ready and a plentiful recompense, and in turn have shown themselves worthy in what they have done for the development and improvement of the region to which they have been applied. Carl August Anderson and his career in this country make up a case in point.

He was born in Sweden, September 7, 1875, the son of Nicholas and Enge Augusta Anderson, who were actively and successfully engaged in farming in that country. The father was a zealous member of the Lutheran

church and after a long life of usefulness surrendered his trust a few years ago at the behest of the great Disposer. The mother is still living in her native land crowned with the respect and good will of all who have the pleasure of knowing her. They were the parents of five children: Anton, who lives in Sweden; Carl A.; Lotta, who is the wife of Martin Carlson, a farmer; Hilda, married to John Enorkson, also a farmer; and Caroline, who is living with her mother.

Carl A. Anderson received his early education at the public schools and at the age of fourteen went to work for himself, serving as a farm hand for four years. When he was eighteen he emigrated to the United States and located at Elburn, in this county, where he has ever since had his home. He worked as a hired hand until 1905, when he purchased a dairy outfit comprising thirty-five cows with the money he had saved from his earnings. He is living on a rented farm, but is carrying on a profitable and agreeable business, and is also keeping the farm in good condition and making it more and more productive year by year. He has occupied this farm for two years, and it already shows marked improvement under his careful and skillful management, while his cows are far above the average in quality and appearance. Many of his neighbors, who are also engaged in dairying, use milking machines, but Mr. Anderson sticks to first principles, using hand milking yet, as he believes he can get better results and take better care of his stock by that process.

He gives due and intelligent attention to public affairs, voting the republican ticket on all occasions and doing his part to help the cause of his party and its candidates along, although seeking nothing in the way of public office for himself. In fraternal relations he belongs to the Masonic order, being a devout and loyal Master Mason, and in religious faith he is a Lutheran. He meets all the requirements of his daily life with a serene and constant spirit, performing every duty with fidelity and discharging every obligation in full measure.

MRS. HILDA LIND.

This estimable, enterprising and self-reliant lady, the widow of the late Charles J. Lind, owns and lives on a farm of two hundred and thirty-seven acres of excellent land in Sugar Grove township, which is farmed by her two sons under her direction. The farm was purchased by her husband in 1901, and he at once took possession of it, moving his family from Bureau county, Illinois, and establishing them on it. He has been actively engaged in farming in Bureau county for a number of years and had been successful in his undertaking. His advent into Kane county was, therefore, warmly welcomed by the people and looked upon as an event of importance and benefit to the township in which he settled. But the year after his location on this farm he died, leaving his widow with four children to care for and rear.

The two sons, Conrad F. and Arthur C., are now grown to man's estate, and carry on the farm in conjunction with their mother. The two daughters, Agnes J. and Esther C., are also living at home. The latter was grad-

uated from the West Aurora high school in June, 1907. While the other children in the family did not have the opportunity to complete the high-school course, all obtained a good common-school education, and the sons attended a business college. They give credit to the community in which they live by their intelligence and mental development.

Mr. Lind, their father, was a public-spirited man and gave close and careful attention to public affairs. He voted the republican ticket, but, although devoted to the success of his party, and doing his share of the work necessary to secure that, in business and the other relations of life he considered neither party nor creed, but estimated all men by the worth they exhibited and asked no other gauge for himself.

ANDREW HASSELL.

Born and reared in the land of Gustavus Adolphus and Charles XII, whose mighty armies were for years the terror of Europe, and whose triumphs in art and science, physical and metaphysical, are the pride of the world, Andrew Hassell (born Anderson) inherited the spirit of his people and has laid its best contributions and achievements on the altar of our country, which has long been also his. His life began in Sweden, March 26, 1861, and he is a son of Samuel and Anna B. (Johnson) Anderson, having for sufficient reason which involved nothing of unmanliness or wrong on his part, changed his name to Hassell. Both father and mother were also natives of Sweden and prosperous farmers there. Both are now deceased, and their remains were laid to rest in their native land. They were the parents of four children, their offspring, in addition to the subject of this brief review, being Anna L. Anderson, who lives in Sweden; John M. Hassell, a machinist residing at Batavia, Illinois; and James B. Hassell, a prosperous painter at River Forest in this state.

Andrew Hassell attended the state or public schools in his native land until he was fifteen years of age, then worked on a farm four years for a compensation of sixty crowns per year, less than sixteen dollars in our money. At the age of nineteen he came to the United States and took up his residence at Batavia, Illinois, where he immediately went to farming. In 1906, with money he had saved, he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Minnesota. But he did not remain in that state, preferring to make his home in Illinois. He, accordingly, came back and located on a rented farm which he still occupies and manages.

In 1883 he was married to Miss Gusta C. Lilja, like himself a native of Sweden. Her father was a well-to-do painter, who died some years ago. His widow is still living in Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Hassell have five children: Albert B., Franz S. L., Harold J., Alden W., and Ruth A. C., all of whom are living at home.

In this land of boundless opportunity Mr. Hassell readily found what he sought—profitable employment for his capacity and industry and an open

door to prosperity; and, knowing well how to use his chances, he has won substantial progress and made himself comfortable for life. Like the great bulk of his countrymen, too, who have come to this land of freedom and high appreciation of diligence and ability, he has not been satisfied to merely push his own fortunes forward, but has helped to make the wilderness teem with the fruits and fragrance of civilized life, and has also taken his place and borne well his part in promoting, defending and improving our civil and political institutions, and augmenting all the elements of our industrial and commercial greatness. He has performed with fidelity and intelligence all the duties of citizenship in the land of his adoption as he did in that of his birth, and in his way has exemplified the fact that new countries grow great and prosperous in proportion as they are liberal in reference to immigration and naturalization. America owes more than she can estimate to the thrifty elements of her population from foreign countries, and to none more than the good Swedes who have helped so materially to expand her material, intellectual and moral forces.

GEORGE H. MOODY.

George H. Moody, who is numbered among the substantial citizens of Kane county, is engaged in the conduct of a creamery in Virgil township. He was born in New Hampshire, November 30, 1850, one of the three children of Daniel and Mary Ann (Rollins) Moody, the other members of the family being Eliza J., deceased, and Ella M., the wife of John S. Murphy, a druggist of Pontiac, Illinois. The father was born in Gilmanton, New Hampshire, May 3, 1818. He was engaged in farming in the east, but owing to poor health sought a change of climate, coming thence to Roscoe, Illinois, where he continued in agricultural pursuits for three years. He then removed to Nebraska, where he entered land from the government and remained for three years. He, however, was dissatisfied with life in the west and returned once more to this state, locating in McLean county on a farm which he cultivated until his demise, which occurred in November, 1872, when he was fifty-four years of age. He was a republican in his political views, while religiously he was a Methodist. The mother, who was likewise a native of New Hampshire, is also deceased, her remains being interred at Fairbury, Illinois. The great-grandfather, John Moody, was captain of a company in the Revolutionary war.

George H. Moody was but a young lad at the time of the parents' removal from the east to Illinois. During the winter months he attended the district schools of McLean county, while in the summer seasons he assisted in the various tasks of the home farm. At the early age of fifteen years, owing to his father's poor health, he put aside his studies and assisted largely in the care and management of the homestead property until he had reached the age of twenty-three years, when his father passed away, after which the son assumed full management of the farm. After a time he went to Wisconsin

where he was engaged in farming for two years, but in the spring of 1880 he returned to Illinois and since that period has been engaged in the manufacture of butter and cheese in Virgil township. In the fall of 1882 he purchased his present factory, situated within a mile and three-quarters of Richardson, on the township line between Burlington and Virgil. Since he purchased the building he has added many improvements, the plant being operated with steam power. It has cement floors and an excellent sewerage system and all its appointments are modern in every particular. He is engaged quite extensively in the manufacture of butter and cheese, handling a large amount of milk daily, and his products find a ready sale on the market, where they command the highest prices, owing to their excellent quality.

Mr. Moody's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party, but he has never been active as an office seeker, finding that his time is amply occupied with his private business affairs. He possesses untiring energy and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is today his.

WILLIAM A. RUSSELL.

This prosperous farmer and dairyman and influential citizen of Burlington township was born September 21, 1854, in sight of his present residence, and has passed practically all his days thus far on the same land. He is the son of Jonas and Rebecca (Esterbrook) Russell, and one of their five children, three of whom are living, the other two being Albert and George, both farmers in Burlington township, the latter owning and farming a portion of the parental homestead. The two children who died were the daughters of the family, Mary J. and Hannah.

The father of this family was born near Orangeville, New York, and accompanied his parents to Illinois when he was a young man. The family located at Batavia and devoted their energies to farming. As young Jonas Russell grew to manhood he bought a farm in Burlington township, which was but a nucleus for his farther ambitions. By energy, sagacity and strict attention to all his opportunities, he increased his original purchase until he owned six hundred acres of the best land in the township. At his death on October 3, 1906, he left this land highly improved with all the needs and conveniences of a first-class modern farm and in an advanced state of cultivation. He was a prominent and popular man with commanding influence in the affairs of the township, and for many years served the people greatly to their advantage as supervisor, township clerk and justice of the peace. In politics he was a republican, and in fraternal life a member of the Masonic order. His widow, now in her eightieth year, is still living on the homestead, vigorous in health and active in her participation in the duties of the household.

William A. Russell obtained the usual education vouchsafed to country boys of his day and locality. He attended the country school near his home

in winter, working on the farm in summer until he reached the age of twenty-one. Soon after attaining his majority he was married to Miss Phoebe M. Jones, who was born in the state of New York. They have two children: Freeman, who lives in Burlington; and Fannie P., who is the wife of William Barry, and who, with her husband and one daughter, Blanch Ruth, lives on the farm with her parents.

Mr. Russell's farm consists of one hundred and eighty-six acres and is part of the land formerly owned by his father. Although in good condition when he became possessed of it, he has greatly improved it, keeping pace with the progress in the science and practice of agriculture, and adding to his home all of the comforts, many of the luxuries and much of the artistic adornment of modern country life. His dairy is furnished with the yield of fourteen fine cows and makes a substantial addition to the enjoyments of his home and to the revenues that provide them. The proprietor is a republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in religious affiliation. No man stands higher in the community, and none is more deserving of the esteem that is universally and freely accorded him.

BYRON S. CORNWALL.

Byron S. Cornwall, a successful farmer and dairyman residing near Lily Lake, was born in Herkimer county, New York, December 26, 1850, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Ewings) Cornwall, both of whom were natives of England, where the father was born in October, 1808, and the mother in 1810. At the age of thirty Thomas Cornwall removed with his family to the United States and located in Herkimer county, New York, where he followed farming. Later he located his family in DeKalb county, Illinois, and, having caught the gold fever, he went alone to California, where he was very successful in gold mining. He remained there for three years, when he returned to the state and purchased a farm near Sycamore, which he later sold and then purchased the farm upon which our subject now resides near Lily Lake. He has made his home in Sycamore for the past fifteen years. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in politics was a staunch republican. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cornwall, five sons and one daughter, namely: William G., a retired farmer, of Harper county, Kansas; Thomas, a medical practitioner, of Sedgwick, Kansas, where he owns and conducts a drug store; Martha, the widow of Harry Winters, formerly a machinist of Syracuse, Illinois; Alonzo D., a machinist, of Syracuse, Illinois; Fred, a farmer, in Michigan; and Byron S., of this review.

Byron S. Cornwall received his early education in the district schools of DeKalb county, which he attended regularly throughout the winter months up to the time he was eighteen years of age, when he discontinued his studies to devote his entire attention to the work of the farm. He contributed his energies to the general advancement of the family interests until he reached

the age of twenty-eight years, at which time he rented a farm and began operations in his own behalf. He continued to rent land for the next five years, during which time his success was such that at the end of this interval he was able to make a payment and secure title to two hundred and fifty eight acres of land, one hundred and twenty-eight acres of which he later sold, leaving him in possession of his present home place, consisting of one hundred and thirty acres. The farm is well stocked with fruit, well watered and highly improved, there having been about eight thousand dollars expended in improvements on the place. In addition to his farming interests he also conducts a dairy of twenty cows, of the Holstein and Durham stock.

In 1884 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cornwall and Miss Marguerite Hines, who was born in Aurora. Four children have been born to this union, of whom Arthur E., Johnny and Howard reside at home with their parents. Lulu is a teacher in the public schools of Campton township. Politically Mr. Cornwall is a republican. He is a warm friend of the cause of education and has served as school director in his district. Fraternaly he is a member of the Masonic order.

W. J. TYERS.

Among the able members of the Aurora bar is numbered W. J. Tyers, who is one of the native sons of the city, born February 13, 1869. His father, John Tyers, was a native of Northamptonshire, England, his birth having there occurred on the 4th of September, 1831. In his native land he learned and followed the carpenter's trade until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when in 1852, he came to the United States. In 1854 he became a resident of Aurora, where he engaged in business as a contractor and builder, and was also for a number of years connected with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company as a contractor, engaged in the erection of depots and other buildings. He erected many private residences and many public buildings in Aurora and was closely associated with its material progress and improvement. In 1858 he married Sophie Corlett, a native of New York.

W. J. Tyers was educated in the public schools of Aurora, passing through consecutive grades as he mastered the branches of English learning. Eventually he took up the study of law with the firm of Alschuler & Murpily and was admitted to the bar in 1894. In 1897 he was elected city attorney, and was reelected two years later. In 1900 he was elected state's attorney and served for one term. Since that time he has practiced alone in Aurora and has ever maintained the reputation as one of the strongest and ablest lawyers of the bar of this city. During his term as state's attorney he had charge of many important cases, notably the Romana case, in which the murderer was tried at Geneva and was sentenced to death. The case was appealed to the governor on legal arguments on the grounds of insanity. Mr. Tyers prosecuted the case all through, and the penalty was fixed at death, it being the first legal execution in Illinois for fifty years. Mr. Tyers is strong in argument, mastering



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the points of his case with logical precision, while his deductions are sound and his application of legal principles correct. In 1908 he was again nominated for state's attorney, although there were four candidates running against him, but his past record won him the nomination.

In 1896 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Tyers and Miss Anna Hadden, a native of Bristol, Kendall county, Illinois. Mr. Tyers is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. Richly endowed by nature with admirable social qualities, he has, too, the sterling principles which command respect and confidence in every

NICK RILAND.

Nick Riland, a successful agriculturist residing in Virgil township, was born in Luxemburg, October 18, 1850, his parents being William and Barbara (Batender) Riland, both of whom were born in Luxemburg in 1833. They there celebrated their marriage and in 1888 came to America, settling east of Aurora in Kane county, Illinois, where the father remained until the time of his demise in 1897. His wife survived him until 1904, and they are both buried in Aurora. The record of their children is as follows: Mary, whose birth occurred in Luxemburg in 1849, became the wife of Jacob Steffes, an agriculturist, and they reside in Virgil township. Nick, of this review, was the next in order of birth. Cathrina, who was born in Luxemburg in 1851, married William Faber, a farmer by occupation, and they reside at Virgil. Mary, born in 1852, became the wife of Matthew Stark, a laborer residing in Aurora. Lena, whose birth occurred in Luxemburg in 1853, married Carl Hines, who is also a laborer residing in Aurora. John, born in Luxemburg in 1854, married Miss Mary Wrangler and they make their home in Aurora. Catherina, also a native of Luxemburg, now lives in Austin, Illinois. She is the wife of Pete Miller, who is foreman in the power house. Elizabeth, a native of Luxemburg, became the wife of Frank Obermeyer, a resident of Austin, Illinois.

In 1881 Nick Riland removed from Aurora, Illinois, to his present location in Virgil township, here owning ninety-three acres of well improved and productive land. He paid thirty-eight dollars per acre for this tract, but, owing to its present high state of cultivation and improvement, it is now worth one hundred dollars per acre. In addition to the work of general farming he conducts a dairy, having sixteen cows, and daily delivers thirty-two gallons of milk to the creamery. Besides his farm he has personal property to the value of one thousand dollars, and also owns a house and two lots in Maple Park which are worth twelve hundred dollars. He is widely recognized as one of the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the county and his success is attributable in large measure to his well-directed energy and unwearied industry, guided by sound business judgment.

Mr. Riland was united in marriage. in 1872, to Miss Cathrina Crisman, whose birth occurred in Aurora, July 4, 1853, and by whom he has six chil-

dren: Jacob, who was born in Aurora in 1875, was married in 1901 to Miss Catherina Wintzen, and now resides at home, being a farmer by occupation. Maggie, born in Aurora in 1877, became the wife of Nick Wintzen and now resides in Virgil township. John, whose birth occurred in Aurora in 1878, is a Catholic priest residing at Chicago Heights. William, a native of Aurora, his natal day being July 31, 1885, is farming in DeKalb county. Mary, who was born in Aurora in 1889, keeps house for her brother at Chicago Heights. Elizabeth, whose birth occurred in Virgil in 1892, is at home.

Mr. Riland is independent in politics, supporting the best men regardless of party affiliation. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his county. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Kane county and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

CHARLES P. REID, M.D.

Dr. Charles P. Reid, for sixty years a resident of Kane county and for thirty-six years engaged in the practice of medicine, is a representative of the profession whose laudable ambition has prompted him to carry forward the work of investigation and research until his ability places him with the leading physicians of this part of the state. He is, moreover, a man of sympathetic nature and kindly spirit—qualities which are always essential in the attainment of the highest success in the practice of medicine and surgery.

Dr. Reid is a native of Frontenac county, Canada, his birth having occurred near Kingston, October 16, 1848. He traces his ancestry back to William Reid, his great-grandfather, who married a Miss Gordon. Both died in Scotland, their native land. The grandfather, John Reid, was for seventeen years a resident of Frontenac county, Canada, making his home near Kingston after his arrival in the new world in 1835. He owned there a farm of two hundred acres and it continued to be his dwelling place until his death, which occurred about 1852. He married Martha Armour, a daughter of William and Margaret Armour, and her death occurred about 1859.

Their son, David Reid, was born near Aiken Claurie, about thirty-five miles south of Glasgow, Scotland, February 13, 1813, and remained a resident of the land of hills and heather until 1833, when he sailed from Campbellton on the vessel Margaret, of Londonderry, which three months later dropped anchor in the harbor of Quebec. It was two years afterward that his parents came to the new world. David Reid resided in Canada until 1848, when, on a prospecting tour, he visited Kane county, Illinois, and made investment in one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hampshire township. He then returned to his old home but in the spring of 1850 took

up his permanent abode in this county, spending more than a half century upon the farm which he first purchased. At different times he added to his property until he became the owner of three hundred and sixty acres, but, selling a portion of this, he owned at the time of his death the south half of section 17. He reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years, passing away in 1901. He was married in Canada to Olive Powley, whose birth occurred in Frontenac county in April, 1813, and who passed away on the old family homestead in Hampshire township, this county, in 1871. Her father, William Powley, a native of Pennsylvania, attained the age of ninety years. His parents lived in America prior to the Revolutionary war, but after the close of that struggle returned to Germany, their native country, where they spent several years and then came again to the new world. William Powley married Elizabeth Hoffman, and about the time of the outbreak of the war of 1812 removed to Canada, where he purchased land and carried on farming throughout his remaining days. It was his daughter Olive who became the wife of David Reid, and three of their children still survive: John, a banker of Kansas; Charles P.; and Martha, who is the wife of Alexander R. Walker and yet lives upon the old family homestead.

Brought to Kane county during his infancy, Dr. Reid pursued his early education in the public schools of Hampshire and afterward attended the Elgin Academy and Clark Seminary, now Jennings Seminary, in Aurora. He engaged in teaching school during six winter terms and in the summer months devoted his time and energies to farming. In the meantime he began reading medicine, preparatory to making its practice his life work. He pursued his studies privately for a time, and then continued his reading under the direction of Dr. Kelly, of Elgin, prior to his matriculation in the Bennett Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1872. He was also a student in the Pharmaceutical College of Chicago and after successfully passing his examination there, devoted three years to the practice of pharmacy in that city.

Dr. Reid located for the practice of medicine in Hampshire in 1875 and there continued until 1888, after which he joined his brother in Kansas City, Kansas, continuing a member of the medical profession at that point until 1894. He then returned to Hampshire and has since enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, to which his ability well entitles him. He reads broadly, thinks deeply and makes correct application of his knowledge to the needs of his patients. In the summer of 1898 he pursued a post-graduate course in the Polyclinic College of Chicago, where he obtained broad knowledge of the improved methods of medical and surgical practice. He was again a student there in 1903 and 1907, and he also did post-graduate work in the Herring Hospital in Chicago in 1907.

Dr. Reid is interested in various scientific subjects and possesses not a little inventive genius. His ability in this direction has resulted in several tangible forms, one of his inventions being an improved electric alarm, which not only gives warning at the entrance of a burglar, but also when the wires are cut or disabled—in which regard it is an improvement upon other inventions of a similar character.

On the 6th of February, 1877, occurred the marriage of Dr. Reid and Miss Rosamond Heath, who was born in Germany, and died in Kansas City, Kansas, August 16, 1899, leaving a son, Guy, while two children, Olive and Mayne, died in infancy. In 1898 Guy Reid joined Company E of the Third Illinois Regiment, which went from Elgin to Porto Rico and served during the Spanish-American war. He was subsequently for four years in the United States navy on the battleship Missouri, and was honorably discharged in October, 1907. He was on guard at the time of the explosion on that ship but, fortunately, was not seriously injured. Prior to his enlistment he was in the employ of Marshall Field & Company of Chicago, and since his retirement from the army he has been bookkeeper for the United Cigar Stores Company at Boston, Massachusetts, where he is now located.

Dr. Reid is a Mason and has filled all of the offices in the lodge at Hampshire. He has likewise taken the degrees of the chapter and commandery and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish rite. His name is also on the membership rolls of the Foresters and the Knights of the Maccabees. In community affairs he has been an influential factor and the village acknowledges its indebtedness to him for valuable services in its behalf. He has been a member of the village board for nineteen years, acting as president during much of this time, and for twelve years has been a member of the school board. On the expiration of his present term as a member of the board of supervisors, he will have served for ten years in that capacity. While a progressive and helpful citizen and a friend who delights in social interests, he yet regards the practice of medicine as his chief life work and allows naught to interfere with the prompt and capable performance of his duties in that connection. He is a member of the various eclectic medical societies, has been vice president of the State Eclectic Society and also keeps in touch with and attends the meetings of the regular and homeopathic societies. In his practice he has been remarkably successful in obstetrical, typhoid and diphtheria cases and the profession as well as the general public entertains high regard for his ability.

C. T. McBRIARTY.

C. T. McBriarty, conducting a fire insurance and real-estate agency in Elgin, his native city, was born May 31, 1861, a son of Anthony and Margaret (Kenealy) McBriarty. The father was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and the mother of Limerick, Ireland, and on coming to this country about 1835 they settled in New Jersey.

The father was a morocco finisher and expert worker in fine leather. The year 1849 witnessed his arrival in Elgin, where he was employed in a tannery upon the present site of Borden's Condensed Milk factory. Here he continued in business until his demise, which occurred in January, 1879. He is still survived by his wife, who yet makes her home in Elgin. Anthony

McBriarty served as a soldier in the Mexican war and was also a member of Mulligan's Irish Brigade and for four years was thus connected with the Union army in the Civil war. At Lexington, Missouri, he was captured but subsequently was paroled and returned home with a blanket around him, having no clothing. After the reorganization of the regiment he was in Mulligan's Brigade in the Hancock Corps and went to Washington, D. C., where he witnessed the hanging of Mrs. Surratt, who was hanged as an accessory in the assassination of President Lincoln, Mr. McBriarty being on military duty at the time of the execution. Several times while at the front he was wounded and left the army with a number of scars, which were badges of honor, showing that he was ever fearless in defense of the stars and stripes. He had all of the experiences of warfare, including the long hard marches and the lack of food, together with the active duty in the face of the enemy's fire. He held the rank of first lieutenant in Mulligan's Brigade and was a splendid specimen of humanity, standing six feet one inch in height and manifesting the most commendable soldierly qualities. The grandfather of our subject in the maternal line was Thomas McMahon, Lord Mayor of Limerick, Ireland.

C. T. McBriarty, after attending the Elgin public schools, studied law with James Coleman and John Brown for four years. He worked into the insurance and real-estate business and has since continued in this line, being formerly a member of the firm of Coleman & McBriarty. He is now alone in business and represents the Metropolitan of Chicago, the German of Pittsburg, the Western, also of that city, the National of Allegheny, City of New York, of New York, the Northwestern Fire of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the Allegheny, of Pennsylvania, all fire insurance companies, and has built up a fine business. He also handles considerable real estate and has negotiated many important realty transfers.

On the 17th of April, 1901, Mr. McBriarty was married to Miss Louise B. Weeks, of St. Charles, Illinois, and they have four children, Minnie C., Margaret L., Helen M. and Charles A. The parents are communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church. Mr. McBriarty is a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, the Eagles, the Red Men and the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Columbus. Unflinching perseverance and determination constitute the salient elements in his success, combined with an alert, enterprising spirit that enables him to see and grasp his opportunity.

HENRY PLATT.

Henry Platt, successfully conducting a plumbing and heating establishment in Elgin, is a native of Germany, his birth having there occurred on the 25th of October, 1871. His parents, Louis and Mary (Bloemeke) Platt, were also natives of the fatherland, born in the years 1840 and 1843 respectively. The father was a well digger. In 1880, in company with his fam-

ily, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, making his way direct to Elgin, Kane county, where he still resides.

Henry Platt supplemented the education which he had acquired in his native land by attending the public schools of Elgin, and after putting aside his text-books followed the cooper's trade for five years. He then learned the plumbing business and in 1894 started out in this line on his own account, opening a shop in Elgin in partnership with Mr. O'Flaherty. This connection continued until 1897, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Platt bought out the business of James O'Connell on Grove avenue, there continuing for three years. Subsequently he removed to his present location at No. 50 Douglas avenue and has here since conducted a sanitary plumbing and heating establishment, meeting with a gratifying and well-merited measure of prosperity in his undertakings.

On the 27th of April, 1899, Mr. Platt was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary F. Brenner, a daughter of August and Wilhelmina (Odebrecht) Brenner, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. One child has been born to this union, Agnes Dorathy, whose birth occurred in March, 1901.

In his political views Mr. Platt is a staunch republican, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the German Methodist church. He is highly respected and esteemed throughout the community as a man of excellent business ability and genuine personal worth, whose aid and influence are always given on the side of improvement and upbuilding.

CHARLES EHORN.

Charles Ehorn, deceased, was one of the representative farmers of Kane county, and although born on the other side of the Atlantic he was a faithful and loyal citizen, fighting for the preservation of the Union when the country became involved in civil strife. He was a native of Germany, his natal day being February 5, 1846, and he spent the first fifteen years of his life in the fatherland, where he was given a good practical education. His father was a merchant of that country.

Arriving in America at the age of fifteen years, Mr. Ehorn located in Dundee, Illinois, and there worked on a farm for some time. He was only eighteen years of age when he entered the service of his adopted country during the war of the Rebellion, becoming a member of Company I, Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained for eighteen months. On being discharged from the army at the close of hostilities, Mr. Ehorn returned to Dundee and resumed farming, which occupation he continued to follow throughout life.

On the 10th of August, 1867, Mr. Ehorn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Fierke, a daughter of John and Mary (Denmin) Fierke, and to them were born twenty children, of whom three died in infancy. The others are still living, namely: Mary, Carrie, Fred, Elizabeth, Charles, Anna, John, Christopher, Harry, Frank, Albert, Clara, Edward, Arthur, Ralph,

Mabel and George. All are now self-supporting and they constitute a highly esteemed family. Mr. Ehorn died September 18, 1905, in the faith of the Lutheran church, with which he long held membership, and he had the respect and confidence of all who knew him.

MRS. JULIA I. KEENAN.

Having been born, reared and educated in Kane county, Mrs. Julia I. Keenan, of Blackberry township, is entirely a product of the county, and is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of its people. Her life began in Campton township, February 10, 1863, and she is a daughter of James and Susan (Shaw) Crosby, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Saratoga, New York. The other children born in the family of her parents were Rose, the wife of John H. Hall, a resident of Campton township; Mary M., the wife of Thomas Murphy, a progressive farmer; Richard, who lives in Elburn; Clara, who is living at home; Frank, a locomotive engineer, with his residence in Chicago; Edward, who is still at home; and David, Susie and Anna, who are deceased.

Mrs. Keenan attended the public schools, and after due preparation, entered Elburn high school, which she left when she was sixteen. She returned to her father's home and remained there until her marriage, which occurred June 25, 1884. After that event she took up her residence with her husband on the farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres on which she now lives. Her husband was Michael M. Keenan, who was born in Kaneville township, December 4, 1853, and died on his farm, February 3, 1908. He was educated in the public schools, which he left at the age of sixteen years, thereafter working on the farm with his father until his marriage, when he settled on his own farm. This farm is well developed, highly cultivated and extensively improved, Mr. and Mrs. Keenan having expended more than five thousand dollars in improvements and appliances for carrying on the work appertaining to it and the dairy business connected with it, which has been in operation during the last seven years. Mrs. Keenan owns a gasoline engine as motive power for her farm work, and all the other modern equipment of a first-class farm.

Her husband was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, in which he held a two thousand dollar certificate at the time of his death. He was an ardent democrat in political faith and was prominent in the public life of the county, serving some years as township collector and as school director during the whole of his residence in the district. He was very much interested in the cause of public education and devoted a great deal of time and energy to promoting it.

Four children came to brighten their beautiful home and add to their domestic happiness. These are: Francis J., who was born December 26, 1885; Leo M., who was born May 31, 1890; Clarence C., who was born January 8, 1894; and Donald M., who was born February 18, 1903.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Keenan has managed the farm and the dairy herself. She is a resolute and resourceful woman, with fine business capacity, and is recognized as such wherever she is known. She conducts her affairs with skill and excellent judgment, and her property is growing in value and productiveness in her capable hands. She is also known far and wide for her intelligent and helpful interest in all matters of public import and every thing that will contribute to the advancement of her community and the welfare of its people. She is, in short, a typical American woman of the better class, who relies on herself and knows what to do at all times for her own advantage and the good of her friends, neighbors and fellow citizens in general.

WILLIAM PERCY.

The son of a Burlington township farmer and himself born in that township, and there also reared and educated, William Percy, a prosperous and progressive farmer and dairyman there, has passed his life to this time among the scenes which now surround him and the people with whom he mingles from day to day. His life began November 7, 1871, and has so far been devoted, since his boyhood, to the cultivation of the soil.

His father, Robert Percy, was born in England and became a resident of the United States and of Illinois at the age of forty. He took up his residence at Elgin, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick, making many of those which went into the construction of the older buildings, among them the old Wavey House. He married Agnes Varty, like himself a native of England, and after his marriage settled on a farm of two hundred and forty acres which he bought in Burlington township.

On this farm he and his wife died after many years of useful and productive labor, and their remains were laid to rest in the South Burlington cemetery. Their children were: William; Mirah, John, Harrison and Daniel, all deceased; Robert S., who lives in Burlington; Edgar W., a farmer, who is also a resident of Burlington. The father was a republican in politics and served a number of years as school director. He was a man of standing and influence in his community.

William Percy was educated in the Middleton district school, which he attended during the winter months, working to aid in supporting himself in the summers. He left school when he was about twenty, and during the next five years assisted his father on the home farm. On April 9, 1896, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Delles in Chicago. She is a native of DeKalb county, Illinois, and has passed the whole of her life to this time in the state. Mr. and Mrs. Percy have four children: Dorothy, Agnes, Harold and Amy, all at home.

Soon after their marriage the parents settled on the farm on which they now live. This contains eighty acres of good land, well improved and abundantly watered. It is two miles and a half from a railroad station and three-fourths of a mile from the nearest schoolhouse. Mr. Percy is a judicious

farmer and cultivates his land with vigor and excellent judgment. He raises a variety of crops, and in addition to his farming operations carries on a thriving dairy business, keeping eighteen cows for the purpose. He is prosperous in his undertakings and stands well in the regard and good will of his fellow citizens, being looked upon as one of the township's most enterprising, public-spirited and representative men.

HERMAN THEODORE KLUG.

Herman Theodore Klug, deceased, was born in Germany on the 27th of February, 1862, and came to the United States when a young man of twenty-one years, locating in Chicago. In the metropolis he learned the laundry business and subsequently conducted an extensive steam laundry on the corner of Albany and Harrison streets. Five years ago he sold out the establishment and became head laundryman at the Boys' Home at St. Charles, making his home at Five Islands, Elgin. He had purchased a place in Elgin on the west side, but died before removing there. While out hunting one day, near St. Charles, he was accidentally shot by a companion, his death occurring within an hour, on the 26th of June, 1905.

On the 10th of November, 1884, Mr. Klug was united in marriage to Miss Lilly Elfers, a daughter of Henry and Katherine (Gobbert) Elfers, natives of Germany. Her father, whose birth occurred in 1839, passed away in the fatherland in 1882, but her mother, who was born June 12, 1845, still survives, making her home in Chicago. Unto our subject and his wife were born six children, namely: Theodore Ludwig, Clara P., Arthur H., Hugo E., Meta M. M. and Alma L.

In his political views Mr. Klug was a stalwart republican, and fraternally was connected with the Knights of Pythias. Coming to the new world when a young man, he wisely utilized the broader business opportunities offered in a land unhampered by caste or class and won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings. He was popular with his associates and gained an extensive circle of friends, both in Chicago and in St. Charles.

WILLARD EUGENE FILLMORE.

Willard Eugene Fillmore was born in the village of Lodi, now Maple Park, January 27, 1856. His father, Benjamin Fillmore, was born in Miramiche, New Brunswick, June 25, 1833. John Fillmore, the father of Benjamin, was born in Nova Scotia, being a descendant of that name among the English settlers in Nova Scotia, after the expulsion of the Arcadians, or French settlers, around the Bay of Fundy. John Fillmore migrated to the northern part of New Brunswick and engaged in the manufacture of shingles at Miramiche, a small village near New Castle, where Benjamin was born.

About 1844 he came with his family to Illinois and entered a tract of land southwest of the present village of Lily Lake, now owned by Nicholas Fiddler, Jr. He patented another tract of land near Lodi, to which he removed his family about 1852. There he continued to reside until near the time of his death, at the age of ninety-four years. This farm is now owned by William Reeves and Osbert H. Fillmore, a grandson, with the exception of that part included in Fillmore's addition to Maple Park. Benjamin Fillmore was married in 1854 to Mary Boyd, a native of Herkimer county, New York, whose family went to Chicago in 1838. He was a carpenter by trade but receiving a share of the home farm, removed to it in 1865. In 1883 he went to South Dakota, where he now resides. His wife, Mary Boyd Fillmore, died in April, 1901. Their family consisted of five children: Willard Eugene; Rosa E.; Lillian, now deceased; Osbert H.; and Mary, now of Canton, Ohio.

Willard Eugene Fillmore lived on the farm near Maple Park with his parents, as most farmer boys do, assisting in the duties of the farm and attending the public school during the winter months. In 1878 he went to Wheaton, where he pursued a three years' course of study, graduating with his class in 1880. After graduating he entered upon the duties of a teacher, which profession he followed for more than twenty years. In the fall of 1901 he gave up teaching and became a farmer, in which vocation he still continues.

Mr. Fillmore was married in 1885 to Miss Mina Miller, of Steward, Lee county, Illinois. Of this union there is one son, Willard E., Jr., now of South Dakota.

In 1898 Mr. Fillmore joined the Sons of Veterans Regiment for the war in Cuba. This regiment was later mustered into the state service as the Sons of Veterans Regiment, I. N. G., and was called out to put down a strike in the coal region around Pana and Virden, in October, 1898, the regiment being out about six weeks.

In politics Mr. Fillmore is a republican and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the blue lodge, A. F. & A. M.; the chapter; Mystic Workers of the World; and the Modern Woodmen of America.

WILLIAM PRICE.

William Price, deceased, was born in County West Meath, Ireland, July 4, 1816, and in 1831, when he was but fifteen years of age, set out with his older brother Hugh to make a home in America, which had been represented to them as a land of boundless opportunity in all business, social and political relations. Their original intention was to go to the home of an uncle at Mount Talbot, Canada, and place themselves under his protection and guidance. But an old friend advised them to "steer clear" of all relatives and depend wholly on themselves. This they determined to do and instead of going to Mount Talbot located in Vermont, where William worked on a farm for a time, but soon afterward became a handy boy around a stage barn, spending two years in the care of horses. While so employed he



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM PRICE

often heard from travelers glowing accounts of the then far west, and with his fancy crowded with anticipations of what might await him in that remote and unsettled region, he turned his face once more toward the setting sun and came to Kane county in May, 1841.

Here he passed the remainder of his life, carved a good estate out of the wilderness and established himself high in the esteem of his fellow-men. Those were stirring days in which he landed here and began life on the wild, unbroken prairie. Selecting what he considered the best of the region for his homestead, he hurried to Chicago, paid the required fee and secured a receipt from the government land office. For years Mr. Price hauled everything he raised to Chicago, for it was a long time before the railroad was built near his place. He experienced all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and performed all the arduous work of developing a new farm. His was one of the first frame houses in Sugar Grove township and he was one of the most influential factors in the growth and development of this part of the state, especially contributing to its agricultural progress.

The lady with whom he was destined to walk life's journey for more than half a century came to Kane county with her parents in 1835, and in 1843 she and Mr. Price were united in marriage. She bore the maiden name of Mary M. Smith and was a native of Erie county, Pennsylvania. On the 23d of August, 1900, at the age of eighty-one, she departed this life beloved by her children and universally esteemed by the people among whom she had lived and labored so long as a kind and good neighbor and an upright, high-minded and public-spirited woman. Her husband's death occurred three years and four days later, on August 27, 1903. He was not a member of any church but was always very liberal in aiding the church by generous contributions to the work. He was a man of most charitable spirit, who gave freely to the poor and needy and his life was a most upright and honorable one, so that he left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. He never desired public office, but was regarded as one of the leaders of the democracy and manifested at all times a public-spirited and loyal citizenship that worked for the good of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Price were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom survived them: Olive M., who was born in 1844; Judith Janette, the wife of Charles Benton, of Kanesville, Illinois, who was born in 1845; Hugh, a valued resident of Sandwich, Illinois, who was born in 1847; Minnie, who was born February 9, 1850, and also lives on the homestead together with her brothers; George, who was born February 22, 1852; Nancy, born in 1854, the wife of Richard Berry, of Kaneville; William W., born April 29, 1856; and Jessie, born in 1862, the wife of C. D. Cornell, of Plano, this state. George has never married, but on March 8, 1904, William was united in wedlock with Miss Cecilia M. Larson, a native of Sweden, born November 4, 1884. She accompanied her parents to this country in 1887. The domestic altar set up by this interesting couple has been cheered and sanctified by one child, their son Stanley William, whose life began July 19, 1906.

George and William Price began their education in the country schools and finished it at the Aurora high school. They are democrats in political affiliations but, while devoted to their party and its principles, they have never sought any of its honors or emoluments for themselves, preferring to serve their country from the exalted post of a private station, and give their time wholly to the care and management of their farm, which has been highly improved and rendered very productive by their industry and skill. They have also given much attention to raising fine horses and hogs, and what they breed are very widely and favorably known for their excellence in all essential and leading features. The life story of these gentlemen bears its own comment. To the reflective mind it is in brief the history of America itself. Nature poured out her bounty on the soil of this country and waited for ages with all her immeasurable patience for the sons of men to come and take advantage of it. In due time they came and, accepting her favors at her own price, purchased them with the required sacrifice, effort and endurance. For she did not sell them cheap or surrender them without adequate recompense. She demanded the eye to see, the alertness to seize and the genius to develop the opportunities she offered, and when these were tendered she yielded up her treasures graciously and abundantly. The Price brothers and their parents were among her chosen people, and she has not been negligent or grudging toward them. Their industry and thrift have wrought out for them a fine estate in her very lap of luxuries, and their high character, sterling worth and uprightness of demeanor toward all mankind have enshrined them in the hearts of their fellowmen at an altitude that is above the reach of envy, malice or ill will.

JAMES STAINFIELD.

Self-educated through private study and reading industriously pursued under great difficulties and discouragements, and taught wisdom in the rugged but thorough school of experience, James Stainfield of Sugar Grove township, is a man of broad intelligence, keen analytical powers and excellent judgment. He is a native of England, born at Scunthorpe, near the town of Briggs, in Lincolnshire, July 12, 1840.

His parents, James and Betsey (Warton) Stainfield, were also English by nativity, the former born at Scunthorpe and the latter in Appleby. The father passed the whole of his life near his native village, never going many miles from it, and died there in 1890. The mother died at Scunthorpe in 1842. They were the parents of two children, James and John S., the latter of whom died in County Durham, England, where he had been employed for many years as weighmaster for the Carleton Iron Works.

Mr. Stainfield's parents were poor and he had very meager opportunities for obtaining an education, attending school but a few months in all his life, and his father never went to school at all. But the son was studious by nature and yearned for larger stores of the knowledge contained in books,

of which he had enjoyed but fleeting and tantalizing glimpses. He was obliged to work for a very paltry compensation, but even out of this he managed to save enough for an occasional purchase of a book, and all that he got he devoured with an increasing appetite that grew by what it fed on. He was employed as a farm hand for many years, but grew tired of the exactions of the arduous toil and its meager recompense. So at the age of twenty-three he tried to better his fortunes by going to the north of his native land and taking employment in the ironstone mines. From these mines the rock loosened by blasting was lifted four hundred feet and sent to the blast furnaces, where the iron was separated from the stone. The work was very hard and full of danger, and Mr. Stainfield quit it after several months, going to work in the iron mills at Middlesborough. There for a number of years he wrought at the manufacture of iron piping, cylinders, girders, sash weights and castings of various kinds; then returned to Scunthorpe and again worked in the ironstone mines.

In 1869 he emigrated to the United States and located at Plainfield, Will county, Illinois. In that county he worked as a farm hand for two years, all the time laying his plans for a business and a home of his own and steadily moving toward the realization of his desires. On March 7, 1871, he was married to Miss Mary Baxter, who was born at Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, England, and soon afterward took up his residence on a farm which he rented near Plainfield, from which he moved to the farm on which he now lives in section 3, Sugar Grove township, Kane county.

Mrs. Stainfield is a daughter of Samuel and Helen (Jackson) Baxter, both of whom were born and reared in England. Her father died in this county in 1890, the year in which her husband's father died, and but a few months prior to that event. Her mother, sprightly and active at the age of eighty-three, is still living and makes her home with her daughter and son-in-law.

After renting the farm on which he lives for six years Mr. Stainfield bought it in 1882. It then contained one hundred and thirty acres, but he has made additions by subsequent purchases and now owns one hundred and fifty-seven acres. He has built a comfortable and convenient new dwelling for his family, leaving the old house to be occupied by his help on the farm, and he has otherwise greatly improved his property, which is now of considerable value and well provided with all the appliances and machinery needed for the proper cultivation of the land and the enjoyment of those who live on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Stainfield are the parents of three children: George H., a resident of Joliet, Illinois; Carrie, the wife of Harry Smith, a prosperous farmer of Sugar Grove township; and Earl R., a young man of nineteen years who is living at home attending school and assisting in the work of the farm. The father has been a school director for fifteen years and is now township school trustee. He is an earnest advocate of general public education and made his faith practical by educating all his children at the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial school, from which his daughter, Mrs. Harry Smith, was graduated a few years ago. He is a man of great energy, enterprise

and resourcefulness, and has operated his farm very successfully. For twenty years or more he conducted an extensive dairy in addition to his general farming activities. He and his wife take great interest in and contribute essentially to the proceedings of the Sugar Grove Farmers Club, of which they are zealous and valued members.

By his own unaided efforts, through his natural shrewdness, unconquerable energy and persistent industry and economy, this good man and useful citizen has built his fortunes up from nothing in this western world, and, while doing so, has not been unmindful of the claims of the country and his fellowmen to his consideration. He has borne well his part in reference to all matters of public improvement in his township, here and wherever he has lived in the state, and has given all observers an example of uprightness, diligence and thrift worthy of general imitation. He has not spent his strength for naught. He has a present reward in the comfort he enjoys and the material substance which he possesses, in one way, and in the universal regard and good will in which he is held, in another and more gratifying way.

The oldest son of the family, George H. Stainfield, married Miss Mattie Mighl, June 23, 1897, and for several years cultivated a part of his father's farm. He is now a member of the Joliet Steel Construction Company, and is engaged in cement bridge and other construction work. He has two children, Adrian and Lyle. Harry Smith, husband of the daughter, Carrie Stainfield Smith, is a prominent farmer and the present assessor of Sugar Grove township.

GEORGE RANDALL BAGLEY.

George Randall Bagley, who holds a responsible position with the Elgin National Watch Company, was born on the 11th of July, 1849, in New Hampshire, and is a son of Jacob and Caroline (Woods) Bagley, who spent their entire lives in the east. By occupation the father was a farmer. Our subject was reared to agricultural pursuits and acquired his education in the public schools of his native state. In 1871 he came west and located in Elgin, Illinois, where he accepted a position in the motion department of the Elgin National Watch Company's factory, with which he has since been connected. His fidelity to duty won him promotion and he is now foreman of the job department, having forty men and women working under him.

On the 26th of October, 1878, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bagley and Miss Jennie L. Pingree, a daughter of Israel S. and Harriet (Thurston) Pingree, of Elgin. Her paternal grandfather was Rev. Andrew Pingree, who was born in Rowley, Essex county, Massachusetts, February 17, 1775. In 1838 he became a resident of Kane county, Illinois, casting in his lot with the pioneers of this region, and he took an active and prominent part in its early development and upbuilding. He was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, for he died on the 25th of March, 1846. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Abbie Straw, was born in Weare, New Hampshire, in 1786. Mr. and Mrs. Bagley have become the parents of two children: Verna

May, who was born May 10, 1883, and died on the 6th of April, 1889; and Glen David, who was born September 20, 1890, and was graduated from the Elgin high school in 1908. Winning the scholarship of Kane county, he entered the University of Illinois at Champaign in the fall of 1908 and will pursue a course in electrical engineering. The family is one of prominence in Elgin, and Mr. and Mrs. Bagley attend the Universalist church. In his political views Mr. Bagley is a republican and takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs.

HENRY PROSPER PRATT.

This wide-awake, enterprising and progressive miller has been engaged in a number of useful occupations in his thirty-seven years of life, and has shown his worth and capacity in all. He is a native of Kane county, born near Bald Mound, June 2, 1871. His parents, Charles and Julia M. (Washburn) Pratt, were born in Jefferson county, New York, and came to this county in 1868, locating near Bald Mound, where they engaged actively and successfully in farming. In 1898 the father made a trip to the Isthmus of Panama, where he died. The mother now lives in Elburn with her son Walter. Two children were born into the household, Henry P. and Walter C. Pratt. The latter is a carpenter in Elburn.

Henry Prosper Pratt obtained his scholastic training in the district school near his home, which he attended until he was fifteen years of age. Being ambitious to work and make his own way in the world, he secured a position as gripman on a street car line in Chicago soon after leaving school, but only worked at this exacting occupation one year. Returning to Bald Mound at the end of that period, he learned the trade of butter-making, and, when he had completed his apprenticeship, was chosen manager of a butter factory, which he operated seven years. He then removed to a farm near La Fox, on which he lived and worked with success three years. Seeing what he considered a better opportunity for his advancement and a more agreeable employment of his faculties in the milling business, he bought the mill in the neighborhood of Bald Mound which he now owns and operates.

This mill is well equipped with modern machinery, having an eighty horse-power engine and all the other devices of modern milling of the most approved pattern. It is valued at six thousand dollars, and good judges agree that it is well worth the money. Mr. Pratt does custom work exclusively, and such is the excellence of his output that he has all he can do and the capacity of his mill is often overtaxed. He has owned the mill four years, and during that time it has steadily grown in popular favor and the volume of its trade. It is three miles from La Fox and convenient to a large extent of the surrounding country. Mr. Pratt also owns a farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres a mile and a half west of La Fox.

Mr. Pratt was married June 27, 1899, to Miss Hazel McGuire, a native of Kane county, born near Bald Mound. They are the parents of two chil-

dren: Ralph M., who was born January 9, 1901; and Dorothy L., whose life began July 30, 1903.

In his business Mr. Pratt has prospered and is prospering. In his relations and dealings with his friends, neighbors and fellowmen generally he is fair, square and manly. In his citizenship he is elevated and elevating, and in his domestic life he exemplifies, modestly and unostentatiously, but none the less sincerely and effectively, the desirable traits of a good husband and father. While pursuing his chosen occupation and giving his attention mainly to his own affairs, he is never indifferent to public matters or the enduring welfare of the country around him, but does his part in endeavoring to promote the general weal and the best interests of all the people.

PARKER FERSON.

Parker Ferson, who passed away at St. Charles on the 20th of July, 1876, was born in Bradford, New Hampshire, March 9, 1812. His father, Alexander Ferson, was a farmer by occupation and his death occurred in St. Charles in the year 1846. His son, Read Ferson, was one of two men who founded St. Charles, arriving there in 1836. Altogether there were seven brothers and one sister who came to St. Charles.

Parker Ferson acquired his education in the public schools of his native state, and taught school in the east before his removal westward in 1840. Purchasing a farm of one hundred and ten acres in St. Charles, he there began farming and continued to carry on agricultural pursuits until the time of his demise, meeting with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity in his undertakings.

While still residing in the east Mr. Ferson was married, but his wife died shortly after coming west and the two children born of that union are also deceased. At St. Charles, on the 2d of September, 1846, he wedded Miss Aurelia Clarke, a daughter of Ethan and Amy (Crandall) Clarke, of Brookfield, New York. This union has been blessed with seven children and the record of the family is as follows: Benjamin Clarke married Miss Lizzie Beckwith, by whom he has two children: Cleo; and Ethel, the wife of Robert Rothstein. Fred Parker enlisted for service in the Civil war in 1863 as a member of Company E, Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry, and served throughout the remainder of the war, being in Missouri most of the time. He was less than fifteen years of age at the time of his enlistment and passed away June 27, 1876, at the age of twenty-seven years. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Williams, resides with her two children, Fred W. and Eugene C., in Iowa. Sarah Jane became the wife of Peter Youngs and they had one child, Clara, who died in infancy, while the mother passed away December 30, 1877. Frances A. was until recently engaged in teaching in Elgin and St. Charles townships, but now resides with her mother in Elgin.

Mary Caroline Ferson became the wife of Smith Younges on the 24th of December, 1874. Her four children are as follows: Clyde Ferson, who

married Margaret Gadke, by whom he has two children, Smith Parker and Kenneth George; Nellie S., the wife of George Slimpin; Maud M., the wife of Jesse Murphy; and Elizabeth E. Smith Younges was born in New York, October 17, 1852, a son of Charles and Magdalen (Lingenfelter) Younges, born in 1820 and 1822 respectively. The father, who was a farmer and stock dealer, passed away at Plato in 1867, while his wife survived him until 1901. Their son, Smith Younges, came westward when a young man and in 1880 purchased a farm in Elgin township, now Youngsdale (named in his honor), on the Illinois Central Railway. As the years have gone by he has gradually added to his holdings until he now owns five hundred acres of rich and valuable land, and in addition to the work of tilling the soil makes a specialty of stock raising and dealing. He has been very successful in both branches of his business and is widely recognized as a prominent resident of the community. In his political views he is a republican and has served as school director and in other local offices.

Charles William Ferson married Miss May Lyon, and passed away March 20, 1889, at the age of thirty years. Clifford E. married Miss Hattie Wood, by whom he has two children, Elsie and William.

Parker Ferson, the subject of this review, gave his political allegiance to the republican party and was active in the local work of the organization, continuously holding office. He strongly championed the cause of education through his service as school director, and likewise acted as road commissioner. While living in the east he was a member of the Congregational church but did not become affiliated with any denomination after coming to Illinois. He was well known and highly esteemed throughout the community and gained an extensive circle of friends by reason of his upright, honorable life and genial social qualities.

JOSEPH H. WINTERHALTER.

Among the younger men who are prominent in business circles in Virgil is numbered Joseph H. Winterhalter, who deals in grain, lumber and coal and also operates a grist mill. He was born in Virgil township, August 7, 1875, a son of John B. and Elizabeth (Smith) Winterhalter, who were natives of Germany, the former coming to America when eighteen years old, while the latter was a little maiden of three years at the time she was brought by her parents to the new world. The father, upon his arrival here, went to work on a farm in Pennsylvania. At the outbreak of the Civil war he joined a company of New Jersey cavalry, with which he remained for five years. During the war Mr. Winterhalter learned the barber's trade and after the close of the war opened a shop in Georgetown, Virginia, where he remained for five years, at the end of which time he went to Chicago, where he worked at the barber's trade. Believing that farming would prove more congenial to him on account of his health he disposed of his business in that city and purchased a farm in Virgil township, Kane county, which he continued to cultivate throughout a

long period. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and his religious faith was that of the Catholic church. The wife and mother still survives.

Joseph H. Winterhalter, the immediate subject of this review, acquired his education in the district and high schools, attending the latter for one year. He was reared to farm life, early being trained to the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Upon starting out in life on his own account he engaged in his present business, handling grain, lumber and coal, and he also operates a grist mill. He has built up a large trade, owing to his reasonable prices and his honorable business methods, and today stands as one of the substantial business men of this part of Kane county.

Mr. Winterhalter was married in Maple Park, in 1898, to Miss Catherine McMahon, and their union has been blessed with five children, Leroy, Irene, John, Paul and Helen.

Following in the political footsteps of his father, Mr. Winterhalter gives his support to the republican party and is a communicant of the Catholic church. His enterprising and progressive spirit have made him a typical American in every sense of the word. By constant exertion associated with good judgment he has raised himself to the position which he today occupies in business circles, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him.

JOHN MCGOUGH.

This energetic and successful farmer and dairyman of Burlington township has exemplified in his career the versatility and resourcefulness of the Irish race, which he inherits from his father, and the all-conquering spirit of the American, to which he was born himself. He is a native of DeKalb county, Illinois, where his life began on September 10, 1860.

His father, James McGough, was born in Dublin, Ireland, and when he was seventeen years old came to this country with his parents. The family located first in Canada, but two years afterward moved into the United States, taking up a residence in DeKalb county of this state. The father bought a farm, and for some years carried on the manufacture of brick in connection with his farming operations. He married May Walker, who was born in Canada, but when a small girl came to Illinois with her parents. Six children were born in the McGough household: John; Henry, a real-estate agent living at home; Fred, who is farming in Nebraska; Ida, who married John R. Ward, now deceased; Harry, who lives in Genoa, Illinois; and Charles, who died some years ago.

John McGough pursued his education in the Middleton schoolhouse, attending school at intervals until he was twenty years old. He then yielded to a longing for life in the west, and going to the plains far beyond the Mississippi, found employment for a time as a cowboy. Afterward he lived for short periods in Kansas and Nebraska, and then learned the art of butter-making in all its branches, at which he worked for fourteen years. At the

end of that period he returned to the parental homestead, on which he has ever since resided. He is now in active control of the farm and is working it with skill and industry, farming with judgment and carrying on a prosperous dairy business in connection, with eighteen excellent cows as a source of supply.

The farm contains two hundred and twenty acres and is located one mile and a quarter from the railroad station, the same distance from the nearest schoolhouse and one mile and a half from a butter factory which gives him a ready market for his dairy products. He has put improvements valued at ten thousand dollars on the farm, making it one of the attractive country homes of the township, and has brought the land to a high state of development and productiveness. While taking no very active interest or part in political affairs, he supports the republican party at national elections. In local matters he looks to the good of the township and its people, with an eye single to their welfare and the promotion of their best interests, to which he is loyally and practically devoted. He is a good and progressive citizen and is universally esteemed as such.

TENNYSON E. SHOLES.

The son of parents who are natives of Burlington township, and himself born and reared within its limits, educated in its schools, reared on its soil and married to one of its native daughters, Tennyson E. Sholes is distinctly and wholly a product of that township, and has all his life, up to this time, been connected with its interests and employed in its development and improvement.

His life began in Hampshire, March 1, 1884, and he is a son of Earn and Jennie (Wright) Sholes, both born in Burlington township and for many years engaged in farming one of its attractive and productive farms. The father is a republican in political alliance, a school director in official life, and connected with the Masonic order, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows fraternally. For fourteen years he was a manufacturer of tiles at Hampshire, but at the end of that period removed to his farm on which he has ever since resided. His wife's father died a number of years ago and his remains rest in Bluff City cemetery in Elgin. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Earn Sholes: Tennyson E., who is farming and dairying; and Vernon S., Orrald D., Esther J. and Winifred P., who are still living with their parents.

Tennyson E. Sholes obtained his education at the high school in Hampshire, which he attended until he reached the age of fifteen. He then passed six years on the farm working with his father. On attaining his majority he secured employment at Kewanee but some little time later again became a farmer, settling on the place which he now occupies. On November 9, 1907, he was married at Geneva to Miss Fern Irene Auble, who was born in Burlington township, where her parents are still living.

From the time of taking possession of it Mr. Sholes has devoted all his time and energy to his farm and the dairy industry which he conducts in connection with it. He has been industrious, enterprising and judicious in all his undertakings, and has made every dollar he has in money or property through his own diligence and good management, trusting nothing to chance and waiting for no smiles of fortune, but steadily forging ahead on his own account and holding every step of his progress. He carries on general farming, raising varied and alternate crops, and also keeps seventeen cows as the source of his dairy business. He does well his part in all the public and private relations of life and has a firm place in the regard and respect of his fellow citizens of every class.

JAMES SHAW.

Among the men who are before the public today in Aurora none have a more commendable record or enjoy to a fuller extent the respect of the public by reason of capable service than does James Shaw, the librarian of the Aurora public library and also the official reporter of the circuit and county courts of Kane county. He was born in Lancashire, England, July 9, 1840, his parents being James and Ann Shaw, who were also natives of the Merrie Isle. The father came to America in 1848 and settled at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where he followed various pursuits. He died in 1869 at the age of sixty-five years, while his wife passed away in 1866 at the age of sixty years. They were Universalists in religious faith. Their family numbered four children: Hannah, deceased; Lucy, the widow of Edmund Whalley, now living at Portsmouth, New Hampshire; James, of this review; and Peter, who died when a young man.

James Shaw was only eight years of age when brought to America and was reared to manhood in Portsmouth, where he attended the public schools. When fifteen years of age he began learning the printer's trade, which he followed for many years. After the outbreak of the Civil war, however, he enlisted in 1862 for nine months' service as a member of Company K, Sixteenth New Hampshire Volunteers, serving for one year under General Banks in the Louisiana campaign, being present at the siege and surrender of Port Hudson. After the war he returned to his old home at Portsmouth and became a clerk in the navy yard at that place. The year 1865 witnessed his arrival in Chicago, where he worked as a printer on the old Republican when Charles A. Dana was its editor-in-chief. He was also employed on other papers of that city and in different job offices. While in Jerry Thompson's office word was received that a good man was wanted to go south and work on a republican newspaper at Mobile called *The Nationalist*. In company with Albert Griffin, Mr. Shaw worked on that paper until January 1, 1869, when he severed his connection with the *Nationalist* and went to Selma, where he established a paper called *The Press*.



JAMES SHAW

In 1871 Mr. Shaw returned to Mobile and was engaged in the newspaper business there till 1873, when he came north, settling at Aurora in May of that year. He then became interested with Pierce Burton in the ownership of the Aurora Herald and the partnership was continued until 1881, when Mr. Shaw withdrew and became interested in legal and general shorthand reporting. In March, 1884, he was elected clerk of the city court, which position he held about sixteen years. In June, 1884, he was also appointed librarian of the public library of Aurora, which had been established in 1882. He has held that position continuously since and has done excellent work in the care of this public institution. In 1888 he was appointed official reporter of the circuit court of Kane county and has continued in that position most of the time since, while for the past five or six years he has likewise been official reporter of the county court of Kane county.

On the 29th of June, 1885, Mr. Shaw was married to Miss Ella D. Lowd, a daughter of William B. and Rebecca (Shaw) Lowd. She was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and was there reared to womanhood, spending her girlhood days under the parental roof. Her parents were also natives of New Hampshire and had a family of thirteen children. Her father was a book-binder and bookseller and died in the east when about sixty-four years of age. His wife survived him for several years. Her people trace their ancestry in this country back to Jeremiah Shaw, who came to America in 1632 and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts, but later removed to New Hampshire. That branch of the Shaw family also trace their lineage to John Rogers, who was one of the martyrs who suffered death under the reign of Queen Mary. He was burned at the stake at Smithfield in the year 1555.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw have been born two daughters: Alice A., now (1908) junior in Wellesley College; and Marian H., who died in 1895 at the age of seven years. Mrs. Shaw is a member of Trinity Episcopal church. Mr. Shaw belongs to Jerusalem Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M.; to Aurora Post, No. 20, G. A. R.; and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. His salient traits of character render him personally popular and he is well fitted by long experience as well as natural qualifications for his position as city librarian as well as his work in the courts.

WALTER SCOTT CALLAGHAN.

A thrifty, enterprising and successful farmer, living in one of the beautiful country homes of Kane county, and indulging his fancy for fine livestock by breeding superior strains of hogs, Walter Scott Callaghan, of Blackberry township, gives every evidence of high prosperity in his estate and has all the elements of enjoyment around him and at his command. He was born in Troy, New York, May 4, 1857, and is a son of Gregory and Jane (Sample) Callaghan, who were natives of the Emerald isle and came to this country

in 1830, taking up their residence in Troy, New York, where the father worked at his trade as a carpenter for a number of years.

It was a time in our history when what is now the middle west but was then the far frontier was attracting the attention of the world to its vast undeveloped wealth and varied opportunities, and calling for men of industry and force to come and enjoy them. Gregory Callaghan was moved by the appeal to bring his family to Illinois, and in farming the virgin soil of Kane county he found profitable employment and built up a home and a good prosperity. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of land of the government, which he at once proceeded to break and bring into cultivation. He was a good citizen and took an active part in public affairs as a republican after the formation of the party, and enjoyed many of the fraternal and social amenities of life as a Master Mason. He has been dead a number of years.

Seven children were born to him and his wife: Thomas J., deceased; Gregory, who is a successful farmer in Butler county, Nebraska; Selden, who is also a resident of that county; Nancy, deceased; May, who is the wife of Charles Blair, of Batavia, Illinois; Maggie, who married Julius Banker, who is now a retired farmer and lives in Aurora; and Walter Scott, the subject of this review.

The last named obtained his scholastic training in the Bald Mound district school, which he left at the age of fifteen. During the next twelve years he assisted his father on the farm and lived at home. At the age of twenty-seven he was married and rented a farm on which he lived and labored three years. At the end of that period he purchased the farm of one hundred acres which is his present home. On the improvement of this farm he has expended over five thousand dollars, and has made it one of the best and most attractive in the township. It is located one mile south of Bald Mound and four miles south of La Fox.

Mrs. Callaghan, whose maiden name was Ida R. Lawrence, was born in St. Charles, Illinois, August 20, 1859. She is a descendant of the renowned Sir Robert Lawrence and graciously sustains the spirit and traditions of her ancestry. Her father, who died some years ago, and whose remains were buried in Batavia, this state, was a teacher and bookkeeper, and made a good record in each capacity. Later in life he was overseer of the United States Windmill shop at Batavia. Mrs. Callaghan had five sisters and one brother: Gertrude A., now deceased; May E., also deceased; Charles A., a farmer near Elburn; Eva, the wife of W. Kirk, a farmer living near St. Charles; Ada, who married Willis Hyde and lives in the neighborhood of Batavia; and Nellie, the wife of John Moore, a farmer residing near Geneva. Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan have no children.

Mr. Callaghan is a republican in political faith and a Modern Woodman of America in fraternal relations. He has an abiding interest in the progress and prosperity of his county and state and always does all he can to promote them, being foremost in every work for improvement and the increase of the conveniences and enjoyments of life. While averse to public life, he has served the township as collector, accepting and discharging the duties of the office for the benefit of the people and not for his own preferment or advantage.

While Mr. Callaghan has devoted himself mainly to his farming operations and has brought his farm to a high state of development and productivity, he has not allowed this to absorb all his time or energy. He has an excellent dairy, to which twenty cows contribute their milk, and he is also an extensive breeder of fine hogs, owning some of the best bred and most valuable in the county. In every line of activity in which he has engaged his life has been an impressive illustration of intelligence and enterprise well applied and working out good results. He is highly esteemed throughout the county as a first-class citizen and representative man.

ROBERT E. MIDDLETON.

Owning a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Burlington township, which is highly improved and provided with everything necessary for its proper cultivation, and which he acquired through his own industry, frugality and ability, Robert E. Middleton, who has now retired from active pursuits, may be fitly taken as a representative of the most sturdy and sterling citizenship of Kane county. He is, moreover, a native of the township in which his activities have produced their good results, where he was born November 24, 1866.

His father, John Middleton, was born in England but came to the United States when he was seventeen years old and found in Burlington township of this county the home in the new world to which his hopes led him. After his arrival in this county he passed the first five years of his residence here as a farm hand working for wages. He then married Eleanor Varty, who was also a native of England and came to America with her parents in her childhood. They had five children, those besides Robert being: Fred, a farmer in Burlington township, a sketch of whom will be found on another page of this work; Ernest, a farmer in DeKalb county, Illinois; Mary, the wife of James Shuey; and Ella, the wife of George Russell. The father supported the republican party in national elections. He was zealous in local affairs for the good of the township, serving as a school director for a number of years.

Robert E. Middleton obtained such education as he could in the district schools, attending them at intervals as he had opportunity until he was twenty-one. The next three years he passed on his father's farm assisting in the work of cultivating it, and then set about gratifying his longing for a home and a domestic life of his own and a permanent settlement for his future years.

On January 27, 1889, he was married to Miss Jennie Ward, a native of Kane county, born in Virgil township. For eleven years after his marriage he lived on rented farms, working industriously and to advantage and living frugally, and thereby accumulating enough to buy a farm which was his home for seven years. He then removed to Sycamore, Illinois, where he owns a residence on DeKalb avenue. His farm is located on the crossroads seven and a half miles east of Sycamore and four and a half miles southwest

of Burlington. It is only a mile and a half from a school and the same distance from a cheese and butter factory. It is abundantly watered, produces fruit plentifully and in desirable variety, and it is all under cultivation. The improvements put on it by Mr. Middleton cost eight thousand dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton have three children, all of whom are living at home. They are Mabel, John and Eleanor. The father is a republican in his political allegiance, but is not an ardent partisan or an office seeker, although, for the good of the township he has served as school director and commissioner for a number of years. He is a good farmer and manager and has earned the prosperity he enjoys. He is also a good man and excellent citizen and richly deserves the general esteem in which he is held in all parts of the township.

GEORGE R. THOMPSON.

George R. Thompson, now filling the position of justice of the peace in Elgin, was formerly an electrician connected with the City Electric Railway Company. His life record began in the village of Butlersville, in Warren county, Ohio, February 24, 1850, his parents being Thornton and Catherine (Hitesman) Thompson. The father was a native of Ohio and was of Scotch-English descent. Through his mother he was a descendant of Thomas Payne.

Mrs. Catherine Thompson was born in Pennsylvania and when eleven years of age went to Ohio. The ancestor of the Hitesman family came to America during the French and Indian war as an officer in the English army under Braddock. He afterward left the army and in this country married an Irish lady and remained here. He served in the Revolutionary war. Thornton Thompson is now residing in Ohio, at the age of eighty-two years. For more than six decades he has been a member of the Masonic fraternity, joining the order when twenty-one years of age. His wife died at the age of sixty-nine years. In her family were eight children, four sons and four daughters, but two of the daughters are now deceased: Those who still survive are: George R.; John, who is train master on the Mexican Central Railroad in Mexico; William G., an attorney of Hamilton, Ohio, who is prominent in democratic circles there, having served as a member of the democratic state central committee and a candidate for congress at one time; Emerson, a passenger conductor on the Mexico International Railroad; Florence, the wife of Frank M. Hall, of Charleston, West Virginia; and Mrs. Alice Wetsel, who is a widow living with her father.

George R. Thompson was reared in the village of his nativity, where he remained for some time after his marriage. His early educational privileges, afforded by the country schools, were supplemented by study in the Southwestern Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, from 1868 until 1870. He had previously been in the railroad service and again took up railroading after pursuing his normal course. He was for a time employed as brakeman and later became a conductor, and altogether he followed railroading at different

periods for about fourteen years. He then took up telephone and telegraph work in the line of construction, and was also connected with railroad construction through the south. Subsequently he returned to Cincinnati, where he was in the fire department telegraph service until the first successful electric street railway was established in Cincinnati. He then went to work for the company and in 1890 he came to Elgin as electrician for the Elgin City Street Railway Company, with which he continued for ten years, or until 1900, when the business was sold out to a new company.

The following year Mr. Thompson was elected justice of the peace and has served continuously since. In politics he has been a lifelong republican. For a time he was in the railway mail service in Cincinnati, but resigned when Grover Cleveland was first elected to the presidency. His public service has been characterized by the utmost fidelity in duty and he has proven a most capable official in his present position.

On the 8th of March, 1875, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Matilda Stoughton, who was born in Cincinnati, a daughter of Eli and Emeline Stoughton. They have become the parents of six children: Nellie P., the wife of C. C. Krieger, of Elgin; Harry C., who married Etna King and lives in Elgin; Stanley D., who died in May, 1903, at the age of twenty-four years; Kate, the wife of Frank Conyne, of this city; Anna, the wife of G. E. Peterson, also of Elgin; and Alice, at home.

In his social relations Mr. Thompson was connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men and the Order of Eagles. He also holds membership with the Sons of Veterans, being entitled to this through the fact that his father was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in 1862 and serving until the close of hostilities with the rank of first lieutenant in the Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. George R. Thompson takes a most active interest in fraternal orders and is prominent in the societies with which he is now connected. His life has been a busy and active one and whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own labor. He has been somewhat prominent in official circles in the communities in which he has lived and is now most capably discharging the duties of his present office.

ISRAEL STRAW PINGREE.

Among the early settlers of Kane county none stood higher in public esteem than Israel Straw Pingree, who was a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of this region. He was born in New Hampshire on the 12th of March, 1801, and spent his early life in the east. Deciding to try his fortune on the prairies of Illinois, he came to Kane county in 1837 and took up a tract of government land at what became known as Pingree Grove. Here he and his family experienced many of the hardships and trials of life on the frontier and he bore a prominent part in transforming the wild land into well cultivated fields. Pingree Grove was named for him and his three brothers, all of whom took up government land in that locality.

Throughout his active business life he followed farming and met with well deserved success in his labors.

In 1844 Mr. Pingree married Miss Harriet Thurston, a daughter of John and Phoebe (Inman) Thurston, who were from Ohio. Eight children blessed this union, of whom five are still living. In order of birth they are as follows: Phoebe A., who married George Coombs and resides in Elgin; Andrew C. and Hiram T., both deceased; Jennie L., the wife of George R. Bagley, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; Hannah, the wife of C. J. Arnold, a resident of Denver, Colorado; Daniel, deceased; Francis, who married Fannie Wasson and resides in Elgin; Lorena A., the wife of Edward Weightman. The father of this family continued to make his home at Pingree Grove until his death and passed away in 1870.

JOHN A. PETERSON.

A well improved and valuable farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres, situated in Virgil township, is the home of John A. Peterson, who deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in the business world, for all that he today possesses has been acquired through his own labors and well directed activity. As the name suggests, Mr. Peterson is a native of Sweden, his birth having occurred in Guttensbury, July 20, 1851. His parents, Peter and Christine Abrahamson, were likewise natives of that country, where the father was employed as a laborer. He died in Sweden when our subject was but one year old.

John A. Peterson is one of two sons born of his father's marriage and is the only one now living, his brother, Charles A., having departed this life. John A. Peterson pursued his studies in the common schools to the age of fourteen years, when he learned the painter's trade, at which he worked for four years. He next secured employment on a farm, working in that way for a similar period. At the age of nineteen years he emigrated to America, at which time he located in Galesburg, Illinois, where he spent some time but later removed to Lafayette, Indiana, being employed at labor on a railroad for one year. He then returned to Illinois, this time locating near Sycamore, where he was employed at farm labor. He lived economically and managed to save a sum sufficient to enable him to invest in land, thus becoming owner of a tract of one hundred and twenty-four acres, situated in Virgil township, three miles from Maple Park. Mr. Peterson has improved the place with good buildings and has tiled and fenced the land, thus expending eight thousand dollars in making his farm a model property. He has thirty-five acres planted to corn, fifteen acres to oats, while eighteen acres is in grass. He reserves a goodly portion for pasturage, for he keeps seventeen cows for dairy purposes, this branch of his business proving a profitable source of income. He also raises quite a large number of Poland China hogs, and in each branch of his business is meeting with success.

Mr. Peterson has been married twice. He first wedded Matilda A. Anderson, who was born in Sweden and came with her parents to America when a young lady of nineteen years, the family home being established in DeKalb, Illinois. They still survive and make their home in that city. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson was blessed with the following children: Ida S., who makes her home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Amanda G., the wife of Fred Carlson of Sycamore; Ernest E., a resident of Sycamore; August T., who makes his home with our subject; Emma G., a resident of Chicago; and William, who has departed this life. For his second wife Mr. Peterson wedded Augusta Gustafson, who was likewise a native of Sweden, and by her marriage she became the mother of three sons and a daughter, as follows: Reuben Edward, at home; Elmer Benjamin; Bessie A., at home; and Ferdinand, deceased.

Mr. Peterson's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the best citizens of Kane county.

DAVID C. ROACH, M.D.

Dr. David C. Roach is the only physician in active practice in the town of Burlington, Illinois, and his usefulness to the people of that part of the county can easily be inferred from this fact, and from the additional fact that he is both knowing and skillful, well up in both theory and practice and devoted to his profession. He is also diligent and conscientious in his attention to his duties.

He was born September 10, 1871, at Warren, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and is the son of John and Mary E. (Collins) Roach, the former a native of New Orleans, born February 22, 1844, and the latter of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. The father left Louisiana when he was nine years old and found a new home at Warren, in this state, where he was educated in the public schools, and in the vicinity of which town he has long engaged in farming. He and his wife are now living in Warren in the enjoyment of a serene and comfortable advancement in life, with four of their twelve children still surrounding their hearthstone. The mother's father removed to Lafayette county, Wisconsin, in 1865, and it was there Mr. Roach met and married her.

The Doctor's sisters and brothers are: Anna, who is the wife of John Ball, a farmer in Iowa; Thomas, who is in the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad Company in Kansas; James, who is a carpenter at Warren, Illinois; Alice, who is a stenographer for the Cudahy Company at Milwaukee; Edwin, who is employed as a shipping clerk in Milwaukee; Francis, who is attending the State Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana; Andrew, Claire and Mary, who are living at home; Catherine, who is teaching school at Nora, Illinois;

and Marcella, who, also, is living at home. The father is a Catholic in church membership and a Modern Woodman and Knight of the Globe fraternally.

Dr. Roach attended the public schools in his native county until he was thirteen years old, and after that the high school in Warren four years. On leaving the high school he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Caldwell in Freeport, and after the desired preparation under the direction of that gentleman, became a student in the medical department of the Northwestern University, from which he was graduated in 1894. For a year and a half thereafter he was one of the resident physicians in St. Francis Hospital in Freeport. During the next six years he lived and practiced in McConnell, Stephenson county, and at the end of that period took up his residence in Burlington, where he has ever since been engaged in an active general practice. He has a completely equipped modern doctor's office, with its own dispensary and all the appliances needed to meet the requirements of an up-to-date and exacting practice.

The Doctor's marriage occurred in Chicago, where he was united with Miss Emma Weber, a native of that city, where her mother is now living. They have one child, David H., who was born May 7, 1906.

Dr. Roach belongs to the Masonic order, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World, and takes an active interest in the welfare and progress of these organizations. He is also influential in public matters in the township and always earnest in the support of any good movement for its welfare. His counsel is sought and heeded as to projects of public import and his leadership in them is always warmly welcomed. In his profession he stands deservedly high, and no man is regarded with more general respect and esteem in the community.

S. N. HOOVER.

Not all men who prepare for the bar or even all who creditably pass the required examination win success in practice. Frequently the lawyer fails in the necessary preparation or does not possess that keen insight which determines the relative value of every point bearing upon his case. Possessing all the requisite attributes of the successful lawyer, S. N. Hoover is practicing at Aurora with a large and distinctively representative clientage that is proof of his capability in the field of his chosen profession.

Mr. Hoover is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Clermont county, on the 27th of December, 1867. His father, P. H. Hoover, was likewise born in Clermont county, while the grandfather, John Hoover, removed to Ohio from Pennsylvania. The family is of German lineage, however, for the great-grandfather, Jacob Hoover, came from Frankfort-on-the-Main and was the progenitor of the family in the new world. P. H. Hoover was a man of scholarly attainments and broad knowledge. In 1869 he removed westward with his family and settled at Bloomington, Illinois, where, retiring from professional life, he turned his attention to farming and was identified

with agricultural interests throughout the greater part of his remaining days. He was a prominent and stalwart champion of the republican party and was active in campaigns, doing everything in his power to promote the party's growth and insure its success. He was a man of untarnished rectitude of character, faithful to his ideals and ever loyal to the principles which governed his actions. He died in 1899 at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Augusta Prather, died in 1892.

S. N. Hoover was only two years of age when his parents came to Illinois and his education was acquired in the public schools of Bloomington and in the Wesleyan University. When it came time to decide upon a calling which he wished to make his life avocation Mr. Hoover, after looking broad over the business situation, determined upon the profession of law, pursued his studies in Bloomington and in 1891 was admitted to the bar in Denver, Colorado. Following his admission to the bar he located for practice in Colorado and in 1893 he came to Aurora, where he entered into partnership with N. F. Nichols. Later he became a partner of Senator George E. Bacon and this continued until the death of Mr. Bacon in 1896. Since that time Mr. Hoover has been alone with a large practice that is indicative of his skill and ability and the confidence reposed in him by the general public. Earnest effort, close application and undaunted wisdom are strong points in his professional career, combined with a comprehensive familiarity with law and precedent.

In 1901 Mr. Hoover was married to Miss Clara A. Luck, a native of Wisconsin. He belongs to the Masonic lodge, to the Knights of Pythias and other societies and is in full harmony with their principles of brotherly kindness and helpfulness. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is an active supporter therein, doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. In citizenship he stands for progressiveness and substantial improvement and in all his relations with his fellowmen has shown a spirit of consideration and deference that has made him popular with his fellow townsmen.

JAMES ROBERT ANDERSON.

The enterprising little town of Elburn finds a worthy representative of its business interests in James Robert Anderson, who is engaged in the hardware and furniture trade as a member of the firm of Anderson & Warne, conducting a well equipped store, and their reasonable prices and honorable dealing are securing for them a good trade.

Mr. Anderson is one of Kane county's native sons, his birth having occurred on a farm here, December 7, 1868, his parents being Oley and Annie Elizabeth Anderson. The father was born in Norway in 1832, while the mother was born in Zanesville, Ohio, 1842. About 1850 she accompanied her parents to Iowa, the family home being established in Webster City, where she afterward gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Anderson. For a time

they conducted a tavern on the old state road which enters Webster City, but later removed to Illinois, settling near Elburn in the early '60s. They encountered all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, but with the thrift and industry characteristic of his nationality, Mr. Anderson persevered in his work and in due course of time became a prosperous farmer of the community. The family numbered the following: Johnnie, now deceased; James R., of this review; Lewis, deceased; and Ethel, who resides with her parents and is employed as chief operator for the Interstate Telephone Company at Elburn.

James R. Anderson attended the district schools until fourteen years of age, when he entered the graded school of Elburn, continuing his studies to the age of eighteen years. On putting aside his text-books he returned to the farm and had the management of the property until 1892, when he retired from agricultural life and became a factor in commercial pursuits, establishing the hardware and furniture store in Elburn which he has conducted to the present time. His business was very successful.

Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Nellie M. Richmond, whose father conducted a bank at that place. Fraternaly Mr. Anderson is connected with the Masonic lodge and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he is holding the office of venerable consul. He has been somewhat prominent in community affairs and was elected to the position of village trustee, in which he has served since 1904 up to the present time. In politics he is a republican and is always able to support his position by intelligent argument, for he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. The business methods he has followed are strictly straightforward and honorable and have won for him the respect as well as the commercial support of the community.

LAMSON BROTHERS.

The farming interests of Kane county find worthy representatives in Lorenzo John and Dale Elliott Lamson, who have been prominently connected with agricultural interests in Big Rock township throughout their entire lives. They represent one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families of this locality. Their father, Lorenzo John Lamson, Sr., was born September 9, 1816, in the vicinity of Bunker Hill monument at Charlestown, Massachusetts, and was a son of Samuel and Sarah (Elliott) Lamson, who were likewise natives of the old Bay state.

Removing westward, Lorenzo John Lamson established his home in Kane county on the 1st of October, 1836. He was then a young man of twenty years and he came to the west that he might benefit by its broader business opportunities. Only four years before had the Black Hawk war occurred and there were still many evidences of Indian occupancy here. Much of the land was still in possession of the government and it was undrained and uncultivated. In fact, everything was wild, not a furrow had



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been turned or an improvement made, while the native timber was still uncut. The land, however, was productive, responding rapidly to the care and labor bestowed upon it, yet much arduous labor was required to convert the wild prairie into fertile fields. Mr. Lamson secured from the government a claim of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 7, 8 and 18, Big Rock township, paying for this property the usual price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. He had no very near neighbors, but he possessed a resolute, determined spirit and bravely faced the conditions of pioneer life with all of its attendant hardships and privations. As the years passed he carried on the work of the farm and soon wrought a marked transformation in its appearance. He assisted in organizing Big Rock township and was its first township clerk. In community affairs he took an active and helpful part for many years and held various township offices whereby he promoted the political status and substantial improvement of the neighborhood. The cause of education, too, found in him a warm friend and he served for twenty-one years as school director.

In December, 1855, Lorenzo John Lamson, Sr., was married in Aurora to Miss Jane Dale, the wedding being celebrated by an Episcopal clergyman. Mrs. Lamson was born in Durham county, England. The Lamson family is also of English descent. Mrs. Lamson's father was Thomas Dale, who settled in Big Rock township in 1852, coming here direct from England with his wife and younger children. He had married Ann Stoddart, also a native of England. His birth occurred at Eagle Cliff, Yorkshire, August 13, 1786, while his wife was born at Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, April 19, 1794. They were married at Middlem, England, in November, 1812, and became parents of fifteen children, but only one is now living, Mrs. Alfred Sommers, who makes her home in La Grange, Illinois. One son of the family was killed in the Sepoy Rebellion while serving with the English army in India. Two other brothers, Henry and William Dale, were sea captains. The former died at Sligo, Ireland, June 15, 1871, while the latter sailed to the East Indies in command of a merchant vessel and was never heard from again. The father, Thomas Dale, died July 26, 1862, while the mother passed away March 20, 1876.

Their daughter Jane, as stated, became the wife of Lorenzo John Lamson, and they began their domestic life upon the farm in Big Rock township, which was their place of residence throughout their remaining years. Prior to his marriage Mr. Lamson had made considerable advance in a financial way, for as the years went by he had prospered in his undertakings. When he came to the west in 1836 his cash capital on reaching Chicago was but fifty cents, and yet with that sum of money he could have purchased two acres of land where the federal building now stands. It was a swamp and was considered of practically no value. He did not tarry on the site of the future western metropolis, however, but made his way to Kane county and through his remaining days was one of the substantial farmers of Big Rock township. His first home was a log cabin, but in the course of years he erected a frame residence, to which he took his bride at the time of their marriage. It contained four rooms and in that home they reared their

family. As years passed, however, he added many modern and substantial improvements to his farm and greatly extended its boundaries until at the time of his death he owned two hundred and seventy acres. He passed away April 11, 1889, and for several years was survived by his wife, who died February 27, 1895. He had lived to see Kane county become a populous and prosperous district, lacking none of the advantages of modern civilization, and he deserved much credit in that he won success and also from the fact that he took an important part in developing the country along substantial lines.

When the father passed away the family home came into the possession of his four sons, three of whom still own the farm: Lorenzo John Lamson, the eldest, was born on this farm December 12, 1856, while the birth of Dale Elliott Lamson occurred July 13, 1858. They were reared in the usual manner of farm lads and early became familiar with the work of the fields, so that when they took charge of the property they had broad, practical experience to assist them in carrying out the various departments of the farm work. They are well known as raisers of grain and stock, and have a splendidly improved property. They use the most modern machinery to facilitate the work in the fields and as the years have passed by they have become recognized as among the most progressive agriculturists of the community. In 1881 the father had erected a handsome and commodious residence and also later built a large octagonal barn, which is eighty-four feet in diameter. Under it is a big basement for feeding cattle and the barn will also shelter twelve head of horses and three hundred and twenty tons of hay. As stated, this property is now in possession of the three surviving sons of the former Lorenzo John Lamson: Lorenzo John, Dale Elliott and Arthur William. Another son, Lionel, was killed while working on the place April 24, 1903, his death resulting from an accident occasioned by a runaway team which was hitched to a pulverizer. He was then in his forty-third year. The remaining sons are all men of good business ability and the able management which they have displayed in their farm duties is manifest in the splendid appearance of their place. They are lovers of fine stock and are breeders of Hereford cattle, Poland China hogs and Dorset horn sheep. They also handle both draft and coach horses and raise pure bred poultry, including Wyandotte chickens, Embden geese, bronze turkeys and Pekin ducks.

In community affairs the Lamson brothers have become well known as supporters of many progressive measures. Lorenzo John Lamson has filled the office of road commissioner and has also been school director. He was likewise one of the organizers of the Big Rock Creamery Company, has been a director since its establishment in 1891 and for three years was its secretary. He is likewise one of the directors of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Hinckley, Illinois. Dale Lamson filled the office of assessor of Big Rock township for eight years and both brothers give their political support to the republican party. They are also members of the Modern Woodmen camp and are Yeomen of Big Rock, while with the Mystic Workers of Hinckley they are likewise connected. The community num-



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bers them among the representative citizens and leading business men and they enjoy in large measure the good will and friendship of those with whom they come in contact in this community, in which their entire lives have been passed.

ARTHUR WILLIAM LAMSON.

Arthur William Lamson, connected with the farming interests of Big Rock township, was born February 4, 1860, on the old Lamson homestead. He was the third son of Lorenzo John Lamson, a pioneer settler of Kane county. His ancestry is distinctively American in both its lineal and collateral lines. He is a descendant of William Lamson, who was a native of Massachusetts, although the place of his birth is unknown. The first records place him in Ipswich in 1637 and he died in 1658. His son, Joseph Lamson, was born in October, 1658, presumably at Ipswich, and died at Charlestown, Massachusetts, August 27, 1722. He was the father of Caleb Lamson, whose birth occurred at Malden, Massachusetts, June 12, 1697, and who was married November 24, 1720, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, while his death occurred February 9, 1760. His son, John Lamson, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born June 10, 1732. The place of his birth is unknown, but he died at Woburn, Massachusetts, January 12, 1776, which fact is taken from an epitaph on his tombstone in Woburn's first burying-ground, the inscription being, "Here lies the body of Mr. John Lamson, late of Charlestown, who departed this life January 12, 1776, aged forty-three years." The grandfather of Arthur W. Lamson was Lorenzo J. Lamson, who was born May 7, 1773, and was married July 23, 1811, to Sally Elliott.

Their son, Lorenzo John Lamson, was born near Bunker Hill monument in Charlestown, Massachusetts, September 9, 1816. He was twenty years of age when he arrived in Kane county on the 1st of October, 1836, and settled on section 7, Big Rock township. This was a frontier district in which the work of improvement and development had scarcely been begun. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government at one dollar and a quarter per acre and developed a farm on which he spent his remaining days, increasing its size as he prospered with the passing years. In December, 1855, in Aurora, he married Jane Dale, a native of Durham county, England, the wedding ceremony being performed by an Episcopal clergyman. With his new bride he immediately established a home on the farm that remained their abiding place until death. Mr. Lamson built first a little log house which he occupied until about the time of his marriage, when he erected a frame dwelling of four rooms and therein reared his family of four sons. Success attended his efforts as the years passed and in 1881 he built the commodious frame dwelling and a large octagonal shaped barn, which still remain. The latter is yet the largest barn in Big Rock township and one of the most extensive in Kane county,

being eighty-four feet in diameter. It holds three hundred and twenty tons of hay, with room for twelve head of horses on the main floor, while a very large basement is used for feeding the cattle. As his financial resources permitted he added to his original claim and at the time of his death his farm comprised two hundred and seventy acres. The three surviving sons now own the farm and since the death of the father have further extended its boundaries. The father died April 11, 1889, while his wife passed away February 27, 1895.

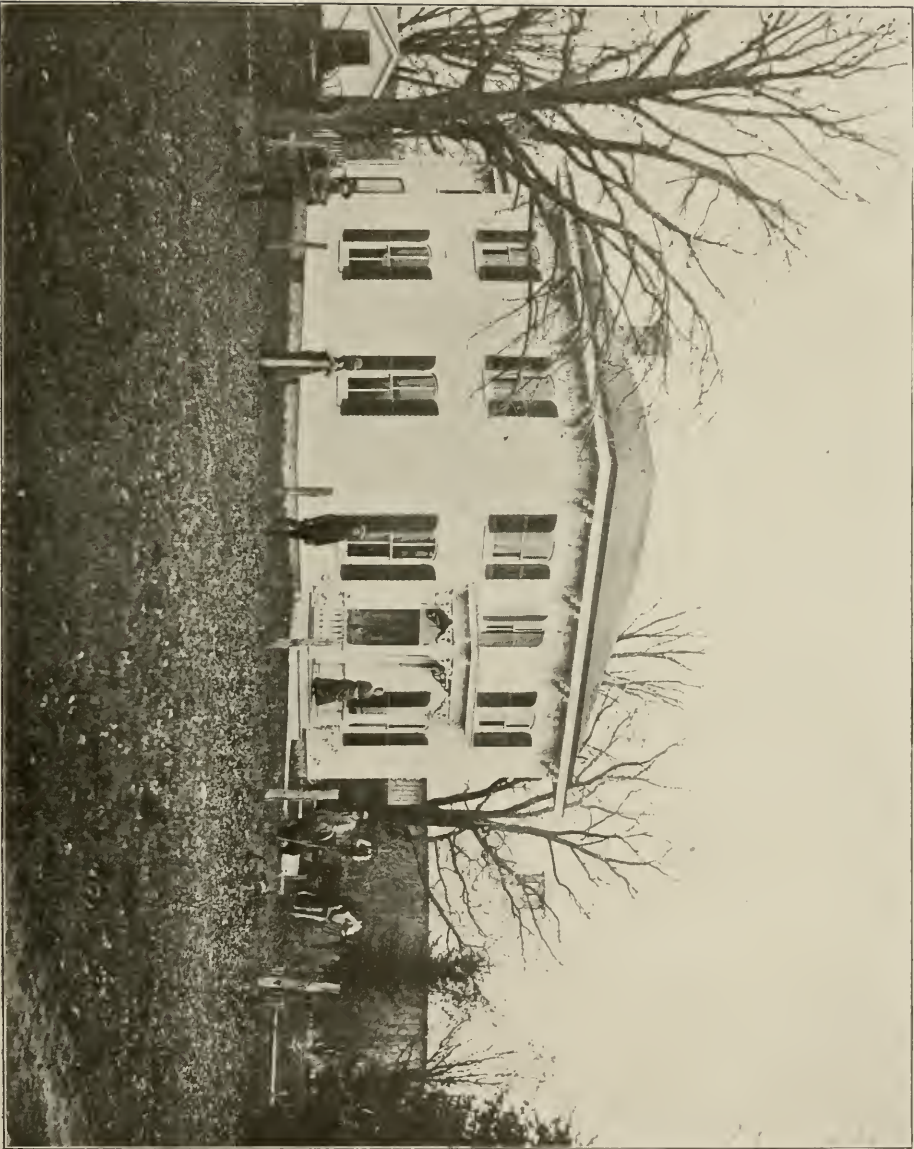
She was a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Stoddard) Dale. Her father was born at Eagle Cliff, Yorkshire, England, August 13, 1786, and her mother's birth occurred at Houghton-le-Spring, in Durham, England, April 19, 1794. They were married in November, 1812, and unto them were born fifteen children, including Mrs. Lamson. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lamson occupied a prominent place in the regard of their fellow citizens and were numbered among the worthy pioneer residents of the county. Mr. Lamson assisted in the organization of Big Rock township, and was the first town clerk. He also served as road commissioner and school trustee, while for twenty-one years he was a school director and did much to promote the cause of public education in his township which, in his death, lost one of its most influential and valued citizens.

The sons of Lorenzo J. and Jane Lamson are: Lorenzo John, jr., who was born December 12, 1856; Dale Elliott, born July 13, 1858; Arthur William, of this review; and Lionel Lincoln, born December 4, 1861. On the 24th of December, 1903, our subject and his brother Lionel Lincoln were working in a field, each with a four-horse team hitched to a pulverizer. The team driven by Lionel took fright and ran away. He was unable to control them and fell before the pulverizer, being instantly killed.

The life of Arthur W. Lamson has been quietly passed in general agricultural pursuits. He was reared to the work of the farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His practical experience well qualified him for the duties which have devolved upon him since he attained his majority, and in his farming operations he has displayed progressive and enterprising methods. He is associated with his two brothers in the conduct and management of the home farm, which they have enlarged and improved, but our subject and his wife now reside about three-quarters of a mile west of the old homestead, where they located in March, 1908.

Mr. Lamson was married April 2, 1902, to Miss Mary F. Harrison, who was born in Whittington, England, December 26, 1874, a daughter of John and Mary (Froggart) Harrison. Her parents were also natives of England and were married at Whittington, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire, March 30, 1874. Mrs. Lamson was ten years of age when her father came to America and settled at Staunton, Macoupin county, Illinois, his family joining him a few months later. Subsequently they removed to Virgil, Kane county, and in 1887 became residents of Blackberry township. Here Mrs. Lamson attended school but completed her education at the Normal School in Dixon, Illinois. From 1895 until 1905 the Harrison

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family made their home in Campton township and from there removed to St. Charles, where the parents are now living. For many years Mr. Harrison was foreman of a coal mine in England but now devotes his attention to farming. The first horse he ever owned was purchased in 1892 and since that time he has followed agricultural pursuits.

In the family of John and Mary (Froggart) Harrison are the following children: Alice, born September 18, 1876, is deceased; Abel, born January 6, 1879, at Stairfoot, England, has also passed away; Amy, born March 16, 1881, at Stairfoot, is the wife of George Moulding, of Sugar Grove township; Mark Seth, born July 14, 1883, at West Cornforth, County Durham, England, married Minnie Middlestedt, and lives at Elgin, Illinois; Mabel Agnes, born October 21, 1885, in Campton, this county, lives at home; Esther, born February 19, 1888, in Campton, is with her parents; Katy Cora May, born at Campton, May 1, 1890, is also at home; Clara Emma, the youngest of the family, was born February 28, 1902, in Blackberry township. On the 30th of November, 1893, the eldest daughter, Mary Harrison, became the wife of James Jones and one child, Clarence Harrison Jones, was born, April 8, 1895, in Aurora, and now lives with his mother and stepfather. Mrs. Jones was divorced at Geneva, Illinois, May 29, 1899, and on the 2d of April, 1902, became the wife of A. W. Lamson. They have one child, Jane Anne Mary, born September 30, 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamson are engaged in the pursuit of farm life and he is putting forth every effort to improve and increase the fertility and productiveness of his fine place. He is of a retiring disposition, but a man of genuine worth and is highly respected by his neighbors and all who know him.

Thomas Harrison, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Lamson, was born November 19, 1826, in Toft, Lincolnshire, England, of which place his wife was also a native. She bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Moles and was a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Smith) Moles, who were married January 15, 1827, at Rippingale, England. Joseph Moles was nearly one hundred years of age at the time of his death. His wife departed this life November 27, 1849. The mother of Joseph Moles was Mary Witherell, who died March 11, 1853, at the age of eighty-seven years. In 1869 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrison removed to Kirby-Underwood, England, where he died August 24, 1891, and his wife, who was born April 14, 1829, passed away September 14, 1898. They were the parents of eleven children.

The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Lamson were George and Emma (Slack) Froggart, in whose family were fourteen children. They were natives of Carvel, Derbyshire, England, where they continued to live until the death of Mrs. Froggart, February 16, 1895, when she was fifty-seven years of age. Mr. Froggart has since made his home with his children in Wakefield, Derbyshire. He is a son of Alexander and Mary (Hawkins) Froggart. His father died March 14, 1872, at the age of seventy years, and his mother December 21, 1872, at the age of sixty-three. She was one of five children, four girls and one boy. Her brother, Thomas Hawkins, married and lived in Edenser, England, but afterward removed with his family to Australia. For two years after locating there his relatives in Eng-

land heard from him, and then as no news came from him it is supposed that he was killed by the wild tribes inhabiting that country. Mary (Slack) Froggart was a daughter of Job and Catherine (Hicks) Slack, who were the parents of thirteen children and adopted three children of his brother. Job Slack died October 15, 1890, at the age of eighty-seven years, and his wife passed away November 6, 1889, at the age of seventy-eight years.

J. G. ELBERT.

J. G. Elbert is conducting a successful business in the line of horseshoeing, general blacksmithing and wagon repairing in Elgin. He is a native of the neighboring state of Wisconsin, his birth having occurred in New Munster, September 23, 1866, his parents being Joseph and Dora (Suer) Elbert, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to this country in the '50s and worked at the Clipperthy Falls in Wisconsin in the winter time, while in the summer seasons he rafted logs down the Mississippi river to St. Louis. On the return trips to the lumber camps he traveled part of the time by stage but also had to walk part of the distance. This was during the early period of development in the middle west, when hardships and dangers formed the lot of the lumberman as he penetrated into the forest and cut the timbers, which were then taken to the market. Mr. Elbert was engaged in business in that way for about seven years, when, having accumulated some capital through his industry, perseverance and economy, he turned his attention to farming in Kenosha county, Wisconsin. There he resided for a number of years, devoting his time and energies to agricultural pursuits and eventually he acquired a handsome competence that enabled him to spend the last fifteen years of his life in well earned and honorable retirement in the town of New Munster. He passed away September 1, 1906, while his wife died February 17, 1895. They had a family of six children, four of whom are yet living.

J. G. Elbert was educated in the public schools of his native county, spending his boyhood and youth upon the farm, and when not busy with his text-books his time was largely given to the work of the fields. At the age of nineteen years he began learning the blacksmith's trade with Simon Bopp, of New Munster, Wisconsin, and after serving a two years' apprenticeship went to Kenosha, that state. Later he went to Iowa, where two of his brothers were engaged in farming, but not being pleased with that state he came to Illinois in 1890, locating in Elgin, where he worked in the watch factory for a short time. Not finding this employment as congenial as blacksmithing, he resumed work at his trade in the employ of W. M. Andrews, with whom he continued for six years. The careful husbanding of his resources during that period at length justified him in engaging in business on his own account at his present location at No. 172 Brook street. He worked for nine months in the watch factory when he first came to Elgin, but with the exception of that period has given his attention entirely to blacksmithing and kindred inter-

ests during his residence here. He has now built up a fine business in horseshoeing, general blacksmithing, rubber tiring and wagon repairing, the extent of his trade necessitating his employing three men.

On the 2d of June, 1891, Mr. Elbert was married to Miss Carrie M. Bopp of New Munster, Wisconsin, and they now have one daughter, Helen Lucille. Mr. Elbert belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees and the Catholic Order of Foresters. His political allegiance is given the republican party and in 1906 he was elected alderman from the second ward for a term of two years, during which time he served as chairman of the claim committee and also as a member of the committees on finance, sidewalks and health. In 1908 he was again elected to that office without opposition. He has taken an active and helpful interest in doing things for the good and welfare of the city, and Elgin recognizes in him a resident who is unselfishly devoted to her upbuilding.

JOHN INGHAM.

John Ingham, one of the most prominent stock-raisers of Kane county, is living on a farm of three hundred and fifty-nine acres in Sugar Grove township which was the place of his birth and throughout his entire life he has been connected with agricultural pursuits. He was born October 19, 1854, and is a grandson of Captain Joseph Ingham, who was a native of the Bermuda Islands. He resided, however, for many years in New York, where he owned a large tract of land, which had originally been granted to Baron Steuben for his services in the war of the Revolution.

John Ingham of this review is a son of Samuel S. Ingham, for many years one of the prominent and influential farmers of this community. He came to Kane county when the work of development and improvement had scarcely been begun within its borders and established his home in Sugar Grove township. He served as the first assessor of that township and held the office many years. He was born on the Bermuda Islands, May 24, 1801, and was there reared to manhood. After he arrived at maturity he removed to Oneida county, New York. He became well known in connection with the New York State Militia and remained a resident of the east until 1839, when, attracted by the opportunities of the new and growing west, he came to Illinois and remained a resident of Sugar Grove township, Kane county, throughout his remaining days. As the years passed he converted a tract of raw land into rich and productive fields, added to his possessions as his financial resources increased and became one of the leading and influential citizens of his community. He died March 17, 1864, and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for all who knew him respected him for his genuine worth.

In early manhood Samuel S. Ingham married Miss Nancy Owens, who was of Welsh lineage. Her father died when his children were small so that little is known concerning the history of that family. She was born in Steuben, Oneida county, New York, January 16, 1822, and passed away in

Aurora, July 2, 1879, at the age of fifty-seven years. Both she and her husband were members of and earnest workers in the Universalist church. They had five children who reached adult age: Joseph, Squire U., John O., Mrs. Adeline C. Spencer, and Hattie, who died when sixteen years of age. The eldest son, who died in September, 1907, was joint owner with John Ingham in the old home farm.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John Ingham in his boyhood and youth. He worked in the fields and early became familiar with all the duties and labors that devolve upon the agriculturist. His careful home training, however, well qualified him to take charge of the farm in later years and in due course of time this property became the possession of himself and his brother Joseph. It is still undivided and Joseph's share is owned by his widow. The place is a tract of land of three hundred and fifty-nine acres and the soil is rich and productive, responding readily to the care and cultivation which is bestowed upon it. It is regarded as one of the model farms of the county, its buildings are modern and well kept, the stock is of high grades and the machinery used is of the latest improved patterns. Mr. Ingham is most practical in all that he undertakes and in addition to tilling the soil he is one of the largest stock-feeders of Sugar Grove township. Both branches of his business are proving profitable and he is accounted one of the successful farmers of this part of the state.

On the 13th of February, 1883, John Ingham was married to Miss Catherine C. Cook, of Aurora, a daughter of Henry C. Cook, a native of Ireland. Mrs. Ingham was born in Aurora, September 9, 1860, attended the public schools of the city and after her graduation from the East Aurora high school became a student in Jennings Seminary. She was also a successful teacher in the Aurora schools for a number of years, and is a lady of broad knowledge and culture who has many friends in this county.

Mr. Ingham is a member of Aurora Lodge, K. P., and also of the Elks lodge of that city, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He has been frequently solicited to become a candidate for public office but has steadily declined, feeling that his business interests have required his entire time and attention. His work is of an important character and in its management he displays keen discrimination as well as unflinching industry, thus gaining the prosperity which he is now enjoying.

JAMES McWETHY.

James McWethy, deceased, was well known in Aurora by reason of the activity he displayed in business, his loyalty in citizenship and his commendable personal traits of character as manifest in his relations with his fellowmen. He was born in Leroy, New York, in 1846, and spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the Empire state, acquiring his education there through the medium of the public schools. When about twenty years of age he came west to Illinois and first went to Rockford to teach in the

country schools of the vicinity of that city for a short period, when he engaged in the insurance business with the Rockford Insurance Company. Later he came to Aurora and here began business in the farm insurance line, in which he continued until his death. He secured a good clientage in this direction, writing a large amount of business annually, and was recognized as one of the reliable representatives of insurance in this part of the state.

On the 12th of July, 1877, Mr. McWethy was married to Miss Caroline Fowler Somarindyck, a daughter of Augustus and Elizabeth (Slater) Somarindyck, both of whom were natives of New York, and there resided for many years, Mrs. McWethy, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, being reared in Poughkeepsie. In the year 1871 Mr. Somarindyck removed westward to Aurora and for some years engaged in the drygoods business here. He afterward lived retired for a few years enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He passed away about 1894 and his wife, surviving him until 1897, was just seventy years of age at the time of her demise. In their family were three sons and three daughters, namely: John, a resident of Aurora; James, who makes his home in Chicago; Caroline, now Mrs. McWethy; Cornelia, who practiced medicine in Chicago and was the wife of Eugene Stettler but is now deceased; Mrs. Augusta Marr, of Aurora; and George, of Los Angeles, California.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McWethy was blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters. Anna is the wife of Frank Gibson, a resident of Seattle, Washington; Augustus has succeeded his father in the insurance business. Daniel and Elizabeth are yet in school. The death of the husband and father occurred on the 19th of December, 1902. He and his wife and two eldest children are members of the Congregational church. Mr. McWethy continued a resident of Aurora for about a third of a century and was well known here. He possessed a social, genial nature and had many friends who sacredly cherish his memory. He was always considerate of others, manifested deference for the opinions of those with whom he came in contact, was kindly in spirit, generous in action and, above all, was a devoted husband and father.

MRS. CELIA IDA MARKLE.

No history of the enterprising little city of Elburn would be complete without mention of Mrs. Markle, who, for twenty-five years, has conducted a ladies' bazaar and has one of the leading mercantile interests of the town. Not to know Mrs. Markle in Elburn is to argue one's self unknown for she has not only demonstrated her ability in business circles, but is also well known socially and has an extensive circle of warm friends. She was born upon her father's farm in this locality, February 4, 1861, being a daughter of Samuel R. and Malintha M. (Churchill) Sheldon, extensive mention of

whom is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of their son, Quincy Sheldon.

At the usual age Mrs. Markle began her education, attending the graded schools of Elburn, and when she was seventeen years of age she took up the profession of teaching, which she followed as an alternate. She resided with her parents until they were called to the home beyond, and on the 24th of June, 1903, she gave her hand in marriage to Charles F. Markle, who is now engaged in the livery business in Elburn, with his brother-in-law, Q. G. Sheldon.

Mr. Markle was a soldier of the Spanish-American war, enrolling on the 12th of September, 1899, as a private of Company E, Thirty-ninth Regiment, and going to the Philippines, he took part in the engagement at Sugar Hill, two and a half miles from Calamba, January 9, 1900; the skirmishes at Iollo and Sanra Mesa; the engagement at Buentad Vigo; the battle of San Tomas Hill, January 13, 1900; the skirmish near Lipa, August 11, 1900; Bulocbag, January 21, 1901; San Diego Hill, January 29, 1901; and the engagement of the rear guard near San Coloc. He served until June 30, 1901, and was honorably discharged at Presidia, California, on the 21st of December, 1903.

For a quarter of a century Mrs. Markle has conducted the ladies' bazaar, in which she carries a large and carefully selected lines of ladies' goods. Her store is neat, tasteful and attractive in its arrangement, her prices are reasonable and her dealings always fair and just, so that she has throughout the entire period enjoyed a liberal patronage.

WILLIAM BULLOCK.

Born, reared, educated and now living in this county, with four of his brothers and one sister, conducting useful enterprises within a few miles of his home, William Bullock and the family from which he sprang have been closely connected with the history of the county for many years and important factors in its growth and development. Mr. Bullock came into the world at St. Charles on April 19, 1877, and six years later moved with the rest of the family to Geneva. There he attended the public schools until he reached the age of sixteen, obtaining a good fundamental education, and preparing himself as well as his circumstances allowed for the battles of life.

His first engagement in the great contest was as a farm hand in the employ of Joseph Woolster on a farm near Geneva, where he remained six years. He then worked in the Challenge windmill factory in Batavia two years, and after the expiration of that period passed four years as a hand on the farm of William Evans on the Galena road. By this time he had come to an age and state of mind in which it seemed best to him to be working for himself. He, therefore, worked the Tuttle farm one year, after that the Estee farm one year, and then the C. Loser farm two years. He is now farming seventy acres in Aurora township, and is making a

good record on it as a farmer and advancing his interests in a gratifying degree.

About six years ago he yielded to the pleadings of his nature for a home and its comforting domestic ties, and on April 19, 1902, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his birth, was married to Miss Kate Reichard, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Miller) Reichard, of Fort Smith, Arkansas. She was born in Detroit, Michigan, but moved in childhood with her parents to the far western Arkansas city and lived there until her marriage. Her parents were born and reared in Germany and came to this country soon after their arrival at years of maturity. Mr. and Mrs. Bullock have three daughters, Elizabeth, Frances and Gwendoline, all of whom are living with them.

Mr. Bullock's brothers and sister are: Thomas, a resident of Geneva, this county; George, who lives in Minnesota; John, who works on a farm near Aurora; Charles, who lives at Woodstock in McHenry county, Illinois; Warren, who resides in Aurora; and Lizzie, the wife of Frank Huntley of Aurora. The parents of this family are John and Harriett (Egan) Bullock, the former born at Coddington, Northhamptonshire, England, on January 13, 1836, and the latter at Ponds Flat in the same country, on February 3, 1861. The grandparents were William and Lucy (Brown) Bullock, also natives of England.

From his childhood Mr. Bullock has been industrious, temperate and frugal. He realized early in life that he would have to make his own way in the world, and he bent all his efforts and controlled all his actions toward winning the progress he desired. He has succeeded in his aspirations, being now comfortable in a worldly way and firmly fixed in the good will and lasting regard of the people among whom he has lived and labored and to whose advancement he has contributed all that was in his power. Having been the architect of his own fortune, he is entitled to the gratification which comes from self-wrought success, and his friends and neighbors share his feelings in this respect, giving him full credit for what he has done.

CHARLES ESTERBROOK COLWELL, M.D.

While Dr. Charles E. Colwell is widely known as an able and learned physician and surgeon, he occupies an equally enviable position in public regard by reason of his interest in the cause of education and his stalwart support of every measure of public progress in the community. He was born at Newburgh, New York, June 19, 1864. His parents were Clark Brown and Martha (Pennoyer) Colwell. Both the Colwells and Pennoyers for several generations preceding the birth of the subject of this sketch, had resided in Orange county, to the west of Newburgh, in the towns of Hopewell, Crawford, Montgomery and Coldenham. The Colwells were originally Scotch. The Pennoyers were French Huguenots.

The Doctor's great-grandfather, John Colwell, was a farmer at Hope-well, New York. His grandfather, Hugh Colwell, was a wheelwright, and resided at Coldenham, New York, where he died, aged forty-four, leaving his widow, Adelaide Dickenson Colwell, and four children: John Harvey, Augusta, Clark Brown, and James, all of whom are dead but Clark B. Adelaide (Dickenson) Colwell, his grandmother, was born on eastern Long Island, and was descended from one Philemon Dickenson, who, with his brothers Nathaniel and John, emigrated from England to Massachusetts in 1638, and in 1646 was one of twenty who founded Southold, Long Island.

Clark Brown Colwell was born at Shawangunk, Ulster county, July 24, 1835. After his father's death, when he was seven years old, he went to live with his grandmother on a farm among the rocks at Bethel in Sullivan county. When eighteen he went to his mother at Newburgh and learned the carpenter's trade. Upon the breaking out of the Civil war in 1861 he enlisted as a private for three months' service and was stationed at Baltimore, Maryland. In 1862 he reenlisted in the Ninety-eighth New York Volunteers, and went out as first sergeant, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out December 1, 1864. His valor and meritorious service on the field of battle won for him promotion until he came out as first lieutenant in command of his company, his captain having been brevetted colonel. He was in the campaign resulting in the fall of Richmond and participated in the battles of the Wilderness, and in many hotly contested engagements and in the long marches which led up to the final victory. After the war he returned to Newburgh and in the spring of 1867 came with his family to Aurora, where he entered business as a general contractor, forming a partnership under the style of Dyckman Brothers & Colwell. This continued for a few years, after which Mr. Colwell purchased his partners' interest and continued in contracting lines under his own name. He has been identified with much of the important building in the city. He erected the Aurora Cotton Mills, the German Catholic church, the Hobbs block, the Oak Street school, the South Lake Street school and many other large and substantial buildings. He also remodeled the courthouse and these various structures stand as evidence of his skill and ability in his chosen field of labor.

In 1893 he retired from the business of contracting and for the next four years was superintendent and manager of the Aurora Creamery Company. Since 1897 he has been living quietly upon the fruits of his toil. Clark B. Colwell is a Master Mason, prominent in the craft and for many years has been treasurer of his lodge. He was a member of the board of education for several years.

Clark B. Colwell and his wife were members of the Methodist church and became charter members of the congregation that was formed on the west side of the river, and aided in the building of the Galena Street Methodist Episcopal church. Martha Jane Pennoyer Colwell was the youngest child of Jacob and Martha (Scott) Pennoyer; was born September 28, 1832, and died January 25, 1905. The Doctor has two sisters, Miss

Fanny A., and Jennie A., the wife of E. E. Bartlett, of Warren, Rhode Island.

Dr. Colwell was three years of age when he came with his parents to Aurora. Here he has lived continuously since and, passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, he was graduated from the West Aurora high school in 1881. With good literary education to serve as the foundation upon which to build the superstructure of professional knowledge, he then began reading medicine under the direction of Dr. F. L. Bartlett and graduated as high general standman in a class of ninety-six from the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago in 1885, after which he began practicing in Aurora, where he has since continued.

Soon after graduation he formed a copartnership with his preceptor, Dr. F. L. Bartlett, which continued until the retirement of Dr. F. L. Bartlett in 1899, when a new copartnership was formed with his son, Dr. Fred A. Bartlett, under the title of Colwell & Bartlett. He is accorded a liberal patronage and is recognized as one of the leaders in his profession in Aurora. He is a member of the Chicago Homeopathic Medical Association and the Illinois State Medical Association, and in the proceedings of the latter takes an active part, having served as chairman of different bureaus of the association. He was chairman of the legislative bureau of the state society of his school of medicine at the time of the passage of the present state medical practice act, at which time the state board of health was also reorganized. He likewise belongs to the American Institute of Homeopathy. He is one of the attending surgeons on the staff of the Aurora City Hospital, and lectures on obstetrics in the training school for nurses connected with this hospital. He has taken a prominent part in the organization of the Aurora-Elgin District Homeopathic Medical Society and is its first president.

Aside from his professional interests Dr. Colwell is one of the directors of the Western United Gas & Electric Company and is a director in the Merchants' National Bank. He is the president of the Aurora Tennis Club, which has the unique distinction of being the only tennis club in northern Illinois that owns its own outfit. The club was organized by Dr. Colwell, associated with Drs. Bartlett and Holcombe. They organized the club, purchased the ground and erected a club house and Dr. Colwell has since been its president. He has been president of the board of education of school district No. 129, known as West Aurora since the spring of 1903, and has given to school matters a good deal of time and thought. The period covered by his presidency might well be called one of building construction. The part he took in the building of the new high school, a gem of architecture, complete in its heating and ventilating, plumbing and scientific equipment have probably given him the most satisfaction of anything he has ever done. Every detail of the planning and execution of the plans were under his constant observation, and he feels that it is a worthy monument to his public spiritedness and good citizenship. The large Oak Street school was partially destroyed by fire and was rebuilt and equipped with a modern heating sys-

tem that ventilates as well. Also a new grade building of exquisite architecture, with modern heating and plumbing, was erected on Galena street.

Few men have been so actively or helpfully interested in many lines affecting public welfare as Dr. Colwell. One of the keynotes of the Doctor's character is that each person should help his fellowmen in all ways possible, and also that good citizenship means not simply honor of holding office, but rather the giving as a sense of duty the best service of which one is capable, honestly, conscientiously and self-sacrificingly, without respect to passing criticism.

He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution. In his professional career he has made that steady advancement which results from conscientious obligation in practice and from a thorough understanding of the scientific principles which underlie his chosen field of labor.

CAPTAIN LEVERETT M. KELLEY.

Captain Leverett M. Kelley, who is now serving as deputy commissioner of pensions in Washington, D. C., and whose legal home is in Elgin, was born in Schenectady, New York, September 28, 1841, and in his veins flows the blood of Scotch-Irish and Dutch-American ancestry. His father, John Kelley, came to Illinois with the family when his son, Leverett, was not quite four years of age. There were eight children in the family and they settled on a farm in Rutland township, near Pingree Grove, arriving in June, 1845. In the school in the home neighborhood Captain Kelley pursued his early education and at the age of eighteen took up a course in the Elgin Academy, while later he attended the college at Beloit, Wisconsin. He was pursuing his studies there when the Civil war broke out.

He had been an interested witness of the events which preceded the inauguration of hostilities and early in the war he determined that he would strike a blow in defense of the Union, feeling that his duty to his country was paramount to all else. He was nineteen years of age, when in July, 1861, he enlisted as a private of Company A, Thirty-sixth Regiment of the Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Camp Hammond, Illinois, August 22, 1861. Early in the service he became corporal, was afterward promoted to the rank of sergeant and later served as first lieutenant and as captain, being at times in command of the regiment. He was in active duty for more than four years, or until October, 1865. Few men are possessed of such a creditable military record or have been active participants in more of the important engagements during the war than Captain Kelley, who met the enemy on the battle grounds of Pea Ridge, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Dalton, Resaca, Adairsville, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Lovejoy Station, Jonesboro, Columbia, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville. When sergeant of Company A at Missionary Ridge, calling upon his comrades to follow him, he

rushed forward in the face of an incessant and deadly fire, and was among the first over the works on the summit, where he compelled the surrender of a Confederate officer and received his sword. Many other tangible evidences of his valor might be given but this is sufficient to indicate the nature of his service.

When the war was over Captain Kelley returned to Illinois and has much of the time been in public service, manifesting a loyalty to the trust reposed in him equal to that which he displayed when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields. He was married in 1867. The following year he became sheriff of Kane county and was again called to that office in 1874. He became Indian agent at the Standing Rock and Los Pinos agencies in 1878, in which capacity he consummated an important treaty with the latter tribe. From 1889 until 1893 he filled the position of chief of the division of the pension bureau at Washington, and in 1897 he was made deputy commissioner of pensions. In the discharge of his duties he has been most faithful, so that over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

Captain Kelley is an unequivocal republican, yet never a bitter partisan. He is always interested in military affairs and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and the Medal of Honor Legion of the United States.

HON. DAVID F. BARCLAY.

No history of Elgin would be complete without extensive mention of Hon. David F. Barclay, who is one of its most prominent citizens. His life has been so varied in its activity, so honorable in its purposes and so far-reaching in its effects, that it has become an integral part of the annals of Elgin. Taking up his abode here in early days he has aided in large measure in shaping its formative policy and in promoting its industrial activity and in public office he has also demonstrated the fact that the public welfare is with him above partisanship or personal aggrandizement.

Mr. Barclay is descended from sturdy Scotch ancestry and is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, the family settling at Little Fort, now Waukegan, Illinois, in 1842. There in early life he learned the trade of a tinsmith and copper-smith, and in 1851 he removed to Elgin, where he worked for a time at his trade. Later he engaged in the hardware business on his own account. A man of resourceful ability, he soon extended his efforts to other lines, and in addition to his other work, began the manufacture of dairy apparatus, being a pioneer in this line in the west. As the dairy business expanded this branch of Mr. Barclay's business became very extensive and important. He manufactured the cans in which the first shipment of milk was made to Chicago and was one of the founders in the early '70s of the Elgin Board of Trade, whose annual transactions of butter and cheese in the late years

amounted to millions of dollars. For many years Mr. Barclay remained as president of the board, in which connection his operations were extensive and were represented by a large annual figure. For some years he has been president of the First National Bank of Elgin, and is still occupying that position. In his business affairs he has shown keen discernment, working toward high ideals both in his business relations, in the character of service he has given to the public and in the results he has achieved for himself.

Mr. Barclay is, perhaps, even more widely known in political circles, being known to many of the political leaders of the nation as one whose efforts in behalf of its party and the principles in which he believes have been far-reaching and beneficial. He has always taken a loyal interest in politics, studying the questions affecting the welfare of the country and always keeping well informed on the dominant issues of the day. His early political allegiance was given to the whigs and later he became a staunch republican. He has voted for every whig and republican president since Zachary Taylor was the candidate for the office of chief executive of the country. He has filled many local positions with honor, serving four terms as mayor and for two terms as an alderman of Elgin. For ten years he was resident member and president of the board of trustees of the Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane. In connection with the Hon. G. P. Lord and the late W. H. Hintze he served on the board of water commissioners which built and put into successful operation the Elgin system of water works. For two terms he was president of the board of education and no measure or movement instituted for the benefit of the city has failed to receive his support and allegiance.

Mr. Barclay has been a Mason for many years, having in 1853 been initiated into Elgin Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He has also attained the Knight Templar degree in Bethel Commandery and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Oriental Consistory. He has ever been among the thinking men of the country—men who look at life in all its various phases and derive from their investigation and research correct conclusions so that in active affairs, political, business and social, their views are sound and their labors are effective. His record has been an honor to the city which has honored him and Elgin citizens entertain for him the highest respect.

RUFUS F. JOHNSON.

Rufus F. Johnson is now living retired in Fulton, but for many years was an active factor in business life, becoming connected with agricultural interests in Kane county, in pioneer times. He was born August 2, 1831, and has, therefore, passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey. His father, Reuben Bingham Johnson, was a native of Ashville, Chautauqua county, New York, and after arriving at mature years was married to Miss Sophronia Sophia Finch. In the year 1836 they made their way westward, arriving in Kane county on the 6th of March. The father devoted his attention to farming and became well known as one of the pioneers of this



MR. AND MRS. R. F. JOHNSON

part of the state. He was a man with strong religious convictions and held membership in the Jericho Methodist Episcopal church, which still stands as a monument to his generosity and Christian spirit, for he gave the land on which the house of worship was erected and was one of the founders of the church. It was one of the first church edifices in the Fox river valley and was known far and wide in the early days. It stands on the line between Kane and Kendall counties in the southwestern corner of Sugar Grove township, and occupies a commanding elevation in the midst of a rich agricultural region. It was long used as a house of worship and also the scene of many literary and social entertainments among the pioneers who blazed the way of civilization in this part of the state, but the towns and cities which have sprung up all around have long since divested the little church of its usefulness for more modern churches have been built and it now stands an empty edifice, but around it clusters many glorious memories of the early days. The cemetery by its side is the resting place of many pioneers who worshiped there—the brave men and noble women who endured the hardships and trials of frontier life three-fourths of a century ago.

It was among pioneer surroundings that Rufus F. Johnson was reared, for he was not yet five years of age at the time of the removal of the family from New York to Illinois. As his age and strength increased he aided more and more largely in the arduous work of the farm and gained the practical experience which enabled him to successfully carry on farm work when he started out on his own account. He long remained a resident of Sugar Grove township and was one of the progressive and energetic farmers of the community, carefully tilling his fields and caring for his crops so that he gathered rich harvests and the sum of his gain year after year enabled him in the course of time to acquire a handsome competence.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Mrs. Harriet Jones Edmonds, nee King. She was born at Bergen, New York, October 24, 1834, and on the 7th of January, 1856, gave her hand in marriage to John Edmonds, at Lodi, now Maple Park. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Edmonds offered his services to the country in defense of the Union and, going to the front, was killed in the battle of Chickamauga on the 12th of September, 1862. Mrs. Johnson's father, Mr. King, was also numbered among the earliest settlers of Kane county, driving across the country from the state of New York with a fine team of black horses, which afterward became the property of his son-in-law, Rufus F. Johnson, who traded the team for a farm in Sugar Grove township. This farm has since been known as the Johnson homestead, and through the efforts of Rufus F. Johnson it was converted into a rich and productive tract of land.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born the following named: Alpha J., who was born February 8, 1872, and is now engaged in farming two and one-half miles south of Sugar Grove; Elora, who was born September 30, 1875, and is now the wife of Burton Mighell, a resident of Holstein, Iowa; Will A., who was born July 12, 1876, and is now engaged in the livery business; and George A., who died at the age of twenty-six years.

While Mr. Johnson long continued to engage in general farming in order to provide for his family he has in the later years of his life retired from active business and is now enjoying well earned rest in Fulton. He well deserves mention among the honored pioneer settlers of the county for his memory forms the connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present, and for more than three score years and ten he has been an interested witness of what has been accomplished in this part of the state. He has borne his full share in a work of general development and has been particularly helpful in promoting the agricultural progress of Kane county.

WILLIAM P. TOPPING.

William P. Topping, superintendent of the D. C. Cook Publishing Company of Elgin, was born near Darien, Wisconsin, December 4, 1870, his parents being Nelson H. and Evaline (Palmer) Topping. Josiah Topping, the grandfather, removed to Sharon township, Walworth county, Wisconsin, in 1840, thus becoming one of the pioneer settlers of that part of the state. His home was the first frame house in that section of Wisconsin, and the nearest postoffice was Darien. He was a member of the first Wisconsin territorial legislature and took a prominent and influential part in the early development and upbuilding of the locality. His brother, Henry, who was a minister of the gospel, went to Wisconsin in 1840, and shortly afterward several more of his brothers removed to the Badger state, settling in Delavan, Walworth county. Josiah Topping followed farming throughout his active business career and his labors were an important element in the agricultural development of his community. The representatives of the family are numerous and prosperous, and have taken an important and prominent part in the upbuilding and progress of Walworth county, Wisconsin. Nelson H. Topping, the father of our subject, was born on the 10th of April, 1837, at Sharon Springs, New York, and was two and a half years of age when brought by his parents to Wisconsin. On the 8th of May, 1867, he wedded Miss Evaline Palmer, a daughter of Philip and Lucinda (Potter) Palmer. Her father, who was born in Macedon, Wayne county, New York, was a miller by trade and also carried on agricultural pursuits to some extent. At Williamson, Wayne county, New York, he likewise engaged in business as a commission merchant. His demise occurred on the 9th of June, 1887, while his wife, who was born May 11, 1815, passed away in 1886. Nelson Topping died in Elgin, Illinois, January 3, 1904.

William P. Topping acquired his education in the schools of Darien, and when eighteen years of age became engaged in the creamery business. Subsequently he was employed by the D. C. Cook Publishing Company, of Elgin, as bookkeeper and assistant superintendent. His capability and fidelity in the discharge of his duties won him promotion to the position of

superintendent, which he now holds, and he is well known and highly esteemed as one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community.

On the 24th of December, 1891, Mr. Topping was united in marriage to Miss Grace May Marsh, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Rebecca (Elmore) Marsh, of Elgin. They have two children, Gladys Marsh and Mildred Evelyn. Mrs. Grace Topping's grandfather, Rev. David W. Elmore, was one of the pioneer Baptist ministers in Kane county, coming from Albany, New York, in 1836, settling on a large farm in the beautiful Fox River valley, between Elgin and St. Charles. Most of the Baptist churches now existing in the various cities and villages in Kane county, lying upon the Fox river, were organized by this man. On the 29th day of July, 1854, a life which had been devoted to others' good was suddenly quenched by lightning's swift stroke.

AUGUSTUS W. CHAPMAN.

Augustus W. Chapman has reached the advanced age of eighty years, and is one of Kane county's most respected as well as most venerable citizens. He was born in Chemung county, New York, March 3, 1828. His father, Charles Chapman, was born near Utica, New York, and in that locality married Miss Elizabeth Tanner, a native of the same neighborhood. They were married December 24, 1815, and remained farming people of the Empire state until called to their final rest. His death occurred December 2, 1841, when he was forty-nine years of age, while his wife died December 1, 1860, at the age of sixty-seven years. Their children were Henry, who died in Sugar Grove township in 1895; Maria, who became the wife of G. F. Shafer, but both died in Nebraska; Albert G., who died in Coles county, Illinois, where he had resided for some time; Hannah, who passed away at the age of twenty-one years; William B., who spent his entire life in Chemung county, New York; Augustus W.; Amanda, who died at the age of twenty years; and James R., who died at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Augustus W. Chapman was only thirteen years of age at the time of his father's death. He had previously attended the district school of the neighborhood for a few terms, but after his father's demise he assisted his mother in carrying on the home farm until he had attained the age of twenty-five years. He then decided to seek his fortune in the far west. Several years before his brother, Henry Chapman, had come to Illinois and had located a homestead in Sugar Grove township, Kane county, in 1844. His glowing accounts of the state and its possibilities attracted A. W. Chapman and in November, 1853, he arrived in this county, hoping to enjoy the benefits which he had been told could be secured here.

Before his removal to the west Mr. Chapman was married on the 8th of June, 1853, to Miss D. J. Van Duzer, a native of Sullivan county, New York. After reaching this state Mr. Chapman purchased a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres on section 10, Big Rock township, and

there began farming on his own account, making that place his home for forty years, during which time he brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and gathered therefrom rich crops, the sale of which made him one of the substantial farmers of the county. In the spring of 1893, however, he rented the farm and built a house in the village of Big Rock, taking up his abode there in order to spend the evening of his life in the enjoyment of a well-earned rest. In addition to the tilling of the soil he had engaged also in stockraising, and his diligence and industry in business affairs gained him a gratifying measure of prosperity. He still owns three hundred acres of land in sections 10 and 11, Big Rock township, and from the rental of this property derives a substantial yearly income.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Chapman were born four children: Albert V., who was born in 1857 and is living in California; Alice E., wife of W. D. Powell and a twin sister of Albert, living at home with her father; Samuel A., who was born in 1863 and occupies the old homestead farm; and William H., who was born in 1866 and lives on a farm on section 10, Big Rock township.

Mr. Chapman has several times been called to serve in public offices. He was supervisor of Big Rock township for a period of eight years, has been justice of the peace, was school trustee for several years, and is now a notary public. He always discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity so that his official record is creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents. For fifty-five years he has been a resident of Kane county and has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the middle west for here he found good opportunities and has gradually worked his way upward, having for many years been classed with the representative agriculturists of the community. He is today enjoying prosperity that is the just reward of his labor, and, at the same time, he has the full respect of his fellow citizens, who know that his life has ever been honorable and upright. Many changes have occurred during his residence here for at his arrival comparatively few roads had been laid out and much of the prairie was still covered with its native grasses. It was customary also to ford the streams but as the years have passed there has been a marked advance in the mode of living and Mr. Chapman rejoices in what has been accomplished.

CHARLES CLIFFORD HINCKLEY.

Charles Clifford Hinckley, city electrician and proprietor of a machine shop in Aurora, belongs to that class of men whose industry and enterprise constitute salient features in their life work. His activity and his faithfulness in positions of public trust make him a valued resident of the community. He was born in Winsted, Connecticut, January 1, 1854, his parents being George W. and Jane (Tatro) Hinckley, the former a native of Berkshire county, New York, and the latter of Winsted, Connecticut. The family is descended from

two brothers, Thomas and Silas Hinckley, who on crossing the Atlantic landed at Cape Cod in colonial days. George W. Hinckley was only nine years of age when left an orphan and was reared by an uncle and aunt. He left the east in 1883, making his way from Hartford, Connecticut, to Aurora, Illinois, where he became pattern maker for the Aurora Watch company. Here he died at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife passed away at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1883, at the age of fifty-nine years. Both were Episcopalians in religious faith. Mrs. Hinckley was a daughter of Peter Tatro, who was an old sea captain and lived for many years at Winsted, Connecticut, but died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hinckley, in Hartford, Connecticut, at the age of ninety-seven years. He married a Miss Rock and she, too, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hinckley when ninety-four years of age. They were the parents of thirteen children.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hinckley had a family of four sons and four daughters, as follows: Silas William, deceased; Charles Clifford, of this review; George Everett, who has also passed away; Henry Dwight, of Hartford, Connecticut; Emily Jane, the wife of Elton E. Ackley, of Middletown, Connecticut; Clara Louise, the wife of George Campbell, of Aurora, Illinois; Sarah Wells, who became the wife of Lincoln Iliff and resides in Aurora; Anna Elizabeth, the wife of Harry H. Castleman, of Aurora.

Charles Clifford Hinckley was reared in Hartford, Connecticut, and mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools there. On putting aside his text-books he entered Colt's Armory in Hartford, but soon afterward went to sea from Marblehead, Massachusetts. He made one trip to the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, the voyage covering six months, but that served to convince him that he did not wish to follow cod fishing as a life work. He then turned his attention to the mastery of the business of watch manufacturing in the employ of E. Howard & Company, of Boston, the oldest watch manufacturing company in the country. There he remained for nearly four years, after which he went to Waltham, Massachusetts, and was in the employ of the Waltham Watch Manufacturing Company for about a year. He was afterward connected with the United States Watch Company, at Marion, New Jersey, and later entered the employ of the New York Watch Company at Springfield, Massachusetts. In 1872 he made his way westward to Grand Crossing, Illinois, and was with the Cornell Watch Company until he became connected with the Rockford Watch Company. He was afterward with the Illinois Watch Company at Springfield, being there employed as the model watch maker and inventor, bringing out their new models of various kinds. While there he made the model of the Aurora watch and in June, 1883, he came to Aurora and was one of the organizers of the Aurora Watch Company, with which he was connected for three years. He then began manufacturing on his own account and now conducts a machine shop at No. 172 Middle avenue, where he employs a number of workmen in the conduct of a prosperous and growing business.

On the 19th of August, 1876, Mr. Hinckley was married to Miss Mary J. Stothard, a daughter of William Stothard, of Rockford. They became the parents of two sons and a daughter. George Clifford, the eldest, is an

engineer in the employ of the Western Electric Company and Manufacturers' Junction Railway. He built that road and is its general manager. He married Catharine Hull, of Aurora, and they have one daughter. Blanche Ethel is the wife of R. D. Smith, formerly of Plano, Illinois, but now of Chicago, and they have one son, Clifford Hinckley Smith. Charles Stothard, the youngest of the family, is at home. The elder son is a graduate of the Illinois University. Mrs. Hinckley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Hinckley is a prominent Mason, belonging to Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., Aurora Council, No. 45, R. & S. M., Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T., and to Tebala Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Rockford. He is a past commander of the commandery and a past president of the board of control in Masonry in Aurora. He has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and he belongs to the Elks and the Knights of Pythias, together with several other organizations. His father was one of the oldest Odd Fellows of Connecticut, connected with the order for fifty-two years, becoming a charter member of Charter Oak Lodge No. 1. Politically Mr. Hinckley is a republican and served for one term on the board of public works, while for the past twelve years he has been city electrician. Few men have more intimate knowledge of mechanical pursuits or have more pronounced skill and ingenuity in those lines. He is conducting an excellent business, while as an office holder his long retention in the position is proof of his ability and the trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

WILLIAM SWEET NILES.

William Sweet Niles was born December 19, 1819, in the town of Berlin, Rensselaer county, New York. He was the son of Samuel Niles and Hannah Maine. His mother died when he was but four years of age, and from that time until the father changed his residence he lived with his grandparents, who were farmers, experiencing pioneer life in the forests of eastern New York. They lived in a log cabin and cooked their food by the fire-place. Flour was not used by them, corn being the only bread material of that country. Many times did he walk two miles and back through the dense woods, where wild animals were numerous, to get milk with which his grandmother prepared corn bread for their meal. About the year 1830 Samuel Niles removed to Jefferson county, New York, and purchased a farm, taking his son, William, with him.

This locality was his home until his marriage, when he wedded Julia Ann Makepeace, a daughter of Thomas Makepeace and Anna Plumb, who was born October 1, 1823, in the town of Pamela, Jefferson county, New York. Julia A. was a member of a large family, she being the seventh daughter who, with one exception, were school teachers. Her Grandfather Makepeace was a resident of Massachusetts and a soldier in the Revolution-

ary war. This family also were pioneers and were reared in a frugal manner, yet each member became intelligent and respected citizens.

William S. Niles and Julia Ann Makepeace were married in April, 1847, and came to Illinois by way of the lakes in the fall of that year, being seventeen days on their journey. From Chicago they came with team to the Tanner farm in Kane county, Illinois, Mrs. William A. Tanner being a sister of Mrs. Niles, who had preceded her to this then new country some ten years. Soon after their arrival in Illinois, they purchased a farm in the township of Sugar Grove and there lived until a few years previous to their deaths. As they became enfeebled with age, they rented their farm and moved in Blackberry township, this county, in order to be near their eldest daughter, Mrs. Helen I. Davenport. At this place Mrs. Niles passed away July 30, 1885, leaving three daughters, who were Helen I. Davenport, Lizzie A. McDole, and Ada L. Niles, but later Ada Purdum, also one grandchild, Stanley Makepeace McDole, three others, Kenneth Niles McDole, William Taylor Purdum and Helen Lenore Purdum, having been born since. Mrs. Niles was a woman of sterling character, excellent memory and was loved and admired by all who knew her.

William Niles lived for a time with his daughter, Helen, after his wife's death, but later went to Frank McDole's, who was living on his farm and was the husband of his daughter Lizzie. After several months of sickness he died on the farm where he had lived nearly fifty years. His death occurred November 20, 1896. He was a kind parent and a good neighbor and of a cheerful disposition.

JOSHUA READ.

When the history of Kane county is written it will record the names of none who have been more respected or have played a more important part in shaping the early development and later progress of the district than has the Read family. Since Joshua Read came to the county in 1838 he and his descendants have been active factors, especially in the agricultural development and in upholding the political, legal and moral status of the community.

Joshua Read was born in New Brunswick in 1783. His father was William Read, who spent his entire life in Canada and the mother in her maidenhood bore the name of Casey. Three brothers of the Read family came to America with the Massachusetts Bay colony. One of these was Eliphalet Read, who was the direct ancestor, in the third generation removed, of Joshua Read. He served with a military company, known as "Dank's Devils," and was at Quebec under Wolfe, where the corps was instructed not to shoot at Frenchmen until they could see the whites of their eyes—in other words, they were to be near enough so that they would be sure to kill. Another of the three brothers, who came to America and founded a family in the new world, was George Read, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Spending his boyhood days in the east, Joshua Read sought a home in the middle west in 1838, arriving in Kane county in the month of October, the journey westward being made by way of the Erie canal. He settled in Virgil township and sent his son, Eliphalet Read, to the first land sale at Freeport. The son covered the entire distance on foot and bought nearly three thousand acres of land, all of which is still in possession of the family, except two tracts,—one of six hundred and forty acres and one of three hundred acres. The remainder of more than two thousand acres is yet owned by the descendants of Joshua Read.

In early manhood, Joshua Read married Miss Priscilla Chapelle, a daughter of Charles and Hannah (Sommers) Chapelle, the former of French and the latter of Holland Dutch descent. The Chapelle family was a very prominent one in Canada, and the old family homestead there had been in their possession for over three hundred years. Under Mr. and Mrs. Read were born twelve children: Eliphalet, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Ruth, who was born in 1810, and died in 1874; Charles, who was born in 1812 and married Adaline Baxter, who died in 1906, while his death occurred in 1894; Maria, who was the wife of Orson Kendall and died in 1893; Hannah, a resident of New Brunswick; Joseph, who married Nancy Cady; Richmond, who wedded Miranda Sweet; Elizabeth, the wife of James Outhouse; George Henry, who married Marian Worcester; Albert, who married Catherine Sweet; Otho R., who married Rosaria Crane; and Susan, the wife of Josiah Pride. None of this family are now living.

When Joshua Read came to Kane county it was still a pioneer district in which comparatively few settlements had been made. The land was yet largely uncultivated, the trees were uncut and the streams, unbridged; but there came to the county a band of resolute pioneer settlers who soon converted the district into an improved region. Mr. Read bore his full share in the work of development and many acres of land were brought under cultivation as the result of the care and labor which he bestowed upon his extensive farm. He reared a family of children who were a credit and honor to his name. He and other members of the family bought land in Kane and DeKalb counties, subsequent to the original purchase, and were well known as leading representatives of agricultural and other business interests. Father and sons were all prominent in the affairs of the community and left their impress for good upon the general development and improvement.

In the early days Joshua Read gave his political support to the whig party. His son Otho was the first township treasurer in Virgil township, and filled the office for over a half century. He was also for many years county supervisor from Virgil township and when elected treasurer he was but nineteen years of age. No movement for the general welfare failed to elicit the interest and support of the Read family and no history of Kane county will be complete without extensive mention of them. Joshua Read conducted the first religious services that were held in Virgil township, the place of meeting being his own home. From that time his residence was used as a place of worship until a church was built. He founded the first

church—of the Baptist denomination—now located at Maple Park. He was noted for his extreme justice and fairness in all things and he always stood for the right, never making any compromise with that which was wrong, intolerant or dishonest. At his death, which occurred in 1847, he left a memory which is still cherished and honored by those who knew him.

CHARLES W. SADLER.

Charles W. Sadler, a successful agriculturist residing in Kaneville township, was born in Neponset township, Bureau county, Illinois, on the 12th of March, 1859. His grandfather, William Sadler, came to Henry county, Illinois, in 1855, settling on a farm in Wethersfield township, where he made his home until called to his final rest in 1869. His wife, a native of England, passed away at Neponset, Illinois, in 1870.

Their son, William Sadler, the father of our subject, was born in Hull, England, in 1820, and was married in his native land in 1852. The following year, in company with his wife, he emigrated to America, locating in Henry county, Illinois, where for three years he lived on a farm in a little log cabin. Subsequently he took up his abode near Neponset, Bureau county, where he rented the William Arnett farm for a few years. He then purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land four miles from Neponset, and here made his home until the time of his demise on the 7th of March, 1892. He had been ordained as a Methodist minister in England, and for thirty-seven years preached the gospel, also carrying on his farming interests during most of this time. He was a man of good education and strong religious convictions—one who led a most exemplary and upright life and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He had nine brothers, five of whom were soldiers in the Civil war, serving until honorably discharged at the close of hostilities. His brother Joseph was wounded at the battle of Bull Run.

The mother of Charles W. Sadler died on the 7th of October, 1881, when her youngest child, a daughter, was seven years of age. Calling her son Charles W. to her bedside just before the final summons came, she received his promise to care for his little sister. It has been a source of gratification to him that he has been able to faithfully fulfill this promise, having aided the young girl in obtaining a good education and provided her with all necessary comforts until she attained mature years.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. William Sadler, in addition to our subject, were as follows: Anna, the wife of A. D. Arkland, of Los Angeles, California; John T., who resides in Bradford, Stark county, Illinois; Sarah, the deceased wife of Silas Seeley; Mary Ellen, the wife of Dr. William Barber, of Nance county, Nebraska; Martha, who is the wife of John W. Black and makes her home in Bradford, Illinois; and Josephine, the wife of Charles Stone, of Neponset, Illinois.

Charles W. Sadler attended the district schools in his early boyhood and assisted his father in the work of the home farm. After the death of his parents he was appointed administrator of the estate. When the farm had been sold and the proceeds divided among the heirs, he took up his abode on a farm near Princeton, Bureau county, Illinois, where he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for nine years. In March, 1905, he came to Kane county, and has since been engaged in the operation of a two hundred-acre tract of land near Kaneville, this being one of the best farms in the county. The fields annually return golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon them, and he is well known as a progressive agriculturist and enterprising citizen of the community.

On the 14th of March, 1894, Mr. Sadler was united in marriage to Miss Alice H. Gardner, a native of Peoria county, Illinois, and a daughter of Reuben Gardner, a native of New York. The latter served for three years in the Civil war. He was married November 10, 1863, to Mary F. Townsend, who was born in Indiana but spent most of her life until married in the state of Missouri. They now reside at Neponset, Illinois. Mrs. Sadler's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Hannah McGee, is still living at the age of eighty-four years and resides in Buda, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Sadler have one child, Verna Fay, whose birth occurred November 21, 1900, and who is now attending the Kaneville school.

In his political views Mr. Sadler is a staunch republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Yeomen and the Royal Americans. His wife is a member of the Congregational church, in the work of which she is actively and helpfully interested.

WILLIAM H. DENNEY.

William H. Denney spent his entire life on what is known as the Denney homestead on section 3, Sugar Grove township. He early learned the value of industry and thrift as factors in achieving success and while he carefully conducted his business affairs, he also guided his life by honorable, manly principles. He was born September 3, 1841, on the farm on section 3, Sugar Grove township, which is still owned and occupied by his heirs. He was the son of John H. and Nancy (Snook) Denney, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. William H. Denney always resided upon the farm where he was born and as his age and strength increased he assisted more and more largely in the work of the fields. On the 1st of January, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Harriet A. Senska, who was born in Rockford, Illinois, and was a daughter of Francis Senska, a native of Poland who was banished with many of his countrymen to Siberia as a political prisoner, but made his escape and came to America. He married a lady in the state of New York who was of Irish descent and soon afterward they removed to DeKalb county, Illinois, where he purchased a farm, continuing its cultivation until his death in 1864. His wife lived to

the very remarkable old age of ninety-nine years and passed away in August, 1903, having lived for many years with her daughter, Mrs. William H. Denney.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Denney have been born the following named: Lottie May, who was born July 19, 1872, and is the wife of E. J. Danker, of Hayward, Wisconsin; Clarence Fay, who was born May 5, 1874, and now carries on the home farm; George Earl, who was born December 11, 1875; Edward Ray, who was born April 20, 1878; and Lettie Golda, who was born May 5, 1881, and is now engaged in teaching in Sugar Grove township. She was graduated from the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial School in June, 1899, and bears the reputation of being one of the most thorough and efficient common-school teachers in the township.

The death of Mr. Denney occurred March 27, 1888, and was the occasion of deep regret to many friends as well as his immediate family. He had lived a most active life and as the years passed became a prosperous farmer, owning and cultivating one hundred and seventy-six acres of rich and productive land in Sugar Grove township which is still the property of his widow and children. He made good improvements on the place and added to it all modern accessories and conveniences. In all his business affairs he was straightforward and reliable and commanded the confidence and good will of those with whom he was associated. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he served as township collector and also as school director for many years. The aid which he gave to public interests was of a practical character, bringing results which were beneficial and far-reaching. Since her husband's death Mrs. Denney has reared her family to lives of usefulness and they are now occupying creditable places in various stations. The family is well known in the community, and its members are well known socially as well as in a business way.

FRANK M. O'FLAHERTY.

Frank M. O'Flaherty, who is successfully engaged in the plumbing business in Elgin, was born in that city on the 28th of January, 1856, and is a son of Patrick T. and Eliza F. (Mann) O'Flaherty, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Reared in Elgin, our subject is indebted to the public and high schools of this city for the educational privileges he enjoyed during his boyhood and youth. He also attended the Elgin Academy for a time.

On leaving school Mr. O'Flaherty began learning the plumber's trade in the employ of the gas company, with which he was connected from 1874 until 1880, and during the following year he traveled quite extensively throughout the west. In 1884 he again entered the service of the gas company, remaining with them until 1888. He was next in the employ of J. R. Scanlan, a plumber, but in 1903 he and his brother, Leo F. O'Flaherty, formed a partnership and embarked in business on their own account,

opening a store at the corner of DuPage street and Grove avenue, Elgin, where they are still located. They do an extensive business as general plumbers, gas, steam and hot water fitters, and they have built up their trade through reliable dealing and first-class work.

On the 8th of June, 1898, Mr. O'Flaherty was united in marriage to Miss Mary Frisby, a daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Knox) Frisby. Her father died April 13, 1873, lacking only one month of being forty years of age, but her mother is still living and continues to make her home in McHenry.

In politics Mr. O'Flaherty is independent and takes no active part in public affairs, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business. He holds membership in the Catholic church and the Catholic Order of Foresters and in that fraternal order has held all the offices up to vice chief ranger. He is also connected with the Master Plumbers Association. He has a pleasant residence at No. 115 Summit street, and finds his greatest pleasure in his home.

ALBERT J. DENNEY.

Albert J. Denney, member of the firm of Denney & Denney, furniture dealers and undertakers, of Aurora, possesses those qualifications so essential in the conduct of successful mercantile interests. In addition to keen business discernment and executive force, he has a knowledge of the market and the public taste, which has come through close study and logical deductions derived from his long experience. A native of Aurora, he commands the respect which is accorded him as a straightforward and prosperous business man, and is a loyal and progressive citizen.

He was born November 28, 1856, his parents being Joseph and Emeline (Elliott) Denny, the former a native of Kirby Moorside, England, and the latter of Kane county, Illinois, she being the first white female child born in the county. Joseph Denny was a son of Joseph Denny Sr., a cabinetmaker and builder of Kirby Moorside in Yorkshire, England. In 1856 he came to America with his son, William Halifield, Ebenezer and Thomas, and lived retired in Aurora to his death, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife was Mrs. Mary Denney and their family numbered five sons, including Joseph Denney, Jr., who learned and followed the cabinetmaker's trade in England. Coming to America in 1851, he settled in Aurora and in the fall of that year he established a furniture store, which he conducted until he retired from the business in 1894. He was for many years a most prominent merchant of the city and one whose success is the merited reward of his close application and excellent administrative direction. He died in this city in 1906, at the age of seventy-eight years. His widow, who still survives him, has reached the age of seventy-two years. She was a daughter of William Elliott, a native of Connecticut, who in 1834 arrived in Aurora and took up government land on the east side of the river, above Montgomery. He was a black-



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smith by trade and died at the age of eighty years. He married Rebecca Pierce, a member of the old Pierce family of Oswego, Illinois, and she, too, passed away at the age of eighty years. They had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: Emeline; Homer, of Minneapolis; John, of Aurora; Frank M., a physician of this city; William, who is living in Riverside, California; Mrs. Sarah Keck, of Aurora; and Byron, deceased.

The family of Joseph and Emeline (Elliott) Denney numbered five children. Albert J., William W., Sarah, the widow of Ralph Danford; Charles, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Frank, of Aurora. The mother still survives, at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. Denney was a member of the First Congregational church and was for a long period one of its deacons, while in the work of the church in all of its departments he was actively interested. He was the first of his family to come to this county, but was followed later by the other members. He never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, for here he found the business opportunities which he sought and which, by the way, are always open to ambitious young men. Through the improvement of the chances that came to him he worked his way upward, winning a gratifying measure of prosperity as the years went by and at the same time gaining the confidence of his fellow townsmen by his honorable methods.

Albert J. Denney, whose name introduces this review, has spent his entire life in Aurora. He was graduated from the east side high school and afterward served an apprenticeship of five years at the upholstering and undertaking business. He then accepted a position in the store of Denney Brothers and in 1882 was admitted to a partnership. Subsequently he purchased his father's interest and he and his uncle, Ebenezer Denney, bought the share of the others in the store, the firm name being changed to Denney & Denney. That relation was maintained until 1907, at which time Robert and Albert Denney, sons of our subject, purchased the interest of his uncle, Ebenezer Denney, and became partners, but the old firm name was retained. The business has had a continuous existence here since 1851, or for a period of fifty-seven consecutive years. Twice the store has been partially destroyed by fire, but has overcome all the obstacles that have had to be encountered and the business has grown year after year, the enterprise being long one of the foremost commercial interests of the city. They carry all kinds of up-to-date furniture and undertakers' goods and receive a liberal patronage in both departments.

On the 18th of October, 1882, Albert J. Denney was married to Miss Eliza Stevenson, a daughter of the late James Stevenson and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth (Cochran) Stevenson, of Specie Grove, Kendall county, Illinois, who came to America from Scotland in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Denney have become the parents of four sons and a daughter: Robert S., who married Miss Rhoda Wheeler, of Chicago, and is in partnership with his father, is a graduate of the Beloit College, of Chicago University and the Rush Medical College, of Chicago. Albert, also is in partnership with his father. Elliott S. and Joseph C. are yet at home, while the daughter, Jean, died at the age of two years. The parents and children are members of the First Congrega-

tional church, in the work of which they are deeply and helpfully interested. Mr. Denney is serving as one of the deacons and for five years was superintendent of the Sunday school, while for thirty-seven years he was also a Sunday school teacher.

Politically he is a republican, but while he has kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he has never sought nor desired public office. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Mystic Workers of the World. The name of Denney has always stood in Aurora as a synonym for commercial integrity, enterprise and progress, and this reputation is fully sustained by the members of the present firm of Denney & Denney. Throughout all life's relations Albert J. Denney has endeavored to live at peace with his fellowmen, to be just and fair in all relations with them, and his close adherence to the high standard which he set up has gained for him the unqualified regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

EDWARD S. FRAZIER.

Edward S. Frazier is the president of the W. S. Frazier Company, manufacturers of road carts and other vehicles in Aurora, in which occupation he is controlling one of the important productive industries of the city. Although he entered upon a business already established, with ability to plan and perform, he has enlarged this enterprise and extended its scope and is conducting it along modern lines, which makes it a prominent factor in the commercial interests of the city.

Mr. Frazier was born in Chicago, July 5, 1863, and is a representative of old families of New York. His paternal grandparents, William J. and Matilda (Winegar) Frazier, were both natives of the Empire state and the former engaged in business as a clothing merchant at Fabius for many years. Coming to the west about 1866, he located at Batavia. He was born on the 12th of October, 1809, and for the past quarter of a century has lived in Aurora. He is now almost a centenarian and is, perhaps, the oldest citizen in Kane county. His wife, however, is deceased. The Frazier family is of Scotch lineage and authentic records of the ancestry have been preserved in Scotland as far back as 1165. The name originated with Charles of France in the year 912 and has undergone many orthographical changes. The progenitor of the family in America was James Frissell, who settled in Massachusetts about the time of the arrival of the political prisoners who were exiled from Scotland in 1652, being sent from England to Boston by Cromwell, following the battles of Dunbar and Worcester in that year. In the years which have elapsed the spelling of the name has undergone many changes and eventually the present form was adopted by the branch of the family to which Edward S. Frazier belongs.

His father, Walter S. Frazier, was born at Fabius, New York, August 31, 1835, and acquired his education in academies and other schools of Onondaga county. He attended the Homer Academy and afterward

entered upon his business career as a salesman in the Crouse dry goods store in Syracuse, where he continued for five years. Subsequently he was a bookkeeper. He was married in the east to Miss Mary Stevens, a daughter of Jacob Vanderbilt and Hannah (Tallman) Stevens, who lived in Syracuse, New York, and died there when well advanced in years. The mother of Jacob V. Stevens was a cousin of Commodore Vanderbilt.

Walter S. Frazier came to the west in 1857, settling in Chicago, where he soon secured a position in the office of the city comptroller and, eventually, was made chief clerk there. He filled the position for five years, and was then appointed clerk of special assessments by the board of public works. In 1863 he received the republican nomination for clerk in the office of the recorder's court but was defeated. Further political honors came to him, however, for in 1865 he was chief clerk of the Illinois house of representatives and on the expiration of his term his course received the commendation of the members, state officers, and the press of the capital city, who spoke of him as the most thorough and efficient clerk who had ever officiated in that capacity. At the close of that session he was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain in token of the appreciation of the members for his faithful service and remarkable accuracy in reporting the proceedings of the legislature. In the fall of 1866 he was threatened with failing health, and, leaving there, purchased a farm between Batavia and Geneva, where he removed with his family, making it his home until 1870. He then became a resident of Aurora and for some years was not engaged in any active business. He was elected, however, a member of the board of education and was active in support of many other progressive public movements. He also began breeding fine road and trotting horses, having always a wholesome love for a fine horse, and one which he developed—Brother Jonathan—became one of the most noted horses of the day and was sold to the late Peter Kimberly, of Sharon, Pennsylvania, for twelve thousand dollars. While engaged in breeding horses one of his trackmen came to him with a proposition that he buy a certain cart to be used in breaking young stock. On examining the cart Mr. Frazier believed that he could produce a better one, and after some thought and experimenting he produced what he termed the road cart, the first vehicle of this character placed upon the market. It attracted such wide attention and favorable comment that he at once saw that its manufacture might prove a profitable undertaking and to this end established a factory in 1881. The road cart is today known in all portions of the world. Though he established his factory on a small scale it was rapidly enlarged to meet the constant demands of the trade, becoming in time one of the most important industries of Aurora, and employing as high as one hundred and seventy-five men. Later other lines of vehicles were added to the manufactured products and in every civilized portion of the globe the output of the Frazier factory is seen. Walter S. Frazier continued at the head of the enterprise until his death, which occurred March 3, 1904, when he was nearly sixty-nine years of age. His wife died in 1880 at the age of forty-two years. Mr. Frazier long figured prominently in the public life as well as business interests of northern Illinois. He was mayor of Aurora for one term following the election of 1892, and

he was also a member of the republican state central committee. He took a great interest in political questions, was thoroughly informed concerning the issues before the public and his labors in behalf of his party were effective and far-reaching. He was an alert, enterprising man, who wielded a wide influence and left the impress of his individuality upon public thought and action. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Frazier were born four sons and two daughters: Anna; Hattie, deceased, who was the wife of Dr. Courtney Smith; Walter S., Jr., and Edward S., twins, residing in Aurora; Lincoln B., also of Aurora; and Floyd, who makes his home in Chicago. Since the death of the father the business has been continued by his sons, Walter S. and Edward S., who became interested in the enterprise many years ago. The latter is the president and the former the secretary and treasurer of the company. These sons were reared in Aurora and have been familiar with the business from early boyhood. They are graduates of the West Aurora high school and they have received their business training under their father. While keeping abreast with the progress of the times, they are constantly enlarging their enterprise and improving upon the workmanship of the output. They are both stockholders in the First National Bank and in the Merchants' National Bank, while Edward S. Frazier is a director of the Aurora Specialty Manufacturing Company.

Walter S. Frazier married Clara Pfrangle and they have two children: Walter S., the third; and Laura. Edward S. Frazier wedded Miss Mary Dunbar Holbrook, a daughter of the Rev. Charles A. and Mary (Carrington) Holbrook. They became the parents of two children, Helen and Philip. Mrs. Edward S. Frazier and her daughter attended the Iroquois theater on the day of the never to be forgotten fire, and the mother lost her life in that disaster, while the daughter but narrowly escaped. Edward S. Frazier resides with his children at No. 150 Highland avenue. His brother is a member of the board of education, of the police and fire commission and also of the library board, and while Edward S. Frazier is not an office holder, he is equally loyal in his championship of progressive public measures. He is preeminently a business man, a man of action, resolute and energetic, and is justly accounted one of the forceful factors in the business life of Aurora.

JOHN KRAMER.

John Kramer is the son of thrifty German parents, but is himself a native of Kane county and was born in Plato township, where he now lives. He unites in his make-up the sturdy industry and perseverance of his ancestry and the enterprise and progressiveness of America, as is shown by his successful career as a farmer and dairyman. His life began in Plato township on March 24, 1879.

His father, Fred Kramer, who is a farmer and lives in Plato township, was born in Krempe, Germany, and came with his parents to this country

when he was very young. The family located first in Ohio, and became residents of Illinois in 1856. The father of John bought a farm in Kane county, and on that he has passed years of productive industry, rearing a family of his own and winning standing and substance in life. He married Miss Lena Zack, who was also born in Germany, and they became the parents of six children, the brothers and sisters of John being: Annie, who is the wife of Charles Thron; Lizzie, who is the wife of August Vireig; Minnie, who is employed in the watch factory at Elgin; Albert, who lives at Barrington in Cook county, this state; and Fritz, who is a carpenter and a resident of Illinois.

John Kramer obtained his education in a district school, which he was allowed to attend at intervals until he was fourteen, when he was obliged to remain at home and assist in the work on the farm. On April 19, 1906, he was married to Miss Annie Landehart, whose parents reside at East Elgin. Mr. and Mrs. Kramer have one child, Henry, who was born on July 15, 1907. After his marriage Mr. Kramer settled on the farm he now occupies in Plato township, and on this he has ever since carried on a vigorous farming industry and an active and expanding dairy business with twenty-six cows as the source of supply.

THOMAS PARRY.

Thomas Parry is the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 1, Big Rock township, where he is engaged in the cultivation of grain and the raising of stock. He was born at Mon, North Wales, March 1, 1866, and is a son of David and Letitia Thomas. He was the youngest son in the family and, in accordance with a custom of that land, he took his father's last name as his first name. The parents were both natives of the little rock-ribbed country of Wales and the mother died there, when her son Thomas was twelve years of age. The father, who passed away September 18, 1905, remained true to her memory and never married again. He was a stonemason by trade, and in connection with his three brothers, built many buildings in Wales, Ireland and Scotland, and also many railroad bridges, being large contractors.

The brothers and sisters of Thomas Parry were: Ellen, the wife of Charles North, of Slatington, Pennsylvania; Hugh Thomas Parry, who lives in Wales; Katherine, the wife of Thomas Morse, of Slatington, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Parry received but limited educational privileges. He attended the public schools for a few years, but after he reached the age of twelve years he was obliged to seek employment and provide for his own support. He worked for six years as a farm hand and was then employed as a deck hand on steamboats making the trip between New York and Liverpool for two years. Attracted by the business possibilities offered in America, he then went to work in the slate quarries at Slatington, Pennsylvania, where

he remained for two years, when, thinking that he might have still better opportunities in the middle west, he came to Kane county, Illinois, arriving in Big Rock township in March, 1889. Here he hired out as a farm hand for two years and was then married and began farming on his own account.

It was on the 10th of September, 1890, that Mr. Parry wedded Miss Emma Dienst, who was born in Pierce township, DeKalb county, Illinois, June 24, 1866. She lived at home and attended the country schools until sixteen years of age, and after putting aside her school books continued with her parents until her marriage. She is a daughter of Henry and Henrietta (Kaus) Dienst, natives of Germany. Her father, who always followed farming as life work, died April 14, 1905, and the mother is still living on the old homestead farm in Pierce township with her son. Their children are: Elizabeth, who is living with her mother; Mary, the widow of Ernest Wiebke, of Hinckley, Illinois; Minnie, the wife of William Long, a resident of Pierce township, DeKalb county; George, who is living on the homestead farm; Lyda, the wife of Ernest Homeyer, of Forrestville, Wisconsin; and Ernest, a farmer near Maple Park, Kane county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Parry have been born two children: Pearl Lettie, who was born January 30, 1892, and is now a student in the Hinckley high school; and Hazel Henrietta, who was born September 11, 1897, and is also in school.

Since coming to this county Mr. Parry has been identified with farming interests, and that he has been energetic and diligent is indicated by the fact that he is now the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which is nicely improved, while the fields are under a high state of cultivation. He annually gathers good crops, and he also raises some stock. The secret of his success lies in his unfaltering labor, for he has never been afraid of hard work and has realized that it is the only sure foundation upon which to build prosperity. He votes with the republican party. His wife is a member of St. Paul's German church at Hinckley, and they are well and favorably known to the community. Mr. Parry has never had occasion to regret the fact that he decided upon America as a place of residence and he has here won the proud American title of a self-made man.

C. W. GLOVER.

C. W. Glover, who has been identified with Elgin's manufacturing interests for eight years, was the promoter of the Elgin Box Company, and has built up an extensive and growing business. He is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred at Jeffersonville, July 13, 1865. His education was acquired through the medium of the public schools, and when he put aside his text-books he became a factor in business circles, wherein he has gradually worked his way upward, his power increasing through experience, while each forward step in his career has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities.

He was for some time associated with the Louisville Coffin Company, at Louisville, Kentucky, and later he engaged with W. H. Hutchinson & Company, of Rochester, New York. Coming to Elgin, he was for some time a representative of the Elgin Silver Plate Company, and a few years ago organized the Elgin Box Company, which has developed under his guidance into an industry of large proportions. He now manufactures coffin hardware specialties, and is located at Nos. 66 and 68 River street. His trade is rapidly growing and bids fair to become one of Elgin's leading manufacturing within a few years. He has made his home continuously in the city since 1895. He had become a resident of New Albany, Indiana, in 1866, and in 1881 removed to Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Glover has a pleasant home at No. 16 Rugby place. He married a Miss Drummond, and they have three children, two daughters and one son. In all of his business affairs Mr. Glover has been actuated by strong purpose and laudable ambition and has made steady progress toward the goal of prosperity.

EDWARD LAWRENCE HOYT.

Edward Lawrence Hoyt, who, in partnership with his brother, Walter, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this edition, owns and operates a farm of four hundred and twenty acres on section 11, Kaneville township, is the son of Jacob N. and Eunice N. (Thayer) Hoyt. The father was born in Concord, New Hampshire, December 15, 1831, where he received a liberal education and continued to reside until he was twenty-two years of age. In 1853 he adventurously set forth to make his fortune in the west, locating first at Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained for some years. During the course of the Civil war he, in common with numerous other citizens of the community, was drafted into the army, but paying the necessary price to secure a substitute he was permitted to remain at home. The price of commodities for a few years following the close of the war was very high and with a mind keenly alert to the opportunities of the times Mr. Hoyt determined to take up the work of agriculture. The fame of the rich agricultural resources of this section of Illinois had already reached his ears, and following his marriage to Eunice N. Thayer on April 7, 1869, he rented a tract of land near Harristown, Macon county, on which he began farming operations. He brought to bear in this work all the energy, thrift and intelligence that is so characteristic of the New England race, and, being aided by a fertile, productive soil that responded generously to the care and cultivation he gave it, his efforts were crowned with most gratifying success. He remained on this farm for fifteen years, at the expiration of which time he was able to make a sufficient payment to secure title of the four hundred and twenty acres referred to in the opening of this sketch, located three and one-half miles west of Elburn. It was not good fortune but good management that prompted him to make this purchase. Mr. Hoyt began the

work of equipping it for a model stock and grain farm. He erected a number of large barns, built a silo, divided the farm into fields, pastures and corrals, and altogether invested some ten thousand dollars in improvements, so that it is now one of the best and most up-to-date farms in Kane county. In addition to his extensive business interests Mr. Hoyt yet found time for active participation in public affairs. He held the office of county supervisor for a number of years, also was chosen as representative of his district, which office he filled with great satisfaction to his constituents. He was a stanch Democrat, and attended the Methodist church, of which his wife was a member. Mr. Hoyt was called to his eternal rest on May 7, 1907.

Edward Lawrence Hoyt was born on the farm near Harristown, Macon county, March 24, 1871. He received his education in the district school, leaving it at the early age of sixteen years to enter upon the practical work of aiding his father in the conduct of his farming interests. Eventually the property was jointly purchased by himself and brother, who continue to operate it on the lines laid down by their father, whose methods are well worth emulating. In addition to the work of general farming they also have extensive dairy interests, and are now milking about seventy cows.

On December 24, 1893, occurred the marriage of Edward Lawrence Hoyt and Miss Della Sharp, whose father, now deceased, was a veteran of the Civil war. She has one own brother, Arthur Sharp, who is marshal of Elburn, and two half-sisters, Jessie and Ruth, by her mother's second marriage to Joseph E. White, who died in 1903. Mrs. White now resides in Elburn with her two young daughters. Mrs. Hoyt was born in Campton township and finished her education in the high school of Elburn. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt, Howard J. was born November 7, 1896; Helen E., April 29, 1899; and Harvey E., July 7, 1907.

In politics Mr. Hoyt is a democrat, and has served as commissioner of highways. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree; also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Hoyt is one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Kane county, and keeps thoroughly posted on topics of general interest as well as on the questions of the day.

ALBERT J. HOPKINS.

In the long and crowded line of illustrious men of whom Illinois is justly proud, the public life of few others has extended over so long a period as that of Albert J. Hopkins, junior United States senator, and the record of none has been more varied in service, more constant in honor, more fearless in conduct or more stainless in reputation. When he entered upon his work in the national halls of legislation, it was with the fixed purpose that he would be the representative of the people in spirit as well as in name, and he held, moreover, that "a public office is a public trust"—and no trust reposed in Albert J. Hopkins has ever been betrayed in the

slightest degree. The tangible evidence of his public spirit are many and the records of the house and senate teem with many proofs of his devotion to the national welfare. While unquestionably a stalwart republican, he is too broad-minded a man to be merely a partisan, and too independent to ever be the slave of public opinion. His course has honored the state which has honored him, and he is numbered among those who are today making history—a history of progress that not only meets but anticipates the demands of the time that arise from prevailing conditions.

Mr. Hopkins is one of Illinois' native sons, his birth occurring on his father's farm near Cortland, DeKalb county. His parents, Cyrus B. and Fannie (Larkin) Hopkins, were natives of New York who settled in Illinois during the pioneer epoch in its history, establishing their home in DeKalb county about 1838, only six years after the close of the Black Hawk war, which freed the state from Indian domination and left it open to the settlement of progressive people who have builded a commonwealth that, in many respects, leads the entire nation. The usual tasks of the farm fell to Albert J. Hopkins in his boyhood and youth, and following his mastery of the elementary branches of learning in the district schools, he further continued his education in the public schools of Sycamore, where a year's study qualified him for entrance into the preparatory department of Hillsdale College, at Hillsdale, Michigan. The following year he began the regular collegiate course in that institution, which he carried forward to his graduation as a member of the class of 1870.

Some years before Mr. Hopkins had determined upon the practice of law as a life work, and indeed his entire career since he has attained manhood has been connected with the great judicial system of the country, either as a lawyer or lawmaker. The ability which he had displayed in college led to a most flattering offer made him by an academy in Maine that wished him to become its principal, but he never wavered in the path that he had marked for himself, although the proffered position would have brought him much greater pecuniary return than he expected to receive in the immediate future, if he carried out his purpose of preparing for the bar. His initial reading was done in the office and under the direction of C. J. Metzner, of Aurora, then recognized as one of the prominent lawyers of northern Illinois. He applied himself with such untiring zeal that the following year he passed the required examination that secured him admission to the bar and entered upon practice in Kane county.

While the nation knows Mr. Hopkins as one of the ablest working members in its council chambers, Illinois recognizes him as one of the ablest members of a bar that has long been distinguished for the high rank of its representatives. At the time he entered upon practice, the Kane county bar numbered among its members some of the distinguished attorneys of the state and with them, as one of them expressed it, a law suit was a fight; sham reputations and empty pretense were of no avail in these fierce struggles. There indeed the fittest survived and only the very fit did survive. The young lawyer found it a hard school, but he was there to win and as he measured his strength with the best his mind was developed. His intellectual powers were quickened and strengthened and he acquired a readiness

in action and fertility of resource and a courage under stress that could have been gained in no other school. He soon won his way to a place, not only among the foremost representatives of the Kane county bar, but of the Illinois bar, and in the halls of legislation he has again proven his worth as a representative of the legal profession in his comprehensive knowledge of constitutional law and of the grave and complex problems which it involves.

The man who is a student of the law and of the signs of the times, and who keeps abreast with the best-thinking men of the age, must, naturally, be an interested student of politics, for national progress in every line is interwoven with politics. Naturally, his early steps in this direction were taken in connection with the local ranks of the party of his choice, and in 1872 he received the republican nomination for state's attorney of Kane county. He filled that position for four years, discharging his duties without fear or favor and standing as a safe conservator of the rights and liberties of the people against lawlessness, disorder and crime. This constituted a stepping stone, not only in his political, but also in his legal career, for it demonstrated to the public an ability that soon drew to him a clientage unequaled by that of any Illinois lawyer outside of the city of Chicago.

The steps in his progression are easily discernible, for they have followed the faithful performance of duty in one position whereby his powers and ability have been quickened and developed, making him ready for larger responsibilities. In the early days of professional career in Aurora, Mr. Hopkins was married to Miss Emma Stolp, a daughter of James B. Stolp, one of the pioneer residents of that city. The children of this marriage are: Fannie, James, Albert and Mark. Home life has had for Mr. Hopkins an attraction superior to that of anything else, and when official or business duties permit, his hours are always spent at his own fireside in the companionship of his family.

With his little family growing up around him, however, Mr. Hopkins was also attracting public attention by those qualities which have made him a leader in republican circles. In 1878 he was made a member of the republican state committee and in 1884 was nominated by the state convention as a presidential elector, supporting in that year the candidacy of James G. Blaine and John A. Logan. Two years previous his friends had brought him forward as a candidate for congress, but by a narrow margin he failed to secure the nomination. On the death of Hon. Reuben Elwood, congressman from his district, in the summer of 1885, Mr. Hopkins was elected his successor by an astonishingly large majority, and no more thorough endorsement of his labors in congress could be given than the fact that he was elected for eight consecutive terms to represent his district in the lower house, covering a service of nearly eighteen years. During that period he was connected with much important constructive work done in the committee rooms, serving on the committees of merchant marine and fisheries, postoffice and post roads and ways and means. The last named, recognized as the most important committee of the house, numbered him as a member for fourteen years. From the time of his first election to congress his history has been inseparably interwoven with our national

annals. He has been the champion of much legislation that has found its way into the statute books of the nation, while time has proven the wisdom of his course and demonstrated his keen sagacity upon matters of vital importance to the people at large. The fact that Mr. Hopkins was representing one of the most extensive dairy districts in America led him to the study of questions relative thereto, and always looking for an opportunity to help his constituents, he introduced the first bill in congress to regulate the sale of oleomargarine, a bill which has been of the utmost value to Illinois dairymen as well as to the consumer.

Already largely familiar with the questions of tariff and revenue, when made a member of the ways and means committee, Mr. Hopkins began the most minute and thorough investigation of everything bearing upon the subject, and it would be difficult to find in the entire country one of more wide or accurate knowledge upon this and its subsidiary questions. He was a member of the sub-committee of the republicans that prepared what is known as the Dingley bill and which worked for three months on the bill before it was ever presented to the full committee. Mr. Hopkins took an active and helpful part in the framing of this bill. His position shows that he believes that our chief source of national revenue comes from the tariff on our foreign importations and that this tariff should be so levied as to discriminate in favor of the American workmen, the products of the American shops and the American farmers. In the support of the Dingley bill, Mr. Hopkins took advanced grounds in favor of reciprocity, claiming that the nations should trade freely and reciprocally in commodities that each cannot produce at home, but that the rates of duty on other products should be so adjusted as to protect American interests. He has always contended that a rate should be fixed so as to equalize the cost of the product in the foreign country and this country. His contention has always been that, "give the American manufacturer an equal chance with the foreigner, and he will outsell him not only on the American market but in the markets of the world."

Organized labor has always counted on Mr. Hopkins as its friend. In this, however, as in all other things, he does not believe in class discrimination but believes strongly in justice, and when he has felt that the rights of the people demanded shorter hours as a day's labor, he has taken a stalwart stand in defense of this position and for the amelioration of other conditions which he has believed to be hard and unjust, feeling that one class is profiting by the oppression of the other. Practical in all that he does he has striven more to secure results through legislation than by popular appeals to the populace. Therefore it naturally followed that his service on the committee of merchant marine and fisheries secured legislation that has improved the condition of the American sailor. His position on the money question is an unequivocal one and, in fact, his speech on the gold standard was such a clear exposition of the principles involved that it was commented on as one of the best made in congress and was widely circulated by the friends of sound money. He has been one of the world's workers, assisting materially in laying the foundation for the stability, progress and substantial growth of the nation. He became recognized in the house through the simple weight of

his worth and his character as one of its ablest members and was therefore accorded leadership. Many members of the house and people of prominence elsewhere advocated Mr. Hopkins for the speakership as the successor of Thomas B. Reed and he received the support of the Illinois delegation, although Mr. Henderson, of Iowa, was elected. For the last ten years of his service, however, Mr. Hopkins was recognized as one of the most prominent and influential members of the house and it followed as a natural sequence that Illinois should wish to make him her representative in the senate of the United States. Accordingly he was chosen by the general assembly as senator from this state, his previous congressional training well qualifying him for the still more onerous duties that devolved upon him as one of the less than ninety senators who represent more than eighty-five millions of people. His work in the upper house has been in harmony with the record which he made as representative. He has labored always for the interests of his constituents and in this connection he put forth most effective effort in securing the establishment of the naval training station on the Great Lakes at Lake Bluff, just north of Chicago, when all of the states with lake frontage desired to capture the prize.

Mr. Hopkins supported the administration's plan for the lock level canal through Panama while a member of the inter-oceanic canals committee and he served as chairman of the fisheries committee and also of the committees on commerce, corporations of the District of Columbia, Cuban relations, enrolled bills, examinations and dispositions of documents, Mississippi river and its tributaries, and privileges and elections. His industry and energy made him a valuable member of these committees and impressed the older members from the start.

On the opening of the fifty-ninth congress, Senator Hopkins took an active part in the discussion of the statehood bill, which was then one of the prominent questions before the senate. He advocated the bill as reported by the committee, providing for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as one state and Oklahoma and Indian Territory as another, being opposed to separate statehood for the two first named because he believed that those sparsely settled sections of the country were not entitled to an equal representation and influence on legislation in the senate with other larger and more populous states. On the day when Senator Hopkins addressed his colleagues on this subject, his opponents tried to worry him by frequent interruptions, but they found that his position was practically an unassailable one, as he was so thoroughly informed on the subject in all of the varying interests which it involved, that his position could not be controverted owing to the reasons and figures which he presented. The records show that the bill provided that Indian Territory and Oklahoma should be admitted as one state but left the question of admitting the other two territories as one state to a vote of the citizens of each. New Mexico has since voted for and Arizona against joint statehood. This has settled the question of their admission for some time to come.

Senator Hopkins' position on the Smoot case was one which indicated most strongly what is now widely recognized as a salient characteristic with

him—his championship of what he believes to be right, regardless of any personal or prejudiced views. While Senator Hopkins' record shows that he always favored legislation against polygamy he felt that the senate had no right to unseat a senator who was a Mormon but not a polygamist, and the position which he took in this case placed him in the front rank of American constitutional lawyers and, moreover, showed that he had the courage of his convictions, being fair enough to grant even-handed justice under the constitution and laws of our country to an individual, even though that individual differed with him on religious questions. He was brave enough to keep inviolate his oath of office and obey his country's constitution as he saw it, even though the fact was in some quarters unpopular and brought him unfair criticism from those who could not, or would not, see the legal right in the case. President Roosevelt afterward wrote to Senator Hopkins a note congratulating him upon his "excellent speech on the Smoot case," adding: "It is not my business, but it is a pleasure to see a public servant show under trying circumstances the courage, ability and sense of right that you have shown."

Senator Hopkins' record on the canal question is one which has received the endorsement of the wisdom which comes with time. He took his stand in support of the lock level canal as opposed to the sea level canal bill supported by the majority of the committee of which he was a member, and judged by the importance and vastness of the project, Mr. Hopkins here registered his greatest triumph during his four years' service in the senate. The amendment which he proposed carried and thus was embodied a policy and plan that had the endorsement of the president, the canal commissioners and the chief engineer and which at length secured the endorsement of the majority of both house and the senate. No question of vital importance to the nation has failed to receive the earnest attention of Mr. Hopkins, who has given to it his zealous support or opposed it with equal force according to the dictates of his conscience and mature judgment. While working for national interests he has at no time been neglectful of the welfare of his constituents either in the house or in the senate and has achieved much important work in behalf of the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois in connection with the waterways and other questions affecting the commercial interests of the great center of American trade. His work as a member of the committee on postoffices and postroads was one of far-reaching benefit, for in Chicago, the center of the transcontinental mail interests, he found that there was insufficient service, owing to the limited clerical force of the Chicago postoffice. Tireless efforts in this connection brought the needed changes and improvements.

Mr. Hopkins is yet in the midst of a life of great usefulness and has not reached the zenith of his powers and capabilities. His mental characteristics are of the solid and practical rather than of the ostentatious and brilliant order and yet he has never been found lacking when the ready word was needed. He has taken a high rank in the senate and is recognized as one of the readiest and best debaters in that body. He is essentially strong in intellect and capable of reaching safe, reasonable and proven conclusions. If he has seemed to take a too advanced stand on a question, the wisdom of his

position has been proven by time, which has indicated that his attitude toward the question was the result of quiet but most thorough and comprehensive study. As a statesman he is always striving to build up for the benefit of the people and to insure a continuous national progress, believing that nations, like men, cannot stand still; they must go either forward or backward; they cannot go backward without decay, therefore it is important that they go forward. This is typical of the entire career of Mr. Hopkins, which has marked a steady progress with constantly expanding powers, and there are few men whose lives are crowned with the honor and respect which are uniformly accorded Albert J. Hopkins.

CHARLES N. KEITH.

Charles N. Keith, a resident of Aurora, Kane county, since April 1, 1907, was born on his father's farm in Ohio township, Bureau county, Illinois, November 29, 1857. His early education was obtained in the country school. At the age of seventeen he had one year's schooling at the Ontario Collegiate Institute in La Grange county, Indiana, the same school and under the same tutor his father had attended in his school days. Then for three years he attended the high school at Princeton, Illinois.

Mr. Keith early became interested in farm life and as a boy took an active interest in assisting his father in the work and management of the farm. He was alert to progress made in improved farm machinery and the advanced methods of cultivating the soil and harvesting the crops as well as in the breeding and raising of thoroughbred stock. He and his brother purchased the first twine binder brought into the township, also the first check rower attachment for planting corn. They also bought a half ownership in the first imported Norman stallion brought into their town. After leaving school in the spring of 1877 he remained with his parents on the farm until September, 1882, when he organized an excursion party of over three hundred people and accompanied the same to South Dakota, the most of whom took up claims and became residents of that territory. This marked the beginning of Mr. Keith's starting out in life independently. He located a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Spink county, Dakota Territory, which was the first land he ever owned. Mr. Keith purchased a newspaper and opened a real-estate office in Mellette, Dakota, and conducted a prosperous and successful business. He became a prominent and influential factor in public life there and aided in shaping the policy of the territory in its formative period.

In the fall of 1883 Mr. Keith was elected a delegate to the Constitutional Convention at Sioux Falls, called by the citizens of the territory for the purpose of drafting a constitution and presenting a petition and memorial to congress for admission as a state. At that convention Mr. Keith was chairman of one of its most important committees, that upon county and township organization, and a member of the legislative and printing committees. At this convention he was appointed chief census enumerator and at once



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appointed county enumerators to proceed to take the census of that portion of the territory afterwards admitted as the state of South Dakota.

On the 26th of November, 1884, Mr. Keith was married to Miss Elizabeth Edwards, of Mendota, Illinois, daughter of Samuel and Aurelia (Parmetar) Edwards. In the fall of 1885 Mr. Keith sold out his business at Mellette and removed to Watertown, Dakota, where for a number of years he was special land examiner for the Dakota Loan & Trust Company. In 1890 the company made him manager of its business in Nebraska, where he spent the succeeding three years. In the fall of 1893 he returned to Bureau county, Illinois, having spent eleven years in the west. While he experienced some of the hardships and privations of pioneer life, he feels amply repaid by the lessons learned of the development and growth of a prairie country when touched by the first quickening impulses of civilization and its improvements under the magic hand of the pioneer. After returning to Illinois Mr. Keith ran his father's farm for two years. In July, 1894, he moved to Princeton, Illinois, and engaged in the real-estate, farm loan and insurance business, which, increasing from year to year, became extensive and lucrative.

April 1, 1907, Mr. Keith came with his family to Aurora, where he is also engaged in the buying and selling of real estate. For two years he was president of the Bureau County Chautauqua Association. He has always taken an active interest in political affairs and was for several years chairman of the Bureau county democratic central committee. He has been many times a delegate to state, congressional and county conventions and has twice served as chairman of county conventions. Since attaining his majority he has always given loyal support to the democratic party and its principles of government as promulgated by Thomas Jefferson and strenuously advocated by the new and shining star of democracy—William J. Bryan.

Mrs. Charles N. Keith was born near LaMoille, Illinois, where she attended the country school and later entered the high school at Princeton, Illinois, where after taking a five years' course she graduated in 1877, and then for five years taught in the East Side school at Mendota, Illinois, and afterward for two years in the Princeton high school. For three years she was a member of the board of education in Princeton. In both Watertown, South Dakota, and Princeton, Illinois, where she resided many years, Mrs. Keith was a leader in literary and social circles. She is a member of the Society of Colonial Dames of America by right of lineal descent from Governor William Bradford, the second colonial governor of Massachusetts. She also belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution and served as regent of the Princeton chapter.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith have one daughter, Lillian, now Mrs. Harrison H. Heater, of Aurora, Illinois. She was born in Watertown, South Dakota, January 27, 1886, and on November 26, 1907, she was married to Mr. Heater, also a native of Bureau county, Illinois, where he was born April 7, 1884. Mr. Heater is secretary of the Usona Manufacturing Company, of Aurora, Illinois.

Charles N. Keith is the son of Melvin J. Keith and Betsie (Perkins) Keith. His father was born in Ontario county, New York, June 8, 1828.

When about ten years of age he went to La Grange county, Indiana, with his parents, and in the fall of 1847, then nineteen years of age, he came to Bureau county. In September, 1896, they moved to the village of Dover, 31, 1856, M. J. Keith married Betsie Perkins, also a native of the Empire state. For a period of forty years they lived on the farm in Ohio township, Bureau township. In September, 1896, they moved to the village of Dover, in the same county. Here the mother died September 27, 1908, aged eighty-six years. M. J. Keith was county clerk of Bureau county from 1873 until 1877. He was a man whose interest in and knowledge of public affairs was above the ordinary. A man widely known for his intelligence, for business integrity and for his sociability and hospitality. He has held many public offices and positions of trust in the county in which he lives. Charles N. Keith has one brother, Wilbur F. Keith, born October 12, 1859, and a sister, Helen, now Mrs. C. D. Bowlus, of Los Angeles, California.

Samuel Edwards, father of Mrs. Keith, was born October 11, 1819, in Skaneateles, New York, and went to Bureau county in 1842, where he settled and established a nursery near La Moille. He became widely known throughout the state for his advanced ideas and knowledge of his chosen profession and for his writings and public addresses upon horticultural subjects. He was a charter member of the State Horticultural Society and also of the Northern Illinois Horticultural Society and at various times held all of the offices of these societies. He was appointed by Governor Oglesby one of the first trustees of the Illinois State University at Champaign, which office he held for eight years. He gave much of his time to the organization and improvement of this institution. From 1874 until 1876 he was county treasurer of Bureau county. Samuel Edwards was of old Puritan stock, the son of Abner and Fanny (Cleveland) Edwards. He was married May 19, 1842, at Cincinnati, Ohio, to Aurelia M. Parmetar. To this union were born seven children, all of whom are now deceased but Mrs. Charles N. Keith. Mr. Edwards died at Mendota, Illinois, January 24, 1898, aged seventy-eight years. Mrs. Edwards died February 13, 1872, aged forty-eight years.

GEORGE W. ROBINSON.

Throughout his entire business career George W. Robinson has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of Kane county and is today proprietor of the leading mercantile establishment of Elburn.

A native of Kane county, he was born in Virgil township, August 18, 1851, and is a son of William H. and Miriam (Pattee) Robinson. In the paternal line he traces his ancestry back to George Robinson, of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, 1660. The coat of arms of the family is a shield on which are three stags and is surmounted by a stag, the motto being *Loyal au mort*, (Loyal to the dead). Our subject is now vice president of the society organized to perpetuate the genealogy of the family, and its members held their annual reunion at Niagara Falls in the summer of 1908. He visited the ancestral home which once belonged to his great-great-

grandfather at Westminster, Vermont, and from a piece of an oak beam in the old house he had a chair constructed, the back of which is made from a spinning wheel used by his great-grandmother.

William H. Robinson, our subject's father, was born in Westminster, Vermont, January 14, 1806, and was married in 1831 to Miss Miriam Pattee, whose birth occurred in Thornton, New Hampshire, on the 14th of June, 1810. It was in 1838 that they came to Illinois and took up their residence near Elburn in Kane county, where the father entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government and also purchased thirty acres additional in Virgil township. Upon that place he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred September 1, 1872, and his wife passed away March 22, 1866. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Baptist church, in which he served as deacon for several years. He was the first justice of the peace in Virgil township; also served as postmaster of the village of Virgil; for several years filled the offices of treasurer, assessor and commissioner of his township; and also county coroner, being appointed to that position by Governor French, one of Illinois' earliest governors.

Unto William H. and Miriam (Pattee) Robinson were born eight children: William W. and George M., both deceased; Martha J., the wife of J. P. Harndon, of Nevada, Iowa; Ellen M., the wife of R. R. Kimball, also of Nevada; Alfred Alonzo and Addie, deceased; George W., of this review; and Miriam L., the wife of B. G. Richmond, of Elburn. After the death of the mother of these children the father married Louisa Burbank.

George W. Robinson received a good district-school education, attending the country schools during the winter months and assisting his father in the labors of the farm throughout the summer season. At the age of sixteen years he assumed the management of the farm in company with his mother, owing to his father's ill health. He spent the years 1874 and 1875 in Fairfield, Iowa, where he was engaged in the sale of musical instruments, and he then returned to Elburn, where he obtained a position as clerk in a general store. In the spring of 1877 he formed a partnership with C. A. Read in a general mercantile business, but at the end of a year he sold out to Mr. Read and returned to the farm, which he carried on for three years. Mr. Robinson spent the winter of 1881-82 with his wife in Los Angeles, California, and on his return to Elburn in 1884 formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, B. G. Richmond, in the coal, grain and implement business, which connection was continued for five years. Selling out at the end of that time he again toured the western state. In the spring of 1891 he became a member of the firm of Robinson & Kendall, proprietors of a general store at Elburn, which they have since conducted. Mr. Robinson has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business.

On the 3d of October, 1877, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Emma F. Kendall, who was born in Blackberry township, this county, March 2, 1857, a daughter of L. D. and Mary Kendall, who were early settlers of that township, where they continued to make their home until their deaths. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Robinson taught in the Elburn high school for three years. She is an earnest worker in the Congregational church.

The republican party has always found in Mr. Robinson a staunch supporter of its principles and he has taken a very active and prominent part in local politics, serving as a delegate to the state convention at Peoria, which nominated Governor Yates, and also a delegate to the convention which nominated Governor Deneen in 1904, as well as other state conventions. For ten years he was a member of the village board of Elburn, being president of the same for three terms, and he gives his active support to all enterprises which he believes will prove of public benefit, promoting either the moral or material interests of his town and county. He is preeminently public spirited and progressive and he is held in the highest regard by all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life. He attends the Congregational church and affiliates with the Modern Woodmen of America.

STANLEY W. MERRICK.

Stanley W. Merrick, following the occupation of farming in Blackberry township, and also serving as township collector, is a young man of enterprise and progressive spirit. He is well known in the community where he resides and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances. He was born at Elburn, this county, July 21, 1880, a son of Benjamin E. and Elenor (Westgarth) Merrick. The father was one of the early settlers of this part of the county and experienced all of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. He was a native of England and in early youth emigrated to Canada, where he resided until 1865, when he removed to Bay City, Michigan. He afterward went to Chicago and was living in that city during the great Chicago fire, being a witness of many of the thrilling scenes which accompanied that great conflagration. In 1877 he removed from Chicago to his present home in Elburn. He has followed the occupation of painting during his residence in Kane county. Politically he is independent. He believes in progressive citizenship, but not in biased partisanship, and through his ballot he supports men and measures rather than party.

Benjamin E. Merrick was married to Miss Elenor Westgarth, who was born in Westmoreland county, England. Their children are: Elsie, deceased; Roy C., a lawyer who resides in Chicago; Harry E., who is employed by the telephone company in Chicago; Genevieve, who resides in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Kenneth R., who is attending school in Chicago; and Stanley W., of this review.

The last named was a pupil in the graded schools of Elburn until seventeen years of age. He then learned the painter's trade, which he followed successfully until 1904, in which year he took up his abode upon the farm that is now his home. He is diligent and persevering in his work and the success that he has enjoyed is attributable entirely to his own labors. He knows that industry is the basis of all prosperity and accordingly he has put forth earnest effort, that he may make advancement in the business world.

On June 25, 1902, Mr. Merrick was married to Miss Florence Woodman, a native of this county and a daughter of Freeman Woodman, a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Merrick have had a daughter and a son: Alice D., who was born November 18, 1903, and died March 5, 1904; and Wesley B., born July 25, 1906. The parents attend the Methodist church and are highly esteemed in the community, where their many good traits of heart and mind have won for them the friendship of the majority of people with whom they have been brought in contact.

Mr. Merrick is independent in politics, but his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to office and he is now serving as township collector, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity.

WILLIAM G. SAWYER.

William G. Sawyer started upon the journey of life at Dundee, this county, January 24, 1841, his parents being George E. and Abigail (Blake) Sawyer, the former a native of Bradford, Vermont, and the latter of Plymouth, New Hampshire. They were married in Plymouth in 1837 at her father's home and the same year started westward, traveling with all their earthly possessions in a wagon drawn by one horse. They drove the entire distance and on reaching their destination Mr. Sawyer purchased a claim from the original owner, just west of Dundee. For this he gave all of the cash he had, so that when the transaction was completed the land and his wagon load of goods constituted his entire possessions. The place comprised one hundred and sixty acres. Upon the farm George E. Sawyer built a house and began the development of the fields. For many years he was actively and closely associated with agricultural interests and when too old to longer continue in the work of the fields he and his wife removed to Carpentersville where their last days were passed. In the meantime he had prospered in his undertakings and had added one hundred and twenty-five acres of land to his original tract. He placed the management of the farm in the hands of two of his sons, William G. and Henry G. The former was born on the old homeplace, while the birth of Henry occurred in Elgin.

William G. Sawyer relates many stories of the struggles with poverty and hardships which his parents experienced in pioneer days. On one occasion Mr. Sawyer had to leave the farm and go to Elgin to work at the carpenter's trade that he might gain money with which to carry on the improvement of his place. As the years passed, however, his industry and determination triumphed over hardships and difficulties, and he became the owner of a valuable farming property, which in his later years returned to him a gratifying income.

In his boyhood and early youth William G. Sawyer worked on the home farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At nineteen years of age he left home and secured a clerkship in the store of J. A. Carpenter at Carpentersville,

where he remained for six years. At the expiration of that period he and his brother purchased the business, which they continued under the name of Sawyer Brothers for four years. They then sold an undivided half interest, H. G. remaining in the business with the partner. W. G. Sawyer went to Huntley, Illinois, where he established a flaxmill and manufactured straw into tow for upholstering and for paper. He started the business in 1870, later admitted a partner and built up an extensive enterprise. In 1880, however, he sold out and his partner removed the business to Charles City, Iowa. Mr. Sawyer then turned his attention to the grain and milling business, and with a partner has also conducted a warehouse, which they are still carrying on. He and his brother Henry have been interested as partners in a financial way all of their lives. In 1874, when the Star Manufacturing Company at Carpentersville was organized, they, having sold their interest in the store, took a third interest in the business and thus became connected with the manufacture of agricultural implements. Since that time Henry Sawyer has been president during much of the period, while W. G. Sawyer has been treasurer most of the time. The business was started with a capital of ten thousand dollars and they at present employ one hundred and twenty-five men. The brothers are also connected in the operation of the old home farm of two hundred and eighty-five acres, which they conduct as a dairy farm, and they own a ranch of twenty-one hundred and twenty acres in Cherry county, Nebraska. In 1893 W. G. Sawyer came to Elgin and in 1893 built his present home at No. 806 Highland avenue, where he has since resided, while Henry Sawyer makes his home in Carpentersville.

In 1864 W. G. Sawyer was married to Miss Augusta A. Davis, who was born at Gorton, New York, in 1842 and in 1853 came to Dundee, Illinois, with her parents. Unto them have been born three children: Alice, the wife of F. E. Pearsall, of Batavia, Illinois; May, the wife of M. A. Rice, of Elgin; and Florence, at home.

Mr. Sawyer is interested in many affairs and movements which have bearing upon the welfare of the county in many ways. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Old People's Home of Elgin, and has served for several years as assistant supervisor, yet has never solicited a nomination or a vote. In politics he is a stalwart republican and while residing at Huntley he filled the office of supervisor in McHenry county for seven or eight years.

ALBERT G. KENT.

By both the place and the circumstances of his birth and training was Albert G. Kent, who resides a little south of Elburn, in Blackberry township, well prepared for the battle of life and the strenuous experiences through which he has passed. He was born and reared in the state of Pennsylvania, that great hive of human industry in which almost every occupation known among men finds abundant and fruitful expression, and was made an orphan

at the early age of seven years by the untimely death of his father, in consequence of which the management of the home farm devolved largely on him. Through these conditions he learned even in boyhood the value of useful labor, and acquired the self-reliance and resourcefulness which come from responsibility.

Mr. Kent is a native of Greene county, in the Keystone state, where his life began on March 13, 1860, and is the son of Hiram and Nancy (Whitlach) Kent, who were also Pennsylvanians by birth and the parents of two children: Harriet, who is the wife of Samuel Hiller and lives in her native county; and the subject of this brief review. The father was a well-esteemed citizen of Pennsylvania and a prominent member of the Order of Odd Fellows.

The son attended the public schools near his home when he had opportunity, but his education was acquired mainly in the thorough but exacting school of experience. In 1873, when he was but thirteen years old, he heard the voice of the great middle west calling for volunteers to aid in conquering her wilds and developing her resources, and promising ample reward to all who had enterprise and push, and, heeding the call, he determined at once to join the mighty industrial army and bear his part in the conquest. Accordingly he moved to Iowa and, locating at Clarinda, conducted a livery barn in that town five years. At the end of that period he moved to Aurora, Illinois, where, in his own emphatic and picturesque language, he "went broke." But his native force of character bore him over all difficulties and he began life again, working by the month for a time. He then started farming on his own account and prospered to such an extent that a few years ago he was able to retire to his present comfortable home and devote himself to several specialties which he had long had in mind. One of these was raising superior breeds of live stock and fowls, especially hogs, chickens, turkeys and geese. His favorite breed of hogs is the Poland-China, of which he has now a fine drove that holds a high rank in his part of the state, and specimens of which have taken first prizes at a number of county and state fairs. It is his purpose to make exhibits of his stock in this line at the coming state fairs of Illinois and Iowa this fall, and it is almost a certainty that he will again take the first prizes. In poultry he has favored the white Plymouth Rock and Minorca breeds of chickens, and the white Holland breed of turkeys, with both of which he has been very successful. He is now experimenting with the African goose, a very large variety, resembling the wild goose in appearance, but possessing intelligence beyond all other strains of the goose tribe.

Mr. Kent has been married twice. By the first marriage he had one son, who is now a leading physician and surgeon at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. To prepare the doctor for his profession was a severe tax on the father's financial resources, but he made the necessary sacrifice and struggled gladly, for he is an earnest believer in education and ever willing to do all he can to promote the cause for both an individual student in whom he is interested and for the public in general. In 1896 Mr. Kent solemnized his second marriage, uniting with Miss Lizzie Kennedy, who was born in Ireland and came to America when she was but seven years old. Two daughters have been born

unto them: Nannie and Florence E. The latter is now three years old and one of the brightest and most engaging little girls in Kane county.

Here behold an exemplification of the best type of American citizenship—a man severely tried by adversity and triumphing over it all, daunted by no danger, yielding to no difficulty and deterred by no obstacle, but always working out his own advancement and bearing his full share of the responsibilities and duties of life, and making, in addition, substantial contributions to the welfare, the progress and the enduring good of his fellowmen at all times and in every place. And he has his reward in the peace and comfort which surround him as he looks forward calmly to the evening of his day and continues his usefulness toward the benignant sunset that awaits him.

ORLANDO L. YOUNG.

Orlando L. Young, who, for fifteen years, has been a motorman and is now connected with the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Interurban Railway, was born in Bristol township, Kendall county, Illinois, May 14, 1855. His paternal grandparents were Philip and Cornelia (Miller) Young, the former born September 15, 1799, and the latter November 16, 1800. They were married at Johnstown, New York, March 1, 1819, and later they settled on land which is now included in the beautiful Riverview Park near Aurora. They reared a family of eleven children and the father died November 25, 1885, while the mother passed away August 11, 1879.

James Young, the father of our subject, was born November 7, 1823, in Johnstown, New York, and, having arrived at years of maturity, he married Miss Phoebe Keck, who was likewise a native of Johnstown, born February 16, 1827. Their marriage was celebrated March 15, 1849, and they became the parents of four children: Orlando L.; Nancy A., who is living at Montgomery, Illinois; Frank A., deceased; and Edna C., the wife of F. H. Vaughn, of Montgomery. The death of the father occurred April 7, 1892, while his wife, surviving him for more than thirteen years, passed away August 20, 1905.

In the public schools of Montgomery, Orlando L. Young pursued his education and assisted his father in the work of the home farm, there continuing until twenty-seven years of age. On the 28th of December, 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Kate Kinney, who was born at Little Rock, Kendall county, January 2, 1863. Her father, Patrick Kinney, was a native of County Longford, Ireland, and came to the United States about 1830, while in 1834 he took up his abode in Kane county, Illinois. He was a mason by trade and assisted in building many of the public and private structures in Aurora. He married Catherine Gavney, a native of County Meath, Ireland, who came to the United States with her mother, Mrs. Ann Kearnan Gavney, a widow, and settled at Schenectady, New York. Catherine Gavney was born April 17, 1840, and in 1854 became a resident of Aurora. Here on the 11th of September, 1857, she gave her hand in

marriage to Patrick Kinney. She is still living in Aurora, and she comes of a family noted for longevity, her mother having passed away in 1891 at the advanced age of ninety-six years. The death of Mr. Kinney occurred in Aurora, June 10, 1882. Mrs. Young was but an infant when her parents removed to Aurora and here she attended the West Aurora schools. Her brothers and sisters were as follows: Anna, wife of John Morrison, a resident of Benkelman, Nebraska; John, who is living in Burke, Idaho; Mary, the deceased wife of John Quinlivan; Elizabeth and Margaret, who are residents of Aurora; Edward C., who makes his home in Sugar Grove township, this county; and William P. and George T., who are yet residents of Aurora.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Young took up their abode upon a farm in Sugar Grove township, where they lived for one year, and in February, 1883, they removed to Hastings, Nebraska, where they carried on general agricultural pursuits for three years. In March, 1886, they returned to Kane county, and since that time have made their home in Aurora. For fifteen years Mr. Young has been engaged as a motorman on the Aurora electric car lines and the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Interurban Railway. He is still connected with the latter and is regarded by the company as a most efficient and faithful employe.

On the 11th of June, 1883, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Young, to whom they gave the name Florence Edith. Her birthplace was near Hastings, Nebraska, and she pursued her education in and was graduated from the West Aurora high school in June, 1900. She also attended the DeKalb Normal School for one year and has since been engaged in teaching, being now employed for the fourth year in the east side school at Geneva, Illinois. In 1906 Mr. Young purchased an acre of ground on the west side of the Fox river and overlooking that stream, and here he erected a fine residence. It is located on the Aurora and Elgin electric car line, just beyond the north limits of the city, and fine oak trees surround the house, rendering it most attractive in its appearance. In politics Mr. Young is independent, voting for men and measures rather than for party, while socially he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife prefer the quiet and enjoyment of home life to any active participation in public events, but their good qualities have won for them favorable regard wherever they are known. Mr. Young is a worthy citizen of the county and whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own efforts.

ELIPHALET READ.

Six decades have been added to the cycle of the centuries since the Read family was founded in Kane county by Joshua Read, who brought his family, consisting of wife and ten children, to northern Illinois in 1838. Eliphalet Read was then a man of about thirty years. He was born May 23, 1808, in Westmoreland county, New Brunswick. He acquired a good

English education in his youth and throughout his life devoted his energies to general farming. He also bought and sold grain, and was very successful in his business undertakings. When the family came to Kane county Eliphalet Read walked to Freeport to attend the first land sale and there secured three thousand acres which became the property of his father, his brothers and himself. He early became familiar with the arduous task of developing new land and as the years went by brought his fields under a very high state of cultivation, so that large crops were annually gathered and from their sale he secured a good income. He was progressive, too, in his methods of farming and secured all of the improved machinery which invention placed upon the market. As a grain dealer he was also prosperous and his reputation in business circles was unassailable.

Mr. Read was married three times. In 1840 he was united in marriage to Malinda Meyers, a daughter of Charles Meyers, of Canada. They became the parents of three children: Roxanna, Charles Chapelle and Hannah Jane. The mother died at the birth of her younger daughter, and later Eliphalet Read was again married, his second union being with Margaret Crabtree, a daughter of Mary and Richard Crabtree, of Virgil township. There were four children by this marriage: Malinda, deceased; Marian and Richard, twins, the latter deceased; and Henry C. The death of Mrs. Margaret Read occurred about 1858 and on the 10th of August, 1860, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Read and Miss Celestia McClanathan, daughter of Seth and Caroline (Kinsley) McClanathan, of Jamestown, New York. The children of the third marriage are: Caroline and Seth, twins, but the latter died when ten days old; Elizabeth, deceased; and Eloise.

In his political views Mr. Read was a stalwart republican and always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He served as a member of the school board and the cause of education found in him a warm and stalwart friend. Like the others of the family he, too, was a member of the Baptist church and his life, upright and honorable in every particular, won for him the confidence and good will of all with whom he came in contact.

EDWIN KEMP MEREDITH.

Edwin Kemp Meredith, deceased, was one of the leading citizens of Batavia, Illinois, where his entire life was spent. He was born in that city on the 24th of May, 1860, a son of Thomas and Harriet (Kemp) Meredith. His father was a native of Wales, born at the Park in Montgomeryshire, May 24, 1835, and was a son of Thomas Meredith, Sr. Coming to this country, the father was engaged in merchandising in Batavia and he was prominently identified with public affairs, serving as town clerk for three terms, as a member of the board of trustees and president of the same for one term. He filled the office of justice of the peace for four years, and was supervisor for the same length of time, his official duties always being

capably and satisfactorily discharged. In his family were but two children, the younger being Julia, now the wife of Gilbert D. Kendall, who is engaged in the brokerage business in Chicago.

Edwin K. Meredith, the only son, acquired his education in the public schools of Batavia, which he attended during his boyhood and youth. After leaving school he became an electrician and engineer and in 1889 was appointed superintendent of the electric light and water plant of Batavia, which position he held up to the time of his death. In 1903 he was also made superintendent of motive power for the Batavia Supply Company and was regarded as one of the best qualified engineers in his part of the country. He also possessed considerable inventive genius, and was the inventor of several electrical and mechanical devices of much value.

In 1887 Mr. Meredith was united in marriage to Miss Mary Anderson, and to them were born two children, Rena and Thomas, who still survive him. He died on the 12th of March, 1907, at his home in Batavia, leaving many friends as well as his immediate family to mourn his loss, for he was popular with all classes, and those who knew him from boyhood were numbered among his staunchest friends.

THOMAS B. KIRBY.

Thomas B. Kirby, one of the most extensive dairymen and farmers of Elgin township and also president of the Kirby Equipment Company of Chicago, was born in Troy, New York, 1853. His parents, Peter and Charlotte (Bernard) Kirby, who were both natives of England, emigrated to America about 1848. The father was a mechanic and stove moulder and was quite successful after coming to this country. The year 1869 witnessed his removal westward and he settled in Grand Rapids, Michigan, subsequently taking up his abode in Adrian, Michigan, where he died in 1883. His family numbered eight children, as follows: Edward, of Knoxville; Charlotte, the widow of B. J. Stark, of Toledo, Ohio; Esther, deceased; John, who resides in Dayton, Ohio; Eliza, the wife of C. J. Hunt, of Chicago; Thomas B., of this review; Emma, the wife of James Lyons, of Toledo, Ohio; and George P., likewise of Toledo, Ohio.

Thomas B. Kirby acquired a common-school education in the place of his nativity and commenced life on his own account in 1863, when but ten years of age. His first position was as check boy in a dry goods store, where he continued until sixteen years old, gradually winning promotion as he demonstrated his capability and faithfulness. He then removed to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he secured employment with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, being thus engaged for four years, when he made his way to Adrian, Michigan, entered the railway shops and learned car building. This line of business claimed his attention from that time until 1900. Between the years 1880 and 1890 he was master car builder for the Lake Shore Railway Company, but in the latter year resigned, accept-

ing a position with the Armours as superintendent of building and maintenance of cars and serving in that capacity until April, 1900. He then gave his attention to the lines of business with which he is now connected, being widely recognized as one of the most extensive and successful dairymen and agriculturists of the county. He is president of the Kirby Equipment Company, of Chicago, and in the conduct of his interests has gained a measure of prosperity that entitles him to prominent mention among the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community. In November, 1901, he purchased two hundred and forty-five acres of land in Elgin township, known as the Stone farm, Isaac Stone having entered the land from the government about 1834.

On the 2d of June, 1875, Mr. Kirby was joined in wedlock to Miss Annie E. Anderson, a daughter of Samuel M. and Barbara (Henson) Anderson, of Adrian, Michigan, who were natives of New York and England respectively. The Anderson family came originally from England and in this country carried on agricultural pursuits in the state of New York. The parents of Mrs. Kirby had ten children, namely: Mary, the widow of Charles M. Health, of Adrian, Michigan; Helen, the deceased wife of Melvin Soper; Hannah, the deceased wife of Charles Ordeorn; Josiah, who has also passed away; James, of Adrian, Michigan; Annie E.; William, of Adrian, Michigan; and three who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby have three children: Bessie H., the wife of H. A. Bowles; Annie E., the wife of William Teal, of Chicago; and Charlotte M.

Mr. Kirby gives stalwart support to the republican party, while fraternally he is connected with the Mystic Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Englewood Chapter, No. 76, R. A. M.; and Englewood Commandery, No. 59, K. T. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his county.

PERCIVAL M. WAITE.

This gentleman, who is the present supervisor of Sugar Grove township, has had a somewhat varied and interesting career. He was born near Watertown, Jefferson county, New York, and is the son of Hiram and Laura (Ormsby) Waite. The mother died in New York, and in 1854, when the son was ten years old, he accompanied his father to Michigan, where they lived six years, removing to Waterman, Illinois in 1860. Mr. Waite recollects many incidents of his early migrations from the east to the then distant and unsettled west. The trip from his childhood home to Michigan was made by railroad, but the subsequent one from Michigan to Illinois was made in wagons, over a country rough and unbroken with roads in places, and with many difficulties and obstacles to trouble travelers and render their progress wearisome and excessively trying. Even much of the journey that was made by rail was through a very thinly peopled country which still bore the impress



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of the savage, and gave no sign that it had ever hearkened to the voice of civilized life.

With his wife Mr. Waite removed from Waterman to Cowley county, Kansas, where he entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land which had just been vacated by the Osage Indians. Selling this in 1882, he removed to Sugar Grove, Kane county, Illinois. His father died in 1906, when he was eighty-three years of age. The son began his scholastic training in the public schools of his native state and continued and completed it in those of Michigan and Illinois. Being earnestly devoted to his country and the preservation of the Union, he enlisted in 1864 in Company M, Ninth Illinois Cavalry, under command of Colonel Harper, and served to the end of the war, about a year and a half in all. He saw hard service and faced death on the gory field of Nashville and in other engagements, but escaped without injury and was mustered out of the service at Montgomery, Alabama, in 1865. Returning then to the pursuits of peaceful industry, he once more took his place among the producers, and labored as faithfully to develop and improve the country as he had fought to defend it.

In 1868 he was united in marriage with Miss Laura Anne Paul, of Kane county, this state. They have two children; a daughter, Laura, who is the wife of Ira Judd, an esteemed citizen of Aurora, and a son, Don L., who is serving the government as a railway mail clerk. Both are graduates of the Sugar Grove high school, and are widely and favorably known in Kane county. After all the spice of his early experience in traveling, when that was a thing of momentous impressiveness, as it is not now, and all the incident and adventure of his military life, Mr. Waite is now living quietly on his farm in this county, faithfully performing his daily duties and attending to every task and responsibility that belongs to him. He is held in high esteem as a good neighbor, a firm and reliable friend, and an excellent citizen, always foremost in all good works for the advancement of the county and its people, and standing firmly by what he believes to be right on all occasions, a wise, a useful and an upright man, and a thoroughly representative one in his community.

JOHN ELLIOTT.

In the history of the well-known residents of Kane county, mention should be made of John Elliott, one of the old settlers and native citizens. He was born April 10, 1842, in the log cabin on the east bank of the Fox river just a few rods from the site of his present home. His father, William T. Elliott, was the second person to make claim to land in the immediate vicinity of Aurora. He secured his claim in June, 1834, becoming owner of three hundred acres on the east bank of the Fox river. His only predecessor in the locality was Joseph McCarty, who had made a claim in the preceding spring. William T. Elliott thus became one of the first residents of this part of Illinois, and continued one of its worthy and respected citizens for many years. He was born June 11, 1816, in Killingworth, Middlesex county, Connecticut,

and was the son of William and Louisa (Lane) Elliott, the father born July 16, 1779, at Sturbridge, Massachusetts, while the mother was born at Killingworth, Connecticut, November 29, 1792. They removed to Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, in 1815, and three years later became residents of New Binghamton, New York. It was while the family was residing there that William T. Elliott learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for several years at Union, Broome county, and at Big Flats in Chemung county, New York. On the 6th of June, 1834, he started by wagon for the west, proceeding to Seneca Lake, thus by boat to Buffalo, around the great lakes to Detroit, on by stage to Niles, Michigan, by steamboat to Chicago, and from that point walked the remaining distance to Aurora, where he arrived June 20, 1834. At that time he stayed on the farm which has since been the old family homestead, and is now a part of the property of John Elliott. A year after his arrival William Elliott built a cabin, sixteen by twenty feet, of burr oak logs. On the 3d of August, 1835, he was married to Rebecca Pierce, a daughter of Elijah and Mary (Davis) Pierce, who came from Urbana, Ohio, but both died in Aurora. Although the marriage was opposed by the parents of the bride, the determination of the young couple was not to be frustrated. The ceremony was hastily performed by the village squire in the log house above referred to, and barely in time to escape the interference of the irate father of the bride who appeared on the scene. This was the first marriage ceremony performed in Kane county. A year later a daughter was born to them, who was called Emeline, and who was the first white girl born in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott lived in true pioneer style, enduring all the hardships of pioneer life, but they never faltered in their ambition to secure a good home for themselves and their family. Ten children were born to them, of whom two died in infancy. The others are: Emeline, who was born August 5, 1836, and married Joseph Denny; Homer T., who was born 1838 and is living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mary E., who was born March 17, 1840, and is the deceased wife of E. Denny; John, of this review; Francis M., who was born April 5, 1844; William, who was born February 18, 1847, and resides at Riverside, California; Byron B., who was born April 18, 1850, and is now deceased; and Sarah L., who was born February 28, 1853, and is now Mrs. Walter Keck, of Aurora. Long before his death the father of this family divided his farm among his seven children, reserving the income for the support of himself and his wife during the remainder of their lives. He passed away May 15, 1894, while his wife died August 29, 1900. They had lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, at the old homestead August 3, 1885, upon which occasion there were present seven of their children, and many grandchildren and friends. At that time there was presented to Mr. Elliott a genealogy, covering the history of the family for three hundred years, and tracing the line back to the Rev. P. Thatcher, a vicar in the parish of Queens Chapel, Somersetshire, England, from 1574 until 1624. A grandson of this P. Thatcher—the Rev. T. Thatcher—embarked from his native place for the new world April 6, 1635, and arrived at Boston on the 4th of May. He was the first pastor of the old South church of that city.

William T. Elliott, father of our subject, was religiously inclined, and attended the first religious meeting held at Aurora. It was held at the home of Deacon Moffat, between LaSalle street and Lincoln avenue and nearly opposite the present Methodist Episcopal church. He hewed the logs for the first Congregational church erected in Aurora, and for many years was one of the board of trustees of that society. He also helped to build the first schoolhouse in Aurora, and ever manifested a helpful interest in education. He was a strong abolitionist and aided in the work of the underground railroad, whereby many fugitive slaves were assisted on their way to Canada.

It will be seen that the Elliott family has figured more or less prominently in public affairs in various localities. William T. Elliott, father of John Elliott, was the second white man to settle in Aurora township, and at his death, May, 1884, when he was eighty-four years of age, Aurora lost its oldest pioneer. His wife, Mrs. Rebecca Elliott, was a most kind and courteous lady, and was greatly loved and admired by those who knew her well. Three of their sons, Homer, William and Byron Elliott, served as soldiers of the Civil war and were honorably discharged.

John Elliott is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and best known pioneer families of this part of the state. He was reared to farm life, and has always been successful in his business affairs, owning today valuable land and other property. On the 26th of December, 1866, he married Melvina L. Murphy, daughter of Owen J. and Emma (Chenoweth) Murphy. The Murphy family was founded in America by Patrick Murphy, who came from Wales. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was also in the Indian war at Point Pleasant, and was a friend of Cornstalk, the Shawnee war chief. John J. Murphy, the grandfather of Mrs. Elliott, was born in Nicholas county, West Virginia, January 5, 1790. He died April 14, 1853, while Patrick Murphy died in 1820. Owen J. Murphy, the father of Mrs. Elliott, was born in Braxton county, West Virginia, December 22, 1814. In company with his brother, Andrew, he left home October 3, 1838, went to Iowa and crossed the Mississippi river at Fort Madison, after which he spent ten days in visiting friends about fourteen miles west of the city. He then returned to Illinois on the 19th of November, 1838, located in McHenry county, having made the entire journey on horseback. He purchased the land—a squatter's claim—from Almon Stone, who sold two sections to the Murphy brothers for one hundred and fifty dollars. There was a log cabin built on the place, and about ten acres of the land had been broken. When the land came into market, the brothers bought only two hundred and forty acres. In addition to the one hundred dollars which they possessed, they were compelled to obtain a loan of two hundred and forty dollars, paying at the rate of twenty-five per cent interest. The brothers managed the farm in partnership for five years, and then divided it and Owen J. Murphy added to his property until he had two hundred and thirty-three acres. In 1842 he built a two-story frame house. The timbers were cut from native oak, and the lumber was hauled with teams from Chicago, a distance of fifty-two and three-quarter miles. This house was the pride of the owner as well as the surrounding country, for it was the first frame house on Queen Ann prairie.

and the only one for many miles. It served as a guide in directing travelers. It still stands straight and strong, and the floor of oak is yet good and firm, but the brass knobs have been taken from the many paneled doors by relic hunters. In politics Mr. Murphy was originally a whig and voted for William Henry Harrison in 1840. He was also an ardent abolitionist and aided in the underground railroad; but became a republican on the organization of that party. A staunch Methodist in religious faith, he was one of the founders and builders of the Methodist church in Queen Ann prairie, and always contributed liberally to its support. On the 11th of August, 1842, Mr. Murphy was married in West Virginia to Emma E. Chenoweth. She traced her ancestry back to John Chenoweth, a Welsh nobleman, born in 1652. He married Mary Calvert, a daughter of the third Lord Baltimore, and they came to America in 1680. Their son, Arthur, born in 1688, married Patience Cromwell, a daughter of William Cromwell, who was a brother of Oliver Cromwell. John Chenoweth, the second, a direct descendant of the Welsh nobleman, was born in 1755, more than a century after his illustrious ancestor, called "Revolutionary John." He enlisted in Colonel Muhlenburg's regiment and fought in the battle of Brandywine. It was his grand-daughter, Emma E. Chenoweth, daughter of Robert and Edith (Skidmore) Chenoweth, who became the wife of Owen J. Murphy. Owen Murphy always lived on the farm and died there November 19, 1892, just fifty-four years from the time he came to Illinois. He was one of the respected and worthy representatives of farming interest in the locality, and his name is inseparably associated with the pioneer history. His brother, Andrew, who came with him to McHenry county died July 24, 1908, at the age of ninety-two years, three months and twenty-one days. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy had seven children: Melissa A., who became the wife of William A. Sawyer and died in Golden, Colorado, January 28, 1873; Minerva B., who is the wife of J. E. Clapsattle and resides in Herndon, Iowa; Mrs. Elliott; Emma C., the wife of Thomas Charles, residing on the old homestead in McHenry county; Sarah E., the wife of W. H. B. Crow, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; Owen C., who is living in Calloway, Nebraska; and Ida B., the wife of R. D. Winters, of Lakeport, California.

Of this family, Mrs. Elliott was born in Greenwood, McHenry county, Illinois, May 11, 1847. She attended the Todd Seminary in Woodstock, Illinois, and the Jennings Seminary in Aurora. It was while staying there that she became acquainted with Mr. Elliott. They have two sons: Wilmot Owen, who was born January 8, 1868, in Aurora, where he is now residing; and Robert Chenoweth, who was born March 7, 1878, and is now farming in Kendall county. He is married and has a daughter, Anna Garretta, two years of age.

In his business affairs Mr. Elliott has been quite successful. He is fortunate in possessing one of the best sand banks in Kane county. It is located on his farm near Aurora, and was first opened by his father fifty-two years ago, since which time it has been continuously operated. Hundreds of thousands of loads of sand have been hauled away. Over six hundred loads of sand were hauled from here to build the old Center school, and four hundred loads were hauled for the building of the First Methodist Episcopal

church. A large amount was also utilized in the building of the old Frazier block, which was the first building of any size worthy of note, erected on the west bank of the Fox river, it having been constructed over fifty years ago. In all his business dealings Mr. Elliott is enterprising, recognizing his possibilities, and, at the same time, never overlooking anything that might prove detrimental to his best interest. In his political views he is a republican, and in religious faith his wife is a Methodist, belonging to the First Methodist Episcopal church of Aurora. They are both highly esteemed in the community, enjoying the warm friendship and regard of those with whom they have been associated, for their many good qualities of heart and mind have won for them the trust and confidence of friends and neighbors. Both are representatives of old families of this locality, and few are better informed concerning the early history of Kane county and its subsequent development than is John Elliott.

HARRY S. LONG.

Harry S. Long now owns and cultivates one hundred and ninety-six acres of the old Long homestead, which has never been out of possession of the family since it was entered as a claim from the government. His birth occurred on section 20, Big Rock township, August 22, 1863. His father, Edward R. Long, was a native of Greenfield, Massachusetts, born in September, 1827. When in his thirteenth year he came to Kane county, Illinois, in June, 1840, with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Silas Long. The father purchased the farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres from the government, paying the usual price of a dollar and a quarter per acre. The property has since been known as the Long homestead, and its many substantial improvements are monuments to the enterprise and labors of those who have owned and cultivated the place. Silas Long was the first to break the sod and till the soil and continued to reside upon the farm until his death, which occurred about 1855. In the meantime he had extended the boundaries of his property until it comprised three hundred acres, and at his death this was divided between his two sons, Lewis and Edward R. Long. The latter always remained upon the old homestead, there carrying on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred May 17, 1895. In early manhood he wedded Emma Dale, a native of England and a daughter of Thomas and Ann Dale. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Long became the parents of four children: Fred E., who was born March 24, 1858, and lives in Big Rock, Big Rock township; Carrie A., who was born May 4, 1860, and is the wife of William Price, of the same township; Harry S., of this review; and Minnie E., who was born April 15, 1869, and is living in Big Rock township. The father died May 17, 1895, and the mother's death occurred on January 21, 1905.

Harry Long, spending his boyhood as do most farm lads, worked in the fields, enjoyed the pleasures of the playground and performed the

duties of the schoolroom. At the age of eighteen years he permanently put aside his text-books and then engaged in assisting his father upon the home farm until twenty-six years of age, when he rented the place and cultivated it on his own account for fourteen years.

On the 17th of November, 1897, Harry S. Long was married to Miss Abbie Jones, a native of Oneida county, New York, born June 16, 1871. Her parents were Richard and Winifred (Davis) Jones, the former a native of New York and the latter of North Wales. Their family numbered the following named: George W., living in Frankfort, New York; Jennie J., the wife of David T. Evans, a farmer of Big Rock township; Robert R., living in Chicago; Jesse E., whose home is at Wilmurt, New York; Oscar W., of Prospect, New York; and Mrs. Long. The mother of these children died when Mrs. Long was eight years of age, and the father is still living at Prospect, New York. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade and for many years was identified with building interests but is now living retired.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Long has been blessed with two children, Edward Russell, born November 18, 1900, and Winifred, October 2, 1904. The family residence is the old homestead farm and throughout his entire life Mr. Long has carried on general agricultural pursuits, meeting with good success in his undertakings. In the midst of his land stands a comfortable residence and many other substantial buildings. In 1906 he built a barn forty-two by seventy feet with twenty-four foot posts and having a capacity of one hundred and forty tons of hay. It also gives shelter to fourteen horses and twenty cows. There is a concrete floor and every convenient arrangement and equipment. The barn is unsurpassed in Big Rock township. While Mr. Long is leading a busy and useful life in the management and conduct of his farming interests, and is meeting with success in his undertakings, he has also been somewhat active in community affairs and for eleven years has served as constable. He holds membership with the Knights & Ladies of Security at Hinckley. His entire life has been spent in this county on the farm where he yet resides and thus for forty-five years he has been a witness of the events which have transpired and the changes which have occurred. As time has passed he has kept abreast with the progress made by the representatives of agricultural life and is today numbered among the leading farmers of Big Rock township.

JUDGE VICTOR KASSER.

Although Judge Victor Kasser has passed from the scene of earthly activities his memory is yet cherished and honored by those who knew him in life and entertained for him the warm regard which is always accorded upright, honorable manhood. For a long period he served as police magistrate in Elgin, and over the record of his official career there fell no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. He was born in Hirtzfelden, Alsace,

May 13, 1833. His father, August Ettienne Kasser, lived and died in Alsace, which country was also the birthplace of the mother, Mrs. Odilie (Yecker) Kasser.

Judge Kasser was the only one of the family who ever came to the United States. He was educated at the college of Rouffach, Germany. He was reared in his parents' home and at the age of eighteen came to the new world. He had heard various favorable reports concerning the opportunities offered in this country, and hoping that he might more rapidly win advancement in business circles on this side the Atlantic, he crossed the water and settled at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1882. After learning the cabinet-maker's trade he conducted a furniture store and undertaking establishment in the east, but on his removal to Elgin in 1882 he became a carpenter and builder and for some time was thus identified with the industrial interests of the community. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him from private life to public office. He was elected justice of the peace and served for eight years, "winning golden opinions from all sorts of people." He was then elected police magistrate of Elgin and filled the position continuously until two years prior to his death, when he left the office and lived retired throughout his remaining days. As police magistrate he made a splendid record, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial, and that his fellow-townsmen had confidence in him is shown by the fact that he was long retained in office by those who hold themselves amenable to law and order.

In 1854 Judge Kasser was married to Miss Anna Margaret Duterwich, a daughter of John and Barbara (Riessinger) Duterwich, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The young couple began their domestic life at Lancaster, where they lived for twenty-six years ere their removal westward to Illinois. They became the parents of eleven children, five sons and six daughters. Charles, the eldest son, passed away on the 16th of April, 1906. He had married Miss Fannie Howell, by whom he had one son, Victor. Francis Augustus was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Peterson. Edmund Paul died on the 2d of January, 1879, at the age of twelve years. Stephen H. married Miss Anna Herrick, by whom he had eight children, namely: Margaret, Milo, Edmund, Mildred, Gertrude, Zirilda, Victor and Adele, the last two being twins. Mildred and Adele, the fourth and eighth in order of birth, died in infancy. William Harry, the youngest member of the family, resides in California. The daughters are Adele, Rosalie, Anna, Marie, Agnes and Cecilia. The last named is the wife of L. W. Wright, and to them were born three children: Nan, Cecil and Marie Rosalia.

While born in that portion of the world which has alternately been the property of France and of Germany, Judge Kasser was much more French than German in deportment and characteristics, and yet he possessed the German love of and talent for music. He was a well known musician, possessed a fine tenor voice of extraordinary range, power and sweetness and was regarded as a valuable addition to musical circles wherever he lived. He was the founder of the Maennerchor of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was a member of the Walhalla Turnverein of Elgin. He died December

28, 1905, at the age of seventy-two years. His life was an active and useful one and not only his creditable business record but his equally creditable official service and his musical talent made him a favorite and won for him commendation and approval in every relation of life.

CHARLES SHELDON EAGELSTON.

More than one phase of American life has occupied the time and attention of this gentleman, and led him to different parts of the country, but he found no place he liked as well as he did Illinois and tried no vocation elsewhere that entirely pleased him. He, therefore, settled down permanently in this state, and among its people he has since put forth his efforts and made his creditable record.

Mr. Eageleston was born near Kickapoo, now Edwards Station, in Peoria county, Illinois, August 11, 1851. His parents were William and Emeline (Fargo) Eageleston, the former born near the city of Schenectady, New York, of English parentage, and the latter of New England parentage. They came to Illinois in the autumn of 1833 and during the next nineteen years lived in Peoria county. In 1852 they moved to Stark county and took up their residence on a farm six miles northeast of Wyoming, in Penn township. Here they lived for twenty-eight years. In 1880 the father retired from the farm and moved to Wyoming, where he died in September, 1892. The mother died, twelve years ago.

The son acquired a good common-school education, which he supplemented with a course of special training in Cole's Business College in Peoria. When he reached the age of twenty-one he and his brother George made a trip into Texas and for a number of months experienced the arduous labors and trying existence of cowboys, winding up by helping to drive two thousand head of cattle to Wichita, Kansas, across the intervening plains. They were four months on the trail, and this, with their other adventures as ranchmen, entirely cured all desire in Mr. Eageleston to be a plainsman, and he returned to Illinois and bought a farm of eighty acres in the neighborhood of Castleton, Stark county, on which he lived until 1893. In that year he sold the farm and moved to Aurora, turning his attention to the livery business which he is still conducting.

His livery barn is at the corner of Lincoln avenue and Main street and his business is very large and profitable. It is managed with consummate skill and vigor, and so conducted as to meet all the requirements and give satisfaction to all customers. Being an excellent judge of horses, and dealing extensively in them, especially family and driving horses, the proprietor is always able to keep for his own use and that of his patrons stock that is attractive in appearance and prime for service, and it is his ambition to let no liveryman anywhere surpass him in this respect. In fact he is an acknowledged authority on horses and is frequently called on for advice in reference to them.



C. S. EAGELSTON

Mr. Eagelston was the fourth child of his parents, the others being: Harriet, the deceased wife of Allen J. Tichnor; William J., a farmer near Castleton, Illinois; George D., a farmer and stock breeder in the vicinity of Fayette, Idaho; Jennie, the wife of J. C. Bloomer, of Denver, Colorado; Fannie, the wife of Samuel Smith, also of Denver; James R., a carpenter at Wyoming, Illinois; and Abbie C., the wife of C. W. McVicker, of Kansas City, Missouri.

On August 17, 1878, Mr. Eagelston was married to Miss Eliza M. Ennis, of Wyoming, Illinois, the daughter of Ezekiel and Pauline (Davis) Ennis. The mother died when the daughter was yet but a child and she was adopted and reared by an uncle, L. E. Timmins, with whom she lived until her marriage. She and her husband have two children: Abbie Maud and Jennie Pauline, both of whom are living at home. The older is employed as a stenographer at the Western Wheeled Scraper Works and the younger as a milliner.

Mr. Eagelston votes the republican ticket in national elections and generally supports the principles and policies of his party but he is not a narrow partisan and although a man of firm convictions, is tolerant of the views and opinions of others. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, holding his membership in Lodge No. 479 at Wyoming. His wife and daughters belong to the Order of the Eastern Star in Aurora and are charter members of the White Shrine, an auxiliary of that order. The family stands well in the community and is highly respected by all classes of people. Each of its members has performed and is performing well the duties of life, and all are worthy of the good opinion and cordial regard in which they are held.

JUDGE FRANK GEORGE PLAIN.

Judge Frank G. Plain, who has been a member of the Aurora bar since 1892 and is now county judge and also acting as probate judge of Kane county, was born in Aurora, March 24, 1864. His parents, John and Susanna (Lies) Plain, were natives of Germany, the former born in Rhine, Prussia, and the latter in Luxemburg. The father has devoted the greater part of his life in mercantile pursuits and has become recognized as a forceful factor in business circles in northern Illinois. He came to America about 1852, settling in Aurora, where he followed various pursuits for some time, but as his financial resources increased he embarked in merchandising and in the new undertaking gained enlarged prosperity. He has also been president of the German-American National Bank of Aurora from the second year of its organization, serving from its formation as vice president. Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles than does John Plain, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved, but also owing to the straightforward business methods he has ever followed. He was city treasurer for many years, has been president of the school board, and has held other positions

of political preferment. He belongs to that class of representative men who, in advancing individual interests, also contribute to public prosperity nor fail to perform every duty which they owe as a citizen.

Judge Plain, one of a family of twelve children, was reared in this city and passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, was graduated from the East Aurora high school in the class of 1882. He afterward matriculated in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, pursuing a course in the scientific department and was graduated in 1888 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In preparation for the practice of law he began studying in the Chicago College of Law and won the Bachelor of Laws degree on his graduation in 1892. The same year he was admitted to the bar and located for practice in Aurora, where he has since remained as a prominent and able representative of the profession. In 1893 he was elected city attorney and filled the position for four years. The ability which he displayed as city attorney and in his private practice led to his election to the office of county judge in 1906 and he is now serving on the bench, being the same able minister in the temple of justice that he was when a private practitioner. He is now filling out the term made vacant by the death of Judge David B. Sherwood.

On the 14th of January, 1903, Judge Plain was married to Miss Jennie Guinang, a daughter of John and Emily (Addis) Guinang, and they have two children, John and Eleanor. He became a member of the Phi Kappa Phi while at the University of Michigan and he belongs to the Illinois Bar Association and the Kane County Bar Association. Politically Judge Plain is a republican but he never allows political partisanship to interfere in the performance of his duties. He is now president of the Aurora library board and is interested in all that pertains to progressive citizenship, stanchly advocating those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

JACOB WALTER HOYT.

Jacob Walter Hoyt, a prominent agriculturist and dairyman of Kaneville township, where, in conjunction with his brother, he owns extensive farming interests on section 11, was born near Harristown, Macon county, Illinois, March 15, 1877, the son of Jacob N. Hoyt, a history of whose life will be found in the sketch of Edward Lawrence Hoyt, appearing in this issue.

Mr. Hoyt was educated in the schools near his boyhood home until, at the age of fifteen years, he was admitted to the Elburn high school, which he attended for three years. He then returned home and assumed his share of the management and control of his father's farming interests, ably assisting him in the work of the place. On the 16th of March, 1904, he wedded Miss Lou May Humiston, who was born in Kaneville, Kane county, May 23, 1879, the daughter of Clark M. Humiston, who met his death in a railroad accident near Streator, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt are the parents of two children: Merritt H., who was born January 5, 1905; and J. Norris, born December 29, 1907. It will be seen from the foregoing sketch that although Mr. Hoyt is yet young in years he has already attained a marked degree of success in the acquirement of a competence and an independence, and his accomplishments illustrate the value of industry, perseverance, good management and a determination to succeed.

ANDREW G. LOFGREN.

Andrew G. Lofgren is a prosperous farmer and dairyman of Campton township, where he owns and operates one hundred and thirty acres of Kane county's choicest land and conducts a dairy, keeping for that purpose twenty-four cows. He was born in Sweden, February 23, 1853, the son of Andrew and Ammie (Anderson) Lofgren. His father was likewise a native of Sweden, where he served the regular time in the Swedish army. He was a miner by occupation and religiously was a member of the Lutheran church. Following his death, which occurred in 1874, the mother came to America, making her home during her last days with our subject. He prizes most highly an heirloom which she gave him in the form of a hand-made mirror which is really a work of art, and which was constructed for her in her maidenhood. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lofgren were born five children: Annie E., the wife of A. H. Norbery, a miner of Sweden; Andrew G., of this review; Jonathan F., deceased; Carl M., a molder, residing in California; and Conrad W., deceased.

Andrew G. Lofgren received his education in the district schools of Sweden. Leaving school at the age of fourteen years, he served as an apprentice to the blacksmith's trade, which he thoroughly mastered and continued following this line of work for twelve years. He married Johannah C. Stephenson, of his native land, and in 1879 the young couple set sail for America in the hope of finding in the new world larger opportunity than was theirs in the land of their nativity. Mr. Lofgren located first at South Norwalk, Connecticut, where he worked at his trade for three and one half years, then removed to Aurora, where he followed it for three years longer.

Learning from his fellow countrymen of the success which they were making in agricultural pursuits he determined to branch out into this line of work, and to that end he rented land and engaged in farming. His success may be attributed not only to his thrift and energy, but also to his persistency, for he remained on this farm for fourteen years, when out of his savings he was enabled to purchase his present place. It is beautifully situated on the old plank road between St. Charles and Sycamore and the residence is a large, commodious brick structure. In addition to this he had made other necessary improvements from time to time as needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lofgren are the parents of three children: Matilda J. is the wife of Charles Johnson, a farmer residing near DeKalb; Annie W. is the wife of Elmer Peterson, who is engaged in the grocery business in Rockford; and Ernest G. resides at home with his parents.

Politically Mr. Lofgren is a republican. He is an active worker for his party's interests and is now serving as highway commissioner. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran church. His life has been one of continuous activity, and the success and position of independence to which he has attained have been well merited.

EDGAR CHAPMAN.

Taking the conduct and management of his career in his own hands at the age of eighteen, and coming to the United States for the better opportunities and greater advantages it offered to pluck, industry and perseverance, Edgar Chapman was ready, on his arrival in this country, to do anything he found to do and do it as well as he could. And this has been the rule of all his activities here and is the basis of his gratifying success in everything he has undertaken.

He was born at Ontwell, Cambridgeshire, England, June 16, 1875, and is a son of George and Susan (Bates) Chapman, who were also born and reared in England. The father's life began at Ontwell, Cambridgeshire, July 25, 1841, and the mother's at the same place, November 23, 1839. The head of the house conducted a butchering business and meat market, and after the son left school at the age of thirteen he assisted his father in the work. The family comprised four sons and two daughters, all but two of whom are still living in England, Edgar and his brother Thomas being residents of this county. The others are: Hannah, the wife of Job Lake; John William and Walter; and Kate, who is the wife of James Johnson.

On March 15, 1892, when he was but seventeen years of age, Mr. Chapman sailed from Southampton in his native land, and when he reached America, came directly to Aurora, Illinois, where his brother Thomas was living. With the readiness for any kind of useful labor which has always characterized him, he accepted employment for a short time as a tender to a stonemason. He next secured a position on the George E. Brown stock farm north of Aurora, on which he worked four years. During the succeeding four and one-half years he was in the employ of Robert Evans in the grain and feed business. This enlarged his ideas and gave him new knowledge of human nature, and has been of service to him in many ways.

But he had a natural bent for farm life, and having saved a goodly sum of money out of his earnings, he began to look about him for a venture in farming on his own account which held out prospects of success. While thus on the outlook for his chance, he passed four years in the service of L. W. Randall, a farmer and dairyman near Aurora. In 1902 he bought stock and farming machinery and rented the Shepardson farm of three

hundred acres in Sugar Grove township. During the last six years he has cultivated this big farm with eminent success and large profit to himself and the owner, and has also carried on an extensive and remunerative business Illinois Regiment, working as a blacksmith. He took part in the battle of in feeding livestock for the market.

On December 24, 1896, he married Miss Erma Agnes Thompson, of Aurora, a daughter of David T. and Catherine (Houtz) Thompson, natives of Pennsylvania, where the mother died when the daughter was but two years old. The father is now living at Tower City, Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Chapman was born December 8, 1880. The other children of the family numbered six: Walter Scott, who is a resident of Kankakee, Illinois; William, who died some years ago; David P., who lives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Ulysses Schuyler, a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; Harry Snyder, whose home is at Hiteman, Iowa; and Nettie May, the wife of Walter Shockley of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have five children: Earl Penman, who was born May 31, 1898; Elmer Thompson, whose life began June 7, 1899; Harry Schuyler, who was born August 27, 1902; Dorothy Helen, who was born June 28, 1904; and Mildred, who came into the world February 10, 1908. Their mother came to Illinois with one of her brothers at the age of fourteen and had her home with him in Streator until 1895, when she moved to Aurora.

Mr. Chapman supports the principles and policies of the republican party in national politics. In local affairs he looks to the good of the township and its people, helping to choose good men to administer the local government and doing all he can to promote every worthy movement for progress and improvement. His is a noteworthy example to others, especially young men, for it is a luminous and radiant illustration of what can be achieved by industry, energy and perseverance in this country, where nature has done everything for the human race and only asks the price of her bounties for their generous bestowal. He is an upright and worthy man whom all classes of the people hold in high respect and a leading citizen of the township in which he lives.

JOHN H. POGUE.

Among the soldiers of Kane county who valiantly fought for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Rebellion was numbered John H. Pogue, who answered to the last roll call on the 14th of November, 1894. He was born in New York state on the 1st day of May, 1843, and in 1855 came to Elgin. Feeling that his country needed his service, he enlisted at St. Charles, Kane county, in the Eighth Illinois Cavalry for three years, and served under Generals Farnsworth, Logan and McClellan, taking part in all of the important engagements in which his command participated. He was also with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and was always found at his post of duty, fighting bravely for the stars and stripes and

the cause they represented. Although never wounded he contracted a cold in the army and never fully recovered his health. At one time he was made prisoner and was taken to Andersonville, where he spent but one night, however, when he with a dozen comrades made their escape by digging under the walls of the building. Fortunately he was not recaptured.

On being discharged from the service at the close of the war, Mr. Pogue returned to Elgin, where he spent four or five years, and at the end of that time went to Iowa, which was his home for two years. It was in Illinois that he was married December 22, 1869, the lady of his choice being Miss Margaret Shedden, a daughter of Robert and Margaret (Young) Shedden, of Illinois. There were four children born of this union, namely: Effie Jane, a resident of Elgin, who is now the widow of Walter Seymour, who died in 1897, at the age of thirty-eight years, leaving one son, William; Viola, who died at Balltown, Missouri, at the age of six years; Chloe W., who is the wife of John James, of Elgin, and they have one child, Henry; and Elmer Robert, the youngest of the family, who is also a resident of Elgin.

Mr. Pogue removed from Iowa to Kansas, where he spent six years and subsequently made his home in Missouri for eight years. During a part of this time he followed farming, that being his occupation during life, but ill health prevented him from doing much hard labor. He spent some time in the Soldiers Home at Leavenworth, Kansas, but died at Fremont, Iowa. He was a faithful supporter of the republican party and he was always found as true to his country's interests in days of peace as in time of war.

JOHN M. RAYMOND.

John M. Raymond, senior partner of the firm of Raymond & Newhall, has gained a position of distinction at the Kane county bar through earnest application and unfaltering devotion to the interests of his clients. He was born in Bristol, Kendall county, Illinois, December 24, 1858, and is a representative of one of the old colonial families, which was founded in America by three brothers who came from England and landed at Plymouth Rock in 1635. Zenos Martin Raymond, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts and for many years followed farming in New England. He served his country as a soldier of the war of 1812 and died in 1820 as the result of exposure sustained during his military service. His wife, Mrs. Clarissa (Ryder) Raymond, long surviving him, reached the advanced age of ninety-four years. Their family numbered two sons, Charles H. and Granville C. The former, the father of John M. Raymond, was born in Massachusetts and also carried on general agricultural pursuits. He was but four years of age at the time of his father's death, and when a youth of fourteen started out in business life on his own account, working in a nail mill. He was thus engaged until 1841, when, attracted by the opportunities of the new, but growing west, he made his way to Illinois and cast in his lot



JOHN M. RAYMOND

with the pioneers of Kendall county. Only a few settlements had been made within its borders, and the work of civilization and improvement had scarcely been begun. Mr. Raymond built a log cabin, and there in true pioneer style began life in the West, but as the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and eventually the little home was replaced by a fine and commodious residence. As he saw opportunity for judicious investment he added to his property until he had accumulated seven hundred acres, being one of the large landowners of the county. He served as supervisor for twenty-one years, and during most of that time acted as chairman of the board. His long continuance in office is unmistakable proof of his fidelity and his devotion to the public good. He married Lydia Burrell, a daughter of Joseph Burrell, who was a native of Massachusetts and of English lineage. Her father was a seaman and owned a vessel, sailing to all the principal ports of the world. He lived to the age of seventy-six years and reared a large family.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Raymond were born seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Jacob L., who died in 1903, at the age of fifty-nine years; Clara, the wife of John Eccles, of Bristol, Illinois; Charles H., Jr., also of Bristol; Lizzie R., the wife of A. H. Barnes, a resident of Eagle Grove, Iowa; Martin Z., who makes his home in Stamford, Nebraska; John M., of Aurora, Illinois, and George B., who resides on the old homestead in Bristol. The father died on the old home farm February 28, 1904, at the age of eighty-eight years, while his wife passed away in 1889, at the age of sixty-six years. Both were members of the Methodist church and their personal worth gained them a most enviable position in public regard.

John M. Raymond spent his boyhood and youth in the usual manner of farm lads of the period and locality. He attended the district schools in his early boyhood and was afterward graduated under Professor F. H. Hall, at Sugar Grove Normal, an industrial school, in 1880. He then took up educational work and for seven years engaged in teaching, being principal of the schools at St. Charles, Illinois, for four years. Not content with his own intellectual attainment he had during that period attended the law department of the University of Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1884. The same year he was admitted to the bar and since 1889 he has engaged continuously in practice in Aurora, being widely recognized here as one of the most able attorneys of the Kane county bar, with a large and distinctively representative clientage. In 1902 he admitted to a partnership John K. Newhall, and has since practiced under the firm name of Raymond & Newhall. Mr. Raymond deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for, leaving home at the age of sixteen years, he has since been dependent upon his own resources for his educational opportunities and the success that he has achieved. Through farm labor and teaching he provided the funds necessary for professional training, and since becoming a member of the bar he has displayed the same thoroughness which characterized him in the acquirement of his education. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial, yet he never forgets that he owes a higher allegiance to the majesty of the law, and that it should be the purpose of the bar to assist the court in arriving at justice. He is not unknown in business circles, being one of the directors of

the First National Bank, of Aurora, and its attorney. His property interests include five hundred and ten acres of valuable farming land in Kendall county, of which four hundred and ten acres join the old homestead, and to the development and improvement of this farm he gives his personal supervision. He has engaged quite extensively in breeding and raising fine Hereford cattle, and his success as an agriculturist alone would entitle him to more than passing notice.

On the 13th of January, 1887, Mr. Raymond was married to Miss Frances R. Kennedy, a daughter of Orrin and Mary (Finney) Kennedy. They now have two children, Mary M. and Lydia B., the latter a student in the high school. The former is a graduate of the high school at Aurora and is now attending Ferry Hall at Lake Forest, Illinois.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Raymond attend the People's church and are prominent socially in the city of their residence. They reside at No. 177 Downer place, where Mr. Raymond erected a fine modern residence in 1903, it being one of the most beautiful homes of the city. Fraternaly he is connected with Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M.; Aurora Chapter, R. A. M., and Aurora Commandery, No. 22, K. T. He is likewise a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Chicago, and is connected with Aurora Lodge, No. 705, B. P. O. E., of which he was the first exalted ruler. His political allegiance is unflinchingly given to the republican party, with which he has affiliated since casting his first presidential vote for James A. Garfield. Always interested in community affairs, he served as mayor of the city from 1903 until 1905, and gave a public-spirited, business-like administration, characterized by various needed reforms and improvements. Among the prominent, energetic and successful residents of Aurora he is numbered, and in the midst of complex and important personal interests he has found time to devote to the welfare and upbuilding of his adopted city.

EDWARD J. BAKER.

Among the residents of St. Charles who have taken a very active and prominent part in public affairs is Edward J. Baker, who has made his home here throughout life, for he was born in St. Charles on the 30th of September, 1868. His father was Edward Baker, a native of New York, who came to this state when young and located in Kane county. During his boyhood our subject attended the west side school of St. Charles, his first teacher being Belle Kelly. He continued a pupil in the public schools until nineteen years of age and later pursued a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton Business College in St. Louis for one year.

Early in life Mr. Baker became familiar with agricultural pursuits, being partially reared on a farm, but on leaving school he turned his attention to commercial pursuits and for a time clerked in a hardware store in St. Charles. Subsequently he became a member of the St. Charles Mercantile

Company, with which he was connected for one year. At the end of that time he was appointed inspector of grain and railroad and warehouse commissioner by Governor John R. Tanner, and continued to fill that position in a most creditable and acceptable manner for ten years, serving under Governors Tanner, Yates and Deneen until July, 1907, when he resigned. Since then he has not actively engaged in any occupation but continues to make his home in St. Charles.

Mr. Baker was married in that city in December, 1889, to Miss Harriet Rockwell, a daughter of H. T. Rockwell, of St. Charles, and to them has been born one son, Henry R., now in school. Fraternaly Mr. Baker affiliates with the Modern Woodmen of America and politically is identified with the republican party, taking a very influential part in public affairs as a recognized leader of his party in Kane county.

HENRY PIGNEY.

Henry Pigney, who has been engaged as a blacksmith and wood worker throughout his entire life, is now making his home in Maple Park, where he is conducting a good business. He is a native of England, born November 3, 1838. His parents were Nicholas and Jane (Kershew) Pigney, who were likewise natives of the mother country, where the father worked as a blacksmith for many years. He was prominent in the political life of his locality and for several years filled the office of constable of Westmoreland. He lived to the very advanced age of ninety years. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Pigney numbered five children, the brothers and sisters of our subject being: John, who was formerly engaged in blacksmithing but is now living retired in Oregon; Sarah; Mark K., who has passed away; and Ann.

Henry Pigney spent his boyhood and youth in his native country and attended school to the age of eleven years. At that early age he started out to make his own way in the world, being employed at farm labor during the succeeding four years. He then entered his father's blacksmith shop and under his supervision learned the trades of a blacksmith and wood worker. In 1860, having heard favorable reports concerning the advantages to be enjoyed in the new world, he set sail for the United States and upon reaching American shores at once made his way to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he followed his trades for two years. He then came to Illinois, opening a shop in Troy Grove, where he made his home for one year. He then went to Bellevue, Michigan, where he followed his trade until 1867, in which year he once more came to this state and lived in Vienna for sixteen years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Maple Park, making this place his home from 1881 until 1885. He then decided to try his fortune in South Dakota and accordingly made his way to that state, working at his trade there for seven and a half years. In 1892 he once more returned to Maple Park and made a permanent location. Here he erected the shop in

which he now conducts business, this being supplied with all modern machinery. He is an expert workman in his line and his trade has now grown to such proportions that he employs two assistants, his being the only enterprise of this character in the city. He has met with success in his undertakings and has accumulated quite a handsome competency.

In 1862 he put aside all business and personal considerations, enlisting in the Civil war as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Fourth parents spent their entire lives. He came to America in early manhood, and Hartsville, Tennessee, and after three years' service was mustered out in 1865.

Mr. Pigney was married on the 3d of January, 1862, to Miss Lusina McConnell, who was born near Youngstown, Ohio, and is one of a family of three sons and three daughters, her brothers and sisters being: William H. and Fred L., who are stockmen of South Dakota; Ella J., who is deceased; Minnie S., the wife of John J. Perkins, who follows farming near Sugar Grove; and Frank L., who makes his home in South Dakota.

Mr. Pigney gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party and is a public-spirited citizen. He has been called by his fellow townsmen to fill some local offices, having served for a number of years in the office of justice of the peace. He is also a school director and is acting as president of the city board. He is a Mason, belonging to Sycamore Lodge, No. 134; Sycamore Chapter, No. 49; Sycamore Commandery, No. 15; and Medina Temple at Chicago. He is also identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. On all public questions where the best interests of the city are involved he is always to be found on the right side and there is no mistaking his position on any matter of public moment. He is highly respected in Maple Park and the surrounding country and all who know him have for him the highest regard.

OSCAR E. JOHNSON.

Oscar E. Johnson, a successful farmer and dairyman of Blackberry township, was born in Sweden, August 15, 1876, his parents being John and Magdaline (Lundgren) Johnson. The father is a farmer by occupation and still resides in Sweden, having served his country in the regular army. He is a devoted member of the Lutheran church. The subject of this review is the only one of his father's family who has established his home in the United States, and Huldah, Gustava, Ruth and Ture Johnson still reside in Sweden.

Oscar E. Johnson attended the schools of his native country until twelve years of age, and subsequently assisted his father in the work of the home farm. When seventeen years of age he emigrated to America, taking up his abode near Lily Lake, Kane county, where he worked as a farm hand for nine years. In 1898 he returned to the land of his nativity, where he remained for eleven months, on the expiration of which period

he again made his way to the United States, locating near New Britain, Connecticut. There he was employed by P. F. Corbin as assistant in iron works, and subsequently removed to Hartford, Connecticut, where he secured employment in the electric vehicle shops. Afterward coming to Elburn, Illinois, he has since carried on farming, meeting with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity in his undertakings. In addition to the work of the fields he conducts quite an extensive dairy, and as both branches of his business return to him a most substantial income, he is widely recognized as one of the successful and enterprising citizens of the community.

At Elburn, Illinois, occurred the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Hilma Paulison, who was born in Sweden, December 2, 1878. Two children were born to this union: Ture, who has passed away; and Ruth Johnson, whose birth occurred January 17, 1907. Mr. Johnson possesses the resolution, perseverance and reliability so characteristic of his nation, and his name is now enrolled among the prosperous and progressive residents of Kane county.

WILLIAM M. SMITH.

On a large and fruitful farm of four hundred and nineteen acres of well improved land in Burlington township, firmly established in the good will of the people around him, and occupying an honorable post as a citizen of influence, William M. Smith would seem to be above the reach of ill fortune. He is an energetic and progressive farmer and, in addition, conducts a large and profitable dairy business.

Mr. Smith was born April 23, 1846, in Venango county, Pennsylvania, and is the son of Charles and Jane (McClelland) Smith, who were also born in Pennsylvania. They came to Illinois in 1848 and located in Burlington, where most of their children were born. These were nine in number. William's brothers and sisters being: John M., now a retired farmer in Kansas; Anna, Lydia, Mary, George and Charles H., all deceased; Eliza, the wife of E. C. Keys; and Margaret, the wife of E. W. Dickerson, a retired farmer living at Hampshire, Kane county.

William M. Smith attended the country school until he was seventeen years old. He then enlisted in defense of the Union for the Civil war, becoming a member of Company G, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry, in which he served three years and saw some stirring times. He was under command of the late President Benjamin Harrison, with whom he was well acquainted, and also marched with Sherman to the sea. He suffered no disaster in the war himself but had a brother killed at Resaca, Georgia. Mr. Smith was a lieutenant in his company but resigned after the fall of Richmond.

After returning home he attended the seminary at Aurora, Illinois, and some time later was graduated from the Northwestern Business College. Beginning life for himself once more amid the peaceful pursuits of industrial

activity, he went to the oil fields of Pennsylvania and later herded wild cattle for a time. He finally sold his stock and returned to Kane county, locating in Burlington township. Here he has lived ever since, extensively engaged in farming and taking his part in the duties of citizenship. For a number of years he has served acceptably as school director, and in other ways has contributed to the progress and improvement of the township.

On January 5, 1870, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Esther C. Sholes, who was born in Burlington township, this county, April 13, 1852, and is the daughter of a prominent farmer of the township. Four children have been born to them: Alice J., the wife of Harry Carlisle, a resident of New York city, who is employed in a condensed milk factory; John D., a Burlington township farmer; Fred S., also a farmer in Burlington township and now the township assessor; and Lydia A., the wife of C. B. Oakley, who resides in Hampshire, Illinois.

Following the call to duty throughout all his years, whether it led him to the sanguinary conflict of Civil war, into the wild life of the oil regions, or through the calm and quiet agricultural life, and meeting its demands in every place with ready responsiveness, Mr. Smith has been an example to the youth of the country and his influence has been potent in stimulating them to the same course wherever he has been known. His record is appreciated by all who have knowledge of it, and by the people of his home locality he is accounted worthy of high respect and the deference due to demonstrated merit.

JOHN REISING.

John Reising, well known as one who for many years figured prominently in commercial circles in Aurora, is now enjoying a well-earned rest, living in honorable retirement from active business, save his management of his invested interests. In his commercial career he made that steady progress which results from experience and intelligently applied energy. He was born in Waddenheim, Hesse-Darmstadt, near Worms, Germany, November 13, 1831. His parents were Michael and Eva Reising, natives of Germany, where the father died in 1837. The mother afterward married Adam Ochsenschlager and came with him to America. She had five sons by her first marriage and Mr. Ochsenschlager had eight sons, and all but one of this family, comprising the parents and thirteen sons, settled in Kane county, where the sons all became substantial business men and honored and respected citizens. The brothers of John Reising were: Joseph R., who died in 1892; Frank, who is still living retired in Aurora; Valentine, a twin brother of Frank, now deceased; and Leonard, a resident of Aurora.

John Reising acquired his education by attending the village schools until seventeen years of age, when he came to America and settled at Cleveland, Ohio. While spending a year in that city he learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his two older brothers. The larger opportunities of the



JOHN REISING

growing middle west attracted him and caused his removal to the Mississippi valley. He visited relatives in Kane county in 1849 and then proceeded to St. Louis, from which point he went by boat to Ottawa, Illinois. There he worked at the carpenter's trade for one year and in June, 1851, he returned to Kane county, but on the 4th of April, 1852, he started for the gold fields of California, accompanied by his brother Joseph. They traveled with two yoke of oxen and wagons. After a month they reached Council Bluffs, which at that time did not contain over two dozen houses, while the inhabitants were mostly Mormons, who were largely engaged in trading and in making exchange of commodities between the settlers from the far east and the Mormon colony in Utah. Mr. Reising and his brother found so many emigrants at Council Bluffs waiting to be ferried across the Missouri river it was ten days before they could get their turn to be taken across the stream. They proceeded on their westward journey, largely following the Platte river until they reached Fort Laramie, Wyoming, where they halted to rest for a few days. They then continued on their way over the Rocky mountains, and because of a scarcity of feed and water along the trail to California were obliged to change their course and went to Oregon. There Mr. Reising worked for a few months at the carpenter's trade. Later he proceeded to Jacksonville, Oregon, and prospected for gold at Jackson creek. He continued to work at gulch and placer mining until 1854, when in the month of May he started on the return trip. It had required four months to make the journey when he came to the west. On the return he boarded a steamer that sailed from San Francisco to Panama. A railroad had been constructed across the isthmus for a distance of twenty-five miles and he paid twelve dollars and a half for the privilege of riding on it. From that point he rode twenty-five miles on horseback to the eastern coast and took passage on a steamer at Aspinwall for Philadelphia, whence he returned by rail to Aurora.

From that time on Mr. Reising has resided continuously in this city and has been a prominent figure in its business life and in its development along other lines. He was married December 6, 1854, to Miss Susan Lies, a daughter of Michael and Susan Lies, natives of Luxemburg, Germany. Mrs. Reising was born in the fatherland and was one of fourteen children, all natives of that country. At the age of fourteen years she came to the United States with her parents, but her father died soon after reaching the new world. The mother survived until 1874 and passed away at the age of eighty-five years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reising have been born the following named: Susan L. is the wife of John Fauth, who is engaged in the grocery and crockery business on The Island at Aurora; John is living retired in this city; Lena is at home with her father; Elizabeth is the widow of Adolph Oberman and also lives with her father; and Mary became the wife of W. S. Hunter, but both are now deceased.

Following his return from California Mr. Reising engaged in the grocery business for five years and then entered the hardware business as a partner of John W. Kendall. This relation continued for sixteen years, at the end of which time Mr. Reising purchased Mr. Kendall's interest and continued the business alone for four years. At the expiration of that period he sold out to Thomas Holden and opened a glassware and crockery store, which he con-

ducted successfully for a quarter of a century. Since selling out in 1905 he has lived retired from active business save that he owns one of the finest store buildings on Broadway and a number of dwellings and numerous lots in Aurora. His attention is given to the rental of his property and his investments, but otherwise he has no business cares and his rest is well merited because he gave careful attention to his business in former years and was active, energetic and reliable in all of his undertakings. Well known as a wide-awake and progressive merchant and one whose business developed in proportion to his expanding powers, he has also been equally well known as a citizen whose interest in public affairs has been manifest in active cooperation with many movements for the public good. He proved a capable officer while serving as alderman in Aurora and he was supervisor at the time the first city hall was built, at which time he acted as a member of the building committee. His political views are in harmony with the principles of the republican party and he has never sacrificed his party nor the interests of his city to personal aggrandizement. On the contrary, he is known as a loyal, progressive and patriotic citizen and as an honorable business man, enjoying the full confidence of those with whom the varied relations of life have brought him in contact.

JAMES C. JACOBSEN.

James C. Jacobsen, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Virgil township, was born in Denmark, September 23, 1869, his parents being James C. and Bertha Chestena (Jensen) Jacobsen, also natives of that country, the former born April 2, 1825, and the latter April 10, 1842. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, served for three years in the war between Germany and Denmark, beginning in 1848, and passed away in the land of his nativity in the year 1905. His wife, whom he had married in Denmark in 1861, also died in that country, being called to her final rest in 1900. Their family numbered eight children, namely: Anna, who was born in Denmark in 1864 and passed away in that country in 1883; Jensina, whose birth occurred in Denmark, June 5, 1866, and who still resides in the land of her nativity; Gena, who was born September 22, 1867, in Denmark, and still resides in that country, being the wife of Jim Norskon; James C., of this review; Dorothy, born in Denmark, October 13, 1877, who died there in 1905; Christina, whose birth occurred in Denmark, November 1, 1870, and who passed away there in 1877; Otavia, born in Denmark, September 26, 1881, who died in infancy; and Kirstina, who also died in infancy, her birth having occurred in Denmark, November 4, 1882.

James C. Jacobsen attended the schools of his native land until fifteen years of age, and on the 1st of June, 1895, emigrated to America, locating in Wisconsin where he remained for about two years. He subsequently spent four years in DuPage county, Illinois, and then came to Kane county,

where he has since made his home. He now rents a tract of one hundred and thirty acres of rich and productive land in Virgil township, known as the John Keef farm, and in addition to the work of general farming is largely interested in dairying, owning twenty-two cows and taking on an average of four hundred pounds of milk to the factory daily. He has five horses, and uses various kinds of improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he displays untiring perseverance and excellent business ability and well deserves the measure of success which has attended his efforts.

In his political views Mr. Jacobsen is a staunch republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, and he is well known and highly esteemed as an upright and progressive citizen of his adopted county.

ROBERT HARDY.

Although he has lived in several states and seen different parts of the country, Robert Hardy is now living and employing his energies in the locality where his life began. He was born in Burlington township, Kane county, March 24, 1873, and is a son of Sydney and Helen (Lott) Hardy. The father, a native of the state of New York, early learned the trade of molder and worked at it for a short time in his native state, but came to Illinois when a young man. He settled at Shabbona Grove in DeKalb county and began farming near that town, following the same occupation until his death. He was a republican in politics but never held nor sought office. His remains and those of his wife now rest side by side in Shabbona Grove cemetery.

The children born to them number six, the brothers and sisters of Robert being: Alice, who married Lawrence Angel, now a farmer in Nebraska; Lou, who married Charles Shoules; Edward V., a farmer near Hampshire in this county; George B., who is also a farmer; and Nellie, who married Albert Davis and shares with him the labor of conducting a farm. Born and reared on a farm, these children have adhered to the industry of their parents and are all doing well at it.

Robert Hardy obtained what education he had a chance to get in a country school in Burlington township, which he attended during the winter months, while assisting his father on the farm in summer until he was fourteen years old. Then, owing to the death of his father, he was obliged to quit school and take charge of the home farm. This he continued to manage until he was eighteen. At that age he started out in life for himself by hiring out to a neighboring farmer as a hand on his farm. For five years he pushed his fortunes in this way in Illinois, then moved to Iowa, where he again accepted employment as a farm hand. From Iowa he went to South Dakota, remaining in that state nine years employed in various ways.

After this he passed a year in Minnesota, and then returned to Illinois and became a resident of Kane county, where he was married May 7, 1905, to Miss Alice Davidson, who was born in Indiana. Her mother is dead and her father resides in Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy have one child, Sydney Merrill who was born on August 31, 1907.

Since his marriage Mr. Hardy has been prosperously engaged in farming, renting farms for the purpose, and, in addition, expanding from a small beginning a dairy business which now uses the yield of his twenty cows of the Holstein and Durham breeds. The farm he occupies contains one hundred and sixty acres, of which he has this season (1908) fifty acres in oats, forty in corn, and the rest devoted to hay and pasturage. He had to struggle for all he has acquired and the triumphs he has won are distinctly his own. He has made every hour of his time and every faculty of his nature tell to his advantage, and thus, through arduous effort and good management, has attained to substantial comfort and a position of respect and standing in his community.

L. A. LOCKWOOD.

L. A. Lockwood, justice of the peace of Aurora and a well known member of the bar of the city, was born February 18, 1858, in Ottawa, Illinois. His father, Arthur Lockwood, was a native of New York but came to Ottawa in 1848. He had been engaged extensively in the jobbing business in the eastern metropolis in connection with his father, John Lockwood, who was a pioneer wholesale merchant of that city. Following his removal to the middle west Arthur Lockwood engaged in the dry-goods business in Ottawa and for many years owned and conducted one of the largest dry goods establishments of the city, having an extensive and liberal patronage, while his business methods commended him to the confidence and support of all who knew him. In 1861 he retired from the business and was afterward active in public affairs. He became assessor and justice of the peace and the duties of both offices were discharged with promptness and fidelity. In 1852 he was candidate for mayor of Ottawa but lost the election by only three votes. His religious faith was that of the Society of Friends or Quakers. In early manhood he married Miss Josephine Letshaw, a native of Pennsylvania, and of German descent.

L. A. Lockwood pursued his education in the public schools of Brooklyn, New York, to which city he went as a boy to live with his grandmother. He afterward entered his father's store in Ottawa and there remained for a number of years but, preferring a professional rather than a commercial career, he took up the study of law and in this state was admitted to the bar at Springfield. In 1877 he was appointed assistant clerk of the supreme court and shortly afterward was appointed deputy clerk of the probate court of La Salle county. At a later date he entered the mail service, wherein he continued for five years. Subsequently he spent four years in

Springfield as examiner for a building and loan association and in 1897 he came to Aurora, where he engaged in the practice of law for a short time. In 1901 he was elected justice of the peace and is now presiding over the justice court, where he has "won golden opinions from all sorts of people" by the justice and impartiality of his decisions.

Mr. Lockwood is recognized as one of the prominent democrats of the county, unflinching in his loyalty to the party and untiring in his efforts for its success. He has been a delegate to all the county and state conventions and his opinions carry weight in the party councils.

MARCUS GAUNT.

Marcus Gaunt, identified with the farming interests of Kane county, his home being in Elburn, was born in Blackberry township, this county, November 10, 1849. His parents, Henry G. and Millicent Gaunt, were early settlers of this part of the state. The father was born in Northamptonshire, England, August 25, 1822. He came to America in 1846, settling at Elburn, when this was still a wild and unimproved district. He had been reared in his native country, where his father occupied the position of game-keeper at Best Wood Park. The favorable reports which reached him concerning America and its opportunities led William Gaunt to come to the United States, hoping that he might have better advantages in the new world. He made his way to Kane county and cast in his lot with those who were reclaiming the region for the purpose of civilization, transforming it into productive fields, while the work of town building was being carried steadily forward. He continued a resident of this part of the state until his death and both he and his wife have now passed away. Their family number six children: Elizabeth, now deceased; William R., who resides in North Platte, Nebraska, where he is engaged in blacksmithing; Washington H., who resides in Atlanta, Georgia, where he conducts a real-estate business; Franklin, a retired farmer living at Elburn; and Emma, who is living in Palestine, Illinois.

The other member of the family is Marcus Gaunt, of this review, who was reared under the parental roof and attended the country schools until fifteen years of age. Through the periods of vacation he assisted in the work on the farm and when he finally put aside his text-books he began giving his entire attention to the labors of the fields. He remained at home and gave his father the benefit of his assistance until twenty-eight years of age, when he was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Reeves, whose father is a retired farmer and resides at Maple Park.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Gaunt began farming on his own account and prospered from the beginning and soon owned an excellent farm of one hundred and forty acres. He brought his land under a high state of cultivation, transforming it into rich and productive fields. As the work continued year after year he gathered rich crops as the reward of his

diligence and industry, and from his farm now derives a gratifying income. He is a reliable, enterprising business man in whom his fellow townsmen have such respect and confidence that his word carries great weight and influence on matters of public moment.

Mr. Gaunt attends the Congregational church and he gives his political support to the republican party. He is a staunch advocate of its principles, yet has never sought or desired the honors nor emoluments of public office as a reward for public fealty. He has spent his entire life in this county and that his career has ever been an honorable and upright one is indicated by the fact that his staunchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood days.

FRANK BARRINGER.

Frank Barringer was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1864, his parents being Jacob and Angeline (Trumbauer) Barringer, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of German ancestry. The father was an agriculturist and later entered business as a marble cutter. His children were as follows: Allen B.; Etta, the wife of West Myer; Annie, the wife of Charles Kilmer; Lilly, who is the wife of Philip Prifold; Emma; and Frank, of this review. With the exception of our subject, all of the children are residents of Philadelphia.

Frank Barringer attended the schools of his native city, thoroughly mastering the branches of learning which constitute the curriculum of such institutions. When twenty-three years of age he came to Chicago and engaged in various occupations until 1897. That year witnessed his arrival in Aurora, where he entered the employ of the Aurora Automatic Machinery Company, being thus engaged for six years. On the expiration of that period, having carefully saved his earnings, he decided to engage in business on his own account and formed a company for the purpose of purchasing the Commonwealth Laundry of Aurora. He acted as manager for two years and on the 28th of May, 1906, bought the interest of his partners, having since been the sole owner of the Aurora Hand Laundry. When he first took charge of the enterprise he employed only two or three assistants and something of the increase in business may be indicated by the fact that from fifteen to twenty employes are now engaged. From an enterprise which at first paid only ten dollars per week it has been developed until it provides an income of more than three hundred dollars per week, and is the second largest concern, in point of business capacity and patronage, in this city of thirty-five thousand population. The plant is equipped with the most modern and up-to-date machinery, all of which is propelled by electricity, and the development of the industry to its present proportions is due to the perseverance, shrewdness and business acumen of Mr. Barringer. The business is located at No. 66 North Broadway.

On the 25th of January, 1893, occurred the marriage of Mr. Barringer and Miss Stella Clair, a native of Chicago and a daughter of Charles and Margaret

Clair, who were born in Alsace and Wurtemberg, Germany, respectively. Her father served as a soldier in the Civil war, and for many years followed the trade of shoemaking. Mr. and Mrs. Clair removed to Naperville about 1870 and in 1872 came to Aurora, where the former passed away about 1880. Mrs. Clair still survives her husband and makes her home in Aurora. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Barringer are as follows: Carrie, the wife of F. T. King, of South Pasadena, California; Tillie, who died some years ago and who was the wife of George Rang, the present fire chief of Aurora; Charles, of San Francisco, California; Oscar, residing in Rockford, Illinois; Lilly, the wife of A. W. Arthur, of Aurora, who is an engineer for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway Company; and Nellie, now deceased, who was the wife of H. E. Hubbard, one of the leading grocers of Aurora.

In his political views Mr. Barringer is a republican, while fraternally he is connected with Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., the Elks and the Maccabees. His wife is a member of the Salem United Evangelical church and, like her husband, has won the high regard and esteem of all with whom she has been associated.

DR. I. WATSON PRICHARD.

From no professional man do we expect or exact so many of the cardinal virtues as from the physician. If our lawyer is brusque and crabbed, we think it is a mark of genius, and if the minister is austere, we say that it is because his thoughts are engaged with things beyond our ken. Of the physician, however, we demand a geniality and kindness and a ready sympathy in addition to comprehensive understanding of the laws which govern health and regulate disease. Possessing many of the necessary attributes of the successful medical practitioner, Dr. Prichard has made for himself a creditable place in the ranks of the profession in Aurora. He was born in Oneida county, New York, January 18, 1842.

His father, William W. Prichard, was a native of Wales, where his in the state of New York met and wedded Miss Mary Morgan, a native of England. Her father was of Scotch birth, and on leaving the land of hills and heather settled in England, but later came to the United States, locating in Oneida county, New York, where he spent his remaining days. He was a typical Scotch highlander, tall and straight, and possessed the sturdy honesty characteristic of the people of the race. Mr. and Mrs. William W. Prichard resided for a long period in Onieda county, New York, where he died in 1852, at the age of sixty-one years. His widow came to the middle west in 1869 and located in Chicago, where she died in 1874 at the age of seventy-four years. They became the parents of two children—Dr. I. W. Prichard, of Aurora; and Sarah, the widow of Dr. Doane, of Chicago. The father followed the occupation of farming throughout his entire life and thus provided for the support of his family.

Dr. Prichard of this review, reared upon the old homestead in Oneida county, there remained to the age of twenty years. He attended the district school and afterward became a student in a select school at Delta, New York, while later he entered the State Normal at Rome, New York. He completed a course in chemistry as a student in the chemical department of the University of Michigan and later was graduated from the medical department there, when in order to attain further perfection in his chosen calling he entered the Long Island College Hospital at Brooklyn, New York. He also attended the eye and ear infirmary of New York, and thus, well equipped for general practice and for special lines of work, he came to the west.

On the 1st of May, 1868, Dr. Prichard arrived in Illinois, settling in Kaneville, where he engaged in practice for four years. He then went to Waterman, Illinois, where he practiced for four or five years, since which time he has been an active and successful representative of the medical fraternity in Aurora. He has won for himself very favorable criticism for the careful and systematic methods which he has followed, for his untiring devotion to the needs of his patients and for his ability in administering the remedial agencies which check the ravages of disease and restore health.

On the 10th of January, 1870, Dr. Prichard was married to Miss Della M. Coy, of Kaneville, Illinois, a daughter of B. A. and Delette (Lathrop) Coy. They became the parents of one daughter, Daisy, who is married and lives in Odebolt, Iowa. The mother passed away in Kaneville, and in December, 1879, Dr. Prichard was married to Miss Annie Waterbury, of Neosha Falls, Kansas, an adopted daughter of James S. Waterbury. Three children were born of that union, a son and two daughters: Lillie M., living at home; James Eugene, a physician and surgeon, who was graduated from the Washington University, of St. Louis; and Perionita June, a graduate of the Hinsdale high school.

Mrs. Prichard is a member of the Congregational church, and Dr. Prichard holds membership with Waterman Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Aurora Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M. He is also connected with the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Odd Fellows and in professional lines with the Kane County Medical Society. While he makes his home in Hinsdale, he maintains his office in Aurora in order to keep in closer touch with the demands of a constantly growing practice.

CHARLES F. CLYNE.

Charles F. Clyne, filling the office of city attorney and giving evidence of the possession of strong qualities as an able lawyer of Aurora, was born at Maple Park, Illinois, July 26, 1877, a son of John and Mary (Fitzgerald) Clyne. The paternal grandfather, Michael Clyne, was a native of Ireland, and owned what was known as the Mound Davis estate on the river Shannon in the County of Longford. There he conducted general agricultural pursuits and also operated a grist and flour mill and supervised his estate.

He died in Ireland when about sixty-five years of age, while his wife, Mrs. Anna (Martin) Clyne, passed away in 1905 at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of twelve sons and two daughters who reached adult age. The maternal grandfather was Joseph Fitzgerald, a native of Ireland, as was his wife, Helen (Burke) Fitzgerald. Both came to America and after residing in Buffalo, New York, for a short time, removed to Manitowoc, Wisconsin. About 1862 they became residents of Maple Park, Illinois. In the Badger state Mr. Fitzgerald had followed farming, and after coming to Illinois he looked after a small farm and engaged in raising cattle and loaning money. He was actively interested in local politics and was a member of the county central committee and held various town offices. His political allegiance was unswervingly given to the democracy. He remained a prominent and influential resident of Maple Park until his death, which occurred in April, 1905, when he was seventy-three years of age. His widow still resides there at the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of three daughters and one son.

John Clyne, father of our subject, was born in County Longford, Ireland, and in early life entered upon an apprenticeship as a dry goods clerk in the city of Longford. He came to America about 1868 and settled at Maple Park, Illinois, where he engaged in the dry goods business for many years. He then removed to Stafford, Stafford county, Kansas, where he lived up to the time of his death in 1902, passing away at the age of sixty-three years. His widow, Mrs. Mary Clyne, a native of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, survives him and lives with her son Charles F. in Aurora. Both were members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Clyne was quite prominent in his community as a democratic leader. He served as a member of the board of supervisors of Kane county for many years, was chairman of the democratic county central committee for a number of years and was also a member of the state central committee in Illinois and in Kansas. In 1892 he was chosen presidential elector in Kansas. He was a man of clear judgment, progressive in his citizenship and at all times stood loyally in support of his honest belief. Unto him and his wife were born two sons, the younger being Joseph A. Clyne, who is assistant cashier of the State Bank at Maple Park.

Charles F. Clyne, the elder son, was reared at Maple Park, pursued his early education in the public schools there and was graduated from the Stafford high school when eighteen years of age. He afterward graduated from the literary and law departments of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1902, and was admitted to the Michigan bar on the 17th of June of that year. He then returned to Kansas and was admitted to practice in the courts of that state in February, 1903. He then began practice at Stafford. He had figured as a most active political worker in the Sunflower state in 1900 and in 1903 he was a candidate for congress from the seventh district against Victor M. Murdock, present member of congress from that district. On the 1st of January, 1904, Mr. Clyne became a resident of Aurora, Illinois, where he entered into a partnership under the firm style of Murphy, Alschuler & Clyne. This relationship was continued until

the 1st of April, 1907, when Mr. Clyne was elected city attorney and withdrew from the firm to enter upon the discharge of his official duties, in which he is now engaged.

Mr. Clyne maintains a deep interest in the political situation and issues of the day and was the democratic candidate for county judge in 1906. He belongs to the Catholic church and is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and also of Aurora Lodge, No. 705, B. P. O. E. He is likewise a member of the state committee of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and a member of the state board of laws of that society, while his membership relations include the Yeomen of America and the Mystic Workers of the World. He lives at No. 347 Fox street with his mother and has traveled quite extensively in this country and Europe, gaining that broad knowledge and culture which can be obtained in no other way. He is a young man of laudable ambition and honorable purpose, who has won the respect of his fellow citizens and has gained a good clientage as a practitioner at the Aurora bar.

JAMES CANNON.

James Cannon is closely associated with the industrial interests of Kane county as vice president of the Cannon Box Company, manufacturers of wooden boxes of all kinds at Geneva. He is a man of resolute purpose and determination, who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He was born in Fulton, Illinois, August 15, 1865, and in the paternal line comes of Irish ancestry, his grandfather, Byron Cannon, having spent his entire life in Ireland, where he followed the occupation of farming. He married a Miss Mackay, who survived him and came to the United States, spending her last days in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she died at the age of eighty-eight years.

Their family of four sons and two daughters included Daniel Cannon, father of our subject. He, too, was a native of the Emerald Isle and for many years was a railroad man. He crossed the Atlantic about 1845 and for a time resided in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, while subsequently he removed to Fulton, Illinois, and eventually became a resident of Maple Park. For the past thirty years or more, however, he has lived in Geneva. For more than four decades he was one of the capable and trusted employes of the Northwestern Railroad Company in construction work and maintenance of way but is now retired, having been pensioned by the company in recognition of his long service and ability. He wedded Miss Mary Murphy, also a native of Ireland, as were her parents, who, on coming to the new world, settled in Vermont and remained residents of the east until called to their final rest. But two of their children are now living: Catharine, the wife of John J. Hess, of Cleburne, Texas; and Ellen, the wife of Daniel Cannon, of Geneva. Both parents of our subject are members of the Catholic church.

They have fifteen children, eight sons and seven daughters, and the record is a notable one in that the family circle yet remains unbroken by

the hand of death. These are: Mary, the wife of John Wheeler, of Geneva; James, of this review; Bernard, of Milwaukee; Catharine, the wife of Anthony J. Roefs, of Batavia, Illinois; Ellen; Julia, the wife of James Downey, of Geneva; John, who resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rose, likewise living in Milwaukee; Daniel, of Geneva; Frank, who makes his home in Cairo, Illinois; William and Joseph, twins; George, a resident of Geneva; Josephine, also of Geneva; and Agnes.

James Cannon was reared in Geneva, Illinois, from the age of six years and, entering the public schools, passed through consecutive grades, continuing his studies until he began providing for his own support as a messenger boy in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company in 1880. In April, 1881, he secured a clerkship in the freight and ticket office of the Northwestern Railway Company and was promoted from time to time in recognition of his diligence and worth until in 1888 he was made agent. He continued as the popular and efficient incumbent in that position until May, 1907, when he resigned to look after his interests in the Cannon Box Company, in which he had been a partner for several years, and of which he is now vice president. This company employs from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and fifty persons. The plant is well equipped with the latest improved machinery for facilitating the business and the output is shipped extensively, while the annual sales reach a large figure and the business is now extensive and profitable. The present officers of the company are: Arthur W. Pope, president; James Cannon, vice president; Frank C. Cannon, secretary; and Arthur W. Pope, treasurer.

On the 16th of May, 1903, Mr. Cannon was married to Miss May B. Blackman, a daughter of Dr. F. H. and Julia C. Blackburn. They have one son, Kenneth Blackman, and they occupy a pleasant home at the corner of Fifth and Franklin streets in Geneva. Mr. Cannon is a communicant of the Catholic church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is also connected with the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and in politics he is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. He is, however, interested in all that pertains to the public welfare and gives active and helpful coöperation to many measures for the general good. In his own business career he has made steady advancement and has attained a creditable position by his indefatigable labor and effort.

AXIL EMIL STROM.

Axil Emil Strom, who follows farming and dairying in Virgil township, is a native of Sweden, and a son of Andrew and Anna Lena (Burgerson) Strom. The father is now deceased, but the mother is still living and makes her home with our subject. He also has three brothers: Charley J., who is engaged in mining at Leadville, Colorado; John A., a farmer living near Aurora; and Andrew D., a carpenter of Batavia, Illinois.

In the land of his nativity, A. E. Strom passed his boyhood and youth, attending the public schools until fourteen years of age and then working as a helper on a farm until twenty-three. For his services he received only forty crowns per year, a crown being worth about twenty-seven cents in our money. Believing that he would do much better in the new world he then crossed the briny deep, and on landing in this country proceeded at once to Kane county, Illinois, where he soon secured work on a farm near Elburn, being thus employed for five years. At the end of that time he removed to Leadville, Colorado, where he followed mining for fifteen months, but since then his time and attention have been wholly devoted to agricultural pursuits and he is now successfully engaged in general farming and the dairy business in Virgil township, keeping about fifty cows.

Mr. Strom has been twice married, his second union being with Miss Anna P. Johnson, also a native of Sweden, who came to the United States in 1898 and located at Elburn, Illinois. Unto them have been born two children: Alta A., born August 12, 1903; and Agnes M., born October 16, 1904. The parents both hold membership in the Lutheran church and they are held in the highest regard by all who know them. In politics Mr. Strom is a republican.

JONATHAN S. ELIASON.

Jonathan S. Eliason, residing on his home place in Campton township, where he owns twenty-six acres of land and a dairy, was born in Sweden, June 7, 1874, the son of Elias and Christina (Anderson) Johnson. He is one of four children, of whom his brother Alfred is deceased. His two sisters, Annie and Hilda, reside at home in Sweden with their mother. The father died in 1892.

Jonathan S. Eliason received the rudiments of a good education in the district schools of Sweden, which he attended regularly until fourteen years of age. He then left school to assume his share of the responsibility of making a livelihood from his father's farm and continued working for the family interests until he was eighteen years of age. It was then that he determined to seek the larger opportunities which the new world afforded, as so many of his countrymen had done before him, and, not possessing sufficient funds to pay his passage to America he borrowed the amount. He came direct to Elgin, where he first secured employment on public works. He later secured a position as farm hand. He then rented a farm and later purchased his present place of twenty-six acres, which he has improved and converted into a comfortable home. In addition to the cultivation and care of this place Mr. Eliason also rents land which he works to the full capacity of his capital and energy.

Mr. Eliason married Miss Augusta Peterson, who was born in Sweden and came to America in 1893. They have become the parents of two children, Hilda Florence and John Roy.

Politically, Mr. Eliason supports the republican party. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Svitch. Mr. Eliason is yet a young man and the substantial benefits which he has already reaped as a result of his thrift and industry bid fair to place him in a position of affluence and independence in the course of a few years.

F. G. ADAMSON.

F. G. Adamson, a well known representative of the manufacturing interests of Aurora, is strong in his ability to plan and to perform. He has learned to correctly value life's contacts and experiences and in the utilization of opportunities has displayed the power to bring into unity the varied and complex interests which constitute features in every business enterprise. A native of Canada, he was born on the 8th of September, 1866. His father, Henry Adamson, a native of England, went to Canada when a young man and there engaged in merchandising. He also filled the position of postmaster at Stayner, Canada, for many years, but has now retired from business and official connections and is living in Barrie, Canada, in the enjoyment of well earned rest. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anne Abigail Baker, is also a native of England.

In the public schools of his native land F. G. Adamson pursued his education and made his initial step in the business world as an employe of the old Northern Railroad Company in the chief engineer's office. He afterward acted as private secretary to the general manager for a number of years. In 1890 he went to Detroit and became connected with the Grand Trunk Railway Company as accountant in the treasurer's office. There he continued for about two years or until 1892, when he went to Chicago and entered the employ of the Webster Manufacturing Company as a member of the office force. He was shortly afterward transferred by the company to one of its subsidiary companies, known as the John Metcalf Company. Mr. Adamson became secretary, treasurer and director of the Metcalf Company and still retains an interest in the business. They are extensive builders of grain elevators and do engineering work, their business having reached large proportions as the result of the capable service which they render in their chosen line of activity. Mr. Adamson, however, has not confined his attention to one field. In 1901 he came to Aurora with W. W. Stephens, with whom he had formerly been associated in the Metcalf company. They organized the Stephens Adamson Company for the manufacture of transmitting machinery for the transmission of power. Their output includes belt conveyers and other transmitters and from a comparatively small beginning the business has grown and developed until it is now the most extensive in the country. When the enterprise was established here the city gave to them four acres as a site for their plant. They have since purchased twelve acres more and have erected a very extensive and substantial plant, this being one of the most important industries of Aurora. The number of their employes has

been constantly increased until they now have about two hundred workmen. The plant is thoroughly equipped with most modern machinery and everything necessary for the conduct of the enterprise along progressive lines has been secured.

While important and growing business interests have made heavy demands upon his time and energies, Mr. Adamson has yet found opportunity to cooperate in many movements for the good of the community. He has never sought success for the sake of the money alone but for the opportunities it brings to him, and he has been liberal in sharing his possessions with individuals in need of assistance and also in contributions to many progressive and helpful public interests. He is now the vice president of the Young Men's Christian Association and is an active and zealous member of the Episcopal church. Fraternally he is connected with Aurora Lodge, No. 254, A. F. & A. M., with the chapter and the commandery, and he also belongs to the Union League Club of Chicago. Such in brief is the history of one who stands as a prominent citizen of Aurora. His connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome of the same. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won for him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

MRS. ROSE (SMITH) COOLEY.

Mrs. Rose (Smith) Cooley, who successfully manages her farm of ninety-eight acres located a quarter of a mile east of Lilylake, was born in Allen county, Indiana, March 26, 1860, the daughter of George W. and Mary A. (Sapp) Smith. Both parents were natives of Akron, Ohio, in which city the father resided until thirty-eight years of age, following the trade of blacksmithing. Dissatisfied with the progress he was making, and ambitious to better his condition in life, Mr. Smith removed to Allen county, Indiana, and engaged in farming, which occupation he followed until the time of his death. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born six children, two sons and four daughters, namely: Martha J., the wife of Mr. Lesh, a farmer of Allen county, Indiana; Alice M., the wife of Mose Higgins, residing in Allen county, Indiana; Clem B. and Franklin, both of whom are engaged in farming in Allen county; Elizabeth, the wife of James Adams, a carpenter residing in Pennsylvania; and Rose, of this review.

Mrs. Cooley received her education in the district schools of Allen county, which she attended regularly until fifteen years of age. At the early age of seventeen years she became the wife of W. M. Harnish, a farmer of Allen county. Mr. Harnish was a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the Twenty-third Indiana Infantry. He was present in the engagements in the battles of Bull Run and Shiloh. In politics he was a republican. Mr. and Mrs. Harnish resided on the farm for eleven years after their marriage, then located in Carrie Station, Illinois, going from there to take up their residence



MR. AND MRS. C. C. COOLEY

at Crystal Lake, where Mr. Harnish died. They became the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Maud E., the wife of Jonathan Ross, a machinist of Elgin, Illinois; George S., a machinist, residing at Woodstock, Illinois; Charles W., employed in steamfitting works in Cleveland, Ohio; and Marguerite M., who resides at home with her mother. In 1905 Mrs. Harnish was again married, her second union being with C. C. Cooley, a farmer of Kane county, Illinois, who died July 9, 1907.

Mrs. Cooley has resided on her present place for the past three years and has many warm friends in the community, the hospitality of her home being greatly enjoyed by those who know her.

HARRY B. READ.

Harry B. Read is a native of Kane county, born in Virgil township, July 21, 1864. He is the son of Charles and Adaline (Baxter) Read, natives of New Brunswick, Canada, where the father was born March 21, 1816. When the father was about twenty-two years of age his parents decided to emigrate to the United States, arriving in Kane county, Illinois, about 1838, after having discussed the proposed change of location several years before venturing to make the trip.

Charles Read, the elder, accompanied the rest of the family to this county and located with them in Virgil township on the homestead the parents then selected, and on which he passed the remainder of his days. He was a zealous and devout member of the Baptist church and in political allegiance was an earnest republican from the foundation of the party. The mother, who, as stated, bore the maiden name of Adaline Baxter, was born in New York in 1837. She became the mother of five children: Charles T., who is living in St. Paul; Orissa, now the wife of Hinston Wheeler, a retired farmer living near Elburn; Martin H., a physician, practicing in Seattle, Washington; Gordon, who is a prosperous farmer of Alabama; and Harry B., the immediate subject of this review.

Harry B. Read began his education in the district school, which he attended regularly during the winter months until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he left because he had completed the course. He then attended the Elburn high school two years, assisting his father on the farm during the vacations, as he had done while attending the district school. After leaving school he remained at home and worked on the farm until he reached his majority, when he rented a few acres of land, which he farmed for a time on his own account.

In 1886 Mr. Read was married to Miss Tillie M. Jacobson, a native of Virgil township, born June 21, 1866. They have one living son, Charles G., who is living at home, while Hinton H. is deceased. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Read returned to the paternal home, on which they expended their efforts as farmers until three years ago, when they took up their residence on the farm which they now occupy. They have made their

endeavors tell to their advantage. Beginning life as a newly married couple with little of this world's goods, they have worked their way along until they now own herds of fine Holstein and Durham cattle, numbering fifty-two in all, and are conducting an extensive and profitable dairying business.

Mr. Read is a republican in politics and a member of the Methodist church in religious affiliation. Fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. The untimely death of his son, Hinton H. Read, was a great bereavement to him. The young man died of Bright's disease at the age of eighteen years. He had been well educated and held a good social rank. Being upright and correct in his deportment, he was highly esteemed throughout the township. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Elburn. The father is a good citizen and also enjoys the respect and good will of the people among whom he has lived and labored.

CARL E. BOTSFORD.

Carl E. Botsford, classed with the leading attorneys of Kane county and recognized as one of the progressive citizens of Elgin, was honored with an election to the mayoralty in 1905. This may well be considered a tribute to his personal worth and popularity and as an expression of public confidence from the fact that he was the first democrat chosen to the office in thirty years.

One of Elgin's native sons, he was born October 2, 1861, his parents being Judge R. N. and Ellen E. (Bundy) Botsford, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Reared under the parental roof, Carl E. Botsford at the usual age entered the public schools and passed through successive grades until he became a student in the Elgin Academy, from which institution he was graduated in 1879. Through the succeeding year he was a student in the Lake Forest University and for a year attended Beloit (Wis.) College. He was for three years a student at Yale and, on the completion of his law course, being graduated within its classic walls in 1884, he returned to Elgin, and immediately began preparation for the bar in the law office of Botsford & Wayne. He continued his reading for two years and was then admitted to the bar.

Previous to entering upon the active practice of his profession, however, Mr. Botsford became secretary of a joint stock company which, on the 16th of October, 1886, began the publication of the Elgin Democrat. In his official position he took up the general business interests of the printing office and after two months was made general editor and business manager. While in his professional career he has had the assistance of one of the ablest law firms of Kane county. An attorney at the bar must prove his individual merit. He cannot, through inheritance or endowment, obtain the knowledge so necessary in the successful presentation of his cases, but must give to each close and unremitting study. Mr. Botsford's success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line.

He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court, and his prominence has come to him as the reward of earnest endeavor, fidelity to trust and recognized ability.

Equally well known in political circles in Elgin, as an exponent of the principles of democracy, Carl E. Botsford received substantial token of the regard and confidence of his fellow townsmen in his election to the mayoralty in 1905 for a two years' term. During thirty years there had not been a democratic incumbent in the office. He assumed the duties of his position with a determination to give to Elgin a public-spirited and businesslike administration and his labors were attended by progress and reform in many directions. During his term a contract was let for a complete sewer system and many other tangible evidences of his devotion to the public welfare are cited. While undoubtedly not without that laudable ambition which is so powerful and incentive for fidelity in public office, he, nevertheless, regards the pursuits of private life as abundantly worthy his best efforts and in his practice has fully sustained the high reputation which has always been connected with the name of Botsford in the legal circles of Kane county.

CHRISTIAN TENNYSEN.

Christian Tennysen, who is successfully carrying on his farming interests in Virgil township, was born in Cook county, Illinois, February 28, 1864, of the marriage of Christian and Annie (Smith) Tennysen, the former a native of North Germany, where his birth occurred October 14, 1839. He was married before his emigration to America in 1869 and now resides in DeKalb, Illinois, still surviving his wife, who passed away in Kane county, October 9, 1893, and was buried in Sycamore. Their family numbered four children. Hans C., who was born in Germany, December 19, 1861, wedded Miss Mary Nelson, of Plano, Illinois, in 1889. He is now engaged in agricultural pursuits in DeKalb county, Illinois. Christian, of this review, was the next member of the family. Lena, whose birth occurred in DuPage county, Illinois, April 9, 1866, married Otto Petersen, of North Germany, in 1885. He is a farmer and resides in DeKalb county, Illinois. Annie, born in DuPage county in 1868, became the wife of Sam Matson, an agriculturist of North Germany. His demise occurred in Mason City, Nebraska, on the 22d of May, 1907.

Christian Tennysen operates one hundred and twenty acres known as the Keifer farm, renting the land for a certain sum and furnishing his own stock. He conducts a large dairy, owning twenty-five cows, which produce on an average of fifty gallons of milk daily, which is shipped to Chicago. He is interested in the raising of poultry and has two hundred or more hens, also fourteen hogs, five work horses and one colt. He utilizes only the latest improved machinery in the cultivation of his land, his farming outfit being worth fifteen hundred dollars. In the careful management of his interest he has met with a gratifying and well merited degree of prosperity

and is well known as one of the successful and enterprising residents of the community.

On the 10th of June, 1905, Mr. Tennysen was united in marriage to Miss Cathrina Peterson, who was born in Denmark, December 15, 1873. They have one son, Willie, whose birth occurred in Kendall county, Illinois, October 13, 1906.

In his political views Mr. Tennysen is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church. He also belongs to Little Rock Lodge, No. 171, I. O. O. F., at Plano, Illinois, exemplifying in his life the beneficent teachings of the craft.

HOSEA E. PERKINS.

Hosea E. Perkins, now deceased, who was formerly actively and prominently connected with the agricultural interests of Kane county, was born at Champion, Jefferson County, New York, November 8, 1819. His grand father, Solomon Perkins, a native of Maine, came to the state of New York in its early settlement, and participated in the French and Indian war. During the Revolution he was employed by the colonial government in the manufacture of munitions of war; he died in 1835. Hosea Perkins, the father of Hosea E., was a native of Maine, but for several years a resident of the state of New York. In 1827 he removed to Ohio and engaged in farming, and during his life he held several public positions. He married Edith Manchester, daughter of Job Manchester, a native of Bristol, Rhode Island, but a resident of New York. To them were born twelve children, only five of whom lived to maturity.

Hosea E. Perkins was reared on the farm, receiving a good education, and for seven years taught school during winter, working on the farm in summer. In 1841 he came to Illinois and settled in Elgin township, where he bought an interest in a quarter section of land in section 26, a part of which still remains in possession of his children. He added to it until at the time of his death he owned over three hundred acres. For several years Mr. Perkins was engaged in raising grain, then turned his attention to breeding horses, but for some time prior to his death he was connected with the dairy business, for which the farm is well adapted, it being thoroughly drained. He erected a good house and several commodious barns, pleasantly located near South Elgin, and was widely recognized as a leading agriculturist and prominent citizen of this county.

On the 11th of December, 1850, Mr. Perkins was united in marriage to Mary Bishop, a daughter of Nathaniel Bishop. Mrs. Perkins died January 28, 1853, and on May 18, 1854, he wedded Elizabeth Hale, daughter of Isaac Hale. They were the parents of six children: Edson A., of Elgin, who is married and has six children; Harvey W., deceased; William M., of Elgin, who married Sylvia Godfrey, by whom he has three children; Zilpha E., the wife of Edward Dickerman, of DuPage county; Albert G., deceased;

and Mary E., the wife of Nathan Brown, of St. Charles. The mother of these children died January 11, 1868, and on the 8th of June, 1869, Mr. Perkins married Anna J. Marshall, of Elgin, a daughter of George P. and Mary (Burton) Marshall, and a granddaughter of James and Ann (Parker) Marshall. George P. Marshall emigrated from England to Canada, where he was married, thence coming directly to Kane county, Illinois, in 1845. He was a farmer by occupation, and he and his wife reared a family of ten children, as follows: Mrs. Perkins; Lavina E., the deceased wife of H. C. Padelford; William E., of South Dakota; Charles H., deceased, formerly a resident of California; George, of Elgin; Lizette, the widow of Hiram J. Brown, of Elgin; Ella L., the wife of Millard Starr, of this county; Richard, who makes his home in South Elgin; Frederick, living in Marengo; and Henry, likewise of South Elgin. Mr. Marshall's death occurred October 3, 1882, when he had attained the age of sixty-four years, but his wife still enjoys most excellent health in the eighty-third year of her age. Unto Hosea E. Perkins and his third wife were born seven children: Louis A., who wedded Edith Poy, of South Elgin, by whom he has the following children, Warren, Willard F., Sidney L., Leonard and Cora E.; and Charles F.; Anna E., the wife of Seth Stowell, of South Elgin, by whom she has five children, Carleton, Louis, Dorothy, Seth F. and Alberta; Frederick E.; Harry B., who married Caroline Danhorn, of Elgin, and has one son, Elsworth; Chester M., of Elgin, who wedded Edith Horn and has one daughter, Helen; and Eugene R.

Mr. Perkins was a stalwart champion of the republican party prior to his demise and always took a deep interest in local political affairs, holding the position of supervisor, assistant supervisor and road commissioner, while for eighteen years he served as school trustee. Mrs. Perkins is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is also identified with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, although the organization to which she belonged has long since ceased to exist. She is well known and highly respected throughout the county as a lady of many excellent traits of heart and mind, the circle of whose friends is only limited by the number of her acquaintances.

WILLIAM ROWLAND BATEMAN.

William Rowland Bateman, a successful agriculturist residing in Kaneville township, was born in Wales, February 26, 1882, a son of William Bateman. The latter came to Illinois at an early day, settling on a farm in Kaneville township, Kane county. He was killed by a mad bull on the 28th of March, 1908. The record of his children is as follows: Margaret, the wife of James Albert Bartlett, a farmer of Kaneville township; David, a retired agriculturist, who makes his home in Elburn, Illinois; Peter, who follows farming in Kaneville township; May J., the wife of Edward James, a farmer of Kaneville township; Annie R., the wife of Edmond James, of Big Rock; Augusta H., who became the wife of Will Heig, a farmer by occupa-

tion, and resides in Kaneville township; Hannah, the wife of E. McNair, who follows agricultural pursuits in Blackberry township; William Rowland, of this review; and Joel, who likewise follows farming in Kaneville township.

William Rowland Bateman was brought to America by his parents when two years of age, the family home being established near Big Rock, Illinois. He attended the country school until fourteen years of age and subsequently was a student in the Elburn high school for two years. On completing his education he returned to the old home farm, assisting his father in the work of the fields until the time of the latter's death. He then conducted a livery barn at Elburn for some time, but afterward again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, being now successfully engaged in the cultivation of his valuable farm in Kaneville township. The fields annually return to him golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them, and he is well known as a representative and progressive agriculturist.

Mr. Bateman was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Mundy, whose father is engaged in farming west of Kaneville. She was born in Oswego, Illinois, March 2, 1886, attending a country school until sixteen years of age and for the two following years was a student in the Kaneville high school. After putting aside her text-books she remained at home until she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Bateman when a young lady of twenty-one. Her sisters and brothers are: Eva M., Ivan and N. B., who reside with their parents in Kaneville township; and Thomas M., who is a farmer by occupation and resides in Kaneville.

In his political views Mr. Bateman is a republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife have an extensive circle of friends throughout the community, having gained the esteem and regard of all with whom they have come in contact.

GEORGE C. SIMPSON.

George C. Simpson is the owner of a valuable farming property of one hundred and twenty acres in Aurora township and in his farming operations is meeting with good success that results from well-directed energy and unflinching purpose. His birth occurred April 12, 1877, about a mile and a quarter north of Aurora, in the old stone mansion which was built by a Mr. Ratcliffe in 1845. The house still stands in an excellent state of preservation and is a spacious dwelling of fourteen rooms, surrounded by stately elms. A half century ago it was designated as the most beautiful homestead in Kane county. The place was purchased by William A. Tamer, the maternal grandfather of George C. Simpson, and one of the pioneer settlers of Kane county. It became his property in the early '60s and was afterward the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Simpson, the parents of our subject. It became the birthplace of George C. Simpson and has since continued to be

his home. It comprises forty-five acres of land and upon the death of William A. Tanner was inherited by his daughter. Frank M. Simpson, the father, was born in Lamaille, Bureau county, Illinois, and when a young man came to Kane county. For many years he was engaged in the harness and carriage trimming business in Aurora and for a long period was the leading representative of that line of business in Kane county. Successful in his undertakings, he accumulated considerable money, which he invested in land—buying and then selling again at a good profit. He now owns and cultivates a farm of three hundred and twenty acres near Millington, in Kendall county, and likewise owns several thousand acres of land in Kansas. He wedded Marian Tanner, a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of the county. She was born on the old homestead on section 6, Aurora township, and became the wife of Frank M. Simpson, in 1875. Their children were: Jesse M., of Aurora; Fannie J., who is the wife of Elmer E. Still, of Emporia, Kansas, and Marian F., who lives with her brother on the old family homestead. The house is situated about one hundred and fifty yards back from the river and commands a fine view of the Fox river valley. The Aurora & Elgin electric car lines pass in front of the house, which is also located on the leading thoroughfare of the county, traversed by more people than any other road in Kane county.

It was upon the old homestead farm that George C. Simpson spent the days of his boyhood and youth. He was a student in the Aurora Oak Street high school and at the age of nineteen years he leased his father's farm, which he operated for nine years. In association with his father he afterward managed the dairy farm of two hundred acres, which his father purchased near Naperville. This business claimed his attention for some time, but in the spring of 1907 he returned to the old homestead, about a mile and a quarter north of Aurora. Here he now carries on general agricultural pursuits and is regarded as one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of the locality. Everything about the place indicates his careful supervision and commendable methods and in business circles he sustains an unassailable reputation.

On the 24th of February, 1905, Mr. Simpson was married to Miss Lily Louise Buckendahl. This was the thirtieth anniversary of his parents' marriage and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Atchinson, now of Elgin, who had married the parents three decades before. Mrs. Simpson is of German descent and was born at Detroit, Michigan. Her parents were John Buckendahl and Mary Koglin, both of whom were natives of Germany. Her father is now deceased but her mother is still living in Aurora. Mrs. Simpson was graduated with high honors from the West Aurora high school and because of this was given a scholarship in the Chicago University, which she attended for one year. She is greatly interested in music and painting and, in fact, in all that promotes aesthetic culture and refinement.

Mr. Simpson is a republican in his political views, but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he has never sought nor desired public office for himself. He belongs to the Galena Street Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is a member of the First Baptist church.

Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen, Knights of the Globe and the Columbian Knights. Well known in the county where his entire life has been passed, warm friendship and high regard are given him in recognition of his many sterling qualities, including the most straightforward principles as manifest in his business dealings.

REV. TIMOTHY RYAN.

Rev. Timothy Ryan, the present well known pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church of St. Charles, was born in Tipperary, Ireland, on the 21st of April, 1864, and began his education in the national schools of that country. He prepared for the priesthood at All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland, and was ordained on the 23d of June, 1889, by Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin.

Coming to the United States, Father Ryan was assigned to the Chicago diocese and for a time was assistant pastor of St. Cecelia church of that city. In 1902 he was appointed pastor of the Catholic church at Harmon, Illinois, and remained at that place until coming to St. Charles in 1905 to take charge of St. Patrick's church of this place. Under his guidance the church is now in a flourishing condition and he faithfully ministers to the spiritual needs of his parishioners. He has made many improvements in the church property, having redecorated the interior, and he has also established Mt. St. Mary's Academy, which is under the supervision of the Dominican Sisters. As a citizen he is highly esteemed by Protestants as well as Catholics and he has made a host of warm friends since locating here.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

It was early in the '30s that mass was first said in St. Charles and for some time services were conducted in different homes, but principally at the residence of John Connor, which stood at the corner of what is now Cedar and West Fourth street, now owned by Mrs. Sarah Jennings, it being one of the oldest houses of the city. Mission priests came here from Chicago to baptize and hold mass, the first mass being celebrated by Father Fealey, of St. Mary's church, which was burned during the great Chicago fire of 1871. He conducted services here once a month and afterward became pastor of the Catholic church at Elgin, where he died.

St. Charles soon became the center for all Catholics in this section of Illinois. In 1858 Father Patrick O'Dwyer became resident pastor and immediately began the erection of the present stone church, bringing the model from London, Canada. It was dedicated by Bishop O'Reagan as his predecessor. Some of its first members were the O'Connors, O'Malleys, Morans, Dohertys, Gerraughtys, Murphys, Kerwins, Roches, Kelleys, Lalors, Boylsous, Morgans, Kennedys, Jennings and McGloin. The parsonage occupied

by Father O'Dwyer stood on the site of the present Johnson home at the corner of Main and Fourth. His parishioners were poor and were unable to pay him much, so that during the last year of his pastorate here he received only six dollars. He was succeeded by Father Murphy, who remained two years and was then made chaplain of the Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. About 1863 he returned to St. Charles, but while stepping off a train he fell, sustaining injuries from which he died. His improvements were the first to be made in the interior of the church.

In 1864 the congregation was presided over by Father O'Neil, of Savannah, Georgia, who was driven from that place on account of his northern sympathies. Another of the early pastors was Father Sullivan, who died in Baltimore, Maryland; followed by Father McGwinn, Father Burch, and Father Prendergast, who went to Batavia and established a parochial residence there, leaving the St. Charles church to drift again into the mission class. He died in Batavia. Father Spellman, who was next in charge here, is now located at Braidwood, Illinois.

Father Goulet, a French priest, was the first to make St. Charles an independent parish. He was ordained by Bishop Foley. He was first a physician and was married, but after the death of his wife, being of a very religious nature, he joined the priesthood. His son was ordained before the father and followed Father Madden as pastor of St. Charles. Father Madden spent five years here and died at Highland Park, Illinois. Young Father Goulet was pastor here for eight years and was succeeded by Rev. Morris Stock, who remained seven or eight years and is now pastor at Lee, Illinois. He was followed by Father Lee. At present the parish comprises both St. Charles and Geneva, both congregations being composed of all nationalities from Catholic countries.

ELVIS B. ALLISON.

Elvis B. Allison, who is conducting a dairy farm in Batavia township, is a young man of energy and determination whose success in business seems assured, owing to the fact that he is wide-awake, alert and progressive. He was born in Carmi, Illinois, November 25, 1885. His father, Adam Allison, was a native of that place and a farmer by occupation, devoting his entire life to the work of the fields. He died, however, in 1886 when his son Elvis was less than a year old. His wife bore the maiden name of Jane Grady, and both she and her husband were members of old families that have been represented in the United States for many years.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Elvis B. Allison in his boyhood and youth. He is indebted to the public-school system for his educational advantages, and after he put aside his textbooks he was employed at farm labor, enjoying the confidence of those whom he served by reason of his faithfulness and unfaltering industry. Desiring, however, that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he began rent-

ing land in 1905 and in 1908 he took charge of the Van Nortwick farm west of Batavia and at the present time is cultivating a large tract of land of two hundred and sixty-eight acres, which he has brought under a high state of development, so that the fields annually produce abundant crops. He makes a specialty, too, of the dairy business and for this purpose keeps a large number of cows, while the products of his dairy find a ready sale on the market.

On the 3d of December, 1904, Mr. Allison was married to Miss Pearl Tyson, a daughter of Lawson and Tymi (Householder) Tyson, of Plymouth, Indiana. Two children now grace this marriage: Carl Raymond, who was born July 10, 1905; and Harold Blaine, on the 8th of January, 1907.

In his political views Mr. Allison is a stalwart republican. He is also connected with the Congregational church and is a member of the Mystic Workers. His life in all its relations is actuated by high and honorable principles that makes him one of the most respected and worthy residents of the locality as well as an enterprising young business man.

JUDGE RICHARD NICHOLS BOTSFORD.

To have attained to the extreme fullness of years and to have had one's ken broadened to a comprehension of all that has been accomplished within the flight of many days, is of itself sufficient to render consonant a detailed consideration of such a life in a work of this order but in the case at hand there are more pertinent, more distinguishing elements—those of usefulness, of high honor, of marked intellectuality, of broad charity—which lift high in reverence the subjective personality of one who stood as one of nature's nobleman, "four square to every wind that blows." The life of Judge Richard N. Botsford was ever constant in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation and while he eschewed practically all political honors, he gained in the practice of civil law a reputation which made him one of the most distinguished members of the bar of northern Illinois, having for a half century continued in active practice.

A native of Connecticut, Judge Botsford was born in Newtown, Fairfield county, October 28, 1830, and was a son of Austin N. and Volucia (Glover) Botsford. He resided in his native state until the time of his father's death, when at the age of eleven years he went to New York city to live with an aunt. His stay in the metropolis was of short duration, however, for, becoming tired of city life, he returned to Connecticut and devoted his energies to farm labor in provision for his own support until eighteen years of age. Ambitious to enjoy better educational privileges than had previously been afforded him, in 1845 he entered Hobart Academy at Hobart, New York, where he continued his studies for three years. Returning to Connecticut, he entered the State Normal School at New Britain to prepare himself for the profession of teaching and for two years pursued his studies in that institution.

Attracted by the opportunities of the west, Judge Botsford, then a young man of twenty-one years, came to Illinois in 1851, settling at St. Charles, Kane county. He taught select schools in that town, also in Missouri and other parts of the country until 1856. He was also for a period in the employ of a St. Louis firm, who were engaged in making maps of various towns in Iowa. Returning to St. Charles, he purchased, and conducted a hotel and livery barn but disposed of his business in 1856, when he began preparation for the bar as a student in the office and under the direction of C. C. Pope, an attorney at Black River Falls, Wisconsin. He was admitted to practice the following year. His time had not all been devoted to the mastery of Blackstone, Coke, Littleton and other authorities, for it had been necessary that he provide for his support by teaching school while in Wisconsin and his reading was done in the hours which are usually termed "leisure" and by most people are devoted to rest and recreation. Following his admission to the bar Judge Botsford again located in St. Charles, where he purchased and published the St. Charles Argus for about a year.

At the end of that time he entered upon the active practice of his profession in partnership with D. L. Eastman. While advancement in the law is proverbially slow, no dreary novitiate awaited him. In the first cases entrusted to his care he gave proof of his ability in handling the intricate problems of the court and his clientage steadily grew. Following the death of Mr. Eastman he became a partner of S. S. Jones, who was afterward editor and publisher of the Religio-Philosophical Journal of Chicago. This association was continued until 1865.

In the meantime, in 1861, Mr. Botsford was elected judge of the Kane county court and held the office for four years. His decisions were strictly fair and impartial and many important cases were tried before him. This, however, is the only office that he ever filled, although frequently solicited to become a candidate. He preferred to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties and his allegiance to his clients' interests was proverbial. Whatever he did was for the best interests of those whom he represented and for the honor of his profession. No man gives to either a more unqualified allegiance or riper ability. He possessed a mind of singular precision and power—in a marked degree a judiciary mind, capable of an impartial view of both sides of a question and of arriving at a just conclusion.

In 1867 Judge Botsford removed to Elgin and entered into partnership with Joseph Healy. He was successively senior partner of the firm of Botsford, Barry & Healy, of Botsford, Barry & Lovell, Botsford, Barry & Wilcox and Botsford & Wayne, while eventually the last named firm was joined by Judge Botsford's son under the firm style of Botsford, Wayne & Botsford. The firm has been regarded as the ablest in the county, having been counsel for the Elgin National Watch Company and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company. Judge Botsford concentrated his energies upon civil law practice and had wide and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of that department of jurisprudence. In his practice he was absolutely fair, never indulged in artifice or concealment, never dealt in indirect methods, but won his victories, which were many, and suffered his defeats, which were

few, in the open field, face to face with his foe. He achieved the highest distinction and he deserved it.

Judge Botsford was married in 1860 to Miss Ellen E. Bundy of St. Charles, and they became parents of a son and a daughter, Carl E. and C. Alosia, the former his father's associate in practice. In his political views Judge Botsford was always a stalwart democrat, and while he never sought nor desired office he labored for the interests of his party on the campaign platform, delivering many able addresses, which bore fruit in substantial results at the polls. He was an eloquent speaker, a scholarly and accomplished gentleman and courteous in all the relations of life. He remained an active member of the profession until his demise and had often been said to possess the clearest and most alert mind of any lawyer in the county. In spite of his advanced age he retained his faculties until the end, having been consulted on important legal affairs only the week prior to his death, which occurred April 6, 1908. Kane county mourned the loss of one whom it had long known and honored—the nestor of the Elgin bar. He was great because nature had endowed him bountifully and he had studiously, carefully and conscientiously increased the talents that had been given him. During his long service to his chosen profession his career typified the highest quality of manhood.

GEORGE L. GERMAN.

A spirit of enterprise and progressiveness actuates George L. German in all that he undertakes and he is well known in business circles in Geneva, his native city, as a real-estate and insurance agent. He was born here January 18, 1870, his parents being George and Della (Flint) German, both of whom were natives of Illinois. The paternal grandfather was Lyman German, whose birth occurred in Pennsylvania and who, following his removal to this state, became a contractor for all the wood burned and the ties used by the Northwestern Railroad as far west as Clinton. He also erected the first railroad bridge across the Rock River and was closely associated with the material development and substantial progress of this part of the state, where he located as a pioneer settler, arriving in Geneva in 1836, only four years after the Black Hawk war had been fought. He took up a claim on the east side of Fox river, which is now a part of the original town of Geneva and was the owner of a farm of one hundred and fifty-two acres, for which he paid in gold—an unusual thing at that time, for money was very scarce in the early days in the west. He died at the age of eighty-six years after an illness of only five days, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth McKinley, passed away at the age of sixty-four years. They were the parents of nine children.

George German, the father, born in Illinois, was reared on a farm about a mile and a half west of Geneva and followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He served as a soldier in the Civil war and died in 1877 from illness contracted in the army, when but thirty-five years of age. His wife

died in 1881. Both were consistent members of the Methodist church and enjoyed the respect of all who knew them. Their family numbered but two sons, the younger being Harry German.

George L. German was reared in Geneva and attended the public schools, lacking but two months of graduation from the high school when he was taken ill and for the benefit of his health was sent to the west, where he remained for a year and a half. He also traveled all through the south, and after his return to Geneva became night watchman at the Howell foundry, where he remained for one year. He then became one of the first street car conductors on the electric line in Aurora and subsequently was foreman in the Boston Grocery Store, having charge of the grocery department for a year. On the expiration of that period he returned to Geneva and accepted a position on the police force under D. J. Hogan. His official service has also included that of marshal and constable and on his retirement from the office he went to work as foreman for the Corn Products Company at Geneva, with which he was connected for a year. He was then transferred from Geneva to the plant in Chicago and afterward was employed in the large glucose works near Donaldsonville, Louisiana, during the year 1905. Again coming to his native city, he established business on his own account as a real-estate and insurance agent and in this connection has secured a good clientage, having in the last two or three years negotiated a number of important realty transfers and written a large amount of insurance.

On the 5th of April, 1899, Mr. German was married to Miss Carrie Schwarz, a daughter of John and Caroline Schwarz, and they have one child, Kathleen Louise. Mrs. German is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. German belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Sons of Veterans, formerly serving as captain of Camp No. 21, of Aurora. He is widely known in his native county and both he and his wife have many warm friends here.

CHARLES P. EAKIN.

Charles P. Eakin, who is successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising on sections 21 and 22, Rutland township, and is also serving as clerk of that township, was born on the farm where he now resides, it being the estate of his father, William Eakin. The latter was born in Ireland, October 20, 1826, a son of Robert and Margaret (Bates) Eakin. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to America in 1840, they purchasing and locating on the farm in Rutland township, Kane county, which is now the home of our subject. When seventeen years of age William Eakin also purchased some land, which is still in possession of the family. He devoted his time and energies to general farming and stock-raising interests and met with a gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity. On the 19th of October, 1853, he was here united in marriage to Miss Margaret Pollock, whose birth occurred in County Tyrone, Ireland, February 12, 1828, her parents

being John and Margaret (Gilmore) Pollock. On crossing the Atlantic to the United States in 1848 they settled in the state of New York, but in 1855 came to Illinois, making their home with their daughter, Mrs. Eakin, until called to their final rest in 1855 and 1882 respectively. William Eakin passed away February 26, 1906, in the faith of the Reformed Presbyterian church, of which his widow is also a member.

Unto William and Margaret (Pollock) Eakin were born ten children, seven of whom arrived at years of maturity. Maria became the wife of W. T. Wright, and passed away in 1884 at the age of thirty-three years, leaving four children to mourn her loss, namely: Clayton, Zilpha, Charles and Elizabeth. Mr. Wright lives in Elgin. Annie became the wife of Joseph Hunter and was called to her final rest in 1888, at the age of thirty-three years. Rev. John A. is pastor of the Congregational church at New Hampton, Iowa, having preached the gospel for the past fourteen years. He was educated in the Elgin Academy and is also a graduate of Beloit College and the Chicago Theological Seminary. He married Miss Jessie Morgan, of Elgin, and has five children, namely: Charles, Freeman, Ruth, Selden and Elizabeth. Charles P., of this review, was the next in order of birth. Elizabeth is still under the parental roof. Mary, who is a graduate of the Rockford Hospital Training School, is a trained nurse. Dr. Allen C., of Rockford, attended Elgin Academy and is also a graduate of Beloit College and of the class of 1891 of the Northwestern Medical School. He wedded Miss Belle Oliver and has two children, Chancellor and Donald.

Charles P. Eakin was reared in the place of his nativity and acquired his education as a student in the Elgin Academy. He now operates two hundred and thirty-seven acres of rich and productive land on sections 21 and 22, Rutland township, where he is also engaged in feeding hogs and cattle and in breeding hogs. In both branches of his business he has won a most enviable degree of prosperity, owing to his well directed energy, untiring perseverance and excellent management.

In his political views Mr. Eakin is a staunch republican and for the past sixteen or eighteen years has served continuously as clerk of Rutland township, his long retention in office being incontrovertible proof of his capable and faithful discharge of the duties entrusted to his care. Though reared a Presbyterian, he is liberal in his religious views. He has gained an extensive circle of friends in his native county and is widely recognized as a public spirited and progressive citizen, whose aid and influence can always be counted upon in furthering any movement or measure for the general welfare.

FRANK PARKS McDOLE.

It cannot be denied that the pioneers of Kane county were men of force, enterprise and breadth of view. They not only redeemed the wilderness and made it subservient to the needs of an on-coming civilization, but they laid the foundations of all their civil and governmental institutions

broad and deep, and gave them tone and character which have shown up well under every test. It is an equally patent fact that their descendants are worthy exemplars of their high example, and are carrying the heritage received from the fathers of the county toward its highest and fullest fruition.

Frank Parks McDole, long a leading farmer in Sugar Grove township, and now a resident of Aurora, living retired from active pursuits, is a case in point. He was born in Sugar Grove township, January 30, 1860, one of the four sons and nine children of Rodney and Abigail (Lounsbury) McDole. Seven of the number are living: Samuel Prescott, whose home is in Aurora; Mary, the wife of Henry Kingsley, of DeKalb, Illinois; Nancy, the wife of George C. West, a prominent farmer of Blackberry township in this county; Johnathan Robert, a resident of Aurora; Sarah, the wife of Charles D. Judd, of Aurora; Flora, who married William H. Young, and also lives in Aurora; and Ida, the wife of Frank Catlin, of Ashland, Wisconsin. One brother, A. G. McDole, died several years ago. Frank P. McDole was reared on his father's farm and educated at the district school in the neighborhood and at Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial school, which he attended five years. At the age of nineteen he rented the home farm on sections 1 and 13, Sugar Grove township, and this he farmed for four years. In this undertaking he prospered, acquiring sufficient means to enter upon enterprises of greater magnitude. On April, 5, 1883, he was married to Miss Lizzie Niles, a daughter of William S. and Julia Ann (Makepeace) Niles, natives of New York state and early emigrants to Kane county. Immediately after his marriage Mr. McDole went with his bride to DeKalb county, where he rented a farm, which he worked for one year. At the end of that period he took up his residence on his father-in-law's farm in Sugar Grove township, this county, which he leased and farmed for five years. In March, 1889, he again became his father's tenant on the home farm, but five years later saw an excellent opportunity to gratify a long cherished desire to own a farm of his own. Accordingly, in 1894, he purchased the Niles farm, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted himself with industry and intelligence until 1901. Then his wife's failing health and the chance to realize a good advance on the purchase price of his land induced him to sell it and move to Aurora, where his wife died on May 2, 1902. Since then he has not engaged actively in business of any kind. For one year he conducted a restaurant in Aurora. All the rest of his years of activity were passed in farming.

Mr. McDole's family consists of his two sons, Stanley Makepeace, who was born April 13, 1884, and Niles Kenneth, whose life began December 15, 1896. The former attended the West Aurora high school and the Sugar Grove Normal and Industrial school, and afterward followed a complete course of instruction in the Aurora Metropolitan Business college. He is now office manager for the Garlock Packing Company, of Chicago. Bright, intelligent and energetic, his future is full of promise. The second son is now in the Deaconess Orphanage Home at Lake Bluff, Illinois.

Mr. McDole has been prominent in local public affairs wherever he has lived. He served a number of years as school director, performing the

duties of the office wisely and stimulating energy and enlarged views in the development of the school system. He is a republican in political allegiance and a Modern Woodman in fraternal relations. As a charter member of the West Aurora Farmers' club, his influence was potential in the organization of that body, and in his activity in its service ever since he has been one of the most helpful factors in promoting its usefulness and keeping its proceedings up to a high standard. Dwelling apart, as it were, from the strife and turmoil of the world's activities, he is passing his days serenely in the enjoyment of the acquisitions and recollections of his wisely employed past and the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen, who everywhere hold him in high regard.

JOHN OLESEN.

John Olesen, who carries on farming in Virgil township, was born in Denmark, May 17, 1846, attending the schools of his native country until fourteen years of age. After putting aside his text-books he worked by the month, and also served for three years as a teamster in the Danish army. In 1893 he brought his family to the United States, taking up his abode near Kaneville, Illinois, where he secured employment by the month as a farm hand. By close economy and careful expenditure he was at length enabled to purchase a small farm three and a half miles northwest of Elburn, in the operation of which he has been successfully engaged to the present time.

In 1871 Mr. Olesen was married and his children are as follows: Carrie, the wife of Thomas Thompson, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits near Elburn; Ole, who carries on farming near Lily Lake; Chris, deceased; Mary, the wife of Charles Nielson, who follows farming near Lily Lake; Lawrence and Thorwald, both of whom carry on general farming near Elburn; Christina, at home; and Nelse, who has passed away.

By reason of his unrenmitting industry and careful management in the conduct of his agricultural interests, Mr. Olsen has gained a creditable measure of success since his arrival in this county, and moreover has the warm esteem and regard of all with whom he has come in contact in business or social relations.

ALLEN PUFFER.

Allen Puffer, deceased, was born in New Hampshire, on the 8th of October, 1853, his parents both passing away in that state when he was an infant. In 1868 he made his way westward, going direct to South Chicago, Illinois. He had attended school in the east and after coming to the metropolis also pursued his studies there, but his education on the whole was limited, and the extended knowledge that he later displayed was largely the

result of reading, observation and experience. He was a machinist by trade and was employed in a sewing machine factory in Chicago until 1875, when he came to Elgin, being engaged by the Elgin National Watch Company. He was employed in the plate room of the factory until the time of his death, which occurred on the 30th of June, 1890. His long retention in the position was incontrovertible proof of his fidelity and capability in the discharge of his duties, and he was well known and highly esteemed as an upright and public-spirited citizen of the community. His brother Gustav, also an employe of the watch company, made his home in Elgin until a few years ago and was very popular and had many friends here.

On the 2d of July, 1879, Mr. Puffer was united in marriage to Miss Mary Turner, a daughter of Doctor and Emma (Strachan) Turner, of Elgin. The father, whose birth occurred in 1808 and who was a very prominent physician of his city, passed away in 1890. His wife, who was born in 1817, was also called to her final rest in 1890.

In his political views Mr. Puffer was an ardent republican, while fraternally he was connected with the Modern Woodmen. He was a well read man and, though reserved and unassuming in manner, had a host of friends who esteemed him for his unfaltering integrity and genuine personal worth.

CHARLES TEWS.

A native of Germany, and bringing to the land of his adoption all the forceful and serviceable characteristics of his race, Charles Tews, of Blackberry township, has shown himself to be a worthy exemplar of the German people and a valuable addition to the citizenship of this country. He was born October 27, 1876, and is the son of Herman and Minnie (Tesch) Tews, who were also natives of Germany, where their ancestors had lived for many generations. The father brought his family to this country in 1882 and located at Aurora, Illinois, where he continued to reside until 1897, when he moved to Mississippi, where he now lives. The mother was born in Germany, December 18, 1852. She and her husband were the parents of the following children: Charles; Oricka, who is the wife of Augustus Cutter and lives in Aurora; Robert, who also lives in Aurora; August, who is a prosperous grocer at Aurora; and Emma, Elizabeth and Fred, who reside with their parents.

Charles Tews attended school one year in Germany, then came with the rest of the family to the United States, and here he had the benefit of further scholastic training at the German Lutheran school in Aurora, which he attended until he reached the age of fourteen years. On leaving school he learned the trade of a painter, at which he worked for a number of years. Farming, however, presented more attractions to his active mind, and he determined to follow his bent in this direction. Accordingly, he moved to the farm on which he now has his home, where he has since been engaged in general farming, and, during the last twelve years, also in the milk business.

Mr. Tews married Augusta Hoffman, who was born on March 5, 1877. They have five children: Wilhelm, Harry, Paul, Georgia and Eddie. Mr. Tews has prospered in his business and has also grown strong in the esteem and good will of the people around him. He is well known throughout Blackberry township as a sterling, upright man of public spirit and progressiveness, deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the county and state, and worthy of all commendation for the elevated citizenship which he exemplifies.

MARK SEAVEY.

Mark Seavey, who for many years was closely associated with agricultural interests in Kane county, is now enjoying a well earned rest at the age of eighty years, deriving his income from his investments, which include good property and also bank stock. The world instinctively pays deference to the man who has lived an upright, honorable life and Mr. Seavey now receives the respect and veneration of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He started upon life's journey in Cattaraugus county, New York, December 14, 1827, and is now nearing the eighty-first milestone.

His father, Aaron Seavey, was a native of New Hampshire and when a young man went to New York, where he followed farming. He also conducted a grist mill and saw mill, but after a time left the location in which he had been carrying on business and removed to Allegany county. There he continued in the same field of activity. In 1837, however, he made a trip to the west, looking over the country, and was so well pleased with the natural conditions and the prospects that he decided to locate here. Accordingly in 1842, with his family and his brother Mark and his family, and his brother-in-law, Eddie Drake, and his family, Mr. Seavey started for Kane county, Illinois. The party made quite a little train, traveling in six covered wagons and one single buggy, Mark Seavey of this review, then a youth of fourteen years, driving one of the wagons. Twenty-one days elapsed ere the trip was completed. The three families settled in Sugar Grove township, where Aaron Seavey acquired three hundred and thirty acres of land by purchase. Upon the place was a log house and a straw barn, while a little patch of ground had been cultivated. There he took up his abode and transformed the tract into a model farm, bringing the fields under a high state of improvement and adding all modern accessories and equipments. He was a citizen of value, a typical pioneer who labored for the welfare of his community as well as individual success. He possessed the courage and determination necessary to cope with the hardships and trials of pioneer life and the strength and ability to perform the hard work necessary in transforming wild land into productive fields. He died in 1873 at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife, who in her maidenhood was Betsy Drake, a native of Vermont, died in 1877.

Mark Seavey spent the first fourteen years of his life in the Empire state and then accompanied his parents on their removal westward to Illinois. He

attended school in Blackberry and also spent one winter in a select school at Aurora. He early became familiar with all of the hardships of pioneer life as he aided in developing the farm. After attaining manhood he purchased a half interest in his father's farm and upon the latter's death he bought the interests of the other heirs in the property. He also purchased an adjoining tract of land and was busily and successfully engaged in cultivating an extensive tract of five hundred and thirty acres until 1887, when he retired, selling a part of his land and trading a part for property in Sugar Grove and in Aurora. He removed to the city and has since lived retired, possessing a comfortable competence that supplies him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. Moreover he has been connected with the Merchants' National Bank as vice president. He has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of another in a trade transaction but has won his success through his close application and unflinching diligence.

Mr. Seavey is a staunch republican but has never been a politician in the sense of seeking office as a reward for party fealty. He believes in purity in politics and is opposed to anything like misrule in municipal affairs. His fellow townsmen called him to the office of supervisor of Sugar Grove township and continued him in the position for a number of years. After coming to Aurora he was elected supervisor without seeking or desiring the office. He has never shirked a public duty, however, and proved competent and faithful in the position.

Mr. Seavey has been married twice. He first wedded Ruth H. Thompson and unto them were born five children. Following the death of his first wife he was married in 1867 to Mrs. Mary Goodwin, the widow of Newton Goodwin and a daughter of Benjamin Pendleton, a native of Connecticut, who became a resident of DuPage county, Illinois, in 1848. The five children of the family are: A. T., a farmer of Aurora township; Mrs. Ida Rathbun, now of Iowa; Charles E., who is cashier of the Merchants' National Bank of Aurora; Frank W., a farmer of Kane county; and Mary A.

Mr. Seavey is a man of strong character and sterling integrity, whose life record has been alike creditable to himself and to the county in which he has long resided. It is as an open book which all may read. In his business he has been energetic and straightforward and has never employed underhand methods in winning his success. His example is in many respects worthy of emulation and he well merits the rest which has come to him in the evening of life.

HANS RASMUSSEN.

Hans Rasmussen, a successful farmer and dairyman residing in Camp-ton township, where he has under lease two hundred and thirty-five acres of land, is a native of Germany, where he was born October 14, 1864, the son of Ras and Elizabeth (Evorson) Rasmussen, both of whom were natives of Denmark and emigrated to America in 1885 and located on a farm near Elburn. The father served three years in the Danish army and at the time

of the war between Denmark and Germany he participated in a number of engagements, being slightly wounded in one of the battles. He now lies at rest in the Elburn cemetery. Nine children were born to this union, namely: Nelse, a farmer residing in Oregon; Christina, the wife of Nelse Christenson; Lena, the wife of George Lawson, a farmer near Lily Lake; Andrew, a farmer residing near Bald Mound; George, a merchant of Elburn; Hans, of this review; and Catrina, Robert and Mary, all of whom are deceased.

Hans Rasmussen is indebted to the district schools of Germany for his education. These he attended until fourteen years of age, at which time he left school to aid his father in the work of the farm. He devoted the next six years of his life in this direction and at the age of twenty he accompanied his parents to America where, upon his arrival, he secured work as a farm hand upon a place near Elburn. He remained in this position until the time of his marriage, when he rented a farm and experienced the satisfaction of conducting it for his own interests. He has been quite successful in his work and in addition to his extensive farming interests he now runs a dairy, keeping for the purpose forty-five cows. As a total he estimates the value of his personal property to be in the neighborhood of three thousand dollars.

In 1892 was celebrated the marriage of Hans Rasmussen and Miss Christina Norgord, who is a native of Germany. They have become the parents of three children, namely: Robert, born December 5, 1892; Nelse, born February 10, 1894; and Lena, born March 28, 1895.

By his ballot Mr. Rasmussen supports the republican party. Religiously he is a member of the Lutheran church. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He possesses the thrift, industry and perseverance so characteristic of his race and the prosperity to which he has already attained bids fair to continue.

PETER J. LAWSON.

Peter J. Lawson, who is extensively engaged in the dairy and stock-raising business in Kaneville township, is a native of this section of the country, having been born in Kaneville, November 11, 1884. His father is a native of Germany, where he was born July 23, 1860. He came to America in 1882 and located near Elburn, where he engaged in farming. He was married, August 5, 1883, to Miss Mary Rasmussen, and to this union have been born seven children, of which our subject is the eldest. Of this number Lizzie is the wife of J. C. Johnson, a farmer residing near Bald Mound, Illinois; Helen is deceased; Robert is a farmer residing near Elburn; George and Hans are at home; Helena is attending the high school in Elburn. The father rented a farm near Elburn until 1888, when he removed to La Fox and resided until 1897. That year he purchased a farm near Lily Lake, where he has since continued to reside. In politics he is a staunch republican; fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America; religiously, he is a member of the Congregational church.

Peter J. Lawson attended the district school until he was fourteen years of age and passed the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, aiding his father in the conduct of his farm. On January 24, 1906, he wedded Constantine Nelson and engaged in farming in his own interests on a place which he rented for this purpose, his farm work consisting principally in raising feed for his dairy cattle, of which he now owns thirty-five head, and the hogs which are a natural adjunct to his business, as they serve to utilize what would otherwise go to waste. Of these Mr. Lawson now possesses some two hundred and forty in number, which bid fair to yield him generous returns when ready for the market. In addition to his stock and dairy interests Mr. Lawson is also possessed of all necessary modern machinery for the conduct of his business, which he now has established on a basis where his progress should be steadily onward and upward.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson have one daughter, Viola, who was born May 17, 1908. In his political views Mr. Lawson is a republican, but he has never aspired to political honors. Religiously he is a member of the Congregational church.

WILLIAM PATERSON.

William Paterson, conducting a profitable livery and draying business in Aurora, was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, April 6, 1871. His paternal grandfather, William Paterson, was a Scottish highlander, while his maternal grandfather was John Frame, a native of Glasgow, who is said to have established the first omnibus line of that city. The parents, Thomas and Jane (Frame) Paterson, were both natives of Glasgow. The father was a boiler maker by trade and soon after his marriage came to the United States, settling in New Hampshire, where he resided until 1878. He then arranged to leave his son William and daughter Jessie, two years younger, with their uncle, James Frame, and came west to Aurora, where he soon secured employment in the shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. Here he has since remained, being for thirty years foreman of the planer room in the locomotive department.

William Paterson was reared by his uncle, James Frame, and attended school at Webster Place, near Franklin, New Hampshire, the schoolhouse being but one mile from the home of Daniel Webster. In 1882 he and his sister came west to Aurora, joining their father, who in the meantime had wedded Mary Morrison. For a year William Paterson attended school in Aurora and then worked for a year on a farm, after which he spent three years in driving a milk wagon for George Hoyt, of Aurora. At the end of that time he bought out the route in September, 1888, and began business on his own account, although only seventeen years of age. He continued in that business for five years, meeting with good success in the undertaking.

On the 24th of April, 1893, Mr. Paterson was married to Miss Cora Hoyt, who died May 31, 1897, leaving one son, James Frame Paterson, who

was born September 4, 1895, and lives with his father, now attending the East Aurora schools. On the 12th of October, 1905, Mr. Paterson was again married, his second union being with Hattie Brown, who was born in this city, April 22, 1876, a daughter of Charles and Mary (Parker) Brown. Her mother is a native of the state of New York, while her father is a native of Vermont and for many years has been a coal dealer in Aurora.

In 1893 Mr. Paterson purchased the livery business of Charles Kimball and this has proved a lucrative undertaking. After conducting the business for ten years he purchased the livery business of Charles Eagleston on Water street, Aurora, and, moving his livery stock to the latter place, combined the two interests and for five years has conducted a profitable and successful livery and draying business, being the sole proprietor of what is known as Paterson's Livery Barn. He has a good patronage and his well equipped stable enables him to supply the wants of many patrons. He personally gives his entire attention to the conduct of the business, managing all of its details.

In politics Mr. Paterson is a republican, but does not seek nor desire office. He is a strong advocate of temperance and gives his influence to the movement toward the abolishment of the liquor traffic. He is an enterprising, energetic business man, who is meeting with success in his chosen calling.

GEORGE McCOLLUM.

George McCollum, deceased, was one of the pioneer settlers and manufacturers of Kane county, whose labors and influence were an important element in the early development and growth of this part of the state. He was born in 1807 and the year 1836 witnessed his removal from Montrose, Pennsylvania, to Aurora, Illinois, where he found but three log houses and a great many Indians. With wonderful prescience, however, he foresaw what the future had in store for this great and growing country and, after returning to the east, once more came to Aurora in May, 1837, being here employed as a blacksmith by John King. In December, 1837, he returned to the Keystone state for his little family and on the 5th of February, 1839, began the journey westward with an ox-team. On the 11th of March he arrived in Batavia, remaining there until the spring of 1839, when he took up his abode at Aurora in a little cabin, the dimensions of which were ten by twelve feet. This pioneer structure remained the family home until Mr. McCollum erected his own dwelling, it being the third frame house on the west side of the river. All the material used in its construction was purchased in Chicago and brought to Aurora in wagons. At the same time he also built his carriage factory on the corner of Lake and Galena streets, which was destroyed by fire in 1849. Nothing daunted, however, he immediately erected a larger and more pretentious structure on the same site and this building has been used as a carriage and wagon factory to the present time. The first stirring plow in this section of the country was made by Mr. McCollum and from ten to twelve men were employed in that branch of the business



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alone. In February, 1881, the business was organized under the firm style of McCollum & Sons, the partners being George McCollum, George S. McCollum and O. J. McCollum. This relation was most profitably and agreeably maintained until the death of the father in 1893, when he was eighty-nine years of age. Energetic and industrious, he was moreover a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and his executive ability and excellent management brought to the concern with which he was connected a large degree of success, the McCollum carriages and wagons having been favorably known throughout the west for many years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCollum were born the following children: George S., Orlando J., Mrs. Thompson Reed, Mrs. Mary Reed and Mrs. A. G. Wilber, all residents of Aurora; and Mrs. Wellington, who makes her home in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The wife and mother, who bore the maiden name of Lucy Baldwin, was called to her final rest in 1898, having attained the age of eighty-eight years.

In all matters pertaining to the general welfare Mr. McCollum took an active and helpful part and Aurora acknowledges her indebtedness to this sturdy and honest Scotch pioneer for much of her present prosperity and growth. He made the first subscription for the erection of a log schoolhouse on the west side, and in 1854, when West Aurora was incorporated under the general laws, he became a trustee—one of the first officers elected in the village. He was likewise one of the early members of the First Baptist church of Aurora, the teachings of which he exemplified in his daily intercourse with men. For over a half century he was prominently identified with the upbuilding and development of Aurora and Kane county and, though more than a decade has passed since he was called to the home beyond, his memory is still honored and cherished by many of the older residents here.

GEORGE S. MCCOLLUM.

George S. McCollum, a successful representative of manufacturing interests and also a prominent factor in the public life of Aurora, his native city, was born in the year 1841. His parents were George and Lucy (Baldwin) McCollum, the former a worthy pioneer and well known manufacturer of Aurora, whose sketch is given on another page of this volume. George S. McCollum obtained his education in the public schools of Aurora, being one of the early students in the first log schoolhouse at that place. Subsequently he pursued a course of study in the Bryant & Stratton Business College at Chicago, and afterward, having thoroughly qualified himself for the practical and responsible duties of life, joined his father and his brother, Orlando J. McCollum, in the carriage and wagon manufacturing business at Aurora. The success of this concern is attributable in large measure to his well directed energy and excellent business ability and he is numbered among the progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Kane county.

On the 7th of June, 1865, Mr. McCollum was united in marriage to Miss Helen Baker, of North Fairfield, Ohio, a representative of a family prominent in the early history of northern Ohio, its members tracing their ancestry back to Elder Brewster of the Plymouth colony. Our subject and his wife have two sons. William B. McCollum, whose birth occurred in Aurora in 1866, is connected with the Chicago Telephone Company and makes his home in the western metropolis. George Albert McCollum, who was born in Aurora in 1871, was graduated from the West Aurora high school in 1890 and subsequently attended Michigan University. He then began the study of law in Chicago, was admitted to the bar in 1894 and is now successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Aurora. He is likewise interested in the real-estate business here under the firm style of Winslow, McCollum & Company, his partners being Fayette D. Winslow and James A. Elmslie. In 1894 George Albert McCollum was joined in wedlock to Miss Louie Eastburn, of Chicago, by whom he has three children: Marjorie, Gordon and Donald.

Mr. McCollum has always been actively and prominently identified with the public and religious growth of Aurora and has held various important positions of trust and responsibility in these connections. In 1876 he served as collector of taxes and in the following year acted as deputy. In 1881 he was chosen alderman and was reelected for two years more, many of the permanent improvements of the city being inaugurated during his incumbency. In 1885 he became a member of the first board of public works, on which he served for four years. Since its formation he has been actively interested in the Young Men's Christian Association of Aurora and for many years was treasurer and trustee thereof. For a number of years he was likewise trustee for the city hospital, and is an active member of the First Baptist church of Aurora, having served as superintendent of the Sunday school for about ten years. His fraternal relations are with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the National Union, in which organizations he holds high positions. Having now resided in this county for more than two-thirds of a century, he is widely and favorably known here and has the admiration and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact in business or social relations.

JUSTUS L. JOHNSON.

Justus L. Johnson came to Aurora and to Kane county in 1884 with his parents. He was then five years of age. The family had come from Sweden in 1881 and settled in Rockford, Illinois. From 1884 to 1887 the family lived in Aurora. The latter year they moved to Big Rock, in this county, where Andrew Johnson conducted the village blacksmith shop until 1897. That year the family removed to Aurora to allow better educational advantages to the younger children. The family now resides at 355 North avenue, Aurora,

where they purchased a home some years ago. There are six children in the family. They are: Gertrude A., Adolph F., Justus Leonard and Esther L., living at home; Lydia V., a teacher for some years in the Aurora public schools and now in the high school at Watseka, Illinois; and Mrs. Selma E. Ritzenthaler, of Sheridan, Illinois.

Justus Leonard Johnson, the third child, was born near Landskrona, near the southern extremity of Sweden, February 1, 1879. His mother's maiden name was Hanna Anderson and the father was John A. Larson. Their parents were well-to-do farmers, whose ancestors had tilled the same lands for several generations. Some of the lands are still in the possession of the families. Mr. Johnson's grandfather on the mother's side was Anders Jönson. He was twice married and was the father of twenty-five children, of whom twelve were twins. Ten of these children lived to maturity. Of the children of his first wife, four girls and one boy survive. All live in Sweden, except one aunt, who resides in Aurora, Illinois. Of the fifteen children of Mr. Johnson's two maternal grandparents eleven were boys and four girls. Four survive. One uncle died some years ago in Minnesota. Two uncles and one aunt live in Sweden. Both uncles are in the mercantile business, Sven near the old home and Anders Anderson in Christianstad. He is one of the largest importers and wholesalers of dry goods in Sweden. Lars Anderson, the paternal grandfather, had seven children, six boys and one girl. One son came to America and resides in Minnesota.

Mr. Johnson's school days began at the New York Street school in Aurora. He was soon transferred to the Center school. The family moved to Big Rock when Justus was in the third grade and his work was continued in the village school of that place. He attended Sugar Grove high school in 1894, 1895 and 1896, graduating the latter year. The following year he entered Wheaton Academy and completed the course the following June. After taking the work of the freshman year at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, Mr. Johnson taught school in the Smith district, three miles east of Wayne, DuPage county. In September, 1899, he returned to college and continued until the spring of 1902.

Since the age of eleven years Mr. Johnson has earned largely his own way in the struggle for advancement. At that age he did farm chores for his board and room while attending school at Big Rock. Summer vacations he worked as a farm laborer or in the blacksmith shop. At the age of fifteen he worked for the Joliet Bridge Company in the construction of road bridges in Big Rock township and received his first "full man's pay."

From his earnings he paid the tuition for a course at Sugar Grove high school. By the earnings of six months of farm labor after graduating from high school he entered Wheaton Academy at the age of seventeen. To enable him to continue school he was compelled to board himself. This story is told of Mr. Johnson's first six months at the academy that he lived on oatmeal at an average cost a week of forty cents for that period. On his return to college in 1899 he was accorded a scholarship. By the aid of this and by acting as night operator for the Chicago Telephone Company at Wheaton and as correspondent for Chicago newspapers he gained the means to com-

plete his course with more comfort. The summer vacations during the latter part of his course were spent in the factories in Aurora and Batavia.

Mr. Johnson always evidenced ability as an organizer. A number of student enterprises at Wheaton were started or placed on a better basis by him. He served as organizer and manager of the Wheaton basket ball team, which won the Olympic college championship of the United States at the St. Louis World's Fair, and which afterward traveled ten thousand miles on a schedule of games. Other enterprises organized and managed by him while in school were the Wayside Inn, a boarding club for men, the Arcadian Tennis Club, and other projects. He was one of several who started the Wheaton Record, a student magazine, and was its first advertising manager. While at Wheaton he served as president of the Excelsior Debating Society, president of the Wheaton College Athletic Association, captain of the football team, member of the baseball team four years and manager one year, manager of the track team and of the ladies' basket ball team. Under his term as president of the athletic association Lawson field was obtained and the funds secured from the alumni and the business men of Wheaton to employ competent coaches for all lines of athletic sports.

The experience obtained in advertising on the Wheaton Record induced Mr. Johnson to enter that line of work during the summer vacation of 1900 on the St. Paul Dispatch, St. Paul, Minnesota. On returning to college in the fall he became correspondent for the Chicago papers at Wheaton and this determined his line of work on leaving school in 1902.

Two notable newspaper "scoops" were pulled off by Johnson while employed by Chicago papers. In the fall of 1901 he gave to the Record-Herald the facts concerning Nova Persea, a new star, which suddenly appeared in the constellation Perseus. In a few days' time the star grew in magnitude to become the brightest in the heavens, and in two weeks' time from its maximum it disappeared to the unaided eye. Observations running over several months clearly indicated that the star had been destroyed and new systems were building in its former position. The star had been discovered by the astronomer at Harvard Observatory at the same hour that Will Beith, of Elburn, and Mr. Johnson, who were class mates in a course in astronomy, had observed it. The phenomena were recorded on photographic plates at Yerkes observatory and were the first accurate facts since the beginning of the science that proved that worlds were destroyed and rebuilt. The second "beat" came in August, 1902, when Johnson uncovered the body of Mrs. Anna Bartholin in the basement of her home, 4310 Calumet avenue, Chicago, and proved that her son, W. J. Bartholin, was the double murderer of his mother and of his sweetheart, Miss Minnie Mitchell, of that city. Immediately following this discovery a reward of fifteen hundred dollars was offered for the son's capture.

In February, 1903, Mr. Johnson was tendered the city editorship of an Aurora daily paper and accepted. In November of that year he became editor of the Aurora Daily Beacon. The following year he severed his newspaper connections and took up the reading of law. In 1906 he re-entered newspaper work as political writer for the Springfield Journal at the state

capital. In November of that year he became associate editor of the Aurora Daily Beacon, which position he resigned June 1, 1908, to make a canvass of the county for the republican nomination for clerk of the circuit court, and on the 3d of November he was elected to that office.

Without the favoritism of a political faction or the backing of a political organization Mr. Johnson was nominated in a field of four candidates in the first direct primary ever held in Illinois, there being eleven thousand seven hundred republican votes in Kane county on the clerkship. Previous to becoming a candidate he had taken some part in politics as an organizer. In 1904 he was one of several to form the Young Men's Republican Club of Aurora and was its first secretary. Mr. Johnson has been a delegate to and an officer of several republican conventions the last four years. At the fifteenth annual convention of the Swedish American Republican League of Illinois at Rockford in 1907 he was chosen president of the organization. Under his term of office the league gained twenty-three per cent in membership in one year and the organization held the largest convention and banquet in its history at Aurora, March 9, 1908.

Mr. Johnson was appointed a member of the board of directors of the Aurora Public Library in 1907 by Mayor E. C. Finch. Mr. Johnson has always held that it is the duty of every good citizen to give his best effort to the elevation of the public and political ideals of the community in which he lives, even at a personal sacrifice. He is a member of a number of fraternal organizations and of the Hamilton Club of Chicago.

MRS. HIRAM NORRIS.

Mrs. Hiram Norris, one of the most highly esteemed ladies of Kane county, was born February 13, 1831, in Strafford, Vermont, and when thirteen years of age she came west to Kane county with her parents. She was a daughter of General Nathan and Hannah (Smith) Young. Her father, who was brigadier general in the Vermont militia, was born at New Grentham, New Hampshire, in 1792, and was a son of the Rev. Joab Young, a Universalist minister, and the first preacher who settled in Strafford, Vermont. There he received the grant of land known as minister's lot. He was born in the year 1758 and died in 1816, his life having spanned a period in which occurred three great wars and the most important events which have occurred in the history of this country. At the time of his birth the French and Indian war was in progress and his life closed soon after the cessation of hostilities in the war of 1812, while during the period of his early manhood the great war for American liberty occurred.

General Nathan Young came to Kane county in 1843 and settled on a claim in Blackberry township. In 1850 he removed to the village of Kaneville, where his death occurred April 21, 1869. His wife, Mrs. Hannah Young, was born in Strafford, Vermont, in 1795, and died in Kane county, in 1863, the remains of both being interred in the West Batavia cemetery.

Their family numbered seven children, five sons and two daughters, George, Peleg, N. S., Helen M., Joab, F. L., and Marcella Young. The last named is Mrs. Norris and the only one now living. The family was conspicuous in the pioneer life of the county and its members were prominent in promoting the growth and substantial upbuilding of this part of the state. Some of those named lived in Kaneville, while others were residents of Blackberry township.

Nathan S. Young, brother of Mrs. Norris, was a prominent citizen of Batavia, Illinois. He was born in Strafford, Vermont, August 20, 1818, and died December 2, 1907, when almost ninety years of age. He was at one time president of the First National Bank of Batavia, was for many years a member of the Batavia Board of Education and was a member on the first board of library directors. He read extensively and was a great student of history, also delighting in collecting old books and manuscripts, his library containing many valuable volumes and articles on the early history of Kane county. He kept a daily journal and weather record from 1840 until his death, more than fifty-seven years later. He was highly esteemed for his intelligence, his sound judgment and integrity, and few men have been assigned so many public trusts by their associates and neighbors. In his journal are found many interesting accounts of events of state and national importance. On the 8th of April, 1841, he wrote, "News was received by the passengers on board the stage of the death of William H. Harrison, president of these United States. As no papers were received to confirm the news, the report is doubtful." On the following day, April 9, he wrote, "Received today a confirmation of the news of the death of the president by a slip from the watchman's office containing the declaration from the heads of the department at Washington, stating that he died April 4, twenty minutes before ten o'clock a. m. Afflicting news this will be to a majority of the people, though many a loco will chuckle to himself at the result." In 1843, Nathan Young sold his interests in a store in Vermont to his partner, Justin S. Morrill, who was afterward Senator Morrill, and then came to the west to join other members of the family in Kane county.

Marcella Young spent her girlhood days under the parental roof and came with the family to Kane county. Here, on the 27th of April, 1853, she gave her hand in marriage to Hiram Norris, who was born in Erin, Chemung county, New York, November 23, 1828, a son of Mathew N. and Julia (Van Duzer) Norris. He attended the public schools and worked upon his father's farm during the period of his boyhood and youth. In 1844 he came with his father to Kane county and settled in Blackberry township, becoming connected with agricultural interests here. In 1850, attracted by the discovery of gold, he went to California and engaged in mining in that state and in Oregon. In December, 1851, he returned to Illinois and on the 27th of April, 1853, was married to Marcella Young. They became the parents of four children: Helen M., the wife of Joseph Slaker, a prominent farmer of Aurora township; Frank Y., of Evanston, Illinois; John, of Crandon, South Dakota; and Mathew Norris, who died December 25, 1896. Mrs. Norris now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Slaker.