

Biographical Memoirs

OF THE MEMBERS OF



COVINGTON & NEWPORT

COMMANDERIES, K. T.

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To the Memory of
SIMON OF CYRENE,



The friend of our Savior, who bore His cross, and fell a martyr to His cause, is this Volume, in token of the CHARITY he exemplified, the HOPE in which he lived, and the FAITH in which he died, most reverently dedicated.

TEMPLAR MASONRY.

The wholesome principles inculcated by Templar Masonry, the virtuous precepts set forth in its lectures, the good it has done, is doing, and will continue to do, commend it to the serious consideration of all good and thoughtful men. If the purity of the principles it teaches were spread throughout the world, the good of every clime and land would be constrained to admire it and the vicious to turn from it with loathing. To be eminent as a Templar it is necessary that the principles and precepts taught should be practically impressed in the heart and mind, and exemplified in the daily walk and conversation. The Knight without spot or reproach, is now, as in days celebrated in poesy and song, the Knight simply of benevolent heart and intrepid soul, who promptly meets and unshrinkingly performs each call of duty.

Templar Masonry dates back to the days of the Crusades. To the time when King Baldwin II., of Jerusalem, granted to the "*Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ*," a place of habitation within the sacred inclosure of Mount Moriah. It was founded at Jerusalem in the beginning of the twelfth century, by Hugh de Payens, Geoffrey de St. Omer, and seven other French Knights, for the protection of the Holy Sepulchre, and of the pilgrims resorting thither. The habit of the Templars was then white, with a Red Cross of eight points of the Maltese form worn on the left shoulder. They were Christian soldiers. Their duties were to relieve poor pilgrims, take care of the sick, and defend the Christian religion. They were divided into three classes. The first class were warriors and protected the weak. The second class were chaplains and provided for the spiritual wants of the community. The third class were servants and nursed

and waited on the sick. Eventually, many persons became affiliated with them without taking the vows, for the sake of the protection afforded. After the conquest of Jerusalem by the Saracens, they spread over Europe. They had settlements in England from an early period. The first was in London, on the site of Southampton Buildings, Holborn; but from 1185, their principal seat was in Fleet Street, still known as the Temple. The round church which bears their name was dedicated by Heraclius, Patriarch of the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem, in 1185, and the chancel was consecrated in 1240. In 1310, they settled in Rhodes, which country they held nearly two hundred years.

Although there were probably many Sir Knights in this country during the first two centuries after its settlement by European nations, it was not until the year 1816 that the first Encampment was organized in the United States. But Blue Lodge Masonry, however, dates back with us to about 1733, when first formally introduced at Boston, Massachusetts. Kentucky got her Masonry from Virginia, and Virginia got hers from the Grand Lodge of England, which goes back to Ancient York Masonry; that takes us back to 962, or the days of King Alfred and Egbert.

Masonry is now as wide spread as the Christian religion, and might well be styled, nay, declared an universal religion—the very religion of mankind, in which all good men and true, may and do, worthily and well agree. And, here, forced to pause, we can but remark how Governments have been formed and passed away; how nations have arisen, enjoyed centuries of prosperity and power, and their ruined cities, temples, and works of art alone remain to attest their former greatness, while Masonry, the child of Heaven, alone has stood the test of time! Firm as the rock—immovable as the hills, with but one faith that all may believe, and one language that all can speak, O! how indescribably grand! What volumes in her favor!

In presenting this keepsake to the fraternity it has not been our aim or desire to glorify individual members, but simply to relate in a plain, matter-of-fact way, the salient points in each one's biography, and leave to the unbiased judgment of the Craft, the value of our contribution to Masonic literature.

In behalf of our reporter, Mr. C. C. Stephens, we tender to many of the Sir Knights of both the Covington and Newport Commanderies, our sincere thanks for favors shown and information given. To Recorders Ramsey and Schraeder for their kindness in furnishing dates and facts, and especially to Bro. L. D. Croninger, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, for his brotherly and important aid, we hereby acknowledge ourselves to be under deep and lasting obligations.

With the best wishes for the perpetuation of our noble institution to the dim distant ages of an unfathomable futurity, and with a fraternal and courteous regard for the Craft universal whithersoever dispersed around the globe, we submit this, our votive offering to the genius of Masonry, for the candid consideration of all true and worthy brethren.

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MASONRY IN COVINGTON.

The first Masonic Lodge chartered in Covington was Temple Lodge No. 64. The date of its charter August, 1820; this was forfeited August, 1834. Thomas Buckner was its first Master; its prosperity was never great. Masonry then was for several years below par in Covington. In August, 1838, however, some of the Brethren got a charter and established Covington Lodge No. 109, William W. Southgate being its first Worshipful Master from 1838, until 1847, the order increased rapidly and in September of the latter year Col. Clay Lodge No. 159, was instituted with L. E. Berry as Master, Golden Rule Lodge No. 345, received its charter October, 1857, Samuel Reed being its first Master. The last three named Lodges are all now existing in good working order with a fine membership. Covington Chapter No. 35, received its charter in the beginning of 1849 and has had a career of great prosperity from its first inception. Kenton Council No. 13, was instituted April 10, 1851, A. H. Jameson being its first Thrice Illustrious Grand Master. Covington Commandery No. 7, was established in 1851, with the following named members: Charles W. Clayton, Rev. Richard Deering, John C. Elstner, J. Ellis, W. W. Henderson, A. H. Jameson, W. B. Kinkead, F. W. Major, W. C. Munger, H. H. Mayo, C. L. Mullins, R. K. Summerwell, M. P. Smith, J. M. Tipton, Thomas Thompson, John T. Wise, T. N. Wise and Thomas Ware. W. B. Kinkead was appointed its first Eminent Commander; J. R. Hallam, Generalissimo; and W. W. Henderson, Captain General. Of the original members there only remain Drs. Henderson, J. T. and T. N. Wise. At the meeting of the Grand Encampment at Frankfort on the 14th of January, 1852, a charter was granted

to Covington Commander No. 7, and W. B. Kinkead appointed E. C.; T. N. Wise, Gen.; and J. M. Tipton, C. G. During the years 1852 and 1853 the new Commandery added to its numbers thirty-five new members, and it now is probably third in size in the State. Its Eminent Commanders have been as follows: T. N. Wise, 1854-5-6; Samuel Reed, 1857; William C. Munger, 1858-9; T. N. Wise, 1860 to 1866 inclusive; J. M. Worrall, 1867-8; W. H. Gayle, 1869; Henry Bostwick, 1870 to 1873 inclusive; Henry Ranshaw, 1874-5; Geo. W. Lyon, 1876; J. P. Harbick, 1877 and J. J. Nigman, 1878. Their new Commandery rooms are centrally located, commodious, and fitted up with taste and elegance. No. 7 has a just right to be proud of what she has accomplished in less than a score of years. She has proven the wisdom of her institution by the faith she has exhibited in her works, which have been both fruitful and righteous.

MASONRY IN NEWPORT.

The Masonic Bodies of Newport are Robert Burns Lodge No. 163, Newport Lodge No. 358, Olive Branch Chapter No. 76, Jeffries Council No. 33, and Newport Commandery No. 13.

The first Masonic Lodge instituted in Newport was called the Licking Valley Lodge. It received its charter August, 1844, and remained in existence eleven years, surrendering its charter in 1855. Robert Burns Lodge received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in August, 1848, F. A. Miller being its first Master. In October, 1857, Newport Lodge No. 358, was chartered with William M. Smith, Master thereof. Olive Branch Chapter No. 76, was instituted Oct. 16, 1860, Rev. P. H. Jeffries, H. P. Jeffries Council No. 33, was instituted February 10th, 1860, Rev. P. H. Jeffries, Thrice Ill. G. M. presiding, he was continuously elected until July, 1874, when M. H. Lewis succeeded him until October, 1877, and then J. K. Rugg the present T. I. G. M. was chosen.

Newport Commandery No. 13, was instituted March 16th, 1869, upon petition of the following Sir Knights: C. R. Woods, Thomas Bardsley, Geo. H. Alcoke, M. Muggridge, Gilbert Truman, C. J. Brass, John Kline, H. D. Helm, John H. Barlow, George Ross, James Taylor, Jr., C. J. Jones, Charles R. Woods, Thomas Bardsley and Geo. H. Alcoke were appointed to the offices of Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General in the order named, by Rev. J. M. Worrall, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. In 1870, Thomas Bardsley was elected Eminent Commander, followed by W. H. Gayle in 1871-2. In 1873, J. H. Barlow was chosen and

re-elected in 1874. George E. Clingman was elected in 1875, but ceasing to be a resident of the state in May, D. G. Brumback served in that capacity the remainder of the year. In 1876, J. H. Bromwell was elected and served until March 17th, when he removed from the state and James Thomas became acting E. C. In 1877, Edward S. Runnells was chosen Eminent Commander and re-elected in 1878. The membership of all the Masonic Bodies of Newport is large and constantly increasing. Masonry seems to be in a flourishing condition there. The growth of Newport Commandery has been steady and healthy. It is probably the fifth in point of members in Kentucky.

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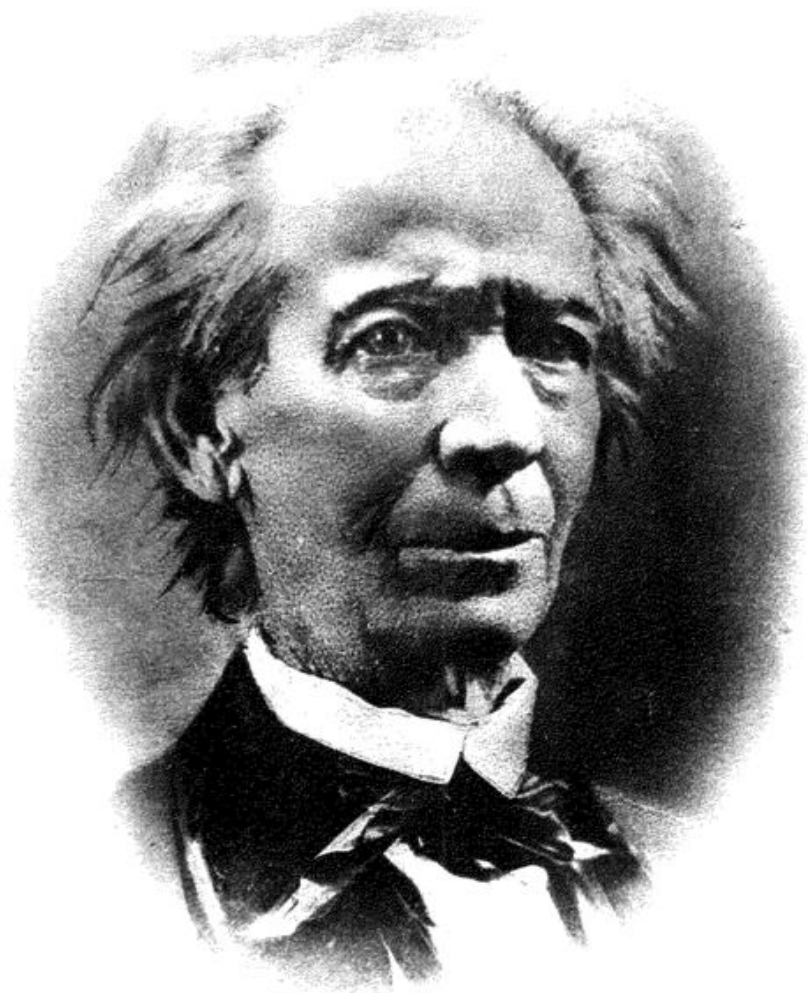
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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

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SAMUEL REED.



REED, SAMUEL, was born in Penn Yan, New York, September 19, 1797, and at his death, which occurred December 27, 1870, was upwards of seventy three years of age. In boyhood his parents moved to Olean, a town on the Alleghany river, near the head of navigation, and where the tide of emigration, westward and southwestward, first struck that long reach of waters that so conveniently carried them to their distant and new destinations. Here amid the formative influence of active and rough frontier life; in contact with the energetic and quick-witted people who laid the foundations of our western civilization, he received his early impressions and formed his youthful habits. His wit, his kindly disposition and his skill in music made him a favorite with the pioneers, who were often compelled to spend weeks at his father's house before they could get fairly off on their distant journey. When about eighteen he joined the westward bound stream of travel, and in the spring of 1819 we find him at Cincinnati, a place just above Cincinnati which was then expected to be the great city of this region. But in a little while, the same month of his arrival there, he accepted the invitation of a former friend of his father's, and came to Cincinnati to engage in the service of this gentleman, at such wages as he might choose to pay him. Soon he became master of business for himself; first selling groceries and plying a ferry boat across the Ohio, to Covington or Newport as the scattering travel might require.

About one year after his arrival in Cincinnati he was married to Miss Jane Miles, a native of Virginia, then residing in Cincinnati. She bore him eight children, five of whom named Eliza, Edwin O., Erastus R., George, and Caroline, lived to attain their majority. His wife was well suited to make him happy, and to help him in his rising fortunes. For thirty years this union remained unbroken and was then severed by death's relentless hand, her demise occurring July 11, 1855. After quitting the grocery and ferry business, he became engaged in the framing and gilding of looking-glasses, and was also in the lumber trade. His business capacity and honesty were unquestioned. In 1851 he removed to Covington, and spent the remainder of his life either in that city or vicinity.

Immediately on his coming into this city he gave his earnest attention to what was always dear to his heart, the progress of the interests of Free

Masonry. His connection with that order dating from the 14th of August, 1824, when he became a member of Miami Lodge, No. 46, located in Cincinnati. He was present at the time of the reception of General Lafayette by this lodge, when DeWitt Clinton of New York and other very distinguished Masons were there to do honor to the occasion. He was untiring in his efforts to stimulate each and every member to attend the meetings. He visited and united with the various bodies, and by his zeal and intelligence in all parts of its rituals, and its sublime lessons he gave a new life to its forms and a new force to its precepts. He instructed the young novitiate and the ignorant Master; he strove to give form and regularity to all their efforts for good, and through years of untiring and hopeful effort did more to build up the order in the city where he lived than any other one. He was one of the charter members of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, of which he remained an active member as long as he lived, and at the time of his death was its efficient secretary. He was secretary of several bodies for many years, and though past three score and ten he was a model secretary. Well versed in all the forms, he could write at once what the action of the body meant, whether well expressed or not by those propounding the action. Even at his time of life, a penman that for neatness might be a pattern for the most fastidious, and for cleanliness and distinctness, accuracy and order, one that could not well be equalled or surpassed. Withal there was a taste, painstaking in his work that made the record books illuminated volumes, while his memorials of departed brothers, are pictorial monuments of beauty and affection. He was frequently singled out and commended by name by the various grand bodies before whom his annual reports were presented, as a model of neatness, exactness and order. In whatever position in the Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery he was placed, he filled it to the satisfaction of all. As an instructor he had but few peers. He was elected during his long Masonic career to almost every position in the various bodies of which he was a member.

In 1838 he united with the Methodist Protestant Church of Cincinnati; and the scene witnessed that day in the church was an illustration of his peculiar character and directness of acting. He had doubtless been reflecting on the subject of religion, and his mind was fully convinced. That day, as he sat in church with his family, the communion of the Lord's Supper was being celebrated. Deeply impressed, no doubt, with the solemnity of the service, his heart being filled with the fullness of the great truths which his mind had already received, he rose at the close of the service, and standing erect in his place in the congregation, said to the minister of God, "I have long believed in the truth of the Christian religion, I believe in the great work of our Lord and Savior in offering himself for us on the cross, which you have just now been commemorating. I now want to come forward

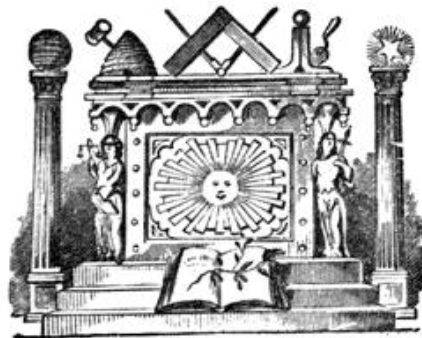
and openly profess this faith in this solemn service, if you will allow me, may I do it?" This unexpected address from the center of the congregation by the tall and impressive form of "Father Reed" in the days of his manliest vigor, may well be imagined to have produced a deep impression on all present. An eye witness says the effect could better be felt than described.

Mentally he was a man of far more than ordinary ability; in speaking and composition, remarkable for one with only a limited education. But in his powers of judgment and capacity of discerning the real point of a question, or the broad deep meaning of a lesson or a truth he was really wonderful, far in advance of many that have held the name of scholar or philosopher. But his great name is as a distinguished Mason. He often spoke of the early days of Masonry in Cincinnati, when his instructors were Calvin Washburn, Father Punshon and Elam P. Langdon, and his compeers W. H. Ragan, Jonas Jones, Joseph B. Covert, Jacob Ernest, Hanselman, J. D. Caldwell, Arva Wilson, etc. He was so much esteemed for his knowledge and understanding of the ritual and the principles of the order, that the Grand Lodge of Ohio regularly commissioned him as the Grand Lecturer for the instruction of the subordinate lodges throughout the State. The Grand Lodges of Indiana and Arkansas issued approvals of this appointment, and invited him to go through their jurisdictions in the same service. In this work it is astonishing how much he performed. His travels were thousands of miles; his addresses were unnumbered, and his initiations and degrees conferred, two or three hundred a year, for fifteen or twenty years. The letters of commendation, and resolutions of approval sent him for this work, from Grand Masters, Grand Lodges, Subordinate Lodges, conventions and distinguished individuals are numerous enough to fill a volume alone.

They give testimony to his great accuracy, his very earnest manner and his wonderful skill as an instructor. His power of illustration, and his action in teaching fascinated and fixed the lesson. His end was befitting his valuable and impressive life. The day that he loved best of all the marked ones of the year, was the 27th of December, the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. This patron Saint marked the transition of the religion of God's people from the old Jewish system to the full and open dispensation of grace under the reign of the Spirit after the coming, suffering and resurrection of our Messiah Lord. So there is a point in our mystic order where its beautiful teachings come out of the shadows of the Temple, and expands in the full light of Gospel truth. Brother Reed had passed through these degrees and lights, and came to rejoice in all the completeness of the lesson. So like John the Baptist, he pointed not to a coming Savior, but with John the Evangelist, he leaned upon his bosom or bowed at his cross, or proclaimed his revealed love and works. Hence to him the day that recalled the memory of that Saint was peculiarly dear. He wished that he might

die on that day, and so it was about one o'clock, just past the beauty and glory of day on the 27th of December, that he was "called from labor to refreshment" Eternal and Perfect. The members of the various Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies, of Covington, Newport and Cincinnati, together with many visiting brethren from neighboring cities in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, turned out in procession to pay a last tribute to the memory of their departed chief, for chief he was among the members of the mystic tie in the west.

The services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church on Greenup street. They were of a two-fold character, Rev. J. C. Harrison, Presiding Elder of the Covington District, conducting the religious part, and Rev. J. M. Worrall the Masonic ceremonies. Notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions of the weather, the funeral pageant was one of the largest and most impressive that ever took place in Covington, and was a fitting tribute to the mortal remains of one who is now a member of the Grand Commandery above.



HENRY KELLER.

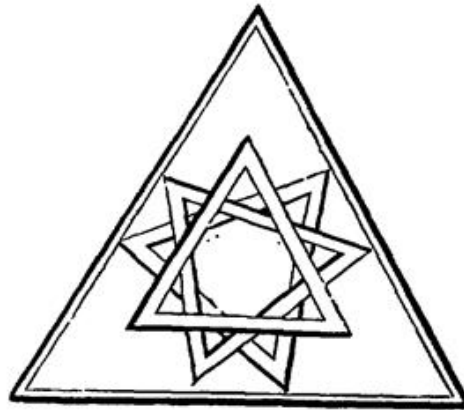


ELLER, HENRY, Tailor, Covington, Kentucky, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, August 22, 1820, and is a son of Jacob Keller, and Kittie (Rust) Keller. His parents were born, reared, and married, in the same place, and also died there. Their death occurred while Henry was quite young, which caused his care and custody to devolve upon an elder brother, who, in conformity with the laws of Germany, sent him to school from the time he was six years old, until he was thirteen. The schools of that country were then in a very flourishing condition, and consequently, he received a fair education. Immediately upon leaving school he was apprenticed to a tailor in Hesse Darmstadt, with whom he served two years. In 1836, being desirous of improving his worldly condition, he emigrated to the United States, crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. He landed at Baltimore, whence, with companions, he travelled in wagons over the Alleghany mountains to Steubenville, Ohio, where he entered the employ of a Mr. Thomas Brashears, a tailor. Serving with him two years, and finishing the acquirement of his trade, he went to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he found employment as a journeyman, and worked about six months. In 1839 he left that city, and came up the river to St. Louis, but failing to get work there, he returned to Steubenville, Ohio, and re-engaged with his former employer. In 1844, he commenced business in that city, on his own account, and carried it on until 1849, when he moved to Covington, Kentucky, where he has since resided, and pursued his avocation. He is an exemplary member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of that city.

He became a Mason in Steubenville, Ohio, in September, 1841, and was a member of Steubenville Lodge, No. 45. Eight years later he took the Chapter degrees in the same place, and upon his removal to Covington, Kentucky, dimitted to Covington Lodge, No. 109. In 1851 he took the Council degrees in Covington, and two years after, the Commandery degrees in the same city. He has remained an affiliated Sir Knight ever since, and is consequently, one of the oldest Templar Masons in Covington Commandery. He has filled every office in his Lodge, except those of secretary and treasurer; in his Chapter and Council has held the station and performed the duties of a Tyler; and in his Commandery, that of Captain of the Guard.

He was also Sentinel of his Commandery in 1854, 56, 57, and 60 ; and Senior Warden in 1859.

On the 17th day of December, 1844, he married Miss Margaret Gilkison, in Alexandria, Pennsylvania. She was a daughter of John and Jane Gilkison, of Jefferson County, Ohio. They have had nine children, named respectively, Clarkson T., George A., John D., Lida A., Henry T., William A., Margaret N., Archie, and John P. Of these children, Clarkson T. and John D. are dead. Clarkson died while a soldier in the late civil war, and John D. died in early childhood. The surviving children are all in daily attendance upon the Covington city schools. The family reside at No. 66 west Tenth street, Covington. While Bro. Keller's financial condition is not as flourishing as his friends would like to see it, he yet enjoys a comfortable living, and has the sincere respect and earnest good will of the community where he resides. In addition, his Christian walk of life gives him the assurance of a glorious immortality, and the inheritance of "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Need man crave more?



GEORGE KIVETT.



KIVETT, GEORGE, United States Gauger, was born in Indiana, June 25, 1833, and is one of a family of ten children, whose parents were Henry and Agnes Kivett. His father was a farmer by occupation and a native of North Carolina. He came to Indiana in the year 1812, and opened up a farm in the southern part of that State. He soon chased the panther, the bear, and the wolf from his door, and by dint of industry, skill, and perseverance, overcame those difficulties which always environ the settler in a new county. At the time of his emigration to Indiana, the war of 1812, between the United States and Great Britain, was at its zenith, and although generally depressing in its effects upon the interests of the country, was not so in regard to farming, for whatever the farmer could produce was in ready demand and sold at round prices. In these advantages, Mr. Kivett, of course shared, by virtue of his occupation. It was, however, his fortune, though a farmer, to have served his country in the contest. Prior to his removal from the old North State he had rendered a tour of duty, which proved the means of storing his mind with many incidents of a peculiarly interesting character, which it was his wont in after years, to narrate to his children, much to his own satisfaction and their edification. Ever a devoted husband, kind father, true friend, and a sincere Christian, his death, which suddenly transpired in 1851 from a virulent attack of cholera, was hailed with signs of universal sorrow and regret. His wife, whom he had married in Indiana, survived him twenty-five years, and died in October, 1876. Her death was as placid and happy as her life had been peaceful and serene. She was a native of Tennessee and had emigrated with her parents to Indiana in early age. In boyhood, George, the subject of our sketch, was trained for a farmer, but having no taste for that life, turned his attention to study and was preparing himself for college, when an elder brother interfered and obliged him to take charge of a saw-mill, and thus caused an entire change in his course of life, which proved so much a disadvantage to him in after years, that it has never since ceased to be a source of regret. Taking no interest in the saw-mill, and being possessed with a desire to travel, he started for Central America, but on arrival at New Orleans, concluded to change his destination to California on account of all vessels bound for Nicaragua being seized by Walker the Fillibuster, and the passengers

detained and forced to take up arms in his behalf. Avoiding these evils, he went to Havana, and there remained a few weeks, observing the customs and amusements peculiar to that people, after which, proceeding to Panama, he there witnessed the horrible massacre by the natives, of nearly all the California bound passengers. Escaping their fate, he reached the Golden State in safety, where he worked in the mines for three years, and then, becoming disgusted with that mode of life, started for home, going by way of Telmantepec, Mexico, overland to Minititland, thence by sea to New Orleans, and the balance of the route by river.

Visiting a brother residing in Rockport, Indiana, he there became interested in Masonry, and received the first three degrees of the order, subsequently taking the others, up to and including the thirty-second, at Covington, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio—the Capitular, Cryptic, and Encampment, in Covington, and the Scottish Rite in Cincinnati. Meanwhile, changing his residence from Rockport to Louisville, Kentucky, and thence to Covington, he also changed his Lodge membership to correspond, and is now a member of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, in Covington, as he is also of the Chapter, Council, and Commandery there. Since his initiation and advancement in Masonry, he has been a Warden, and a Sword Bearer in the Commandery, the duties of which offices are, in the first instance, to guard the door of entrance to, and preserve the security of the Encampment, and to otherwise act in the capacity of a Junior Deacon of a Symbolic Lodge; and in the latter, to assist in the protection of the banners of the order, and to receive and issue the commands of the Eminent Commander, seeing them promptly obeyed.

In the beginning of the late war, he was engaged in the Omnibus Transfer Line from Cincinnati to Covington, in which he continued about three years. In 1868 he bought an interest in a wholesale liquor house in Cincinnati, which went under the firm name of "Kivett, Davidson & Co., but the venture proving unsuccessful he withdrew, and commenced manufacturing coke in South Covington, at which he remained prosperously employed for five years, when, being stricken with severe illness, he sought a warmer and more congenial climate for recuperative purposes. During his absence the business languished, and upon his return, he closed it up and accepted the commission of a United States Gauger, in Covington, which he yet holds.

He was married, November 12, 1861, at Rockport, Indiana, to Miss Charlotte O. Ferguson, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, the nuptials being solemnized by the Rev. Stephen Ravenscroft. They have had one child, a son, who was born in 1863, and died in 1871. They are members of the Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Covington, and are living, to the best of their ability, in keeping with the great dual command, on which hang all the law and the prophets, namely, "*Love supreme to God, and to thy neighbor as thyself.*"

JOHN J. NIGMAN.



NIGMAN, JOHN J., Teacher, Covington, Kentucky, is a son of F. S. and Louisa Nigman. His father is a native of Ohio, and a farmer by occupation. His mother is a native of Kenton County, Kentucky. They are both still living and reside in Kenton County, Kentucky. John was born in Campbell County, October 5, 1843. They gave him a good education at the Walnut Hills Academy in his native county, where he underwent a full course of instruction. Qualified to teach, on leaving school, he assumed that vocation and has since permanently followed it. His first efforts were in Campbell County, but were subsequently continued in the counties of Kenton, Boone, and Montgomery. In 1870, finding an opening at Ludlow, Kentucky, he repaired there and taught for five years. In 1875 he changed his location to Covington, and took charge of the Second District School of that city, which position he yet fills. In 1866 it was his good fortune to be made a Mason by Newport Lodge, No. 358, and four years later to become a member of Covington Chapter No. 35, Royal Arch Masons. In 1871 he took the Commandery and in 1874 the Cryptic degrees of Masonry, and since receiving them, has remained a member of the bodies by which they were respectively conferred, to-wit; Covington Commandery No. 7, and Kenton Council No. 13. Convinced of the great benefit to mankind arising from the institution and propagation of secret societies generally, he several years since united with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and now occupies the position of a Past Master Workman in that organization. In Masonry he has filled the stations of Senior Warden of his Lodge; Captain of the Host in his Chapter; Principal Conductor of Works in his Council; and Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Captain General, and Generalissimo in his Commandery, and is now its Eminent Commander. In 1876-7 he represented his Commandery in the Grand Commandery of the State. Thus it is that having been properly wrought in the quarries, he has beautifully filled his mission in the Temple.

In 1868 he was married to Miss Lou. H. Rose, of Montgomery County, Kentucky. In his chosen calling Bro. N. has achieved more than ordinary success, and from his peculiar adaptability to it, and also from his thorough qualification for it, we do not hesitate to predict for him a life of great usefulness and eminent success. Deservedly high in public estimation, none but a brilliant future can possibly await him.

ROBERT G. M'DONALD.



MCDONALD, ROBERT G., Contractor, Builder, Salesman, and Merchant, Covington, Kentucky, is a son of William H. and Mary McDonald, and was born at Culpepper Court House, Culpepper County, Virginia, December 7, 1830. His parents were also natives of the same county and State, but emigrated to Kentucky when Robert was quite young. His mother is yet living and resides with him in Covington. His father died of cholera in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, in the year 1849. He was a merchant tailor and did a very successful business up to the time of his death. Robert received his education at Flemingsburg, where, during the last four years of his scholastic course, he attended the private seminary of Henry Maltby. Having expressed, in his youth, a strong desire to learn the carpenter's trade, he was permitted, after leaving school, to apprentice himself to Robert Nicholas, a carpenter and builder, at Winchester, Kentucky, with whom he served two years. He then enlisted in Captain Simm's Company, Third Regiment Kentucky Volunteers, for service in the war with Mexico. He was the youngest member of the regiment, being but sixteen years of age. The regiment was commanded by Col. Manlius V. Thompson, the major being John C. Breckinridge. After organization, the regiment went into camp at Louisville, Kentucky, where it remained several weeks, when it was ordered to proceed to Mexico by way of New Orleans. Upon arriving at Vera Cruz it came within the department of Gen. Scott, and at once took up its line of march for the city of Mexico, arriving there shortly after the surrender of the city. Remaining until after peace was proclaimed, it marched back to Vera Cruz and embarked for New Orleans, whence it was soon after transferred home and discharged. From the fact that the regiment did not arrive at the seat of war until after active hostilities had pretty much ceased, it failed to participate in any of the severe engagements that occurred between the forces of Generals Scott and Santa Anna. It did, however, while wending its way to the Mexican capital, enjoy the luxury of a few skirmishes with the enemy, in which a small number of greasers were made to bite the dust. These were incidentals, however, without essential results.

Soon after returning home, Robert went to Cincinnati, and finished learning his trade, at which he there continued engaged for a considerable

length of time. In the fall of 1851 he started for Natchez, Mississippi, but upon arrival found little or no encouragement to locate and soon left for Fayette, distant forty miles, where he established himself and remained until 1856. He then went to Springfield, Illinois, and entered into a partnership with a Mr. Richard Grubbs, with whom he carried on building for two years. Being then appointed deputy marshal for the city of Springfield, he accepted the position, and discharged the trust until 1862, when, his wife's health failing, he resigned his office and returned to Kentucky. He soon after engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors, and blinds, at Covington, conducting quite an extensive business, meanwhile contracting for and building many fine residences in and about that city, which now stand as monuments to his genius and skill. This enterprise lasted five years. Afterward he became a traveling salesman, first for the house of George Whittaker, and then for that of Goldsmith and Newburg. Leaving the employ of the latter concern, he entered the tobacco trade on his own account for two years.

In 1866, he was made a Mason by Newport Lodge, receiving the degrees as follows: the Entered Apprentice, July 11th; the Fellow Craft, September 26th; and the Master Mason, November 27th. These dates prove that due proficiency before advancement was an abiding sentiment with him. On the 15th of September, 1868, he was placed in legal possession of the Chapter, and on the 7th of October, 1869, the Commandery degrees. He is at this time, a member of Col. Clay Lodge, Covington Chapter, and Covington Commandery, all located in Covington, Kentucky. He has had the honor of serving Covington Commandery as Sword Bearer and Captain of the Guard. Ever vigilant, spirited, candid, generous, faithful, and valiant in the discharge of both his official and private duties, his record as an officer and a Sir Knight is most honorable.

February 25, 1849, he was married to Miss Anna M. Martin, daughter of William and Margaret Martin, residents of Maysville, Kentucky. They have three children, John W., Eddie E., and Mary L., all of whom were educated in the schools of Covington. The family reside at No. 135 Riddle street, in that city.



JOHN GRAY.



RAY, JOHN, Contractor and Civil Engineer, Covington, Kentucky, was born September 15, 1821, in Campbell County, Kentucky. His mother, Jane R. (Tarvin) Gray, was born in Kentucky, in the year 1803, and died in her native State, December 18, 1869. His father, Alanson Gray, was born in Sherbourn, Chenango County, New York, May 4, 1793, and died in Kentucky, November, 12, 1858. He was a farmer, also a bookkeeper, and at one time, a teacher in the common schools of Campbell County, Kentucky, where his son, John, attended, and received the greater part of his early instruction. After due preparation, John entered Woodward High School, at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he hoped to be able to graduate, but in his senior year, was necessarily withdrawn on account of ill health. His natural inclinations, and consequently his favorite studies, led him to the pursuit of civil engineering, to the thorough acquirement of which he steadily devoted himself, and in 1844, when twenty-three years old, he went to Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania, situated sixty five miles above Pittsburg, where he took charge of the Brady's Bend Iron Works, which employed about one thousand men in their railroads, mines, and shops. He remained at this place five years, and made the first T rails ever laid in Ohio or Michigan. After leaving Brady's Bend, he took an interest in a blasting furnace in operation at a point about sixty-five miles further up the Alleghany river. The next year he left there and went to Pittsburg to take charge of the construction of the Chartier's Valley Railroad, remaining until it was nearly completed, and then accepting an offer from the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad Company, he superintended the building of the bridges and masonry of that road. He resigned this position in June, 1853, the road being then completed. Coming to Cincinnati soon after, he contracted for and built the bridge over the Licking river from Newport to Covington, another at Tiffin, Ohio, and still another at Delaware, Ohio, all of which were suspension bridges. In 1855 he went to Nashville, Tennessee, and built a number of bridges in that vicinity, and also enlarged the water works of that city. He remained there until 1860, when he returned to Covington, and during the war of the Rebellion, especially in the years 1863-4, was extensively engaged in tobacco manufacturing. In 1866-7 he built a suspension bridge, costing

one hundred thousand dollars, at Hamilton, Ohio; in 1869, another bridge for Hamilton county, costing one hundred and five thousand dollars; in 1870-1 the Branch Hill suspension bridge, costing seventy-one thousand dollars, for Hamilton and Clermont Counties; in 1872 Gest Street Bridge at Cincinnati, costing one hundred and twenty thousand dollars; and in 1876 he completed five miles of the Flemingsburg and Pound Gap Railroad.

In 1855 he was made a Master Mason in Newport, Kentucky, and two years later, dimitted to a Lodge in Nashville, Tennessee, and there took the Chapter and Knight Templar degrees, becoming a member of Nashville Commandery, No. 1. In 1858 he became a member of Covington Commandery, No. 7. Although at times solicited to become a candidate for official honors in the various Masonic bodies with which he has been and is now affiliated, his numerous business engagements have hitherto prevented him from acceding to such requests. He has been, for about three years, a member of the City Council of Covington and one of the School Board of that city for about four years. He is also a member of the Methodist Church in Covington.

On the 22d of June, 1848, he married Miss Cynthia M. Raymond, at Brady's Bend, Pennsylvania, by whom he had two sons, Raymond C., and Samuel M., the latter dying in infancy. His wife's death followed soon after, occurring on the 28th day of March, 1854. December 2, 1856, he married Miss Sallie A. Tarvin, of Covington, Kentucky, who died August, 19, 1860. By this marriage he had two sons, George T., who is still living, and John, who died while an infant. February 12, 1862, he married his late wife's sister, Miss Bettie Tarvin, to whom were born five children, of whom, Eddie T., and Bettie T., are now living, the other three having died in early childhood. His third wife died November 12, 1870, and he was again married September 18, 1873; to Mrs. Addie Smith, a daughter of John Fagrindas, of Franklin, Venango County, Pennsylvania, and a widow, having two children named respectively, Lena J., and Sarah J. The family reside at No. 22 east Eighth street, Covington, Kentucky, and their home is a model of comfort and happiness. From early manhood, Bro. Gray has been actively engaged in business, and his success and prosperity have proved that he made a wise choice of his life pursuit, and has been the "right man in the right place," from the date of that choice. His work is all plumb, level, and square, and fully attests the master mechanic he is.

JULIUS F. GEDGE.



EDGE, JULIUS F., is a member of the firm of Lovell and Gedge, Tobacco Manufacturers, of Covington, Kentucky, where he was born March 21, 1852. His mother, Mary J. (Howell) Gedge, is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. His father, James C. Gedge, was born in London, England, and was the senior partner in the firm of James C. and W. H. Gedge, Tobacco Manufacturers in Covington, which was established about fifty years ago, by himself in company with his three brothers, W. H., C. H., and F. G. Gedge, and is now the oldest firm in the tobacco business in that city. Our subject was educated, principally in the public schools of Covington, and Cincinnati, Ohio, but was also a pupil, for a time, of Hon. A. M. F. Randolph, the present Attorney General of Kansas, who was then a resident of Covington, and conducted a private school there. Immediately after leaving school, Julius entered the office, and took charge of the tobacco manufactory, then conducted by his father and elder brother, where he has since remained employed. They make a specialty of the manufacture of the "Knight Templar" brand of chewing tobacco, the title of which was originally suggested by our subject long before he became a Sir Knight, as being appropriate to the superiority of the article, and in compliment to the excellence of the Order.

Looking upon Masonry as the true way of life, he became in the year 1876, a member of Golden Rule Lodge, and in the same year took the Chapter degrees and was made a member of Covington Chapter. In February, 1877, he took the Commandery degrees, and became a Sir Knight of Covington Commandery, No. 7. He is also connected with Trinity Episcopal Church of Covington. He is unmarried, and resides with his mother at No. 53 Front street, Covington. Though young, Bro. Gedge has proved himself a *business* man in every sense of the word. Prompt, thorough, energetic, and decided, he discharges the various duties of his responsible position most faithfully and competently, and the establishment is most ably represented by him at all times. In the long and useful life which probably lies before him, he is well calculated to add new lustre to the honorable name he bears. Since his father's death, which occurred January 19, 1878, the firm has been changed to Lovell and Gedge, who still carry on the business at the old stand.

WILLIAM C. MUNGER.



MUNGER, WILLIAM C., was born in Bergen, New York, on the 6th of August, 1820. When about one year old, his parents moved with him to Ohio. He subsequently, in 1841, moved to Covington, Kentucky, where he followed his trade of printer and publisher with varied success. In 1844 Mr. Munger became the partner of Mr. R. C. Langdon, in the publication of the Licking Valley Register in Covington, and was the junior editor until 1845, when it was sold to H. B. Brown, Esq. In 1845 and 1846 he published and was assistant editor of the "Masonic Mirror," a monthly magazine, owned in part we believe by Bro. Tal. P. Shaffner, of late years noted for his varied labors all over the world in the art of telegraphy. This enterprise not proving very remunerative, it was merged into the "Masonic Review," so ably edited ever since by Bro. Cornelius Moore, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was initiated in Covington Lodge, No. 109, January 22, 1844; passed February 22nd, and raised March 25th, of the same year. The following June he was elected Senior Deacon. He received the Chapter degrees in Maysville Chapter, No. 9; the R. A. being conferred upon him July 15, 1847. On the 18th of August following, he received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Cincinnati Council, R. and S. M., and was shortly afterwards one of the petitioners for a dispensation to form Covington Chapter, No. 35, and he was the first Recorder of Kenton Council, No. 13. But few of the present members of Covington Chapter are aware how much is due the deceased companion, Munger, for its very existence.

Covington Commandery, No. 7, has the honor of having conferred the Orders upon him; the Red Cross November 1, 1851, and the Knights Templar November 6, 1851. During the first fifteen years of his connection with the Masonic fraternity he never missed a meeting in any of the bodies, except when prevented by sickness or absence from the city. In 1859 he removed to Louisville, and followed his business with considerable success. He held various offices in the different Masonic bodies of which he was a member from 1844 to 1847, when he was appointed Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; was elected to the office of Worshipful Master June 24, 1850; to the office of High Priest July 23, 1858, and to the office of Eminent Commander December 10, 1857. On the 27th of

May, 1857, he was elected Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, and successively filled various grand offices in this Grand Body up to June, 1861, when he was elected R. E. Grand Commander. In June, 1862, he was elected Grand Recorder, an office of more honor than profit, which he continued to fill with marked ability until the day of his death. September 7, 1865, he was elected Grand Standard Bearer, and in 1868, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

In 1866, July 16th, Bro. Munger completed his Masonic Instructions by receiving the various Grades of the Ancient and Accepted Rite (Scottish Rite), in the Grand Consistory of Kentucky, as on that day he received the 32° Grade of S.: P.: R.: S.: which completed his Masonic investiture. These Grades always had in him a warm and faithful friend.

But it was in the order of Templars that he shone most brilliantly. This branch of Masonry was, we might say, his delight, and he was truly rewarded for his zeal, for the Order that honored him, he honored by an unflinching devotion to its great precepts, and closed a life well spent, on Thursday evening, February 5, 1874, after an illness of but a few days. His remains were followed to their last resting place in "Cave Hill Cemetery," Louisville, Kentucky, by a large Masonic attendance on the succeeding Sunday,

As Hiram sleeps—the widow's son,
Even so our brother takes his rest;
Life's battles fought, life's duties done,
His faults forgot, his worth confessed.



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LORENZO DOW CRONINGER.



CRONINGER. LORENZO DOW, Printer, Covington, Kentucky, is a son of Daniel and Catharine Croninger. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, but came to Ohio, before he had attained his majority. His mother was a native of Ohio. They are both long since dead, their demise having occurred in Northfield Township, Portage County, Ohio, where Lorenzo was born May 10, 1827, and where they carried on a farm for a goodly number of years. The residence of the family at this point was the means of their acquaintance with that eminent Mason, and eccentric preacher, Lorenzo Dow, who afterward became their warm personal friend and frequent guest. Bro. Dow was in the habit of visiting Cleveland at times, to deliver, as occasion required, one or more of those stirring, popular sermons, which made his name so famous, and which never failed to bring out a large concourse of intensely interested people. The Croninger homestead lay in his route as he journeyed thither, and consequently became his accustomed stopping place. Sojourning there over night, he would start ahead the next morning and reach Cleveland by the following evening. In this way he made his journey's end without undue fatigue, and gained time sufficient to arrange for whatever course of speaking he had previously determined upon. His visits to the Croninger family were never devoid of interest, for social converse with him was at all times a feast of reason and a flow of soul. On the occasion of one of his visits to this family, an incident occurred between him and our subject, which is worthy of especial mention. It transpired during a sugar-making season, and masonically speaking, it made a *lasting impression*. It was as follows: Bro. Dow got into a frolic with our subject, and in a sudden freak, caught him up in his arms and with the rapidity of thought tossed him into a large sugar kettle standing at the top of a hill near the family residence. The kettle, very unexpectedly, and by accident, careened and went rolling down the hill at a fearful velocity, with the lad in it, and despite all efforts to the contrary, did not stop in its course, until it had reached the bottom. In its descent he was considerably bruised and cut, which, of course, caused Bro. Dow much sorrow and regret. Should any one now wonder how Bro. Croninger came by that conspicuous scar on his face, it is only necessary to recall this incident. That scar is certainly not the mark of a

gridiron nor the work of a goat, as some of our uninitiated fellow-citizens have at times vainly imagined, for Masons never apply the gridiron to the face, and Bro. Croninger is by far too dexterous a rider to have allowed himself to be mutilated by a goat. Among his diversified recollections of this celebrated preacher, and they are many, he relates the following additional anecdote: On the ever memorable night of the year 1832, when the great meteoric shower, familiarly known as the falling of the stars, occurred, Bro. Dow was paying the family one of his usual visits. Our subject, having occasion to go out somewhat earlier in the morning than was customary, noticed the wild uproar in the heavenly regions. He at once rallied the household, the preacher with the rest, to behold the extraordinary scene. The neighbors, becoming aware of the commotion, came flocking to the house in great excitement, and Bro. Dow, believing with many that the end of the world was near at hand, fell to praying for all most inordinately. As morning broke, however, and nature's grand pyrotechnics faded to the view, the alarm sensibly abated, and reason became correspondingly reassured. The scene was most thrilling to be sure, but was not by any means a just cause of apprehension. It remained a source of wonder and a subject of conversation for years afterward. Of this worthy man, it is proper for us to say that he was no less an earnest Mason than a sincere Christian. He was faithful where others were faithless. It is stated for a fact, and its truth we do not doubt, that during the dark days of the Morgan excitement and persecution, he was once upon a time beset by a wild, hooting, anti-masonic rabble, who followed him to the very threshold of a Masonic Lodge, and that, as he gained the door of entrance, having previously maintained an unbroken silence, he contemptuously turned upon his heel, and said to the yelping, snapping pack of curs, "Ye know not what ye do, whither I go, ye can not come." He thereupon passed in and left the vulgar crowd of malcontents to vent their impotent rage upon the empty air. He was a noble specimen of the perfect Ashler, and knew full well how to relieve his sails, at any time, of an ill blast of anti-masonic wind, and not unfrequently did it. He died universally regretted.

" His was a life of mystic birth,
The square, the plumb, and level too—
He prized them highly, while on earth,
And named them in his last adieu."

Peace be to his ashes, and may his memory ever remain green in the recollections of that mystic brotherhood he loved so well and for which he did so much. It is the happiness of Bro. Croninger to bear his name, and to verify by his own personal acts, the propriety of its bestowal.

The parents of our subject having died while he was quite young, his

schooling was necessarily limited to a very brief period. It did not extend beyond six months. While at school he had a Webster's Spelling Book, from which some of the leaves were torn. The missing words were written out and pasted to a shingle, and the shingle made to serve the double purpose of teaching him from, and whipping him with. He says he learned the words from the shingle much more rapidly than those from the book. It is not doubted. After his mother's death he was taken by an uncle to Sharon Township, Medina County, Ohio, where he remained until his uncle's death, which occurred in 1840. After that, other relatives took him to near Wooster, Wayne County, Ohio. He worked for them through the summer and fall, when, winter coming on, he was told by them that his services were no longer required, and was turned adrift with four quarts of hickory nuts and two yards of flannel, for his pay. Shouldering his little bundle the poor boy started on foot for Massillon, Stark County, Ohio, distant about thirty miles. Arriving there, he accidentally met his oldest sister, who was living in the family of a Mr. Keith, a prominent lawyer. That meeting may be regarded as providential, for the boy did not know that his sister was living in Massillon. By his sister's advice, he chose Mr. Keith for his guardian, and by him was bound for seven years, to Messrs. Loose & Worstall, Publishers of the Massillon Gazette, to learn the printer's trade. It was stipulated in the indenture, that he should have two year's schooling during the time, and fifty dollars per year for his services. At the end of five years the firm became insolvent, owing him one hundred and fifty dollars. He neither got the two years' schooling nor the one hundred and fifty dollars.

He then determined to go to Wheeling, but having no money, was obliged to walk. Failing to get employment there, he worked his passage to Cincinnati, on a steamboat. When he landed in that city, he had, all told, six cents, three of which he invested in peanuts, and with the other three paid his ferriage to Covington, where he has lived ever since, with the exception of three years spent in California. He obtained his first employment in Covington with William C. Munger, Publisher of the Masonic Review. Afterward he was in the service of Nettleton N. Finnell, father of Col. John W. Finnell of that city. Mr. Finnell was, at the time, publishing the Licking Valley Register. Bro. Croninger remained in Covington, working at his trade until 1850, when he was seized with the California fever. Going to New York he took passage for Chagres, the trip occupying seven days. It was the rainy season when he arrived there, and the journey up the river and across the Isthmus of Darien to Panama was as unpleasant as sleeping on the wet ground, and a lack of comforts could make it. Arriving at Panama, he found a Masonic Lodge in existence there, which always held its communications while the California steamers were in port, as among the passengers were usually many members of the fraternity. The civil authorities

of the city were under the dominion of the Catholic priesthood, and had interdicted the holding of Masonic communications, hence the Lodge was very secret in its place of meeting. At the time Bro. Croninger was there, it was held in the fourth story of an adobe building. No lights were allowed about the stairways leading to the hall on Lodge nights; and no singing while the Lodge was engaged in work. All was silence, secrecy, and circumspection, for on these depended the safety of the assembled brotherhood. It often happened that passengers were delayed in port for a week or more, and during the time the Lodge would meet every evening and work in the various degrees. Americans, Germans, Spaniards, and French were alike initiated, each receiving the degrees in his own language. Leaving Panama, the trip to San Francisco occupied forty-two days including the stop at Accapulco for coal. Landing at the foot of Pacific street in the Golden City, he started up that thoroughfare, and had proceeded about a square and a half, when he came upon the novel and exciting spectacle of the bodies of five burglars suspended from a beam projecting from the roof of a one story frame building, where they had been hung by the Vigilance Committee, for thieving. His first meal in California, cost him five dollars. In a few days he went to Stockton, going up the Tuolumie river on one of the steamers plying upon that stream. On reaching Stockton, he found it, with the exception of a few buildings, reduced to ashes, from a fire which had occurred the evening before his arrival. From that place he proceeded to Sonora, to search for the precious dust, where he remained about a year and a half, but without bettering his condition, as he was forced to live very uncomfortably, and had hard work to secure enough of the "yellow stuff" with which to pay his expenses. He was one of nine Masons to institute a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the second one in the State here, obtaining the charter from Washington, D. C., the fees for degrees being fixed at five hundred dollars, and the monthly dues at five dollars, all payable in gold dust, currency at that time being rarely used for trade or other purposes. The petitions for initiation numbered thirty-six at the start.

Leaving Sonora, he next went to Yankee Hill, where he remained six months, meeting with but moderate success, and also with the misfortune of being poisoned, while digging for gold, which greatly impaired his ability for labor. Somewhat discouraged, he returned to San Francisco and went thence to Sacramento, and from there to Downieville. On his way to the latter place he passed over the first range of the Sierra Nevada mountains, where, in places, the snow lay forty feet deep. At Downieville, his first real success in mining began, and he became President and Secretary of the Cayota Mining Company which was engaged in Tunnel and River mining. Here, his masonic interest induced him to visit the fraternity. They held their Lodge communications in the upper room of a two story clabboard

building, the lower story of which was occupied as a gambling saloon. The Lodge was called Mountain Shade Lodge, No. 18. Its sessions were held from Saturday night to Sunday night, due notice of which would be given, from time to time, in the saloon below. And as the custom of the miners was to quit work at 12 o'clock on Saturday, the Lodge would convene and open in form at 4 P. M. of that day for their benefit. At this communication, petitions would be received, candidates balloted for, and business matters generally attended to; after which, the Lodge would be called off to reconvene at 1 to 8 P. M., when more business would be transacted, degrees conferred, and then a call off until 10 P. M., take place. On Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, the Lodge would again come together and work for two or three hours, and then call off until 4 P. M., after which it would close in form until its next regular communication. The price charged for degrees was one hundred dollars; the dues being five dollars per month; all payable in gold dust. Notwithstanding these high figures, the Lodge Treasury did not often contain surplus funds, as the frequent applications from brothers in distress kept it nearly drained. On one occasion, at the closing of a Sunday afternoon session, two cows, laden with feather beds, and accompanied by a man and woman with two children, appeared coming up the street near the hall. The family were in distress, and the man being tested and recognized as a brother, they were at once relieved, and sent on their way rejoicing. Bro. Croninger remained at Downieville over one year, acquiring means enough in that time to justify him in returning home. He took passage, October 16, 1853, on the steamer Sierra Nevada, for Panama, and reached Covington in the following month. From the savings of his mining gains, he had already remitted funds to the amount of three thousand dollars, per Wells & Fargo's Express, to William C. Munger at Covington, Kentucky, with which to purchase the printing office of Walter Gregory in that city. The price agreed upon for this office was five thousand dollars, and he had given his notes for the remaining two thousand. After the sale had been made, but before he had returned home, the office was burned down. The fire occurred May 12, 1852. Soon after his arrival in Covington, he, in company with his partner, Mr. Munger, met Mr. Gregory, who pleasantly demanded the money due on the notes, and then immediately tore them in pieces, saying, "Your faithful services, formerly rendered, cancel these notes." Bro. Croninger remained in partnership with Mr. Munger in the printing business, in Covington, until 1859, when they opened another office in Louisville, Kentucky, of which Mr. Munger took charge. This venture proving unsuccessful in 1862, Bro. Croninger then bought out Mr. Munger's interest and has since carried on the business alone, at Covington, Kentucky.

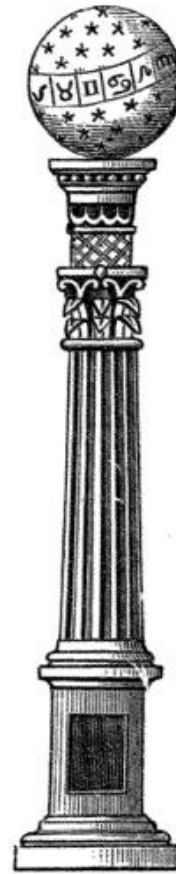
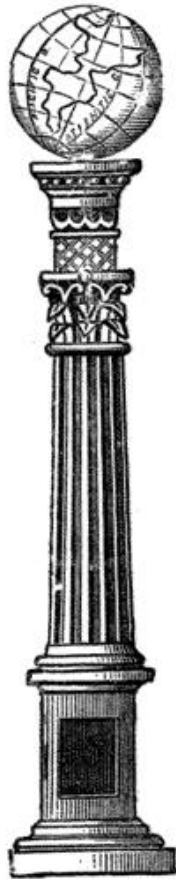
In the year 1848, he was made a Mason and at the same time became a

member of Covington Lodge, No. 109, which then held its meetings in the upper room of a building now occupied as a rectifying establishment, on Lower Market space between Scott and Market streets. The Lodge was tyled by Bro. Joseph Kirkpatrick and his big Newfoundland dog, the Tyler frequently acting as Senior Deacon while the dog guarded the outer door. The station of Worshipful Master was occupied by Dr. T. N. Wise, who was assisted by Bro. John P. McLaughlin as Senior Warden, and Bro. William C. Munger, as Junior Warden. In this Lodge, Bro. Croninger received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, but that of Master Mason was conferred at an improvised Lodge held in Covington, under the supervision of a committee of ten, composed of one member from each Congressional district, who had been appointed for the purpose of uniforming the work of Blue Lodge Masonry in Kentucky. On this occasion, Bro. Thomas Ware, of Cynthiana, the committeeman for the Covington district, presided, delegates being present from nearly every Lodge in the district. On the 21st of February, 1849, he took the Capitular degrees in Covington Chapter, being one of the original petitioners for the same at its institution. He was made a Royal and Select Master May 2, 1851, in Kenton Council No. 13, being also one of the twelve or fifteen original petitioners on the strength of whose applications the Council was organized. In 1853 he received the Orders of Knighthood in Covington Commandery No. 7. He has filled all the various offices in the Lodge, Chapter, and Council, as well as many of the subordinate positions in the Commandery. He was elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, in 1874, and is still serving in that capacity. He was also elected Grand Recorder of High Priesthood of the State of Kentucky in 1874 and has ever since, and is still serving in that capacity. He was elected Grand Puissant of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Kentucky, 1876. He has been for many years and is still Treasurer of his Commandery and Lodge. He is also an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

For six years Bro. Croninger held the office of Chief Engineer of the old Covington Fire Department. This was previous to the use of the steam fire engines, and he also held the same office for two years after their introduction. In 1875, he was elected to fill a vacancy from the first ward in the city council, and in 1876 was re-elected to that body for the term of two years. He was married November 8, 1855, to Miss Sarah A. Hayt; daughter of Edward H. and Sarah Hayt. Eleven children have resulted from this union, viz: Sallie, Clara, Ida, (who died November 9, 1862), Lorenzo D., Angie, Edward H., Charles M., Richard H., Josephine, Georgetta W., and Clifford. The family are living in very enjoyable circumstances now.

Concluding this sketch we can not help remarking how buoyant and

cheerful has been the disposition evinced by Bro. Croninger through all the vicissitudes and hardships of his chequered life. Accepting fortune's frowns without complaint, and partaking of her favors without ostentation, he seems ever to have been pursuing the even tenor of his way, conscious that the Divine promise, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," is a consideration above all earthly things.



RICHARD HENRY RAMSAY.



RAMSAY, RICHARD HENRY, Public School Trustee, and Secretary of various Masonic bodies, is the son of Joseph B. and Elizabeth L. Ramsay, and was born in Edgfield District, South Carolina, December 6, 1840. He acquired an ordinary education at the Public Schools of Augusta, Georgia, whither his parents had removed, when he was quite young. On the 25th of April, 1861, he came to Covington, and made it his permanent home. On the 13th of June, 1865, he was made a Master Mason in Col. Clay Lodge, No. 159, at Covington, and has since taken all the Masonic degrees up to that of Knights Templar, inclusive. He is now a member of Col. Clay Lodge, as he is also of Covington Chapter, No. 35, Royal Arch Masons; Kenton Council, No. 13, Royal and Select Masters; and Covington Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar. He is secretary of all these bodies, and has been so since the year 1870, when first chosen.

In addition to his Masonic connections, he is also a member of the Ancient Order United Workmen and likewise of the Independent Order United Workmen.

Since 1872 he has been a member of the Covington School Board, taking an active part in all the educational affairs of the city.

On the 23rd of April, 1861, he was married to Miss Elizabeth E. daughter of William Belt, Esq., of Wilmington, Delaware, by Rev. Charles Hill. The union has been blessed by two children named, respectively, Augusta G. and William J., both of whom are attending the city schools.

On the 12th of October, 1874, his beloved mother died at Augusta, Georgia, aged fifty-seven, leaving his father still surviving. He resides at Augusta and follows the occupation of a bookkeeper. Mr. Ramsay is a young man of good personal appearance, of fair business qualifications, and occupies a position in society which has real worth for a basis. Unobtrusive in his manner, and always putting the best construction on the motives of others, he has gathered about him a host of friends whose esteem is only measured by the sterling qualities of his own heart and mind. Nature has pre-eminently stamped him—"a good man and true."

NICHOLAS M. JOHNSTON.



JOHNSTON, NICHOLAS M., Railroad Agent, Cincinnati, Ohio, is a son of James W. and Elizabeth (Arrowsmith) Johnston, and was born in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky, March 17, 1839. His father was a druggist, and a native of Pennsylvania. His mother was a Kentuckian. They are both dead. His father died in June, 1852, in Cincinnati, Ohio, whither he had removed with his family from Kentucky several years before. His mother died in Newport, Kentucky, in March, 1863, whither she had gone from Madison, Indiana, where her home had been for a length of time after her husband's death. The education of Nicholas was dispensed at different points, which arose from a change of family residence. These were Maysville, Kentucky; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Madison and Indianapolis, Indiana. At Maysville, he received primary instruction in a private school taught by Ex-Governor Fisk; at Cincinnati he availed himself, for several years, of the advantages afforded by the intermediate department of the public schools; at Madison he attended the high school and pursued an advanced course of study for several months; and at Indianapolis, where he closed his school career, he was a pupil of Prof. Robert Lang for about one year.

After that, he entered business life, by becoming a clerk in his brother's store in Cincinnati, where he remained until he had secured a position as clerk on a steamboat running in the Ohio river trade. Finding in this employment that excitement and variety of life so peculiarly suiting to his vivacious nature, he continued his engagement here for about three years. Then, being impelled by a desire to learn something more of Southern character, and ways and habits in matters of life and business than he had yet seen, he went to New Orleans and recommenced the same kind of employment on a steamboat plying in the Red river trade, holding the position until the breaking out of the late civil war. He then entered the Confederate Transportation Service and continued so employed up to the capture of Memphis, June 6, 1862. In the fall of that year he returned to Cincinnati, and was again soon occupied in the river trade running between that city and Madison, Indiana. Two years later he engaged in the steamboat agency business with his brother George in which they jointly continued for a little over a year, when he became the General Freight Agent of the Memphis and Cincinnati Packet Company. In 1868, he turned his attention

to railroading and since has steadily pursued that line of business with very good results.

In 1864 he was made a Mason and became a member of Newport Lodge, No. 358, Ancient York Masons, at Newport, Kentucky, and somewhat later advanced to and received the Capitular and Cryptic degrees in Olive Branch Chapter and Jeffries Council of that city. On the 22d of April, 1869, he took the Templar Order of Knighthood in Covington Commandery, No. 7, and subsequently served as Warder and Sword Bearer of the same. He was a most indefatigable officer in the discharge of the duties imposed by these important trusts. As Sword Bearer, he wielded his mystic blade with an ardor that proved his thorough devotion to those grand principles, which a Masonic Faith, a Masonic Hope, and a Masonic Charity only, could symbolize and inspire. And yet, while he made justice his guiding star in the discharge of his every Masonic duty, he never lost sight of the fact, that justice is an obligation imposed upon humanity, by an All-wise Providence, to be dispensed only with a due degree of mercy. To him, as to every true and courteous Sir Knight, the Banner of the Cross presented an embodiment of vital truth, for the maintenance of which, life itself were but a poor surrender. He guarded that Banner with a pious solicitude, and when relieved of his trust, left it untarnished to other worthy and valiant hands for defense and perpetuation. Its beautiful folds yet flutter in the breeze, and as of yore, yet catch the first rays of the rising sun, and flash back to the instructed eye, but to such eye only, an array of symbolisms that conveys many an important Masonic lesson. It still is, as it has ever been, a sign of terror to the infidel host. Bro. J. has also creditably served in various important offices in his Lodge and Chapter.

He is now a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and was, while a resident of Newport, a member of the Board of Education of that city for two years.

On the 24th of October, 1865, he was married to Miss Zulette M. Coppin, daughter of Edwin and Melissa Coppin, of Newport. One child, Clara Louise, is living, the other, Bettie Ringo, being dead. The family, at present reside in Cincinnati. Bro. J. is a man of pleasing address and courteous manners, and as a consequence has won for himself a large circle of friends.



THOMAS C. WESTFALL.



WESTFALL, THOMAS C., Commission Tobacco Warehouseman, is a son of Levi and Sarah (Cannon) Westfall, and was born in Carroll County, Ohio, December 14, 1832. He is a partner in the house of Brooks, Waterfield & Co., who do business at Nos. 95, 97, and 99 west Front street, Cincinnati. His father was a native of New Jersey and born in 1792; his mother, of Virginia, and born in 1804. They are both dead. His mother died in 1848; his father in 1871. His father through life, was an agriculturalist, to which calling Thomas himself was inured until about sixteen years of age, when he was sent to the seminary at Mount Union, Stark County, Ohio, to further perfect an education already begun in the schools contiguous to his home. At the seminary his chief instructor was Prof. O. N. Hartshorn, a graduate of Alleghany College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, who was not only a most able and thorough teacher, but an accomplished and agreeable gentleman as well. He was the principal of the institution. Here, Thomas' attendance was limited to the summer terms, and he paid for his instruction himself, out of proceeds realized by teaching country schools in the winters. To this course he was impelled by a most commendable pride—by a pride based on a desire to acquire such complete self-reliance as to enable him to carve his own way through life without undue assistance from others. In this he has succeeded, and succeeded well. After teaching for some time in Stark County, he was offered a school at Augusta in his native county, whither he repaired and taught for eight months, at the expiration of which time, having some surplus cash on hand, he concluded to go West on a prospecting tour, to ascertain if it presented any greater advantages for money making than existed where he was then residing. A six weeks trip satisfied him to the contrary. He returned home, and, with a view to further teaching, determined to more completely qualify himself by a yet more thorough and radical education. Accordingly he entered Alleghany College on a scholarship held and furnished by his father. He was in attendance there from the spring of 1856 to the fall of 1858, when he bore off the college honors, and went to Mason County, Kentucky, where he taught in the Franklin Seminary until 1862, at which time the excitement of the war having so decreased the number of pupils in

charge as to render a further tutorship in the seminary undesirable, he resigned his position, much against the wishes of the trustees, and went to Minerva in the same county and opened a store in connection with Capt. James Whipps as partner. Continuing this association about two years, he bought out the interest of Capt. Whipps and carried on the store by himself until June, 1866, when he closed out. During the years 1864-5, he received tobacco in the way of trade, and thus gained a knowledge of it and its traffic. In 1866, induced by the solicitations of Mr. Henry Worthington of Cincinnati, he came to that city and was employed by the firm of Wilcox, Power & Co., to travel for them with samples of leaf tobacco, to advertise and enlarge their trade among manufacturers of fine-cut. While thus engaged he visited every cutting house in the United States. It proved a most successful venture for the house employing him. In 1869 he became a dealer in leaf tobacco, conducting the business until 1873, when he entered into his present prosperous partnership with Brooks, Waterfield & Co., already alluded to in the opening of this sketch.

In 1859 he became a Mason and at the same time a member of Germantown Lodge, No. 207, at Germantown, Kentucky, and upon his removal afterward to Minerva, dimitted therefrom to Minerva Lodge, No. 116, of which, in 1863, he was the Worshipful Master, going to Maysville, Kentucky, to receive the Past Master degree in order to qualify for the position. From 1871 to 1875 he took his Chapter, Council, and Encampment degrees in Covington, and upon his change of residence from Minerva to Covington, dimitted from Minerva Lodge to Col. Clay Lodge in Covington, of which he was the Senior Deacon during the year 1876. For the past five years he has been Chairman of the General Finance Committee of all the Masonic bodies in that place.

On the 24th of December, 1871, he was married to Miss Kate Harget, of Dover, Mason County, Kentucky, who was one of his pupils while teaching at Minerva. She is a daughter of H. A. and Elizabeth Harget, then of Dover, but now of Covington. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John M. Worrall, well known in Masonic circles both as an eloquent preacher and also a Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. They have two children, Florence E. and Sarah L. Their residence is No. 19 east Third street, Covington. It is evident from what we have sketched that Bro. W. is a man of sagacity, good judgment, thorough industry, and great independence of spirit, and that any extended comments by us in delineation of his character would be but words wasted and time thrown away. Therefore, concurring in the sentiment expressed by L'Estrange, as justly applicable to his case, that "'Tis better that a man's own works, than that another man's words should praise him," we dismiss the subject

WILLIAM H. MAYBERY.



MAYBERY, WILLIAM HENRY, Merchant, etc., is a native of Covington, Kentucky, and the son of Richard and Susannah Maybery of that city. He was born October 2, 1846, and at suitable age was sent to the public schools in Covington, which he attended until he had mastered all the most important branches of a general education and fitted himself for the stern and active duties of life, when he was permitted to leave and engage as clerk in the store of Maybery Brothers, Covington, where he still abides, though not in the capacity in which first employed.

Soon after his engagement with Maybery Brothers, he gave undeniable proofs of good business capacity and by his general urbanity, his tact, and his skill in the management of the commercial affairs of the house, made himself so important a factor, and so won upon the good will of his employers, that they determined eventually to admit him as a partner, which was accordingly done, and which he yet remains.

The business of the house consists chiefly in the sale of books, stationery, and wall paper, and is conducted upon the cash system and under the sure winning motto of "small profits and quick sales." It is the largest business of its kind in the city, and notwithstanding the stringency of the times shows no visible effect of the pressure. With a most excellent credit, ample capital, and a vigorous trade, there is no reason why this house should not go on prospering and to prosper for years to come. In fact it can not do otherwise.

Bro. Maybery, for such he is in the true sense of the term, was made a Master Mason in Covington Lodge, No. 109, May 1, 1869; a Royal Arch Mason in Covington Chapter, No. 35, October 14, 1870; a Royal and Select Master in Kenton Council, No. 13, April 6, 1871; and a Knight Templar in Covington Commandery, No. 7, February 9, same year. Obeying the precept that every brother "should belong to some Lodge and be amenable to its provisions," he has never ceased his connection with any of these bodies. Finding him the right man in the right place, Covington Lodge was not long in calling him to the duties of the southeast. She made him her secretary for the years 1869-70. And need it be asked, did he perform these duties with that fervency and zeal which is according to the freedom

wherewith he was well clothed? He did, and the duties were precise. They required promptitude, punctuality, correctness, judgment, regularity, integrity, and fidelity for their proper discharge. *Promptitude* in issuing the notifications and orders of the superior officers of the Lodge; *punctuality* in attending the meetings; *correctness* in recording the proceedings; *judgment* in discriminating between what is proper and improper to be written; *regularity* in making the annual returns to the Grand Lodge; *integrity* in accounting for all moneys paid in; and *fidelity* in handing the same over to the treasurer. These duties no secretary ever performed with more exactitude and better grace, than did Bro. Maybery.

Yet young in years, of pleasing address, good personal appearance, steady habits, active temperament, and talent enough to conduct any business however difficult, we predict for him a brilliant future and an abundant success, always provided he lays off the "bachelor" and assumes the "benedictine" order of things, and—obeys the Divine injunction.



LLEWELLYN N. CRIGLER.



CRIGLER, LLEWELLYN N., is a Wholesale Liquor Dealer and distiller, and one of the proprietors of the Buffalo Springs Distillery, located in Scott County, Kentucky, and having its office and salesroom at No. 7 Pike street, in Covington. His partner is Alfred R. Mullins, Esq., whose sketch is also given in this volume. His mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth J. Tanner, was a native of Kentucky. His father, a Virginian by birth, owned and cultivated a flourishing farm near Burlington, Boone County, Kentucky, where Llewellyn was born December 10, 1841, and where he lived until he arrived at man's estate. During boyhood, he attended, in winter time, the township school in his neighborhood, and worked on the farm in the summer seasons. He also spent one year at Whitehaven Academy, and so appreciated and improved this opportunity that he qualified himself to teach. After leaving the academy he became a teacher, and continued in that vocation about two years, when upon reaching his majority he commenced partnership with H. Tanner in a store at Milan, Indiana, where he remained about one and a half years. In 1864 he removed to Lexington, Kentucky, and opened a dry goods store, which he conducted three years. Trade becoming somewhat dull, he concluded to go to Lebanon, Kentucky, but finding competition too strong there, went thence to Lawrenceburg, Anderson County, Kentucky, and starting his store, reaped abundant success for four and a half years, but thinking that the whisky trade presented greater facilities for acquiring money, he traded his stock of goods for a quantity of new whisky. This he stored away, and obtaining a situation as salesman in wholesale hat house in Cincinnati, Ohio, remained thus employed for two years, at the end of which time he formed a partnership with his present associate, Mr. Mullins, and invested his whisky as so much capital in the house, and thereby formed the nucleus of what has since proven to be a very prosperous business.

In 1865, while merchandising in Lexington, Kentucky, he received the first two degrees in Masonry, in Lexington Lodge, No. 1; and at Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, in 1869, was raised to the third degree in Anderson Lodge, No. 90. On change of residence to Covington, Kentucky, he dimitted to Col. Clay Lodge, No. 159, and became a member of the same. He

subsequently took the Chapter, Council, and Commandery degrees in Covington, the latter in 1876.

Bro. Crigler is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a contributor to its support and its various benevolent projects. He is of an active, energetic, temperament, pleasing address, and good personal appearance. He already holds a good financial position in business circles, and has very encouraging prospects of continued and increasing success.

December, 13, 1865, he married Miss Mary E., daughter of Jacob H. and Adeline (Peyton) Hostetter, of Fayette County, Kentucky, their nuptials being solemnized by Rev. Dr. Matthews. Five children have been born to them, only three of whom are living, viz., Robert L., Wallace P., and Jacob L. Those who are dead were named L. D., and Rosa. The family residence is at No. 24 Robins street, Covington.



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FOUNTAIN PERRY.

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PERRY, FOUNTAIN, in early life had the title of Commodore in the South. Until and after his death, was known as Squire Perry, because he had held the office of magistrate. In the beginning of his business career, he sent flat-boats to New Orleans, (may have been why he received the sobriquet of commodore, then), loaded with flour, bacon, etc. Afterwards, he traded and speculated in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Vicksburg and Natchez; at the latter place he finally located, and went into partnership, as a speculator, with Col. James Foster, a wealthy and influential citizen, a member of the Mississippi Legislature, and whose wife was a cousin of Fountain Perry. Of fine physique, genial manners, upright and honorable in all his acts, he made many warm and influential friends; and was a great favorite in the best society; here he continued several years, with much success. After leaving the South he bought a farm in Campbell, since Kenton County, Kentucky, and became a farmer, to which pursuit he was greatly attached. He loved trees, both shade and fruit, and devoted to them much care and time, deriving genuine enjoyment in cultivating the latter.

His father was Capt. Robert Perry; his mother, Elizabeth Huston. His father was born in Culpepper County, Virginia, in 1772; his mother was born at Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, in 1778. They were married in Fayette County, near Lexington, Kentucky, in 1797. Both long since dead; they had a nice home near Dry Creek, Kenton County, Kentucky, 'twas here the mother died first, September 19, 1855, of paralysis, aged seventy-seven; the following winter the house caught fire from a defective flue, and burned to the ground. Capt. Robert Perry, died on April 6, 1856, at the residence of his son Huston Perry, near the Dry Creek neighborhood, of general debility, aged eighty-four years. Fountain Perry's father so much resembled Gen. Andrew Jackson in his manners and personal appearance, that once when going to Washington City by stage—'twas before railroads—to attend to matters pertaining to his government business, he stopped enroute, at a hotel where Jackson was in the habit of putting up—the landlord and all the rest thought he was Jackson traveling incog.—to avoid so much attention, as he was very popular. Capt. Perry, of course gave his own name, but they would not believe him, and in defiance of his

denial and protestation he was given and *made* to take the room that Gen. Jackson always occupied ; and they insisted upon, and did pay him every attention that " Old Hickory " himself would have received.

Fountain Perry's paternal grandfather was Roderick Perry, a native of Louisa County, Virginia, who married Jane Randolph, of the old Randolph family of Roanoke in that State, who were related to the celebrated Indian Princess, Pocahontas. He, Roderick Perry, moved from Louisa County to Culpepper County, Virginia, and several years after to Scott County, Kentucky, and settled on Cane Run, before Wayne's Campaign against the Western and Northern Indians. Fountain Perry's maternal grandmother, was Jane Steele of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, who married Robert Huston of same place. The Steele family were of Irish decent, their father being a near descendant of Sir Richard Steele of Ireland. When Kentucky was yet an unbroken wilderness, Richard Steele and wife, his two sisters, Mary Lytle, and the above mentioned Jane Huston with their husbands and families, left Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, for this wilderness, for the purpose of making a home in it. They gave up good homes, good schools, good churches—they were Presbyterians—these families moved down the Ohio river in a flat-boat, steamboats were then unknown, and were in constant danger of Indians. They landed on Corn Island at the Falls of the Ohio, and there built a fort, and stayed two years ; at the end of that time, they, with other families who had joined them, went out on Bear Grass Creek and built a fort, at what is still known as Spring Station, not far from Louisville, Kentucky, and that was their home until the Indians were driven back toward the lakes. In order to demonstrate the unflinching courage and self-sacrificing spirit of the brave women of these early times, we will relate an incident. The fort just named was a very desirable locality, in consequence of which, the Indians were disposed to contest the right to it, with great determination. Hostilities were imminent, so it was considered prudent to remove the wives and children temporarily to Floyd's Station, some five miles distant, where they would be in comparative safety, while all the males who could bear arms, remained to meet their hostile foes. In a short time a skirmish ensued in which Mr. Steele, great uncle of the subject of our sketch, was wounded, a ball taking effect in his right shoulder and passing through the palm of his left hand. This sad intelligence soon reached his affectionate wife at Floyd's Station, who immediately determined upon going to her husband, at the great peril of her life, for she had to ride a white horse through the Indian settlement, although the night was dark, her path led through the thick forest. Mr. Lytle, her brother-in-law, protested vehemently against her going, and exposing herself to almost certain death, but she went, and arrived safely at Spring Station, to soothe the suffering of her wounded husband. Mary Lytle's daughter, Nancy, who

afterwards married Judge John Rowan of Kentucky, who was so well known throughout the State—was a child seven years of age when the families of her parents, her Uncle Richard Steele and her aunt, Jane Huston, who was Fountain Perry's grandmother, lived in the fort at Spring Station, and could remember distinctly her fort life, and often gave her niece, now Mrs. Martha Mendenhall Baxter of Vevay, Indiana, and cousin of Fountain Perry, reminiscences of that life. When Richard Steele left Spring Station he settled upon a farm near Lexington, Kentucky, now known as the Nathan Hall farm, or *was* so known a few years ago. He was the first elder who ever went from Kentucky to the "General Assembly," on horseback over the mountains, in company with his minister, Mr. Cameron, to New York State, and that in those days was considered a greater trip than now to go around the world, with the present easy and fast modes of travel. He lived near Lexington upon this farm, until 1808, when he died. His sisters, Jane Huston and Mary Lytle, were his neighbors; here it was that Jane Huston's daughter Elizabeth, married Robert Perry, son of above mentioned Roderick Perry, this couple afterwards being the father and mother of the subject of our sketch. His mother's youngest brother, Robert Huston, married Miss Mary Bartholomew Bodley, sister of Gen. Thomas Bodley of Lexington, Kentucky, and settled on a farm in Fayette County, and raised a large family. Mary Lytle was the grandmother of the Rowans and Lytles of Kentucky, and great grandmother of Gen. William Lytle who was killed in the battle of Corinth, Mississippi. Fountain Perry was related through the marriage of the brothers and sisters of his father, to the families of Horn, of Bourbon County, Kentucky; Shepherd, of Shelby County, Kentucky; Brown, of Woodford; Perry, of Henry County, Kentucky; Herbinson, of Woodford County, Kentucky; White, of Shelby County, Kentucky, since of Tennessee, and Thomas Nance, of Virginia. Also through his father to the Sandfords, of Virginia, and to the Maury's; a son of whom the late Matthew Fountain Maury, was for years a brilliant officer of the United States Navy, and whose splendid talents built for him an enduring monument, in the shape of several scientific works of which he was the author.

By the marriage of his mother's brothers and sisters, he was related to the families of George Graham, John McNair, James January, each of Pennsylvania, all since of Kentucky; to John Rennick, of Virginia, since of Kentucky, of whom the late Col. Alex. H. Rennick, of Frankfort, Kentucky, was a son and cousin of Fountain Perry; to Benjamin Wood, of New Jersey, since of Kentucky, and to the Bodley's. Also through his mother to the Steeles, Mayos, Lewis and Nevill's of Virginia; Edwards, Talbots, McAfee's and Boones, of Kentucky; and to the family of Robert Beall, of Shelbyville, Kentucky, son of Col. Robert Beall of the revolutionary

service. His mother's brother William Huston never married, died in the South.

Fountain Perry's father fought in the war of 1812, then went as wagon master for Scott's regiment. Gen. W. H. Harrison had command of the army. The commissary not being able to furnish a supply of provisions, Gen. Harrison made a contract with the above Robert Perry, by which he was to, and did furnish large quantities of flour, bacon and whisky, at different places for use of said army, and was engaged in that business when peace was declared. In 1815, when the subject of this sketch was in his sixteenth year, his father moved from near Versailles, Woodford County, Kentucky, to the farm occupied by Thomas Kennedy, opposite Cincinnati. His father's friends, Richard M. Gano, of Georgetown, Kentucky; John S. Gano, of Cincinnati; and Thomas D. Carneal, of Frankfort, Kentucky; having purchased the farm from Kennedy, laid out the town of Covington in the fall of 1814; the first sale of lots in the town of Covington took place at Fountain Perry's father's house—formerly Kennedy's—a three story stone, still in good repair and standing on east side of Garrard street, between Second and Front; this sale of lots was in March, 1815.

Fountain Perry was born at Frankfort, Kentucky, September 29, 1799. Received only a common school education, but his intellectual powers being strong, and having a taste for knowledge, he cultivated it in after life by a well chosen and judicious course of reading. A favorite author was Shakespeare with whose works he was perfectly familiar, and could quote with precision and great ease from almost any of his plays. He was fond of music, and in early life for an amateur played well upon the flute.

His first step in the business affairs of life, was assisting his father in furnishing government supplies at the different stations, Newport, Council Bluffs, etc. In this connection we cannot refrain from relating an anecdote; his father had moved opposite Cincinnati in order to have greater facilities for his business. It will be remembered, the subject of our sketch was only in his sixteenth year at that time, he made friends everywhere, was overflowing with good nature, true as steel, having a vivacious and fine disposition, fond of fun, and lots of it—his *forte*, however, was practical jokes, all innocent, for he was too good hearted to give real pain, with malice *pre pense*. His father being contractor for the government, called him to Newport Barracks frequently, and it was but natural the son should be there too, in a business way perhaps, or just to pass the time. Some two or three of the officers from the barracks boarded at his father's, Maj. S. among the number, and he, F. P., was a great favorite among them. The major was ranking officer, very pompous, dressy and elegant, and took peculiar delight in snubbing the rest, and was absolutely overpowering at guard mounting in full regimentals. He wore linen cambric ruffled shirts. One day he had

been more than usually obnoxious to the officers, and when their young friend was told of it, he declared he'd fix him; he was on good terms with the major but his sympathies were aroused. After making them promise to be near the next morning after guard mounting, while he engaged Major S. in conversation, he went home. He knew the major was fond of an occasional pinch of snuff, so he got a handsome snuff box of his mother's and filled it with *bees—drones*—they have no sting. The next morning, thus equipped he started for the barracks; carried out the programme after guard mounting, by engaging the major in conversation while the rest of the officers could come leisurely up. When they did, he carelessly took out his snuff box, inviting the major to have some snuff—rapping meanwhile upon the lid—to *arouse the bees*—opened it suddenly and dashed them into his shirt front. The whole thing was so utterly unexpected by every one, it produced great consternation, the major terrified by an embryo swarm of bees in his bosom, tore his cambric ruffles into ribbons, he was completely demoralized by fright, and before those of all the world he least wanted to show it. Our young friend knowing no harm could be done by the bees, but realizing the wrath to come from the major—*vamoosed*. When Major S. seeing that a mere joke had been played upon him, and he had exhibited himself as rather unsoldierly “under fire,” he became very angry and swore he would whip “young Perry” within an inch of his life. In order to pacify him, the young culprit's father promised he should be duly chastised. His mother however concealed him until the storm blew over, he escaped scott free and was afterwards again taken into favor by the irate major. This love of practical jokes clung to him as long as he lived, they were all harmless however, but sometimes very amusing.

After assisting his father with supplies for the government, he, as before mentioned, loaded flat-boats with flour, bacon, etc., for the Southern Market. Afterwards bought a farm in Campbell, now Kenton County, Kentucky, not far from the Dry Creek neighborhood, where he lived about four years, then moved to Gallatin County, Kentucky, some fifty odd miles below Cincinnati, bought and cleared a beautiful farm, lying immediately on the Ohio river; in after years it was said to have been one of the handsomest between Cincinnati and Louisville—known as “Perry's Landing.” It was here he found so much enjoyment in cultivating shade and fruit trees; the beautiful large yard was shaded with the beech which had been left standing for that purpose, when the rest were felled. These great monsters were trimmed and topped, as were many that were left in the meadow, in after years they were the loveliest shade trees to be seen; the trimming and topping gave them, in a few years, such handsome forms, on the top as round as a ball. Here too, he had a splendid orchard of the choicest fruit, all trees perfect and from selected varieties, a memorandum of each tree,

where bought, when planted, was kept; every season this orchard was overhauled, pruned and examined. I see now, Daniel Anderson, the man who did the pruning, marching from tree to tree, with pruning hook, etc., and one day deliberately cut off the limb upon which he sat, between himself and its trunk; his surprise and consternation to find himself suddenly precipitated to the ground was great. Ah! this home was the oasis in Fountain Perry's life, here he came in 1836, improved, planted and gathered, stocked the rich pastures with fine horses and cattle, here he had all kinds of large and small fruit, and everything in abundance. In the fall of 1854, he concluded to sell and move to Warsaw the county seat, to educate his younger children, which he did, it proved to be an unlucky venture, there he lost by the rascality of pretended friends the property that he had been gathering for years. He died at the residence of his son, Roderick Perry, in Warsaw, Kentucky, July 6, 1876, of typhoid fever—"full of years and full of honors."

He was a Methodist—Southern Church, although he became a member late in life, his religious scruples were those of one thoroughly conscientious, he was a Christian, without hypocrisy. All through his life he attended the religious services of some denomination each Sabbath, when in reach of a church, he revered the day God set apart for his own. The death in 1871, after a few day's illness, of a beloved son, who had only just attained his majority, was the immediate cause, it was thought of his connecting himself with the church—God's ways to bring us to Himself are beyond our ken.'

He had been a Mason since 1822. I have before me a diploma, given him by Temple Lodge, No. 64, Covington, Kentucky, May 3, 1822—yellow with age, a faded blue ribbon to which is attached the seal of the Lodge. He was then a Master Mason. The signatures to the diploma are G. W. Wright, W. M.; Richard Oldham, S. W.; R. S. Wheatley, J. W., and A. G. Gano, Secretary. He was made a Knight Templar in 1853, and afterwards took all the Commandery degrees, was a visitor to the Grand Lodge in 1824. He was greatly attached to the Masonic Body and was a faithful and exemplary member. He was also a devoted Odd Fellow, and was in the first encampment of this order ever held in Kentucky, which was at Lexington—this being the first Lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Louisville.

Had never traveled beyond the United States I think, but had been pretty much all over the Southern, Eastern and Middle States. In early times, after he had sold his produce in New Orleans, he twice came through the wilderness, then the Indian nation, carrying his gold on mules.

He married Miss Julia A. Keene, daughter of Catharine and Henry R. Keene, of Cincinnati, Ohio, February 20, 1832, Rev. Dr. Aydelotte was the officiating clergyman. His wife's father, Henry R. Keene was an officer

in the war of 1812-13, and lost his life in the service; his remains laid in State at Tammany Hall, New York, and he was buried with the honors of war; his ashes rest in one of the vaults of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, New York City. His wife came of a large, wealthy and influential family of New York, of which the Staggs, Headley and Van Duser were members. After her father's death, her mother came to Cincinnati, where she was given the best advantages the city afforded in an educational way, having been a scholar in both Dr. Locks, and after in Mr. Picket's Cincinnati Female Academy; where from a genuine love for the acquisition of knowledge and close application, she won laurels, and brought away the enduring admiration of her teacher and love of her young associates. It was while at Prof. J. W. Picket's, she drew and completed the map of Asia, in 1829. The map is four and a half by four and a half feet and artistic in the *highest* degree; the names of the cities, towns, mountains, rivers and seas, are all printed with the pen and look as if engraved; the degrees of latitude and longitude, the coloring, and everything pertaining to it are executed in exquisite style. It will defy competition even in this day, when the advantages of a thorough and finished education are so universally acknowledged. I doubt whether there is a scholar in any of our schools now, who could bring this, our most difficult map, to such a perfectly successful completion. Her writing was perfectly beautiful, so clear, and even the letters so perfectly formed that it seemed like copperplate; and it remained unchanged so long as she lived. In her young ladyhood, she drew and painted in water colors and in oil, and was a good performer upon the piano. She was a woman of sterling worth, vigorous intellect, wonderful memory and clear ideas, she had an affectionate and tender heart, was of noble, true and devoted nature, free from hypocrisy and deceit, her life was one of self-abnegation. Conventional standing in society the very best. She died at the residence of her husband in Warsaw, Kentucky, April 12, 1874, of congestion of the lungs, after an illness of only a few hours—aged sixty-four years.

The children of Fountain and Julia A. Perry were, Robert H. Perry, Kate E. Perry, Fountain Perry, Jr., Roderick Perry, Mary C. Perry, Jennie E. Perry, Edwin K. Perry, Sarah Graham Perry, James Foster Perry.

Robert H. Perry, was educated at Woodward College, Cincinnati, Ohio. Solon Palmer, now the great Perfumist of New York City prepared him for college. Kate E. Perry, was educated at the Wesleyan Female College, Cincinnati, Ohio. The rest of the children were educated in Warsaw, Kentucky, there being there at that time a chartered male and female college.

Kate E. Perry, married W. W. Mosher, Esq., of Covington, Kentucky, youngest son of the late Dr. Stephen Mosher. Mary C. Perry, married Lucien C. Gex, of Ghent, Kentucky.

Sarah Graham Perry died of croup, while yet an infant. Edwin Keene Perry, died June 27, 1871, at the residence of his father, Warsaw, Kentucky, of typhoid fever, after an illness of only seven days; his death cast a gloom of sorrow over the town it had not known in years, all business was suspended the day of the funeral, out of respect to his memory. He was of a fine moral character, and loved by many friends. He had only passed his twenty-first birth day a short time before his death.

James Foster Perry, died of typhoid fever, September 10, 1874, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. W. W. Mosher, Covington, Kentucky, having been ill only six days. He too had only attained his majority; he was the Benjamin of the family, tenderly and devotedly loved by them all; he was pure and guileless, generous, noble, and true, of an affectionate disposition, with an odd bluntness of manner with those whom he loved, that only made him dearer. He had from his infancy up, entwined himself so deeply within the hearts of his family, that when death came to him it seemed as if the dread messenger had come to blight the rest.

The subject of our sketch was genial, quiet and unostentatious in his manners, but firm and positive when occasion required, was generous, manly and refined, the soul of honor, he never knowingly wronged a man, he was endowed by qualities, that rendered him beloved, wherever, and by whomever he was known; he lived a Christian life, and was faithful to all the obligations a Mason assumes when he becomes a member of that body; it was not lip service with him, but as a Knight of olden times, his life was full of *acts*—he *remembered* his oath. His conventional standing in society, always had been, and was up to the hour of his death, of the very best. Full of bygone experiences, and reminiscences of interesting people and events, the memory of old friends of the long ago, many lost to him by death, and some by distance rendered his conversation peculiarly interesting, when in the mood of recalling the past. He fondly remembered the friends of his youth, young manhood and the friendships he formed in after life. Among these were the young associates of his boyhood in Woodford County, Kentucky, members of Mrs McDowell's family, Andrew McKnight's, Robert Atwood's, Capt. Richard Fox, Virgil McCracken's, Gov. Shelby's, the Scott's, Todd's and hosts of others throughout the State. All along through life when he would meet some of them it would send a glow of delight to his great, good heart.

He was five feet eleven inches in height, slender in his young manhood, but grew fleshy as he grew older, he was a fine looking old gentleman. Had rather fair complexion, sandy hair—when young—high forehead, blue eyes, regular features, dignified in his bearing, from his face you could read the man—his life was an open book. He was strictly temperate and thoroughly conscientious.

And now, after the sad, but loving task, of having in an imperfect way paid this slight tribute to the memory of this dear departed one, we close by appending the following resolutions adopted upon the death of Fountain Perry, one of the charter members of Tadmore Lodge, Warsaw, Kentucky, No. 108, A. Y. M., chartered in 1838.

WHEREAS: It has pleased our Supreme Grand Master, to remove the membership, of our beloved brother F. Perry, from the Subordinate Lodge here, to the Grand Lodge above; we, in testimony of the love we have for his many masonic virtues offer the following resolutions:

Resolved.—That Brother Perry, by his devotion to his principles of Free Masonry, and his exemplification of them in his life, for more than half a century in the Blue Lodge, (he was initiated at Covington in 1822.) In the Chapter he was exalted at Lexington in 1830. In the Council, in the temple, won the lasting regard and esteem of those who knew him; those knowing him best, esteeming him most.

Resolved.—That we tender to his bereaved family and relations our most sincere sympathy and condolence, and point them back, to his life of integrity and usefulness, as a solace to their grief, and forward to the immortality of bliss which he has entered, to inspire them with hope.

Resolved.—That as a token of our esteem, we drape the Lodge and wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days.

Resolved.—That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, a copy furnished the deceased brother's family, and that a copy be sent to the Kentucky Free Mason and the Covington Commonwealth, for publication.

D. H. LINDSAY, }
 J. M. VANICE, } *Committee.*
 T. B. GORDON, }

COVINGTON, KY., June 3, 1878.



FRANCIS M. M'DANNOLD.



M'DANNOLD, FRANCIS MARION, engaged in the Lumber Business, Covington, Kentucky, is a son of Jabez and Elizabeth McDannold, and a grandson of Joseph and Esther Wright. He is also a brother of George W. McDannold, whose sketch elsewhere appears in this volume. He was born in Kenton County, Kentucky, February 7, 1845, and received his education in the Public Schools of Kenton County. He began his business career with the whisky and flour trade, which, after a test of two years he abandoned, to engage in his present occupation. Finding in this association those advantages which he had failed to realize in his first adventure, he made his interests herein permanent.

Following his entry into commercial life, he applied to Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, Covington, Kentucky, to be admitted to the rights, lights, and benefits of Masonry. These were accorded him after the usual manner, and in the accustomed time. He then asked of the Chapter, the Council, and the Commandery further light and more privileges. These, too, were accorded. So now he is in possession of all the degrees from Entered Apprentice to Knight Templar inclusive, and is affiliated with the Lodge in which he was made, and also with Covington Chapter, Kenton Council and Covington Commandery, in which he was advanced, exalted, dubbed and created.

Besides his Masonic connections, he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and a brother in the Pythian Knighthood. Toward these fraternities, he manifests a deep interest, but loves Masonry more especially, and why should he not when we are assured and know that it is: "a moral order instituted by virtuous men with the praiseworthy design of recalling to our remembrance the most sublime truths, in the midst of the most innocent and social pleasures;" that it is "an establishment founded on the benevolent intention of extending and conferring mutual happiness upon the best and truest principles of moral life and social virtue; that it is "an art useful and extensive, which comprehends within its circle every branch of useful knowledge and polite learning;" that it is "a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols;" that it is "the study

of man as a candidate for eternity—a school of piety—and a system of religion based on the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man ;” and finally that it is “ a universal language fitted to benefit the poor stranger, which no other institution is calculated to reach, by extending the beneficent hand.” Knowing these things, how could any man, much less a Mason, withhold his hearty endorsement, his highest commendation, his sincerest attachment from such an institution? He could not. It, then, were idle to wonder that a Washington, a Warren, a Jefferson, and a Clay should have graced its assemblies with their presence. It has embraced the great, the pure, and the gifted in all ages of the world, and among all nations of people, and will ever thus continue to do.

“ To all who Masonry despise
This counsel I bestow ;
Don't ridicule, if you are wise,
A secret you don't know.
Yourselves you banter, but not it,
You show your spleen, but not your wit.”

Bro. McDannold added the *coup de grace* to his earthly aspirations October 28, 1875. He was then united in marriage with Miss Mary Innes Wasson, by whom he has now one child, a daughter named Sadie. If none but the brave deserve the fair, then Bro. M. is in lawful possession of his treasures, for a form more manly, a bearing more courteous, a soul more noble, and a nature more generous than his, can not be shown among all Kentucky's stalwart sons.



JOHN P. BEAN.



BEAN, JOHN P., Clerk in Freight Department of Kentucky Central Railroad, Covington, is a son of William W. Bean and his wife, Frances (Clark) Bean. He was born in Covington, March 14, 1850, and received his education in the public schools of that city. His parents came to Kentucky, many years ago, and settled in Covington, where they still reside. His father is a tanner and currier by trade, and a native of Washington City, District Columbia. His mother is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the age of nineteen, Palmer became a clerk in the freight department of the Kentucky Central Railroad at Covington, and has remained there as such ever since.

Being a young man of mature and discreet judgment, reputable character, good parentage, able body, and sound mental power, he found no difficulty, upon application at the age of twenty-two, in gaining admission to the Mystic Temple of Masonry. His progress through its labyrinthian ways has been as follows: He was entered an Apprentice, September 2, 1872; passed a Fellow Craft, January 6, 1873; raised a Master Mason, February 10, same year; exalted a Royal Arch Companion, August 27, 1875; chosen a Royal and Select Master, March 6, 1877; and dubbed and constituted a Sir Knight, July 5, following—all these degrees being conferred in Covington.

He is also connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is the present Recorder of Columbia Lodge in which he holds membership. Bro. B. is an active, energetic business man, and endowed, in a remarkable degree, with that strong common sense and genial social nature, which always command respect and ensure to their possessor a hearty recognition and generous welcome. His intercourse with his fellow men is such that he never leaves a doubt in the mind of any person as to the sincerity of his sentiments and motives. Plain dealing and honesty distinguish him.

He was married on the 25th of June, 1873, to Miss Fannie W. Taylor, daughter of R. D. Taylor, Esq., of Covington. They have one child, Bessie C., and reside at No. 423 Russell street, in that city.

JOHN B. G. EWAN.



EWAN, JOHN BRANDON GUTHRIE, Magistrate of the Second District of Covington, and Ex-Collector United States Internal Revenue of the Fourth District of Kentucky, is the son of James and Sarah Ewan, and was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 7, 1843. His father though well advanced in years, is yet living, but his mother is dead. She died in Cincinnati, in 1849, when he was but six years old, leaving him to the custody and care of his father, who then resided in Cincinnati, but now resides in Harrison County, Kentucky. His father was born in New Jersey, in the year 1803—his mother, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, at a date unknown.

John Brandon received the usual course of education afforded by the District and High Schools of Newport, Kentucky, and afterward attended Herron's Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In the early part of the late war he was appointed Collector of United States Internal Revenue for the Fourth District of Kentucky, holding the position during several years of this most exciting period. He is now Magistrate for the Second District of Covington, his courts being regularly held, and always with a full docket.

After groping his way in the world of darkness for sometime he at length discovered and knocked at the door of Masonry. It was opened unto him by Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, September 21, 1868. Beholding the splendors of the Orient, his earnest soul would not rest until it had marched on, and possessed itself of the beauties of the inexpressibly grand degrees of Chapter, Council, and Commandery, which were conferred in due form by the appropriate bodies in Covington.

At the annual election of officers of his Lodge in December, 1869, his merit was made the test and occasion of bestowing upon him the chair of Junior Warden, and the following year Senior Warden. In the fulfilment of these important trusts, he well represented the duties, prerogatives, and responsibilities of Hiram, the Architect, and in so doing like the Roman Consul, when dangers threatened, saw that the Republic received no harm, keeping the scales of Justice in equal poise.

Though not a member of any religious denomination, he is inclined to the Methodist faith, and not infrequently attends the services of that church.

He was married June 17, 1863, to Miss Emma V. Greer, a native of Covington, and a daughter of Alexander L. and Nancy Greer of that city, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Lemuel F. Robinson. They have two children, named respectively, Sallie Laurena, and James Verner, who attend the public schools of their native city, Covington.

A soldier of the Cross, without spot and without reproach, Companion Ewan, now stands panoplied in the Armor of a noble magnanimity, ever ready to do battle in the great cause of virtue, humanity and truth. May success always attend his efforts. *In hoc signo vinces.*



BERRY S. HARDIN.



HARDIN, BERRY S., County Assessor, Kenton County, Kentucky, was born on the 20th of August, 1844, in Kenton County. His father, John G. was a native of Ohio where he was born in the month of September, 1798. When he was but a mere child his parents moved from Ohio to Kentucky, so that nearly his whole life was passed in the latter State and the greater portion of it in Covington, where he was engaged in the livery business and teaming and other kindred pursuits, until a few years ago he bought a farm near Covington, where he was residing at the time of his death which occurred in January of 1877. His widow, Margaret, who is still living and resides on the farm purchased by her husband, was a native of Virginia who came with her parents when quite young to Kentucky, and though now upwards of seventy years of age is still in the enjoyment of good health.

Berry was sent to school in Covington for several years, but early in life had to go to work, and until he was twenty-one he was engaged with his father about the stables and in teaming. Upon attaining his majority he worked for about three years in a tobacco factory and then for four years more served in the sheriff's office. In 1874 he ran for County Assessor and was elected for a term of four years. He is now a candidate for re-election. Since August, 1874, he has also been engaged in the Insurance business having the general agency of several companies.

His Masonic career began in 1868 when he was made a Mason by Covington Lodge, F. A. M. He is also in possession of the Chapter, Council and Commandery degrees, receiving the Royal Arch degrees in Covington Chapter February 8, 1878. The Council bestowing the Royal and Select Masters June 6, 1878. While those of Knight Templar were received April 18, 1878.

He is also a member of the Fourth Street Christian Church of Covington.

He was united in marriage to Miss M. F. Thompson, daughter of W. C. Thompson of Covington on the 9th of May, 1864. They have had born to them four children but two of whom survive, Edgar B. and Roy C. both bright manly little fellows. The family residence is at 51 west Tenth street, city of Covington.

Personally, Bro. H. though not large in stature is compactly built, active, capable and energetic. He has been accustomed to hard work from boyhood and can endure more than most men of his size. He is fearless and pronounced in his opinions and not disposed to back down or out when committed to an undertaking. So far as we can learn he has given good satisfaction in the office he now holds and his prospects for re-election are excellent. As an official he has proved honest, as a citizen upright, and as a Christian and Mason a worthy member of Church and Lodge.



CHARLES B. SIMRALL.



IMRALL, CHARLES BARRINGTON, Attorney at Law, is a son of John W. G. and Mary (Bartow) Simrall, and was born in Madison, Indiana, February 18, 1843. His father was a native of Louisville, Kentucky; and his mother of Savannah, Georgia. Both are now dead. His father descended from a Scotch-Irish family, which came to this country and settled in Virginia in 1735, but which subsequently removed, with a band of pioneers, to Kentucky in 1776, and made that State their home. His mother sprang from an ancient and noble Huguenot family in France of the name of Bartow. This family was of Norman origin and dated in genealogy back to the twelfth century. They emigrated to England on the occasion of the revocation of the edict of Nantes, and settled there for a time, but finally removed to America, and located in Westchester County, New York, where all the members continued to reside until after the close of the revolutionary war, when one of the sons went to Savannah, Georgia, and made that State his future home. In 1685 a member of this family was made the first rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Westchester County, New York, and continued to officiate as such for many years after.

In 1775 the family, still alive to those grand principles of human liberty which had inspired their immediate ancestors and caused them to forsake their native land, to seek a new home and an asylum in the wilds of America, came promptly forward to give aid and comfort to the great cause of American Independence. They furnished most willing hands and stout hearts to resist the demands of British aggression, and in the course of the struggle which ensued, made themselves and their influence felt far and wide. But patriotism, was a virtue not alone confined to the maternal side of Mr. Simrall's ancestry, as the war of 1812 subsequently and amply proved. In that memorable crisis, his paternal grandfather commanded a company, and a great uncle on his father's side, a regiment, both of which rendered important service to the country. The regiment participated in the bloody battle of the Thames, and met with severe loss. But this was no more than was to be expected of an organization composed almost entirely of Kentuckians, for the instance has yet to be shown where the stalwart sons of the "dark and bloody ground" ever yet faltered in duty, where a contest of a sanguinary character was on hand, in which it was their right and privilege to participate.

At an early age, Charles Barrington was placed in school at Covington, Kentucky, whither his parents had removed from Louisville, Kentucky. Here he pursued his studies until he graduated from the High School. He was then sent to Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and remained there until the spring of 1862, at which time, partisan feeling running very high in reference to the war, and Charles, not sharing the views generally held and expressed by the faculty and students, withdrew from the institution. In August following he was arrested through political animosity engendered by the war and sent a prisoner to Camp Chase, Ohio. He remained in confinement there for several months, but was at length released through the intervention of some influential friends who interested themselves in his behalf. His only offence consisted in an honest and fearless expression of his views on the then political situation of the country. His sympathies were, of course, with that section where he had been nurtured and reared, and where all his immediate kindred resided. It would have been unnatural in him to have entertained any other feeling than that exhibited. And though he languished in prison, no amount of persecution could make him recant views he had deliberately formed agreeably to the dictates of his own best judgment. What he believed to be right, he had resolved to stand by, let come what would. His was one of the earliest cases of political arrest made in Kentucky during the war, and one, too, for which the least possible cause could be rationally assigned. Having been released from imprisonment at Camp Chase, and being under heavy bonds not to enter the Confederate army, he went to Europe in the spring of 1864 and remained there until the fall of 1865.

While abroad he attended the University of Tubingen, Wurtenburg, Germany, for a time, and then made an extensive tour through Europe, Asia Minor, Egypt, and the Holy Land, visiting many places of interest. After his return he traveled largely over the United States and Canada. He then settled down to the study of the law, under Judge James Pryor, of Covington, Kentucky, and on graduating from the Cincinnati Law College in 1867, was at once admitted to the bar in Kenton County, Kentucky. He shortly after began the practice of his profession in Cincinnati, where he has since assiduously continued it, with every prospect of an ultimate brilliant success.

In the fall of 1871, as the representative of the great railroad convention held in the city of Lexington in the interests of the passage of the bill authorizing the construction through Kentucky of the Cincinnati Southern Railway, he canvassed the southwestern part of the State, speaking in some twenty counties. This canvas was largely instrumental in securing the passage of the bill and the construction of the road, the granting of which franchise had been bitterly, and for two years successfully opposed by the city of

Louisville and rival railroad interests. In 1872, having been tendered the general attorneyship of the road in Kentucky, he accepted the trust, and since then has devoted much of his time and energy to the furthering and protecting of the interests of this great enterprise.

In 1872 he was made a Mason by Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, at Covington, Kentucky, with which he is now affiliated and in good and regular standing. He has likewise taken all the Chapter and Commandery degrees, being at this time a member of Covington Chapter, No. 35, Royal Arch Masons, and Covington Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar. In the Temple of Masonry he is a block well squared and worthily built. Being always temperate, brave, prudent, and just, he has never failed to exemplify a Faith most abiding, a Hope most lively, and a Charity most unfeigned, in all matters pertaining to the good of his institution.

In 1868 he married Miss Belle D., daughter of John Z. and Josephine Price, of Covington, Kentucky. To this union three children have been born, viz.: Josephine Price, Mary Bartow, and Isabel Cloy. The family occupy a beautiful suburban residence near Covington, and are happily circumstanced.

Though deeply engaged in worldly affairs, Bro. S. is not unmindful of serious matters. He is now and has been for a number of years past, a member of the Presbyterian Church in Covington. A man of great moral worth, unquestioned ability, and a high sense of honor, he instinctively attracts the attention and commands the respect of all with whom he comes in contact. His business is highly lucrative in character, and of daily growing importance.



ELEAZER H. DAVIS.



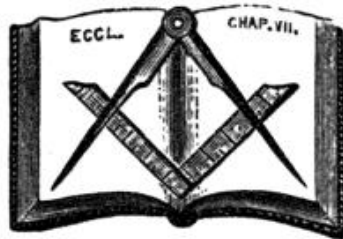
DAVIS, ELEAZER H., Roller, was born in Monmouthshire, South Wales, on the 11th of November, 1836. His parents, George and Rachael Davis, were both natives of Wales. His mother died in that country in 1842, when he was but six years old; his father, who was an iron worker, some years after the death of his wife, came to America and settled in Covington where he died in 1872. Eleazer acquired the rudiments of an education in the town where he was born. At the early age of eleven he was put to work in the iron mills of his native place, and continued to work in them until 1856. He then determined to cross the Atlantic and see for himself the country of which he had heard so much, thinking, perhaps, that there he could better his condition. Bidding adieu to the scenes of his boyhood he took passage in a steamer that landed him safely in New York. He did not remain there, but came to Covington, Kentucky, where he found employment and where he has made it his home ever since.

Mr. Davis is in possession of all the Masonic degrees from Entered Apprentice to Knight Templar inclusive. He received the Master's degree on the 15th of May, 1865, and became a member of Golden Rule Lodge. Covington Chapter bestowed the Royal Arch degree the 22nd of September, 1865. Kenton Council the Royal and Select Master's, April 5, 1866, and Covington Commandery the Knight Templar's, November 15, 1866. He is now a member in good standing of all the above mentioned bodies.

Mr. Davis was married in Covington on the 23rd of April, 1860, to Miss Priscilla Downton, a native of Wales. They have had four children born to them, one of whom died in infancy. The three surviving are named Annie H., Arthur, and Emma, who have the benefits of the Covington schools. During the flush times of the civil war the iron workers made money fast, and Mr. Davis purchased, from his savings, a home for himself and family, No. 1031 Russell street, where they now reside.

In stature Mr. D is rather small and it was predicted when he was a youth that he could not stand the hard work of the iron business. That he has wrought at it for a livelihood since eleven years of age indicates that though small, he is hardy and enduring. He belongs to that class of immigrants who add to the wealth and prosperity of the country in which they make their home.

He came as a worker and producer and as such commands the esteem and good will of his neighbors and townsmen. He is of the kind who help build up our villages and cities. Such will ever be welcome, thrice welcome, to our country, our city and to the Masonic Fraternity.



JOHN G. METCALFE.



METCALFE, JOHN GREEN, Deputy Clerk of Courts, Covington, Kentucky, was born November 19, 1848, at Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a son of Eli F. and Harriet E. Metcalfe, both natives of Mason County, Kentucky. His mother is dead. His father was, for many years, a merchant in Maysville, Kentucky, and at this time holds the office of Treasurer and Collector of that city. The greater part of John's childhood and youth was passed at Maysville, where he was, for a period of eight years, a pupil in the school of Prof. M. H. Smith, a well known educator of that time and place. When sixteen years of age, John left school, and was almost immediately appointed Deputy Clerk of Mason County, Kentucky, and served as such for four years. At the expiration of that term, he was induced by Mr. H. Clay White, then, as now, Clerk of the Covington Courts, to remove to Covington, where he at once entered upon the duties of the office now occupied by him, and which he has ably and continuously filled during the last eight years, since 1869.

In the year 1875 he became a member of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, and in the same year was elected its secretary, which position he has held ever since. In a short time after his admission to the Lodge, he took the Chapter, Council, and Encampment degrees, and became a member of Covington Chapter, Kenton Council, and Covington Commandery.

He is likewise a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, has filled all the chairs in that body, and is now Past-Master Workmen, and also a representative to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Order United Workmen.

On the 14th day of November, 1877, he married Miss Cora E. Miller, daughter of Capt. H. H. Miller of Covington.

Bro. Metcalfe is connected with the First Baptist Church in Covington, and is identified with all its most important interest and undertakings. He is deservedly popular, not only in his Church and Lodge relations, but also in those of a social and business nature. In the latter respect he is especially esteemed on account of the strict attention he has given to the various duties of his office ever since he has had it in charge.

MATTHEW H. BENTLEY.



BENTLEY, MATTHEW H., a Junior Partner in the Wholesale Liquor House of M. Bentley and Sons, Ludlow, Kentucky, was born June 11, 1844, in Cincinnati, Ohio. His parents, Matthew and Mary Bentley are natives of London, England, and emigrated to this country in 1842. During the following year they settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, and remained there until 1846, when they removed to Ludlow, Kentucky, where they have since resided. His father was a printer by trade, but abandoned that pursuit about eighteen years ago in order to engage in his present line of business, which, with the assistance of his sons, he has managed to develop into one of the important, reliable, and extensive enterprises of its class.

Matthew, until of age suitable to self-support, was an attendant upon the public schools of Cincinnati, but meanwhile devoted his spare time to the acquirement of the printer's trade, then followed by his father. Of this, however, he made but little use, as, at the age of eighteen he entered the employ of the United States Express Company, with whom he remained three years. He then became a partner with his father in the wholesale liquor business at Ludlow, Kentucky, under the firm name of M. Bentley and Son, the house having already existed several years as M. Bentley. This change of style was made to indicate to the world the interest of the new partner, and though slight in itself was all sufficient for the purpose.

On the 4th of January, 1869, Matthew became a Master Mason and a member of Samuel Reed Lodge, No. 478, at Ludlow, Kentucky, and has since served as its Worshipful Master two terms, the last term during the year 1877. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, a Royal and Select Master, and a Knight Templar. He received the Royal Arch degree, April 9, 1869; the Select Master's, July 1, 1869; and the Knight Templar's, February 3, 1870. They were respectively conferred by Covington Chapter, Kenton Council, and Covington Commandery, in each of which bodies he now holds membership.

He is also an Odd Fellow, and has passed all the Chairs in American Eagle Lodge, No. 130, of that order, at Ludlow, Kentucky, being now a Past Grand.

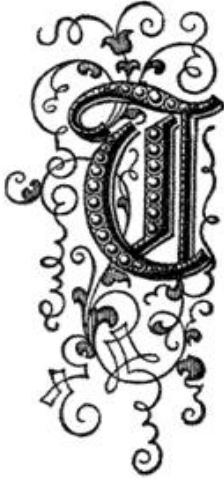
November 24, 1874, he was married in New York City, to Miss L. M.

Magee, daughter of James and Julia Magee of that city, but late of New Orleans, Louisiana. They have two children, Mary Julia, and Adele. The family reside in Ludlow, Kentucky, where their true worth and social qualities have endeared them to many and warm friends.

Bro. B. is a man of fine personal appearance, in the prime of life, and well fitted to achieve, ere many years have passed, a high stand in the commercial world.



JOSEPH B. TAYLOR.



TAYLOR, JOSEPH B., of the firm of J. L. Taylor and Sons, Wool Merchants, Cincinnati, Ohio, was born in Houston, Shelby County, Ohio, April 20, 1847. His father, Joseph L. Taylor, is a native of Townsend, Windham County, Vermont, and came, in the year 1838, to Shelby County, Ohio, where he married Margaret Shaffer, June 2, 1844. Six years later he moved with his wife and children to Cincinnati, where he established his present business of wool merchandising. About two years afterward he changed his residence to Covington, Kentucky, though still conducting his business in Cincinnati.

Our subject was but five years old at the time of his father's removal to Covington and hence acquired his education in the public schools of that city. He attended them until the year 1863, when he was obliged to abandon study on account of the extremely delicate state of his health. He was then sixteen years of age and weighed but sixty pounds, having been feeble and sickly from his early childhood. By the advice of Dr. Potter, his parent's family physician, he was taken from school and sent to Europe, as a final chance for improvement in his health. His friends bade him farewell with little hope of ever seeing him return alive, but after visiting England and France and passing several months in Germany, he came back to his home much improved, having gained thirty-five pounds in weight, and the possession of comparatively good health, which he has ever since continued to enjoy, with the exception of but one attack of illness.

Soon after arriving home he entered Nelson's Commercial College at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was a student there for nine months, devoting his attention chiefly to those branches adapted to prepare him for a mercantile life. Upon closing his course of study at the college, he was employed in his father's store as a clerk and assistant, and finally became a partner therein. His capacity for business is of a high order and he is one of the most active and successful merchants in his line of trade in Cincinnati.

In the year 1872 he was made a member of Golden Rule Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in Covington, Kentucky, and subsequently there took the Chapter degrees. In 1876 he took the Commandery degrees and in 1877 those of the Council.

He is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Covington.

October 31, 1877, he married Miss Lizzie M. Hiatt, daughter of B. F. and Fanny S. Hiatt of Covington. The ceremony was performed under the auspices of the Rev. P. B. Wiles, at that time pastor of the Fifth Street Christian Church, of that city. They reside at No. 717 Scott street, Covington, Kentucky.



FLORENTINE S. NIGMAN.



NIGMAN, FLORENTINE S., Ex-Magistrate and Farmer, Covington, Kentucky, was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, October 17, 1820. His father, Joseph J. Nigman, was a native of Machede, Province of Westphalia, Prussia, who emigrating to the United States in 1816 made his home in Pennsylvania, where he wrought at the tailor's trade until his marriage to Miss Abigail Demuth of Ohio, when he moved to that State and settled in Tuscarawas County, where he followed his trade until 1833, and then moved with his family to Cincinnati.

Florentine was first sent to a German school four or five years in his native county and afterwards to a school in Harrison County. Upon his father's removal to Cincinnati he also attended school there several months. His father after residing in the above mentioned city sometime became impressed with the idea that he could do better further South. Accordingly he went to Algiers, Louisiana, and there made it his home until his death, which occurred in 1853.

When his father left Cincinnati the subject of this sketch determined to remain behind, he stayed in the city about one year and then went to Campbell County, Kentucky, and worked at farming. He has resided in the county ever since, or at least in Kenton or Campbell for they were originally but one.

Mr. Nigman was united by marriage to Miss Louisa McCarty, daughter of James and Elizabeth McCarty of Boone County, on the 8th of December, 1842. They have three living children viz : John J., present Eminent Commander of Covington Commandery, No. 7, Elmore S., and Clinton B., all of whom received part or all of their education in the schools of their native city. Besides the above mentioned, three more were born to them who died in infancy.

In 1851 he was appointed Deputy Sheriff, an office that he filled satisfactorily two years. In 1858 he was elected Magistrate in the Third District, for a term of four years, and again, in 1862, was re-elected for another term of four years, two of which he served, and then, moving to Newport, resigned. During the six years that he held the Magistracy of the Third District he gave satisfaction and proved himself ready and willing to administer justice without fear or favor, and with impartiality.

He was made a Master Mason by Newport Lodge, No. 358, on the 30th of June, 1866. He dimitted to Col. Clay Lodge, January 14, 1875, and is now a member of that Lodge by affiliation. He is also a member of Covington Chapter, Kenton Council, and Covington Commandery. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon him June 18, 1875, the Royal and Select Master's, July 19, 1875, and the Encampment, April 28, 1876.

Since he was seventeen years old he has been a member of the Baptist Church, his present membership is with the Madison Street Baptist Church of Covington. All through his life Mr. N. has been guided by Christian principles and he can look back upon the past with the assurance that justice, mercy and godliness are Christian graces fit associates for faith, hope and charity.

At present Mr. Nigman and his worthy and estimable wife are residing at No. 22 Ninth street, Covington, Kentucky.



GEORGE L. JOHNSTON.



JOHNSTON, GEORGE LORIMER, deceased, late Steamboat Agent, Cincinnati, Ohio, was an elder brother of Nicholas M. Johnston, of that city. He was born in Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky, March 11, 1836. His parents were James W. Johnston and Elizabeth C. Johnston. They were married in Mason County, Kentucky, April 3, 1823. His father was a son of John and Cynthia Johnston, and was born in Washington, Pennsylvania, July 1, 1801. His mother was a daughter of Joseph and Sallie Arrowsmith, and was born in Washington, Kentucky, January 23, 1803. His father lived until June 9, 1852; and his mother, until March 9, 1863. They gave George a good English education in a private school taught by Ex-Governor Fisk, at Maysville, Kentucky.

When seventeen years old, he became a steamboat clerk on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, continuing in that employment about three years, after which, he embarked in the commission and steamboat agency business at Cincinnati. He remained so engaged until the breaking out of the late civil war, meeting with varied success. Then, receiving a commission in the volunteer forces of the United States Navy, he entered upon the discharge of his duties in the Mortar fleet under the command of Commodores Foote and Davis, serving thus until the capture of Memphis in June, 1862, when he was transferred to the gunboat service. A few months later, his health, failing, he resigned his commission. He remained idle, however, no longer than was absolutely necessary to recover sufficient health to justify his again clerking upon the river, at which he subsequently engaged for about a year. In 1864 he resumed his former business of steamboat agency, and continued it up to the date of his death, which occurred in Newport, Kentucky, October 6, 1870. During the period of his naval service he was in most of the engagements which transpired on the lower Mississippi and its tributary streams, and several years ago, when the charter for the Texas Pacific Railroad was pending in Congress, he arduously labored for about eighteen months in favor of its passage. The success of the measure was to him a source of much gratification.

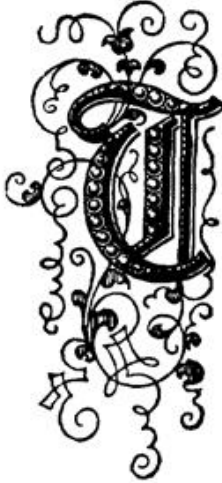
On the 21st of December, 1857, he was married to Miss Fannie Jane Hoy, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and at the time of his death, was a member of Newport Lodge, No. 358, Ancient York Masons; and of Olive Branch

Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in Newport, Kentucky; and of Covington Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar, in Covington, Kentucky. In the course of his Masonic career, he filled the offices of Captain General and Generalissimo in his Commandery, and represented that body in the Grand Commandery of the State during the years 1868-9. As a Mason he never wearied in well doing, and as a courteous Sir Knight, the distressed widow, the helpless orphan, and the innocent maiden, were to him at all times objects of proper regard and solicitude. Faithful unto death, he has gained a crown of life, and now in the presence of the ever blessed Emmanuel, and amid

“A calm which life nor death destroys,
Nothing disturbs that peace profound
Which his unfettered soul enjoys.”



CHARLES F. THOMAS.



THOMAS, CHARLES F., M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Covington, Kentucky, was born April 27, 1822, in Woodstock, Vermont. His father, Charles Thomas, was a native of New Hampshire, and his mother, Huldah Thomas, of Vermont. After their marriage, they resided in the town of Woodstock, Vermont, until their decease. His father was a farmer by occupation, but was desirous that his son, Charles F., should follow a professional career, and therefore provided him with the opportunities for acquiring a thorough and comprehensive education. After pursuing the regular course of study taught in the public schools of his native town, he further perfected himself in the common branches as well as the usual classics, by attending the academy at Woodstock, and afterward a similar institution at Meriden, New Hampshire. He then commenced reading medicine with Prof. Alonzo Clark of New York City, and subsequently finished with Dr. Palmer, a physician of his native town.

He attended the Medical College at Woodstock, another at Philadelphia, and also Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from the last mentioned institution with the rank of M. D., and soon after located and began the practice of his profession at Pomeroy, the county seat of Meigs County, Ohio. He remained there until 1857, holding a large and lucrative practice, but was then induced by the prospect of a larger field, and by the advantage of the near proximity of fine medical schools, to remove to Covington, Kentucky, where he has since made his home, and has had a most successful career.

While residing in Pomeroy he went to Athens, Ohio, and there received the degrees of the Blue Lodge, soon after which, he, with other members living in and near Pomeroy, applied for and received a charter to establish a Lodge at Pomeroy. In this Lodge he held various positions while living in Pomeroy. After coming to Covington he dimitted to Col. Clay Lodge of that city, and took the Chapter degrees on March 11, 1859, the Council degrees April 7, 1859, and the Commandery degrees June 16, 1864. He has been Worshipful Master in his Lodge, King in his Chapter, thrice Illustrious Grand Master in his Council, and Recorder in his Encampment.

Besides having held these Masonic offices of trust and honor, he has likewise been elected and served as a member of the School Board in

Covington, and has also been city physician of that place. For one year he held the position of professor of surgery in the Cincinnati Medical College, and resigned the post much against the wishes of his confreres, in consequence of the pressure of other and more imperative duties. He was consulting surgeon of St. Luke's Hospital in Cincinnati for several years, and for a similar term was physician and surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital of Covington. During the War of the Rebellion he was in charge of a general and post hospital in Covington with which his duties continued until the November following the cessation of hostilities.

December 22, 1844, he married Miss Hannah A. Train, daughter of Col. Harry Train of Sullivan County, New Hampshire. The marriage took place in the city of Philadelphia, where Miss Train was then residing with her sister, Mrs. Dr. Milton Parker. They have two children, viz.: Sarah Elizabeth, who married E. C. Goshorn, Esq., of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Charles H., who is a graduate of Yale College, and also of Bellevue Medical College, New York City, and now practicing medicine in the city of Covington. The family residence is at No. 14 west Fourth street, Covington.

Dr. Thomas has been devoted to his profession from the very beginning of his career; a close student and keen observer; never believing that one could know so much about disease and medicine that he could learn no more, but always eager to gain new facts; ready to approve and adopt what was really valuable, and equally prompt to condemn any shams or quackery in his profession.

He is a man of fine personal appearance, vigorous health, and frank, agreeable manners; is comfortably circumstanced in life, and stands high in the respect of the community in which he lives.



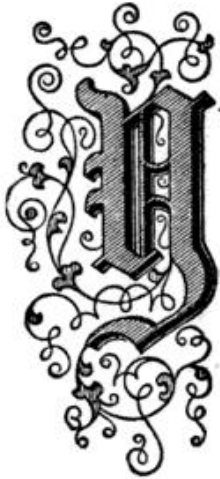
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GEORGE A. YATES.



YATES, GEORGE ARTHUR, Ex-Surveyor and Civil Engineer, and Principal of Third District School, Covington, Kentucky, is a son of Elijah and Ann (Bradley) Yates, and a native of Culpepper County, Virginia. He was born January 9, 1830, and is the eldest of a family of thirteen children, of whom two are dead, and W. W. Yates, the youngest, is the present assistant civil engineer of Covington. The mother of these children was a Miss "Yates" before marriage, but not by any consanguinity existing between her and her husband's families, she being of English descent and born in Culpepper County, Virginia, while her husband sprang from Holland stock and was born in Orange County, in the same State. They came to Kentucky in 1832, and settled on a farm in Kenton County, about eight miles south of Covington, on Bank Lick Turnpike, which they made a family homestead continuing as such so long as any necessity therefor existed. Here all the children were reared, and some were born. It will ever be remembered by them as the scene of their many childish pranks and pleasures. Besides cultivating this farm, Mr. Yates conducted a land surveying business, and from 1849 to 1854 was the surveyor of Kenton County. In the latter year he was succeeded by his son George, upon whom he had bestowed all requisite instruction to make him a thorough and accomplished surveyor. In 1870 his wife died, leaving him, at the advanced age of seventy-six, to complete the rest of life's journey by himself, amid

"The shadows of evening
Which gather soft on the shore,
Where darkness enwraps them,
And we see them no more."

From 1839 to 1843, while the family were residing in Newport, Kentucky, George Arthur received his principal education, attending the schools there and in Covington. After that, he went one term to D. C. Kennedy, Esq., who taught in the old log school house on Bank Lick Turnpike, in the vicinity of his father's farm, to which the family had returned in 1843. From now on, private study, self prosecuted, became his only means whereby to conclude his education; so, while aiding his father during the day in the work of his farm, he devoted his evenings,

especially the long ones of winter, to the mastery of mathematics, surveying and civil engineering. In this he was eminently successful as the light of subsequent experience plainly proved. In 1851 having attained the age and stature of a man he commenced life as a teacher in Licking County, Ohio, following his avocation up in Campbell and Kenton Counties, Kentucky, until 1854. In that year he was elected surveyor of Kenton County, and entered upon the duties of that office. Afterward again taught school for a while at Independence, Kentucky, and in 1862 moved to Covington and there taught two and a half years more. In 1864 was elected city civil engineer, and in 1866 was re-elected to same office. From April, 1869, to March, 1872, he was in charge of Highland Cemetery as superintendent and engineer. In 1872, became principal of the Third District School in Covington, which he has ever since remained, except while engaged one year as traveling agent for the book-house of Wilson, Hinkle & Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1868, he united with the Fifth Street Christian Church, Covington, under the pastorage of Elder P. B. Wiles, and has since continued a consistent member of the same.

He was made a Mason in 1854, in Bradford Lodge, No. 123, at Independence, Kentucky, and has taken all the York Rite degrees. Took the Chapter degrees in Chapter No. 35, Covington, and is now dimitted; also the Council degrees in Kenton Council, No. 13, Covington, and is likewise dimitted. He received the Orders in Knighthood in Covington Commandery, No. 7, and is now a member thereof. Also belongs to Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, A. Y. M.; and is likewise a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Knights of Honor, taking an active interest in all.

In March, 1860, he was married to Miss America E. Minter, daughter of Jacob and Barbara Minter, of Kenton County. The ceremony being performed by Judge C. H. Mooar, of the County Court in the same house where his wife was born.

He is now a resident of Covington, and though not rich, has a pleasant and comfortable home, and holds a position in society, such as is not accorded to the same man year after year, unless he be one who has passed the test of true merit, and proved himself worthy. Ever seeking wisdom and walking in the light of divine truth, his acts are always characterized by temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice—virtue which no man, especially a Mason, should ever forget.

ALFRED R. MULLINS.



MULLINS, ALFRED R., Wholesale Liquor Dealer and Distiller, and Co-Proprietor with L. N. Crigler, of the Buffalo Springs Distillery in Scott County, Kentucky, was born May 20, 1846, in Kenton County, Kentucky, where his parents, Gabriel and Susan Mullins, now reside, and where his father has been a farmer and merchant for many years. He received his education partly at the township schools near his father's residence, and partly in a select Academy at Crittenden, Kentucky. At the age of seventeen, he commenced teaching school in Boone County, at which he continued one year, and then abandoning that vocation engaged in stock trading for about two years. In 1865 he came to Covington, where he opened a livery stable, conducting it with marked success two years, when he became interested in the limestone business and the Cattle trade to which he devoted his attention until 1871, at which time he associated himself with Ashbrook & Co., in the Covington Stock Yards, owning one sixth interest therein, which he has since increased until he is now half owner. From 1869 to 1871, he was also engaged in the wholesale whisky business in Covington, with F. M. McDannold, under the firm name of Mullins and McDannold. In May of the latter year he bought the half interest of Mr. McDannold and sold the same to Mr. Caleb Carpenter. The new firm of Mullins and Carpenter continued one year, when Mr. Mullins sold his interest to Mr. Carpenter, and immediately re-engaged in the same line of business at No. 7 Pike street, Covington, where he remained alone until March, 1874, when he formed a partnership with L. N. Crigler, his present associate. This union has resulted in the establishment of a trade of considerable magnitude, conducted, as it is, by men of acknowledged skill and experience.

In 1874, Mr. Mullins was made a Mason at Covington by Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, of which he then became and still continues a member. In 1876 he was created a Knight Templar by Covington Commandery, No. 7, having previously taken the Capitular and Cryptic degrees in Covington Chapter and Kenton Council. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and of the Independent Order of United Workmen, and Receiver of Columbia Lodge, and Grand Receiver of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of the first mentioned order.

He is also a member of the Fifth Street Christian Church, Covington, to whose interests he has devoted much of his time and means.

Possessed of a good appearance, genial manners, and a social generous disposition, he is a favorite in all his church and society relations, and at the same time fills an important and substantial position in business circles, a position which he has fairly earned by his energy and prudence, as well as by his sagacity and enterprise.

On the 18th of October, 1866, he married Miss Fannie Cummins of Boone County, Kentucky. The ceremony took place at the Burnet House in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was solemnized by the Rev. Dr. Weakley. The family reside at No. 719 Madison street, Covington.



ARNOLD BROWN.



BROWN, ARNOLD, Clerk in Freight Department of the Kentucky Central Railroad, Covington, is a son of Lewis and Harriet E. (Monroe) Brown, and a younger brother of Charles L. Brown, whose sketch may be found elsewhere in this volume. He was born November 13, 1846, in New Berlin, Chenango County, New York. His parents are natives of the same State with himself, and reside in the village of New Berlin. His father was born November 8, 1814; his mother, May 12, 1819. They gave Arnold a good education with which to start out in the world. It was principally obtained in the public schools at New Berlin, though supplemented and embellished by a few terms at select schools. After finishing his studies he taught school two seasons, and then came to Kentucky, to take a position as clerk in the freight department of the Kentucky Central Railroad at Covington, where he has remained employed ever since. He is a most excellent clerk; careful, steady, and resolute in the discharge of his duties, and never at a loss to know what to do nor how to do it in any case of emergency arising within the purview of his department. The company could not, as they would not, lightly nor willingly spare him.

Being a young man of laudable motives, and possessed of the mental, moral, and physical qualifications required by the high standard of Masonry for admission within her portals, he was initiated into the Order by Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, in the year 1873; taking his first degree August 4th; his second, September 8th; and his third, October 13th. In March, 1875, having previously received the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, in Covington Chapter, No. 35, he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason; and in July following was chosen a Royal and Select Master in Kenton Council, No. 13. Also in 1875 (October 15), he received the Order of the Red Cross, and in 1876 (February 24), that of Knight Templar in Covington Commandery, No. 7. He is now affiliated with all these bodies, and for the year 1877, it was his privilege as well as pleasure to serve as Senior Deacon of his Lodge. In discharging the functions of this office, he at all times saw that brethren who were traveling the rugged path of trial, received correct, just, and lasting impressions of the duties that they would be required to perform, and of

the privileges that they would be permitted to exercise. The lessons taught were in the nature of wise and serious truths. First and chief among which was that of the importance of cultivating a spirit of obedience, and also of limiting all improper desires—conditions so indispensable to the safety and perpetuity of the institution, that they have been made the subject of Masonic law, both written and unwritten. Thus, under the Masonic regime, the Mason is obedient to the Master, the Master and Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge in turn to the Old Landmarks and Ancient Regulations of the Order, through which means a due degree of subordination is kept up, and the institution preserved in its pristine purity. With the Pythagoreans, this principle was carried so far that in all questions of propriety, "He, the Master, has said it," was considered the most sufficient of reasons. The Mason is initiated into his Order not to do his own will and pleasure, most certainly, which would fail to be profitable to him, and might produce results which would rather be injurious. He has in view something of a higher character than the mere gratification of curiosity or carnal desires. He aspires to the improvement of his mind in the duties of religion and morality—the exercise of his intellectual faculties—the government of his passions—the regulation of his discourse by a tongue of good report—and finally, to make due proficiency in the philosophy and science of his institution. Masonry wields a social as well as a moral influence. It modifies feelings, binds heart to heart, and creates friendships that end only at the grave. How essential is it, therefore, that brotherly love, peace, and harmony should prevail, and that the law as well as the *morale* of the institution should look to these ends.

Besides his Masonic connections, Bro. Brown is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Good Intent Lodge, No. 166, in which he has filled the various chairs. He is also a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 5, Ancient Order United Workmen.

In summarizing our short sketch, we would briefly add that Bro. B. is a young man somewhat above the medium size, possessed of a good constitution and excellent health; which, together with a fine business talent, and his present encouraging prospects, present substantial reasons for predicting for him a long and honorable career of usefulness both in business and Masonic circles.

On the 4th of September, 1877, he was united in marriage with Miss Sallie M. Croninger, daughter of Bro. L. D. Croninger, of Covington, Kentucky.

ROBERT HARBESON.



HARBESON, ROBERT, is a Grocer in Ludlow, Kentucky. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 20, 1845. His father, Robert W. Harbeson, was a native of Pennsylvania, and a blacksmith by trade. He came to Cincinnati many years ago, and died there in April, 1845. His widow, Elizabeth (Stapley) Harbeson, who is yet alive and now resides with her son Robert, was left, at his death, with but little means of support. She managed, however, despite her limited resources, to maintain herself and Robert, and provide him with a good education through the medium of the Cincinnati Public Schools, where he was in attendance for several years, the last year and a half being expended at the Woodward High School. She is a native of England, but came to this country when quite young.

After leaving school, Robert was variously employed. He first engaged as clerk with Henry Hamilton & Co., with whom he remained two years; next as traveling salesman, with R. W. Booth & Co., with whom he continued ten years; and then again as clerk with Perin, Gaff & Co., with whom he stayed about the same length of time as with his first employers. These were all Cincinnati houses and concerned in the wholesale hardware trade. After leaving Perin, Gaff & Co., he went to St. Louis and became a traveling salesman for the Simmons Hardware Company there, with whom he continued two years, after which he returned to Cincinnati and resumed his former position as clerk in the house of Perin, Gaff & Co. for a year, when, ceasing his connection with them, he opened a retail grocery store in Ludlow, Kentucky, which he still conducts, doing a very fair business. It has been in operation now about two years.

In 1868 he was made a Mason in McMillan Lodge, No. 141, at Cincinnati, Ohio, but, upon establishing himself in Ludlow, dimitted to Samuel Reed Lodge, No. 478, of that place, and subsequently became a Steward and then the Junior Deacon of the Lodge. In 1869 he took the Chapter degrees in Kilwinning Chapter, No. 87, at Cincinnati, Ohio; and in 1873, the Orders in Knighthood, in Covington Commandery, No. 7, at Covington, Kentucky.

He has hitherto been an active member of the Independent Order of

Odd Fellows, but is now non-affiliated. He has also served one term as member of the Ludlow School Board.

On the 24th of December, 1867, he married Miss Lizzie, daughter of Joseph and Kate Carey, of Cincinnati, Ohio; the marriage ceremony transpiring under the auspices of the Rev. Mr. Hubbard, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city. Of the two children born to this union, but one survives, viz.: Pearlie, a girl of four years; Robert, the elder child, having died at the age of two years.

It may here be added, for the information of those who are not acquainted with Bro. H., that he is a man of pleasing address, social nature, and deserved popularity.



WILLIAM G. HILL.



HILL, WILLIAM G., Wholesale Grocer, Cincinnati, Ohio, was born in Ireland, September 12, 1843, and is a son of William and Mary Hill, natives of that country. He came with his parents to America, when but four years old, and has, consequently, but little recollection of his native land. His parents first settled in Haverhill, Massachusetts, where his father engaged in the manufacturing of shoes for a period of six years, when, his health failing, he removed with his family to Grant County, Kentucky, and there finding a climate congenial to renewed life and health, purchased a farm and employed himself in its cultivation until 1869, at which time, tiring of agricultural pursuits, he returned with his wife, to Haverhill, where he died in October, 1874, and where his widow still has her home.

William's education, originally begun in Massachusetts, was continued, after his parent's emigration to Kentucky, in the public schools of Covington, until he was thirteen years of age, at which time, seized with an irresistible desire to become a merchant, he commenced to clerk for J. M. Fisher, a grocer in that city, with whom he remained seven years, and then borrowing one thousand dollars, purchased his stock, and in connection with Mr. W. W. Smith, his present partner, became a successor to the business. Beginning in a retail way, the new firm, under careful management, soon gave proof of a growing prosperity by the addition of wholesale features to their trade, which kept steadily developing more and more in that direction, until in 1872, they were compelled to seek other and more commodious quarters to accommodate the business they had in hand. These they found in their present location at No. 45 Vine street, Cincinnati, Ohio, where now they handle goods in a wholesale way only, and by the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth annually. Their rapid advancement, which is as surprising as it is gratifying to their friends, can only be accounted for, upon the broad principle that they fully understand their business, have the means for conducting it properly, and give the utmost satisfaction to their customers in all their dealings. This being the fact, they have succeeded in placing themselves in the front rank of the leading wholesale establishments, of Cincinnati, where they will be apt to remain so long as it is their will and

pleasure to continue in business. May they, as they well deserve, go on prospering and to prosper to the end.

In October, 1864, Mr. Hill became a Mason and also a member of Col. Clay Lodge in Covington, and about a year later took the Chapter, and in 1867 the Commandery degrees, and like the true Acacian he is, has ever kept his obligations and Masonic integrity intact. To him, indeed, as to every true Mason, has initiation been a new birth—an introduction into a higher sphere of intellectual and moral perfection, where brotherly love, relief, and truth; faith, hope, and charity; and obedience, generosity, and fidelity are taught as a part of the genial attendants which ever accompany all who walk in the light.

In October, 1869, Bro. Hill was married to Miss Lydia Mitchell, daughter of John and Maria (Pim) Mitchell, then residents of Cincinnati, but now of Covington. They have three sons, William G., George W., and Walton C.

Bro. H., as a descendant of the sturdy old Scotch-Irish stock, is possessed of all that ceaseless energy and unyielding perseverance, which seldom or never fails to win success; while his genial disposition and ever ready wit and humor combine to render him an agreeable companion and a welcome guest in every circle.



ROBERT T. SPILMAN.



SPILMAN, ROBERT T., Merchant, Covington, Kentucky, is a native of Virginia. He was born in Culpepper County in that State on the 23rd of March, 1835, where, also, his parents, George and Elizabeth (Norris) Spilman, were born. His father, a farmer by occupation, came with his family to Kentucky in 1842, and settled in Kenton County. Here he made his home and followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1863. Robert, from living with his parents in the country, where the schools were not very good, enjoyed but limited advantages for acquiring an education.

These, however, he improved to the best possible extent, remedying his early deficiencies in a goodly degree, in later years, by earnest self application.

Verging to the age of manhood, he commenced the business of life by devoting himself to the mastery of the carpenter's trade, and though not learning it regularly, soon found steady employment at it, at the wages of a journeyman. He followed the business about three years and then abandoning it, engaged as clerk in a dry goods store, where he remained employed for another period of three years. After that, in the meantime having qualified himself as a book-keeper, he entered upon and continued in that occupation for several years. He then engaged in merchandising on his own account, and between that and book-keeping has passed the principal part of his business life.

In 1856 he was made a Mason by Atlanta Lodge, No. 165, located at Atlanta, Illinois, and in 1872, received the Chapter and Commandery degrees through Covington Chapter and Covington Commandery. Though deeply impressed with the importance and value of Masonry to the world, his duties have been such that he could neither accept nor hold office in any of the Masonic bodies of which he is a member, unless at the sacrifice of his necessary avocations, and these, Masonry has ever enjoined upon him, should on no account be neglected. This enjoinder arising from the principle that good citizenship is a duty in Masonry which is ever due from her votaries to the State and to society at large, for without good citizenship neither the State nor Masonry itself could exist, and society would be but the mere agglomeration of every base instinct. He has, however, supported the dignity of his Masonic character on every occasion, and by precept and

example enforced obedience to the tenets of the Order. The good of the institution has ever been an object dear to his heart.

On the 25th of November, 1857, he was married to Miss Emma L. Monnier, daughter of Dr. John and Margaret Monnier, of Alton, Illinois, by whom he had two children, namely, Florence and Nannie, both of whom are now receiving their education in the city schools of Covington. His first wife having died on the 26th day of July, 1863, Bro. S. again married on the 20th day of June, 1865, Miss Mary E. Smith of St. Louis, Missouri, who died April 15, 1868. His last marriage was with Miss Annie Osmond, daughter of John and Susan Osmond, of Boone County, Kentucky, October 23, 1873. The family reside at No. 1231 Bank Lick street, Covington.

Bro. S., as a man, is very deserving and kindly intentioned, and by his urbane, and gentlemanly course through life has won to himself troops of friends. Having the confidence and approbation of his fellow citizens, he has, through his energy, industry, and good business habits, acquired a fair competence, and now reposes in the happy satisfaction that he has ever faithfully performed every obligation assumed by, and duty enjoined upon him, in the various relations of life.



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ALEXANDER MONTGOMERY.



MONTGOMERY, ALEXANDER, Wholesale Coal Merchant, Covington, Kentucky, is descended, both on the paternal and maternal sides, from the hardy, long-lived Scotch-Irish stock, his grandfather and grandmother Montgomery having lived, the one to the good old age of ninety-six years, and the other to ninety-four. He is a son of Thomas and Mary Montgomery, and was born in the county of Farmanough, Ireland, December 16, 1833. His parents, who are yet living, and who reside in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, are also natives of Ireland.

They were people of wealth and influence there, but owing to their Orange faith and uncompromising opposition to Catholicism were so persecuted that they were forced to sell out their property at great sacrifice, and leave their native land for America, where they arrived in 1841. Their losses, however, were but briefly felt, for on their arrival in this country they at once proceeded to Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, and there purchased at a very low price, six hundred and forty acres of government land, which not only furnished them with an immediate home, but on improvement rapidly appreciated in value and soon brought them into quite comfortable circumstances. It is now a very rich property and in the hands of their immediate descendants, and so entailed by the will of Thomas Montgomery that it cannot for a long time, if ever, pass out of the family's possession.

Alexander was provided with a good English education and afterward sent to serve an apprenticeship at Roll-turning in the mills of Messrs. G. and J. H. Schoenberger at Pittsburg. Completing his indenture, he went to Pomeroy, Ohio, and there worked at his trade for about five years, when he went as clerk on a steamboat and continued so engaged until 1865. In 1864 he moved to Covington and there became interested in the coal business, but after terminating the clerkship above named, added the mining and transportation of the commodity to its sale. He has, since, by the exercise of energy, good judgment, and care, built up a most magnificent trade, and now derives no inconsiderable revenue from it. It is thus that industry and enterprise ever beget competence, which, in turn, ensures to its possessor recognition and respect in the commercial, moral and social world.

In 1855, Bro. Montgomery was inducted into Masonry. His initiation

transpired in Pomeroy, Ohio, and was the work of a Lodge there, numbered 164, and named for that place. Since initiation he has been admitted a member of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, at Covington, as his change of residence precluded his farther meeting with his mother Lodge. His privileges now extend to Chapter, Council, and Commandery, of which bodies he is now a member in Covington. Several years since he served a term as Junior Deacon of Golden Rule Lodge, and discharged the duties of the office with the circumspection, fidelity, and vigilance which becomes a Mason. No brother, unless he was duly and truly prepared, well and worthily known, or properly avouched for, and had the permission of the Worshipful Master, could pass or repass his station in the Lodge. He well understood the chief care of a Mason, and exemplified it. To the worthy brother he ever extended the right hand of fellowship and gave the warm greeting peculiar to the craft. This office was instituted in A. D. 1800, to relieve the Senior Warden of a portion of the duties previously performed by him. Its theory is that of compliment of the Tyler, the two officers jointly guarding the door of entrance and preserving the security of the Lodge. Bro. M. also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In religious matters, he is untrammelled by sectarian bigotry, but acknowledges the Cross with a fervent devotion, for in it, he perceives the everlasting sign of triumph. It was the Cross which brought victory to the standards of Constantine in his last sanguinary contest with the hosts of Maxentius, and it is that which must finally give life, light, and liberty to a sin-cursed world. Though he is without church connections he modestly inclines to the creed and doctrines laid down and expounded by Calvin.

On the 27th of July, 1854, he married Miss Agnes Harris, daughter of George Harris, Esq., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Two children, a son and daughter, are the fruit of this happy and congenial union. The son, George Harris, is married to Miss Hattie Kilborn, and the daughter, Anna M., yet remains single. They were both educated in the Public Schools of Covington.

Bro. M. resides at No. 99 Riddle street, Covington. He is a whole souled, genial gentleman, and a worthy representative of the noble stock from which he descends. Though in God's chancery millions were at his feet, he would not touch a penny not his own, nor claim aught as wages not his due. May his light shine unto the perfect day.



GEORGE W. M'DANNOLD.



M'DANNOLD, GEORGE WASHINGTON, Stockholder and Director in the City National Bank of Covington, Ex-Deputy United States Marshal, etc., is the son of Jabez and Elizabeth McDannold, and a native of Kenton County, Kentucky. He was born October 29, 1835. His father, who was a man of much intelligence, great activity, and indomitable perseverance, owned and carried on a farm in this county for many years. He died April 22, 1876, leaving his estimable widow, who now resides in Covington, in very comfortable circumstances. His death was much deplored by the community at large, as he was very justly esteemed one of the best and most valuable citizens of Kenton County.

He provided his son, George, with a good English education, and supplemented it by a course in the Commercial College, so as to fit him for a mercantile life, which he much preferred to the occupation of farming followed by his father.

Leaving school, George engaged as clerk in the jewelry store of his uncle of the same name, where he remained for several years, making many valuable acquaintances. Terminating this engagement, he successively entered into various kinds of enterprises and speculations. At one time, he was a Deputy United States Marshal, discharging the duties of that office with honor, fidelity and efficiency; at another, the junior partner in the house of Fisher and McDannold doing a wholesale grocery business in Cincinnati; then a trader in city realty and other property, making some very fine investments; and now, a stockholder and director in the City National Bank of Covington, and the one-half owner and conductor of a bonded warehouse and storage business of a very profitable character in the same city. His success in life has been the result of tact, pluck, and energy, and is well deserved.

He was made a Master Mason in Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, Covington, Kentucky, January 19, 1858; was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Covington Chapter, No. 35, on the 6th of May following; and was dubbed and created a Sir Knight in Covington Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar, August 5th, of the same year. He is now a member in good standing, of all these bodies, and intends thus to

remain. Having sought initiation of his own free will and accord, unbiased by the improper solicitations of friends, uninfluenced by mercenary motives, and with a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge, he believes in conforming to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity, as he solemnly pledged he would do, at his first induction into the order, holding, that among these ancient usages and established customs, is to be found a regulation, which imposes the imperative duty of Lodge affiliation, and all reasonable attendance upon the communications of the craft. To the law and to the testimony—if any man walk not by this rule, it is because there is no light in him.

August 10, 1870, he was married to Miss Laura E., daughter of Garland W. and Martha A. Powell, of Lexington, Kentucky. They now have three children—two daughters and a son, whose names are: Mattie E., Laura E., and Louis H., the oldest of whom attends school.

The family reside at No. 109 west Third street, Covington, and are surrounded with all the comforts of a refined and cultured home.

Personally, Mr. McDannold has about him the air of a shrewd conscientious business man—of one who has succeeded in accumulating a competency without becoming parsimonious in so doing, and who lives not as Dives lived, for himself alone, but for his fellow-man as well.



NAPOLEON B. STEPHENS.



STEPHENS, NAPOLEON B., Clerk of Courts, Merchant, and Farmer, is a son of Leonard and Catharine Stephens, and was born in Kenton County, Kentucky, August 25, 1814. His parents were natives of Spottsylvania, Orange County, Virginia, and came to Kenton County, Kentucky, in 1808, when Covington had scarcely a beginning and the State but a limited settlement. But as they were hardy pioneers and inured to a life of toil, they soon brought order out of chaos and provided themselves with a comfortable home. They resided upon a farm a few miles back of Covington in the vicinity of Florence, where Mrs. Stephens died in 1843, leaving her husband surviving, who subsequently removed to Boone County, and there died in 1874.

They bestowed upon their son, Napoleon, as good an education as could be had in the schools of their vicinity, and at the academy in Burlington, Boone County, Kentucky, after which, he became a clerk in the general merchandise store of E. K. Fish, at Florence, where he remained for several years, when, through means furnished by his father, he opened a country store on his own account, at Dry Ridge, Grant County, Kentucky, which he conducted until 1843, doing a fair business, but unable to clear much money by reason of losses resulting from the credit system, which then universally prevailed. Dissatisfied with the prospects of this enterprise, he closed his store and returned to his father's farm in Kenton County. Here he remained two years, when, receiving the appointment of County Court Clerk for Kenton County, he assumed the duties of that office, and held the position until 1855. After that, farming for another year, he became Circuit Court Clerk for Kenton County, and so continued until 1862, at which time he engaged in the Coal trade at Covington, whither he had removed in 1857. In 1868, he retired from this line of business, and in the matter of private affairs has since contented himself with the care and preservation of his property, and the making of occasional loans of money, or of investments of capital in such temporary financial schemes as rationally presented themselves to his mind.

In 1856, he was made a Mason by Good Faith Lodge, No. 95, at Florence, Kentucky, but, the next year, dimitted to Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, at Covington, in consequence of a change of residence. He could

not meet with the brethren in Good Faith Lodge, and he would not forego the pleasures of Masonic communion. It were well if all Brethren were imbued with a like spirit of zeal and love. In 1857, he received the Chapter, and in 1858, the Council and Commandery degrees. These were conferred on him by the appropriate bodies in Covington, of which he then became, and yet remains, a member. For fifteen years he served as Treasurer of Golden Rule Lodge, and, for several, filled similar positions in Kenton Council and Covington Commandery. Though these were all important trusts, they were all sacredly discharged. This office is one of scriptural origin, and in that respect exactly befitting the character of Masonry. It is recorded in Nehemiah xiii. 13: "And I made treasurers over the treasuries, . . . for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren," which is precisely the duty of the Masonic Treasurer, who is charged to distribute unto his brethren, whatever of funds he may at any time have in his official keeping, when so directed by the concurrent action of the Worshipful Master and his Lodge. His, being an office of peculiar nature, and much responsibility, and requiring considerable vigilance in the proper discharge of its duties, he has been very appropriately invested with a Key as a distinctive badge. While this little implement seems to be one of very simple construction and of trifling value, it yet conveys a most important lesson. It admonishes its legal possessor to security, accuracy, and fidelity in the management of his trusts, without the exercise of which, his office would be as a tinkling cymbal or sounding brass, and worse than useless. Anciently, this emblem symbolized power, because power and purse were synonymous terms. Money, then as now, being the means by which the world is moved to a good or evil purpose.

"Gold is the canker of the breast ;
 'Tis avarice, insolence, and pride,
 And every shocking vice beside—
 But when to virtuous hands 'tis given,
 It blesses, like the dews of heaven ;
 Like heaven, it hears the orphans' cries,
 And wipes the tears from widows' eyes."

To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, has ever been the great end and aim of Freemasonry, and for these purposes its purse has ever been open. May its beneficence ever extend and its shadow never grow less. Aside from the above import, the Key also warns the brethren to observe silence and circumspection in their worldly walk and conversation; to preserve the tongue of good report and to abstain from the debasing vices of slander and defamation on all occasions; to bear in mind the importance of those secrets which have been transmitted

through thirty centuries, amidst bitter persecutions, for the benefit of the sons of light, and to deliver them to brethren of succeeding generations in all their purity and perfection, untarnished by the touch of profane curiosity, and unimpaired by the revolution of time, and finally to maintain them as they were in the beginning, are now, and, it is to be hoped, ever shall be, world without end.

It is proper here to add before closing, that in 1839, while a citizen of Grant County, Kentucky, Bro. Stephens was elected to the Legislature, and was re-elected in 1841. That the political contests in this county and legislative district had heretofore been very close, never varying more than two or three votes between opposing candidates, but that in Bro. Stephen's case, he was elected by ninety-nine majority in his first race, and by eighty-six in his second, being results which greatly surprised both him and his friends. At one time he was Clerk of the Federal Court for the eastern part of the Kentucky District, by the appointment of Judge Ballard. He has also frequently been a member of the Covington School Board and City Council, and is at present the President of the latter body. He has also been for many years, a member of the Water Works Board in Covington, and is now its President. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and takes a deep interest in all its concerns.

On the 18th of October, 1838, he was married to Miss Rebecca P. Hughes, daughter of John and Mary Hughes, of Boone County, Kentucky. Six children have gladdened their hearthstone, of whom two, John and Winnie, are dead; and Mary Catharine, wife of R. A. Athey, Esq., the present Mayor of Covington; Statira, wife of D. B. Bayless, Esq.; John L., who married Miss Mary Cochrane; and Rachel, who is still single, are yet living.

It is evident from the places of trust which Bro. S. has held, that he has had the esteem of his fellow citizens in a high degree, and that, from the results of his life, such esteem has been in no degree misplaced.



EDWARD H. ECKMAN.



ECKMAN, EDWARD H., Entry Clerk with Shipley, Hoover & Co., Cincinnati, was born at North Bend, Ohio, on the 15th of August, 1852. His father, Addison S. was a native of the same State, being born near Morrow on the Little Miami river, February 21, 1823. During his lifetime he was engaged in blacksmithing, which trade he followed up to the time of his death, which occurred August 15, 1852. His mother, Margaret (McGowan) Eckman, was born in County Monaghan, North of Ireland, on the 25th of April, 1833. She is yet living and at the present time a resident of Covington, Kentucky.

Edward received his education in the schools of Cincinnati and when he arrived at the suitable age got employment in the wholesale dry goods house of George W. Jones & Co., No. 19 West Pearl street, Cincinnati, Ohio. For five years he acted as stock-keeper for them, and then entered the house of Shipley, Hoover & Co., as entry clerk, and has remained with them ever since, in that capacity.

Not long after attaining majority Mr. Eckman put in an application, to Col. Clay Lodge, for membership, this was received favorably, it would seem, for on the 23rd of February, 1875, he received the Master's degree in that Lodge, of which he has since been a member. Wishing to receive further rights, benefits and privileges, he petitioned for admittance to Covington Chapter, who granted his request and conferred the proper degrees, and he became a Royal Arch Mason, June 18, 1875. Still not content with his knowledge of Masonic truths and beauties, he sought for and gained his desire from Covington Commandery, who dubbed and created him a Knight Templar on the 23rd of December, 1875. Besides his Masonic connections, he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workingmen, and also a brother in the Pythian Knighthood. In these fraternities, he manifests a lively interest and desire for their continued prosperity, but thinks Masonry the institution par excellence, the one whose antiquity is reckoned by thousands of years, not ephemeral or transient in its character and aims, but substantial and permanent. On the 6th of November, 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna T. Blick, daughter of William H. Blick of Covington. Mr. Eckman is a young man of capability and energy, and consequently developing into a good business man. Being of a persevering nature, it is safe to predict, that in the future, he will justify the hopes of his friends and become yet more highly esteemed by his Masonic fraters.

CHARLES L. BROWN.



BROWN, CHARLES L., General Freight Agent of the Kentucky Central Railroad Company, was born December 27, 1842, at New Berlin, Chenango County, New York. His parents, Lewis and Harriet E. (Monroe) Brown, are both living, and now reside in the village of New Berlin. They gave Charles the benefit of all the educational advantages within their power, comprising the common schools and the academy of his native town, followed by a course of two years at Clinton Institute. In 1862, when twenty years of age, he enlisted as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment of New York Volunteers, and the next year became First Sergeant of the Company. In 1864 he was twice promoted: first, to the rank of Second Lieutenant of Company E; and next, to the rank of First Lieutenant of Company F, same regiment. While in service, he was wounded three times, viz.: at Port Hudson, June 14, 1863; at Winchester, September 19, 1864; and at Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864; in the first instance the wound being of a serious nature, and in the leg. In June 1865 he was mustered out, and the September following came to Kentucky, and was employed as a clerk in the Covington Office of the Kentucky Central Railroad Company, where he remained one year, and was then appointed Local Agent for the Company at Paris, Kentucky, filling that position until December, 1866, when he was recalled to Covington and made Local Agent at that point, in which capacity he continued to serve about two months, when he received the appointment of General Freight Agent for the Company, which he yet fills to their entire satisfaction, and that of the community in general. As a railroad man, Mr. Brown is not only popular, but very efficient; strictly attentive to his duties in business hours, and jovial and companionable when disengaged. Being in the prime of life and possessed of good health, he has every prospect for continued success in the calling he has chosen.

In 1873 he was made a Mason by Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, and became a member thereof. The next year, took the Chapter and Commandery degrees, and the Council in 1875. In 1877 he was Senior Warden in his Lodge, Master of the Third Veil in his Chapter, and Junior Warden in his Commandery, of which this year he is Senior Warden. He has filled all the chairs in the subordinate Lodge of Odd Fellowship; is a

member of the Ancient Order of United Workingmen, and of the Independent Order of United Workingmen; and also belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters.

He was married June 8, 1869, to Miss Emma L. Firth, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Firth, of Newport, Kentucky. Three sons have resulted from this union, viz.: Lewis, born July 20, 1870; Willie T., born January 6, 1872; died March 20, 1874, of congestion of brain, and Harry, born April 18, 1875. The family residence is at No. 30 West Twelfth street, Covington. They are very comfortably situated.



WILLIAM W. HENDERSON.



HENDERSON, WILLIAM WHARTON, M. D. This gentleman is one of the leading physicians of Covington, Kentucky. His parents were James W. and Elizabeth Henderson; the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter, of Kentucky. Both are now dead. They were married in 1808, and settled on a farm in Fayette County, near Lexington, Kentucky, where he was born August 20, 1822, at a time when the people of that State were fast drifting into a whirlpool of political excitement over a feud, which shortly afterward sprang up between the partisans of the Old and New Court, as to the respective legal rights of those bodies to constitute the Supreme Bench of the State, but which fortunately assuaged without the intervention of arms, or the effusion of blood, although both were imminent.

His youth was mainly spent at home upon his father's farm, where he received his primary instruction in the neighboring schools, after which, he was sent to Transylvania University at Lexington, to complete his education, that institution being the most celebrated school in the West at the time, and the *alma mater* of many distinguished Kentuckians. He was a student there for six years, when he graduated at the age of twenty-one with the degree of M. D. The first three years of his time there, were devoted to the mastery of the branches taught in the Freshmen, the Sophomore, and the junior classes, and the last three in acquiring a knowledge of therapeutics and medical science generally, his tutors in medicine being Dr. D. L. Price for the first year, and Prof. B. W. Dudley for the other two. After graduating he located at Crittenden, Grant County, Kentucky, where he found a good field with abundance of patronage awaiting him. This continued the scene of his operations for nineteen years, when the failing health of his wife compelled him to relinquish his practice there and seek a change of location, temporarily. He subsequently settled, and resumed practice at Covington, having become prepossessed in its favor, while on a temporary sojourn there, attending a course of lectures at the Ohio Medical College in Cincinnati, and having acquired practice while so doing. It has now been his home for fourteen years, and will probably so continue to the end of his days.

Soon after his advent at Crittenden, he married Miss Susan H., daughter of Edmund H. Parrish, Esq., of Bourbon County, Kentucky, the ceremony

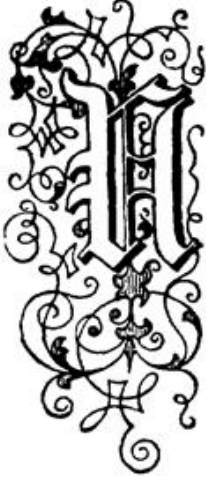
taking place December 19, 1844. She died (after a married life of nearly twenty years), at Covington, October 25, 1864. Her husband remained a widower about seven years, and resumed marital relations October 31, 1871, wedding his present wife, Miss Sarah Virginia, daughter of Hon. Jesse D. Bright of Indiana. They now have two children, respectively named Jessie B., and George B. Henderson.

The Doctor is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and, though a firm believer in its creed, is tolerant of all other sects and denominations. He throws over the frailties and foibles of human nature the broad mantle of Masonic charity, believing that all men are the children of one Father, and in religion are free to choose whatever path they believe will bring them nearest God. That in the contemplation of the wisdom, goodness, and power of the Great Architect of the universe, they can all unite in adoration; and agree in the grand essential and universal principle of religion, the recognition and worship of a Deity in whose hands are the issues of life and death, though they may differ somewhat in the tenets peculiar to each other's special faith.

He was made a Mason by Grant Lodge, No. 85, at Williamstown, Kentucky, in 1845, but subsequently took a dimit and united with Crittenden Lodge, No. 150, at Crittenden, Kentucky, as that Lodge was more convenient to him, Crittenden being then his place of residence. In 1850, he became a charter member of McClure Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, helping to institute it; in 1851 took the Orders in Templar Masonry in Webb Encampment, at Lexington, Kentucky; and in 1852 aided in the organization and establishment of Covington Commandery, No. 7, of which he is now and has been a member from original charter. He has also taken the Council degrees in Kenton Council, No. 13, at Covington, and is a member of that body at this time. He has been Most Excellent High Priest of McClure Chapter, and was for several years Worshipful Master of Crittenden Lodge, besides having filled various subordinate positions in these bodies from time to time, as necessity and the good of Masonry required. He is a Son of Temperance, and has occupied the chair of Worthy Patriarch. Also has been a Noble Grand in Odd Fellowship, and held the highest office within the gift of the Encampment of that Order, including sundry of its intermediate stations.

Personally, Bro. H. is a man whose practice has never varied from his principles, whose guiding star has been honor, and whose sheet anchor, fidelity to trust. He has ever acted upon the square, and the world is better for his having lived in it.

JAMES NIXON.



NIXON, JAMES, Carpenter and Builder, Ludlow, Kentucky, was born in County Meath, Ireland, in the month of March, 1837. His father, Francis Nixon, a native of Ireland, was a tanner and real estate agent in that country. He died in County Meath in 1844. At the time of James' birth, his parents were in very good circumstances. But upon his father's death, the family fortunes began to wane, which soon necessitated his mother, Mary (Grey) Nixon, to gather up what means she could command, and with her children, emigrate to the New world. This she did, arriving in New Brunswick, after a long and tedious passage, during which she and her children were all very sick. She died in New Brunswick, in 1847, leaving James an orphan at the age of ten years. Thus early deprived of his parents, his educational privileges were curtailed to meagre gleanings, mostly obtained in night schools in Toronto, during the period he was engaged in learning the carpenter's trade there.

He had gone to that city from New Brunswick, in 1851, and after employing his time for about two years, first as errand boy, etc., in a bake shop, and then as a cook on a vessel plying on Lake Ontario, he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, serving first with a Mr. Daniel McDanold for four years, and then with a Mr. Storm, for one year. The latter named gentleman being a noted builder. He subsequently worked as a journeyman for Mr. McDanold, but afterward carried on business for himself, in Toronto, for a year. On the 19th of October, 1859, he left that city for Covington, Kentucky, obtaining employment upon his arrival there with Messrs. Henderson and Long, with whom he remained until the 24th of December following, when he went to Canton, Mississippi, and worked for a Mr. Louis Knoyer, about one month, after which they formed a partnership, and continued in business together until the spring of 1860, at which time Mr. Nixon returned to Kentucky, and was employed by a Mr. Ambrose Bush, at Winchester, for whom he worked about six months. He then contracted to build a house for a Mr. Cushingberry, at Bath, Kentucky, which he finished in the latter part of April, 1861. Coming to Cincinnati he remained a few days, and then went to Bellefontaine, Ohio, where he found employment and worked until February, 1862. He then went back to Toronto, and there in conjunction with his brother, built a house. In

August, he left for Buffalo, New York, and worked at his trade there until about the first of the next November. After that he paid a visit to Bellefontaine, Ohio, going from there to Cincinnati, where he was employed upon a house for a Mr. Traber, of the firm of Traber and Aubury.

Finishing his job there, he returned to Bellefontaine, and on the 3rd of January, 1863, married Miss Mary E. Marquis, daughter of James and Mary Marquis of that city. Shortly after their marriage they went to Covington, Kentucky, where they resided nine months, and then moved to Ludlow, their present residence. They have six children, viz.: William R., Mary E., Ada, Eva, Mary A., and Gracie B., all of whom are attending the Ludlow city schools.

Mr. Nixon and his wife are both members of the Presbyterian Church in Ludlow. Since locating in that city, Mr. Nixon has built forty-seven houses there, besides various public and private edifices in Covington, among which are the Bachelor Street School House and the First National Bank of Covington.

He was made a Mason in Samuel Reed Lodge of Ludlow, and took the Chapter degrees in Covington Chapter, June 10, 1873; and the Encampment degrees in Covington Commandery, June 30, 1873. He has been Junior Warden of Samuel Reed Lodge, and also trustee of the Ancient Order United Workingmen. He has also been Treasurer of the American Eagle Lodge of Odd Fellows, in Ludlow.

He was the second Assessor and Collector of the city of Ludlow, and is a member of the city council, now serving his third term as such.

From the foregoing sketch it can readily be seen that Bro. Nixon is and has been an active, stirring, business man. Commencing, a poor orphan boy, without means or assistance, he has thus far solved the problem of life in a most commendable and successful manner. It is safe to presume from the sterling qualities he has exhibited, that his good fortune will never desert him.



WILLIAM R. DUNLAP.



DUNLAP, WILLIAM RAMSEY, is Secretary and part owner of the Bradford Mill Company, on the corner of Elm and Second streets, Cincinnati, Ohio, which is engaged in the manufacture of mill machinery and Miller's supplies. His father, Robert Dunlap, and his mother, Annie (Park) Dunlap, were both born of Scotch parents in Tyrone County, Ireland, about the year 1776, and emigrated in 1800 to America where they settled on a farm in Alleghany County, near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. On this farm, our subject, William Ramsey, was born December 17, 1820, and here his parents both died; his mother in 1828, and his father in 1862. Here, too, his childhood and youth were passed, and a fair common school education acquired by him.

When about eighteen years of age, he commenced learning the trade of a house carpenter, and worked at that business for about three years; after which he became a millwright, and also studied hydraulic engineering with W. B. McNair, Esq., spending three years in this line, under his instruction, working with him in Pennsylvania and Ohio. He then formed a partnership with Mr. McNair, and carried on for three years more, the business of building mills and iron works in the same section of country where he had learned it, while his associate went to Michigan and built the first iron works at the Iron Mountain there. During this time he also studied civil engineering with Hon. John F. Buber, of Trumbull County, Ohio, intending to follow this new acquirement as a profession, but as his former business continued to increase, he still devoted himself to that, and in 1854 came to Cincinnati and took charge of the foundry and machine shop of Ross and Ricker, of that city.

The next year this firm was reorganized, and for six years following, conducted business under the style of W. R. Dunlap & Co., After this period Mr. Dunlap sold his interest to his partner, E. C. Ross, and embarked in the Oil business at Oil City, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1866, when he returned to Cincinnati, and was appointed mechanical engineer in charge of the Greenwood Iron works, in which capacity he continued to act for a term of six years. While fulfilling this engagement, Mr. Dunlap inaugurated here the building of paper-making machinery, which had hitherto been confined exclusively to the East. In 1872, when Mr.

Greenwood abandoned the business, he was succeeded by the Van Wert Company who transferred the works to Van Wert, Ohio, and employed Mr. Dunlap as their mechanical engineer.

This company was chiefly engaged in the manufacture of paper-making machinery, and while with them, Mr. Dunlap superintended the building of several large paper mills, with their necessary machinery, all of which worked most successfully, and proved to be triumphs of mechanical genius. This company, however, having but a small capital to start with, broke down in the financial crash of 1873, thus necessitating his return to Cincinnati where he engaged in the mill furnishing business in which he has since remained employed, meeting with a moderate and reasonable degree of success. Mr. Dunlap has been eminently successful as an inventor, and has won for himself the well deserved gratitude of mechanics generally by the useful and labor-saving character of his improvements.

While engaged in the oil business in Pennsylvania, he was identified with J. D. Bryson in obtaining Letters Patent on oil well pumps, which have been extensively used; and while at the Greenwood Iron Works he secured, in company with C. A. Wilson, a patent on hydraulic pump valves, which they manufactured and applied successfully on the large Shields' Pumping Engine in the Cincinnati Water Works. He was also allowed a patent on a fluid valve, now largely used on hydraulic elevators, and on the 5th of December, 1876, in company with his present partner, J. R. Stewart, was granted a patent on an improvement in grinding mills, which has been extensively introduced in connection with his present business.

From this brief statement of Mr. Dunlap's business career, it is very evident that he is possessed of mechanical genius of a high order, and that he has wisely devoted himself to that pursuit for which he felt himself best qualified. Without boasting, but with honest pride, he claims that he has never yet made a mechanical failure and ascribes this unusual success to his careful application of the fixed laws that govern matter; having faithfully studied them and applied them properly to mechanical purposes, he could not fail.

In religious matters he was brought up and educated in the Presbyterian faith, which was also that of his parents, and was inherited by them from their Scotch ancestry. He is a member of the Third Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, and strictly holds to the doctrinal teachings of that most orthodox denomination, and, to use his own words, "having found its creed a good rule to live by, rests in the trust that he will find it equally good to die by."

He was made a Mason about the year 1852, in Chenango Lodge, Newcastle, Pennsylvania, dimitted in 1856, and in the same year affiliated with Newport Lodge, of which, in 1860, he was elected Worshipful Master and served one year. About the year 1860, he received the Chapter and

Council degrees in Covington, Kentucky, and afterward became one of the Charter members of Olive Branch Chapter and Jeffries Council in Newport, Kentucky. About the same time he received the Commandery degrees in Covington Commandery, No. 7, of which he is now a member. In 1867 he dimitted from the Lodge, Chapter, and Council, in Newport, and united with N. C. Harmony Lodge, No. 2, McMillan Chapter, No. 19, and Cincinnati Council No. 1, all of Cincinnati, Ohio, and is now a member of each of these organizations.

His wife was Miss Emily B. Palmiter, daughter of Ephraim and Mary Palmiter, of Crawford County, Pennsylvania, to whom he was married on the 4th of March, 1847. She was gifted with fine intellectual powers, and a keen perception of human character; was somewhat reserved toward strangers, but free and social with her intimate friends; a firm but affectionate mother, a devoted wife, and an earnest Christian. She died suddenly of heart disease, June 5, 1876. To her may the beautiful sentiment of Scripture be appropriately applied, "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." Six children were born to this union, of whom three sons, Eugene Pressley, Albert Audley, and William Henry, with the eldest daughter, Mary Isabelle, were educated at Westminster College, Pennsylvania. The eldest son graduated there, afterward studied theology and graduated from the Western Theological Seminary at Alleghany City, Pennsylvania, as a Presbyterian minister. After preaching one year at Van Wert, Ohio, he went to Bangkok, Siam, as a missionary, where he has labored successfully for over two years. Mary Isabelle, the eldest daughter, also graduated at Westminster College. Albert Audley, the second son, is a farmer, and now resides near Topeka, Kansas. The other children, the two youngest of whom are named Emily Estella, and Annie Park, are yet unsettled in life. The family reside at No. 87 Hopkins street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bro. Dunlap is a man of fine personal appearance, full six feet in height, of slender build, weighing about one hundred and seventy-five pounds; has blue eyes and dark brown hair; and is of a nervous sanguine temperament. His life tells its own story of untiring energy, faithful effort, and consequent success, displaying a character which could not be otherwise than true to all religious, social and domestic virtues.

EDWARD H. ASHLEY.



ASHLEY, EDWARD H., Architect, Covington, Kentucky, was born at Shelbyville, Indiana, March 24, 1833. His father, Herman, is a native of Genessee County, New York. Having learned the carpenter's trade, he came West, and after his marriage settled in Indiana, where he remained until Edward was eight years old and then moved to Kentucky, where he has made it his home ever since, being at present a resident of Florence, Boone County. Edward's mother, Amanda, died in 1843. Going to school, in the town in which his father resided, until of proper age to learn the builder's trade, he commenced under his father's instruction, and wrought at it until he became a competent workman; he also learned stair building, and beginning to draw his plans and make his specifications he developed an aptitude for architecture, which he in 1868 applied himself to the study of, still carrying on his regular business in connection therewith until 1872, when he gave up building and devoted his time and attention to architecture. He remained in Covington until 1875 and then went to San Antonio, Texas, where he staid about two and a half years and then returned to Kentucky.

On the 7th of February, 1858, he married Miss Missouri A. Craig, daughter of Samuel Craig, of Florence, Boone County, Kentucky. Two children were born of this union, both of whom are now dead, Hattie dying in early childhood, and Willie E. at the age of nine.

Mr. Ashley became a member of Good Faith Lodge, No. 95, at Florence, Kentucky, in 1854. After filling several subordinate positions in that Lodge he was elected its Worshipful Master, and served as such for three terms. In 1874 he received the Chapter, Council and Commandery degrees in Covington, they were bestowed in due form by Covington Chapter, Kenton Council and Covington Commandery. He is also a member of Boone Lodge, No. 1, of the Ancient Order of United Workingmen, the above Lodge being the first chartered in Kentucky and he one of its early members. Mr. Ashley is of rather spare build, tall, erect, and active in his movements. His characteristics are energy and perseverance. His kindly disposition and pleasant manners make him friends wherever he goes. As citizen, neighbor and Mason he stands well, and being still in the prime of life it is but resonable to expect that the experience of the past will enable him to achieve success in the future.

ALBERT C. NASH.



NASH, ALBERT C., Architect, Cincinnati, Ohio, was born in the city of New York, December 10, 1825. His parents, Burr and Mary Nash, were natives of Connecticut, the former of Fairfield, the latter of Oxford. His father, who was a machinest excelled as a workman and was the first to introduce iron railings into New York City. He also built the first steamboat that ever ran between Charleston and Savannah. He removed to New Haven Connecticut in 1832, and there Albert received his education, and also learned his profession under the instruction of Mr. Stone and Mr. Austin, being with the former seven years and the latter two. After he had learned it he went to Bridgeport, Connecticut, and there established himself in business, remaining in that city seven years, going thence to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he remained eleven years. In 1867, he came to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he established himself in his profession, and where he still remains, having his office in the Carlisle Building on Fourth street. Since his advent to Cincinnati he has been engaged constantly on public and private buildings, among the most notable of which we mention the Cincinnati Hospital so often alluded to and described in the papers that it is unnecessary to say more than this, the structure is a monument of Mr. Nash's skill and justly counted one of the places of interest worth visiting.

In 1852 Mr. Nash was married to Miss Henrietta B. Tucker, daughter of Demas P. Tucker, of New Haven Connecticut. Five children were born of this union, two of whom are living, Melbourne R. and Lillie S. H., of the other three, two died in infancy, and Charles B. aged nineteen years, last April; he was a young man who gave great promise of the future, and his death was deeply regretted not only by his immediate family and relatives, but also by his young associates.

Mr. Nash is in possession of all the degrees from Entered Apprentice to Knight Templar, inclusive. He became a member of St. Johns Lodge, No. 3, at Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1850. The Cryptic, Capitular and Templar degrees were bestowed upon him by Covington Chapter, Kenton Council and Covington Commandery in 1868-9. While residing in Ludlow he took an active part in establishing Samuel Reed Lodge, No. 478, being one of the charter members, and its first Treasurer, and one year its Senior Warden.

Upon his wife's death, which occurred in 1874, at Ludlow, he

discontinued his residence there and came to Cincinnati. Mr. Nash was elected President of the Cincinnati Chapter of American Institute of Architects four successive terms but, resigned before the fourth expired. His success is due to his skill, fair dealing and industry. His character for reliability has also had much to do with his advancement. In his intercourse with his fellow-men he is genial, pleasant, and kind. His character as a man and Mason is highly esteemed by friends and fraters.



ALEXANDER L. GREER.



GREER, ALEXANDER L., Merchant, Miller, Capitalist, etc., is a son of James and Jane Greer, and was born May 1, 1807, near Belfast, County of Down, Ireland. His parents were natives of Ireland. His father was a linen merchant and carried on business in Belfast until his death, which occurred in 1814. His mother, three years later, with her six fatherless children emigrated to America, and arrived in Cincinnati, having traveled from Baltimore to Pittsburg in wagons, and thence down the Ohio river in a flat-boat. On their passage from Baltimore to Pittsburg, they were charged seven dollars per hundred weight for themselves and luggage, the members of the family being weighed with the goods, and rated as merchandise. When they landed at Cincinnati, which was in 1818, there were no graded streets running to the river, and the busy thoroughfare now known as Pearl Street, was but a sluggish pond, which had Mill Creek for an outlet, and up which row-boats could travel as far as Sycamore street in high water; while Central Avenue, now bustling with human life and labor, was then the site of a dense forest in which game was plentiful. Mrs. Greer did not long reside in Cincinnati, but moved across the river into Kentucky, about eight miles from Covington, where she spent the remainder of her life.

The schools there, as elsewhere in those early days, were not only very poor, but, like angel's visits, "few and far between," hence our subject had little opportunity for obtaining an education; he did, however, manage to pick up some knowledge of the rudiments of the more important branches, being ever ready to take advantage of any and all chances for improvement that fell in his way. He was a steady industrious lad, and often worked for twenty-five cents per day rather than be idle.

His keen eye, quick perception, and natural inventive genius enabled him to learn the cooper's trade, without serving an apprenticeship; also to obtain employment as a journeyman, and in about six months to become proprietor of the shop in which he worked. He started without a dollar of

capital, but by close attention to business, and keeping his promises to pay promptly, he soon had a flourishing trade, and could command all the credit he desired. His remarkably strict sense of honor is illustrated by the following incident which occurred about this time. He became security for a friend for seventy dollars, and having it to pay, found that he lacked three dollars of the required amount, and applied to a gentleman of his acquaintance for a loan of the deficit, explaining why he needed it. His friend remarked to him that the law would not compel him to pay such a debt. "I know that, sir," was the prompt reply, "but I will not allow any paper with my name on it, to be dishonored." This sentiment so excited the gentleman's admiration, that he subsequently sought Mr. Greer out, and made him a permanent offer of any pecuniary assistance of which he might, at any time, find himself in need, and ever after proved to be a steadfast friend.

He carried on the coopering business for some time, then gave it up, and renting a business place on Fifth street, between Main and Walnut, in Cincinnati, opened a dry goods store, which he conducted about one year, and then removed it to the vicinity of Oxford, Ohio, where he remained some six months. In 1828, he went to Covington, and rented a dwelling house at four dollars per month, but considering money paid out for rent as little better than thrown away, he purchased ground on the southeast corner of Third and Greenup streets, and so energetically pushed forward his building operations that in about three months he occupied one-half of his own house, and soon after finishing it off, had the remainder under rent. In 1829 he built a storehouse on the balance of the lot and commenced merchandising again. This storehouse and residence are yet standing, as is also a double two story frame house which he built the next year. The structure so well known as Greer's Block was erected by him at a period when its location was considered out of town. It consists of six stores, which, for fifteen years, he, with his partner, Thomas Greer, (a brother) occupied in carrying on all the leading lines of commercial business, except the buying and selling of whisky.

In addition to these six stores, Mr. Greer and his brother had in Covington, an extensive tobacco manufactory, a saw mill and a large flour mill that made two hundred and fifty barrels of flour daily; and also at Verona, Boone County, Kentucky, a store and tobacco manufactory, under the charge of a managing partner there, Mr. Jesse Gregory. The flour mill was conducted in connection with Mr. Matthew McMurtry, whom Mr. Greer has always considered as a rare specimen of that "noblest work of God," *an honest man*.

Besides supervising all these varied interests, Mr. Greer was constituted a sort of a banker by the farmers for miles around, who deposited their

surplus cash with him. The miller, in buying wheat of them would pay them in checks, and when they wanted goods or money they presented these checks to Mr. Greer and were supplied. These wheat checks circulated in the country as money, and the last one of them came in and was redeemed by Mr. Greer fifteen years after he had discontinued the milling business.

While in the midst of his prosperity he concluded to sell out, and with his family, pay a visit to the Holy Land. His proposed trip becoming noised abroad, he was solicited by various municipal corporations and others to act as their fiscal agent for the sale of City, County, State and Railroad Bonds. Accepting these trusts, he went to New York, where he became so deeply interested in the negotiation of the bonds, that after waiting and postponing further progress on his journey for some three months, he finally abandoned the idea and returned home, where he has since remained, devoting his attention to the management of his real estate, and to effecting loans for various friends requiring his services in that direction. That he is recognized as a man of true worth is evidenced by his appointment by Governor Powell many years ago as aid-de-camp on his staff, with the rank of Colonel; also by President Lincoln's selection of him for the office of Assessor of Internal Revenue at the time when the Covington District, comprising thirty-seven counties, was first established.

He has been a Mason for many years, and was a member of the old Covington Lodge, No. 109. Later in life, he took the Chapter and Council degrees, and in 1859, took the encampment degrees in Covington Commandery, in which he has held the offices of Standard Bearer and Senior Warden for several terms each. He has always been strongly in favor of the Temperance cause, and ever stoutly refused to rent any of his buildings for the purpose of liquor selling, preferring to allow them to stand vacant. Is not this a most convincing proof of his high appreciation of the first cardinal virtue of Masonry? Can any brother adduce a better?

For more than forty years he has belonged to and attended the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in Covington, and is one of its most devoted and efficient members.

When twenty years of age, he was married to Miss Nancy Cox, of Kenton County, Kentucky, who was then in her seventeenth year. Their nuptials were celebrated in March, 1827, and their union has been blessed with ten children, of whom five died in infancy, and five still living, are married—Lorena, the eldest, to William F. Simrall, Esq.; Jarvis A., to Miss Lamar, of Maysville, Kentucky; Emma V., to John B. Ewan, Esq.; John W., to Miss Robinson of Newport, Kentucky; and Endora, the youngest, to Dr. Avard of Covington, Kentucky.

Bro. Greer has been one of Earth's favored few who have never required the care of a physician, his naturally hardy constitution aided by his strictly

temperate habits having brought him to his "three score and ten" with but few marks of age. He can in the language of Shakspeare, say:

" Though I look old, yet I am strong and lusty ;
For, in my youth, I never did apply
Hot and rebellious liquors to my blood ;
Nor did I, with unbashful forehead, woo
The means of weakness and debility ;
Therefore my age is as a lusty winter,
Frosty but kindly."



JOHN T. WISE.



WISE, JOHN T., Physician, Covington, Kentucky, was born December 17, 1826, at Alexandria, Virginia. He is a son of the late Nathaniel Seaton Wise, and a younger brother of Dr. Theodore N. Wise, whose sketch also embellishes this volume. When our subject was only four years of age, his parents moved from Virginia to Newport, Kentucky. Public schools had not then been established in that city, and hence his education was acquired at various select schools which he attended in Newport and in Covington. He studied medicine with his brother Theodore, and at twenty years of age, entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, and graduated therefrom three years later. He at once located himself in Covington where he commenced the practice of his profession, which he has ever since successfully continued in that place.

For more than twenty-five years past, Dr. Wise has been a professing Christian, and is a member of the Ninth Street Southern Presbyterian Church in Covington.

Just before attaining his majority, Dr. Wise presented his petition for admission to the Masonic Fraternity, and in December, 1847, a few days after his twenty-first birth-day, took the first degree, and in quick succession passed through the subsequent degrees and became a member of Old Covington Lodge, No. 109, which is not now in existence. The following year he took the Chapter and Council degrees; and in 1851, soon after the establishment of the first Encampment there, he received the Commandery degrees. As he was the first member who had the Knight Templar degrees conferred upon him there, he is consequently regarded as the oldest son of Covington Commandery, No. 7. He was Recorder of the Encampment in 1852, and held the office of Recorder therein during the years 1853-4-6-7. He was also a representative to the Grand Encampment for the year 1852, and in 1856, as proxy for the Generalissimo and Eminent Commander of his Encampment. He is a member of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Association and also of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and of the Independent Order of United Workingmen.

On the 17th day of November, 1852, he married Miss Mary Ann Perry, daughter of R. H. and Catharine Sanford Perry, of Covington, Kentucky. The marriage ceremony was conducted by Rev. James Challen, also of

Covington. They have two children, named respectively, Charles Seaton, and Carrie McKinney. The family reside at No. 723, Madison street, Covington.

Dr. Wise needs no encomium from the historian, his sterling qualities of mind and heart having so endeared him to all who know him, that his name will be remembered with affection and regret long after his work is finished and life's armor lain aside. Toward one and all he is ever the genial gentleman, and the true and earnest friend as well.



ROBERT HOWE.



HOWE, ROBERT, Wholesale Liquor Merchant, Covington, Kentucky, was born in Montreal, Canada, May 15, 1815. His parents, Robert Howe, and Isabella (McLain) Howe, were natives of County Monnahan, Ireland, and emigrated to Montreal in 1813, where they resided until 1821, when they moved to a place called Hinchbrook Grove, near the State line of New York. There they purchased a farm upon which they lived until their death. All their surviving children with the exception of our subject, are still living on or near the old homestead farm. Robert lived with his parents, working on the farm and attending school in the neighborhood, until he was twenty-six years old, when he left home, and came to Covington, Kentucky. Upon his arrival at Covington, he obtained work in the rolling mill of Mr. McNichols, with whom he remained but a short time, and then secured employment in the flour mill of Messrs. Charles West and Joseph Torrence, where he stayed three years. Upon leaving their mill, he entered the grocery store of Robert Dunlap, in Covington, continuing there until 1852. In May of that year he started to California, where he arrived in due time and went directly to the mines, in which he worked nearly two years, meeting with varied success, but collecting enough of the dust, in that time, to justify his return home. Setting sail from San Francisco in May, 1854, just two years from the time he left Covington, he again reached that city in safety.

Soon after his return, he formed a partnership with a Mr. Spillman, and they jointly bought out the grocery store of Messrs. McMurtire and Cavanagh, of that city, which they carried on successfully until 1860, when Mr. Spillman retiring, Mr. Howe succeeded to the business and conducted the store alone for seven years longer. Mr. Howe, then making arrangements to quit the grocery business, invested his capital in the grain and liquor trade, with which he has since remained identified. He has two establishments in this line of business, one located at No. 31 Sycamore street, Cincinnati, Ohio, and the other at No. 25 Pike street, Covington, Kentucky.

In the year 1857 he became a member of Golden Rule Lodge in Covington, and soon after took the Chapter, Council, and Commandery degrees in the same city.

November 18, 1854, he married Miss Catharine Merring, daughter of John and Mary Merring of Covington. Two daughters and one son have been the result of this union; the son, Robert M., died in his eleventh year. The daughters, Lizzie and Julia, were both educated at the Female Institute at Millersburg, Kentucky, and Lizzie, the eldest, is now the wife of James C. Miller, of Millersburg, and resides with her husband at that place. Bro. Howe and his family now occupy the house in which he and his wife were married, having purchased the property two or three years after the marriage took place.

He has served ten years in the City Council of Covington, has prospered in business, and his hosts of friends attest the high position he holds in public esteem. He has always enjoyed good health, is somewhat above the medium stature, erect and portly in his carriage, easy in his address, and though over sixty years of age, shows but few marks of time, and appears fully ten years younger than he really is.



LEVI H. BROOKS.



BROOKS, LEVI H., Commission Tobacco Warehouseman, is a son of Cyrus S. and Sophia Brooks, and a native of Bristol, Vermont. He was born on the 18th of May in the ever memorable year of 1840—the year when Gen. William Henry Harrison, the Mason, and the hero of Tippecanoe, was elected President of the United States by a larger popular majority than was ever before given an aspirant for that office—and also the year when coonskins, hard cider, and log cabins, from which the latch-string always hung out, were the order of the day, and when Whigs everywhere were shouting:

“ Have you heard from Old Kentuck, tuck, tuck,
 All honest and true,
 Seventeen thousand is the tune
 For Tippecanoe and Tyler too,
 For Tippecanoe and Tyler too,
 And with them, we'll beat little Van,
 Van, Van is a used up man,
 And with them, we'll beat little Van.”

Which they did, burying the “Sly Old Fox” in a political grave so deep that the arm of political resurrection could never afterward reach him, although sundry attempts for that purpose, which proved abortive, were made. Not presuming, however, that these incidents are in any way connected by destiny with the life career of the subject of our sketch, we will mention the singular fact, that he is, at this writing, a citizen of the very State which forms the burden of the song above quoted, and which, by its vote and influence materially contributed to the result that has made the year of his birth historic in the annals of the nation. Also, that he is a prominent and respected merchant in the chief city of an adjoining State, of which Gen. Harrison was a resident when chosen President, and in the bosom of whose soil his honored ashes now repose. Thus, a native of Vermont, a citizen of Kentucky, and a merchant of Ohio, what, we ask, can these three States be to him, other than pillars of wisdom, strength, and beauty, forming, as it were, the chief supports of a Royal Arch, of which the year 1840, in its present application, is the Keystone, and himself the inscribed Mark?

Reverting to the parentage of our subject, it is proper to add, that

his father and mother were both natives of the same little rock-ribbed State with himself, and were born, respectively, his father in 1812, his mother in 1816. Also, that his father, while a citizen of that State, was, for quite a time, actively engaged in the boot and shoe manufacturing business, making it a matter of much pride and study to produce goods equal, if not superior, to any in his line then in the market, in which he admirably succeeded. And though he did not amass a fortune from his investments and enterprises, owing to the cheap times in which he lived, and the close margin upon which business had then to be transacted, yet he was able to acquire a sufficiency of means wherewith to place himself and family in comfortable circumstances and secure them beyond the casualty of want. He died in Millerville, Orleans County, New York, in 1860, whither the family had removed from Vermont, some years previous. It is a little singular that he was born at the inauguration of one war (1812), and departed life on the eve of another (the Rebellion), yet so it was. His worthy widow still survives, and is now a resident of Covington, Kentucky.

Levi was educated in the common schools of his native town and at Albion Academy, Orleans County, New York. His first step on leaving school, was to take Mr. Greeley's advice, to go West. This he did by emigrating to Scioto County, Ohio, where he engaged in the dual occupation of farming and teaching until 1862, devoting his time and attention to the duties of the school room in winter, and to husbandry in summer. After that he became clerk, then pilot, and lastly part owner in a daily packet line in the Ohio river trade. Withdrawing from this in 1868, he built, in connection with Mr. Bougher and Holmes, the Planters Warehouse, and entered the tobacco trade, continuing in that house until January 1, 1873, when he sold out his interest in the Planters, and entered into co-partnership with William Waterfield, J. S. Fallin, and T. C. Westfall, under the firm name of Brooks, Waterfield & Co., who built the Globe Leaf Warehouse, their location being at Nos. 95, 97 and 99 West Front street, Cincinnati, Ohio, where they have one of the most commodious and best appointed warehouses which it has ever been the privilege of the writer of this article to see. It is certainly not excelled by any in the West, if indeed, by any in the United States. To say that the business of this house, in these times, is immense, is to state something that may appear incredible, nevertheless it is but the simple truth. The hard times which are producing so much disaster in commercial circles generally, seem to beat up against it with about as much effect as a Pope's bull against a comet.

In 1856, Bro. Brooks was initiated into Masonry by Buckeye Lodge, No. 150, at New Richmond, Ohio. Since, has become a member of the Chapter, Council and Commandery. He received the Chapter degrees in Olive Branch Chapter, Newport, Kentucky, in 1869, and the Council and

Commandery degrees in Covington, in 1872, the former through Kenton Council and the latter through Covington Commandery. He is also a member of Delta Lodge of Perfection, Darius Council Rose Croix of Covington, and 32° of Louisville Consistory; Kenton Lodge of Odd Fellows and Noah Dove Encampment of the same Order.

He was most happily married in 1866 to Miss Laura A., daughter of Hiram D. and Leanna Tone, of Pleasant Hill, Clermont County, Ohio, by whom he has four children, Charles G., George A., Ada E., and Rose Ella. The family residence is No. 94 East Front street, Covington.

Bro. B., as the reader has doubtless already inferred, is a man of great decision and energy of character—such an one as plans only to execute, with a faith equal to that which removes mountains. His commercial and conventional standing are of course, in keeping with his sterling qualities; and this being so, are not outrated, by those of any other valuable citizen in the community of his residence.



THOMAS C. RANSHAW.



RANSHAW, THOMAS C, Bookbinder, Covington, Kentucky, is the son of Henry and Rebecca Ranshaw, natives of England. His father, whose sketch appears in this volume elsewhere, is now engaged in the foundry business in the city of Cincinnati. His mother died when he was quite young. The date of his birth is 1853, July 19th. His schooling was obtained in the public schools of Covington, where he now makes it his home. At the proper age he commenced learning the trade of a bookbinder, at Wilson and Hinkle's, on Walnut street, Cincinnati, after learning which he still continued in their employ, and since the firm has changed into the hands of Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., he still remains there engaged.

His Masonic career began in Golden Rule Lodge of Covington, being made a Master Mason on the 12th of April, 1875. He received the Royal Arch degrees from Covington Chapter, August 27, 1875, and was created a Sir Knight, by Covington Commandery, on the 9th of December, 1875.

He is also a member in good standing of the Fifth Street Christian Church of Covington.

Personally Mr. Ranshaw is a young man of rather retiring disposition, but one thoroughly in earnest in whatever he undertakes, and as he has thus early started to square his actions by the noble truths inculcated by Masonry, it is probable that he will always be found worthy of the confidence bestowed in him.



WILLIAM H. SHADLEY.



HADLEY, WILLIAM H., Railroad Conductor, Ludlow, Kentucky, was born in Greene County, Ohio, October 6, 1840. His father, James R. Shadley, at the time of his death, February 13, 1875, was engaged in farming in or near Terre Haute, Indiana. His mother, Mary, still is living and residing at the family homestead. William received his education in the public schools of Richmond, Indiana. He then worked at farming with his father until he attained his majority, when he became employed upon the Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railroad as conductor, this position he retained about two years, leaving that road to accept a similar position on the Evansville and Crawfordsville Railroad, remaining in their employ four years, after which he was engaged in like capacity on the Indianapolis and St. Louis Railroad for about two years more. Upon leaving the latter named road he entered the employ of the Missouri Pacific road where he staid until 1873. From 1873 until 1877 he was at different times in the employ of Cairo and Saint Louis Narrow gauge, the Rockford and Rock Island, and then the Wabash Railroad. In July 1877, he accepted a position on the Cincinnati Southern Railway, in whose employ he still is, his residence being at Ludlow, Kentucky.

In 1866 he was made a Mason in Social Lodge, No. 86, at Terre Haute, Indiana. In 1867 he received the Chapter degrees, which were conferred upon him by Terre Haute Chapter, No. 11, and the same year Terre Haute Council, No. 8, bestowed the Royal and Select Master's degrees. It was Brother Shadley's intention to have taken Commandery degrees soon thereafter, but meeting with an accident that incapacitated him from work for sometime, he did not become a Knight Templar until April, 1878, when Covington Commandery, No. 7, bestowed the necessary degrees. Mr. Shadley is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his membership being with American Eagle Lodge, No. 130, of Ludlow, Kentucky.

Mr. S. has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Sophia J. Wilson, of Clay County, Indiana, to whom he was united in 1859. Her death occurred in the beginning of the year of 1873. Three children by his first wife are living, and are named Frank L., Annie B., and Harry. In the fall of 1873 he was again married to Miss Mary Burke, of Saint Louis, Missouri; they have one child which they have named Daisey.

Since Mr. Shadley became of age he has been engaged in railroading, and as a Conductor. By his urbane and pleasant manners he has gained many friends and the esteem of the traveling public generally. The duties that devolve upon a conductor are not very well understood by the majority of the people who travel. The general idea is that the berth is a very easy one, that the conductor of a train rides a certain number of miles daily and collects the tickets, only this and nothing more; this indeed would make the position an easy one. But the questions answered, the outside work done, the little offices of kindness performed, the rude and boisterous quieted, the promptness of decision required in dealing with those who don't want to pay their fare, and many other unpleasant things that daily occur, too numerous to mention, make a Conductor's life one of responsibility and labor.

Personally Mr. S. is a gentleman of medium size, prompt to decide and ready to execute, he has acquired a good reputation in the vocation of life that he has chosen. He is cheerful, polite and accommodating, and bears a good name with the traveling public, and also with his Masonic brethren. It is but fair to suppose that he will continue to merit the good opinions and well wishes of his friends and brethren.



JOHN H. BOGART.



OGART, JOHN H., Designer and Engraver, was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, May 6, 1837. His father, Isaac Bogart, was a native of Brooklyn, New York, and died in Hartwell, Ohio, May 6, 1875. His mother, Phebe T. Bogart, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and died in Hamilton County, Ohio, in the year 1847. His father was a painter by trade, and after giving his son, John H., a good common school education at the Hamilton County and Cincinnati public schools, he took him into his shop and taught him the business of painting. He was fourteen years old when he commenced

learning his trade, and completed his apprenticeship in four years, after which he remained employed with his father until he was of age, when he started in business for himself as a sign and ornamental painter, at which he continued about two years.

He had earnestly desired, and fully intended, to go to Europe and qualify himself as a landscape painter, but failing to obtain the requisite means, he engaged in decorative painting, for which his previous pursuits and studies had eminently fitted him. He was kept busily employed during the late war in painting flags for the government, and at about the time of its close, he turned his attention to drawing for engravers, and was employed for about a year by George K. Stillman, with whom he then formed a partnership under the firm name of Stillman & Co., having an office in Carlisle Building, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, Ohio. This firm continued about one and a half years, when Mr. Bogart withdrew and became the senior partner of a new firm known as "Bogart, McComas & Russell, Designers and Engravers," which lasted one year, and was then dissolved. January 1, 1868, Mr. Bogart started alone in the same business and thus continued until August 1, 1870, when he again connected himself with Mr. G. K. Stillman, under the style of Bogart and Stillman. This firm flourished for about three years, at which time Mr. Stillman retired from his position as a partner and took the place of foreman of the establishment, which is now conducted at No. 175 Vine street, Cincinnati.

In the year 1858, Mr. Bogart became a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 81, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and in the following year took all the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry up to and including the 32°, in the old Consistory rooms, on the corner of Sixth and

Main streets, in the same city. He afterward withdrew from Lafayette Lodge in order to assist in organizing Samuel Reed Lodge, No. 478, at Ludlow, Kentucky; was elected its first Master, and served as such four years, then after an interval of one year, was again elected to the same office which he filled for two years more. In 1868 he received the Chapter and Council degrees in Covington, Kentucky, and in 1869 the Commandery degrees, in the same city. He is also an Odd Fellow, and has passed all the chairs in the subordinate Lodge and the Encampment of that order. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

He was likewise one of the principal men engaged in incorporating the city of Ludlow, Kentucky, and served as its first Clerk, first Assessor, first Collector, and then for two years as a member of its Council.

On the 21st of June, 1859, he married Miss Anna M. Folger, daughter of Seth W. Folger, Esq., one of the old pioneers of Cincinnati, and one who took a prominent part in the reception of General Lafayette, when he visited that city in the year 1825. There were no steam ferry-boats at that time, and as the General came by way of Lexington and Covington, a large row-boat was fitted up and manned in regular man-of-war style, to convey him across the river. Mr. Folger was the stroke oarsman of the crew, which was composed of young men of Cincinnati. Upon reaching the Cincinnati shore, the boat with the General and its crew, was mounted on wheels, and drawn in the procession. Bro. Bogart and his wife have but one child, Charles W.

In the spring of 1862 he moved from Cincinnati to Ludlow, Kentucky, where he resided until 1869, when he moved to Covington, but, owing to his wife's ill-health, remained there only one year and then returned to Ludlow, where he has since resided.

While living in Covington, he united with the First Presbyterian Church in that city, of which he still remains a member. He has lately built for himself and family a comfortable and elegant home, whose walls are decorated with numerous paintings, the work of his own hand, which fully attest the quality of his capacity as a landscape artist, and cause one to regret that he was not enabled to cultivate his talent as he had so much desired. He is also a fine amateur musician, and the exercise of this gift greatly contributes to render his home a most agreeable and attractive place. Bro. B. has acquired a comfortable competency, and well deserves whatever good fortune there may yet be in store for him.

JOHN P. HARBICK.



HARBICK, JOHN P., Boot and Shoe Dealer, is a native of Germany, and a son of William H., and Ellenora Harbick, who died in that country many years since. He was born April 20, 1834, in Nassau, where his father was, for a long time, in the employ of a wealthy German nobleman. He was early placed at school in Nassau, and steadily attended until his fourteenth year, at which time, the death of his father occurring, he was necessarily though reluctantly withdrawn. This was to him a serious disadvantage, as had it not occurred, he would have gone on with his studies undisturbed to the end, and completed his education with a full collegiate course. But, it being a casualty that he could neither avert nor obviate, he wisely accepted the situation, gave up his books, and betook himself to the acquirement of a trade. He chose that of shoemaking and in three and a half years had fully mastered it. In Weisbaden he worked as a journeyman for one year, saving his wages to pay his passage to America, to which country he had determined to emigrate, by reason of representations of a very flattering character, which had been repeatedly made to him through letters received from an elder brother already residing there.

On attempting, however, to leave his native land, he found himself confronted by a most serious obstacle. The laws of Germany required his service in the army for a prescribed period before he was eligible to leave. This difficulty had to be met and overcome in some way satisfactory to the German authorities. It was done by referring the matter to a few influential friends, who procured for him a pass in which a leave of absence for three years was granted. Setting sail on his nineteenth birthday, he landed in New York City in the beginning of June, 1853, and thence proceeded to Cincinnati where he stopped and worked at his trade for eighteen months, after which, he went to New Albany, Indiana, and there worked about eight months, and then returned to Cincinnati, from which city he shortly afterward, for the benefit of his health, set off on a flying trip through Ohio, taking in, for a few days each, the cities of Cleveland, Toledo, and Dayton, and the county of Portage.

On the 25th of December, 1856, he married Miss Elizabeth Keen, of Covington, Kentucky, and in the course of a month or so after, opened a boot and shoe store in Cincinnati, which he profitably conducted there for

upward of two years, meanwhile building for himself a combined store and dwelling on Seventh street, between Main and Craig, where he remained five years, at the end of that time removed to Scott street, where he remained five years more, and then built his present house at 422 Madison street, Covington, to which he subsequently removed about July 28, 1869, continuously occupying the same ever since.

In 1870 he was made a Master Mason by Col. Clay Lodge, No. 159; in 1871, a Royal Arch Mason, by Covington Chapter, No. 35; and in 1872, a Royal and Select Master by Kenton Council, No. 13, and a Knight Templar by Covington Commandery, No. 7. He has been Worshipful Master of his Lodge for the past three years, having previously filled most of the subordinate positions; and an officer in his Chapter ever since becoming a member—its King for the past two years. In his Council he was Deputy Thrice Illustrious Grand Master for the year 1877, and re-elected for 1878, and in his Commandery, has held the offices of Standard Bearer, Junior Warden, Generalissimo, and Eminent Commander. In May, 1877, he represented his Commandery in the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, at Carlisle, Kentucky. His other society relations are confined to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the matter of the church, he is a member in Covington and a steward of the body. In the matter of Odd Fellowship, he is affiliated with Naomi Lodge, No. 129, and Olive Branch Encampment, No. 6, State of Kentucky, in both of which bodies he has filled various official chairs, especially that of Treasurer in Naomi Lodge where he has disbursed funds for the past eight years. His work in Masonry and Odd Fellowship has been very effectively performed and elicited much commendation, for the reason that he had memorized the rituals, and exemplified them in the ceremonies as they transpired—an accomplishment which very few are capable of correctly attaining.

In 1873, he and his wife went to Europe, and traveled extensively through England, France, Belgium, Germany, and Switzerland, visiting many points of interest and curiosity, and making the ascent of the Alps while sojourning in the latter country. Long since returned to their Kentucky home, they are now settled down to a full and free enjoyment of all those manifold blessings and pleasures which ever flow from a peaceful, contented, and happy life. May the star of their destiny shine on in undimmed glory for many a year to come.

GEORGE W. HILL.



HILL, GEORGE W., Wholesale and Retail Grocer, Covington, Kentucky, is the son of William W. and Mary Hill, natives of Ireland, where George was born on the 29th of June, 1845. Of his native land he has no recollection, since two years later the family left Ireland and came to America. His parents settled in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and there for six years his father was engaged in the manufacture of shoes, his health failing he removed to Grant County, Kentucky, and there bought a farm and became a tiller of the soil, pursuing that avocation until 1869, when he returned with his wife to Haverhill, Massachusetts, where he died in October, 1874, and where his widow still has her home.

George attended the schools in Grant County, worked on his father's farm, etc., until he was grown, and then began the business of actual life by opening a small country store in Grant County; this he carried on quite successfully a little over a year. He then sold out and came to Covington and entered the employ of Hill and Smith, where he remained seven years. At the expiration of that time he began business for himself, on Pike street, in a modest sort of way; this business has grown and increased until it has attained its present dimensions. The last few years he has added the wholesale department and has done a very large and successful business.

Becoming convinced that Masonry embodied in its teachings much that was instructive and good, he knocked at the door of Golden Rule Lodge, and having gained admission thereto, received the Master's degree therein, on the 14th of August, 1871. The knowledge thus far gained only stimulated his desire to advance still further into the mysteries of the order, he therefore made application to Covington Chapter and it bestowed the Royal Arch degrees upon him in due form. The date of his receiving the Royal Arch degree being April 4, 1873. The ceremonies and work attendant upon the Red Cross degree took place the same evening that Covington Commandery dedicated its New Hall. He and Bro. James Morgan being the recipients of that degree in the presence of the officers of the Grand Commandery of the State of Kentucky, and also the Cincinnati, Hanselman and Newport Commanderies, delegates being present also from Lexington

and Maysville, the date being January 15, 1878. The Templar degree was bestowed on the 14th of February, 1878.

Mr. Hill married Miss Alice M. Sinclair, daughter of N. H. Sinclair, of Covington, on the 26th of February, 1874, one child, Nannie G., has blessed this union. He resides at 1024 Scott street.

Mr. H. comes of that thrifty, frugal, industrious Scotch-Irish stock, that, almost without exception in this country, have achieved success in whatever they have undertaken. He inherits in a goodly degree the best characteristics of the race, is energetic, hard working, honest and upright; one who stands well in the business circles of the city. Mr. Hill also recognizes the divinity of Christ and is a humble follower of him who spake as never man spake. Several years ago he united with the Scott Street Methodist Episcopal Church of which he still continues a member.



JOHN B. CONNELLY.



CONNELLY, JOHN B., Book-keeper, was born at St. Joseph, Missouri, on the 27th of March, 1840. His father, John, was a native of Maryland, and his mother, Mary G., of Louisiana. Soon after their marriage they moved to Missouri and Mr. C. quit his trade, that of an architect, and engaged in farming and stock trading. His wife dying, he moved to Illinois, and John B. was sent to school in Springfield, and afterwards to the Illinois State University, and thus received a good education. Soon after leaving the University the civil war began and he enlisted in the Tenth Regiment Illinois Cavalry, but was soon transferred to the Quartermasters' Department where he served until the close of the war. Upon being mustered out of service Mr. Connelly engaged in the grocery business at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, where he remained until the spring of 1867. From there he went to Jackson, Ohio, to take charge of the books of a blast furnace, and remained thus employed until the fall of 1870. His next business engagement being in Cincinnati, at the Henrie House, where he became clerk and book-keeper, staying one year, going thence to the Crawford House and there acting in like capacity until 1875. He then was employed as book-keeper for the machinery department of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad, and remained until November, 1877.

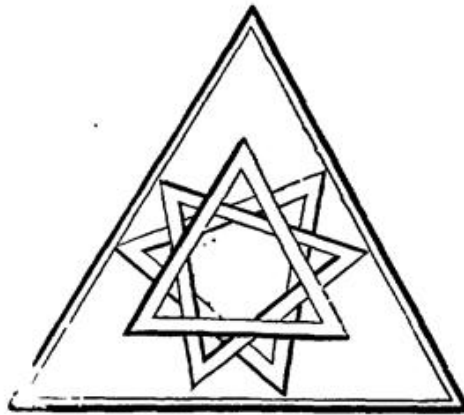
The date of Mr. Connelly's identification with the Masonic fraternity is 1863, when he became a member of Hampton Lodge, No. 235, located at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. Two years later he took the Royal Arch degrees in Apperson Chapter, No. 81, at Ashland, Kentucky, and the same year Covington Commandery, No. 7, conferred the Templar degrees and he became a member of that body with which he is yet affiliated. Hampton Lodge elected him Secretary, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master in due succession, and in those important offices he proved worthy of the trusts bestowed upon him.

April 6, 1864, he married Miss Susan Womack, daughter of James and Ann Womack, of Catlettsburg, Kentucky. Four children blessed their happy union, which lasted nine years, when death deprived him of his beloved wife, on the 6th of June, 1873.

Personally Brother C. is rather above the medium size and slightly

inclined to corpulency. His early education well fitted him for an active business life, and years of experience have still further qualified him. In the past he has had his share of misfortunes which he has borne with that fortitude which marks the man who is conscious of the integrity of his purposes.

Early in manhood becoming a Mason, his life has been influenced and benefitted by the principles inculcated by that peerless order.



JOSEPH NOTERMAN.



NOTERMAN, JOSEPH, Manufacturing Jeweler, Cincinnati, Ohio, was born in Belgium, June 28, 1831, and is the son of August and Joseph Noterman, natives of the same country. His father, who was a merchant, when Joseph was quite young emigrated to Central America and there engaged in selling goods and buying lands. This venture however proved unsuccessful, the climate disagreeing with him and his family; his wife and two of his children died, and he contracted a disease which caused his demise soon after his arrival home. On his return he came by the way of New York, and his child, Joseph, desiring to remain there he left him, and hastened to his native land and there a few months after died. The boy was apprenticed to and learned the jeweler's trade and at the age of eighteen was proficient enough in his vocation to earn journeyman's wages.

In the spring of 1848, Mr. N. came to Cincinnati and commenced work with the firm of Beggs and Smith, No. 14 West Fourth Street, with whom he remained twenty years. In 1868 he formed a partnership with Mr. Jonas, under the firm name of Noterman and Jonas, for the purpose of manufacturing jewelry, the firm has remained unchanged up to the present time and is located at the corner of Fourth and Main streets. In good times they employ about thirty hands, and have hitherto done quite a profitable business.

Mr. Noterman took the Masters' degree in Golden Rule Lodge on the 5th of November, 1866, and the Royal Arch degrees in Covington Chapter, February 23, 1877. Covington Commandery created him a Knight Templar on the 28th of June, 1877. He also belongs to Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Knights of Honor.

Mr. N. has been thrice married, first in 1849, to Miss Rein Boulmir; second, in September, 1861, to Miss Mary E. Soltern, who survived but one year, and third to Miss Philippine Miller, daughter of John Miller, of Covington. The names of his children are August, Zelia E., Leona, Alice, Joseph, Clara, and Alphonso. Zelia, the oldest daughter, was married in 1871 to Mr. James Morgan, whose sketch appears in another place in this book.

Mr. Noterman, although working and doing business in Cincinnati,

has for many years resided in Covington, his present residence being 1515 Scott street.

Personally he is of medium size, but possessed of an active temperament and vigorous constitution. He has been all of his life an industrious, hard working man, and his success has been owing not so much to fortuitous circumstances as to steady, unremitting industry. For upwards of thirty years in the same square on Fourth street he has been engaged either as employee or employer; this fact alone would establish his stability of character, and should teach a valuable lesson to all young mechanics impatient for speedy success. Mr. N. like most of our German citizens has identified himself with the spirit of our institutions and has no cause to regret that he remained and made the United States his home.



WILLIAM D. DALTON.



DALTON, WILLIAM D., late Clerk Cincinnati Post-Office, was born September 20, 1825, in Westchester, Butler County, Ohio. His father, Elisha E. Dalton, who was a native of Virginia, emigrated to Cincinnati with his parents in 1813. Shortly after, settling near Westchester, Butler County, Ohio. He was a Methodist minister of plain and earnest eloquence and of true practical piety, who, following closely in the footsteps of his meek and lowly Master, not only preached and taught Divine truth, but also, "went about doing good." His mother, Anna (Whittlesey) Dalton, was born in Ohio. Both are now dead.

In his boyhood our subject had but limited educational advantages, but in later years made up his deficiencies in that line by a thorough course of private study. His first effort in business life was learning the printer's trade in Hamilton, Ohio, at which he worked for three years, but which he was then obliged to abandon on account of ill-health, being affected with frequent attacks of hemorrhage of the lungs. After leaving the printing office, he sought and obtained employment in a grocery on Sycamore street, in Cincinnati, where he remained for ten years, after which he became a clerk in the Cincinnati offices of the Little Miami Railroad Company, where he continued to work some ten years more, giving general satisfaction. Upon resigning this position he engaged for about four years in the milling business in company with Messrs. Foulds and Wright, and found it a very profitable adventure. Ill-health, however, again became his portion, and necessitated the removal of his residence to Ludlow, Kentucky, where, after some months, he recovered sufficiently to enable him to accept a situation as a clerk in the Cincinnati Post-Office, the duties of which position he continued to discharge most faithfully until the year 1874, when he gave up the appointment, and has not since been engaged in any active vocation.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ludlow, is one of its deacons, and has long been an earnest worker in the Sabbath-school until within the past year or two, when his hearing became much impaired, rendering him almost totally deaf and unfitting him for the profitable performance of such duties.

On the 6th of October, 1868, he was made a member of Samuel Reed Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Ludlow, Kentucky, and was,

for several years, its Treasurer. January 8, 1869, he took the Chapter degrees; April 6, 1869, the Council; and April 1, 1869, the Commandery degrees in Covington, Kentucky. He is also an Odd Fellow, and has passed all the chairs of the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment of that Order.

He has been a member of the City Council of Ludlow, and was, at one time, its Mayor.

February 1, 1855, he married Miss Sarah E. A. Kinnett, daughter of William C. and Ann Kinnett, of Cincinnati, Ohio. She died on the 12th of March, 1856, and on the 1st of May, 1860, he married Miss Anna E. Foulds, daughter of William H. and Keturah Foulds, also of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have one child, William E., who is attending the city schools of Ludlow, where the family now reside.

In all the positions which Bro. Dalton has held, he has never failed to win the confidence and esteem of his employers, having always been strictly upright and honest in all his dealings, and generous and kindly in his nature. He has likewise been, and still is a devoted Christian, and has ever made it his aim, as it has been his constant desire, so to live that he might be a benefit to others as well as to himself. His life is a happy reflex of every genuine Masonic principle.



JOHN STUART LYLE.



LYLE, JOHN STUART, Telegraph Operator, and Train Dispatcher of the Kentucky Central Railroad at Covington, Kentucky, is a son of William and Margaret Lyle, and was born in the village of New Hartford, Oneida County, New York, on the 9th day of August, 1839. His mother died while he was quite young, leaving him entirely to the care and custody of his father, who pursued the business of a manufacturer. John received his education principally in the common schools of his native county, finishing his course at the Whitestown Seminary. After leaving school he went to Oneida, New York, where he remained three years, learning telegraphing, acting as Deputy Postmaster, and as agent for the American Express Company. In 1859 he came West and located at Pendleton, near Cincinnati, where he followed his vocation until the breaking out of the late civil war, when he entered the Fifth Regiment of Ohio Infantry Volunteers as a private. Serving in this organization, an enlistment of three months, he became a member of the Regular Telegraphic Corps of the United States Army, doing exclusive duty in the Western Department to the close of the war. In 1865 he received the appointment of Manager and Train Dispatcher of the Kentucky Central Railroad at Covington, which position he still holds.

In 1864, while on duty at Nicholasville, Kentucky, he was invested with all the rights, lights, and benefits of Ancient Craft Masonry, by Hart Lodge, No. 61, of which he became a very worthy and earnest member. In 1865, having removed to Covington, Kentucky, he dimitted to Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, of that city, where, at a subsequent period he received the Chapter, Council and Commandery degrees, through Covington Chapter, Kenton Council and Covington Commandery. Filling various offices in his Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, he represented the last named body in the Grand Commandery of the State at its annual Conclave in 1877. He now fills the station and discharges the duties of Generalissimo in his Commandery, and makes a most efficient officer.

In 1869 (May 12th), he was married to Miss Mary R. Wallace of

Newport, Kentucky. She is a daughter of Matthew and Helinda Wallace. From this union have sprung four children, all girls, namely; Bessie S., Grace V., Florence, and Evangeline. The residence of the family is No. 31 West Tenth street, Covington.

Bro. L. as a man, is possessed of an active temperament, good business habits, and sterling integrity. Genial in mind and impulsive by nature, he is universally popular with his friends, business associates, and employers.



HENRY RANSHAW.



RANSHAW, HENRY, member of the firm of George Stacey & Co., manufacturers of Single and Telescopic Gas-Holders, Iron Roofs, etc., Cincinnati, Ohio, was born near London, England, December 2, 1827. His parents, William and Sarah Ranshaw, were both natives of England, and there died many years ago. Henry received his education in his native country and there also learned the trade of boiler maker and machinist. In 1851 he emigrated to the United States and came to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he found employment with the Cincinnati Gas Company, with whom he remained about two years. He then became engaged with the firm of George Stacey & Co., with whom he has remained ever since, either as manager or partner in the firm. The location of their works is on Mill street running through to Ramsey, where they employ, in good times, about one hundred and fifty hands.

On the 18th of March, 1851, he was united to Miss Rebecca Lepper. She died in 1859, at West Covington, Kentucky, leaving four motherless children, three of whom are now living, Henry W., Thomas C., and Annie L. Upon the 13th of April, 1861, Mr. Ranshaw was again married to Miss Emma Warwood of West Covington, as a fruit of this union eight children have been born to them; Emma M., George B., John T., Joseph R., Willis W., Edgar E., Alvin A., and Irene H. Until 1854 Mr. R. resided in Cincinnati, from thence he removed to West Covington where he made it his home twelve years and then moved into the city of Covington where he has resided since.

Mr. Ranshaw became a member of Golden Rule Lodge, June 13, 1864, and in it has held nearly if not all the official positions including that of Worshipful Master, the latter three times. He is also a member of Covington Chapter, Kenton Council and Covington Commandery. The Chapter degrees were conferred upon him October 4, 1864; the Council January 5, 1865; the Commandery January 6, 1865. In the chapter he is now on his third term as High Priest, besides having previously filled several subordinate offices. In the Council he is now serving his third year as Thrice Illustrious Grand Master. In the Commandery after filling the intermediate positions he was twice elected Eminent Commander. He is now Prelate in Covington Commandery, and Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of

Kentucky. He is also a member of Delta Lodge of Perfection, No. 4, Darius Council Princes of Jerusalem, Khesvan Chapter Rose Croix, and of the Knights Kadosh and Grand Consistory of Kentucky, in all of which bodies he holds the third official position. Mr. Ranshaw is at present a member of the Board of City Water-works of Covington.

Personally he is a man of integrity and honesty, who through an active life has been tried and not found wanting. He began as an apprentice and has worked himself up to an honorable position in the business world, presenting a worthy example of what the intelligent, industrious mechanic can accomplish in this country.

He is also a humble follower of Him who elevated upon the cross became a mediator whereby all may obtain everlasting life. His church connection being with the Fifth Street Christian Church of Covington.



WILLIAM F. RINGGOLD.



RINGGOLD, WILLIAM F., Book-keeper, Cincinnati, Ohio, was born in Kent County, Maryland, October 10, 1824. His parents, Frederick G. Ringgold and Annie, were both natives of Maryland, but are now deceased. His father died in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his mother, in Ludlow, Kentucky. They emigrated to the West, when William was quite young, and made Cincinnati their home. Having the advantages afforded by the public schools of Cincinnati and St. Xavier's College, William naturally acquired a good education. He was an attendant upon these institutions until sufficiently well qualified to commence the battle of life for himself. At this writing, he is with Messrs. F. G. Ringgold & Co., wholesale boot and shoe merchants at No. 95 Pearl street, Cincinnati, and with whom he engaged some years ago.

In 1865 he concluded to become a Mason and had the good fortune to be inducted into the mysteries of the Order by Lafayette Lodge, No. 81, at Cincinnati. Subsequently imbued with a desire to spread the influences of the institution, knowing its great utility in ameliorating the condition of mankind, he dimitted from Lafayette Lodge to become a charter member of Samuel Reed Lodge, No. 478, at Ludlow, Kentucky. Helping to institute that Lodge and becoming its first Secretary, he went forward in 1869 and received the Capitular, Cryptic and Encampment degrees. These were conferred by Covington Chapter, Kenton Council, and Covington Commandery, of which bodies he still continues a member.

He believed, and justly too, that a purpose persistently followed and loved is the best and surest road to peace and success in this life. Satisfied with the world as he finds it, and possessed of a kindly nature, light heart, and easy manner, he has through life exerted a most happy and salutary influence upon all with whom he has been brought in contact. He now resides in Cincinnati, and strange to say, remains an unmarried man.

JAMES MORGAN.



MORGAN, JAMES, Druggist and Traveling Salesman, was born in the city of New York on the 6th of September, 1849. His father, James, who is now dead, was a native of Ireland, who emigrated to this country, when a young man, and settled in New York, and there engaged in the grocery business. He married Miss Louisa Witzigman, a native of Saxony, she is still living. James first attended school in Philadelphia and afterward in Cincinnati. Upon leaving school he entered the drug store of Edward Scanlon in Cincinnati, and was in his employ until his death. The store was then taken by A. B. Merriman & Co., with whom he remained until 1869. He then took a trip through the West on a traveling tour but returned to Cincinnati in 1870, and engaged with B. Ashfield with whom he staid until 1871, and then became employed with the firm of Noterman and Jonas, manufacturing jewelers, corner Fourth and Main streets, as traveling salesman, with whom he has remained up to the present time.

In 1876, December 18th, he became a member of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, F. A. M., and of Covington Chapter, No. 35, in 1877, February 23rd. The Red Cross degree was conferred upon him on the 15th of January, 1878. He received it in the presence of the Covington, Newport, Cincinnati and Hanselman Commanderies, members also being present from Maysville and Lexington, together with the officers of the Grand Commandery. He received the Knight Templar degree on the 12th of February, 1878. Mr. Morgan is a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 5, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and also of the Knights of Honor, Olive Lodge, No. 83.

On the 24th of April, 1871, he married Miss Zelia E. Noterman, daughter of Joseph Noterman of Covington; the ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. M. Worrall, in the First Presbyterian Church of Covington. The three children that have resulted from this union are named, James E., Louisa B., and Arthur G. E. Mr. Morgan resides at 1509 Greenup street, Covington, Kentucky.

In size he is large and, like all such, of a jovial disposition, thinking it no sin to laugh and be merry; he possesses good business talent, and though one of the youngest Sir Knights of Covington Commandery we predict that he will prove a worthy and valiant one.

THEODORE N. WISE.



WISE, THEODORE NATHANIEL, M. D., Physician, is the son of Nathaniel Seaton and Jane Caroline Wise, and was born in Alexandria, Virginia, June 29, 1817. His parents were natives of that State and were married there. His father was a lawyer by profession and a practitioner in the courts of Virginia and Washington, D. C. He was a man of fine legal attainments and the possessor of an extensive practice. His engagements were so constant that he had but few spare moments. It is said that among his professional cotemporaries, none could be found, who could manage a cause better than he, and that few, if any of them, were at any time over-sanguine of their ability to meet him in forensic debate. The records of the courts in which he practiced amply bespeak his worth. He died at his home in Alexandria, Virginia, January 18, 1831.

In October, 1831, in consequence of his death, his family removed to Kentucky. They settled at Newport where they remained several years, his excellent widow died in May, 1853, leaving behind her the remembrance of a life well spent in good works.

While the family resided at Alexandria, Virginia, the subject of this sketch was kept upon a course of general study—having been taught in the academy there and by private tutors at home. But on the advent of the family in Kentucky, he commenced the study of medicine under the celebrated Dr. Daniel Drake at Cincinnati, Ohio, continuing the same from 1832 to 1837, when he graduated from the Cincinnati Medical College with the honors of an M. D., and began the practice of his profession at Covington, where he has ever since continued it with the best results to himself and the community at large.

In 1842, he was made a Mason by Covington Lodge, No. 109, and afterwards and in regular succession received from Covington Chapter, No. 35, Kenton Council, No. 13, and Webb Commandery, of Lexington; there being at the time no Commandery in Covington when he took the Knight Templar degree, he was one of the charter members, taking an active part in getting a dispensation and charter to establish Covington Commandery, No. 7, respectively, the Capitular and Cryptic degrees and Orders in Knighthood. As a sequence to this he has been Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; Most Excellent Grand High

Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Kentucky, and Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Kentucky. Also, Worshipful Master of Covington Lodge, No. 109, Most Excellent High Priest of Covington Chapter, No. 35, and Eminent Commander of Covington Commandery, No. 7, besides filling the intermediate posts essential to the holding of the above named positions. Is it not evident that he has wrought according to the plans of the fathers? Where is there a better record than the above—or one of more faithful and zealous service?

Recognizing a responsibility to God, which is a fundamental requirement in Masonry, Bro. Wise early united with the Baptist Church, and still maintains his connection therewith. As an earnest and sincere member, he has devoted many of the best hours of his life to its interests, and like the good man he is, has never wearied in well doing. Ordained a minister in this faith, he entered upon the duties of his work and has continued to exercise the duties of his office as occasion presents.

For a series of years he served as a member of the Covington School Board, and for six years was its President. He has traveled considerably, having visited all parts of the United States and many portions of Europe.

He was married in June, 1837, by the Rev. Edward Southgate of Newport, to Miss Missouri L., daughter of James G. and Margaret L. Arnold, residents of Covington. To this union, one son was born, Dr. James S. Wise, who was educated in the schools of Covington and Georgetown, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio, and who also graduated in the study of medicine at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1866, and from the Medical College of Ohio, in the year following. He now practices medicine in Covington. His mother died in 1847.

In 1852, Bro. Wise again married. On this occasion, he was united with Miss Catharine B., daughter of John D. McGill, Esq., of Virginia. She is still living. The only child by this marriage, was Nathaniel S. Wise, who died in his eighth year, in February, 1861. The family residence is in Covington, with the interests and progress of which place, Bro. Wise has been identified for over forty years, seeing it grow from a modest village of seven hundred inhabitants to be in wealth, population and importance, the second city in the State.

By a judicious economy, extensive professional practice, and a thorough devotion to business, Bro. Wise has succeeded in accumulating a handsome property and placing himself in a position to glide down the stream of time, in his old age, without awakening a pang or regret to mar the evening close of a highly useful and meritorious life.

ALBORN O. GOSHORN.



OSHORN, ALBORN O., late Merchant and White Lead Manufacturer, and resident of Covington, Kentucky, was born July 28, 1838, in Cincinnati, Ohio. His father, Nicholas Goshorn, who was born in Pennsylvania, in the year 1801, came with his parents on a flat-boat down the Ohio river to Cincinnati, in the year 1806, and was for a long time, a dry goods merchant in that city. He is still living and is a member of the Pioneer Association of Cincinnati. His wife, the mother of our subject, was born in Cincinnati in 1805, and died at the family homestead in the same city, May 4, 1874.

Alborn was a pupil of the Cincinnati public schools, passed through all the regular grades, and also through the full course given in Woodward High School. After graduating from the latter institution he spent four years at Marietta College, and then became a clerk in the store of N. Goshorn & Co., at Foster, Bracken County, Kentucky, the firm being composed of his father, and his elder brother. The business they conducted was in the usual line of a country store, and was carried on successfully for several years. In 1863 he formed a partnership with his brother A. T. Goshorn, in the paint and glass trade. They established themselves on Central Avenue, nearly opposite Court street, in Cincinnati, where they continued three years. Then buying out the Anchor White Lead Works on Broadway they removed their business thither, and carried on the same under the firm name of Goshorn Brothers, until the failing health of Mr. A. O. Goshorn, compelled the formation and organization of a joint stock company, by whom the works have since been conducted. Our subject having retired from active business at that time, his feeble health kept him unemployed for a considerable period afterward. At length partially regaining his strength and vigor he became a traveling agent and salesman for the Cincinnati Window and Plate Glass Company. The constant change of air, climate, and scenery consequent upon his travels while in the employ of this company, proved highly beneficial to his physical condition, and eventually restored him to quite an excellent degree of health.

He was inducted into Masonry in Cincinnati Lodge, No. 133, in 1866, and after removing his residence to Covington, Kentucky, he then took the

Chapter, the Council, and the Commandery degrees, the first named in 1872 and the latter, in 1873. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

On the 15th of October, 1862, he was married to Miss Margaret Murphy, of Boone County, Kentucky, the nuptials being celebrated by Rev. J. M. Worrall, of Covington. Two children have been born to them, named respectively, Stella and C. Taylor, both of whom are attending the public schools of Covington.

Though greatly impaired in health, when he quit the white lead manufacturing business, so much so as to be considered by his friends past the hope of recovery, Bro. G. is now quite stout and hearty in appearance—in fact, looks as if he would not need a physician for many a year to come. It is hoped he may not. His success in life, financially, has been good. This is owing to his strictly business habits and great ability to organize and conduct to a favorable issue, any enterprise, however important in character, that should engross and command his time and attention. Pleasant in manner and courteous toward all, his friends are only to be numbered by the multitude. The family residence is at No. 70 West Fifth street, Covington.



CHARLES H. FISK.



FISK, CHARLES H., Lawyer, Covington, Kentucky, was born at Fiskburg, Kenton County, August 21, 1843. His father, Ex-Lieut. Governor Fisk, is a native of New York but has been engaged for many years in the practice of law in Kentucky. His mother, Elizabeth S. (Johnson) Fisk, is a native of Ohio. Charles attended the public schools of Covington until he graduated from its High school, and then entered Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, from which he graduated as Valedictorian, in the class of 1863. In 1864 he also graduated from the Cincinnati Law School, soon after becoming a member of the firm of John F. and Charles H. Fisk, lawyers, Covington, Kentucky. He has since continued the practice of law in that city and in the State and before all the courts.

His connection with Masonry dates from 1877, when he became a member of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345. He is now in possession of all the degrees up to and including the Knight Templars, and likewise the Ineffable degrees. Covington Chapter bestowed the Royal Arch, July 4, 1877; Kenton Council the Royal and Select Masters', September 6, 1877; and Covington Commandery the Templar, upon the 16th of August, of the same year. Mr. Fisk is also a member of Delta Lodge of Perfection, No. 4, Darius Council Princes of Jerusalem and Khesvan Chapter Rose Croix, being Grand Secretary and Treasurer of those bodies. He is a member of Kentucky Grand Consistory. In addition to the foregoing he is a member of the Palm and Shell and Knight Templar Priest. In Golden Rule Lodge he is Junior Deacon, and in Covington Chapter Grand Master of the First Veil.

On the 23rd of October, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Emmal of Lexington, Kentucky. Two children have blessed this union, Emmal and Otis H.

Mr. Fisk began the practice of law about the time he attained his majority, and has continued thus engaged until the present time. His career thus far has been marked with success, but it has not come without work, for the profession of a lawyer requires study, diligence and constant

effort to succeed. Merit and hard work will count in the practice of law, but pomp and parade soon meet with disaster. We are led to believe that Mr. F. has those sterling qualities that insure both distinction and success.

In religious matters he also takes an active interest, being a member of the Fifth Street Christian Church of Covington.

Physically Mr. Fisk is of medium stature, energetic in his movements and of very active temperament. Personally he impresses one as being a man who throws his whole energy into a case when once undertaken, and is not afraid of any hard work incident thereto. Socially and with his Masonic brethren he stands well.



FRANK WOOD.



WOOD, FRANK, Assistant Postmaster in Covington, Kentucky, was born February 8, 1842, in Norwalk, Connecticut, being a son of Jeremiah T. Wood, a native of that State, and of Jane (Shemgar) Wood, a native of New York. His father, in early life was a carriage builder, in later years, a farmer. His farm laid in Westchester County, New York, and was operated by him at irregular intervals, to suit his convenience and inclinations. Thither he removed his family from Connecticut in 1845, alternately residing there and in New York City until his death, which occurred in the latter place in the year 1869. His wife is still living and resides in her native State.

From 1848 until 1856, Frank attended the public schools in New York City, and then devoted the two or three succeeding years to the assistance of his father in the cultivation of his farm in Westchester County; after which he went to Bedford, the county seat of Westchester County, and there made arrangements to learn the trade of harness making and carriage trimming. He was to serve three years, for which he was to receive for the first year the sum of thirty dollars; for the second year, forty dollars; and for the third year, sixty dollars. After working two years, he found that his employer was not advancing him in the knowledge of his craft as rapidly as he should, and the War of the Rebellion having broken out, he concluded to disrupt his engagement and enter the army.

Proceeding, with a number of comrades, to New York City, for the purpose of being mustered in, he there found, after a long and vexatious delay, that he and his party could not be received, as no more men were just then needed. Returning home, he soon after wended his way to Troy, New York, and there worked at his trade about three months, when a great fire breaking out, destroyed nearly one-third of that city including the manufactory in which he was employed. Finding himself thus thrown out of a situation, he again resolved to enlist, and this time became a member of Company A, Fourth Regiment New York Heavy Artillery. He served with his regiment during the war, at first in garrisoning the forts in and around Washington City, and latterly in performing Infantry duty in the campaigns about Petersburg, Virginia.

At the close of the war he returned to Bedford, New York, and there

engaged in his old trade of harness making and carriage trimming, which he continued until September, 1868, when he sold out and came to Covington, where he was first employed as shipping clerk by Messrs. Blick and Phillips, coal dealers, with whom he remained about one year, and then accepted the position of Collector for the Cincinnati and Covington Bridge Company, holding that place nearly two years, when ill-health compelled him to resign, and kept him unavoidably idle about twelve months; after which, becoming sufficiently restored he engaged as clerk in the Clinton Hotel, and staid there six months; then was re-employed by the Bridge Company until April, 1877, when he was appointed Assistant Postmaster in the Covington Post-Office, where he still remains.

April 30, 1872, he was initiated into Masonry by Col. Clay Lodge, No. 159; March 7, 1876, was accorded Royal Arch privileges, by Covington Chapter, No. 35; April 21, 1876, was obligated and instructed in the faith and duties of Christian Knighthood by Covington Commandery, No. 7; and March, 6, 1877, was permitted to explore the sublime mysteries of the Secret Vault by Kenton Council, No. 13, filling the offices of Senior Deacon in the Lodge, and now Junior Warden, and of Warden in the Commandery since. Clothed with light, liberty and understanding; inspired by friendship, morality, and brotherly love; actuated by justice, mercy, and truth; prompted by reverence, sincerity, and devotion; and imbued with freedom, fervency, and zeal, he was well calculated to bring the blind by a way that they knew not, to lead them in paths that they had not trodden, and to make darkness light and crooked things straight before them, and did it. Under his superintending care the sound of axe or hammer was not heard in the Temple, while in building—harmony alone reigning there.

October 17, 1875, Bro. Wood was commissioned First Lieutenant of the Covington Light Guards, and afterward, on the occasion of Captain Symmes' resignation, was promoted to the command of the company.

November 21, 1866, he was married to Miss S. C. Lockwood, daughter of Louis and Mary Lockwood, at Pound Ridge, Westchester County, New York. His married life was but brief, for, on the 10th of July, 1868, the fair flower which he had gathered unto himself withered from the gifts of earth. Her death, so untimely, was peculiarly poignant to him, and was the occasion of his breaking up in business and removal to Kentucky in the following September. She is remembered as a lady of much personal attraction, intrinsic moral worth, and exceeding tenderness of attachment. Bro. Wood has never re-married.

GEORGE W. LYON.



LYON, GEORGE WILLIAM, Junior Partner in the firm of Kendall and Lyon, manufacturers of leather belting and hose, Cincinnati, Ohio, was born October 10, 1827, in Newton Lower Falls, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. His father, Amos Lyon, a native of Dorchester, Massachusetts, was a paper manufacturer, and died in March 1861, aged seventy-five years. He was a Mason of the Knight Templar degree, and a member of Boston Encampment, of Boston, Massachusetts. His wife, whose name before marriage was Abigail Greenwood, was born in New Hampshire, and died in March, 1871, at the advanced age of eighty-six.

They furnished George with a fair education, sending him, in the winter seasons, to the common schools of the town in which they lived, and afterward, for one year, to a private academy. When seventeen years old, he left school, and soon after, imbued with a laudable ambition to earn his own support, went to Lowell, Massachusetts, and there secured employment in a paper mill owned and conducted by a Mr. Richmond of that place. This service he was enabled to perform satisfactorily from having learned the complete details of the manufacture of paper, while assisting his father at home. While at work here he became very much interested in steam engineering, and finally went to Boston to learn the business. He there placed himself under the instruction of a Mr. Longee, a thorough mechanic and engineer in charge of the engine and machinery of a large machine and engine building shop.

About two years after, the "Gold Fever" broke out in that section, and Mr. Lyon, catching the infection, gave up his work and made preparations for going to California. On January 11, 1849, he sailed from Boston on the brig *Forest of Newburyport*, Captain Virane commanding; and after a rough and tedious passage, full of exciting and thrilling incidents, as well as some of a ludicrous character, arrived in San Francisco on the 5th of July following, having rounded Cape Horn, and been at sea nearly six months. He remained in California some two and a half years, meeting with varied fortune, and witnessing many strange scenes peculiar to those early days; then returned to Boston *via* Panama and the Chagres river, embarking at Chagres on the steamer *Bro. Jonathan*, bound for New York,

where he arrived in good time, having stopped for coal at Kingston, Jamaica, and thus caught a glimpse of that beautiful island.

From New York he continued his journey to Boston, where he settled down and resided until January, 1862, when he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and took charge of the belting and hose factory of Walter Gow & Co., then located at 63 Walnut street. He continued to hold this position for thirteen years, and then, (October, 1875), entered into copartnership in the same line of business with Mr. George Kendall, his present associate, under the firm name of Kendall and Lyon. In 1863 he changed his residence from Cincinnati to Covington, Kentucky, and has since made his home in that city.

Several years ago he united with the First Baptist Church of Covington, while it was under the pastoral charge of Rev. Pope Yeaman, and has since continued a faithful and zealous member of the same.

On December 4, 1866, he was made a Master Mason by Col. Clay Lodge, No. 159, at Covington, Kentucky, but afterward dimitted to Covington Lodge, No. 109, U. D. Of this latter Lodge he became the Senior Deacon for the first term; then its Senior Warden for two terms; and then its Worshipful Master for three successive terms, after which, he was re-elected to the same office for two terms more, and filled the position accordingly. October 2, 1868, he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason by Covington Chapter, No. 35, and became Scribe and King for several terms. In 1869 he was constituted a Sir Knight Templar by Covington Commandery, No. 7, and has had the honor of serving that body in the several grades of Captain of Guard, Standard Bearer, Senior Warden, Generalissimo, and Eminent Commander. He is now its Sentinel. In 1872 and again in 1877, he was a representative on behalf of his Commandery in the Grand Commandery of the State. He is also a member of the Ancient and Independent Orders of United Workmen.

In 1852 he was married to Miss Carrie Cook Cushing, a daughter of John and Eliza Ann Cushing, of Boston Massachusetts. Their nuptials were solemnized in that city by the Rev. Mr. Edmunds of the Christian Church. They have three children, Annie Maria Lyon, who was educated in the public schools of Boston and Cincinnati, Carrie Nellie Lyon, an attendant upon the schools of Covington, Kentucky, and George William Amos Lyon, a graduate of Yale College of the class of 1876, and now studying for the medical profession. The family residence is in Masonic Temple, Madison street, Covington.

Bro. Lyon's Masonic record is, in itself, a substantial evidence and indorsement of his sterling worth as a man. No one without merit could ever have attained and held the positions he has in Masonry, for that alone is the royal road to honor and distinction. It is the sole ground of preferment. In Masonry, as in no other institution, are the wiles of the politician

and the interested pleading of personal friends totally unknown. Whenever an election occurs, each brother, of his own free will and accord, and uninfluenced by every other, proceeds to deposit his ballot silently and unrestrictedly for him, whom he prefers as a ruler in any station within the gift of the body in which he holds membership and exercises his franchise. This rule, so wisely framed and eminently fitting, has ever resulted in the choice of the best material within the body for its government, and good government is the *desideratum* ever kept in view by the true Mason—by him who has the best interests of his institution at heart. It may be set down as an incontrovertible fact that he who can pass the secret ordeal of the Masonic ballot unscathed, and receive the approval of his fellow craftsmen, stands pre-eminently above reproach in all the relations of life, and can, in every emergency, be relied upon as one who is ever faithful to his trust, be that trust of whatever character it may.

Though fortune has not at all times smiled upon Bro. L., her frowns have never been potent to harden his heart or sour his kindly nature. His greeting to-day is as warmly sympathetic and spontaneous as when first the milk of human kindness coursed his veins or heaved his manly breast.



GEORGE K. TRISLER.



TRISLER, GEORGE K., Railroad Clerk, is a son of William Trisler and Elizabeth (Stagg) Trisler, and was born in Wheeling, Virginia, February 18, 1842. His parents were both natives of Winchester, Virginia, and his father, an industrious mechanic, died in Wheeling of that State, October 27, 1860. His mother is still living and resides in Cincinnati, Ohio. His early youth was chiefly passed at his native town, where he attended the public schools and received a good practical education. His thorough knowledge of arithmetic enabled him, upon leaving school, to secure a situation as book-keeper for Mr. H. W. Philips, the proprietor of a machine shop and foundry in Wheeling. He held this position until he was twenty-one years of age, and then resigning it, came to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he entered the employ of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company with whom he remained about four years. In July, 1867, he was made Paymaster and Treasurer of the Junction Railroad Company and stationed at Connersville, Indiana. He fulfilled the duties of this office for one year, and then returned to Cincinnati and opened, on West Pearl street, an establishment for the manufacture of hoop-skirts. Not finding this business sufficiently remunerative, however, he shortly abandoned it and went back to railroading, accepting the position of Cashier in the Freight Depot of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Lexington Railroad Company, in Covington, Kentucky. He continued there three years after which he took charge of the railroad business of the Louisville Mail Line on board of the wharf boat of that line.

In the spring of 1868 he became a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 369, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and in the following November of Kilwinning Chapter, No. 97, both in Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1870 he took the Council degrees in Kenton Council, No. 13, and the Encampment degrees in Covington Commandery, No. 7.

On the 9th day of December, 1866, he married Miss Emily J. Kendig, of Memphis, Tennessee. They reside in Cincinnati where he is well and favorably known as a gentleman of excellent business capacity, great intelligence, and agreeable manners.

BENJAMIN F. DE BUTTS.



DEBUTTS, BENJAMIN F., is a Merchant in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was born March 17, 1841, in Berkeley County, Virginia. His father Archibald S. DeButts, is of French descent, and a native of Berkeley County, Virginia, where at the time of Benjamin's birth, he was a well to do planter. His mother, Eliza (Jelleff) DeButts, was a native of Boston, Massachusetts. They are both living, and now reside in Columbus, Ohio. While our subject was quite young, his parents removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they sent him to the public schools, which he attended regularly, passed through all the grades and in 1860, graduated from the Woodward High School. Soon after he obtained employment with Waters and Barrett, manufacturers, corner of Ninth and Freeman, in Cincinnati, with whom he remained about four years, after which he became a book-keeper for Brown and Denning, wholesale grocers in the same city, with whom he continued one year, and then accepted a position as salesman in the house of Bishop and Brothers, also wholesale grocers in that city, and was there kept constantly employed for about ten years. Upon closing this engagement, he became a member of the firm of Pickett, DeButts & Co., of Boston, Massachusetts, and also connected himself with Kaufman, Pickett and DeButts, fish dealers, located at 48 West Second street, Cincinnati. He still remains a partner in both of these houses, and though yet quite a young man, has achieved a good measure of success in a financial point of view, and is well and favorably known among the sterling business men of the principal cities.

He was made a Mason in McMillan Lodge, No. 141, Cincinnati, Ohio, but upon the organization of Samuel Reed Lodge at Ludlow, Kentucky, he, being then a resident of that city, dimitted to that Lodge, in which he was twice elected and served as Worshipful Master. He is also a member of Kilwinning Chapter and Council, in Cincinnati, in each of which bodies he has filled various subordinate positions. He is likewise a member of Covington Commandery, No. 7.

He resided in Ludlow about seven years, and while there, was a member of the School Board, President of the City Council, and Mayor

of the city, filling the last named office one year of an unexpired term, and then a full term of two years.

On the 24th of September, 1861, he married Miss Hattie Hitchens, daughter of Hamilton and Elizabeth (Verner) Hitchens of Maysville, Kentucky. They have four children, viz.: Alice B., Frank A., Emily H., and Walter E., all of whom are in attendance upon the public schools of Cincinnati, Ohio, to which city their father removed his family for the purpose of giving them the advantages of a superior education.



GEORGE B. DURANT.



DURANT, GEORGE BENJAMIN, Railroad and Express Agent, and also United States Internal Revenue Gauger, Boyd's station, Kentucky, is the son of Benjamin and Isabel (Thompson) Durant. His parents were natives of Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, where they were married on the 26th of January, 1814. Two years later, or in 1816, they removed to Caledonia County, Vermont, where they resided until 1835, when they moved to the adjoining county of Washington where the mother still lives with one of her sons on the family homestead at the advanced age of eighty-three years. His father, who through his long and useful life, was engaged in farming, died October 4, 1869, in his eighty fifth year.

George B. was born January 26, 1834, at Walden, Vermont. One year later his parents moved to East Calais, Vermont, where George spent his minority in working upon the farm in summers and attending the district schools in the winters. In 1857 he got employment in the music rooms of L. T. Sparkawk, West Randolph, Vermont, who was engaged in the manufacture of parlor organs, here he remained two years. In 1859 he came to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he was employed one year as Overseer in the House of Refuge, having charge of one of the workshops in which seventy boys were working. During that year he was taught telegraphing by a Vermont friend, Albert B. Chandler, who is at present Secretary and Treasurer of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company, 154 Broadway, New York, and between whom and Mr. Durant there has existed for many years the warmest friendship, which still continues. Mr. D. left Pittsburg in 1860 and went to Cambridge City, Indiana, to take charge of the telegraph office in that place where he remained about one year. In October, 1861, he went to Boyd's Station, Kentucky, to open a telegraph office and there he has remained ever since. From 1863 to 1869 he was successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits in connection with the telegraph and railroad business.

His Masonic career began in 1860 when he was made a Mason by Cambridge City Lodge of which Thomas Newby was Master. From that Lodge he dimitted to Taylor Lodge, No. 164, Colemansville, Harrison County, Kentucky, and in 1871 was elected Master of Taylor Lodge and

continued its Master until 1876. He took the Chapter and Commandery degrees in Covington during the years 1868 and 1869. In 1876 he dimitted from Covington Commandery to Cynthiana Commandery, No. 16, of which body he is at present a member.

Mr. Durant has always been identified with the Republican party. In 1875 he was brought out by them as a candidate for the State Legislature and made the race against T. J. Megibben, Democrat, who was elected by about one-third the usual Democratic majority. He felt amply rewarded for his defeat from the fact that he carried his own precinct by nearly one hundred majority which usually gives more than one hundred majority the other way.

He was united in marriage to Miss Nannie F. Boyd, of Boyd's station, Kentucky, on the 18th of June, 1863. They have had seven children, Boyd, Bell, Neal, Sudie, Lena, Georgie R., and Albert C., all of whom are living except Neal who died May 4, 1869, aged four years.

Mr. Durant owns a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres pleasantly situated at Boyd's Station, where he resides with his interesting family. Since 1869 he has been a worthy member of the Presbyterian Church, located at Boyd's Station, and being a gentleman who is always thoroughly in earnest in whatever he enters into, he is active in promoting and encouraging anything that is likely to confer a benefit upon his fellow-man. Financially he is considered good for each and every contract that he makes. He has prospered in a goodly degree, but his activity, energy and urbanity has been in a great measure the secret of his success. He has the esteem of his fellow-men as a neighbor, Christian and Mason.



WILLIAM B. CARPENTER.



ARPENTER, WILLIAM B., Blank Book and Stationery Dealer, was born at Aberdeen, Brown County, Ohio, March 21, 1842. His father, Washington, was a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother Rebecca (Bradford) Carpenter, of Ohio; she is living, but he died in Maysville, Kentucky, in the year 1850. About six years after William's birth his parents moved to Maysville, from Aberdeen, where his father, who was a brick mason and builder, pursued his avocation until his death. Here the lad attended school and acquired his early education.

At the age of fifteen he became a clerk in a book store in Maysville and there remained about seven years. Leaving that city he came to Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered the employment of R. W. Carroll & Co., with them he remained eight years to the satisfaction of all concerned. Thinking it time to begin for himself he formed a partnership with a Mr. Bascom, and under the firm name of Bascom and Carpenter they rented a store on Vine street and began business for themselves; this partnership continued nearly two years and then it was dissolved. Mr. Carpenter, soon afterwards rented store No. 128 Walnut street, and established himself in business there, and has succeeded in building up a good trade.

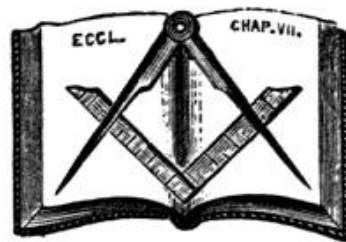
About three years ago Mr. Carpenter became convinced Masonry was an institution that had many good and meritorious features connected with it, and he determined to follow the scriptural injunction, which says "Ask and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto you." He knocked at the door of Col. Clay Lodge and it opened unto him; he received the Masters' degree April 7, 1875. In the following year Covington Chapter bestowed the Royal Arch degrees upon him, and he became a member of that Chapter July 7, 1876. About one year later he took the Encampment degrees and became a member of Covington Commandery. The Knight Templar degree being conferred on the 14th of August, 1877. So now he is a member of the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery.

He is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Covington.

On the 6th of December, 1866, he was united by marriage to Miss Margaret Coons, daughter of Charles B. Coons of Maysville, Kentucky.

This union has been blessed with three children, whose names are, Nannie C., William P., and Frank B. Mr. C. resides at No. 520 Montgomery street, Covington, Kentucky.

Mr. Carpenter is a man of good personal appearance, has pleasant and agreeable manners, is gentlemanly and courteous in his dealings, attentive to business, and is not only well esteemed by the community where he lives but also by his commercial brethren. He has worked his way up gradually and surely by perseverance, industry and close application to business. His character for honesty and integrity has never been questioned. Although a firm believer in the cardinal principles of Christianity, and a member of the Presbyterian Church ; he is neither a zealot or bigot but loves the teachings of Christ because they instruct us how to live purer and nobler lives, and incite us to love goodness, purity and virtue, and teach us, to loathe wickedness, impurity, and vice.



WILLIAM C. BLADES.



BLADES, WILLIAM C., Book-keeper and Salesman, is a son of William and Amanda M. Blades, formerly of Mason County, Kentucky, but now of Rice County, Kansas. He was born August 18, 1841, in Mason County, Kentucky, where his parents were likewise born, and where also they were reared and married. At the age of eight years, the family having removed to Bracken County, Kentucky, he was there placed at school, and kept in attendance, though irregularly, until he was about eighteen, when upon their change of residence to Shelby County in Missouri, he discontinued school and repaired to Monroe City, Missouri, and obtained a situation as clerk in a country store, in which he remained employed until the breaking out of the late civil war, when his sympathies being with the South, he entered the Confederate service, and remained a soldier to the close of the conflict. He enlisted as a member of the Missouri State Guards, but the official designation of his command was changed on muster into the Confederate States service. It was then called the Fourth Regiment of Missouri Infantry and so afterward known. In the course of his service, he participated in the following named battles, viz.: Lexington, Missouri, September 1, 1861; Pea Ridge, Arkansas, March 6, 7, 1862; Inka, Mississippi, September 19, 1862; Corinth, Mississippi, October 3, 4, 5, 1862; and the defence of Vicksburg until its surrender by Gen. Pemberton to Gen. Grant, July 4, 1863. Besides these engagements, he also served in no inconsiderable number of skirmishes, in which life was imminently imperiled. From the date of the battle of Corinth to that of Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia, he acted as Commissary of his regiment, but after that date rendered no further duty in the field, by reason of physical disability incurred during the seige of Vicksburg. He, however, remained a member of his command until its discharge at the close of the war.

In May, 1865, peace being restored, he returned home, and there recuperated his health until fall, when he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered the employ of J. T. Sullivan and Brother, leaf tobacco dealers, No. 39 Race street, remaining with them until December, 1869. In 1870 he engaged with Power and Prague, tobacco warehousemen, in Covington, for a brief period, after which, he became a book-keeper and salesman for

B. F. Power, dealer in leaf tobacco, No. 42 West Front Street, Cincinnati, with whom he yet remains.

In 1870 he was initiated into Masonry by Col. Clay Lodge, No. 159, Covington, of which he at once became a member, and in the winter following, still traveling East, received the Capitular degrees and was enrolled a Royal Arch Companion by Covington Chapter. Afterward, in 1872 became privileged with the Council, and in 1875 with the Commandery degrees, the same being conferred by Kenton Council and Covington Commandery, with which bodies he now meets in fraternal union and exercises meekly but firmly and courteously all those graces and virtues which should ever distinguish and adorn the Christian gentleman and true and upright Mason.

On October 4, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Gates, daughter of John and Abbie Gates, of Covington, the ceremony being performed in Cincinnati by Rev. H. P. Walker, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, Covington. They have no children.

It may here be remarked, that Bro. B. never fully recovered his health, so seriously impaired during his military career, until 1873, and then only by virtue of the sanitary benefits derived from his travels on business for the house by which he was employed. He is now quite portly and robust. It may here be further added, that Bro. B., has by his own persistent efforts, and without any material aid from others, raised himself from the humble position of an inexperienced clerk to that of a most faithful, efficient, and capable business man. Possessed of strong convictions, and thoroughly in earnest in whatever he undertakes, he seldom or never fails to achieve success.



JAMES D. EATON.



EATON, JAMES D., United States Gauger Sixth District of Kentucky, is a son of Samuel and Jane (Dunceith) Eaton. His father is of English, and his mother of Scotch parentage. They were born and married in Antrim County, Ireland, whence they emigrated to this country in the year 1836. Upon their arrival they proceeded to the house of our subject's grandfather, who had come over to America before them, and was living at Ogdensburg, New York. After paying a visit there, they went to Rochester, where Mr. Eaton secured work at his trade, which was that of a bricklayer. In that city, James D. was born on the 10th of October, 1836, and there he attended the city schools until old enough to begin learning his father's trade, after which he worked with his father in the summers, and went to school during the winters.

When eighteen years old, he was sufficiently skilled to obtain employment as a journeyman, and in the following year he went with his father to Oakville, Canada West, to build a block of brick houses.

While filling this contract, he formed the acquaintance of Miss Margaret A. Gordon, daughter of William and Elizabeth Gordon, of that place, to whom he was married on the 26th day of November, 1855, only one month after his nineteenth birthday. He remained there four years, working at his trade in the summers, and in the Pineries in the winters. In May, 1860, he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where for several weeks he was unsuccessful in finding employment at his trade, and was compelled to work at anything he could get to do. In course of time, however, he was again laboring at his accustomed business, at which he continued until the summer of 1862, being occasionally connected with the army, though not as a soldier.

On the 1st of September, 1862, he became a member of the Tenth Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry, under the command of Col. Tevis, of Maysville, Kentucky. Mr. Eaton's Company belonged to the Battalion commanded by Major James L. Foley, and was kept constantly on active duty scouting in Kentucky and Tennessee. They were always on the move, and during the winter of 1862-3 were so incessantly engaged that they served entirely without camp equipage, as they changed their position so frequently that it would have been superfluous and only an incumbrance.

The regiment was mustered in for but one year, and in September, 1863, was discharged at Maysville, Kentucky, after which Mr. Eaton returned to his home and in a short time opened up his old business on an extensive scale and carried it on thus until June, 1869, when he was appointed United States Gauger for the Sixth District of Kentucky, a position which he has since continuously held.

He is a member of Golden Rule Lodge, Covington Chapter, Kenton Council, and Covington Commandery, has held various positions in each of these bodies, and is at present Senior Expert in the Lodge of Perfection at Cincinnati, Ohio. He was Standard Bearer of his Commandery for the years 1874 and 1875.

Both he and his wife are active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Covington. They have had nine children, one of whom, Ida, died in infancy. The eldest son, Samuel, has already learned a trade, and the two next, William S. and James R. are now apprentices. The others, Jennie, Mary, Margaret A., Josephine, and Robert N., are in regular attendance upon the Covington City Schools. Bro. Eaton resides with his family in a comfortable house of his own in West Covington. He is widely and favorably known as a peaceful and law-abiding citizen, and an intelligent and courteous gentleman.

“Good actions crown themselves with lasting bays,
Who well deserves, needs not another’s praise.”



JOHN L. LEHMAN.



LEHMAN, JOHN L., Caterer and Confectioner, Covington, Kentucky, was born March 19, 1824, in Montgomery County, Ohio. His parents, John Lehman, and Lydia A. (Knight) Lehman, were both natives of Frederick County, Maryland. They removed to Ohio a few years before the birth of our subject, and there passed the remainder of their lives. His father was a farmer by occupation, and was only able to provide his son with a very limited education. In early youth John was apprenticed to a confectioner to learn his trade. He faithfully served out his time, and in the year 1843 came to Covington, Kentucky, and established himself in business in that city, which then contained but about fifteen hundred inhabitants. He fixed his residence there and has ever since continued to live and conduct his regular vocation in that place.

In the year 1852 he became a member of the old Covington Lodge, No. 109, Ancient York Masons. June 13, 1856, he took the Chapter; January 21, 1859, the Council; and November 29, 1858, the Commandery degrees. These were all received in Covington, Kentucky, where he is still a member of the bodies by which they were conferred. His name is also borne upon the rolls of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and of the Independent Order of United Workingmen.

He has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Mary A. Andrew, of Covington, to whom he was married May 28, 1846, and who died August 22, 1869, when a little over forty-one years of age. She bore him six children, two of whom are dead. Of those who remain, Henrietta C., is now the wife of R. B. Harrie; Lydia J., of John Zeltner; and Nora, of John Steifel. Camilla M. T., the youngest, is unmarried. They were all educated in the Covington Schools, except Henrietta C., who graduated at Springfield, Ohio. On the 4th day of February, 1871, Bro. Lehman was again married. His second wife was Miss Mary A. Davis, of Covington, by whom he has had four children, one of whom died in infancy. The other three, Charles H., Mary B., and John L., are still living. Bro. L. resides

with his family at No. 507 Madison street, and also has his store in the same house. He has occupied this building both as a home and a business stand for the past twenty-eight years.

He is an active Christian, and is connected with the First Presbyterian Church in Covington. He is well and favorably known as a plain-spoken, straight-forward man of business, yet kind hearted and charitable, and highly esteemed by all with whom he is associated in any of the concerns of life.



THOMAS M. RUNYON.



RUNYON, THOMAS M., Commission Merchant, Cincinnati, Ohio, was born in Mason County, Kentucky, November 3, 1842. His parents, James and Lydia (Mannen) Runyon, are also natives of the same county and State, and still reside there. His father has been for many years a farmer and merchant in that locality, and there he reared and educated the subject of our sketch, who attended school in his native county until the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, when he enlisted in the Second Regiment of Kentucky Cavalry. His company was recruited in Mason County, and joined the regiment at Mumfordsville, whence it marched to Shiloh, Tennessee, arriving there in time to take part in the last day's battle, and in the skirmishes which took place while pursuing the retreating foe. Afterward, the regiment did duty in keeping communication open between Columbia and Savannah, Tennessee, also doing patrol duty in and around Nashville. They were kept thus employed for several months, when Gen'l Buell's army fell back to Louisville, Kentucky, and they, being under his command, accompanied him. Soon after, they were ordered to take the advance of Crittenden's Corps, which they did, skirmishing daily with the enemy until they reached Perryville, Kentucky, when they participated in the noted battle fought there in October, 1862. Immediately after this battle, the company to which Mr. Runyon belonged was detailed to act as Gen. Sheridan's escort, and continued in the performance of this duty until after the battle of Stone River, when it was sent back to rejoin the regiment. He rendered active service with his command until after the battle of Chickamauga, in September 1863, when, being sick, he obtained admission into the hospital at Nashville, was sent thence to Louisville, and there received permission to go home. After regaining his health, he went back to Louisville, and was detailed as Duty Sergeant or Clerk at that post, in which position he remained until discharged by reason of expiration of term of service.

After being mustered out he returned to his home in Mason County, where he remained about a year, and then came to Cincinnati, Ohio, and secured employment as a clerk in the commission house of Wasson & Co., where he stayed eight years, and then two years longer with Mr. Emmerson, who had been Mr. Wasson's partner. In 1876, he established himself in the

same line of business on Front street in Cincinnati, and has since carried it on in that place.

He became a Master Mason in Golden Rule Lodge, October 13, 1873, took the Chapter degrees March 19, 1875, and the Commandery degrees June 10, 1875. He is Junior Deacon in his Lodge, Master of the Second Veil in Covington Chapter, and Warder in Covington Commandery. He is also a member of the Ancient Order United Workmen, and of the Independent Order of Workingmen.

November 6, 1873, he married Miss Lillie Ebersole, daughter of Herman Ebersole, Esq., of Covington, Kentucky. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. P. B. Wiles. They have had two children, Herme M., and Walter E., who died January 27, 1878. The family reside at No. 420 Greenup street in Covington.

Bro. Runyon is a member of the Fourth Street Christian Church in Covington, and is a faithful and sincere observer of its articles of belief and of the duties they impose. He is well known as an upright and conscientious man, active in business, just in his dealings, and prudent in the management of his affairs. To him life is a gift for good purposes.



ASA DRURY.



DRURY, ASA, Clergyman, was born at Athol, Massachusetts, on the 26th of July, 1802. He was one of a family of eleven children. His father, Joel Drury, was a farmer in limited circumstances, so that Asa, in childhood and youth, had only the educational opportunities of a winter school. At the age of twenty one he left home, and after two years of study in a preparatory school entered the Freshman Class of Yale College, in 1825. By practicing the strictest economy, and by teaching school during vacations, he was enabled to finish his course in that institution in 1829, standing third in a class of eighty. The Rev. Dr. Boardman of Philadelphia, being valedictorian of the class. After graduating, he taught for two years in the Yale Grammar School.

In 1832 he was married to Miss Mary E. Willard, daughter of Jacob Willard, Esq., of Providence, Rhode Island. Three children were born of this marriage, all of whom died in infancy or early childhood. About 1834 he was ordained a minister in the Baptist Church and in 1836 removed to Cincinnati, where he was appointed Professor of the Greek Language and Literature, in the Cincinnati College. On the 15th of July, 1838, his first wife died, and after her death he returned to the East and was subsequently appointed Professor of Greek in Waterville College, Maine, now Colby University, and there remained several years. May 22, 1841, he was again united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Getchell, daughter of Capt. Nehemiah Getchell, of Waterville, Maine. In 1842 he again came West and in 1843 was appointed Professor of Greek in the Western Baptist Theological Institute of Covington, Kentucky, which position he held until that institution was closed.

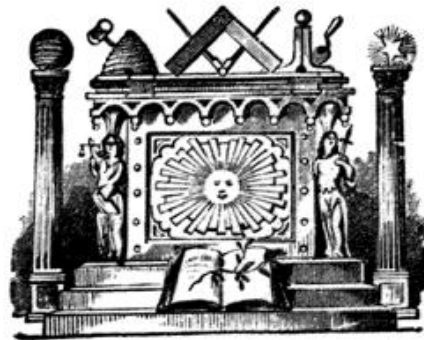
He was subsequently, for many years, principal of the High school, and superintendent of the public schools of Covington. He was Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Covington, from 18— to 18—, and also for many years Pastor of the Baptist Church at Dry Creek, Kenton County, Kentucky.

In 1863 he was commissioned Chaplain of the Eighteenth Regiment Kentucky Infantry, Col. Warner commanding. Soon after the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, where the regiment to which he belonged was engaged, he was sent home on parole by General Heath. A short time after failing

health compelled him to resign. He returned to Covington and opened a private school, but at the end of a year he had to give it up. In 1866 he removed to St. Anthony, Minnesota, where he took charge of the Baptist Church, an institution without a local habitation. In the autumn of 1869, they had built a church and in February of 1870, it was dedicated under his care, but he did not live long to enjoy his success, dying about a month after its dedication, or upon the 18th of March, 1870. His wife survived him four years. She died in Bellevue, Kentucky, August 10, 1874. Two sons survive them, A. G. and M. P. Drury. The former now practicing medicine in Cincinnati, the latter engaged in mercantile pursuits in the same city.

Mr. Drury's identification with Masonry began in 1850 when he received the Masters' degree in Covington, shortly after he took the Royal Arch degrees and in 1853 received the Orders of Knighthood in Covington Commandery, No. 7.

His love for the order was sincere and he cherished its lessons and practiced them. He was eminently a scholarly man, not merely a learned pedagogue but one who had broad enlightened views on educational matters. His thorough scholarship, his gentle unassuming manner, his love for all that was beautiful, good and true, endeared him to all of his pupils who wished to learn. As an instructor and interpreter of the Bible he was eminent, not noisy, harsh or severe, but mild, earnest, logical, teaching and preaching God's love, mercy and goodness rather than his wrath, severity and judgment. Wise and learned in book lore he was but a child in the knowledge of the world; his ways and life as gentle as a summer's breeze, and yet his heart keenly alive to the well being of his fellow-men. His life was passed in trying to do good, and not until we all meet him in the Grand Commandery above shall we know how many will rise up and call him blessed.



JULIUS L. BRISTOW.



BRISTOW, JULIUS L., Clerk of Kenton County Court, Kentucky, is a son of Reuben L. and Statira (Stephens) Bristow, and was born in Boone County, Kentucky, December 14, 1835. He was educated in Boone County, receiving his preparatory instruction in the common schools there, and his finishing course in the select, the latter being taught at Florence and Petersburg, where he was in attendance about three years. His father was a native of Bourbon County, Kentucky, but had removed to Boone County and there made his home, some years before Julius was born. He was a farmer by occupation, and followed that pursuit until his death, which occurred in October, 1871, near Independence, Kentucky, whither the family had gone from Boone County and settled about the year 1854. His widow, who is still living and a native of Kenton County, Kentucky, yet resides at the old family homestead near Independence. He was buried with Masonic honors, having been, through life, a very staunch and enthusiastic member of the Order. He was initiated into Masonry at the early age of twenty-one years, and for more than half his Masonic career was Worshipful Master of his Lodges. He loved Masonry second only to religion, and loved it too, from the hour he first beheld the splendors of its Orient. It had been his constant practice as it had always been his desire, so to live, that his every act should bespeak his fidelity to trust, and prove his sincere regard for every virtuous promise made, and pledge given at the altar of the Institution. But alas! the good man has gone the way of all flesh, and nothing now remains of him but his honored name and worthy deeds, which will ever be warmly cherished in the loving hearts of the many devoted friends he has left behind. But

"What is death

To him who meets it with an upright heart?
A quiet haven, where his shattered bark
Harbors secure, till the rough storm is past;
Perhaps a passage overhung with clouds,
But at its entrance, a few leagues beyond
Opening to kinder skies and milder scenes,
And seas pacific as the soul that seeks them."

Julius soon after leaving school, received the appointment of Deputy

Clerk for the Circuit Court of Kenton County, held this position for a year, when he married and there engaged in farming which he followed until 1866, at which time, having been chosen one of the officers of the Cincinnati and Covington Bridge Company, he assumed and discharged the duties of that trust until 1870. Then returning to the farm, re-engaged in agricultural pursuits for a period of four years, after which he became Clerk of Kenton County Court and so yet remains. Covington is now his residence.

In February, 1857, he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bradford Lodge, No. 123, at Independence, Kentucky, and subsequently moving to Bourbon County and dimitting and affiliating with Benevolent Lodge, said Lodge located in Fayette County, near Bourbon's line, he became its Master. In 1876 he received the Chapter degrees and Orders in Knighthood, the former being conferred by Covington Chapter, No. 35, and the latter, by Covington Commandery, No. 7. While in the chair he made a most efficient Lodge Master, carefully conserving the honor, the reputation, and the usefulness of his Lodge, and conducting its business and work upon true Masonic principles. He strictly obeyed and enforced the moral law, and rigorously inculcated upon the brethren under his charge, the practice out of the Lodge, of all those indispensable virtues, which were so beautifully taught within it. His care, skill, and capacity as a Masonic governor, were conspicuously displayed on all sides, and it soon became evident to the craft that Benevolent Lodge had never raised a better Mason nor served a more faithful and capable Master. He was truly a block which has been well and trustily laid in the grand Masonic edifice—a block upon which the brotherhood could at all times rely as a sure foundation stone for their moral labors.

In March, 1857, Bro. B. was married to Miss Georgie C. Corless, a most estimable young lady, of Bourbon County, Kentucky. She died without issue November 8, 1867, and he remained a widower until September 19, 1876, when he was happily united in marriage with Miss Katie E. Coombs, of Williamstown, Grant County, Kentucky, by whom he now has one child, named Georgie E.

Affable and polite in manners and punctiliously exact in all business transactions, Bro. B. has established for himself a most enviable reputation in the world at large, and acquired a hold upon popular favor that cannot be lightly shaken. Years of public usefulness evidently await him. It may be added that though a man of unobtrusive nature, and one who is always considerate of the feelings and prejudices of others, he yet has positive convictions of his own, and on all proper occasions is free to state them. That early impressed with the vital truth of Christianity, he united with the Baptist Church and still retains his membership with it.

THEODORE WARE.



WARE, THEODORE, Carpenter, Covington, Kentucky, was born in Newport, Kentucky, November 27, 1851. His parents, Isaac W. Ware and Emily (McCarty) Ware, are both native Kentuckians; his father having been born in Campbell County in January, 1815, and his mother in Kenton County in the year 1825. His father's business was that of a farmer, but he kept his son Theodore in regular attendance at the public schools in Cincinnati, Ohio, until he was fourteen years old. At the age of seventeen Theodore commenced learning the carpenter's trade under Elias Ehler, Esq., who had his shop on Front street between Central Avenue and John, in Cincinnati. With him our subject remained until able to command journeyman's wages and then found employment for the next two or three years with Strawbridge and McDannold, in Covington, Kentucky. Upon closing his engagement with them he again went to work for Mr. Ehler with whom he continued nearly two years more. In the year 1874 he commenced business for himself as a master carpenter, in which capacity he is still engaged.

Bro. Ware proved his high appreciation of the beauty and importance of Free Masonry, by an early application for the rights, lights and benefits which were conferred. December 2, 1872, he became an Entered Apprentice; January 6, 1873, a Fellow Craft; and April 14, 1873, a Master Mason, in Golden Rule Lodge. In the same year he also took the Chapter and Commandery degrees becoming a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar before he was twenty-two years of age.

He is unmarried and resides with his parents in Covington.

JOHN N. WOOLISCROFT.



WOOLISCROFT, JOHN N., Covington, Kentucky, an associate of John Mackey, Sr., in the Grain and Commission business in that city, is a son of Absalom and Harriet A. Wooliscroft, and was born in 1847, in Newark, Illinois, whither his parents had emigrated from Kentucky during the same year. He is of English descent on his father's side, and of American, on his mother's; his father being a native of Staffordshire, England, and his mother, of the Eastern shore of Maryland. For more than thirty years past his father was engaged in the ministry, and for twenty was a member of the Kentucky Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

John received a good education having attended school until he was fourteen years old, when he became a clerk in a book and news depot connected with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, where he remained employed for four years, after which he hired as a Messenger to the Adams Express Company with whom he continued two years. Quitting this employment he engaged as a book-keeper and thus occupied his time for four years, when he took up the business of a distiller and conducted it for two years. After that he entered into his present connection with Mr. John Mackey in the grain and commission business.

In his religious views he is a Methodist, having been reared in that faith from early childhood—his connection being with the Scott Street Methodist Episcopal Church South, in Covington.

In 1873 he was made a Mason by Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, of Covington, and since, has taken all the Masonic degrees up to and including that of Knight Templar. During his Masonic career it has been his pleasure to have served his Lodge as Secretary for two years, and his Chapter (Covington, No. 35), as Royal Arch Captain for the same length of time. In 1877 he was Principal Sojourner.

He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen; is unmarried and resides in Covington. His many responsible worldly positions attest his business talent, moral worth, and sterling integrity. In Masonry his well wrought work has proven his skill and experience as an expert craftsman, and his value as an attentive, able, and efficient officer.

PETER B. WILES.



WILES, PETER BLACKSTONE, Pastor of the Christian Church in Covington, Kentucky, was born in Brown County, Ohio, August 9, 1831. His father, Peter M. Wiles, was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in the year 1788, and was a soldier under Gen. Harrison, in the war of 1812. He was originally a farmer, and afterward a school-teacher but abandoned the latter vocation in favor of the former and thence continued a "tiller of the soil" until his death, which occurred in Fayette County, Indiana, December 29, 1875. Martha (Henry) Wiles, mother of our subject, was a native of Brown County, Ohio, born in the year 1790, and married in 1811. She died in Fayette County, Indiana, in December, 1849. About the year 1806, Peter M. Wiles, in company with the other members of his family, came down the Ohio river on a flat-boat, and landed near the mouth of Eagle Creek not far from the place now known as Ripley, Ohio. In 1833 he removed with his wife and children to Fayette County, Indiana, where he passed the remainder of his life.

Our subject resided with his parents until the winter of 1853, when he went back to Ohio on a visit to some relatives and remained one year, teaching school in Winchester, Adams County. In the spring of 1855 he came to Kentucky, and has ever since made his home in that State, first living in Mason County at a town called Dover, situated on the Ohio river twelve miles below Maysville. Here he remained one year, teaching in the academy, and preaching for the Christian Church at Dover and at Minerva, (a small town about five miles from there.) The next year, (1856), he passed at Bethany College in West Virginia, and in the fall of 1858 located in Fleming County, Kentucky, where for six years he continued preaching for two village congregations known as Elizaville and Poplar Plains. In 1864 he moved to Covington, Kentucky, accepting a call to the pastorate of the Christian Church there, which he filled for seven years and three months. In 1871 he was called to the church at Georgetown, Scott County, Kentucky, with which he remained three years, and in January 1875 returned to the charge of the Covington Christian Church, which he has since continually held. While under his pastoral care and teachings this church has been transformed from a small band of members occupying an

inferior place of worship and struggling for existence, to the large and flourishing church now holding its services in a beautiful edifice on Fifth street.

Bro. Wiles pursued an academic course of study at Fairview Academy, Fairview, Rush County, Indiana, the principal of which, Prof. A. R. Benton afterward became President of North-western University at Indianapolis, Indiana, and then Chancellor of the University of Michigan. Among his preceptors were also President Alexander Campbell; President W. K. Pendleton, now of Bethany College and Superintendent of Public Instruction in West Virginia; Prof. Robert Milligan, afterward President Kentucky University; and Prof. Robert Richardson, author of *Memoirs of Alexander Campbell*.

Bro. Wiles became a Free and Accepted Mason at Covington, Kentucky, in the year 1866; is a member of Col. Clay Lodge, Kenton Chapter, and Covington Commandery, in which latter body he has held the office of Prelate. He is also an Initiatory Odd Fellow.

He was married in Fleming County, Kentucky, December 3, 1859, by Rev. John A. Brooks, now of Mexico, Missouri, to Miss Jennie Jones, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 23, 1839. She was educated at the Wesleyan Female College at Cincinnati, and is a lady of fine musical talent and rare cultivation, and one who graces every circle in which she moves. They have had six children, viz.: Emma V., John Halifax, Willie F., who died September 13, 1877, when fourteen years old, Ernest Mason, Daisy and Libbie. Those living are bright and intellectual, and regular attendants upon the public schools of Covington. Emma V., the eldest, holds the first place in her class at the Covington High School, with a fair prospect for carrying off the highest honors. The family residence is No. 167 West Fifth street, Covington.

Bro. Wiles is endowed with a keen intellect, fine logical powers, and good business capacity; he is of medium height and very erect in his bearing, socially popular and a prominent preacher in his church. He accepts the Bible as his creed and rule of faith and action, and discards all human creeds and human names, and takes only the New Testament and the name Christian.



THOMAS JENKINS.



JENKINS, THOMAS, Glassblower, Covington, Kentucky, is a son of James and Arrana Jenkins, and was born in Baltimore, Maryland, October 15, 1835. His father is dead, but his mother is still living and resides with him in Covington. His father was a cabinet maker and wrought at his trade in Baltimore, for many years. Owing to the fact that at the tender age of eleven years, Thomas was obliged to go to work at whatever he could find to do, in order to assist in the support of himself and parents, his educational advantages were quite limited. These drawbacks, though serious at the time, were, however, measurably overcome in later years, by a course of judicious reading, close observation, and daily contact with the world; experience proving in his, as in most cases, the best of teachers.

At the age of seventeen he was apprenticed to the trade of glassblowing for a period of four years, and served his time at the Baltimore Glass Works. He then worked as a full hand there, until 1865, when he came to Kentucky to better his condition. In this he has evidently succeeded, as he is now quite comfortably circumstanced, and in the enjoyment of steady and remunerative employment. Since his advent in Kentucky, he has continuously resided and worked in Covington, where he at first located.

He has the honor of being, at this time, a member of the Masonic Order, having, several years ago, been initiated into its mysteries, by Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, at Covington, Kentucky. His connection, at present, extends to Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery. He has recently been elected and installed Standard Bearer of his Commandery (Covington, No. 7,) and seems perfectly at home in the discharge of the duties imposed. This trust is an important one, as it is never committed to any but those upon whom the strictest reliance can be placed in the hour of pressing need or sudden danger. As Standard Bearer he is charged to defend his colors even to the extent of life itself. This, upon emergency, he would most assuredly do, for he has it in him, never to surrender to the rulers of the darkness of this world, nor to spiritual wickedness in high places—these being his avowed enemies as well as those of his chivalric host. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, taking much interest in the furtherance of its benevolent designs.

In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, having been reared in that belief from early childhood.

On the 11th of January, 1863, he was married to Miss Catharine Reagan of Baltimore, Maryland, by whom he has six children, all boys. Their names are James H., John, William, Thomas, Joseph, and Charles H.—the elder portion being now in attendance upon school in Covington.

Bro. Jenkins, though in stature of medium size, seems of hardy mould, and bears unmistakable evidence of having experienced scarcely a day's sickness in his life. He is a most excellent mechanic and highly appreciated by his employers for his skill, industry, and integrity. Years of prosperity evidently await him.

“The man in conscious virtue bold,
Who dares his secret purpose hold,
Unshaken hears the crowd's tumultuous cries,
And the impetuous tyrant's angry brow defies.
Let the loud winds that rule the seas,
Their wild tempestuous horrors raise;
Let Jove's dread arm with thunders rend the spheres,
Beneath the crush of worlds, undaunted he appears.”



HENRY GREEN.



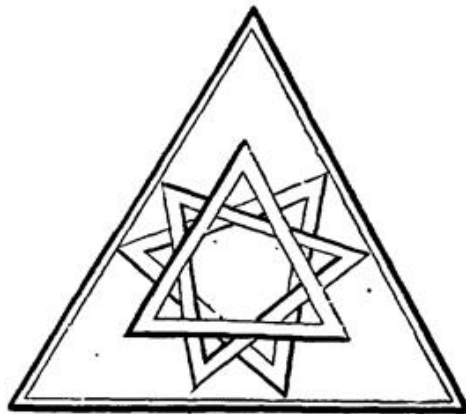
REEN, HENRY, Roll Turner and Draughtsman, Covington, Kentucky, was born December 16, 1846, in Shropshire, England. His parents, Henry Green and Eliza (Nightingale) Green, were also natives of Shropshire, England, where his father died, and where his mother still resides. His father was a farmer, and lived upon and cultivated land that for more than five hundred years had been occupied and tilled by his ancestors. He gave our subject very good educational opportunities, which he well improved. Henry devoted himself chiefly to drawing, a branch of study, for which he evinced great fondness and no inconsiderable talent, and one in which he eventually excelled. His father desired him to become a farmer, but inheriting from his mother's family, a strong inclination for mechanical pursuits, having no less than six maternal uncles engaged in lines of business of that particular cast, he decided to learn a trade.

Selecting that of a Roll Turner, he served an apprenticeship to the same for seven years, after which, he worked at various places, seeking all the time to still further perfect himself in the knowledge of his chosen pursuit. In 1868, ambitious to improve his pecuniary condition, he resolved to go to America, and in the autumn of that year, bidding adieu to "Old England," crossed the Atlantic, and landed on the shores of the New World. Proceeding to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, he soon obtained employment at his trade, and remained there about two years. From Pittsburg he went to Alliance, Ohio, and worked one year, when, receiving an offer from a firm in Cincinnati, he departed for that city, where he stayed some time. While at Cincinnati, he became interested with other parties in working some coal mines near Terre Haute, Indiana. These mines promised very favorably at the start, but, owing to the Company's failure to procure railroad transportation for the coal, and to the coming on of the financial crash of 1873, which brought such general prostration to the business of the whole country, the enterprise proved an almost total failure. At present Mr. Green is engaged with Mitchell, Tranter & Co., in Covington, Kentucky, and with Swift's Iron and Steel Work in the adjoining city of Newport, and though he

is not accumulating a fortune, he is making a comfortable living, and that in such times as now prevail, is no insignificant matter.

In 1872 he was made a Mason and became a member of Col. Clay Lodge, No. 159. In 1874 he received the Chapter and Commandery degrees at the hands of Covington Chapter and Covington Commandery. He is a member of Kenton Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Mystic Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the same city. He also holds membership in the Episcopal Church in Covington.

Possessed of a quick and active temperament, great energy, and fine mechanical skill, and thoroughly in earnest in whatever he undertakes, Bro. G. is a valuable adjunct to any business in which he may engage, where skilled labor plays a prominent part. His work, always elaborated with a propriety of construction and precision of finish that not only defies but absolutely baffles criticism, is always an object of appreciation to his employers and of well grounded satisfaction to their customers. Based upon intrinsic worth it ever brings its own reward.



HENRY BOSTWICK.



BOSTWICK, HENRY, Clerk of the United States and Circuit Courts, and also United States Commissioner, Covington, Kentucky, was born November 14, 1827, in Hartford, Connecticut. His parents, Isaac D. and Cynthia (Granger) Bostwick, were natives of the same State, and there Henry's father died in 1835. This left the boy without his paternal protector and with but little chance for acquiring an education. He improved the opportunities he had in the schools of Hartford. As soon as he was old enough he commenced learning the printer's trade, working on the Daily Journal. After completing his apprenticeship with that paper, and working as journeyman several months in Hartford, he went to New York, where he worked a short time on the New York Tribune and also with C. A. Alford, Book Publisher, after which he began with the Harper Brothers, remaining and working at his trade about twelve years in the city of New York. From thence he came to Cincinnati and for eight years was foreman in the printing establishment of W. B. Smith of that city. In December, 1872, he was appointed Clerk of the United States and Circuit Courts and also United States Commissioner, which offices he has held ever since, performing the multifarious duties connected therewith very satisfactorily.

On the 9th of February, 1852, he was united by marriage to Miss Anna L. Barr in New York City; there was born of this union the following named children, Ida L., a graduate of the Covington High School, Corriden A., now attending that school, and Frederic C., in the city schools. His first wife died at Covington in 1866. He was again married in January, 1874, to Mrs. M. V. Strader, of Covington.

His Masonic career began in 1863, when he became a member of Golden Rule Lodge of Covington. His society connections now embrace Chapter, Council and Commandery, and since February, 1876, the Scottish Rite, 32° degree. He became a member of Covington Chapter, April 22, 1864; of Kenton Council, May 12, 1864; and of Covington Commandery, June 7th the same year. He has been High Priest of his Chapter, Thrice Illustrious of Kenton Council, and Eminent Commander of Covington

Commandery, besides filling numerous subordinate positions in those bodies. He has filled the highest offices in the Grand Lodge, in the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of the State, he is now Vice-President of the Grand Council of High Priesthood of Kentucky, and Grand Captain of the Host in the General Grand Chapter of the United States. He is Past Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Upon the organization of Delta Lodge of Perfection in Covington he was made Thrice Potent Grand Master which position he now fills to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Bostwick is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

In 1859 Mr. Bostwick changed his residence from Cincinnati to Covington, and since then has been identified with this city and its interests. Although it is but fifteen years since Mr. Bostwick became connected with Masonry his progress in a knowledge of its work and rituals has been rapid; equally so his advancement to official honors and trusts, we doubt if any man in Kentucky can show a like record. That he has labored industriously to fulfil the duties incumbent upon him and prove worthy of the trusts bestowed, is acknowledged by all. In Masonic circles he has been and is a shining light worthy of imitation by all who are or wish to become members of that noble fraternity.



HENRY H. MAYO.



MAYO, HENRY H., was born in Newport, Kentucky, September 15, 1810. His father, Daniel Mayo, was a native of Massachusetts, and his mother, Mary (Putman) Mayo, of Connecticut, she being the grand-daughter of the celebrated Gen. Israel Putman of revolutionary fame. The subject of this sketch had but limited facilities for acquiring an education but he improved them and through his whole life was a constant reader, so that he possessed a vast fund of information upon all matters of history, as well as the current topics of the day. The first forty years of his life was spent in his native city, Newport, where he was actively engaged in business as a merchant until 1861. From thence he moved to Covington and thereafter became identified with its interests, being connected with the Adams Express Company in Covington.

On the 1st of September, 1832, he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Winston, daughter of John Winston, of Kenton County, Kentucky. Nine children were born of this union, their names being as follows, William P., Sarah E., Aurella, Lavina, Daniel D., Louisa, Thomas L., Henry H., and Emma B. Of these Thomas L. is dead, his death occurring about two weeks before that of his father. Thomas was greatly beloved not only by his own immediate home circle, but by his associates, his disposition was so cheerful and happy that to know him was to like him.

Mr. Mayo in early manhood became a member of the Methodist Church, and the following eloquent tribute to his memory from the pen of Rev. C. W. Miller, his pastor, gives us the correct view of his Christian character. "One of the best men I ever knew was Henry H. Mayo, of Covington, Kentucky. For more than twenty years I have known him intimately, and have been associated with him in all the official relations into which pastor and people enter in the economy of our Church. Never have I known a man who was truer in his own life, or more exemplary in his associations with men. He was a man in whom Christianity had achieved many of its grandest triumphs. It mellowed his entire nature. It pervaded him with a simple, unostentatious love of men that showed itself in a thousand unstudied ways. He neither thought nor spoke evil of his fellow-men; he always threw the mantle of charity over their faults, and expressed the belief that if their circumstances had been changed they would not have erred. This was truly the spirit of Him who prayed for the worst of men,

‘Father forgive them, they know not what they do.’ His was a mature Christian character. For fifty years he had been ‘growing in grace,’ and adding to his faith, virtue, and knowledge, and temperance, and patience, and godliness, and brotherly kindness. His Christian character was not a growth like Jonah’s gourd—the product of a few hours. It was the slow and regular unfolding and maturing of powers under ‘the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus,’ which in due time bring ‘the babe’ to be a full grown ‘man.’ One of the glories of a genuine Methodism has been the teaching of men how thus to ‘grow’—not how to leap from initial convictions into a full sanctification. He joined the Methodist Church in 1827, under the ministry of that godly man, the Rev. Isaac Collard, who preceded him to heaven nearly two years. They fought much of life’s great battle side by side in the army of God here, and are now ‘resting under the shade of the trees’ recounting the events of the campaign. In 1832, he married the faithful and true wife who now sits in the shadow of a great bereavement, trusting in God, and waiting the reunion. On January 4, 1877, after a brief but severe attack of pneumonia, he gently fell asleep in Jesus. Need I tell you how he died? Why tell how the old veteran is discharged from service who has ‘fought a good fight?’ To live right is to secure all the rest. Such a life as his, needs no hasty arranging of details, no haphazard preparation in that hour of cold obstructions. The family, the church, and the community, are all bereaved. A true man has fallen, and the vacancy is felt. But the family, the church, and the community are richer because he lived.”

For upwards of thirty years he was a Mason and the last twenty-five of them a Knight Templar, being a member of Covington Commandery, No. 7, of which he was one of the charter members. In the Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery, he was always an efficient and worthy member, and his love for the order remained warm in his heart until it ceased to beat and he was transferred to the Grand Encampment above.

In point of intellect he was far above mediocrity; his mind was strong, acute, and vigorous, with a substratum of sound common sense, and well stored with useful information. Deceit could not cross the threshold of his heart, the very door of which was guarded by Truth and Honor. He was frank and candid, and in his word absolute reliance was reposed. His kind disposition, his jovial good nature, his strong stable character, his sincere constant friendships, made him a favorite with all his numerous friends and acquaintances. But it was in the home circle where he shone the brightest; there as the loving husband, the kind father, he was pre-eminent; there the loss was greatest; there the void was made that never can be filled; there his memory will ever live embalmed, until life’s pilgrimage is over and the members of his family are united in that sun-bright clime where death can not come and sorrow is not found.

ISAIAH W. RICHARDSON.



RICHARDSON, ISAIAH W., Glassblower, is a son of David Richardson and Mary (Coleman) Richardson, and was born near Fallsington, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1831. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, coming from that part of the State bordering on New Jersey, and in the vicinity of Trenton. His mother was born in Trenton. They died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the year 1853, whither they had removed from Bucks County, while Isaiah was yet but a mere lad. Their death was so nearly at the same time, that both were buried upon the same day, thus realizing the beautiful destiny of living one life, dying one death, and sharing one eternity, inseparable.

“Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O death!”

It fell to the lot of Isaiah from the age of nine years until his parent's death, to contribute whatever he could to their maintenance. This became necessary from a serious accident, which, at one time, befell his father, rendering him incapable of manual labor to such degree that he could not properly support his family. This duty was performed by Isaiah most graciously and kindly, and the recollection of it, has been a source of heartfelt gratification to him through all the after years of his life. The misfortune, however, proved a very considerable drawback to Isaiah's education, as it deprived him of the advantages flowing from a regular school attendance and limited him to a desultory course of instruction. But he made the best use of his opportunities possible, mastering by dint of hard study and close application the more ordinary branches of learning, after which, he added the residue to his stock of knowledge by the light of worldly experience.

Forced, at the age of sixteen, to commence the battle of life in earnest, he entered the Dyottsville Glass Works as an apprentice. Serving four years and acquiring his trade, he then hired and worked there as a full hand until 1859, at which time he left and went to Baltimore and there pursued his vocation until 1862, after which, he removed to Kentucky and settled

at Covington, making that city his permanent abode and subsequent place of employment.

At the age of thirty-three, he was made a Mason, and has since discharged every duty pertaining to the craft, with honor, love, fidelity, and zeal. He had long noticed open before him, two very distinct routes leading through life—the one, the broad, hilarious way of the heedless, thoughtless, reckless world; the other, the narrow and unpretentious path pursued by the sedate, the wise, the good, and the true. The character of those walking in the narrow way especially attracted his attention and fully resolved him in his choice, when the proper time for its exercise should arrive. He entered not upon the way of the many—the way of pleasure and carnal indulgences, which appeared broader and better, and consequently more joyous and tempting, for that would have carried him not only without the Mystic Temple, but beyond the pale of divine precept as well, into sloth, luxury, waste, trouble, misery, ignominy, ruin, and death, and covered his name with an everlasting obliquity; but he did enter the uninviting and narrow way—the rugged, rising, right-hand path to honor, virtue, and truth—the way to honorable life, happy hopes, and glorious immortality. Was he not wise in so doing? And might he not too, well rejoice and exclaim, at his ransom from a guilty world, as did the children of Korah, when returning from their Babylonish captivity to Jerusalem: “O, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph,” for surely his rescue from a world of vice and woe, and usherance into the purer life of Masonry was not unanalogous to the ransom of the poor, downtrodden, and long oppressed Israelite, when released from his slavish captivity, and sent rejoicing to the land of his birth. It was in many respects its counterpart—in fact, almost the very same.

From the Blue Lodge, Bro. Richardson, as soon as time and circumstances would permit, advanced to the Chapter and Commandery, so that now he has the happy satisfaction of being not only a member of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, in which he was made, but also of being a member of Covington Chapter, No. 35, and Covington Commandery, No. 7, in which he was respectively advanced, exalted, dubbed and created. He has never penetrated the Secret Vault, but says he knows there is a treasure there, which is worth the efforts and labor of any twenty-seven men that the light of this world ever shone upon.

That was regarded by Bro. R. as the happiest day of his life when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It certainly marked an important and auspicious era in his personal history and one that can never be forgotten. May he ever contemplate it with feelings of mingled pride and pleasure and thank his God that in this respect he is not as many men are.

While Bro. R. cannot point to any particular church in the character

of a communication, he expresses a most decided partiality for the impressive and beautiful litany of the Episcopal Church and not infrequently attends its service.

He was married on the 5th of July, 1855, to Miss Susan Sheets, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Of nine children, the fruit of this union, seven are still living, and are named respectively, David C., Ida, Emma, Isaiah, Susan, Ralph, and Nettie—Katie and Martha having long since gone to another and better world. The surviving children have all been, and some yet are, students in the public schools of Covington. They are bright and intelligent children, and give promise of future usefulness both to themselves and the world at large. Under the watchful care and training of one of the best of mothers, they have laid a foundation of character against which the storms and tempests of life may beat and surge in vain. They have a happy home and well know its worth.

Bro. R., as a man, is a noble specimen of nature's architecture. Fully six feet two inches high, with a well developed chest, brawny limbs, and a fine physique, he has an erectness of stature that Jupiter himself might envy, and with which the Junior Warden's plumb line could never detect a fault. Possessed of a constitution almost like iron, he looks as if he might outlast two or three generations of the ordinary man. No unforeseen accidents befalling, his will be a green old age.

In 1877 Bro. R. served Covington Commandery as Standard Bearer right royally, and although it has been appointed unto him to be a *blower* through life, there is one thing upon which he has never blown and that is Masonry.

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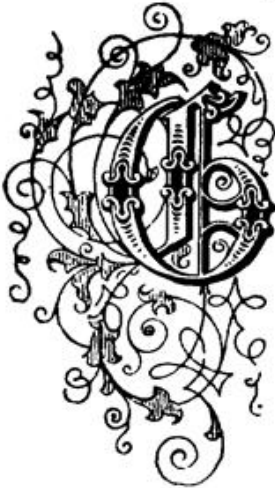


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WILLIAM H. GAYLE.



AYLE, WILLIAM HARE, was born in the State of Virginia, in 1801. His parents, John and Ann Gayle, were also born, lived and died in the "Old Dominion," the paternal parent combining the twofold avocation of farming and preaching. William received but a limited education in his youth, for public schools were almost unknown in those days in Virginia, but being possessed of a retentive memory, he in after years overcame, in a great measure, this early defect. At the proper age he was apprenticed to learn the trade of millwright, and after serving the allotted period was declared competent to earn journeyman's wages. In the year 1823 he left his native State and went to Tennessee and engaged in mill building. There he remained until 1830, and then, during the next twenty years, or until 1851, was engaged in the building of mills in the States of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. In 1851 he came to Cincinnati and engaged as salesman with Clayton & Co. In 1862 he became employed in like capacity with the well known house of Duhme & Co., corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, with whom he has remained ever since.

In July, 1822, Mr. Gayle became a member of Union Lodge, No. 87, F. A. M., located at New Glasgow, Amherst County, Virginia. He received the Capitular and Cryptic degrees in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1844, the Encampment in Covington in 1861, and the Scottish Rite in Cincinnati in 1866. When Newport Commandery, No. 13, was established he withdrew from Covington, No. 7, and became a member of the former. His official positions in the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery have been many. In the Lodge he has held almost every one, including Worshipful Master. In the Chapter, High Priest, and in the Council, Treasurer. He has been Eminent Commander of both Covington and Newport Commanderies, besides filling various subordinate positions in each.

He is also a firm believer in the doctrines of the divine revelation, and a worthy member of the Christian Church in Newport, where he has resided for upwards of twenty-three years. For four years he was one of the School Trustees of that city and took a lively interest in their prosperity and welfare.

On the 14th of April, 1847, he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Wood at Davenport, Iowa.

HAVING outlived the allotted three score and ten he bids fair to reach, by reason of strength, four score and ten, for he has lived according to the scriptural injunction, which enjoins temperance in all things. His long and active life has been characterized by moderation and the practice of Christian virtues. What a lesson his life teaches, especially his Masonic career. Over fifty-five years he has been a member of the fraternity, and we doubt if there is to-day a Mason in the State of Kentucky who dates connection with the Order so far back as 1822, hence, he is, so to speak, a patriarch in the Order, and we do not wonder at the pride of our Newport brethren when they speak so kindly and proudly of their "Father Gayle." His appearance too would justify us in calling him one of the patriarchs of Masonry. Tall, erect, portly, his hair whitened with age he presents a venerable appearance; he seems almost to belong to a former age and might step back into the customs of the last century and find himself at home. Possessed of a dignified demeanor and the manners of the old time gentleman, he is a man the fraternity can point to and say behold the perfect Ashler.

"Honor and shame from no condition rise;
Act well your part, there all the honor lies,
Worth makes the man, the want of it the fellow;
The rest is all—but leather or prunella."—POPE.



MATTHEW H. LEWIS.



LEWIS, MATTHEW H., Wholesale Liquor Merchant, Cincinnati, Ohio, is the son of Thomas and Mary Lewis, natives of Wales, where they resided until their death, and where the paternal parent followed the occupation of a woolen manufacturer. Matthew was born in Wales and received what education the schools of those days afforded. As the family record was lost he is not positive as to the date of his birth, only knowing that it took place in the year 1820. In 1849, he emigrated to the United States and began business in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Broadway, changing his grocery to the wine and liquor business in the following year. He remained on Broadway until 1872, doing quite a thriving business and then moved his store to the Public Landing where he now is. Although he has done business in Cincinnati since his arrival in this country he has made his home in Newport since 1850.

On the 9th of June, 1851, he became a member of Robert Burns Lodge and continued such until February 17, 1858, when he with other members petitioned and received permission to establish Newport Lodge, No. 358, of which he has been an active member ever since, holding about all the subordinate offices in that Lodge, and for five years in succession was its Worshipful Master. In 186- he took the Chapter degrees in Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, where he has been Captain of the Guard, King and High Priest, each one year. October 9, 1865, Jeffries Council conferred the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon him, and that body chose him their Thrice Illustrious Grand, two terms. The Orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him April 16, 1869, and he became a member of Newport Commandery, since then he has held the office of Generalissimo in the Commandery, and in the Grand Commandery of the State the position of Sword Bearer two years and Senior Warden one. He was at one time a member of Noah Dove Lodge I. O. O. F.

While Mr. Lewis has always been a bright, active Mason he has not neglected to unite with those who worship Him who died on the cross, that emblem which was followed by the Warrior Knights during the bloody wars of the Crusades, he has been for many years a member of the Episcopal Church. For a term of two years he was President of the Newport City

School Board, during that term of office was one of those actively engaged in organizing a Mutual Benefit Association for the teachers in the city schools, and in establishing a library for the school children, and also one of the foremost in getting erected the fine school building on Ringgold street.

He was united by marriage to Miss Ann Thomas, in Wales, on the 26th of November, 1840. They have four children viz.: Mary A., wife of Richard A. Pomeroy, of Pomeroy, Ohio; Emma S., wife of M. V. Grant, of Covington, Kentucky; Henry M., and Willie T. His residence is in Newport on Washington Avenue.

Mr. Lewis has prospered in business in a goodly degree, but it has been by constant unremitting labor, rather than by any sudden good fortune, that he has achieved success. He has toiled patiently through a long series of years until he has attained, in a measure, the end desired. He is courteous towards those he meets, attentive to business, an esteemed citizen and a worthy Mason.



JOHN S. DUCKER.



DUCKER, JOHN S., was born in Campbell County, on the 15th of September, 1844. His parents William C. and Sarah M. (White) Ducker, are both natives of the same county, Campbell, where they now reside. John was educated at the public schools of his native county and had a good common school education. Not satisfied to work upon his fathers farm and settle down in the dull routine of farming life he concluded to become a lawyer, acting upon this resolution he entered the office of the Hon. John G. Carlisle under whose instruction he made rapid progress. He began the practice of law at Alexandria, Campbell County, Kentucky, in the year 1867, and remained there five years, meeting with good success. Thinking Newport a larger field for the exercise and duties of his profession, he determined to remove thither, and in 1872 he became a citizen of Newport and has succeeded in building up a fine practice there. In 1874 he ran for County Attorney and was elected for a term of four years. In the last Presidential campaign he was Assistant Congressional Elector for the Sixth District.

In January, 1869, he was made a Mason and became a member of Alexandria Lodge, No. 159, from which he dimitted and affiliated with Newport Lodge, No. 358, in 1875, and the same year was elected Senior Warden of that Lodge. In 1874 he became a member of Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, and in March, 1875, of Newport Commandery, No. 13, and on the 3rd of December, 1877, a member of Jeffries Council, No. 33. While a member of Alexandria Lodge he was twice elected its Secretary, filling this office to the satisfaction of all its members.

December 16, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Elah E. Reiley, daughter of G. W. Reiley, of Campbell County, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. W. Haymes. After a little over three years of married life, death robbed him of his beloved wife, leaving two children, John P. and Sallie R., yet too young to realize the loss that they had sustained.

Pecuniarily Mr. D. has had a fair measure of success. But a little over ten years ago he began the practice of law, in which profession one has but little chance of success without the talent, application and energy to achieve it; there is no royal road leading to it, nothing but hard work,

diligent study, constant endeavor will prove successful. The members of the legal fraternity constantly pitted against each other, seek and remorselessly expose each others weaknesses, hence they are, or should be, always on the alert, and have to be if they would succeed. That Mr. Ducker possesses these elements of character seems highly probable, else he would not be likely to seek the office of County Attorney.

In personal appearance Mr. D. is compactly built and looks as though he could stand a large amount of hard work, has an off-hand way of speaking, is of genial and companionable manners and has good business talent. He makes many and true friends who esteem him for the sterling qualities he possesses. On the 21st of February, 1878, he was again married, to Miss Lizzie Reiley, sister of his first wife.



THEODORE S. CUMMINGS.



CUMMINGS, THEODORE S., Secretary of Clay Fire and Marine Insurance Company, was born June 10, 1851, in Campbell County, Kentucky, and is a son of Samuel and Eliza (Masson) Cummings, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Theodore's father, at the age of seven, left home and commenced life for himself. After trying several things unsuccessfully until his fourteenth year, he went over to Birmingham and was regularly indentured to James Patterson to learn the lock and whitesmith trade, and by the time he was twenty years of age, obtained a passable education and discharged all the obligations of his indenture. Soon after his marriage he removed to Cincinnati and commenced work in the brass foundry of John Tatem, where he remained employed until the death of his wife, which occurred in 1832, when he returned to Pittsburg. Several years afterwards he came back to Cincinnati and has been continuously engaged in business in that city up to the present time. In 1850 he purchased property in Newport, Kentucky, and has since been a resident of that State. From 1869 to 1873 he was President of the City Council, and during his last term inaugurated the movement for the construction of the Newport Water Works. Since retiring from his position in the city government, in 1873, he has interested himself in the affairs of his own home and business.

Theodore received his early education in the county schools and then attended the Newport High School. After leaving school he worked for two years in his father's manufactory, being desirous to learn the trade, but it did not agree with him and so he attended a commercial college and learned book-keeping. He then assisted his brother in the winding up of the business of Knipper, Eihler & Co., furniture dealers in Cincinnati, and was thus engaged about six months. In 1870 he was employed by the Clay Insurance Company, as Assistant Secretary and Book-keeper, and remained with them until the fall of that year. Early in the spring of 1871 he went into the employ of the Kenton Insurance Company as Clerk and Assistant Book-keeper, in which position he remained about two years, and then took charge of the outside business until 1875, acting as adjustor, etc. In February, 1875, he was elected Secretary of the Company and held that office until August, 1876, when, owing to ill-health, he resigned and for several

months was not actively engaged in business. January, 1877, he was elected Secretary of Clay Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and has held that position ever since, acting also as Traveling Agent, etc.

Mr. Cummings connection with Masonry dates from July 12, 1877, when he was made a Master Mason and became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163. Since then he has taken the Royal Arch degrees in Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, October 30, 1877; the Royal and Select Masters' in Jeffries Council, No. 33, on the 3rd of December, 1877; the Knight Templar in Newport Commandery, No. 13, March 1, 1878, and is now affiliated with the several bodies heretofore mentioned.

Personally Mr. C. is pleasant and agreeable in his manners, bears a good reputation for capability and integrity, is popular as a business man and citizen, and his advancement to offices of trust and responsibility speak well of his reputation for energy and honesty.



FRANCIS IMESON.



FMESON, FRANCIS, Stone Cutter and Contractor, is the fourth in direct descent who has followed the above mentioned trade. His father, Matthias, and his mother, Ann (Fowler) Imeson, were natives of Yorkshire, England, and there, for several years after their marriage, the paternal parent, pursued his avocation, stone cutting and mason work, until induced by the prospect of better wages he determined to emigrate to New York. Francis, however, was born ere they came to this country, the date of his birth being January 4, 1839, at Yorkshire, England. Francis' education was chiefly acquired in Canada where his parents had removed after two years sojourn in New York. His mother resides there now, his father died in 1877. It is proper to remark that while learning his trade in Detroit, Michigan, Francis attended a night school there and still further sought to add to his knowledge, and even since completing his trade has attended similar schools to the same intent. He began his trade with his father, after partly learning it, was under instruction for two years in the above named city, in order to become a skillful workman. About one year after completing it, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, he did not remain long there but came to Cincinnati, where he worked three years, and then in the spring of 1866 commenced business for himself at Newport, Kentucky, where he has remained ever since doing a good business, more especially until the last two years, since when the stone cutting business has been very much depressed, sympathizing no doubt with the general depression in all trades.

In 1868 Mr. Imeson became a member of Newport Lodge, No. 358, he also belongs to Olive Branch Chapter and Newport Commandery. At one time he was a member of the Odd Fellows.

He married Miss Annie Tyrrell in Cincinnati on the 18th of February, 1864, and now they have seven children, viz.: Mary, Alice, Jessie, Annie, Nina, Elsie M. and Francis, one boy who may yet be the fifth to square the block and fit it for the corner-stone.

Mr. Imeson has always been a hard worker, one who could be found

constantly engaged at his work early and late. Although but of medium size he possesses great powers of endurance, has always been blessed with good health and has proved to the country of his adoption a valuable citizen, to the community in which he lives a good member of society, and to his family a loving husband and a kind parent.



PHILIP B. SPENCE.



SPENCE, PHILIP B., Newport, Kentucky, was born at Nashville, Tennessee, October 14, 1836. His parents, Brent and Elizabeth Spence, are now dead. During his early life Mr. Spence, Sr., was engaged in mercantile pursuits. Philip was sent to a private school for several years at Nashville and then to Princeton College, New Jersey. His education completed, he returned home and there remained until the breaking out of the late civil war. In April, 1861, he entered the regular Confederate Army, as a lieutenant, and was assigned for duty on Lieu. General Polk's Staff, with whom he remained until after the battle of Chickamauga. He was then promoted to the command of the Sixteenth Regiment Confederate Cavalry, which position he held until the command of a brigade devolved upon him, and as such was engaged in the defence of Mobile, and at the termination of the war surrendered to General Canby. That Col. Spence proved a gallant soldier in the cause he espoused is evident from two facts, first, his promotions, and second, the testimony of Gen. D. H. Maury, Commander of the Department of the Gulf and the defence of Mobile. In reviewing Gen. C. C. Andrew's History of the Campaign of Mobile, Gen. Maury thus alludes to the subject of this sketch, "There was no force in Canby's front, except about five hundred cavalry under Col. Spence. It is true, Spence handled his men with excellent skill and courage, and no doubt had even prayed in a quiet way every night; for he made forty thousand Federals move very circum-spectly every day, and entrench themselves every night against him; and here I will say Col. Spence was one of the most efficient and comfortable out-post commanders I ever had to deal with. He always took what was given him and made the most of it. He was devoted, active, brave and modest, and did his whole duty to the very last day of our existence as an army."

Soon after the close of hostilities Col. Spence came to Cincinnati, Ohio, and formed a partnership with Dr. Duckworth and under the firm name of Duckworth, Spence & Co., engaged in the wholesale liquor business, which they carried on several years. Upon withdrawing from that firm he became the southern agent for the extensive firm of Walsh & Kellogg wholesale liquor manufacturers with whom he is at present engaged.

He became a Master Mason and a member of Newport Lodge in 1869,

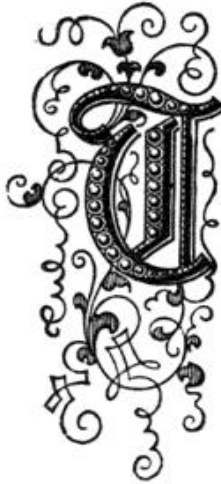
and during the same year received the Royal Arch degrees from Olive Branch Chapter; January 7, 1870, Newport Commandery created him a Knight Templar. He is now a member in good standing, of all the foregoing bodies.

Col. Spence was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Berry, daughter of Major James T. Berry, on the 19th of February, 1868. They have one bright boy named Brent now in his fourth year.

In stature Mr. S. is of medium height, compactly built, he yet shows the traits of character to which Gen. Maury alludes, viz.: activity, bravery and modesty, and like every true and gallant soldier, who wore either the blue or gray, cherishes no vindictiveness towards those who fought for what they considered the right. His residence is in Newport, Kentucky.



ROBERT H. THORNTON.



THORNTON, ROBERT HAMILTON, Physician, is the son of Doctor George W. and Margaret (Hamilton) Thornton. His father was born in Alexandria, Virginia, and his mother near Fredericksburg of the same State. They are now residents of Newport, Kentucky, where they located in 1851. Previous to coming here he practiced medicine at Colesmouth, Kanawha County, West Virginia, where Robert was born on the 6th of September, 1847. His father sent him at first, for several terms, to a German school in order to learn that language, then the city schools in Newport, and afterwards for two years to St. Xavier's College, after which he began the study of medicine with his father, being then about sixteen. In 1865 he commenced attending lectures at the Ohio Medical College and thus continued until 1868 when he graduated M. D. Wishing to gain more knowledge of medicine he went to Berlin and studied six months longer, thence to Prague where he stopped two or three months more. From there he went to Vienna and remained six months studying and striving to gain a knowledge of those things that would be of benefit to him in his after life and practice. Coming home to Newport he began there the practice of medicine, in 1870, and continued it until the fall of 1871, when he attended a course of lectures in New York, graduating from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College. Returning home once more he began the practice of his profession, well qualified, and his business has been steadily increasing up to the present time. For two terms he held the position of City Physician.

On the 2nd of March, 1870, he took the Entered Apprentice degree, April 6th was passed to Fellow Craft, and May 28th exalted to a Master Mason and became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, a Royal and Select Master and Knight Templar. Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, conferred the Royal Arch degrees, December 16, 1873. Newport Commandery created him a Sir Knight, March 26, 1875. The Royal and Select Master degrees were taken in Jeffries Council, December 3, 1877. In 1877 he was elected Junior Warden of the Commandery and the present year Generalissimo. He is likewise a member, in good standing, of North Star Lodge of Odd Fellows

Although a young man, Dr. Thornton has a good reputation as a physician, and stands well in the community where he resides. He is the third in direct descent who have qualified themselves for, and become, physicians. His paternal grandfather being a successful practitioner over a half a century ago. Whether the medical mantle will descend to the fourth generation is yet problematical, Dr. Thornton up to date leading a life of single blessedness.

Bro. T. is a man of unassuming manners, in the prime of life, and well prepared to achieve in the future, a high rank in the medical profession. His progress thus far in masonry gives the assurance that he will become a bright and shining light in the order, ere many years have passed.



SETH C. GOSHORN.



OSHORN, SETH C., White Lead Manufacturer, Cincinnati, Ohio, is the son of Nicholas Goshorn, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1801, and who in 1806, came down the Ohio river with his parents on a flat-boat. After arriving to the years of manhood he became a dry goods merchant and continued thus engaged for many years. He is yet living and for a long time has been a member of the Pioneer Association of Cincinnati. His wife, who was born in Cincinnati in 1805, died May 25, 1874, at the family homestead.

Seth C. was born January 10, 1830, in Cincinnati, Ohio. For several years he attended the public schools, and then Woodward College, of which he is a graduate. He first commenced business for himself in 1852, in the publishing and stationery line and carried it on about two years.

On the 1st of September, 1853, he was married to Miss C. A. Cooper, daughter of Dr. John Cooper, of Fayette County, Virginia, where he resided several years after withdrawing from business in Cincinnati. In 1867 he became a member of the Anchor Mills Manufacturing Company, Nos. 272 and 274 Broadway, Cincinnati, and since that time has been actively engaged in furthering the interests of that company.

His Masonic career began in 1857, at Foster, Bracken County, Kentucky, where he took the first three degrees in Masonry. In 1869 he dimitted from the Lodge there and affiliated with Newport Lodge, No. 358, and in 1871, May 23rd, received the Royal Arch degrees from Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, and May 21, 1872, the Commandery degrees from Newport Commandery, No. 13. The only official position that Mr. G. has held in the Lodge to which he belongs is that of Secretary. In the Independent Order of Odd Fellows he has passed all the chairs, and also in the Order of Red Men, he is likewise a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

His children, five in number, are named Ellen L., Jennie, Adelia, Harry and Alfred. They have been educated chiefly in Cincinnati, where Mr. Goshorn now resides.

In his business habits he is thorough, exact and energetic. That he has been successful in business is owing, perhaps, more to his tact and close application than to any fortuitous circumstances. Mr. Goshorn is justly esteemed for qualities of head and heart, for he is a worthy Mason and a consistent Christian, being a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Newport, Kentucky.

JOHN B. LOCK, JR.



LOCK, JOHN B., JR., Grocer, Newport, Kentucky, is the son of John B. and Ann N. Lock natives of England, where he was engaged in the grocery business in London, until 1849, when he sold out and with his family emigrated to this country and settled in Newport. The subject of this sketch was born in London, England, February 22, 1840. As he was but nine years old when the family made Newport their home, his education was chiefly acquired in that city. Upon arriving at the proper age he entered his father's grocery store and assisted him until a few years ago, when his father retired from the business and he succeeded him. His store, which is on the corner of Monmouth and Ringgold, is one of the best of its kind in the city, being large, neat, well stocked and doing a thriving business. His father, who laid the foundation of its prosperity, still lives to enjoy its success.

John B. Jr., is a worthy member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He is also a Mason and a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, Newport Commandery, No. 13; receiving the Masters' degree on the 22nd of February, 1869, those of the Royal Arch the same year, while those of Knighthood were conferred July 27, 1870.

His commercial standing is excellent, his character as a business man first class, and his prosperity very good. He is modest and unassuming, yet industrious and persevering. Being now in the prime of life, possessed of capital, good health, energy and a thorough knowledge of his business, it seems highly probable that he will, ere many years, become one of the solid men of the city of Newport.



ROBERT TOWNSEND.



TOWNSEND, ROBERT, Painter, is the son of Samuel and Margaret Townsend, both of whom were natives of Ireland. His mother died when Robert was but four years old, and his father when he was but nine. His father worked for many years, ere he came to America, in the Gas Works in London. Upon coming to Canada and settling in Toronto, he was employed to supervise the erection of Gas Works in that city. In April, 1833, Robert's parents were united in marriage by the Right Reverend Bishop Strachan of the Established Church of England, and on the 5th of March, 1834, Robert was born at Toronto. At the death of his father which occurred in December, 1843, Mrs. Mary Phibbs, his grandmother, became his guardian, and in fact was truly a mother to him. The youth, being large for his age, was enabled the ensuing year, to pass for fourteen, though but little over ten, and was bound to Samuel Rogers, for the term of seven years, to learn the painter's trade, which included, not only the business as now conducted, but also paper hanging and other branches of the decorative art. His master proved a hard one, keeping him at work during the day painting, in the early morning and late at night doing chores and odd jobs about the house, working him on the average sixteen hours per day. For wages he received the first and second years, twenty-four dollars a year; for the third, fourth and fifth, thirty dollars yearly; and for the sixth and seventh, forty dollars; out of these sums he had to buy his clothes and pay for his own washing, with no schooling meanwhile, except what he could gain from reading such books as fell in his way.

At the houses where he worked he sometimes found stray bits of candles, these were eagerly seized and carefully hoarded up to be used when he could get an hour to devote to study or reading. Many times the boy would have left his hard master had he been able to get money to pay his passage on the boats running from Toronto to the ports in the States. But at last deliverance came, his term of apprenticeship expired; working with his master just long enough to get money to come to his grandmother and aunts, who had immigrated to Newport several years previous. He left Toronto and arrived in Cincinnati, August 6, 1851, being then but little over seventeen years of age, poor in pocket but rich in the consciousness of being a competent workman in his calling. He found employment immediately in

Cincinnati, and though working for various firms through a series of years, he made his home in Newport with his loved and respected grandmother. While engaged at his trade, he painted upon the Capitol Hotel at Frankfort, Kentucky, public and private buildings in Hamilton and Yellow Springs, Ohio, and many fine residences in Cincinnati and Newport.

On the 24th of September, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-third Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers, which went into camp at South Covington, and there remained until near Christmas. Before the regiment left, Mr. T. had been promoted to Orderly Sergeant of Company F, at the request of the Captain commanding that Company, who gave the commanding officer of Company B two men in exchange, this he did because he wanted an Orderly large and powerful enough to reduce the turbulent spirits in his Company, of which there were many. Mr. Townsend possessed the requisites, being powerful, active and courageous. For ten months he served in that capacity and then was promoted to Sergeant Major, in which position he served about one month, or until the battle of Perryville, when, for meritorious services in that engagement, he was promoted to a Second Lieutenantcy and assigned to his former Company, B. After the battle of Resaca he was advanced to the position of a First Lieutenant in the same Company, and upon the fall of Atlanta was tendered a Captaincy if he would muster under Stanton's order requiring a three years muster. This he refused to do. The original Brigade to which the Twenty-third Regiment belonged was Grose's, Nelson's Division, Twenty-first Army Corps. They participated in the battles of Round Mountain, Stone River, Chickamauga, and Missionary Ridge, the latter, fought November 25, 1863, where he received a wound in the left leg which incapacitated him for five months from active duty; he came home on sick leave; while there the regiment veteranized and came home on furlough. Recovering from his wound, and marrying meanwhile, he rejoined his regiment at Louisville on the 11th of April, 1864.

The regiment leaving Louisville, joined Sherman's army at Chattanooga the 6th of May, and on the 8th came up with the enemy, and from that time till the 8th of September one shirt did constant duty for Lieutenant Townsend. The twenty-third participated in the battles of Rocky Face Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Chatahoochie River, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoys Station, Rough and Ready, etc. After the latter battle the Fourth and Twenty-third Corps were detached from Sherman's army and sent to resist General Hood who was advancing into Tennessee, and on the 30th of November, 1864, at Franklin they became engaged, falling back to Nashville they joined the forces under the command of General Thomas and the battle of Nashville was fought and won. The Fourth Corps, in conjunction with Wilson's Cavalry,

pursued the retreating foe to Athens, Alabama. The regiment to which Lieutenant Townsend belonged then went into winter quarters at Huntsville, Alabama, where he was mustered out by reason of expiration of term of service, which had expired on the 24th of September, preceding, but at the request of his company he had remained with them four months longer to take part in the campaign that had just terminated so favorably.

Upon his return home he soon resumed work at his trade, becoming foreman for a Cincinnati firm, with whom he remained one year, at the expiration of which he began business for himself in Newport, Kentucky, and has carried it on there ever since.

In 1857 he became a Master Mason and a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163. In 1866 Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, conferred upon him the Royal Arch degrees, and in 1867 he became a member of Jeffries Council, No. 33; Covington Commandery, No. 7, created him a Sir Knight in 1858. In 1869 he dimitted and affiliated with Newport Commandery, No. 13. In the Lodge he has held various subordinate positions and also that of Worshipful Master, serving as such two years. In the Chapter he has held the position of Royal Arch Captain and Captain of the Host. In the Council, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master. In the Commandery, Captain General.

For four and a half years he served in the City Council.

As before mentioned he married while at home on furlough. This happy event occurred on the 23rd of January, 1864. His wife, Miss Kate Dixon, being the daughter of William and Jane Dixon, of Newport, Kentucky. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Peter H. Jeffries, of the Episcopal Church.

As has been already intimated, Captain T. is a large, powerful man, full of life and activity, quite fond of fun and gives and takes a joke in perfect good humor. He possesses a strong retentive memory, and as he attends the meetings of the various bodies to which he belongs, he is a bright, well informed Mason. He remembers with facility the names and dates of all important Masonic events that have transpired since he first became a member of the order, and if you are in doubt upon any Masonic point happening in the last twenty years, just ask Captain Townsend.



SAMUEL D. SHEPARD.



SHEPARD, SAMUEL DOLEN, Principal of the Second District School, Newport, Kentucky, was born at Bantam, Ohio, August 6, 1845. Samuel's father, William, is a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother, Mary, of Ohio, they now reside at Bantam where he carries on the carpenter and builders' business. Samuel acquired his education in the schools of his native town, supplemented by attendance of several terms at the Clermont Academy. When but nineteen years of age he commenced teaching at Neville, Ohio, and taught there one year, and in other towns four years more, or until 1869, when he was appointed Assistant Postmaster, at Newport, Kentucky, a position that he retained until 1875, and then resumed his former occupation, becoming Principal of the Second District School already alluded to. For several years he was a member of the Board of Examiners of teachers in Newport and did efficient service while in that position.

Mr. Shepard became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, F. A. M., in 1873, and in July, 1874, Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, conferred upon him the Royal Arch degrees. In June, 1875, he was created a Sir Knight by Newport Commandery, No. 13, and is now a member in good standing of all those bodies. He is also an active member of North Star Lodge, No. 76, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a Past Grand. He is likewise a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias.

October 8, 1877, Mr. Shepard was married to Miss Josie Temple, daughter of the late Charles Temple, of Clermont County, Ohio.

During his connection with the Post-Office in this city Mr. S. made a capable official and gave general satisfaction. As an instructor of children he proves a success, being conscientious, painstaking and unflinching in his efforts to stimulate those under his charge. He is a good disciplinarian, mild but firm in maintaining order throughout the school; to his assistants kind and courteous, sustaining them with the necessary encouragement and assistance. Although of spare build he is of a very active temperament and possessed of that energy and vim that fit him pre-eminently for the position he occupies.

CHARLES E. BARNES.

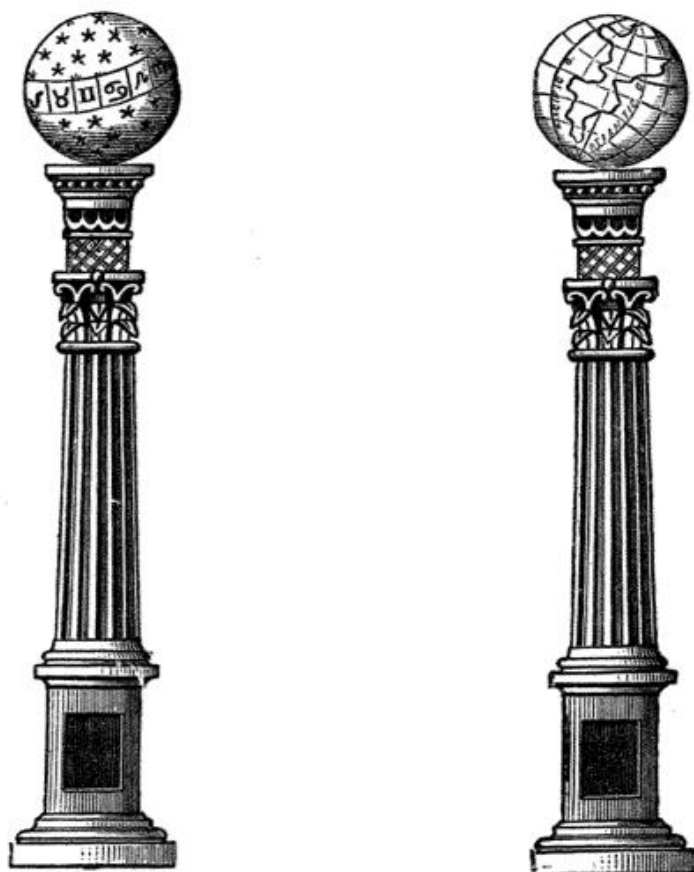


BARNES, CHARLES E., Dry Goods Merchant, Newport, Kentucky, is the son of Dr. Charles and Harriet Barnes. Dr. B. was a native of Virgil County, New York, his wife of Wheeling, West Virginia. Both are now dead, he dying in Newport, Kentucky, on the 25th of October, 1855, and she in the same city, January 19, 1876. Charles E. was born in Cincinnati, May 1, 1842. His father soon after moved to Newport and there opened an office, also having one in Cincinnati, practicing in both cities until his death. Charles attended the schools in Newport until he was fourteen years old, then, desiring to do something for himself, he became a Telegraph Messenger for the Western Union Telegraph Company in Cincinnati. But the youth's desire was to become a merchant, and after about six months service with the Telegraph Company, he got a situation in a wholesale notion house on Pearl street, Cincinnati, there he remained one year. He then entered the store of R. H. Hayman and Brother, Newport, Kentucky, with whom he remained as clerk and salesman until July 1, 1869, a period of ten years. He then became a partner in the new firm G. F. Hayman & Co., and has thus remained until the present time. For nineteen years therefore he has been either a clerk or proprietor in the same store, at the corner of Monmouth and Madison streets, where R. H. Hayman and Brother, and for the past nine years G. F. Hayman & Co., have done a large and flourishing trade, second to none in the city.

On the 29th of July, 1868, Mr. Barnes became a member of Newport Lodge, No. 358, and the Chapter degrees were conferred upon him by Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, September 29, 1868. In 1872, June 26th, Newport Commandery created him a Sir Knight, and at the present time he is a member in good standing of all those bodies. In passing it might be noticed that Dr. Barnes was one of the charter members of the first Odd Fellows' Lodge ever established in the city of Newport.

On the 5th of April, 1870, he was united in marriage to Miss Belle M., daughter of Charles and Amanda Murdock, of Newport, Kentucky. Death bereft him of his much loved wife upon the 19th of February, 1874, leaving him with one child, Charles M., to mourn her untimely demise.

In youth Mr. Barnes determined to become a merchant, and bent his energies to attain that result and he has succeeded. If he wishes to gain a desired object he bends his strength and energy in that direction until he accomplishes the wished for end, being very persevering in his nature. As a business man he ranks high, is not afraid of hard work. Almost every day, for upwards of nineteen years, has found him at his post in the store. Work, it would seem, is a sort of a necessity to him, but ere it is too late he should remember that the bow, which is always strung, loses its elasticity, and take due note and govern himself accordingly. His residence is No. 278 Madison street, Newport.



WILLIAM D. SMITH.



SMITH, WILLIAM D., Plate Roller, was born at Dowlass, Wales, March 23, 1836. His parents, Daniel and Mary Smith, were natives of Wales, and emigrated to this country in the spring of 1841, making Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, their home. The maternal parent died there in 1852, the paternal, a few years ago, at the advanced age of seventy-eight; his occupation, which was that of a heater, was very arduous, but so strong was his constitution and so powerful his build that he was enabled to pursue his calling until he was sixty-five years old. As William was but five years old when his parents came to this country he recollects but very little of his native land. He attended the city schools until thirteen years of age, and then commenced working in the iron business, becoming at sixteen sufficiently expert to earn three dollars per day. As he grew older his knowledge increased, and so did his wages. When the civil war broke out, Pittsburg became a perfect hive of industry, heavy guns, bomb shells and shot, being manufactured there extensively. The firm for which Mr. Smith worked, Morehead & Co, made heavy plates for vessels, forts, etc., and did an extensive and profitable business; he remained there until 1859 when he went to Alliance, Ohio, where he staid about three years, thence he moved to the city of Cleveland where he remained about two years, from there he came to Newport, Kentucky, and is now foreman of Swift's Iron and Steel Works, in the plate rolling department. Since coming to Newport Mr. S. has united with Grace Methodist Church.

In 1876, July 5th, William became a Master Mason and a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163; the same year a Royal Arch Mason and a member of Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76; on the 20th of July, 1877, he was created a Sir Knight by Newport Commandery, No. 13; and in December, of the same year, became a member of Jeffries Council, No. 33. He has been Junior Deacon in his Lodge and is at present its Senior Deacon. In the Chapter he is master of the First Veil, and in the Commandery, Standard Bearer. He is a Past Grand in the Odd Fellow Fraternity, and a Past Chancellor Commander in the Knights of Pythias.

July 5, 1858, he married Miss Emily C. Cooke, daughter of Lewis and

Lucretia Cooke, of Paducah, Kentucky, Rev. D. Scott officiating ; they have three children who are named—Ivanora Augusta, Elmer Grant, and Harry Francis. Residence 184 Madison street, Newport.

Physically Mr. Smith is a man of powerful build, weighing perhaps two hundred and fifty pounds, and apparently as solid as the metal in which he has wrought so many years, the quotation “Thighs of brass and Sinews of steel” might appropriately be applied to him. The Welsh for many years have been, in their own country, engaged in mining and iron working, and in this country we most always find them engaged in the same pursuits ; they are hardy sons of toil, and Mr. S. is a worthy representative of the race.



THOMAS DIXON.



DIXON, THOMAS, House Painter, Newport, Kentucky, is the son of William and Jane Dixon, natives of Ireland. His father in early manhood was a soldier under the Duke of Wellington, and was present and participated in the memorable battle of Waterloo. After being discharged from the army he learned the painter's trade, which avocation he followed for many years. In 1830 he determined to emigrate to Canada, and August 10th of that year he arrived with his family in Quebec, going immediately to Montreal, where they remained until the following spring, and then went to Toronto and there resided until 1850. Upon leaving the latter place they came to Newport, but did not remain there long, going thence to Toledo, Ohio, where they staid one year and then returned to Newport which became their permanent home as long as they lived.

Thomas was born at Fermoy, County of Cork, Ireland, on the 5th of June, 1820, he got most of his schooling in Toronto, and there likewise learned his trade, under the direction of his father, attending school in winter and painting in summer. For upwards of sixteen years he wrought as an apprentice or journeyman for John Craig, and found him a good master and employer. July, 1847, he came to Cincinnati and there found work at his trade; being well pleased with the prospect before him, he sent for his family, and in 1849 moved them to Newport, Kentucky, where they have resided since. For several years however, he continued working for various firms in Cincinnati, or until 1856, when he began business for himself in Newport, where he has carried it on up to date.

His connection with the Masonic fraternity dates back to 1869, for on the 1st of December, of that year, he took the Entered Apprentice degree in Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163; January 10, 1870, the Fellow Craft; and February 2, 1870, the Masters' degree. In the Lodge he has served as Junior Deacon and Senior Warden, each, one year, and as its Master three years. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, a Royal and Select Master, and Knight Templar. The appropriate degrees were conferred upon him by Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, Jeffries Council, No. 33, and Newport Commandery, No. 13. In the Chapter he has been Royal Arch Captain, Scribe, King and High Priest, and in the Commandery, Junior Warden,

Senior Warden, and Captain General. The date of receiving the Royal Arch degrees was January 28, 1873, the Commandery, November 24, 1873, and the Council, November 6, 1876.

Mr. Dixon married Miss Catherine Phibbs at Toronto, on the 11th day of February, 1846, by whom he had eight children, of whom four died in childhood, and four are yet living, and are named as follows: William G.; Mary Jane, wife of William H. Lyon, of Newport; Keturah A. and Thomas, all of whom were educated in the schools of Newport. On the 27th of March, 1875, death deprived Mr. Dixon of the loving partner who had so long shared his joys and sorrows. In 1876, January 13th, he was again married to Mrs. Hester Armstrong, of Cincinnati, and now resides at 126 Bellevue street, Newport.

In his worldly affairs Brother D. has been moderately successful and has always been blessed with good health. He comes of a hardy race who have usually attained a ripe old age. He is stoutly and compactly built and gives promise of reaching the allotted threescore years and ten; he is pleasant in his manners, upright in his dealings, has a strong retentive memory, and his friends are many and warm ones.



JOHN H. BARLOW.



BARLOW, JOHN HIGHAM, Woolen Manufacturer, Hotel Keeper, etc. Prominent among the old and well known Masons of Newport, Kentucky, is the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch. For nearly thirty years he has been identified with Masonry in this city, and the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery to which he belongs have repeatedly honored him with offices of trust and importance. His father, Joseph, and his mother, Alice (Higham) Barlow, were natives of England, and there, too, John was born, on the 26th of January, 1809. When he was quite young they emigrated to America and settled in the city of Philadelphia, where his father engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods. Here John received his education, attending private schools in that city. He distinctly remembers his first preceptor, Doctor Metcalfe, because he was such a strict vegetarian. After receiving the benefits of several year's schooling he went to work at his father's business and was thus employed until he was twenty-two years old, when he determined to come to Cincinnati where he had a sister married. Coming to that city and being pleased with it and the people, he determined to remain, and after putting up some machinery in a woolen mill, he engaged in the hotel business at the corner of Front and York Streets, Newport, Kentucky. It was in 1832 when he thus began, and Newport had a population of about 3,000. The changes that have taken place during the forty-six years that Mr. Barlow has been a citizen, are numerous, and he can relate many things of interest about its growth, prosperity and increase in population. Most of the ground on which now stand stores and residences was at that early day devoted to agriculture, fields of waving grain, broad acres planted in corn, and orchards bearing fruit, occupied the land and gave employment to the owners thereof. But now all is changed. Stores filled with merchandise, shops wherein the busy artisan plies his daily avocations, houses where reside the merchant, mechanic and the laborer occupy those lands, and but few of those who forty-five years ago were active citizens of Newport, remain to tell the story. In 1854 the keeping of a hotel became so unprofitable that he changed to the saloon business, but remained in the same location until the fall of 1877,

when he moved his business to the corner of York and Madison streets, where now at the age of sixty-nine he is still attending to business with much of the activity that characterized his earlier years.

On the 21st of July, 1849, he received the Entered Apprentice degree in Robert Burns Lodge; August 15, 1849, the Fellow Craft; and September 12th of the same year was raised to a Master Mason. The Chapter, Council and Commandery degrees were conferred by the appropriate bodies of Covington; Newport, at the time of his receiving them, having neither Chapter, Council nor Commandery. Covington Chapter created him a Royal Arch Mason in 1851, Covington Commandery a Knight Templar in 1852, and Kenton Council a Royal and Select Master in 1853. Upon the establishment of similar bodies in Newport he dimitted and affiliated with them. The principal offices that he has held are as follows: Lodge, Senior Warden; Chapter, King; Council, Principal Conductor; and Commandery, Senior Warden, Captain General, Generalissimo and Eminent Commander, holding the latter position two years in succession.

In 1834 he married Miss Eliza Clark of Mount Sterling, Kentucky. The issue of this marriage was three children all of whom are living, their names are Albert C., who married Miss Ellen Skiff, of Memphis, Tennessee, and who now resides in the city of New York; Helen M., who married Mr. Scoggins, who died in 1864; and Alice. Mr. Barlow resides at the corner of Columbia and Taylor streets.

During his long business career he has been quite successful and although meeting with severe losses at times, he has borne them philosophically, for he is not a man that is easily discouraged. He is in the enjoyment of good health and bears his age exceedingly well. In all his Masonic career has been a bright Mason. His remembrance of the early events that transpired in Newport, is good, and he can tell much that is interesting about the earlier days of Newport. Time has dealt gently with him, and age has not soured his disposition nor robbed him of that jovial nature that marked his early manhood.



EDWARD S. RUNNELLS.



RUNNELLS, EDWARD S., Book-keeper, prominent among the young and active Masons of Newport, Kentucky, is the gentleman whose name stands at the heads of this sketch. His father, William, was a native of Virginia, who many years ago left the "Old Dominion," came West, found employment at his trade, that of a brass finisher, and resided some years in Cincinnati, moved thence to Newport where he died several years ago. His mother, Sarah A. (English) Runnells, was born in Ohio, she is still living and a resident of Newport. Edward was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 15, 1843, he attended school, while his parents resided there, in Cincinnati, and after their removal to Newport to the schools of that city. As soon as he was old enough he began work in the Times Office, and upon leaving there he went to the Enquirer where he remained until the fall of 1861.

Many regiments were forming about that time, and his patriotism being aroused, he enlisted in Company H. Fifteenth Kentucky Infantry. This regiment was assigned to General Lytle's Brigade. O. M. Mitchell commanding the division, which was in the army of the Cumberland. The first engagement of note in which the fifteenth participated was the battle of Perryville, followed by that of Stone River, where the brigade was commanded by General Beattie, and the division by General Rosseau; then followed the bloody battles of Chickamauga and Resaca, General Carlin being brigade commander; then came Altoona Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, and the various skirmishes incidental to the advance. When the fifteenth got to Jonesboro, the time for which the regiment had enlisted was so near out, they did not go on with Sherman's Army but came to Chattanooga, thence to Bridgeport where they remained until after Hood was defeated at Nashville, when they came to Louisville and were mustered out. On the 20th of March, 1863, Mr. Runnells was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Company H, and on the 15th of March, 1864, promoted to the First Lieutenantcy of the same Company.

Upon his return home he went into the employ of Harry, Davidson & Co., Ship Chandlers, Cincinnati, Ohio, and was with them until March 1,

1870. Then the firm of Parker, Wise & Co. bought them out, and Mr. Runnells went into their employ, and is yet engaged with them.

Mr. Runnells became a Master Mason and a member of Newport Lodge, No. 358, August 14, 1867. Since his admission thereto he has become a Royal Arch Mason, a Royal and Select Master, and Knight Templar, the appropriate degrees being conferred upon him by Olive Branch Chapter, Jeffries Council, and Newport Commandery, the date of each being as follows: Chapter, August 18, 1868; Council, December 3, 1877; Commandery, November 24, 1873. His Lodge has honored him by electing him Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, and Worshipful Master, each one term. While the Chapter has elected him Royal Arch Captain and High Priest, the latter office two terms. In the Commandery he has been Warder, Captain General and is now serving his second term as Eminent Commander. The Grand Commandery of the State elected him their Grand Standard Bearer at their last annual meeting. He is also a member of North Star Lodge and Noah Dove Encampment of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which order he is Past Chief Patriarch.

September 25th, 1870, he married Miss Carrie Forstner of Newport, they have one son named Alfred. Mr. R. resides at 200 Madison street, Newport.

In personal appearance he is above the medium size, fair complexion, rosy cheeks and the picture of perfect health, he is possessed of an active and retentive memory, and though he has received many honors from his brethren, he is not at all puffed up but rather unassuming. Genial and good humored in his intercourse with his fraters, acquaintances and friends, he is deservedly popular, and we predict for him in the future further honors from the hands of his brethren. "So mote it be."



IRVING A. ACKLEY.



ACKLEY, IRVING A., Book-keeper for the Singer Manufacturing Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. This gentleman's father, Aaron C., was born in Canandaigua, New York, and his mother, Minerva, in the State of Ohio. Both are living and now residing in Cincinnati, where he is engaged in business as a wholesale merchant. Irving was born at Canandaigua on the 16th of March, 1847, and there he received his education. In 1869 he came to Louisville, Kentucky, and commenced the study of law under Messrs. Jackson and Parsons, and continued until the latter part of 1870, when he entered the employ of the Adams Express Company, with whom he remained until January, 1873, when he was offered and accepted the position he now occupies.

Although Mr. Ackley has been but a few years connected with the Masonic fraternity, he has made rapid progress in that order, since he is a member of the Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery, and from them has received many official honors. Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, in which he received the Masters' degree on the 4th of March, 1874, twice elected him Junior Warden and once Worshipful Master; Olive Branch Chapter which bestowed upon him the Royal Arch degrees in 1874, has honored him with the offices of Royal Arch Captain, Principal Sojourner and Scribe; Jeffries Council, that conferred the Royal and Select Masters' degree November 13, 1876, has since elected him Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, and Newport Commandery which created him a Knight Templar on the 16th of October, 1874, has made him their Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and at the last election, Captain General. In addition to his Masonic affiliations he is a member of Franklin Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Grand Army of the Republic and a Good Templar. He is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he now resides.

The date of his marriage is August 4, 1874, when he was united to Miss Calista E. Robinson, of Newport, Kentucky, by whom he has one child named Maud Elmes.

Mr. Ackley is a man of large stature, exceeding six feet in height, and

his form is well proportioned. He is possessed of a strong mind and quick discernment; and is easy in his manners and courteous in his deportment towards all, be it customer or employee. His business habits are correct and exact. By his Masonic Fraters he is highly esteemed. Being a member of the Presbyterian Church he is a firm believer in the Christian revelation. He has studied its evidences, its spirit, and its tendency, and fully believes it of divine origin; he therefore receives it as a system of moral truth and righteousness given by God for the instruction, reformation, consolation, and happiness of man.



JOHN KLEIN.



LEIN, JOHN, Merchant Tailor, is the son of John and Mary Klein, natives of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, where they both died several years ago, and where John was born, October 25, 1821. There also he attended school until he was twelve years old, and then was apprenticed and worked three years learning the tailor's trade. As is the custom there, he then began to travel about, working in various towns and cities, still further perfecting himself in his trade. For one year he served in the army and was then discharged for disability. After this he again worked at his trade.

It was not until he had arrived at the age of twenty-five that he formed the resolution of emigrating to the United States, after it was formed, however, he lost no time in carrying it out. Crossing the Atlantic he landed in the city of New York, on the 29th of September, 1846, and making but a short stop there he proceeded to Baltimore, Maryland, where he found employment and remained about three years. Leaving there, he, on the 29th of May, 1849, arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio, and almost immediately got work with Starr, Brown & Co., with whom he remained about two years, and afterwards was with several other firms a short time. In the fall of 1851, Mr. Klein went to Newport, Kentucky, and began business for himself, in a shop on York street, opposite the Court House, where he remained several years. Then moving up to near the corner of York and Madison he stayed there several years more, from thence he went to the corner of Monmouth and Jefferson streets, where he remained until 1877, when business became so dull, that he concluded to give up his shop until times got better. Soon afterwards he became employed as cutter in the establishment of A. and J. Trounstone & Co., at the corner of Third and Vine streets, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he yet remains.

Mr. Klein's connection with the Masonic fraternity dates back to April 15, 1853, when he became a member of the Licking Valley Lodge, which a year or two later surrendered its charter. He, in 1855, became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, in which he has held about all the subordinate offices, and also that of Master. March 10, 1857, Covington Chapter bestowed upon him the Royal Arch degrees, and the Royal and Select Masters' degrees

were conferred by Kenton Council. February 25, 1864, he took the Templar degrees and became a member of Covington Commandery. Mr. Klein was one of the charter members of Olive Branch Chapter, Jeffries Council, and Newport Commandery. In the chapter he served one term as Captain of the Host, and three as High Priest; in the Council as Captain of the Guard, and in the Commandery as Junior Warden.

On the 15th of January, 1851, he married Miss Anna M. Auzwiller, of Campbell County, Kentucky. They have six living children who have been educated in the schools of Newport. Their names are John H., Barbara, Adolphe, Edward, George and Francis. Barbara married Mr. George Grosheim of Cincinnati, and now resides near Newport.

Mr. Klein has a retentive memory, is tall, erect, and rather spare. He has been, and now is, an active Mason, showing by his presence at the regular meetings of the Lodge, Chapter, etc., a creditable zeal worthy of imitation. He is straightforward in his dealings, quiet and gentlemanly in his deportment, in good standing with his brethren, and one who commands the esteem of his neighbors and friends.



JAMES THOMAS.



THOMAS, JAMES, Watch Case Maker and Superintendent of Duhme & Co's. Watch Case Manufactory, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, Ohio, is a native of Wales, where he was born in 1840, October 1st. His mother, Sophia A., was also a native of that country, where she died when Thomas was but a child. His father, Edward, who is of English descent, took the motherless children and came to New York City in 1852, and getting employment at his trade, that of a watch maker, has resided there ever since. James attended school in New York until old enough to be put to a trade and then was apprenticed to learn watch case making, and having acquired it, worked for two years in New York, after which he came to Cincinnati and there found employment with Mr. Dueber, with whom he remained several years. The making of watch cases in Cincinnati was then in its infancy and was carried on in a very small way. About this time, Duhme & Co. conceived the idea that they could make their own cases as cheap at home as they could purchase in the Eastern cities, where they had hitherto got their supply, so they bought out a Mr. Doll, who had a small factory for making cases in the same building in which they had their salesroom, and commenced to manufacture their own watch cases. From the beginning it has proved a success, and from time to time its capacity has been increased, until they employ about thirty-five hands all the year round in this department. In 1872 Mr. Thomas entered their employ, and one month afterwards, they offered him the position of Superintendent of that department, which he accepted and has filled acceptably ever since.

In 1869, May 16th, he took the Masters' degree in Newport Lodge, No. 358, F. A. M., and since then has been Junior Deacon, Junior Warden and Senior Warden, each one year, and Worshipful Master three successive years. His Masonic connections also extend to the Chapter, Council and Commandery. The Royal Arch degrees were given him by Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, in 1871, January 24th; the Royal and Select Masters' by Jeffries Council, No. 33, November 24, 1873; and the Templar's by Newport Commandery, No. 13, on the 11th of January, 1873. In the Chapter he

has been Master of the Second Veil, Scribe, and High Priest, and has been Treasurer of the Council for the past three years, while in the Commandery he has filled the important positions of Senior Warden, Generalissimo, and when Mr. Brummel, who was Eminent Commander of No. 13, removed to Cincinnati, Mr. Thomas filled his place the remainder of the term, as Eminent Commander. At present he is Junior Warden of Newport Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and also a member of the Committee on Returns. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Mauna Lodge.

For two years he was a member of the Board of Education of Newport, where he has resided many years, and is at present one of the Trustees of the Newport City Water Works.

On the 17th of June, 1860, he was united in marriage to Miss Francis Hegeman, daughter of Joseph Hegeman, of New York City; they have two children, Francis S. and Emma Josephine, who have been educated in the schools of Newport, the latter named being at present a member of the High School.

While residing in New York, Mr. Thomas was a member of the First Regiment Light Artillery, New York State Militia, and when Gen. Lee invaded Pennsylvania, the regiment was ordered to Harrisburg and there did duty for sixty days, Mr. T. becoming Orderly Sergeant of Company D, a position he retained until his removal to Cincinnati.

Mr. Thomas seems to be a man well fitted for the position that he holds, for he has been born and bred, so to speak, in the watch business, and knows the requirements of the trade, and has a just conception of what the times and fashions demand. He is a man of exemplary habits and moral worth, and well illustrates what the industrious mechanic can accomplish in this country, for, although less than forty years of age, he has acquired a comfortable home, the esteem of his neighbors and fellow-citizens, received marked honors at the hands of his brethren of the mystic tie, and has yet many years, prospectively, remaining to him in which to gain still further honors and wealth. He resides at 146 York street, Newport, Kentucky.



CHRISTOPHER LADENBURGER.



LADENBURGER, CHRISTOPHER, Paying Teller of the Merchants' National Bank, Cincinnati, was born in Highland County, Ohio, on the 13th of February, 1840. His parents, Louis and Catherine, were natives of Alsace, Germany, who, soon after their marriage, emigrated to the United States and settled at Amheim, Brown County, Ohio; there the paternal parent engaged in teaching and farming, there, also, both died, the mother in 1871, the father in 1874. In early boyhood, Christopher attended the schools of his native town and county, completing his education in the public schools of Cincinnati. Here, too, he sought and found employment as Messenger in a bank, and from the very outset has been steadily engaged in various positions in the banks of the city. For the last thirteen years in the position he now holds in the Merchants' National Bank on Third street.

He was admitted to the rights, lights, and benefits of Masonry in due form, and after the usual manner, by Newport Lodge, No. 358, May 11, 1867. He is also in possession of the Cryptic, Capitular, and Knight Templar degrees. These were accorded him by Olive Branch Chapter, Jeffries Council, and Newport Commandery. The date of his receiving the Royal Arch degree was November 24, 1868; the Royal and Select Master, May 2, 1870; the Knight Templar, July 29, 1870. So that now he is in possession of all the degrees from Entered Apprentice to Knight Templar, inclusive, and is affiliated with the bodies above mentioned.

July 4, 1865, he was married to Miss Arminta J. Humphreys of Madison, Indiana. Two children, whose names are Eliza J., and James N., have been born of this union. The family residence is in Bellevue, Kentucky.

In personal appearance Mr. Ladenburger is of medium size, compactly built, and endowed with a vigorous constitution. His long and continuous service in the banking business, give to us the key to his character. Honesty, industry, and capability, have marked his career, and laid the foundations for his success; those qualities almost invariably ensure it, and Mr. L.'s progress furnishes another instance of its truth.

CHARLES WENDT.



WENDT, CHARLES, Traveling Salesman, is the son of Frederick and Verona Wendt, residents of Newport, Kentucky. His father is a native of Germany and his mother of Switzerland. As early as the year 1831 they emigrated to the United States. In 1838 they came to Cincinnati where the paternal parent soon found employment at his trade, which was that of a blacksmith and machinist. They continued to reside in Cincinnati for several years, from whence they removed to Newport, Kentucky, which they have since made their permanent home. It is worthy of remark that of eleven children who have been born to them, all are alive. Charles was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 14th of July, 1850. His father and family having removed to Newport when he was quite young, he acquired his education in the above mentioned city. He first sought and found employment with the firm of Lock and Horner, with whom he remained four years. Upon leaving their employ he engaged with William Holt on Pearl street, Cincinnati. His next engagement being with his present employers Voige and Winter, manufacturers and dealers in cigars and tobacco, 175 Main street, same city, with them he has been upwards of four years acting in the capacity of traveling salesman.

On the 30th of August, 1874, he became a Master Mason and a member of Newport Lodge. He is also a Royal Arch Mason and a member of Olive Branch Chapter, the Royal Arch degree being conferred upon him December 21, 1875, while that of Knight Templar was bestowed upon him the 28th of February, 1876, by Newport Commandery, No. 13.

It may be remarked, ere we close, that Mr. Wendt has not yet become a member of the order of Benedicts. His business qualifications are energy, industry and honesty. He is frank, social and pleasant in his demeanor, and therefore makes friends wherever he goes, with such qualities and characteristics it is safe to predict that he will succeed in whatever he undertakes.

DANIEL G. BRUMBACK.



BRUMBACK, DANIEL G., is the son of Jacob and Susan Brumback, and was born in Exeter, Berks County, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of June, 1831. The parents of Mr. Brumback were both natives of Pennsylvania; his father was a manufacturer and farmer, and lived to be ninety-three, being one of seven sons who lived to the average age of eighty-six years. Daniel's parents gave the boy a good education for those days, sending him a number of years to the county schools and also several terms to private ones. After leaving school he clerked in a store for two years, and then going to Philadelphia he there found employment in like capacity for about three years more. He determined, upon leaving this situation, to come to Cincinnati where he did not remain long but went to Buffalo, New York, where he worked in a grocery a few months. Becoming tired of working in stores he determined to learn the painter's trade, and accordingly served an apprenticeship of three and a half years in Buffalo, where he also worked a short time after learning his trade. In 1855 he came to Cincinnati and there remained until 1859. His next move was to Saint Louis, Missouri, but there he did not get a job to suit him and so he went to Cairo, Illinois, and began business for himself. Here he got quite a start and the prospect was good for an increase of his business, but a big flood came and swept away all that he had, even his furniture was lost, saving nothing but a looking-glass and melodeon. After this disaster he returned once more to Cincinnati, and wrought at his trade until 1863, when he established himself in business in Newport, Kentucky, where he has resided ever since.

In 1860, Mr. Brumback took the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees in Newport Lodge, No. 358; and on the 27th of August, same year, was raised to a Master Mason and became a member of that Lodge; in which he has since held the offices of Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, the proper degrees being conferred by Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, in 1866, December 11th. In this body he has had the honor to serve as Master of the First Veil and King, being now on his second term in the last mentioned office. On the 7th

of October, 1870, he received the Knight Templar degree, and became a member of Newport Commandery, No. 13. In the Commandery he has been Generalissimo, acting as Eminent Commander, when this office became vacant by the removal of Mr. Clingman from Newport. Mr. Brumback has passed all the chairs in Odd Fellowship, being a Past Grand in that order. He is also a Knight of Pythias, and was one of the charter members of Eureka Lodge.

On the 10th of July, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie St. Clair, daughter of Bartis M. St. Clair of Windsor, Broome County, New York. They have two sons, Edwin G., who was educated in the schools of Newport, and is now engaged in teaching music; and Ernest St. Clair, also educated in Newport. Mr. B. resides at 120 Mayo street, Newport.

He came of a long lived ancestry and has always enjoyed good health, he is a large, portly gentleman, one who enjoys music very much and is the leader of the choir at Taylor Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is also a member. The offices conferred upon him by the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, show the confidence reposed in him by his Masonic brethren, from which we infer that he has not been found wanting in activity, in advancing the interests of Masonry upon every proper occasion, nor deficient in energy for acquiring a knowledge of the work and teachings of the order.



HENRY W. BEHRMAN.



BEHRMAN, HENRY WILLIAM, Dry Goods Merchant, is the son of Christian and Helen Elizabeth Behrman. Christian was born in the kingdom of Hanover on the 23rd of January, 1798, and his wife, Helen E., at Oldenburg, May 12, 1811. Henry's parents, in 1831, emigrated from their native land to the State of Kentucky, and here for some years he wrought at his trade, which was that of a millwright. On the 24th of August, 1835, Henry was born in Campbell County, and at the proper age commenced attending the Newport schools. In 1849 his father bought out a grocery on the corner of Monmouth and Mayo streets, and Henry became errand boy, clerk and general utility man in his father's store, and remained with him until his death, which occurred January 10, 1868. He then took the business, but soon changed it to dry goods and notions, and as such has carried it on successfully until the present time, making it one of the neatest, best arranged and most attractive stores that it has been the writer's privilege to visit for many years.

Mr. Behrman is in the possession of all the Masonic degrees, from Entered Apprentice to Knight Templar, inclusive; the dates upon which they were conferred and the bodies with which he is affiliated are as follows: Entered Apprentice, June 24, 1875; Fellow Craft, September 23, 1875; Masters', October 28, 1875, Newport Lodge, No. 358; Royal Arch, Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, December 21, 1875; Royal and Select Master, Jeffries Council, No. 33, February 7, 1876; Knight Templar, Newport Commandery, No. 13, March 10, 1876. He is also a member of the Maysville Masonic Mutual Benefit Association. He has never held office in any of the bodies of which he is a member, owing to his business which keeps him from that constant attendance which is necessary to the fulfilment of official duties.

Mr. B. married Miss Francis T. Orange, daughter of William Orange, of Mount Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio, on the 16th of September, 1869, the ceremony being performed in Cincinnati, by the Rev. Richard Gray. They have four children, viz.: Augusta Helen, William Frederick, and Albert Henry and Alice Francis (twins).

Brother Behrman not only stands well in the commercial world and among his Masonic Brethren, but also as a neighbor, citizen, and Christian, for he is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He is of medium stature, quick and energetic in his movements, and constantly manifests in the various scenes of life in which he is engaged an honest and persevering spirit of emulation, which with his gentlemanly manners entitle him to the success that has hitherto attended his efforts. One of his marked characteristics is his tenacity of purpose, for when he engages in any enterprise he bends his whole energy to its accomplishment. His mother, who is now in her sixty-eighth year, resides in Newport. Mr. B.'s residence is upon Washington Avenue, No. 159.



JOHN J. RAIPE.



RAIPE, JOHN J., is the son of Samuel and Mary Raipe, who were born in Pennsylvania, and descended from the old Dutch and German stock. They removed, after their marriage, to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he got employment as engineer on the steamboats running from Cincinnati to other points on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. When on one of his trips to Saint Louis, Missouri, he was suddenly taken sick and there died. John J. was born in the city of Cincinnati, December 2, 1825, he attended the first public school ever established in that city, then one on Race between

Front and Commerce streets, until he was fifteen years, then, owing to the death of his father, he had to go to work, not only to get a start in life for himself but also to assist his widowed mother. He chose to follow steamboating, going first as cabin boy, then through all the intermediate positions until he became an owner, or part owner, of several boats. At one time, during the war, having an interest in no less than twelve boats. Up to 1855 he was actively engaged on the river; that year, he, in connection with George Slimmer, established a Steamboat Supply Store on the Public Landing, in Cincinnati, and for the past twenty-three years they have carried on that business successfully in the same square, although not at the same number, as where they began. During the civil war they did a very extensive and prosperous business.

March 20, 1867, he became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, F. A. M.; and soon after was made a Royal Arch Mason by Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76; and the 3rd of June, 1867, a Royal and Select Master by Jeffries Council, No. 33; Newport Commandery conferred Knightly honors upon him, April 16, 1869. In the Chapter he has held the offices of Scribe and Trustee, and is at present Chairman of the Trustees of all the Masonic bodies in Newport. He was twice elected Captain General in the Commandery and is its present Treasurer.

In the fraternity of Odd Fellows he has filled all the chairs in the Lodge and Encampment. For several years, Treasurer of Noah Dove Lodge,

including the present year. He was one year Grand High Priest in the State Encampment, and is now a member of the Veteran Association of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Raibe was united in marriage to Miss Ellen J. Simmons of Cincinnati, on the 16th of July, 1849. Five children have blessed this union, viz.: Charles A., Ella J., wife of A. R. Bloomfield of Newport; William W., John J., Jr., and Florence, all educated at the Newport schools, for Mr. R. has made his home in that city about a quarter of a century. His present residence is 188 Monmouth street, and where it now stands there stood in his boyhood an orchard where he has gathered apples.

Mr. Raibe, by attending to business and working hard, has acquired a competency, and has the satisfaction of knowing that his long continued labors have not been in vain. He has prospered in a goodly degree, and though finding time to take an active part in the church, and the various benevolent bodies of which he is a member, while attending to his business interests, he has not found time to seek political preferment. Although upwards of fifty years old, time has touched him but lightly, for he stands erect and is yet an active, energetic business man, one well known and respected as a man and Mason.



LOUIS CONSTANS.



CONSTANS, LOUIS, Grain Dealer, Newport, Kentucky, was born in Germantown, Ohio, October 14, 1842. His parents, Peter and Charlotte Constans, were natives of Alsace, France, who emigrated to America in 1841, and settled in Germantown, where they remained two years and then moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Mrs. Constans died in 1847. Mr. Constans remained in Cincinnati until 1849, when he removed to Newport, Kentucky, and thereafter made it his permanent home. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1875, he owned a brewery in Newport, and when Louis became of suitable age he acted as a clerk in his father's establishment until 1867, when he was elected City Treasurer for a term of four years, and again in 1871 re-elected for another term. In 1875 he was elected Mayor of Newport, but owing to his father's death resigned, to devote himself to the management and final settlement of his father's estate, since the completion of which he has been engaged in the grain business.

On the 18th of May, 1864, he became a Master Mason and a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, at Newport, Kentucky. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar. He received the Royal Arch degree, July 27, 1869; and the Knight Templar's, October 14, 1870. They were respectively conferred by Olive Branch Chapter, and Newport Commandery, in each of which bodies he now holds membership. He is also an Odd Fellow and a member of Noah Dove Lodge of that order.

On the 4th of January, 1864, he married Miss Margaret Schraffenberger of Newport, Kentucky. Six children have been born to them, viz.: Caroline, Edward, Clara, Ella, Margaret and Charlotte, the older of whom attend the Newport schools. Residence, 288 York street, Newport, Kentucky.

Mr. Constans is pleasant, polite and agreeable in his manners. He is well esteemed in the community where he lives, the best illustration of which is the fact of his being elected to the office of City Treasurer for two

successive terms, and when put in nomination for Mayor, was absent from the city, and elected to that position without hardly any effort on his part in making a personal canvass, and his resignation was regretted by members of both parties, for all accorded to him the attributes of honesty, efficiency and integrity. In stature he is of moderate height; and in his movements active. As he is comparatively a young man yet, we may reasonably expect that in the future he may receive further honors at the hands of his fellow-citizens.



EDMUND W. HAWKINS.



HAWKINS, EDMUND W., Lawyer, was born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, on the 9th of March, 1815. His father, Joseph L., was a native of the same State, and died, and was buried there in 1823. His mother, born Nancy J. Waller, was a native of Kentucky, Bryant's Station; at the time of her death, which occurred in 1867, she was a resident of Carrol County, Kentucky. Edmund in early youth attended the celebrated school of John Lewis at Llangollin, Virginia, and later graduated at South Hanover, Indiana, an A. B. He then commenced the study of law under Gen. William O. Butler, in Gallatin County, Kentucky, and while pursuing his studies, conducted the business of the clerk's office of that county, and afterwards when Carrol County was established served in like capacity in that county, under his cousin, Richard P. Butler, who had brought him from Virginia when he was but sixteen, and had acted the part of a guardian and father to him. In 1839 he went to Warsaw, the County seat of Gallatin, and began the practice of his profession; the same year he attended the Law School of the celebrated Transylvania University, graduating in the spring of 1840. The same year he ran for the Legislature, in the district composed of the Counties of Carrol and Gallatin, and was elected, and while serving as Representative gave general satisfaction. He remained at Warsaw until 1853, getting a good practice. Removing thence to Newport, he soon acquired a lucrative practice in that city and has resided there ever since.

For many years he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church; while his record as a Mason dates back to 1841, in which year he became a member of Warsaw Lodge, No. 63. In this Lodge he was elected to fill various positions and for several years was Worshipful Master of the same, being sent several times to represent that Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. In 1845 he was made a Royal Arch Mason by Owen Chapter, while Newport Commandery conferred upon him Templar degrees in 1871, May 26th.

In 1858 he was elected Mayor of Newport for a term of four years. In 1863 and 1864 he served as United States Commissioner of Enrollment, and in the last Presidential Campaign was an elector on the Republican Ticket.

In November, 1854, he married Miss Mary Mundy, daughter of Harrison Mundy of Owen County, Kentucky. Of the children born to them, Richard B., the oldest, graduated at Bloomington State University in 1877, with high honors, and has since been admitted to the Newport Bar, and is now a member of the senior class in the Law University of Cincinnati; Elva M., educated at Oxford Female College; Edmund W., attending school at Bloomington University; Mary and Laura, the Newport High School; while Harry is yet too young to go to school. The family residence is No. 217 York street, Newport.

In the community in which he resides Mr. H. is highly esteemed, he is rather modest and retiring in his disposition, but a hard and diligent worker in his profession, and impresses one as being a man who wins his way to consideration by merit rather than by loud boasting. In public life he has been noted for his honesty and integrity, while as a private citizen he has the esteem of all.



WILLIAM BODEN.



BODEN, WILLIAM, Machinist, Lawyer, etc., was the son of John and Mary Boden, who were natives of Cheshire, England, where William was born, April 23, 1823. There he received a common school education, and wrought for several years at salt mining; there also he married Miss Jane Bostwick of Northwich, on the 25th of December, 1843; who bore him fourteen children, but four of whom are now living, viz.: Sarah, wife of John G. Knight; Mary A., wife of James Ford; Arthur, and Grant. In 1851 Mr. Boden and wife left their native land and came to the United States; they settled in the city of Newport, Kentucky.

Here he at first worked in a saw-mill; before long he determined to learn the trade of a finisher, and acting upon the resolution formed, he began in the Niles Machine shop at Cincinnati; there he wrought until the civil war began, when he was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company D, Twenty-third Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers, and remained in the service, and the regiment, until it was mustered out. He participated in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged, never receiving a wound, never sick, never furloughed, except when the regiment veteranized, and came home together. He was several times promoted, June 13, 1862, to be Captain of Company D; August 8, 1864, to Major, and then to Lieutenant Colonel. It is not necessary here to enumerate the battles in which he participated, as their names appear in the sketches of others who were members of the same regiment; suffice it to say that we have heard no word of disparagement, either as to his soldierly bearing or bravery, on the contrary the fullest meed of praise has been conceded to him.

Sometime after his return home he was induced, by the advice of his friends, to study law; entering the office of E. W. Hawkins he prosecuted his studies with his accustomed vigor, he also attended the Law School in Cincinnati, and in due time was admitted to the Newport bar, and got a goodly share of practice; he also studied and mastered the German language. Three consecutive terms he was elected City Attorney of Newport and gave good satisfaction, being generally liked and respected in his profession.

But the resolutions passed by the various bodies of which he was a member, give us a better conception of the esteem in which he was held by the community in which he lived and died, than we can. Those of the Robert Burns Lodge, are as follows:

WHEREAS: In his immutable wisdom it has pleased the Grand Master, architect of the universe, to call from labor here in the earthly Lodge, to refreshment above in the celestial Lodge our Brother William Boden; and humbly submitting to his order. Therefore be it

Resolved.—That we deeply deplore the loss of our late brother and feel that we have lost an earnest worker, a square and upright man; a man and brother, as the minister remarked in his funeral sermon, who was just and walked in his integrity; well may we say he walked in his integrity, for all of us knew him to be unflinching in his duty, unswerving in honesty and unwavering in principle. The master that placed him in the Northeast corner of the temple was implicitly obeyed in the duties that he there inculcated upon the novitiate. The fraternity has lost a bright craftsman, his family a loving husband and devoted father, the community an honorable, upright man: Behold the noblest work of God, an honest man. The bar will miss as indefatigable a worker as ever pleaded a client's cause. His former comrades in battle have lost as noble, brave, chivalrous an officer as ever wielded sword in the front ranks of battle, for right, and liberty, and law. Having suffered, for some time back, with that fell destroyer chest disease, being consumptive, nevertheless he hoped on, recovered, and deemed himself destined to enjoy some years yet of this earthly life; but alas for human reckoning, he was not intended by his Master to sojourn here any longer; suddenly taken ill, pneumonia hastened him off after a short suffering, surrounded by his wife and family and hosts of friends, all of whom followed him tearfully to the grave. The esteem Brother William Boden was held in was significantly apparent when the large cortege followed his mortal remains and beheld his pallid countenance for the last time. Not only our fraternity, societies, orders, the bar, the public officials, his late comrades in arms, but hosts of people independent of all this deemed it a duty to honor his funeral. As we cannot repair the loss sustained let us derive benefits from his virtues and many noble qualities, let us strive to imitate his scrupulous honesty, his noble manliness, his justness, integrity and deep sense for the right; by so doing we shall surely make his character immortal here. He is reaping his reward, for "The just shall see God."

May we all his hope possessing,
Triumphant leave this Lodge below;
Crowned with every earthly blessing,
Far removed from pain and woe.
Once, when full of life, he never
Proved unfaithful to our laws;
May we like him be zealous ever
To promote the glorious cause.

Resolved.—That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the

Lodge, and a suitable copy of the same be presented to his widow with our most heartfelt sympathy for the irreparable loss she and her children have sustained in the demise of their late husband and father.

THEO. DAVIS,
JOEL HENNEY,
E. A. H. BEYLAND. } *Committee.*

Eureka Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias, of which he was a member, by their Special Committee, suitably noticed the demise of their late Brother Knight and Chancellor Commander, by the following in memoriam:

The sable winged monarch of the tomb has again issued his summons, and called to that bourne from whence no traveler returns, our esteemed Brother Knight, William Boden. Once more we are forcibly reminded with the solemn truth that, "In the midst of life we are in death." Let us pause in our deliberations for the good of the living, to do honor to the honored dead. Language can give us but a feeble portrait of his merits as a man, citizen, husband, father, and friend. He embodied in an eminent degree the spirit of that charity which characterizes the order he so loved and adorned. Ardent and enterprising in extending the boundaries of its benevolence and usefulness, marked was his career, illuminated his conduct and intercourse with men. The friend of humanity, he was the devoted worshipper of country and all its jewels, honest, industrious, intelligent, bold, brave, chivalric, he was the benefactor of his fellow men. In his loss a home has been deprived of its sunlight of faith, and hope, and happiness, society an ornament and friend, the country a faithful and patriotic citizen. No name is more conspicuous in the annals of our Lodge, or of the city in which he has made his home for so many years, than that of our departed brother. He forsook the occupation of his manhood at the call of his country, his military career furnishes evidence of his devotion to the land of his adoption, and of the esteem in which he was held by those best qualified to judge of his ability and worth. When a rejoicing land welcomed the whitewinged harbinger of peace and his services were no longer required, with his accustomed energy and zeal he applied himself to the study and preparation of a new profession. Admitted to the bar, his conduct was marked by a lofty estimate of duty, his whole practice characterized by a fidelity that secured to him lasting esteem and unbounded confidence. The remembrances of his many excellencies will live in the hearts of our brotherhood while life lasts, and we mingle our sorrows at the grave of a friend whose spotless purity of private and public life, knightly bearing and exalted patriotism, was acknowledged by the multitudes who paid the last sad tribute to his memory.

North Star Lodge, No. 76, I. O. O. F., of which he was a member, through their Committee, after giving the dates of his initiation and the subsequent degrees, rendered the following touching tribute to his memory:

He sleeps in the silent tomb beyond the power of eulogy, but a just tribute to his memory may soothe the living, and inspire them to emulate his manly virtues. Manhood with "its wanted vigor and pride of strength" yielded to that fixed law of nature which dedicates all that is mortal to decay and death; suddenly we have been called upon to mourn the loss of our esteemed brother, the trust abides that he is reaping the reward of the just. As an Odd Fellow he was faithful, devoted, constant, and untiring in the discharge of official or personal duty, prompt in the execution of every trust, distinguished among his brethren for the prudence of his council, the soundness of his judgment and the purity of his purpose, zealous in the inculcations of our cardinal principles, and in the practice of the fraternal relations which bind man closer to his fellow-man. Let us cherish his memory, imitate his virtues and find consolation for his loss in the hope, that since his weary body has found repose beneath its kindred dust, his emancipated spirit has passed beyond earth's portals, and found rest in that home not made with hands eternal in the heavens. His warm heart has ceased to throb for other's woes, and the highest tribute that can be paid to the memory of any, can safely be awarded him, "He was an honest man." Upright in every act, he was earnest in every thought, his sense of truth and justice so strong that it became the ruling passion of his life. He did no act that he did not believe to be right, he shrank from no duty through fear of consequences, he would neither do a wrong or suffer one to be done by others, and loved truth and honesty for their own sakes. He was a conscientious, useful, and patriotic citizen, a faithful husband and affectionate father. While in his death the great and overwhelming loss is to his family, the community in which he lived so many years, and the Order in which he was so bright an ornament, have also sustained a loss which will long be felt, a place made vacant which may never be filled. His well known voice will no more be heard within the walls of our sanctuary, we will miss him from our counsels, his kind heart, sympathetic nature and generous impulses will linger in our memories while life lasts.

L. R. HAWTHORNE,
W. L. WALLIA,
R. S. CLEBRUNE. } *Committee.*

The Memorial prepared by the committee appointed by the Commandery read as follows :

Death has again invaded our Asylum and removed the spirit of our late worthy Frater, Sir Knight William Boden, from among us to the Asylum of the just on High, where the sable-winged messenger of death never enters to disturb the solemn meditations of that Holy place. No vigilance could guard, no sympathy could shield, no valor could protect, or resistance offered by Sir Knights in armor, stay the stroke of the destroyer,

and sooner or later we will all be called to join the loved ones who have gone before us. But potent as this power is, it is limited, for death can never erase from the memories of a living brotherhood the remembrance of his virtues, patriotism and zeal for the public welfare, his devotion to family, to friends, and to humanity. The remembrance of his many excellencies will live in the hearts of our brotherhood while life lasts, and we mingle our sorrows at the grave of a friend and brother whose spotless purity of private life, knightly bearing and exalted patriotism, was acknowledged by the vast multitude who paid the last sad tribute to his memory. Sir Knight William Boden, had endeared himself to us by his knightly courtesy and faithful devotion to the pure principles of our much loved Order. We recognized in Sir Knight Boden, the noblest work of God—an honest man—he was firm and inflexible in his convictions of right, and was ready to give good counsel and admonition to the weak and erring. We bow in humble submission to the will of our Supreme Commander on high in thus removing from us our beloved Sir Knight, and it behooves us all to be prepared to appear before our Creator, for in such hour as we least expect, the dread messenger of death may call us hence, to that borne from whence no traveler ever returns. To his bereaved family we can only offer our sincere condolence, and mingle our tears with theirs in this the hour that tests our faith. We commend them to the care of Him who has promised to be the widow's God and the children's friend, to all who look up to Him in faith, believing.

JAMES THOMAS,
 JONAS SEARING,
 ROBERT H. THORNTON. } *Committee.*

At the time of his death, which occurred March 1, 1877, he was a member in good standing of the following Masonic bodies: Robert Burns Lodge, of which he became a member, July, 1866; Olive Branch Chapter, January, 1868; Jeffries Council, February 3, 1868; Newport Commandery, January 1, 1870. He was a member of North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F., and had passed all the chairs in that Order, and in 1868 was D. D. G. M. He was also a prominent Knight of Pythias, and at the time of his death, Chancellor Commander.



FREDERICK WENDT, JR.



WENDT, FREDERICK, JR., Book-keeper, is the son of Frederick and Verona Wendt, the former a native of Germany, the latter of Switzerland. They were married in the city of New York whither they had emigrated in 1831. Several years afterwards, they came to Cincinnati, Ohio, where for many years Mr. Wendt followed his occupation of blacksmith. The family arrived in Cincinnati via the Miami Canal, as it was before the day of railroads. An uncle who started on the same day as the others, on foot, arrived two days earlier. For several years the family resided in Cincinnati, and there Frederick was born on the 9th of July, 1841. He attended the public schools of that city a number of years and also Herron's Seminary. His first introduction to a business career was folding newspapers for the Methodist Book Concern, where he remained about three years, going thence to a leather store where he staid a year or two. He then began to learn the machinist's trade, but not liking that he tried working on a farm with no better success, so he again entered a hide and leather store, in Cincinnati, and there remained until 1873, when he went to the Queen City Tannery, located on Central Avenue, and there he has been engaged ever since as book-keeper, having also an interest in the firm.

On the 20th of July, 1868, he became a Master Mason and a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163; the same year a Royal Arch Mason and a member of Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76; and the 30th of May, 1870, Newport Commandery, No. 13, created him a Sir Knight, and he became a member of that body. He is also an Odd Fellow and has passed all the chairs in that order.

In personal appearance Mr. Wendt is tall and erect, very courteous in his address, and pleasing in his manners. He is attentive to business and thus far has succeeded in a fair degree, and should he devote the same energy to procure for himself a wife, that he does in the prosecution of his business, we are quite sure he would be successful.

GEORGE ROSS.



ROSS, GEORGE, Inventor and Moulder, was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 10th of October, 1823. His parents, Luke and Ann Ross, were natives of the same place, his father being the Steward of a large Colliery located there. About nine years after the birth of George, his father, who had been down in the mine and was coming up, fell from the truck and was so severely injured that he died the following day. Although the distance fallen was thirty-one yards, and his legs were broken, yet it was thought at first that he might recover, this was in 1832. George's mother, who is still living, resided in England until 1865, and then came to America to live with her youngest daughter, now a resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

It may with propriety be said that the lad's education was very limited, for he had attained the age of manhood ere he could spell, read or write much, if any. When ten years of age he began work in an iron foundry where he wrought one year, then for another year in the coal mines of his native town. Being now twelve years old he was bound as an apprentice to learn the razor grinding business. His master proved a severe one, flogging him unmercifully, which caused him to run away four years before his term of service expired. He then went to work in the coal mines again, where he continued employed until he reached the age of twenty, and then commenced work as a laborer in an iron foundry and wrought himself up to the position of a first class mechanic. In 1851, he emigrated to the United States, and first got employment in New York City, and there, and in Troy, New York, was employed until the spring of 1855, when he came to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was engaged at moulding the pipes for the City Water Works. There he remained about eighteen months, and then came to Cincinnati, where he was employed as a journeyman moulder until 1860; going thence to Phillipsburg, New Jersey, where he worked at his trade a year and a half longer. From there he came to Newport, Kentucky, where he wrought as journeyman one year, and then took charge of T. G. Gaylord's Pipe Foundry, which position he retained until 1873. When he became foreman,

it had a capacity of eight tons per diem, and there were about twenty hands employed. In 1872 its capacity was one hundred tons, and the number of hands two hundred and seventy-five.

During this time he had Letters Patent granted for "Improvement in the Modes of Moulding and Casting Pipe Elbows," the date of issue being the 28th of February, 1871. Before this, however, he had one granted, bearing date March 24, 1863, for "Improvement in Patterns for Moulding Pipes;" another for "Improvement in Blackwashing Moulds," May 3, 1864; and another for "Improved Moulding and Casting Apparatus," issued April 10, 1866. Besides these, several additional improvements, not patented, among which might be mentioned his "Improved Vertical Pipe Foundry," for economising room; "Apparatus for Casting Pipes Vertical," etc. From the foregoing it will readily be seen that he possesses an inventive genius of a high order.

He became a member Deleware Lodge, F. A. M., at Phillipsburg, New Jersey, in 1862; and dimitted and affiliated with Robert Burns Lodge in 1863. He is also a member of Olive Branch Chapter, Jeffries Council, and Newport Commandery. At the age of eighteen he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in England, going through all the chairs there before he was twenty-one.

He was elected a member of the Newport City School Board one term, and took great interest in educational matters, knowing from experience what disadvantages the lack of proper education entails upon one.

Mr. Ross has been twice married; to his first wife, Miss Hannah Davidson, in November, 1846. She died in Newport in 1867; of the children, born of this union, six are living, viz.: Mary Jane, Walter D., George W., (born in England), and Ann Amelia, Hannah Rebecca, and Mercy Sophia (born in the United States.) His second marriage was consumated on the 27th of January, 1869, when he was united to Mrs. Annie Wharton; the fruits of this union are three children, Jessie B., Thomas G., and Edward L. Since July, 1870, Mr. Ross has resided in Dayton, Kentucky.

At ten he began his life's labors and for forty years pursued them unintermittingly, and then his health began to fail, and at the present time may be termed critical, although it is to be hoped that he may recover, for his life has been an active and an useful one. Always striving for improvement he has accomplished much with the few advantages that he had to begin with, from which we can all learn the truth of the trite saying, that, "Where there is a will, there is a way."

JOSEPH H. ASHBAUGH.



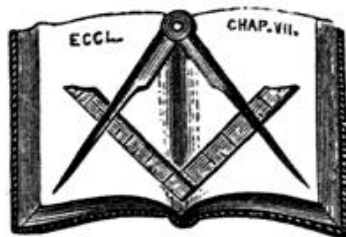
ASHBAUGH, JOSEPH HILL, Dry Goods Salesman, was born at Baltimore, Maryland, September 14, 1845. His parents, John and Mary (Hill) Ashbaugh, are both living and residing at Charlestown, West Virginia. His father is a native of Maryland, where he was born on the 12th of September, 1814; and his mother, of Berkley County, Virginia, the date of her birth being March 15, 1817. Joseph received his education at Charlestown, for his father had moved there and engaged in the merchant tailoring business, when the boy was quite young. When the civil war began he was attending the Charlestown Academy. Quitting school he enlisted in Company A, Second Virginia Infantry, one of the regiments composing the "Old Stonewall Brigade," the others being the fourth, fifth, twenty-seventh, and thirty-third. This brigade, before becoming a part of Gen. Lee's Army, gained an enviable reputation in the valley; being engaged in the battles of Kanestown, Winchester, and numerous skirmishes through the valley. When Gen. Jackson was ordered to report to the Army of Virginia, his brigade was also incorporated in that army, and took part in the first battle of Bull Run; then through the Maryland Campaign, that terminated with the battle at Antietam. In the following year, when Lee invaded Pennsylvania, he was present and passed through the terrible fight at Gettysburg, unhurt. At the battle of Spotsylvania Court House, however, he was taken prisoner, carried to Point Lookout, Maryland, and there remained about three months; from there, with others, he was taken to Elmira, New York, where he was a prisoner seven months longer; when he was paroled for sixty days, unless sooner exchanged, and sent to Richmond, Virginia, and there stayed until finally paroled at Appomatox Court House, at the time Gen. Lee's Army surrendered. Going home on foot, he remained there until 1867, and then came to Cincinnati, Ohio, and obtained employment as clerk with William Stone & Co., with whom he remained but a few months; he next went into the ticket department of the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad, where he stayed about two years; and then became a clerk in the dry goods store of G. F. Hayman &

Co., Newport, Kentucky, where he was employed until March, 1877, when he entered the wholesale department of John Shillito & Co., his present employers.

Before leaving his native State he became a member of Wildy Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Since coming to Newport, Masonry has claimed a large share of his attention in society matters, for he is a member of the Lodge, Chapter, and Encampment. He was raised to a Master Mason, by Newport Lodge, No. 358, May 22, 1873; the Royal Arch degree was conferred October 3, 1873, by Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76; and the Knight Templar, November 24, 1873, by Newport Commandery, No. 13. He was elected Junior Warden one year, and in 1876, Worshipful Master.

On the 22nd of March, 1877, he was married to Miss Dora L. Stricker, daughter of the late William Stricker, of Newport, Kentucky.

Mr. Ashbaugh's business traits are tact, energy, and activity, combined with honesty and integrity. He favorably impresses those with whom he is thrown in contact, by his easy, courteous demeanor, and cheerful disposition, so that his friends are many and firm ones.



GILBERT TRUMAN.



GRUMAN, GILBERT, was a native of Devonshire, England, the date of his birth being October 4, 1816. He attended school until old enough to learn a trade, and then was apprenticed to learn that of a tailor, a vocation that he followed as long as he was able to labor. In 1837, August 8th, he was married to Miss Ann Stevens of Devon County, England. Seven children were born of this union, of whom, Isabella, wife of John Nolloth; Thirza E., wife of William E. Baker; Gilbert E. J., and Nina H., are living. The three who are dead, were named, Ann, John A. G. T., and Thirza M. In 1858, Mr. Truman determined to emigrate to America, and taking his family with him, they crossed the Atlantic and took up their abode in Toronto, where he carried on the tailoring business three years, and then removed to Newport, Kentucky, and here remained until his death, which occurred, January 15, 1877. His widow survived him one year lacking a day, the date of her demise being the 14th of January, 1878.

On the 9th of July, 1862, he became a member of Kenton Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Covington, but withdrew July 12, 1865, to become a member of Noah Dove Lodge, No. 20, of Newport. Newport Lodge, No. 358, F. A. M., conferred the Masters' degree upon him on the 24th of December, 1862; Olive Branch Chapter, the Royal Arch, March 8, 1864; Jeffries Council, the Royal and Select Masters', January 23, 1865; and Covington Commandery, the Templar, November 13, 1866. He was one of the charter members of Newport Commandery, No. 13, and upon its establishment was elected Tyler, and served as such several years. The Grand Commandery also chose him Sword Bearer one year.

About three years before his death he had a stroke of paralysis, and ever after was a patient sufferer, until he received a second and final one. The various Orders of which he was a member, passed suitable resolutions upon learning of his death. A copy of those adopted by Newport Commandery are here inserted.

That in the death of our late companion the city of Newport has lost a good, peaceable, and honest citizen, and the Christian Church a consistent and worthy member, who for seventeen years has endeavored to do his duty to his God, his neighbor, and his church.

Resolved.—That the bereaved widow has lost a kind, devoted husband ; and the children an affectionate and indulgent father.

Resolved.—That the Masonic fraternity have lost a good and true Mason, who was ever found at his post of duty, and always ready and willing to aid and assist the poor and needy, and ready at all times to throw the broad mantle of Masonic charity over the faults and foibles of his brethren. He has been called from labor below to refreshment above, where the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe presides.

Resolved.—That in respect to his memory the Masonic Hall be draped in mourning for six months ; and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family. And may He who has promised to be a friend of the fatherless and widow, be their support and protector now in their time of need.

Both he and his wife were members of Grace Methodist Church. He was a noble Christian, a devoted husband, a kind father ; she a loving mother, an affectionate wife and a true follower of Him who died that others might live. Their lives were a daily living evidence of the saving power of God's grace.

“ They fell like autumn's fruit that mellowed long ;
E'en wonder'd at because they fell no sooner,
Fate seemed to wind them up for threescore years,
And like a clock worn out with eating time
The wheels of weary life at last stood still.”



JONAS SEARING.



SEARING, JONAS, is a native of Newark, New Jersey. His parents, James and Elizabeth, and also his grandparents, were natives of Essex County, New Jersey, and there lived and died. The father of the subject of this sketch was a manufacturer and farmer, who carried on business in the city of Newark, and owned a farm just outside the city limits. Jonas was born in the city of Newark, February 27, 1825; he acquired a fair education in his native city. After leaving school his father kept him employed for some time upon the farm. Upon leaving home he went to the city of New York, and became a clerk in the dry goods house of Divoll and Post, No. 50 Maiden Lane, with whom he remained two years. He then was seized with a desire to visit Richmond, Virginia, and going there found employment in an agricultural implement store, and staid with the firm about six months. Returning to Newark, he learned the art of japanning cloth and leather; after he had acquired a knowledge of it, he came to Cincinnati, Ohio. There he commenced that business, having his salesroom in Cincinnati, and residing and manufacturing in Newport. This was in June, 1848, so that Mr. Searing has been a resident of this city about thirty years. He carried on the above mentioned business during a period of fifteen years. At the beginning of the civil war, he became a Constructive Engineer, and was thus employed until its close. Since that time he has been engaged in various capacities, such as traveling salesman, solicitor, caring for his property, etc.

In 1868 he was initiated into and became a member of Newport Lodge, No. 358; and in 1869, of Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76; Newport Commandery created him a Sir Knight in 1873; and in 1877 he became a member of Jeffries Council. In the Lodge he has been Trustee, Tyler, Senior Deacon, Senior Warden, and Worshipful Master; while in the Chapter he has held the offices of Principal Sojourner, Captain of the Host, High Priest, and Guard.

July 7, 1852, he was married to Miss Martha A. Wheeler, daughter of

Rev. H. M. Wheeler, of the State of New York; they have four children, J. Edmund, educated in the schools of Newport; Louise E., and Bertha W., attending the city schools; while the youngest, Clara, is not old enough to go.

Personally, Mr. Searing is a plain unostentatious gentleman of estimable character, one who accepts the duties and cares of life without murmuring at the dispensations of providence. He stands well in the community in which he lives, and is liked both for the qualities of his mind and heart. He cares more for the honesty of his fellow, than for their wealth or position. Although entering upon his Masonic career late in life, he has from the first inception been an active and useful member of that Order, an example worthy of imitation by all brethren of the mystic tie.



JOHN R. HUGLE.



HUGLE, JOHN R., Real Estate and Insurance Broker, Newport, Kentucky, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 28, 1844. His parents, John and Mary (Terry) Hugle, are natives of Delhi Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, but now residing in Newport, Kentucky. His education was acquired in the public schools of his native city, supplemented by a commercial course at Nelson's College. He first got employment with James H. Laws & Co., for whom he clerked about one year. On the 23rd of October, 1863, he received, from the Secretary of the United States Navy, the commission of Master's Mate, and was assigned to duty on the steamer Cricket, belonging to the Mississippi Squadron, and was at that time the youngest officer in the Squadron. His first active service was upon the Black river, where the fleet, consisting of the Cricket and five other boats, under the command of Captain John Ramsey, had several skirmishes without any very severe loss. Coming down the river, the same fleet proceeded up the Wachita river, taking Trinity and Harrisburg. Upon their return they were ordered to go to Red river to co-operate with Gen. Bank's expedition; while up that river they took Fort De Russey and Alexandria, in conjunction with a detachment of General Bank's forces. During this expedition, and especially after his defeat, the fleet had very arduous duties to perform. When the army began its retreat the squadron had also to return; the river was falling, its banks in possession of the enemy who were liable to attack at any moment, the steamers composing the fleet had to contend with low water and the enemy, daily. The Cricket in one of these engagements was struck no less than thirty eight times with solid shot and shell, with a loss of twenty-five killed and wounded, about one half her crew, and upon her return to Mound City had to undergo thorough repairs. Mr. Hugle was promoted to full mate after this expedition, but always performed ensign's duties. He was transferred from her to the United States Steamer Sibyl, and served on her until the 24th of October, 1865, when he was discharged with the thanks of the War Department. Upon his return he turned his attention to farming awhile, but in 1867 engaged in the shoe

trade on York street, Newport, Kentucky, carrying it on for about two years, when he sold out and engaged in the Real Estate and Insurance business, in this he still remains, it gradually increasing from year to year.

On the 24th of June, 1873, he married Miss Louisa Leonard, daughter of Professor Philip Leonard, of Newport, Kentucky. They have two children named Mamie A., and Harry H. T.

Mr. Hogle is a member of Newport Lodge, No. 358; Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76; Jeffries Council, No. 33; and Newport Commandery, No. 13; becoming a member of the Lodge on the 26th of April, 1877; of the Chapter, in 1877, June 12th; the Council, December 3, 1877, and the Commandery, July 30th, 1877. He is also a member of North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F., and its present Noble Grand; and a member in good standing in the Order of the Stars and Stripes; also of the * * * * * He resides at 201 Bellevue street, Newport, Kentucky.

Mr. Hogle is an energetic, active business man; he is also a companionable man, pleasing in his address, and his friends are many. Though but a young Sir Knight as yet, we doubt not he will prove a valiant one.



THEODORE FAGIN.



FAGIN, THEODORE, Merchant Miller, Cincinnati, Ohio. Lewis Fagin, the father of the above named gentleman, is a native of Ohio; while Mary, his mother, was born in England. Mr. Fagin, Sen., early in life engaged in the lumber and saw-mill business in Clermont County, Ohio, where he successfully prosecuted it for several years; removing thence to New Richmond, where he remained until 1833 engaged in tanning. Leaving there he moved with his family to Cincinnati, built a saw-mill in the old seventeenth ward, now known as Fulton. There he engaged in furnishing boats with lumber. This mill, so far as we know, was the first saw-mill in the city, and therefore did a prosperous business. In 1838 he exchanged his lumber-yard and saw-mill business for that of steamboating, which he followed two or three years. Not succeeding as well as he expected he sold out and bought a building, intended for a saw and grist-mill, standing on Lock street, this he converted into a flour-mill, it standing on the same ground on which now stands the flour-mill of Fagin and Brother. Here he carried on business successfully until 1866, when he retired and Mr. Theodore Fagin and Brother took control. It is now carried on by Messrs. Theodore and Joseph Fagin.

The subject of this sketch was born July 27, 1826, at Ten Mile Creek, Clermont County, Ohio. His education was gained principally at the old Cincinnati College, of which William H. McGuffey was then principal. Owing to his father's mill being burned he withdrew from school for a time, but after the mill was rebuilt he attended the old Woodward High School. After leaving that institution he went to Saint Louis, where he had an uncle in business, and with whom he remained until 1847. Returning home he there remained a few months, and then went to Indianapolis, and engaged in a hardware store as clerk; this house bought wheat for his father's mill and shipped it to Cincinnati. In the fall of 1849 he came back to Cincinnati and staid until the spring of 1850. The discovery of gold in California, was about this time creating quite an excitement all through the country, and the gold fever, as it was called, ran high. Mr. Fagin among many others in Cincinnati and vicinity, was seized with it, and going to New York he there

took passage for San Francisco via the Isthmus of Panama, there he was detained several months, the steamer on the Pacific side failing to connect. While there, he, with several others, rented rooms and messed together just outside the city walls. After this tedious delay, the steamer arriving, they embarked and arrived safely in San Francisco in August, 1850. Starting up the river they arrived at Stockton bound for the southern mines. His mining experience extended over a period of three years, in which he changed his location several times, his last being in Nevada City. During these years he was fortunate in having good health, and in accumulating quite a little pile of the precious dust, enough to give him a start in business when he returned home. Soon after his arrival he became engaged in his father's mill and there has remained until the present time.

In 1859, December 14th, Mr. Fagin became a member of Newport Lodge, No. 358, of which two or three years he was elected Senior Warden; in 1860, March 24th, he joined Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, of which body he has been Treasurer upwards of sixteen years; and on the 23rd of April, 1869, Newport Commandery, No. 13, created him a Knight Templar.

For a number of years he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church in Newport, where he now resides.

He was married April 8th, 1857, in Saint Louis, to Miss Harriet N. Cupples, daughter of James Cupples, who died in Newport, Kentucky. They have three children living, viz.: Theodore E., Florence L., and Mary E. The oldest son, Lewis J., died on the 30th of March, 1877, in his nineteenth year. He was a young man of excellent character, and one who gave promise of becoming a noble man. Bro. F. resides at No. 304 Madison street.

Industry, economy and integrity have marked his career, a commendable course that every young man, just starting out in life, would do well to pursue. In his person, Bro. Fagin is above the middle size, erect, dignified in his demeanor, yet pleasant and unassuming in his manners. He has enjoyed excellent health through a long series of years, and is justly esteemed as one of Newport's worthy and substantial citizens.



THOMAS W. GIDEON.



GIDEON, THOMAS WILLIAM, Contractor and Builder, Newport, Kentucky, was born on the 8th of October, 1819, in Louden County, Virginia. His father, William, was a native of the same State and county, and the date of his birth was January 14, 1796; through his long and useful life he was engaged in farming, in his early manhood in Virginia, and his later years in Iowa, where he died October 1, 1875; Elizabeth S. (Blackburn) Gideon, his mother, was also a Virginian and a native of Jefferson county, where she was born on the 16th of January, 1801, she died in Louden County, April 10, 1836.

During Thomas' boyhood, Virginia had no system of public schools and he attended what was denominated a pay school, which was known as Mathews' School, but his advantages for gaining an education were not great. At the proper age he was placed with Mr. Thornton C. Bradley, at Shannondale Springs, Jefferson County, to learn the carpenter's trade, he served with him three years, and afterwards was his foreman for about three years more. He then came to Newport, Kentucky, and commenced work at his trade. When he first began here, there was not a building south of Odd Fellows Hall. The ground on which his house now stands was a wheat field in which he has helped to cut wheat. He had his shop on Bellevue street, opposite the Market House. The first house he built was opposite the Court House on the same street; since then he has erected many of the fine residences that adorn Newport, among which might be mentioned the house of Dr. Shaler, the bank building, and residences of the Taylors', and numerous others both great and small in Newport and Covington, and he is still engaged in the construction of more.

Before he left the "Old Dominion" he became a member of Wildey Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., from which he dimitted and affiliated with Noah Dove Lodge, No. 20, upon his advent to this city. In that Order he has passed all the chairs, and been elected Representative to the Grand Lodge of that body several times, and is undoubtedly the oldest Odd Fellow in Newport. He was the first in Newport to take the degrees in the Order of Red Men, in which he has filled all of the chairs, and been Grand Sachem of the State. He became a member of Robert Burns Lodge in 1849, April

25th; and of Olive Branch Chapter in 1861; May 21, 1869, Newport Commandery conferred the Templar degree; and he is now an active member of Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery; for several years he was Recorder of the latter body.

Mr. G. on the 10th of October, 1845, was married at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, to Miss Margaret J. Avis, daughter of John and Elizabeth J. Avis, residents of Charlestown, Virginia. Five children have been born of this union, four of whom have died, viz.: John William, aged two years; Elizabeth A. T., aged three; Thomas E., and Cora G., in infancy; Ida Kate, the surviving one was educated in the schools of Newport, and married Mr. Lewis Tenant of Newport, Kentucky.

Mr. Gideon has been elected to the City Council several terms and made a good city father. All through his active career he has been blessed with good health; having inherited a strong and vigorous constitution. In size he is large and portly, full of wit and fun, and though growing old in years is still lively and youthful in heart. He is a man not easily discouraged, but when difficulties arise he redoubles his efforts to surmount them. He resides at 282 York street in the house built by him in 1849, when it was considered out of town, and land in that neighborhood was very cheap.

His wife died on the 7th of March, 1878, and we copy from the "Newport Local" the following eulogy:

Mrs. Gideon has lived in the same neighborhood for more than a quarter of a century, where she was well known, and all who came in contact with her can testify to her amiable, kind, generous and industrious qualities; she always made her home a palace, for neatness and order none were her superiors. She made no parade of her virtues (which were many) nor any ostentation of her religious belief; she was a Methodist, and belonged to the Methodist Church South; although not a regular attendant at church she was a Bible reader at home. Latterly she became afflicted with an affection of the head; her husband left nothing undone to gratify every want and whim, and was very much attached to her, which she devotedly reciprocated and appreciated. Just before her death she was out on the street taking a walk; she, upon returning home, suddenly became very ill; everything that human hands could do was done by Drs. Shaler and Pythian and friends, but none but He that is mighty could save, and He in His wisdom saw fit to call her home.



ROBERT AIR.



AIR, ROBERT, Manager of the Walnut Street House, Cincinnati, Ohio, was born in Newport, Kentucky, on the 27th of July, 1840. His father, Robert, was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, who in early life emigrated to America, and coming to Cincinnati, there engaged in various pursuits for several years, finally establishing a ferry between the cities of Newport and Cincinnati, which he managed and owned until his death, which occurred February 24, 1863. His widow, born Mary K. Downard, was a native of Campbell County, Kentucky; she is yet living and residing in Newport.

Robert, upon arriving at the proper age, attended the public schools of Newport, and also a commercial course at St. Xavier's College. Upon leaving that institution he got employment at the Little Miami Depot with the Adams Express Company, with whom he remained about one year. He then was employed by the Newport Ferry Company, as manager of their coal business, he was thus engaged nine years. In connection with Captain J. A. Williamson and J. G. Isham, he then bought of the Ferry Company their coal interest, and under the name of Newport Coal Company they carried it on successfully nearly three years. Selling out his share of this property, he was engaged for about seven months with the California Pacific Railroad, running from Sacramento to San Francisco; after which he bought an interest in the Galt House, of Cincinnati, which he retained until November, 1877; and then became manager of the Walnut Street House, P. K. Scott, proprietor, with whom he has remained up to the present time.

He is a member in good standing of Robert Burns Lodge, Olive Branch Chapter, and Newport Commandery. He received the Master's degree, May 7, 1873; the Royal Arch, July 14, 1874; and the Knight Templars', September 11, 1874. For one term he served as Junior Warden of the Lodge, and one as Standard Bearer of the Commandery. Mr. Air is also a member of the Cincinnati Lodge of Elks, No. 5, B. P. O. E.

On the 27th of July, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Dorretta Hummel of Cincinnati. They have two children, Robert D., and Mary C.

The multitudinous duties that devolve upon the landlord or manager of

a well kept hotel are usually but little known, either by the community at large or the traveling public generally. If the guests have clean rooms, good beds, a sufficient supply of well prepared food, attentive servants, and reasonable charges, they are satisfied, and lose sight of the agency by which these ends are accomplished, and yet there is one who so directs, that order and system is found in every department ; he must therefore possess ability, tact, and energy to fill the place. It is reasonable to presume that Bro. Air has not only these qualities in a large degree, but also others. That he is affable, courteous, and attentive to the wants of the guests of the house we know. He is also a man who makes many and warm friends, who esteem him alike for qualities of head and heart. As a member of the Masonic fraternity he stands well, and as a citizen is respected in the community in which he resides.



JOEL F. KINNEY.



KINNEY, JOEL F., Attorney at Law and Claim Agent, Newport, Kentucky, was born at Adrian, Michigan, May 16, 1840. His mother, Hannah (Crane) Kinney, was a native of Ohio, and died in Michigan in 1849. His father, Sylvanus, still survives and is living in Adrian. Joel received his early education in the schools of Adrian and Ann Arbor. He graduated from the law department of Douglas University, Chicago, Illinois, in 1861, going thence to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he commenced the practice of law. A year later he was commissioned Captain of Company C, Seventy-fourth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Company C, with another of the same regiment, was in the battle of Mumfordsville, Kentucky, where they were captured by General Bragg's Army on the 17th of September, 1862. Being paroled they returned to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they remained about two months, or until they were exchanged, when they rejoined their regiment at Castilian Springs, near Gallatin, Tennessee. General Harlan, now one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, commanded the brigade of which the seventy-fourth regiment formed a part. The first engagement of note, after joining their command, was at Rolling Fork, December 7, 1862. General Harlan's brigade pursuing and attacking General Morgan, who earlier in the day had defeated and captured Colonel Morris' force at Huntsville. These battles virtually ended the campaign in this section, and the brigade went to Lavergine, Tennessee, where they did garrison duty until the following May. They were then attached to General Brannan's Division, Fourteenth Army Corps, and participated in the campaign ending in the battle of Chickamauga, on the first day of which he received a severe wound in the right shoulder, which permanently disabled him for duty in the field, and for which he now draws a pension. Leave of absence was granted him for sixty days, at the expiration of which time thinking his wound had so far healed as to allow of his return to his regiment he repaired to Nashville, but on his arrival there it was evident that the trip had made it so bad that he was not fit for service in the field; he was there detailed for duty on court martial, and

served until March 1, 1864, when he was detailed as Chief of Military Conductors, of the several railroads centering at Nashville, Tennessee; this position he held until August 9, 1864, when he tendered his resignation which was accepted.

Mr. Kinney then became engaged in the purchase of vouchers and prosecution of United States Claims, continuing there until March, 1866, when he went to Kansas City where he became engaged in contracting, insurance, real estate, etc. In 1872 he moved to Newport, Kentucky, and commenced the practice of law and the prosecution of claims before the Departments and the United States Court of Claims at Washington, D. C.

His Masonic connections extend to the Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery; the dates of entrance thereto being as follows: Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, September 15, 1875; Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, January 16, 1876; Jeffries Council, No. 33, November 13, 1876; and Newport Commandery, June 22, 1877. In the Lodge, he is Senior Deacon; in the Chapter, Master of Third Veil; and in the Council, Principal Conductor. He has also passed all the chairs in the Order of the Knights of Pythias.

While residing at Nashville he wedded Miss Sarah A. Walker, daughter of James Walker, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; this event transpired on the 6th of April, 1865. They have four children, viz.: Franklin H., James W., Emma, and Mattie.

Mr. Kinney is a clear-headed, energetic business man, and stands well in that branch of his profession that he has chosen to pursue. He possesses good perceptive faculties, and has that stability of character that commands esteem and respect among his fellow-men. His Masonic career, though brief, has shown him to be of the right material, duly squared, truly qualified to become a worthy Knight.



LOUIS F. BOSSARD.



BOSSARD, LOUIS F., Lithographer, was born in Switzerland, on the 16th of February, 1850. His parents, Jacob and Verona, in the beginning of 1866, determined to emigrate to America, and in February of that year landed in the city of New York. Making but a brief sojourn they came to Cincinnati, where they resided until 1869, and then returned to the land of their birth, there to pass the remainder of their declining years. Louis, soon after his arrival in Cincinnati, adopted Horace Greeley's advice and went still further West; he found, however, that the Queen City was as far in the direction of the setting sun as he wished to live, and so he returned and became an apprentice to the Krebs Lithograph Company, and from them learned the trade of lithography. After completing it, he remained in their employ until 1876, working as a journeyman, and then began traveling in their interest; his whole business career, therefore, has been identified with the lithographic business, which but a few years ago was in its infancy. The rapid advance made in the art of engraving on stone in the last twenty years would surprise the casual observer, the accuracy, beauty and finish, approaching to if not equalling steel engraving. Mr. Bossard, it is fair to presume, from the fact of his having been selected to represent a firm of the standing of Krebs Lithograph Company, has shown marked ability, and is keeping progress with all that pertains to the art.

Upon attaining his majority, or soon thereafter, he made application for admission to Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, F. A. M., his petition was granted, and on the 21st of June, 1871, the Masters' degree was conferred upon him in due form; in 1873 he was elected Senior Warden of his Lodge, and performed the duties appertaining to that important office with zeal and fidelity; Olive Branch Chapter bestowed the Royal Arch degrees on the 16th of November, 1871; and Newport Commandery created him a Sir Knight on the 25th of September, 1872. The Chapter elected him Master of the First Veil in 1873, Principal Sojourner in 1874, and again in 1876; the Commandery chose him their Standard Bearer in 1873, and Warder in 1874, an office he has filled four successive terms.

On the 22nd of October, 1874, he married Miss Lucy A., daughter of

John and Ann Band of Newport. They have one son whom they have named William T. They reside at 152 York street, Newport.

Bro. Bossard is active, energetic and capable ; he believes the Masonic Society the one pre-eminent among many others, unsurpassed and unequaled. He is not able to meet with the various bodies of which he is a member, so often as before he commenced traveling, but he finds whether he goes East or West, North or South, that the brethren are ready to extend to him the right hand of fellowship upon being recognized. In size, Brother B. is of rather slight build, yet compactly made, possesses a retentive memory, is quick in his movements, and makes friends easily. He likes the country of his adoption and makes a valuable citizen, a good neighbor and a worthy Mason.



HENRY F. SCHRADER.



SCHRADER, HENRY FREDERICK, Tobacconist and Insurance Agent, Newport, Kentucky, is the son of Frederick and Louisa (Miller) Schrader, both natives of Germany, who, marrying in that country, emigrated to the United States, about the year 1834, and settled in Cincinnati where he wrought at his trade of cabinet maker until he died in 1860; while his widow survives him and resides in Newport. Henry was born in the kingdom of Hanover on the 20th of March, 1831. He was so young when his parents left their native land, that he does not remember distinctly anything of importance in respect to that country. He attended school in Cincinnati a few years but his schooling was limited, for early in life he had to begin for himself. He first commenced as errand boy in a dry goods store in Cincinnati, and when he grew older became a clerk and salesman, remaining such about six years. He then bought out a cigar store on Central Avenue, and learned the cigar maker's trade from the hands he employed. For several years he carried on business there, and then moved to Attica, Indiana, where he thought he could do better; he staid there four years, but not meeting with the success anticipated, came back to Cincinnati and worked at cigar making one year, meanwhile moving his family to Newport where he has made his home ever since. At the expiration of the year he began to make cigars for the trade, working at home. In 1867 he began business for himself on York street, between Madison and Jefferson, and has carried it on successfully up to the present time. Previous to engaging in business he had charge of the Odd Fellows Hall, which stands in the same square as his store.

In September, 1863, he took the Entered Apprentice degree in Robert Burns Lodge; the Fellow Craft one month later; and the Masters' in December of the same year; in 1865 Olive Branch Chapter conferred upon him the Royal Arch degrees, and he became a member of that body; he became a Royal and Select Master on the 7th of February, 1876; having taken the Templar degrees and becoming a member of the Commandery, March 31, 1871. In the Lodge he has been Senior Deacon, Senior Warden, and is now serving his second term as Secretary; in the Commandery he is also

serving his second term as Recorder; and in the Council has held that position since becoming a member. For upwards of twenty-five years he has been an Odd Fellow, becoming a member of that order soon after attaining his majority; he has filled all the subordinate chairs, and been elected representative to the Grand Lodge, also Deputy District Grand Master. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and in that Order has held all the positions, including District Deputy Grand Chancellor, and representative to the Grand Body.

In 1852, on the 3rd of November, Bro. Schrader was married to Miss Abby M. Hullfish of Cincinnati, Rev. Mr. Stratton performing the ceremony. They have five children, John A., and William H., who have been educated in the schools of Newport, and learned their father's trade; Ida L., who also received her education in the Newport schools; and George W., and Edmund, now attending the same.

The only office of political or civil preferment that Bro. Schrader has held, is that of Assessor of the ward in which he lives. He has resided at 118 Orchard street since he first came to Newport, first renting and afterwards purchasing the house. He is possessed of a strong constitution, and comes of a long lived, vigorous ancestry, is of an active temperament, and is endowed with energy and perseverance in abundance. He is not only well esteemed by his brethren, but also by his acquaintances and the citizens generally.



EDMUND E. WOOD.



WOOD, EDMUND E., Lawyer, Newport, Kentucky, is a son of Amasa W., and P. M. (Huntley) Wood, both of whom were natives of New Hampshire. At the time of his father's death, which occurred on the 19th of December, 1875, they resided in Alstead, New Hampshire, and his mother is still living there. Edmund's father owned and cultivated a farm in that town, and there Edmund was born August 16, 1837; he attended the schools of his native town, and afterwards the Union Academy at Cold River for two years. His next step in life was studying law with S. L. Bowers at Newport, New Hampshire. During the winters he taught school, and summers read law, sometimes however acting as traveling agent for various enterprises. In 1860 he came to Ohio and entered the law office of H. B. Maynard at Washington Court House, and was admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court in 1862, and commenced the practice of his profession. In 1865 was elected to fill a vacancy in Marion Grammar School, and the same year went into the law office of H. B. Maynard, at Washington Court House, Ohio, and was there engaged in collecting claims. In 1868 a partnership was formed with G. M. Lee, for the purpose of practicing patent law in Cincinnati, they continued together until 1869, when Mr. Lee died, and Mr. Wood formed a partnership with Mr. Edward Boyd, his present associate, and they have continued the practice of patent law with a goodly degree of success ever since.

During the late civil war Mr. Wood went out as Adjutant of the One hundred and sixty-eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteers, which was enlisted for one hundred days. A portion of which was stationed at Cynthiana, Kentucky, where they fought General Morgan's command until they were all killed or captured, except Adjutant Wood and seven others. The captured portion of the regiment was afterwards released, and the regiment reorganized at Camp Dennison, and served out their time in post duty at Cincinnati.

In 1865 he became a Master Mason and a member of Lafayette Lodge, at Washington Court House, Ohio. In 1876 he dimitted and affiliated with Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163; in 1877 the Chapter, Council, and Commandery, conferred upon him the Royal Arch, Royal and Select Master, and

Knight Templar degrees ; they were respectively bestowed by Olive Branch Chapter, Jeffries Council, and Newport Commandery, in each of which bodies he now holds membership. He is also an Odd Fellow and has passed all the chairs in that Order ; and is on the second term of service as a member of the Newport School Board.

On the 9th of March, 1870, he married Miss Anna E. Millikan, at Washington Court House, Ohio, and in 1871 they came to Newport, Kentucky, to reside. They have one son, William R.

Bro. Wood comes of a long lived ancestry, and bids fair to follow in the footsteps of his ancestors in that respect. His specialty is the practice of patent law, and we learn that he is highly esteemed by his brethren at the bar in that branch which he has made his especial study. As a citizen he stands well. As a Mason he has the respect of his fellow-craftsmen.



CHARLES B. RUSSELL.



RUSSELL, CHARLES BUTLER, Treasurer of the Cincinnati Ice Company, was born at New Bedford, Massachusetts, March 17, 1836. His parents, George and Alice H. Russell, removed from New Bedford to Cincinnati in 1842, and there, during the remainder of his business life, Mr. Russell was engaged in mercantile pursuits. Upon arriving at the proper age Charles was sent to the public schools for several years, and then to Herron's Seminary; after leaving the latter he went to work in the grocery store of E. G. Drake, corner of Fifth and Race, where he stayed about three years, and then changed to a store on the corner of Sixth and Plum, and remained one year. From there he went into the employ of Isham and Fisher, who kept a steamboat supply store on the Public Landing, with them he staid five years or until 1861.

Soon after hostilities commenced between the North and South, Mr. Russell was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company B, Sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteers, was promoted about one year afterwards to the Captaincy of Company D, and served in that capacity until the time of the regiment expired. The brigade to which the sixth was attached, was at first commanded by General Aman, and afterwards by Colonel Gross of the Thirty-sixth Indiana, and was fortunate in having two such good commanders. Being a part of the Army of the Cumberland, they were at different times under the command of Generals Buel, Rosecrans and Thomas, and participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing, Stone River, Chicamauga, Missionary Ridge, and the numerous skirmishes and battles of minor importance that occurred during the three years service of the gallant Sixth. Captain Russell was fortunate enough to not only escape wounds but also sickness during the three years campaign, and was continuously with his regiment from its muster in to its muster out.

On his arrival home he got a situation on the steamboat *Mist*, and was on her several months, or until she was sold to the United States Government, when he went as clerk on the *Nashville*, and there remained until August, 1865; and then, in connection with James Cullum, started a Steamboat Supply Store, on the Public Landing, under the firm name of

James Cullum & Co. There, for five or six years, they carried it on quite successfully and then sold out, all but the ice business connected with it. This they retained and have gradually increased and developed it to its present proportions, having their office and store-rooms on the canal between Twelfth and Fourteenth streets.

The various Masonic bodies to which Captain Russell belongs, are the Newport Lodge, of which he became a member in 1868, June 5th; the Olive Branch Chapter, October 3, 1873; and the Newport Commandery, October 23, 1875. He was Treasurer of Newport Lodge one term, filling the office to the entire satisfaction of the members thereof.

Captain R. has been twice wedded, the date of his first marriage being April 17, 1866, when he was united to Miss Susannah John, of Middletown, Ohio, who bore him two children. Lydia and Susannah, both of whom now attend the public schools of Cincinnati, where Bro. Russell has resided since 1876. On the 3rd of August, 1872, his first wife died, and on the 10th of May, 1876, he was again married, to Miss Mildred L. Turpin of Newtown, Ohio, by whom he has one child named Rodney.

Captain Russell is a wide awake, go ahead business man, powerful in build, weighing about two hundred and thirty pounds. He is over six feet in height, muscular, erect, quite active and as fine a specimen of manhood as one often sees. His good nature and jovial disposition endear him to his friends, while his business habits are such as to qualify him for places of responsibility and trust.



JOSEPH K. RUGG.



RUGG, JOSEPH K., Machinist and Mechanical Engineer, is the son of Samuel L. and Susannah (Ball) Rugg ; his father being a native of New York, and his mother of Maryland ; she died at Decatur, Indiana, in the month of February, 1848, and he at Nashville, Tennessee, in March, 1871. Samuel Rugg was a man of more than ordinary ability. In early life he left the home of his boyhood and came to Indiana. Where the town of Decatur now stands and in fact the whole of Adams County was but virgin soil, its population was small and widely scattered, but here he determined to make for himself a home, and it was not long before many new settlers came in, and the valuable lands were occupied and tilled by thrifty husbandmen. He, with two or three others, was largely instrumental in establishing the county of Adams, the citizens of which, recognizing his valuable services, elected him Clerk of the County Courts, for a series of terms, extending through a period of seventeen years. He was also elected to the State Senate, and afterwards Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State.

Joseph was born at Decatur, Indiana, February 18, 1837. He received quite a liberal education in the schools of Decatur and Fort Wayne. His father desired him to qualify for a Civil Engineer, and his studies were pursued to that intent. His first employment in his chosen profession, was with a corps of engineers who were surveying and locating a route for a railroad, between Union City and Fort Wayne. After finishing that, he, preferring the mechanical department, went to Fort Wayne and there learned the machinist's trade. Having acquired it he entered the employ of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, with whom he remained until August, 1862, when he was commissioned First Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the Forty-eighth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, joining his regiment at Oxford, Mississippi, in the fall of 1862. The Forty-eighth was in General Quimby's Division, Seventeenth Army Corps, which was then under orders to march to Grenada, Mississippi. Making the attempt and meeting too strong a force, they returned. General Quimby's Division was then ordered to Memphis, Tennessee, where they guarded the railroads for about two months. While they were there he

exchanged his position as Quartermaster for that of Captain of Company A. When his regiment and division were ordered down the river, Captain Rugg was detailed for railroad service under General Webster, and was engaged in rebuilding and repairing the bridges and roads until the spring of 1863, when he was granted permission to visit the army concentrating at Milliken's Bend. On his arrival there, finding his company without any commissioned officer, he did not present to General Grant the letter given to him by General Webster, recommending him favorably to his notice, but at once took command of his company and participated in the operations ending in the surrender of Vicksburg. While the siege was progressing, he received a sunstroke that incapacitated him for active service, he thereupon tendered his resignation, which was accepted July 10, 1863.

He then returned to Fort Wayne where he remained until he regained his health. From there he went to Nashville, Tennessee, where he engaged in mercantile and manufacturing pursuits, remaining there until the fall of 1872, when he moved to Newport, Kentucky, where he has since resided.

July 16, 1874, Mr. Rugg became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, in which he has since been Senior Deacon and Junior Warden; the same year Olive Branch Chapter conferred upon him the Royal Arch degrees and he became a member of that body, and is now serving his second term as Royal Arch Captain: in 1876 he became a member of Jeffries Council, and is its present Thrice Illustrious Master; the Newport Commandery created him a Sir Knight, and a member of that Commandery on the 26th of March, 1875, and the following years it elected him Sword Bearer. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and also of the Odd Fellows.

June 17, 1860, he married Miss Elizabeth E. Walker, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; five children have been born to them, but two of whom survive, viz.: Walker H. and Owen Hale. The family reside upon Jefferson street, Newport.

The qualities possessed by Bro. Rugg are of a sterling nature, he is conscientious, straight-forward, earnest and positive. In Masonic matters he takes an active interest, while in the schools and matters pertaining to the welfare of the city he is also interested, thinking it the duty of every good citizen to see that the interests of each and every one are carefully guarded.



WILLIAM AIR.



AIR, WILLIAM, Owner and Manager of the Ferry between Newport and Cincinnati. We doubt if any man ever lived in Newport who was more generally known than Robert Air, father of the subject of this sketch. He was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, but in early life left his native land and came to Cincinnati, and after several years spent in other pursuits, established a ferry between the cities of Newport and Cincinnati, the former place then having but a small population. Mr. Air died in 1863, but the village, ere his death, had grown to a city, and the work of transporting hundreds had increased to tens of thousands, most of whom knew the genial, music loving Scotchman. His widow, who is yet alive and a resident of Newport, was a native of Campbell County, Kentucky, and her name before marriage, Mary K. Downard.

William was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 12, 1834, the family however moved to Newport four years later, so that he began his education in that city, subsequently attending Georgetown College, his father giving him good advantages for acquiring an education. Soon after leaving college he became a clerk on the Dick Hays, and was afterwards in like capacity on the Monarch and Ohio Belle, being thus employed about three years. Since then he has been extensively engaged, as a Contractor, in putting down water pipes in the cities of Newport, Terre Haute, Toledo, Dubuque, etc., also carrying on the coal and ferry business in Newport.

January 11, 1860, he was made a Master Mason, and became a member of Newport Lodge, No. 358, of which for several years thereafter he was Treasurer. His connection now extends to Chapter and Commandery, of the latter body he was Treasurer two terms. The Royal Arch degrees were conferred upon him by Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, on the 9th of November, 1869; the same year Newport Commandery created him a Knight Templar. His society connections extend to the fraternity of Odd Fellows, and also to the Elks, and he takes a lively interest in the furtherance of their benevolent designs. For four terms he has been a member of the City Council.

Upon the organization of the Twenty-third Regiment Kentucky Volunteer, he was appointed its Quartermaster, and served in that capacity until 1862, when he resigned and returned home.

August 1, 1855, he married Miss Eliza J. Holmes, daughter of Mrs. Julia A. Holmes, of Newport, Kentucky. Four children have been born to them, William H., now attending Hanover College; Emilie F., at Mr. Bartholemew's School; Julia and Harry J. are pursuing their studies in the Newport schools. Bro. Air resides at 118 Bellevue street, Newport.

In personal appearance Bro. A. is rather stout, he has a strong, vigorous constitution, is jovial in his nature, and full of fun and life. His business capacity is of a high order, and in the handling of men he excels, being able to work them to good advantage. He is forcible and off-hand in his speech, and yet in the main kind-hearted. He has many warm and true friends who know and admire his many good qualities.



WILLIAM H. BAND.



BAND, WILLIAM H., Book-keeper, was born in England on the 6th of May, 1845. His parents names were John and Ann (Wood) Band, both of whom were natives of England. A few years after their marriage they emigrated to this country, and made their home in Cincinnati several years, and there the paternal parent died in 1855. His occupation was that of a blacksmith. His widow moved to Newport, Kentucky, where she continues to reside, and here William received his education. Being left at an early age fatherless, he was compelled to go to work when but a mere boy. He first was employed as errand boy by the Cincinnati Gas Company, then rose to the position of clerk, and was in their employ five years, or until 1862. He next got a position as clerk or assistant secretary with the Covington Gas Company, where he remained until 1866. His next engagement was with Boyle, Miller & Co., on Second street, Cincinnati, with them he remained until 1870, when they sold out to John Todd, who united with James Denny, and the firm became Todd, Denny & Co., with whom he staid one year, and then entered the house of Aman & Co., on Second street, Cincinnati, where he has remained ever since.

February 4, 1870, he was made a Master Mason and became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163; Olive Branch Chapter constituted him a Royal Arch Mason on the 25th of October, 1870; and Newport Commandery created him a Knight Templar on the 26th of May, 1871. He was elected and served one term Senior Deacon of the Lodge; while in the Commandery he held for one year the office of Sword Bearer.

Bro. Band is unmarried and resides with his mother and a married sister at 152 York street, Newport, Kentucky. Since his early boyhood he has had to depend mainly, upon his own exertions to advance himself. He is social in his nature, pleasing in his address, and possessed of many qualities that guarantee success.

WILLIAM L. WRIGHT.



RIGHT, WILLIAM L., Salesman in the Book and Stationery Store of Mallory and Webb, Cincinnati, Ohio, is a native of Washington City, District of Columbia, where he was born on the 18th of May, 1831. His father, Richard, was a native of Georgetown, District of Columbia; while his mother, whose maiden name was Mary J. Jenkins, was born at Baltimore, Maryland. His parents, after their marriage, went to Washington to reside, and there he engaged in the auction and commission business, and continued in it until his death; Mrs. Wright also died at Washington, and was buried beside her husband.

William received part of his education in the State of Missouri, and the remainder in the city of Cincinnati. Here also he began the battle of life, his first occupation being that of a clerk in a drug store, where he remained until 1853, and then entered the employ of Applegate & Co., with whom he was engaged over twenty-five years, and left them to accept his present situation.

Mr. Wright, on the 27th of September, 1855, was united in marriage to Miss Anna V. Hewson, of Xenia, Ohio; the fruits of this union are the following named children, all of whom were educated in, or are attending, the city schools of Newport; Emily, Josephine, William, Hewson and Anna. The residence of Mr. W. is on Front street, No. 36.

January 14, 1860, he received the Masters' degree at the hands of Newport Lodge, No. 358, F. A. M.; in this Lodge he was one term Junior Deacon, and three, Senior Deacon; he received the Royal Arch degrees from Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, in 1864; and was made a Royal and Select Master by Jeffries Council, July 1, 1865; and a Knight Templar by Newport Commandery, April 23, 1869; and is now a member in good standing of all those bodies, in the latter of which he was Warder two years.

JOHN B. TAYLOR.



TAYLOR, JOHN BARRY, Banker, was born in Newport, Kentucky, December 27, 1837. His parents, James and Susan (Barry) Taylor, are also natives of the same State; his mother being the daughter of Lieut. Governor Barry, Post Master General under General Jackson, and who also represented Kentucky in the United States Senate, and afterwards was sent Minister to Spain, and who died many years ago laden with honors bestowed upon him by his fellow-citizens. The grandfather on the paternal side was originally from Virginia, and when he came to Newport it was a wilderness.

He acquired a large tract of land, several hundred acres of it yet remaining in the possession of his children and grandchildren. A part of the ground upon which Newport stands, was once his farm or plantation. John's father is an extensive land owner and capitalist in Newport, where now, in their declining years, he and his worthy wife reside.

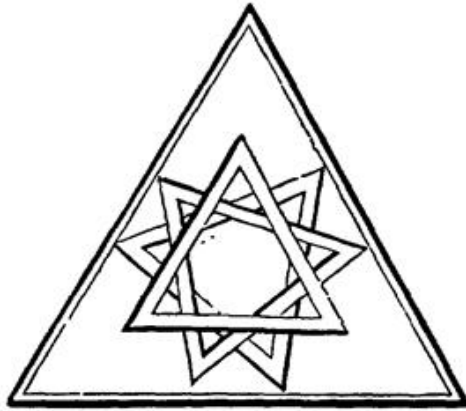
John B. began his education in Newport, continued it in Cincinnati, and completed it at Gambier College, where he graduated in the year of 1860. He then was engaged for several years at farming near Covington. In 1867, however, he formed a partnership with his brother James, and the Banking House of Taylor Brothers was established on York street, and carried on very successfully until 1869, when it was changed to James Taylor and Sons. In 1871 they erected a substantial building on the corner of Bellevue and Monmouth streets, this has been occupied by their bank ever since, having been especially designed for its accommodation.

Mr. Taylor was made a Mason in Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, on the 20th of September, 1869; and took the Chapter degrees in Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, November 18, 1869; and the Encampment degrees in Newport Commandery, No. 13, January 7, 1870. He was elected Treasurer of the Commandery two terms, and proved a competent and trustworthy officer.

On the 18th of June, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Bettie Washington, daughter of Captain J. T. Washington, now a resident of Memphis, Tennessee. He and his accomplished wife are members of St.

Paul's Episcopal Church, Newport. His residence, a large and elegant mansion, is in Bellevue, just outside the city limits of Newport.

Bro. Taylor's financial standing is excellent. In stature he is above the medium size, and his manners are those of a courteous and cultivated gentleman. In the circle in which he moves he is highly esteemed for his kindness of heart and social qualities. As a host he entertains in the true Kentucky style, which once experienced is ever afterwards remembered.



ALBERT H. COLE.



OLE, ALBERT H., Conductor on the Little Miami Railroad, was born at Manlius Square, Onondagua County, New York, on the 10th of October, 1830. Both of his parents are also natives of the same State. His father, George W., being born at Canandaigua, Ontario County, May 18, 1804, and his mother, Maria (Waters) Cole at Benton, Yates County, August 6, 1812; their marriage took place at Lyons, Wayne County, New York, on the 29th of August, 1829. They are yet living and residing with their son Albert in Newport, Kentucky. During his active business life Mr. Cole, Sr., was, for many years, a Railroad Agent in his native State.

Albert attended, for several years, the schools at Saratoga Springs, his father having been appointed Agent there, and having removed thither when the lad was quite young. He also attended the Academy at Poultney, Vermont, a number of terms, and thus succeeded in acquiring a good English education. After leaving school he assisted his father in the railroad business until 1854, and then coming to Cincinnati, Ohio, he became Paymaster for the Little Miami Railroad, a position that he retained until failing health compelled him to lead a less sedentary life. The company then constituted him their Advertising Agent, which gave him the needed exercise and out of door employment. Regaining his health, in a great measure, he became Conductor on the same road, and is at present fulfilling the duties of that position, acceptably to his employers and the traveling public generally. Thus for twenty-four consecutive years he has been identified with the Little Miami, and during all his business life with railroads.

Mr. Cole became a member of Columbus Lodge, No. 30, F. A. M., in 1856, the degrees being conferred upon him by that eminent and well known Mason, William B. Thrall. In October, 1874, he dimitted to and affiliated with Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163; Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, in January, 1875, conferred the Royal Arch degrees; and Jeffries Council No. 33, a month later, the Royal and Select Masters'; Newport Commandery, in March, 1875, bestowed Knightly honors upon him. It will be seen from

the foregoing that his search in quest of light was earnestly and vigorously prosecuted. Nor was he content to stop here, but went forward until he received the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite 32° from the Kentucky Grand Consistory of Louisville, on the 6th of March, 1875.

On the 24th of January, 1855, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Clark, a native of the State of Vermont; the ceremony was performed at Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. They have three children, George W., Albert J., and Harry W., all educated in the schools of Cincinnati and Newport.

Although not a member of any religious denomination he attends St. Paul's Church, of which his family are communicants. For many years he resided in Cincinnati, but about six years ago he purchased his present residence, No. 200 Bellevue street, Newport, and since then has made that city his home, his aged father and mother, as previously mentioned, residing with him. It might appropriately be remarked that Bro. Cole was born and bred to the business of railroading, for since boyhood until the present time he has been continuously engaged in the employ of railroads, most of it with the Little Miami. That he has well fulfilled the duties of the various positions he has occupied, is evident from his long continuance with one corporation, who never retain longer than possible a slothful or inefficient man in their employ. He has gained a comfortable home, won the good will of the traveling public, the esteem of his fellow-citizens, and the confidence of his employers. He is kind and courteous to all, setting an example worthy of imitation by those railroad officials who think abruptness and brusque manners a sign of business capacity. May he meet with the continued success that he deserves while on the down grade of life.



JAMES CONNOR.



CONNOR, JAMES, Carriage Manufacturer, is the son of James and Mary Connor, who, up to the time of their death were residents of Washington, District of Columbia. There the paternal parent carried on the business of a stone mason. There James was born on the 4th of March, 1829. His parents both died before he was five years old, he was then taken care of by Mr. John G. Douglass, who sent him to school for several years, and whose memory he yet cherishes with a sense of lively gratitude. At the age of sixteen he left his patron's home and went to Frederick City, Maryland, to become an apprentice to Henry Butler, a carriage maker in that city. James worked with him faithfully until he was about nineteen, when he with two or three comrades ran away, going to Baltimore, Maryland.

They there enlisted in Company C, Eighth Regiment, United States Army, this was in the beginning of 1847. The 8th of March found them before Vera Cruz, Colonel Harland commanding the regiment, which was in General Worth's Division of General Scott's Army. After the surrender of the city, the march towards the city of Mexico commenced. The command to which the Eighth was attached was present, and participated in the battles of Cerre Gordo, Cherebusco, Contaras, Molina Del Ray, Chepultepec, and Mexico. Mr. Connor passing through all the battles and skirmishes unharmed. After the city was taken, the Eighth was sent to guard some valuable silver mines, situated about sixty-five miles from the city of Mexico, there it remained doing guard duty until peace was declared. They were then ordered to march to Vera Cruz, which they reached without any incident of note occurring. Embarking, they sailed thence to New Orleans, and from there to Saint Louis, Missouri, where Mr. Connor was discharged by reason of disability brought on by exposure while in the service.

Upon his discharge he returned to Frederick City, and served out his time with Mr. Butler. Shortly after completing his trade he came to Cincinnati, Ohio, and there found employment at his vocation, and until 1862 continued to work for various firms in the above city. He then

removed to Newport, Kentucky, and was employed by the Caldwell Brothers, with whom he remained until 1863, when he bought them out and engaged in the manufacture and repair of carriages on his own account, and still continues thus engaged.

July 6, 1872, he became a member of Robert Burns Lodge; and two years later a member of Olive Branch Chapter; becoming a Sir Knight in Newport Commandery on the 13th of January, 1875. In the Lodge he was elected one term Junior Deacon; and in the Chapter, Master of the Second and Third Veils, and Royal Arch Captain.

He was united by marriage to Miss Margaret Call, daughter of Tobias Call, of Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of July, 1855. Four daughters have resulted of this union, and are named Annie A., Ida M., Cora, and Hattie. The family reside at 196 Madison street, Newport.

About two years ago Bro. Connor was attacked by paralysis, and at one time his life was despaired of, but he seems now to be slowly recovering his health and the use of his limbs, and it is to be hoped that he will yet be fully restored. Although not large in stature Bro. C. has always been an active, energetic worker, possessed of a great amount of endurance. Even now with the aid of his crutch and cane he gets to his shop, directs and works all that his crippled condition will allow him, seeming quite cheerful under his affliction, and bearing his misfortunes like a valiant Knight.



PERRY D. HAYMAN.



HAYMAN, PERRY D., Newport, Kentucky, was the son of Robert and Eliza M. (Perry) Hayman, of Newport. His father is a native of Ohio, his mother, of Campbell County, Kentucky. Perry was born on the 24th of July, 1847, in Newport, and there acquired his education, there also he learned his father's trade, that of brick mason, which he followed for several years. He then became Traveling Agent for the Fairbanks Scale Company, in which avocation he was engaged at the time of his death, which occurred September 16, 1873, at Gallatin, Tennessee. Here he had an attack of cholera which brought him very low, but from which he partially recovered, only to be again stricken down. The following preamble and resolutions prepared by P. H. Jeffries, Recorder, and J. H. Bromwell and Frederic Wendt, Committee, express the esteem in which Bro. Hayman was held by the Commandery of which he was a member.

SIR KNIGHTS: A worthy Knight-Errant of our Illustrious Order, wandering far from friends and home; far from the asylum that had fostered him, and which sheltered those who had vowed to defend with their sword and purse; far from the father and mother, brother and sister, who had loved him, has met a mortal foe, fierce, gigantic and powerful, one who had never yet, but once, succumbed to any enemy in deadly strife. That foe was death! And when His gauntlet is thrown down for deadly combat, the challenged Knight may not say, nay! Fierce was the onset, and all unused to such rude assault, our worthy Knight was stricken to the dust, and word was sent on the wings of the wind to those distant friends, companions and relatives, "Your loved one cannot see another day." But quickly rallying, up from the dust he sprang, and, with a brave and noble fortitude, renewed again the strife, and so bravely he held out, and so boldly did he fight, that the hearts that had drooped in anguish, beat again with hope, and thrilled to think that he would live, and that, not yet, could the grim opposer vanquish. But alas! for human hopes! for, though he waged the battle bravely, his weak valor could not prevail against the conqueror of millions. And now, Sir Knights, we have seen the last act in the drama, and have

performed over the grave of our deceased Companion the impressive ceremonial for the last long sleep of the valiant Templar. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved.—That this Commandery feels that in the death of Sir Perry D. Hayman we have lost a true and courteous, valiant and magnanimous Knight of our Order, one who had endeared himself to many hearts by his virtues, and who, by his devotion to our Commandery, bade fair to win himself a wide-spread fame.

Resolved.—That we tender his stricken relatives our deepest sympathy, and beg to remind them, that, as he was a son and brother to them, so did we, too, feel a brother's love for him.

Resolved.—That the symbols of the Commandery, the jewels of his office, and the swords of the Sir Knights, be draped in mourning for the space of six months, to show, that though departed from our asylum, he is not forgotten in our thoughts and kind remembrance.

Resolved.—That a suitable inscription be transmitted by our Recorder to the Grand Recorder of Kentucky, in order that a memorial page may be set apart to his memory in the next Grand Report.

Resolved.—That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and one be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

And finally, we commend his soul to the Great God who gave it, hoping that he so waged his warfare of life, that he has been found worthy to receive eternal rest and peace in the Grand Asylum above.

At the time of his death he was a member in good standing of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, the date of his admission thereto being July 7, 1869 ; he became a member of Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, the following year ; of Newport Commandery, No. 13, April 25, 1871 ; and of Jeffries Council, No. 33, June 1, 1872. He proved from the first a bright and enthusiastic Mason and gave promise of great usefulness. But death loves the shining mark and takes the young and old alike.



WILLIAM A. PENDLETON.



PENDLETON, WILLIAM A., Pilot, Newport, Kentucky, is the son of William A. and Francis M. (Perry) Pendleton, the father was a native of Virginia, the mother of Kentucky. When but a mere youth William lost his father, who was a lawyer of considerable note in Kenton County, and who, at the time of his death, was Circuit Clerk of the County. His mother is still living and resides with her son, the greater part of the time. William was born at Independence, Kentucky, on the 11th of May, 1844. He acquired his education in the schools of Newport. Had his father lived, it was his design to give the boy a thorough education and make a lawyer of him. But the lad's predilections ran in another direction, he desired to try his fortunes upon the river. The "Sallie List" was the first boat upon which he made a trip, going to Nashville, Tennessee, there the boat was taken by the United States Government and pressed into service to go up the Red river with the expedition under General Banks. This was in the spring of 1863. After the termination of this expedition, he came home, arriving in July of the same year. In the fall of 1863, the "Clifton" came out and went into the Cincinnati and Memphis trade, and he went on her the first season, still at the wheel learning the duties of a pilot. The next season he went on the "Sam Hale" where he staid four or five seasons, and for the last two years he has been upon the "James W. Gaff." In 1865, so closely had he applied himself, that he got a full pilot's license, since then he has been in the employ of the Cincinnati and Memphis Packet Company, and during thirteen years has been on the various boats that constitute the line, changing almost every season with the exceptions above, viz.: "Sam Hale" and his present boat "James W. Gaff."

In 1869, December 9th, he became a Master Mason; and the following year a Royal Arch Mason; and a Knight Templar on the 29th of May, 1873. He is now a member, in good standing, of Robert Burns Lodge, Olive Branch Chapter, and Newport Commandery.

On the 31st of December, 1874, he was married to Miss Meddie S.

Marable, daughter of Dr. John T. Marable, of the city of Louisville; the ceremony being performed by Rev. William Linn, of that city. Two boys have blessed this union, and have been named William A. and Harry W. The family reside at No. 10 Mayo street, Newport, Kentucky.

Bro. P. has always been blessed with good health, and though of but medium size is hardy and enduring. Always faithful in the discharge of his duties, he has proved himself worthy of the confidence bestowed upon him by his employers. He learned his duty thoroughly and having learned it, has since well and faithfully performed it.



HENRY A. SCHREIVER.



SCHREIVER, HENRY A., Builder and Contractor, Newport, Kentucky, is a native of Pennsylvania, where his parents, Peter and Justina Schreiver, were born, lived and died. Henry's father owned and tilled a farm in York County, and there he was born on the 14th of February, 1829. In those days his native county furnished but poor educational advantages and the youth received but little schooling. Until he was sixteen he worked at farming with a brother-in-law, and then began to learn the carpenter's trade at Little York, Pennsylvania, of Charles Hildebrand, with whom he served three years and a half, he proved a good instructor and a kind employer to him. After learning his trade he went to Philadelphia where he worked several months, he then came home to make a short visit, and then went to Saint Louis, Missouri, where he staid five months, going thence to New Orleans, where he built a shop and began business for himself, getting plenty of work and good wages all winter. In the spring he came home, bringing with him what seemed a small fortune, having received his earnings in gold. Remaining at home but a few weeks he went to Pittsburg, and took passage on the "Telegraph No. 1," then about to start on her first trip down the river, this was in the spring of 1850. Upon reaching Cincinnati he immediately found employment at his trade, and wrought at it as a journeyman in the cities of Cincinnati and Newport one and a half years. He then rented a shop back of the Spencer House and began business on his own account. Soon afterwards contracting to build a large house in Newport, and having other work to do there, he concluded to remove thither and identify himself with that city, and here he has lived and carried on the building business ever since, for several years past dealing also in lime and lumber.

From 1853 to 1876 Mr. S. was a member of the German Methodist Church, in the latter year he joined, by letter, Grace Church. He was one of the original charter members of the American Protestant Association, in which he has filled all the chairs.

He received the Entered Apprentice degree, March 3, 1869; the Fellow Craft, April 7th; and the Masters', May 6th, the same year. But

he was not yet satisfied, so he sought of the Chapter, the Council, and the Commandery, further light and greater privileges, which were granted and bestowed by Olive Branch Chapter in 1869; Jeffries Council, September 6, 1869; and Newport Commandery, October 8, 1869. Thus in less than eight months he was put in possession of all the degrees from Entered Apprentice to Knight Templar inclusive, and is affiliated with all of the bodies named above, and also with Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, F. A. M. Besides his Masonic connections he has passed through all the chairs of Odd Fellowship, and is a member of the Pythian Knighthood. For twelve or fifteen years he was elected to the City Council, and made an efficient member thereof.

June 1, 1854, he was married to Miss Crescentia C. Meilich, daughter of Anton and Mary Meilich, natives of Germany, but then residing in Dayton, Kentucky. The children who have blessed this union have been named as follows, Charles W. H., Oliver P., Edward B. (who died in infancy), Walter A., Justina, George W., Benjamin F. D. (who died aged two years), Mary T., Robert W., John W. (died in infancy), Samuel A., Carry C., and Alice C. L., in all thirteen, ten of whom are living, and have been or are being educated in the city schools.

Physically Bro. S. is a powerfully built man, having a strong, vigorous constitution, and is yet full of life and activity. Although from boyhood a hard worker, and now past forty-nine, he shows but little of times' ravages, giving and receiving a joke with the zest of his earlier years. His election for so many years to represent his ward in the City Council, indicate the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens. He has been prosperous in business and gained a fair share of this world's goods. Several years ago he purchased on Washington Avenue, between Ringgold and Harris streets, a house which he remodeled and enlarged, until he made it a substantial and convenient residence, in which surrounded by his family he can pass the declining years of his life in ease and comfort.



RICHARD SHALER.



HALER, RICHARD, Newport, Kentucky, is the son of Doctor Nathaniel B. Shaler, one of Newport's prominent physicians and citizens. His mother, whose maiden name was Ann H. Southgate, was a native of Campbell County, Kentucky, his father of New York. Richard was born in Newport on the 14th of February, 1844. His education was acquired in the schools of his native city. Early in life, impressed with a desire to become a Mason, he knocked at the door of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, and was admitted and became a member on the 16th of April, 1873; he is also a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, he received the Royal Arch degree, October 3, 1873; the Royal and Select Masters', April 12, 1875, and became a member of Jeffries Council, No. 33; he was created a Knight Templar by Newport Commandery, No. 13, on the 16th of October, 1874, he now holds membership in all of the foregoing bodies.

Personally, Bro. Shaler is tall, erect and of gentlemanly manners, courteous in his intercourse with his fellow-men, and as yet a bachelor.

CHARLES J. WOLFF.



WOLFF, CHARLES J., is a native of Germany. His parents, John and Rosa Wolff, both died in 1857, leaving the boy at an early age an orphan. Charles upon arriving at the proper age, was apprenticed to learn the hatter's trade, and served three years and a half, and then, according to the custom of that country, traveled and worked at it ten years more. In the beginning of 1872 he resolved to emigrate to America. Acting upon this resolution he sailed from his native land and arrived in New York on the 27th of February, 1872. Leaving that city immediately, he came to Cincinnati, and on the 4th of March we find him walking her streets for the first time. He soon found employment at his trade with Mr. Tobias, the hatter, with whom he remained several months. When the panic of 1873 came on, the hat business suffered a depression like the other trades, and as he was thrown out of employment, he turned his attention to the manufacture of clothing, and finding it more reliable than his former employment has pursued it ever since.

On the vessel in which he crossed the Atlantic, there was a fair German maiden, named Bertha Werdenberg, whom he had known and loved in his native land; that love was reciprocated, and so shortly after their arrival in Cincinnati they were married. This event took place April 2, 1872. Soon after their marriage they went to Newport to reside, and at present are living at 206 Putnam street; they have three healthy, flax-haired, rosy-cheeked children, named Henry L., Bertha and Lydia.

Becoming convinced that Masonry was an institution worthy of seeking admission to, he knocked at the door of Robert Burns Lodge, was admitted and raised to the Masters' degree on the 4th of October, 1873; becoming a Royal Arch Mason, June 12, 1877; and a Knight Templar, July 30, 1877.

Bro. Wolff has not regretted either his emigration to this country, or been disappointed in his estimate of the benefits of Masonry. He finds the square and compass efficient implements in the hands of skilled workmen, while his further desire to behold the beauties of the temple, has also been gratified.

GUSTAVE HOLZHAUER.



HOLZHAUER, GUSTAVE, Apothecary and Druggist, was born in Germany on the 2nd of August, 1847. His father, Jacob F., and his mother, Catherine, are both living and residing in their native land, where the paternal parent follows the occupation of a miller. Gustave received a very liberal education and was placed by his father in a drug store, where he had to serve three and a half years without wages, and his father paid a stipulated sum besides. At the expiration of his term of apprenticeship, he was employed as clerk one year. In 1866 he emigrated to this country, and first got employment in Madison, Indiana, where he remained upwards of two years, coming from there to the city of Newport, and entering the drug store of Mr. Yungblut, with whom he remained about a year and a half. Upon leaving Mr. Y.'s employ, he established himself in business, on the corner of Monmouth and Tibbatts streets, and there has succeeded in building up a retail trade, second to none in the city.

Mr. Holzhauser became a member of Newport Lodge, No. 358, F. A. M., in 1869; of Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, in 1870; and of Newport Commandery, No. 13, in 1871. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of the Red Men. Although eminently a society man, his business affairs have kept him from holding office in any of the bodies to which he belongs.

In 1872, August 1st, he was united in marriage to Miss Amalia Kauther, daughter of Philip Kauther, of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have two children, named Louis P., and Annie.

Bro. H. though small in stature is a very active, efficient business man, keenly alive to everything connected with his trade. As has been previously

mentioned he has built up a retail drug trade, second to none in the city of Newport, although it is but a few years since he began for himself. The secret of his success is his close attention to business, his activity, energy, accommodating disposition, pleasant manner, and upright dealing,¹ these traits of character have served him in a goodly degree, instead of large capital and a spacious and attractive store.



HENRY A. WADSWORTH.



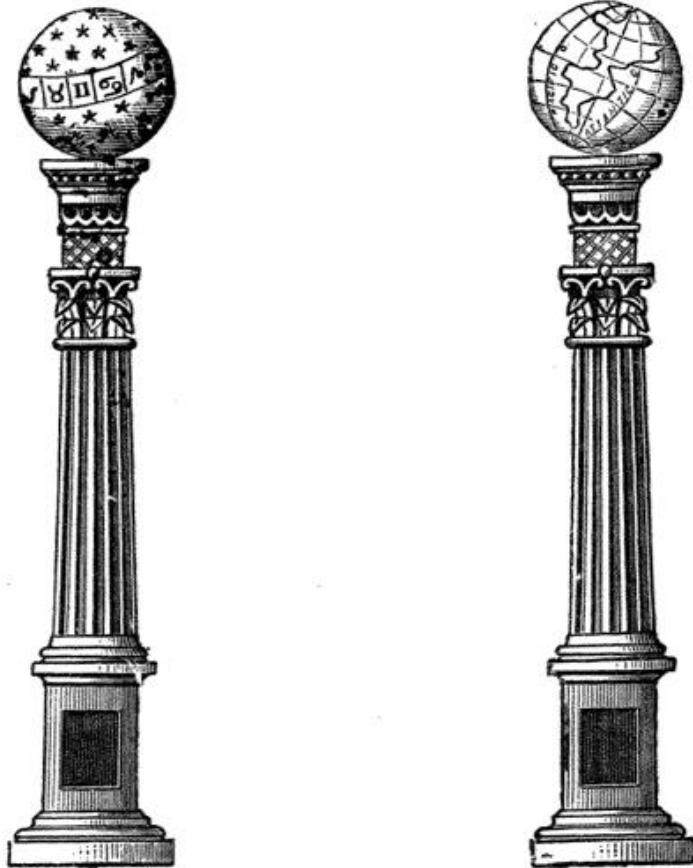
WADSWORTH, HENRY A., Watch Case Maker, was born in Warwickshire, England, on the 14th of October, 1845, and received there a part of his education, and in Brooklyn, New York, the remainder. His father and mother, Arthur and Eliza Wadsworth, were also natives of the same place as where Henry was born, but in 1859 they emigrated to this country and settled in Brooklyn, where they resided seven or eight years. While there Mr. Wadsworth was a member of the firm of Robert Schell & Co., Watch Makers ; when the firm with which he was connected established a large manufactory in Newark, New Jersey, Mr. Wadsworth went there to reside, and has there remained ever since.

Henry learned his trade in the city of New York, completing it at the age of twenty-one. He then wrought one year at his trade there, before coming to Cincinnati, where after working a year for Mr. Dueber, he returned to New York and there stayed another year, he then came back to Cincinnati, and again worked for Mr. Dueber for a period of two years, and then went into the employ of Duhme & Co., corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, where he has remained ever since.

He became a Master Mason and a member of Newport Lodge, No. 358, on the 20th of November, 1869, and has since been elected its Junior Deacon one term, and its Junior Warden one year. He is also a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar. He received the Royal Arch degree, January 24, 1871 ; and the Knight Templars', May 26, 1871. They were respectively conferred by Olive Branch Chapter, and Newport Commandery, in each of which bodies he now holds membership, and in the Commandery has served one term as Sword Bearer.

Personally, Bro. Wadsworth is a pleasant, agreeable man, one who takes

a lively interest in Masonic matters, and squares his actions by the principles inculcated by that Order. He is considered a good workman by his fellow-craftsmen, both in the shop and Lodge. He resides at 146 York street, Newport. He is still unmarried, of which fact the Daughters of Rebecca can "take due note and govern themselves accordingly."



JOHN PHILLIPS.



PHILLIPS, JOHN, Superintendent of Anchor Iron and Steel Works, Newport, Kentucky, was born in Monmouthshire, Wales, on the 14th of June, 1831. His father died there many years ago; his mother who had a son and daughter living in Cleveland, Ohio, came there to reside with them, and a few years ago she died and was buried there. Enoch, the father of the subject of this sketch, was a worker in iron, and the latter years of his life, was Superintendent of a Rail Mill and Iron Works. John was educated in his native town, and had good advantages for acquiring a fair common school education. As soon as he was old enough he began as a helper in a rolling mill, and there remained until about twenty years of age. He then went to Scotland where he wrought at the iron business about two years more, and then came to America. Finding employment at Pottsville, Pennsylvania, in a rolling mill where he remained six months, going thence to Minersville, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in coal mining for a short time; he did not remain long there but went to Safe Harbor, and again commenced working in a rolling mill, where he staid sometime. His next change of location was to Columbia, where he did not remain long, but removed to Pittsburg and there was employed several months. When the Rail Mill in Indianapolis, Indiana, was started, he went there and began work in it, remaining there two years, going thence to Evansville where he worked a few months. From Evansville, Indiana, he came to Kentucky, and with the exception of a few months employment in the cities of Louisville and Covington, has been a resident of Newport, living there since 1863. Twelve years of that time employed at Swift's Rolling Mill, the remainder at the Anchor Iron and Steel Works. While it was an incorporated company he was its Vice-President and Superintendent, the latter position he yet retains.

Mr. Phillips' Masonic connections extend to the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, being a member of Golden Rule Lodge, of Covington; of Olive Branch Chapter, Jeffries Council, and Newport

Commandery of Newport. He has passed all the chairs in the Odd Fellows fraternity, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Several years ago he united with the Greenup Street Methodist Church in Covington, and still retains his membership there. He was twice elected a member of the Newport City Council, and was at one time a Director in the Newport and Covington Bridge Company.

On the 4th of August, 1855, he married Miss Margaret Stewart, a native of Scotland, but at the time of the marriage residing at Safe Harbor, Pennsylvania. Five of the children born to them are living, and are named Enoch D., who graduated at Newport High School; John F., now attending Hughes High School, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mary J., Lillie A., attending the Newport schools; and Margaret, the youngest. Residence 26 Walnut street, Newport.

With the exception of a few months, Bro. Phillips' whole life since boyhood has been spent in the manufacture of iron, and it is safe to say that he is as familiar with it and its uses and properties, as is the farmer with his lands and their products, or the merchant with his goods. One who has never visited the mills where iron is manufactured, has but little conception of the number of times a bar or rod is handled after it comes molten from the furnace, ere it is of the uniform thickness or diameter required. To begin as a boy, work up through the various grades, be exposed frequently to the excessive heat, to follow this vocation for many years requires a strong constitution and vigorous health, these Mr. Phillips possessed. He also has been a man of good habits, and though a hard worker has found time to improve his mind. Although sustaining some heavy losses in the last few years, he bears them with fortitude, aided and sustained by the consciousness that he has wronged no one.



AUGUSTUS F. HOLLIS.



HOLLIS, AUGUSTUS FREDERICK, Salesman in the firm of F. Schultz & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, is the son of Frederick H. and Susannah Hollis. His father was born in Berkshire, near Windsor Castle, England, and his mother in Sussex County. They emigrated to this country in 1841, and at first settled in Maryland, where they remained one year, after which they came to Kentucky, and here have made it their home ever since, he following his avocation, which is that of contractor and builder. Augustus was born in Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky, on the 16th of February, 1844, and received his education in the public schools of that city. At the early age of fourteen he entered the store of James G. Arnold, where he remained four years. His next employment was in the wholesale and retail dry goods store of R. L. Crigler, Pearl street, Cincinnati, Ohio, with whom he remained about one year. About this time his father and family made arrangements to visit England, and he determined to go with them. There they remained about one year and then came to Newport, Kentucky, where they have resided until the present time. After his return Mr. Hollis became a clerk in the store of Jacob Sellers, Covington, with whom he remained until 1865. From then until 1868, he was engaged as a traveling agent for the Widows and Orphans Home and other business. In the above mentioned year he entered the employ of F. Schultz & Co., on Fourth Street, Cincinnati, and there has remained ever since.

In 1866, while employed in Covington, he was initiated into and became a member of Col. Clay Lodge, F. A. M., from which he dimitted and affiliated with Newport Lodge, soon after his removal thither. He is now also a member of Olive Branch Chapter, Jeffries Council, and Newport Commandery. The Royal Arch degrees were conferred upon him on the 18th of June, 1872; the Templar, February 28, 1873; and the Royal and Select Master, December 3, 1877. Since his affiliation with Newport Lodge, it has elected him their Junior Deacon one term. In addition to his Masonic connections, he is a member of North Star Lodge, No. 76, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a worthy member of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Newport.

On the 10th of June, 1869, Bro. Hollis was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hall, of Covington, who lived but a few months, dying the 17th of February, 1870. Remaining single several years he was again married October 15, 1875, to Miss Clara Florer, daughter of R. C. Florer. By this union is perpetuated unto the third generation the name of Frederick, for their only child bears his father's name in full.

As in prior place told, Bro. H. is a Protestant Episcopalian, nor is this all, no sluggard he, content with name alone. Of the many deeds done by the right hand of which the left knoweth not, we spare surmises, yet this we learn, the Mission Sunday-school has claimed him as its Superintendent for a full decade of years, a position in which no slight talent is requisite; for the nature must be true and tender, the motive pure and unalloyed, righteous and unflagging the zeal that could win the heart of childhood from ignorance and vice to knowledge and virtue. And in "That day which hath neither a yesterday or tomorrow," many may greet him with—"Thou hast sown the seed, behold the harvest."



THOMAS BARDSLEY.



BARDSLEY, THOMAS, Paper Hanger, was born at Oldham, Lancashire, England, February 11, 1832. His parents, Zebulon and Jane Bardsley, emigrated to America in 1841, and came to Cincinnati to live in 1842. There for many years, Mr. B. wrought at his trade, that of a hatter, and there too he resided until 1853, when he moved to Newport, Kentucky. Thomas attended the public schools until of proper age to learn a trade, and then was apprenticed to the firm of Charles and Frederick Andrews, Paper Hangers. He served seven years, according to the old English custom, and was then thoroughly qualified in all its branches. Until 1868 he worked as a journeyman in Cincinnati, and then he began business for himself in Newport, at 139 York street, occupying the lower part of the building for a salesroom, and the upper for a residence.

In 1859 Mr. Bardsley became a Mason, and a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, and since has filled many official positions in it; he is also a Royal Arch Mason, a Royal and Select Master, and Knight Templar; he received the Chapter degrees in Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, in 1863, and has since held in that body the offices of Master of the First Veil, Captain of the Host, Scribe, and King; Jeffries Council, No. 33, bestowed upon him, in 1863, the Royal and Select Master degrees, and they too have elected him several times to official positions; he took the Templar degrees in Covington Commandery, No. 7, in 1865, and remained a member of it until the establishment of Newport Commandery, No. 13, of which he was one of the charter members. While a member of No. 7, he filled several subordinate positions in it, and in Newport Commandery has been Captain General, Generalissimo, and Eminent Commander. He is also an Odd Fellow and has passed all the chairs in that Order, and been a Representative to the Grand Lodge.

In 1860, together with his mother, he visited the place of his birth, and spent several pleasant months amidst the scenes of his childhood, which although many years absent, he had not forgotten.

On the 21st of April, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Miller ; they have one son, Thomas.

Bro. B. is a decided, firm believer in the Christian revelation, and for many years has been a member of the Episcopal Church. In stature he is of moderate height, his person neither spare nor corpulent, but indicating perfect health and an easy mind. Bro. Bardsley possesses an active temperament, and a retentive memory ; he is pleasant in his demeanor, and unassuming in manners. His business is now well established, and with the advent of more prosperous times, will doubtless attain that degree of prosperity which he justly merits.



DAVID R. LOCK.



LOCK, DAVID RICHARD, Merchant and Superintendent of Police, Newport, Kentucky, was born February 2, 1835, in London, England. There his father, John B., was engaged in the grocery business, and there David received his education. In 1849, Mr. Lock disposed of his stock of goods and emigrated with his family to America. Settling in Newport he re-commenced the grocery business, and carrying it on successfully until 1873, he retired. David shortly after his arrival in Newport began to learn the plasterer's trade, of the Kinsey Brothers, a firm carrying on that business in Cincinnati, Ohio. With them he served a three years apprenticeship, and then began for himself in Newport, where he carried it on for eighteen years. He then engaged in the hardware trade, which he still remains in, at 192 Monmouth street.

When the Eighth Regiment of Federal Cavalry, commanded by Colonel B. F. Bristow, was formed, he was commissioned a Lieutenant in Company E, and served from the time of its muster into service until the 3rd of August, 1863, when he was taken prisoner, near Elkton, and carried to Richmond, Virginia, and incarcerated in Libby prison, in which, and other prisons, he remained twenty months, being released April, 1865, and returning home.

Mr. Lock was united to Miss Sarah Hagerty, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hagerty, of Newport, on the 2nd of May, 1859; the marriage ceremony being performed by the Rev. William Stillwell. One son, William Henry, educated in the schools of Newport, is their only child.

Mr. L. became a member of the Masonic fraternity and Robert Burns Lodge in 1866; and the same year received the Royal Arch degrees from Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76. When Newport Commandery was established, he sought and gained admission thereto, and has since been one of its active members. Robert Burns Lodge elected him one year each to the offices of Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, and Junior Warden, and the Commandery to the post of Captain General.

In religious belief he is an Episcopalian and a member of that Church. He was elected City Collector in 1871, and after serving three years resigned, having been elected Superintendent of Police in August, 1874, this position he has held now nearly four years. Many do not realize either the duties of the patrolman who makes his nightly round, who, while good citizens sleep, must be wakeful and watchful to guard their property and often preserve their lives from the midnight prowler, nor do they consider what the one has to contend with who directs the movements of the whole body. How he must look to the discipline of his force; be prompt to judge of the efficiency of his men; see that they perform faithfully their duties; be able to judge of complaints that are constantly coming in, not only of duties neglected, but also of too much zeal displayed; these are but minor matters compared with some that occur. Take for instance, an extensive burglary, an incendiary fire, or a mysterious murder; the community at large speculates upon it, guesses how it was done, and in a few days the interest dies out and it is almost forgotten. Not so with the Chief, he visits the scene of the affair once, twice, it may be a score of times, observes minutely all the surroundings, gleans from every possible source stray items, follows what seems intangible clues, unravels the specious web of mystery that surrounds the affair, and brings the guilty to justice. Napoleon said that one who had sufficient talent to make a successful Chief of Police, had enough to command, at least, a division, and judging by his estimate, the office is not the sinecure most people think it. That Bro. L. makes a brave and efficient officer, is, we believe, almost universally acknowledged.

As a business man he has also succeeded, and is liked in the community in which he lives. Though of but medium size, he looks tough and hardy, and can endure long continued fatigue as well as larger and stronger men. He resides at 169 Madison street.



PETER H. JEFFRIES.



JEFFRIES, PETER H., Civil Engineer and Clergyman, was born at Liverpool, England, August 16th, 1809, and was the only one of seven children that lived to attain the age of maturity. His father and mother, George and Ann (Slater) Jeffries, were also natives of that country. His father during his life-time carried on the business of a book publisher at Liverpool, where Peter acquired part of his education, which was subsequently finished at Trinity College, Ireland. While attending school in Liverpool one of his classmates was the since renowned William E. Gladstone, and Mr. Jeffries in later years, related how he and that distinguished gentleman once had a quarrel, and coming to blows, Mr. G. was vanquished. Having succeeded in acquiring a good education, he desired to engage in missionary work, but his mother could not bear the thought of parting with her only remaining child, and he dutifully yielded to her wishes, and qualified himself for a civil engineer, and soon thereafter was employed in the survey and location of the Liverpool and Manchester Railroad, his preceptor being that celebrated engineer, George Stephenson. After the completion of that work he was for several years engaged in similar enterprises in various parts of the country. He also engaged in trading, and at one time was principal of a large school, but his health failing he had to abandon teaching.

In 1837 he married Miss Stephens, an English lady residing near Wolverhampton. About the year 1844, just as he was completing three large capacious warehouses at Liverpool, a fire destroyed them, causing him a loss of nearly fifty thousand dollars, they being uninsured. This left him but little property except the ground upon which they stood, this he sold and with his wife emigrated to Charleston, South Carolina, where he remained engaged in civil engineering or teaching until 1852 or 1853. About that time his desire became strong to follow his early predilection, and he prepared himself for the ministry, and was ordained on the 27th of July, 1856, by Bishop McIlvain, of Ohio. In 1858 he became pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Newport, Kentucky, and for nine years retained charge of it.

In 1866 he resigned, but still remained in Newport, engaged in preaching, teaching and taking an active part in the Masonic bodies of that city until his death.

He was originally a member of the Royal Engineers Lodge of Masons in Liverpool, but at the time of his death of Robert Burns Lodge, of Newport, of which he was at one time Worshipful Master; he was also a member of Olive Branch Chapter, and had served as its High Priest. In Jeffries Council which was named for him he had been Thrice Illustrious; and for several years Prelate in Newport Commandery. The Grand Commandery of Kentucky had also honored him by electing him Eminent Commander of that body, and before Newport Commandery was established, he was elected Eminent Commander of Covington Commandery, No. 7, of which he was a bright member. The records of both subordinate and grand bodies are full of the evidences of his zeal and devotion to the institution of Masonry, of which Fraters testified their appreciation by exalting him to many positions of honor. Active and earnest in his efforts to extend the influence of the sublime principles of the institution, he left an example worthy of imitation by all.

In November, 1873, death robbed him of his companion and wife. On the 24th of May, 1874, he again was married, to Miss Rebecca J. Wright, a native of Leighlin Bridge, County Carlow, Ireland. His death occurred February 9th, 1876, and his funeral was attended by the Masonic bodies of which he was a member. Suitable resolutions were passed, and we have taken the liberty to incorporate in this sketch those of the Lodge to which he belonged.

WHEREAS: It has pleased Almighty God in his infinite wisdom, to call from his labors here on earth to refreshment in the Grand Lodge above, our late brother, Rev. P. H. Jeffries; therefore be it

Resolved.—That in the death of Bro. Jeffries the Lodge has sustained a loss of one dear to them, and whose counsels and guidance will not be soon forgotten, and in his demise we have another call to be ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the summons may come; and while we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, we offer to the bereaved widow our heartfelt condolence, and with her would mingle our tears, and commend her to trust in Him who has promised to be a husband to the widow.

Resolved.—That Robert Burns Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity have lost a member whose name and services will form an important element in our history. Strong in his convictions, true to the principles of the Order, bold in his advocacy of what he deemed to be manly and right, in him might always be found a friend to advocate or defend the cause of an erring brother, his absence from our midst will be deeply felt, our sorrow deep

and abiding. Bro. Jeffries was thoroughly enthused with the principles of Masonry. Its ethical system was dearer to him than its symbols or ceremonies. The latter he valued as the preserving signs of its principles, and the medium through which they found expression. Hence he was a Mason in truth, and lived within the triangle of the great lights.

Resolved.—That a living Brotherhood having cast the evergreen, a symbol of immortality, upon his coffin lid, the emblematic acacia will be kept fresh and verdant in its silent watch over his grave. He has gone to rest in full faith, that by the strong grip of the Lion of the tribe of Judah he will be raised from the sleep of the grave, to give him' eternal residence with the Supreme Grand Master, in that house not made with hands.

“ With us thou can’st not die,
But hold thy place;
Till we ourselves on high,
Meet face to face.”

“ Why should our tears in sorrow flow,
When God recalls His own;
And bids them leave a world of woe,
For an immortal crown?”

JOHN J. RAIPE,
ROBERT TOWNSEND, } *Committee.*
THOMAS DIXON.



JOHN GUGLE.



UGLE, JOHN, Baker, is the son of John and Anna M. Gugle, natives of Baden, Germany. His mother died in her native country in 1844. His father emigrated to this country in 1853, bringing with him all of his family, except the oldest son, who had come to the United States several years previous. Mr. John Gugle, Sr., was also a baker, but the subject of this sketch finished his trade, which he had partly learned in his native land, with an uncle who had come out a few years before and settled in Newport, so that John's career

began in the city in which he has resided since his arrival in America. He was born in Baden, Germany, November 30, 1835, and there received his education. After completing his trade he worked as a journeyman from 1854 until 1865, when he went into business on the corner of Ringgold and Monmouth streets, where he remained four years, and then bought land and erected a house and bakery, at 228 Monmouth street, and since has carried on the bakery business and resided there.

On the 25th of February, 1858, he married Miss Sarah Albright, also a native of Baden, Germany, but at that time a resident of Newport, Kentucky. The children born of this union are John, Jacob, Gustave A., Frank, Frederick, Caroline, and Elizabeth, seven in all, who have been educated or are attending the city schools of Newport.

In 1865 Mr. Gugle was made a Mason and became a member in Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163; in 1866 took the Chapter and Council degrees, which were conferred by Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, and Jeffries Council, No. 33; Newport Commandery, No. 13, created and dubbed him a Sir Knight in 1874. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Bro. Gugle is a man of pleasant demeanor, much liked by those who know him well, and makes a good citizen in his adopted land. Our country has room for many more of like character, if they come as Bro. G. did, to grow up, marry and become identified with our citizens, our customs and our prosperity.

LEROY R. HAWTHORNE.



HAWTHORNE, LEROY R., City Clerk of Newport, was born near Morgantown, West Virginia, on the 9th of August, 1829. His father, Robert, was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, his mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Kiger, of Virginia. During the lifetime of Mr. Hawthorne, Sr., he farmed and manufactured, being the first one to establish a nail manufactory West of the Alleghany Mountains. He and his wife died, and both were buried at Morgantown. Leroy attended the schools of his native town and there received the foundation of his education, while but a youth he went to Wheeling to reside with his uncle, Jacob Kiger, and clerked in his store for four years. Upon leaving there he came to Newport, Kentucky, where a brother of his was living, determining to qualify himself for the position of a book-keeper, he attended Bartlett's Commercial College, in Cincinnati, going through a full course. Soon after he got the position of second clerk on the steamboat "United States," where he remained one year, and the next season served in like capacity upon the "Western World." He then became book-keeper for the firm of Southgate & Co., with whom he remained several years. Upon leaving that firm he went to the Spencer House as book-keeper of that hotel, it was at that time in the height of its prosperity, he staid there two years. In 1856 he went to Winona, Minnesota, to take an interest in a hotel in that newly begun town, and there he remained about five years, the first three of which proved very successful, and the last two equally unsuccessful, the war coming on and business in a measure being paralyzed.

In 1861 he returned to Newport, and in the summer of the same year enlisted in Company B, Twenty-third Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers. When that regiment was organized at Camp King, he was made Quartermaster Sergeant, and served as such until the 20th of June, 1862, when he was commissioned First Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the Twenty-third, which position he held until April 26, 1864, when he was promoted to Captain and Commissary of Subsistence, United States Volunteers, by President Lincoln, and assigned for duty with the Army of the Cumberland

and Tennessee, then in the Atlanta campaign, and thus served until December 10, 1865, when he was assigned as Chief Commissary of Subsistence, in the Department of Kentucky, and served as such until the 17th of March, 1866, and was then relieved by Major J. W. Barringer, United States Army, and mustered out of the service, receiving the commission of Brevet Major from President Johnson, for faithful services in the Subsistence Department.

Soon afterwards he became Secretary of the United Life Insurance Company of Covington, Kentucky, and remained with them until 1870. March, 1872, he was elected City Clerk of Newport, and again in 1876, was re-elected. By virtue of his office he is Clerk of the Water Works Board, and has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Newport and Covington Bridge Company for several years. Though not a member of any church his predilections incline to the Presbyterian.

The degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, were conferred upon Mr. Hawthorne by Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, in June 20, 1874; he became a Royal Arch Mason and a member of Olive Branch Chapter in 1874, October 27th; a Royal and Select Master in 1878, February 4th, and a member of Jeffries Council; a member of Newport Commandery, No. 13, in 1875, March 26th. He is a worthy member of North Star Lodge, I. O. O. F., in which Order he has passed all the chairs, and also a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias.

He was married on the 26th of December, 1855, to Miss Louisa Smith, of Boone County, Kentucky; the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Black, of Newport; two children have blessed this union, viz.: Winona, who graduated at the Hughes High School, and is now in the senior year of a classical course at the Cincinnati University; and Henry L., in the last year at Woodward High School, Cincinnati. Bro. Hawthorne resides at 107 Taylor street.

His personal characteristics are those of an exact and methodic business man, he is quiet and unostentatious, modest and unassuming. A man of merit, well esteemed by those who know him best, and one whose integrity is unquestioned, and whose reputation is unsullied.



JAMES TAYLOR, JR.



AYLOR, JAMES, JR., was born in Newport, Kentucky, on the 22nd of December, 1834. He was the oldest son of James and Susan (Barry) Taylor, both of whom are natives of Kentucky, and both descended from families of wealth and influence in Virginia. The paternal grandfather was one of the original settlers of Newport, and acquired a large landed estate in and around that city, many acres of it being still owned by his immediate heirs, and is now very valuable. James' education commenced in his native city, and was supplemented by a collegiate course at Miami, Oxford, Ohio, where he graduated with high honors. He then read law and graduated from the Cincinnati Law School, and soon after went to Saint Louis, Missouri, where he engaged in the practice of his chosen profession, and was rapidly gaining a reputation, when the late civil war between the North and South began. Not wishing to become an active participator on either side, he went to Montreal, Canada, where he remained several years, and where he was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Porterfield, formerly of Nashville, Tennessee. This union was blessed by three children, two sons and a daughter.

Upon his return to Newport he engaged in banking, as already mentioned in the sketch of his brother John, and remained a partner until his death, which occurred February 1, 1875. At the time of his decease he was a member and also a vestryman of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

He became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, F. A. M., on the 29th of April, 1857; and received the Chapter degrees in Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, in 186-; the Templar degrees were conferred upon him by Covington Commandery, No. 7, in 1868, but he withdrew in 1869, becoming one of the charter members of Newport Commandery, No. 13, of which he was elected the first Treasurer; he took the Royal and Select Masters' degrees in Jeffries Council, No. 33, April 5, 1869. In all of the foregoing bodies he retained his membership until the summons came that transferred him to the Grand Encampment above. The following resolutions

express the estimation in which he was held by his Fraters in the Com-mandery.

WHEREAS: The allwise disposer of events, has in His divine rulings, called away from toil and labor, Sir James Taylor, Jr., to his eternal rest; therefore be it

Resolved.—That it becomes our duty to submit to those rulings, and bow with humble submission to His wise behests, and say, “The Lord gave; the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

Resolved.—That we mourn our brother’s loss, and cherish his memory. For nearly twenty years a Freemason, he had won upon our affections by his urbanity and kindness. Taken from us in the prime of life, when we might look forward with higher interest to nobler developments of character, we cannot but say, “Clouds and darkness are wound about Him, yet justice and judgment are the habitations of His throne.

Resolved.—That we offer to his beloved parents and mourning wife, all the sympathy we are capable of offering, and would remind them that the promises of God are yea and Amen to all that believe. The parents’ solace, and the widow’s comfort, are still held in reversion for those whose trust is in God. His pilgrimage is over; his warfare is accomplished; the battle of life is at an end; though short it has been severe; the Templar has accomplished his mission, and the strife is done.

But the sorrow felt by his relatives, friends, church associates and Masonic brethren, was not confined to them alone, it was universal. The citizens of Newport, his acquaintances in the neighboring cities of Cincinnati and Covington, all grieved when it became known that James Taylor, Jr., was dead. The studious boy had developed into the honest, accurate, efficient business man. His early education had ripened into mature knowledge, and many years of usefulness were before him, but death had marked him for his own. Two years before the fatal event occurred his health gradually began to fail, and though every effort was made to avert the dire calamity, it came slow but sure, bringing the deepest anguish to his loving wife, his fond parents, and his dear brothers and sisters. How true it is that “Death loves the shining mark,” and seizes both the good and great;

“Ne’er stops for wealth, nor youth, nor age,
But takes alike the prince and page.”



ALBERT LANG.



LANG, ALBERT, Bricklayer and Contractor, is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Simmons) Lang, who were natives of England, but emigrated to Canada in 1851, where Mr. Lang bought a farm in the town of Coburg, and where he resided and farmed for several years, and then moved to New York, where he has since remained. Albert was born in England on the 8th of September, 1845, and was but six years old when his parents crossed the Atlantic and made their home in Coburg. There he acquired a common school education. While yet a mere lad he was employed by a cousin of his in a grocery store, whom he remained with three years, when his relative gave up the store, and he went home and there remained a short time. He soon got employment, however, in another store, and was in his new position about one year. Returning home at the expiration of this engagement, he worked on his father's farm, and attended school again. After leaving school the second time, he went to the State of New York, and there engaged in farming and other pursuits until he arrived at the age of twenty-three, when he came to Newport, where he had a brother living. He then decided to learn the trade of a bricklayer, and commenced with Mr. William Wigston with whom he wrought three years, and was then declared a competent workman. Mr. Lang has continued at his trade since, the past three years conducting the business for himself in Newport, where he has resided since his marriage. Mr. L. is a member of the First Baptist Church of Newport, and one of its deacons.

On the 2nd of October, 1872, he became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, taking the Masters' degree on that date. He then asked of the Chapter, the Council, and the Commandery, further and more privileges, these were given by Olive Branch Chapter, July 14, 1874; Jeffries Council, September 21, 1874; and Newport Commandery, October 18th, of the same year. He was Tyler of all those bodies for three years, guarding that none but those well and duly qualified might enter. At present he is Sword Bearer in the Commandery and Steward in the Council. He has taken the

subordinate degrees in North Star Lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also a member of the Knights of Honor.

On the 28th of December, 1869, he was united in marriage to Miss Ann Owen Cookson, daughter of John Cookson, deceased, of Cincinnati, Ohio. One child, Alice M., is old enough to attend the Newport schools, the others, Fannie E., and Albert J., are yet too young. The family reside at 393 Tibbatts street.

Bro. Lang from boyhood has been inured to hard work, and has labored industriously to secure to himself a home. He has identified himself with Newport as a Mason and Christian, is an energetic, industrious and estimable citizen, who began the battle of life early and thus far has fought it manfully.



CHARLES H. HORNER.



HORNER, CHARLES H., Farmer, Cold Springs, Campbell County, Kentucky, was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, July 9, 1824. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Christie) Horner, were natives of Virginia, but in the year 1830 they moved to Newport, Kentucky, where he found work at his trade, that of a shoemaker, which he continued to follow for ten or twelve years, and then bought a small farm in the country. Charles acquired his education at tuition schools in Campbell County, as Newport in his childhood days was a small place, and its present admirable system of public schools was not then in existence. Early in life, however, he had to commence the battle of life for himself. He first engaged in fruit culture, and for thirty-five years has successfully carried it on, the last twenty-five at Cold Springs, where he has a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, devoted largely to growing of fruit.

In 1871 he became identified with the Masonic Fraternity, receiving the Masters' degree from Robert Burns Lodge, No. 163, on the 21st of June; one year later Olive Branch Chapter, No. 76, conferred the Royal Arch degrees upon him and he became a member of that body; and on the 24th of January, 1873, Newport Commandery created him a Knight Templar. His residence is so far out from the city that he cannot attend the meetings of the various bodies to which he belongs, so often as he would like, and thus he is debarred from some of the benefits of the institution. He filled the office of Standard Bearer in the Commandery one term.

In 1848, on the 4th of October, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Cones, daughter of James Cones, of Campbell County, Kentucky. They have eight children, James E., William H., Milton A., George A., Ella J., Hattie B., Charles H., and Lillie M. They have received their education in the schools of Campbell County and at Walnut Hills Seminary, of which Bro. Horner was for seven years a Trustee.

Bro. H. was elected two successive terms of four years each, Magistrate of Cold Springs District, and gave general satisfaction while holding office. In addition to his Masonic connections he is a member of the Good Templars,

he is also a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and now a licensed exhorter in that denomination. The personal characteristics of Bro. Horner are temperance, honesty, integrity and justice. All through life he has been governed by those cardinal principles, and has thus gained a reputation among his fellow-men that must be a source of pleasure to himself and gratification to his friends and family. His life from early boyhood has been one of unremitting labor and industry, but he has the satisfaction of knowing that it has not been in vain, for he has acquired a comfortable home in which to pass his declining years, and is prepared, when the summons comes that bids him put off the mortal for the immortal, to say, "I have fought the fight, I have finished the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of life, eternal in the heavens."



JOHN A. CASSELL.



CASSELL, JOHN ALBERT, Ticket Agent for the Louisville Short Line Railroad, is the son of William H. and Caroline (Dunbar) Cassell, who reside at Lancaster, Ohio, where John was born on the 11th of July, 1841. His father is a native of Ohio, his mother of Pennsylvania. John attended the schools of his native town until about fourteen years old, he then learned telegraphy in Lancaster, and then went to New Lexington, Ohio, where he was employed in the telegraph office. He had not been there more than two or three months when he determined to return home and learn his father's trade, which was that of a carpenter and builder, he worked at it two years, and had nearly completed his trade when the war broke out, and, for a time, business of all kinds was dull. In November, 1861, he was appointed United States Government Telegraph Operator, and ordered to report to Charlestown, West Virginia, for duty, thither he went and remained until February, 1862; while he was there he was appointed Cipher Operator, and was ordered to General George W. Morgan, Army of the Ohio, at Mill Springs, Kentucky, but did not reach there until the battle had been fought. He came up with the command at Barboursville, Kentucky, and remained with them through the entire campaign, and until the army had retreated to the Ohio river. He then took charge of the telegraph corps and went with them to Louisville, and thence to Mitchellsville, a station on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and after the road had been repaired, he was ordered to report to General E. A. Paine, with whom he remained until the end of the war, getting his discharge at Cairo, Illinois, in the spring of 1865.

There he remained until late in the fall working for Caton's Telegraph Lines. Leaving Cairo, he came to Louisville, Kentucky, and accepted the position of Report Telegraph Operator, then Night Manager, and Assistant Chief. Remaining in Louisville until 1870. He was then appointed Ticket Agent at Covington, by the Louisville Short Line Railroad, it then being the Eastern terminus of that road. Upon the completion of the bridge across the Ohio river he became the Newport Station Agent, and there

remained until June, 1876, when he was appointed Ticket Agent of the same road, with headquarters at the corner of Third and Vine street, Cincinnati, where he has remained until the present time.

His Masonic career began in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1865, when he became a member of Preston Lodge, No. 281.; in 1874 he became a Royal Arch Mason, and a Knight Templar; and in 1877 a Royal and Select Master; the degrees were conferred by Olive Branch Chapter, Jeffries Council, and Newport Commandery, of all these bodies he is now a member, and for the present year Senior Warden of the Commandery. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, and also of the Knights of Pythias, has been a Representative to the Grand Body of that Order two or three times.

June 6, 1867, he married Miss Adelia, the daughter of James Spybey, of Lancaster, Ohio, they have four children, named Minnie E., Carrie D., John V. (lately died), and Dillie. Residence 184 Monmouth street, Newport, Kentucky.

Bro. Cassell is a man of sterling business qualities, active, energetic and prompt, a worthy citizen and a bright Mason.



HENRY B. GILMORE.



GILMORE, HENRY B., was the son of Gurdon and Malvina (Butler) Gilmore. Gurdon, the paternal parent, long since dead, was a native of the State of New York, who came West in early life, and for many years was engaged in banking in Cincinnati, and here Henry was born June 29, 1840; his education was obtained at the public schools of his native city, supplemented by a course at Herron's Seminary. After leaving school he entered the employ of Gilmore and Dunlap, Bankers, Cincinnati, Ohio, with whom he remained several years.

Upon leaving the above firm, he was engaged in book-keeping for a number of years in Cincinnati. At the time of his decease, which occurred April 18, 1874, he was residing in Newport, Kentucky.

Mr. Gilmore became a member of Robert Burns Lodge, September 20, 1869; two months thereafter a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of Olive Branch Chapter; and in 1870, January 14th, a Knight Templar, and a member of Newport Commandery. A copy of the resolutions passed by the said Commandery are here inserted.

WHEREAS: It has pleased Almighty God to summon from his field of labor, our comrade and companion, Sir Knight H. B. Gilmore; be it therefore

Resolved.—That having listened for the third time within the present year to the trumpet of death, it becomes our duty to furbish up our weapons, for we know not but the next summons may be for us. Our companion's warfare is accomplished. His hours and days are numbered; we shall often think with pleasure upon the many agreeable traits of his character, and bow to the will of God. "In hoc signo vinces."

Resolved.—That while we mourn his loss, we desire to sympathize with the bereaved widow and fatherless child, and pray that the blessings of heaven may be their comfort and support in this hour of their affliction.

Resolved.—That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the archives of this Commandery and a copy sent to the bereaved family, in token of our respect and esteem for his many virtues and sterling worth.

His death was deplored by his acquaintances and friends very generally, for he had the faculty of making many and warm friends. In his manners he was gentle and courteous to all, so much so as to be an almost universal favorite.

On the 7th of June, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Edmonia Todd, daughter of Robert Todd, of Newport, Kentucky. One son, Robert T., was born of this union, who with his mother resides at Newport, Kentucky.

Before his death Bro. Gilmore united with the Episcopal Church at Newport. We cannot better close this brief sketch, than by quoting the language of one of his intimate friends.

Harry Gilmore was a man of refined feelings and tastes, modest and retiring in his manners, with a nature as gentle as a woman's. Generous and sensitive, proud, yet modest and unassuming, he was one of nature's noblemen.

