

Cortland Universalist Church.—Universalism was first preached in Cortland county by Nathaniel Stacy, who wrote: "In 1807, on my first visit to Cortland county, I delivered one address at Homer, and one at Port Watson. The latter was a new place but contained as many inhabitants as Homer. There was but one solitary house where the flourishing village of Cortland now (1850) stands, and that one was a residence of a friend of ours by the name Hubbard." (Stacy's Memoirs, page 190.) In the oldest record book of the parish extant, is the following reminiscence written apparently from memory, by the first clerk of the parish, John Chamberlain:

"According to early records of Universalism in Homer, it appears that a society of the name of 'The First Charitable, Universal, Religious Society of the Town of Homer,' was organized at

For a number of years services were held on alternate Sundays at these places. His pastorate lasted two years, when Rev. George Sanderson, in 1833, became pastor, and served the church in that capacity for three years. It was during this period that the permanent foundation of the present society was laid. At a special meeting of the parish in the Baptist meeting house, held Sept. 17, 1834, a committee of seven, of which the pastor was first named, was appointed "to draft a new code of by-laws for the benefit of the society." The committee reported the next month; the report was adopted, and arrangements made for a grand meeting when the new Covenant should be signed. The two days' Conference meeting was held in February, 1835. Rev. Dolphus Skinner gives a very interesting account of it in the "Magazine and Advocate" of that year, he preaching



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NORTH MAIN ST., NORTH FROM CLINTON.

the court house, Homer, (now Cortlandville) the 16th of Nov., 1813. Samuel Ingalls and Mead Merrill presided at the above meeting. The following persons were elected trustees: Moses Hopkins, Allen Barry, John Chamberlain, David Merrick, Mead Merrill, Roger Edgcomb. A society of the name of 'The First Universalist Society of the Town of Homer' was organized Jan. 19, 1829, at the house of David Merrick. The last meeting of the above society was holden on the 18th of Jan., 1831."

The "House of David Merrick" stood on the present site of the Cortland Opera House. In the early days there seems to have been no settled pastor, services being held occasionally, whenever a preacher came this way. This continued until 1831, when Rev. Nelson Doolittle, settled at Cortland and Homer, as the first permanent pastor.

two sermons. Nine ministers, whose names he mentions, were present. In conclusion he says: "At the close of the service, the Constitution, Declaration and Covenant were read, and signed by thirty-five sisters and sixty-six brethren, making an aggregate of one hundred and one members." The Baptist meeting house was still used as a place of worship. Late in 1835 or early in 1836 a committee was chosen relative to "building a meeting house." On February 9th, 1836, this committee was empowered "to fix upon the size of the house, form and materials of which it shall be built, the plan of raising the money, and the site where it shall stand." February 23, the committee reported "That the meeting house be built on the lot offered by Calvin Bishop. That the size of the house be 60x44 feet. That the walls be of cobblestone and such other materials as are

necessary for the purpose and that the funds be raised by subscription." This was not quite explicit enough, for this was followed by a motion that "the committee agree on a level floor, a gallery on three sides, west, north and south, two tiers of windows, and a desk in the east end of the house." About this time the Rev. Walter Bullard became pastor and served in that capacity for two years, being followed by Rev. A. C. Barry in 1838. During his pastorate the society was re-incorporated, the legal name, "The First Charitable, Universalist, Religious Society of the Town of Homer," was changed to "The First Universalist Society of the Town of Cortlandville." This was done May 7, 1839. The new church was dedicated July 10, 1839. At the annual meeting Jan. 10, 1840, Rev. T. J. Whitcomb was called to the pastorate. The following year his predecessor, Rev. A. C. Barry, wrote in the "Magazine and Advocate" (page 141) regarding this society: "There are now (1841) probably between seventy and eighty members. Their meeting house (the best in the county) is located at Cortland village—the county seat—which contains rising over a thousand inhabitants." On Jan. 11, 1842, Rev. Mr. Whitcomb received twenty-two new members in the church, among them being our honored and beloved deacon, Ebenezer Mudge, the only survivor of that company. We will pass over the pastorates of Rev. Messrs. Charles S. Brown and D. H. Strickland and others, until the year 1857, when the church called to minister to it Rev. William H. Fish. Mr. Fish came as a non-sectarianist. His creed was temperance and the abolition of slavery. His pastorate extended through five years, 1857 to 1862. This was the golden age of the Lyceum and public lectures, and Mr. Fish was the man to make the most of every opportunity. To the platform of this church came Thomas Starr King, Theodore Parker, Henry Ward Beecher, Edward H. Chapin, Charles Sumner, Wendell Phillips, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Ralph Waldo Emerson and others. With considerable Yankee shrewdness Mr. Fish quite often managed to have the lectures take place on Saturday night, so that the guests would have to remain over Sunday, and the people would have the privilege of two or three more lectures the next day, free of charge. Rev. Mr. Fish's stirring pastorate was followed by the ministrations of the Rev. Stephen Crane, who remained with the church for four years, being followed by Rev. John M. Austin and Rev. F. B. Peck, Rev. E. F. Pember and Rev. H. W. Hand, the latter remaining one year, doing excellent work in the way of reorganization, and furnishing a new set of by-laws. This church has a good constitution else it never could have survived the numerous by-laws!

Rev. George Adams was the next pastor, from 1883 to 1886. He was followed by Mr. H. E. Gilchrist, who was ordained in the church. Rev. Ura Mitchell assumed the pastoral duties Feb. 1, 1889. Under his energetic administration the church edifice was entirely remodeled, giving it its present modern appearance in the interior. He was succeeded by H. W. Carr, who graduated from the Canton Theological school in June, 1891, and who assumed the pastoral duties of the church at once, which proved to be a successful and prosperous one, and the longest in the history of the parish. During his pastorate the church was further modernized by placing a new organ in its

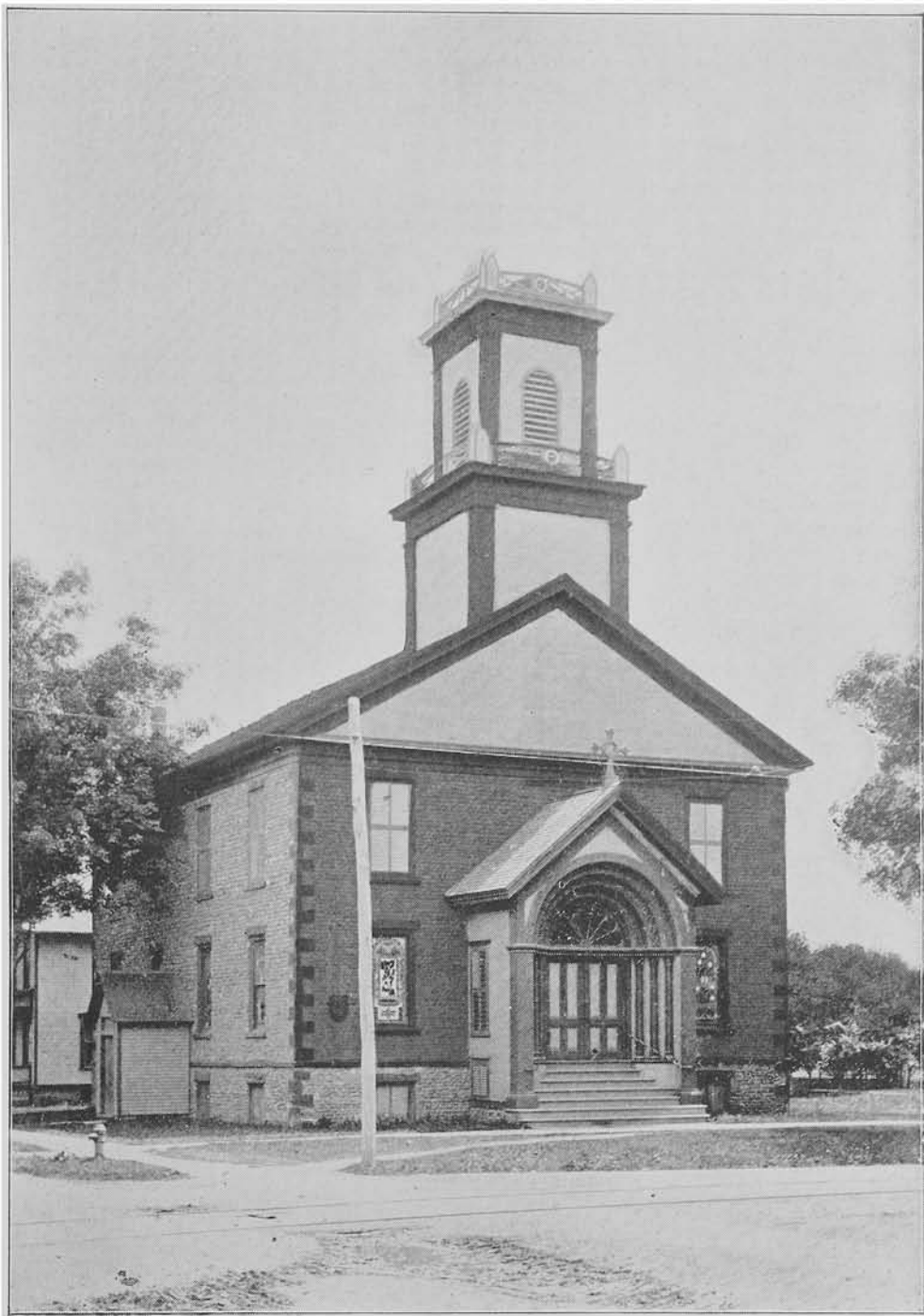


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present position, cutting out the original solid stone wall and building the organ loft. Mr. Carr was ordained to the ministry and married in the church while pastor. Since his resignation the church has had two ministers—Rev. John Kenyon, from April 1, 1897 to Oct. 1, 1898, who was also ordained in the church, and the present pastor, Rev. U. S. Milburn, who commenced his duties Oct. 1, 1898. This church has given to the Universalist ministry four clergymen—Rev. Messrs. A. C. Barry, J. M. Peebles, G. A. Kratzer and H. E. Newton.

The Ladies' and Pastor's Aid Society of the Homer Ave. M. E. church of Cortland was organized Oct. 16, 1890, when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. Sager; vice-president, Mrs. A. W. Watkins; secretary, Mrs. S. E. Curtis; treasurer, Mrs. S. S. Stearns; executive committee, Mrs. Frank Bosworth, Mrs. Bloom La Barre, Mrs. Wm. Moresheimer. The object of the society as set forth in the constitution is to assist the pastor in looking after strangers, new members, the sick and destitute; to develop and employ social activity in all departments of church work and as far as practicable assist in the general interests of the church. The ladies who have served as presidents since the organization are as follows: From Oct. 1890 to Oct. 1892, Mrs. A. Sager; from Oct. 1892 to Oct.

ciety," and on May 15, 1890, the name was again changed to Ladies' Aid Society. The following were the officers elected when organized: President, Mrs. J. L. Gillett; vice-president, Mrs. O. D. Purinton; secretary, Mrs. G. C. Hubbard; treasurer, Mrs. C. Keator.

The object of this society is to promote mutual acquaintance and fellowship and to raise funds for church purposes. The first year \$75 was realized from dime suppers, and the past year, \$117. Receipts last year amounted to \$480; expenditure, \$420.

The following are the present officers: President, Mrs. E. H. Wilson; first vice-president, Mrs. E. O. Perry; second vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Watkins; secretary, Mrs. J. Miller; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Pearson.



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GROTON AVENUE, WEST FROM MAIN STREET. [Opera House.]

1894, Mrs. S. S. Stearns; from Oct. 1894 to Oct. 1896, Mrs. W. P. Robinson; from Oct. 1896 to Oct. 1897, Mrs. Carrie S. Kelly; from 1897 to present date, Mrs. A. Sager. The following are the present officers: President, Mrs. A. Sager; 1st vice-president, Mrs. S. S. Stearns; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. F. E. Eggleston; secretary, Mrs. Martha Head; treasurer, Miss Effie J. Hallock; executive committee, Mrs. W. H. Dickerson, Mrs. Grant Thomas, Mrs. A. Burnham, Mrs. G. F. Price and Mrs. Alma Snyder.

The Aid Society of the First Baptist church was organized in the year 1881 as the Ladies' Dime and Sewing society. Before the year closed, the name was changed to "All Work Together So-

The Sunday-school Missionary Society of the Homer Ave. M. E. church was organized Nov. 30, 1890, with Miss H. C. Henry as president. She tendered her resignation Nov. 1, 1891, on account of leaving town and was succeeded by Miss Helena M. Myers, who held the office until Dec. 1892, when Mrs. H. E. Andrews, the present incumbent, was elected. The object of this society is to create and stimulate interest in missionary work among children and young people. To this end a program is rendered the first Sunday in each month by members of the society. The red letter days are Easter, Harvest and Christmas, when concerts are given and special effort is made in the way of raising funds for this branch of the work. Nearly \$1,500 has been raised by the society since its organization.

The Memorial Baptist Church is the outgrowth of a mission that was started by the First Baptist church, in the first ward May 29, 1892. Under the efficient leadership of Dr. F. D. Reese the Sunday-school became so large they outgrew their first quarters, a dwelling house, and a chapel was erected and dedicated Nov. 14, 1893, to which was given the name of Memorial in memory of James Duane Squires, who had been interested in the advancement of the kingdom of God in that section of the village. The church has a number of windows that were given by friends of the chapel in memory of some devout Christian.

In 1896 it was thought best by a company of Baptists that lived near the chapel that they should organize themselves into an independent Baptist church. Accordingly letters of dismissal were granted to thirty-five members of the First Baptist church who became constituent members of the Memorial Baptist church. The church was recognized as an independent Baptist church on June 9, 1897. Rev. J. Barton French served as the first pastor from Jan. 1, 1897, until July 1, 1899. The present pastor is Rev. Geo. E. T. Stevenson, a recent graduate of the Divinity school of the University of Chicago, and of Hamilton Theological seminary. During the past year the church has lost two of its very best members in the death of Deacon J. L. Gillet and sister Jane A. Lester, who were among the constituent members. The church is in a flourishing condition at the present time, its membership being eighty-nine. The officers of the Sunday-school are: Superintendent, Geo Allport; assistant superintendent, J. V. Chatterton; secretary, Miss Belle Allen; treasurer, John S. Miller. The officers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Circle are: President, Mrs. J. V. Chatterton; vice-president, Mrs. Geo. T. Lester; secretary, Miss Emma Briggs; treasurer, Mrs Geo. Allport. The officers of the Home Mission society are: President, Mrs. John S. Miller; vice-president, Mrs. Bert Allen; secretary, Miss Emma Briggs; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Byrn. The officers of the Farther Lights society are:

President, Miss Minnie Lester; vice-president, Mrs. Will Seaman; secretary, Miss Flora Klotten; treasurer, Mrs. Ednae Klotten. The officers of the Phebe Helpers society are: President, Mrs. J. V. Chatterton; vice-president, Mrs. Albert Klotten, Sr.; secretary, Mrs. John S. Miller; treasurer, Mrs. Geo. T. Lester. The officers of the church: Pastor, Rev. Geo. E. T. Stevenson; deacons, A. H. Allport, F. A. Lombard, I. Dan Lester, Adolph Frost, Jr.; deaconesses, Mrs. Mary E. L. Squires, Miss Emma Briggs; trustees, J. V. Chatterton, W. J. Moss, F. A. Lombard, A. H. Allport, W. H. Scarff, C. E. Wilkins; clerk, Miss Emma Briggs.

Philoplists.—I discovered Cortland in mid-summer, 1898. I was first impressed with the beauty of the environs, coming south from Syracuse on the D., L. & W. The panorama of hill, tiny lake and valley was so bewitching, that the morning paper lay unread in my lap, while the eye feasted on the stately beauty as we swept along between the wooded slopes. The village itself did not suffer by comparison with the beauty of its approaches. Its straight and clean streets, its luxury of trees, its well kept lawns, its profusion of flowers, its array of churches, its model schools,

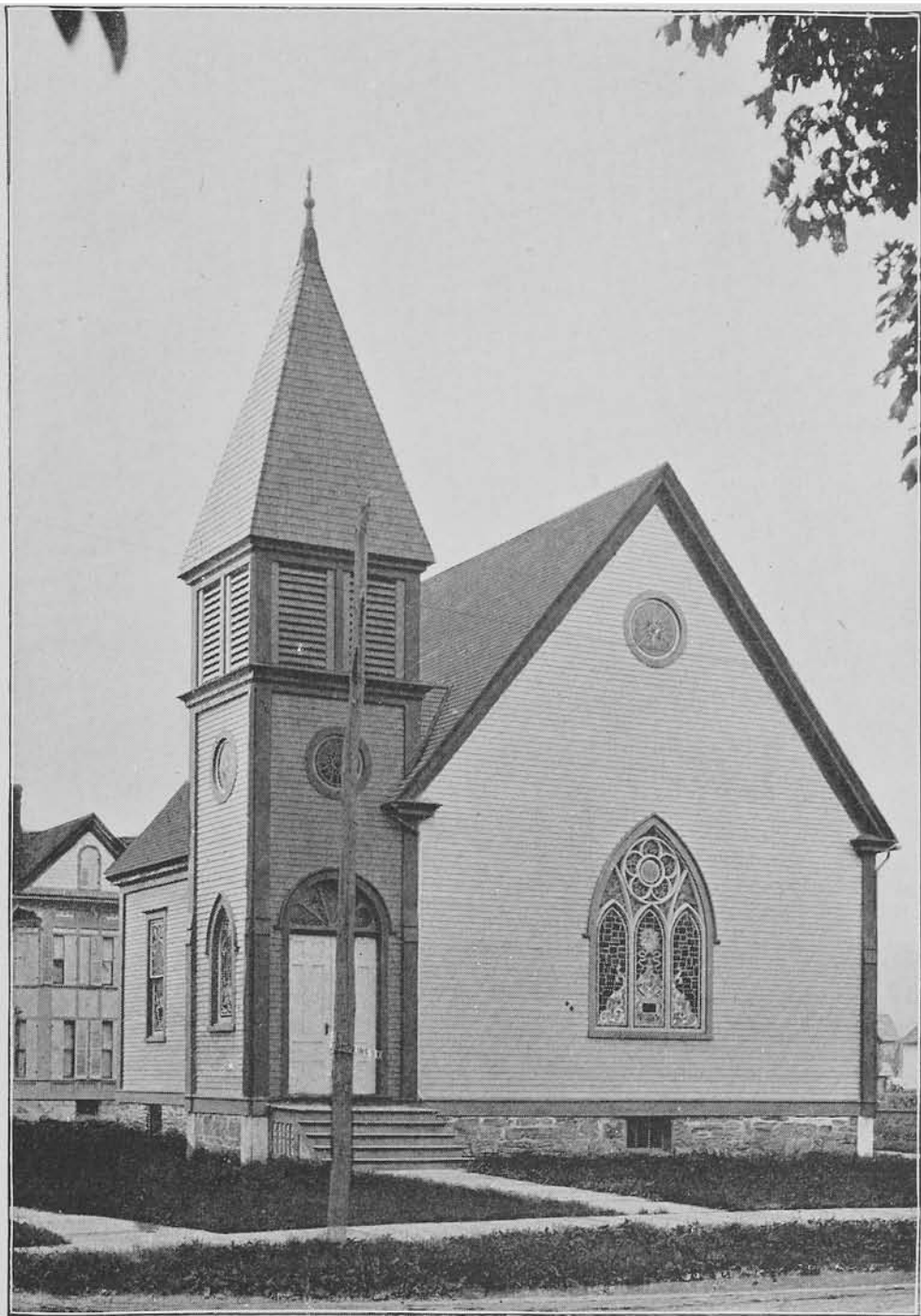


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its uniformity of "respectable" appearance, its comparative lack of hovels, its appearance of diffused culture, its busy shops, its bustling thoroughfares,—all these combined, tend to deeply impress a stranger of the beauty and prosperity of the place. There is found no street, section or ward given over to hovels, poverty, dirt, squalor, viciousness. These are conspicuous by their absence. This was the first impression. A residence of over a year has strengthened rather than weakened that impression. Some new beauty is always revealing itself; some new item in its favor is constantly being manifested. Its streets are more

beautiful, its shops busier. But this is all external. An acquaintance with the people reveals them to be cultured, refined, intelligent. Education seems to be quite generally diffused, and not confined to a particular class or clique. As witness of this the large number of clubs and societies organized for purely literary and educational purposes bear testimony. Cortland has its evils, its faults, its shortcomings, many of which could be remedied, but take it all in all it has fewer of these than the majority of places of similar size. The most of its citizens, however, are public spirited, and are working for the best interests of this little city. They can truly be called "Philopolists." For beauty, for prosperity, for its social life, for its intellectual status and moral standing Cortland would certainly take its place in the very front ranks among the smaller cities of the Empire State. He who has capital to invest, who has chil-

laws. From that date to the present the meetings have been held regularly with scarcely an exception. So well and so wisely was the original work done that the constitution and by-laws have remained essentially unchanged during the nearly twenty years of the club's existence. The number of members was limited to thirty. Of the charter members but four or five remain, while one hundred different names are enrolled upon its list. As the years have passed a large amount of work has been achieved. The special committees have been untiring in their efforts to arrange the subjects in such a manner as to combine the instructive with the agreeable. The years of 1891 and 1892 were spent in studying history, geography, manners and customs, art and literature of foreign countries, illustrated with an occasional stereopticon evening, or a professional lecture, while 1893 was given to preparation for the proper enjoyment and appre-

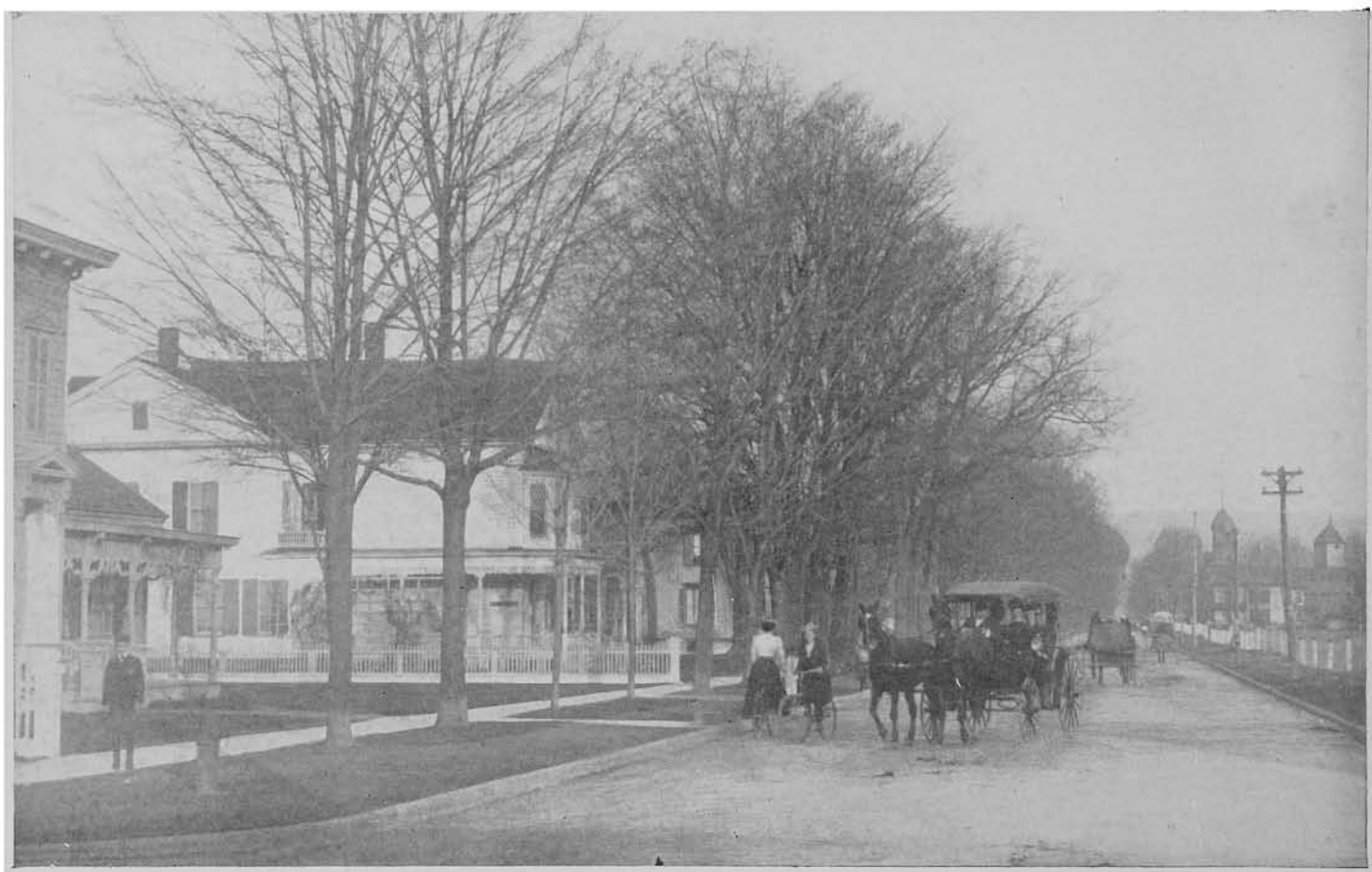


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PORT WATSON STREET, EAST FROM CHURCH.

dren to educate, who wishes to live a quiet and retired life amidst elevating surroundings, would find Cortland a profitable and suitable place to pitch his tent.—U. S. MILBURN.

The Ladies' Literary Club of Cortland was an outgrowth of a Book Club organized two years previously. A half dozen ladies especially interested in the study of literature called a preliminary meeting of all the book club members who wished to study literature and authors in a systematic and regular manner. Ten ladies responded and the first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. P. Randall, March 24, 1880, for the purpose of organizing a club. Mrs. Jennie Crandall was made chairman and the following permanent officers were elected: President, Mary F. Hendrick; vice-presidents, Mrs. Jennie Crandall and Mrs. Mary B. Stowell; secretary, Miss Editha Stephens; treasurer, Mrs. L. K. Shankland. Mrs. Crandall, Mrs. Stowell and Mrs. Ella (Hubbard) Apgar were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-

ciation of the great gathering of the nations at the World's fair. During 1894 and 1895 special study was given to American authors, which may be counted among the most valuable of the work done. Each quarter's work closes with an entertainment of some kind. To the literary program has been added the department of current topics. We do not exclude the social element. Once a year the president lays aside the gavel, forgets the dignity of her official position and gives us an afternoon in which we do up the visiting for the year or are amused and entertained as she sees fit. These are called "president's days" and in the words of the ever joyous Shakespeare, "it is very reverend sport truly, and done in the testimony of a good conscience." The officers for the present year are: President, Mrs. Grace C. Walrad; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Kittie Higgins; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. E. M. H. Johnson; secretary and treasurer, Miss Mary Goodrich; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. W. B. Cornish. The members are: Miss M. Minerva Adams, Miss Alida Cornelia

Adams, Mrs. Helen J. Apgar, Mrs. Clara H. Banta, Mrs. Mary M. Beach, Miss Clara E. Booth, Mrs. Mary Alta Chambers, Mrs. Arabella B. Collins, Mrs. C. W. B. Cornish, Miss Marguerite Force, Miss Ella Gale, Mrs. Caroline R. Gillette, Miss Mary Goodrich, Miss Mary F. Hendrick, Mrs. Mary F. Henry, Mrs. Kittie Higgins, Mrs. Lillian C. Jayne, Mrs. E. M. H. Johnson, Mrs. Hattie B. Mudge, Mrs. E. A. Nash, Mrs. Louise M. Foote, Mrs. Florence C. Reese, Miss Martha Roe, Miss Miriam S. Skidmore, Mrs. Mary B. Smith, Mrs. Kate F. Sornberger, Miss Editha Stephens, Mrs. Julia Jarvis-Twiss, Mrs. Grace C. Walrad, Mrs. M. M. Watrous.

Rev. Ulysses Sumner Milburn, pastor of the Universalist church, was born in the little hamlet of Black Lick, ten miles east of Columbus, Ohio, December 16th, 1865. He attended the district schools of that state and for three years taught in the same schools. His thoughts were early inclined toward the profession of ministry, and to prepare himself for that work he entered the Divinity school of the St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, from which institution he was graduated in 1891. At London, Ohio, he was ordained in October of the same year, and preached there for sixteen months when he was called to Baltimore, Md., as associate pastor of the Second Universalist church, his co-worker being Rev. Royal H. Pullman, D. D. He remained in that position for about a year and a half, when he became pastor of the First Universalist church of Cincinnati. For over four years he performed the arduous duties as pastor of a large city parish, the society during that time erecting a handsome stone church, and also a business block costing \$20,000.00 on a lot owned by the church. In October, 1898, he came to Cortland.

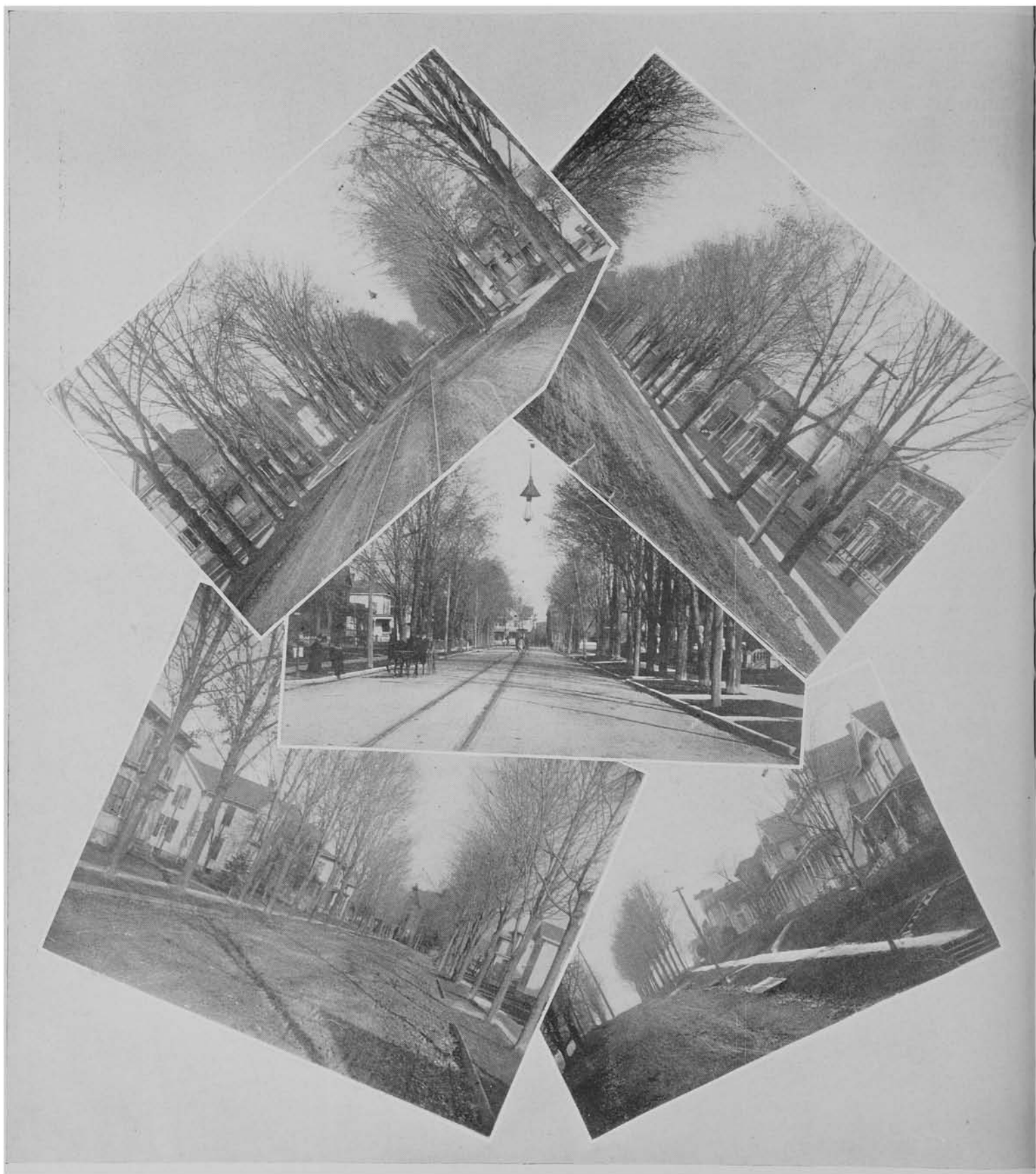


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F. W. Higgins, M. D., is the son of a Methodist minister and was born Feb. 7, 1857, in Plymouth, Chenango Co., N. Y. After he was 14 years old he supported himself by farm work, clerking and teaching country schools until prepared to practice medicine. He was educated at the public schools, at Cazenovia seminary and Colgate academy, Hamilton. Before his graduation he was for two years principal of the McGraw academy. He studied medicine with Dr. H. C. Hendrick of McGraw and attended medical lectures at Michigan university, Ann Arbor and the Medical Department of the University of the City of New York. He was graduated from the latter institution in 1881, and began the practice of medicine in that same year with the late Dr. J. C. Nelson of Truxton. For four and one-half years he remained in Truxton, then moved to Chemung, Chemung county, where he practiced for a year and a half, and in the spring of 1887 came to Cortland, which has since been his home. In preparation for practice in diseases of the eye, ear and throat he has taken post-graduate work in the hospitals in New York and Philadelphia. He also spent two months in London, in the summer of 1894, working in hospitals under the instruction of eminent specialists. Dr. Higgins is a member of the Cortland County Medical society and was for several years its secretary. He is also a member of the New York State Medical association, the American Medical association, the New York State Medical society, and the Medical Association of Central New York. He was married on Nov. 26, 1879, to Miss Kittie M. Smith of McGraw. They have four children—three sons and one daughter, viz.: R. Paul, a student at Cornell; Max S. and George H. and Winifred A., who are living at home. Dr. Higgins was elected president of Cortland village in 1895 and served one term.



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A GROUP OF CORTLAND'S PRETTY STREETS.

Homer Avenue.

North Main, N. from Madison.

Grant St., looking toward Main.

Reynold's Avenue.

Monroe Heights, N. from Court.

"Grip's" Historical Souvenir of Cortland.

The Cortland County Medical Society is one of the older in the state, the first meeting having been held Aug. 10, 1808. The first officers of the society were: Dr. Lewis Owen, president; Dr. John Miller, vice-president; Dr. James Searl, secretary; Dr. Robert D. Taggart, treasurer. It is worthy of note that none of the charter members of the society were physicians practising in Cortland village. Four resided in Homer when the society was organized. Two lived in Truxton. Preble and Solon were represented, but if Cortland had a physician his name is not preserved upon our records. In 1812, according to the laws of the state in force at that time, the society conferred its first license to practice medicine upon Dr. Levi Boies of

ber until his death, March 1, 1870. The occasion of his golden wedding, in 1867, furnished opportunity for old patients in every part of the United States to send him tokens of their regard. Dr. Frederick Hyde was for long years a tower of strength in the county society and in the profession of Cortland. Here he practiced from 1836 till his death, Oct. 15, 1887. He was professor of surgery in Geneva Medical College from 1855, and after the organization of Syracuse Medical College, in 1872, was its dean. He was a man of positive convictions, a typical physician and surgeon of his day and generation. He married the daughter of Dr. Goodyear and for many years the two physicians



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RAILROAD STREET, EAST FROM MAIN.

Cortland village, who is said to have been long a respectable practitioner. While at that day the majority of physicians were licentiates, it began to be considered proper and advantageous to take the training offered by the few medical colleges. The medical department of Yale University was founded in 1812. Dr. Miles Goodyear, who received his degree from Yale College in 1816, was a member of the first graduating class, and was the first member of the Cortland county society with the title of M. D. Dr. Goodyear is one of the notable historical characters of Cortland. His eccentricities, his kindly way, his ruffled shirt and his botanical lore, his sterling worth, his learning and his fund of homely common sense, all render his memory green. Dr. Goodyear was born at Hamden, Conn., Nov. 14, 1793. He joined the society in 1818, and remained a most faithful mem-

were in partnership. Both are said to have been lacking in financial ability, but for two generations they were the family physicians of most of the inhabitants of the place. Whether fortunately or unfortunately for physician and for patient very many people no longer have a family physician, or none, more permanently than they trade at a certain store. That the earlier members of the society were as brilliant as any of their successors may be learned by studying the life of Dr. A. B. Shipman, who resided in Cortland from 1833 to 1849. He afterward removed to Syracuse, but was often called to Cortland in emergencies. Reading his life and writings gives the impression that quarrels among doctors were more acrimonious then than now. Indeed, it may be truthfully said that the members of the society and of the profession in Cortland were never freer from

selfish jealousies or unethical conduct than at present. Dr. H. O. Jewett, although still living, has retired from active practice, and may be mentioned in this connection. He was a student of Dr. Shipman and graduated in the first class of the medical department of the College of the City of New York. He practiced in Summer Hill from 1843 to 1849, when he removed to Cortland, which has since been his home. He has been a conscientious, industrious and successful practitioner. Of the present members of the society who are in active practice in Cortland a mere list must suffice. It would be invidious and impossible to distinguish the conscientious work being done by them all. It may be said that medicine and surgery have made marvelous strides during the last twenty years and the local physicians are seeing to it that they keep abreast with the advances in the science. Of the members of the society who have lived outside of Cortland village our space will allow but little to be

terly. Recently these sessions have been held in the parlor of the Cortland hospital, to which the last year the society donated \$50 for surgical instruments. For some years after the dispute in the State society in regard to the code of ethics Cortland county did not send a delegate to the State society. Dr. H. T. Dana was however accredited a delegate in 1895 and Dr. F. W. Higgins and Dr. F. D. Reese have since been elected. Dr. F. H. Green of Homer since 1892 has been the very efficient secretary of the society. The presidents since 1894 have been : Dr. H. T. Dana, Dr. A. J. White, Dr. C. B. Trafford, Dr. H. C. Hendrick, Dr. M. L. Halbert and Dr. F. H. Forshee. The society was never more active and useful than at present. The following is the list of active members of the society : Dr. L. C. Andrews, Pitcher ; Dr. I. A. Beach and Dr. C. E. Bennett, Cortland ; Dr. H. S. Braman, Homer ; Drs Paul T. Carpenter, H. T. Dana and E. A. Didama, Cortland ; Dr. T. M. Emery, Virgil ; Dr. F. H. Forshee, McGraw ;



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LINCOLN AVENUE, WEST FROM MAIN STREET.

said. Mention should be made of Dr. Caleb Green of Homer who for many years was its secretary and from whose writings much of the historical material of this society must ever be gleaned. Dr. Geo. W. Bradford of Homer was the secretary of the society from 1826 to 1871. He, like most of our physicians who have made their lives a success, was a self-made man, hard-working, a great reader, active in every good word and work. Dr. H. C. Hendrick of McGraw is still in active practice although he became a member of the society in 1855. He has done much to contribute to the success of its meetings. Dr. J. C. Nelson shares with Dr. John Miller in the memories of all the families about Truxton. A true gentleman, of great force of character, he would have made his mark in any calling in life. The first sessions of the society were held in David Jones' coffee house in Homer, quarterly for six years and then for seventy-five years semi-annually. Occasionally no meeting was held, a quorum not being present. At the annual meeting, 1888, it was voted to meet quar-

terly. Dr. F. H. Green, Homer ; Dr. M. L. Halbert, Cincinnatus ; Dr. H. C. Hendrick, McGraw ; Drs. F. W. Higgins and H. O. Jewett, Cortland ; Dr. Benj. Kinyon, Cincinnatus ; Dr. J. C. Leonard, Harford Mills ; Dr. A. M. Loope, Homer ; Dr. E. W. McBirney, Willet ; Drs. Philip Neary and F. D. Reese, Cortland ; Dr. M. R. Smith, McGraw ; Dr. R. L. Smith, Marathon ; Dr. S. J. Sornberger, Cortland ; Dr. H. I. Van Hoesen, Truxton ; Dr. C. D. Ver Nooy, Cortland ; Dr. John W. Whitney, Homer.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Universalist church of Cortland, N. Y., was organized in Feb. 1883, under the pastorate of Rev. H. W. Hand. Mrs. H. W. Hand was its first president. The Woman's Aid convention of central New York had its origin with the Cortland L. A. S. This organization is well officered, some of its officers having held for a succession of years and all are united and work zealously for the cause. They are strengthened and encouraged by the hearty support and co-operation of their pastor, the Rev. U. S. Milburn.

S. M. Benjamin, the oldest business man in Cortland now engaged in the same business and at the same place where he started the business, is a manufacturer and dealer in monuments, headstones, etc., at No. 37 N. Main street. He opened the shop Oct. 1, 1854, and as has been stated, has continued it there ever since. although his brother, J. W. Benjamin, who afterward died in Chicago with apoplexy, was associated with him in the beginning. Mr. Benjamin was born in Durham, Greene county, Oct. 11, 1826, and although now in his 74th year is active in personally conducting his business and does manual labor day after day with as much energy as many younger men. He came to Cortland county in 1845 with his mother, a widow, and two brothers and a sister. He bought a farm and made that his business until April, 1852. One of his brothers, A. Page Benjamin, went to California in 1848 and died there in the gold mines. His sister, Mrs. Martin Chapin of Columbia, S. C., was married in June, 1850. Mr. S. M. Benjamin was married to Harriet A. Eggleston of Cortland Sept. 30, 1850, and they have had two daughters and one son. The oldest daughter, Jennie, died when about twenty years of age and the son in infancy. The other daughter, Mrs. Nelson H. Waters, was married on Sept. 30, 1889, and lives in Cortland. She has two children, a son and a daughter. In 1852 Mr. Benjamin went into the grocery business with Mr. Bancroft on Port Watson street. They started the first bakery in Cortland and built the first baker's oven. Mr. Benjamin withdrew from that business in the fall of 1854 to go into the marble business at his present stand. His business is extensively known throughout this section of the state and for years his productions not only included marble and granite monuments but marble tops for household purposes. Of late years the latter part of the business has given way almost entirely to granite work. He was up to the time he withdrew from the department, in 1897, one of the oldest firemen in Cortland, having been on active duty thirty-seven years, and having been a member of the first fire company formed in the village. With the rest of that company he went to Syracuse after the first

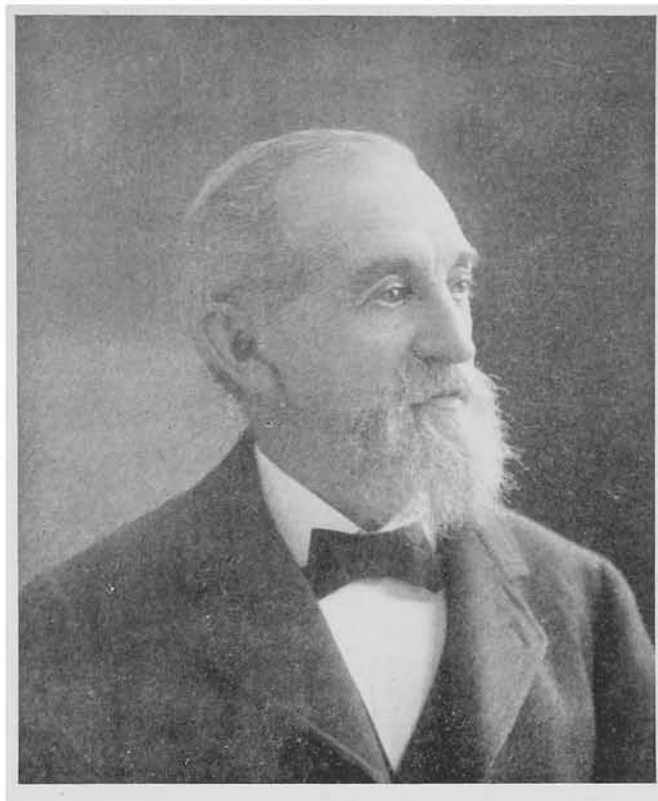


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hand engine which was brought to Cortland. During this extraordinary long term of service he has served in every rank of the department from "high private" to chief of the department. Although seventy years of age when he resigned it was only because he had broken a leg. He is a member of Grace Episcopal church where he has been a vestryman for twenty-five years.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church.—From a historical memorandum furnished me by Mr. Henry M. Kellogg, we learn that a Methodist itinerant preacher—Rev. Mr. Hill—by invitation preached in the home of Jonathan Hubbard in the year 1804, when there were but three families within the present boundaries of Cortland village. All were invited to attend the service, and the invitation was gladly accepted. The residence of Mr. Hubbard was on the corner of Court and Main streets, where the national bank now stands. Other meetings followed until, in the winter of that year, Elder Hill received into the church Jonathan, Mary and Abigail Hubbard; Elija and Martha Batchelor; Isaac, William and Polly Bassett, and Catharine Sherwood, which constituted the first society. Mr. Batchelor was appointed "leader." This was the germ of the First Methodist Episcopal church in this place. It was included in what was then called Cayuga Circuit. It was in the Genesee district of Philadelphia conference. The Cayuga Circuit was bounded on the north by lake Ontario, east by the Otselic valley, south by the turnpike running east from Ithaca, and west by



Photo by Harris. S. M. BENJAMIN'S MONUMENT WORKS.

Cayuga lake, yet such was the unconquerable energy of two itinerant Methodist preachers they were enabled to ford the rivers, thread their way through forests without roads, cross mountains without guides, and make regular visits to all its charges, and preach the gospel to all who were willing to hear. The services were held in Cortland every two weeks. After each service a prayer and class meeting was held. The first quarterly meeting was held in an unfinished barn in the year 1810. Rev. James Kelsey was preacher in charge in 1812. Ten or twelve families constituted the village at that time. On the 13th day of

money was paid. It was all trade, barter and labor. Arrangements were made for laying the corner-stone on the 4th of July, 1821. A meeting was held at the Baptist church in the forenoon of that day. A sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. W. Dinsmore, at the close of which a procession was formed under the direction of Gen. Daniel Miller and Martin Keep, which marched through the groves of beautiful trees to this spot where the corner-stone, with the names of the building committee on it, was laid in position. This old stone has been carefully preserved and built into the south wall of the present edifice. Addresses were

delivered by Rev. Mr. Kelsey and Rev. Mr. Baker, after which the procession reformed and marched to the hotel of Nathan Luce, where the Messenger House now stands, where dinner was served at 31 cents each. The new directory of the church, issued in Dec., 1898, gives the condition in which it is found after nearly ninety-five years since the first preacher was stationed here. The frequent changes of pastoral oversight in former years no doubt contributed largely to the interest of the people. No less than 55 have succeeded each other in this line. This church is the parent of the Homer, the McGraw, and the Blodgett Mills Methodist Episcopal churches; and also of the Congregational church, the Homer Avenue M.E. church, and in part of the Free Methodist church. The present organization names Theron Cooper as presiding elder and O. A. Houghton, D. D., as pastor. The resident ministers are: B. F. Weatherwax, a superannuated member of the Central New York Conference, and Chas. Lane Rice, a superannuate of the Wyoming Conference. Dr. F. J. Cheney, principal of the Normal school, is superintendent of the Sunday-school and C. F. Weiler, president of the Epworth League. The trustees are: R. B. Smith, president; H. M. Kellogg, secretary and treasurer; A. L. Cole, Prosper Palmer, Fred Conable, H. J. Reed, A. A. Carley, F. P. Saunders, and Geo. Moore. Prosper Palmer died on Tuesday night, Nov. 7, 1899,

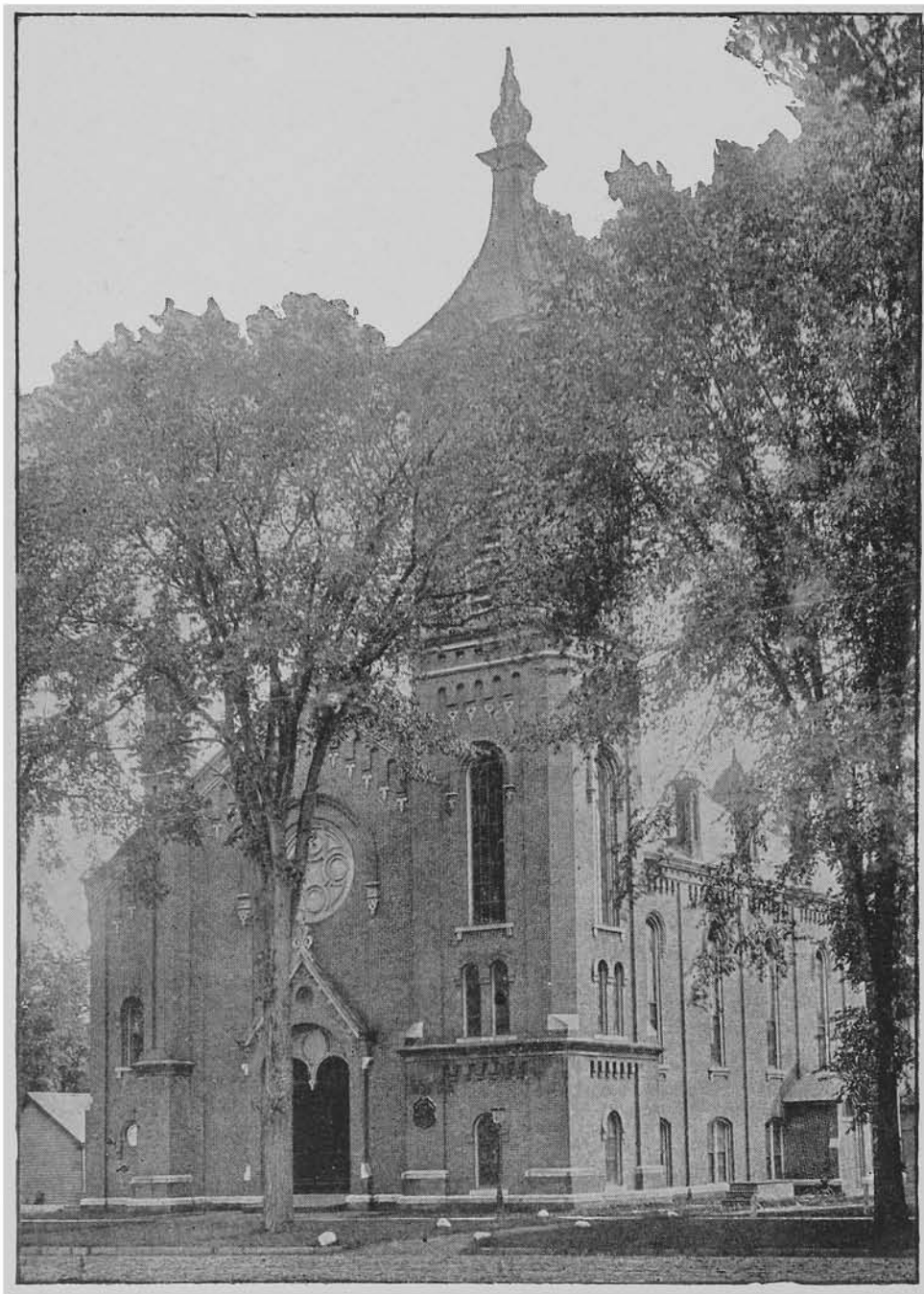


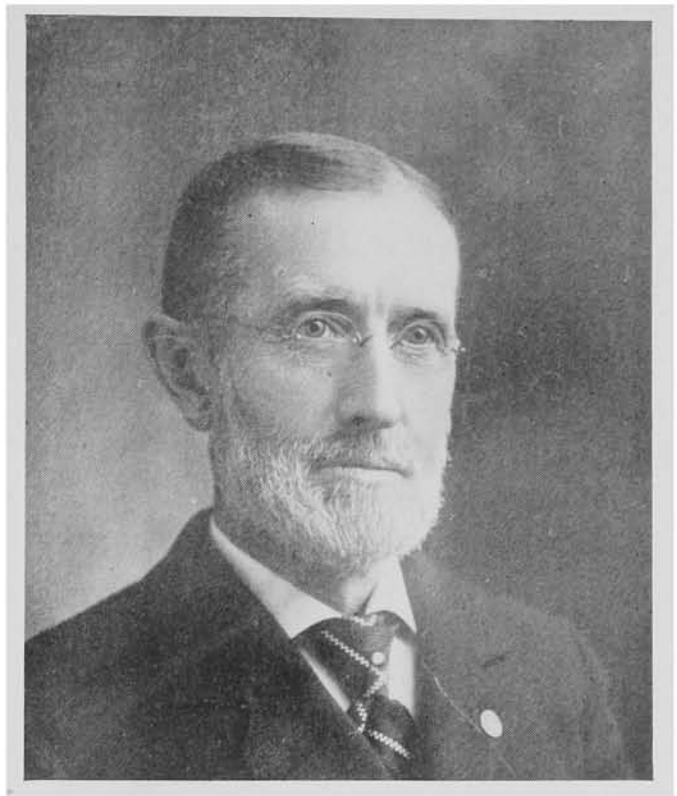
Photo by Butler. THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH. [See sk., P. 37.]

March, 1821, a meeting of the male members was held at the house of John Stillman, for the purpose of organizing to erect a house of worship. Jonathan Hubbard, John Stillman and Isaac Bassett were elected trustees. The building committee appointed was Charles W. Lynde, Roswell Randall and Samuel Nelson. The last was afterwards judge of the United States Supreme court. The present site, consisting of one acre and thirty-two rods, was purchased of "Billy" Trowbridge, guardian of the heirs of Jonathan Hubbard, for the sum of \$50. A contract dated May 24, 1821, was made with John R. White to build the foundation and take the subscription for his pay. No

nearly ninety-five years of age. We can hardly do less than mention some facts respecting this remarkable man whose death has just left a vacancy in the board of trustees. He was born Jan. 21, 1809, in a house now demolished on the Gulf road near McGraw. His pious mother died when he was but 13. At the age of 16 he professed conversion to God and united with the Baptist church, following the example of his parents. Nine years later he manifested a preference for the Methodist Episcopal church and transferred his membership accordingly. With the First Methodist Episcopal church he has been closely identified for 66 years. For thirty successive years of this

time he was leader of the choir. He had a voice of peculiar sweetness, and he had trained it for the sacred work of hymning the praises of the sanctuary. On his 88th birthday his pastor, Dr. O. A. Houghton, prevailed on him, though feeble in body, to attend the prayer-meeting at the church, where he sang one of his favorite hymns. Every heart was touched, and many tears were shed. The church has eleven class-leaders, and thirteen stewards. Chester R. Doolittle is precentor; H. M. Kellogg, keeper of the flag. E. S. Bostwick is Sexton. The St. Paul Chapter of the Epworth League is well manned; also the Junior Epworth League. The Ladies' and Pastor's Union is doing good service under the presidency of Miss Effie A. Allen. Excellent organizations of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary societies are maintained. The seats are all free, and the church is supported by voluntary contributions. The entire membership will reach nearly seven hundred.—REV. CHARLES LANE RICE.

Oscar A. Houghton, Ph. D., D. D., the son of the late Rev. Royal Houghton, for many years a prominent clergyman in the Methodist Episcopal church in this part of the state, was early thrown upon his own resources, and enjoyed such advantages as his own energy provided. He received his preparatory education at Falley seminary, Fulton, N. Y. Mr. Houghton was graduated at Genesee college, Lima, N. Y., (now Syracuse university), in 1869, with the degree of A. B., taking the second honor in his class. While in college he took prizes in scholarship, oratory and English composition. At the first commencement held after the establishment of the college as Syracuse university, at Syracuse, N. Y., (in 1872), he received the degree of A. M., *in cursu*, having been chosen by the faculty to deliver the Master's oration on that occasion. In 1882 he completed a post-graduate course in Christian evidences at the same university, receiving the degree of Ph. D. on examination. In 1887 his alma mater conferred the honorary degree of doctor of divinity. Dr. Houghton entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1869. With the exception of short intervals taken for rest, he has been an active pastor in the Central New York conference



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ever since, occupying some of the most prominent pulpits in Syracuse, Ithaca, Elmira, Auburn and other large towns. He has just entered upon his fourth year as pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Cortland, N. Y., being the first pastor in its history that has been returned for a fourth year. In 1886 he traveled in Europe, and in 1891 he made an extended tour in Egypt, Palestine, Greece and Italy. He was acting pastor of the North Avenue Congregational church, Cambridge, Mass., from Jan. to Oct., 1896. Strong inducements were held out to him to become its permanent pastor, but he preferred to accept an appointment in his own church, and was appointed by the presiding bishop of his conference to the church at Cortland.

H. M. Kellogg has been in business in Cortland continuously since 1871, when he came here from Savannah, Ga., and entered into co-partnership with David C. Cloyes, and under the firm name of Cloyes & Kellogg was engaged in the crockery and grocery business until 1876. In March of that year Mr. Kellogg and Col. Frank Place bought the hardware store then conducted by Wickwire Bros. at No. 25 Main street, the same location he still occupies, and their partnership relations continued under the firm name of Kellogg & Place until 1881, when Col. Place retired, Mr. Kellogg purchasing his interest and ever since continuing the business alone. In the big fire of 1884 the building was swept away and for about six months or until the store could be rebuilt, the business was carried on under great difficul-

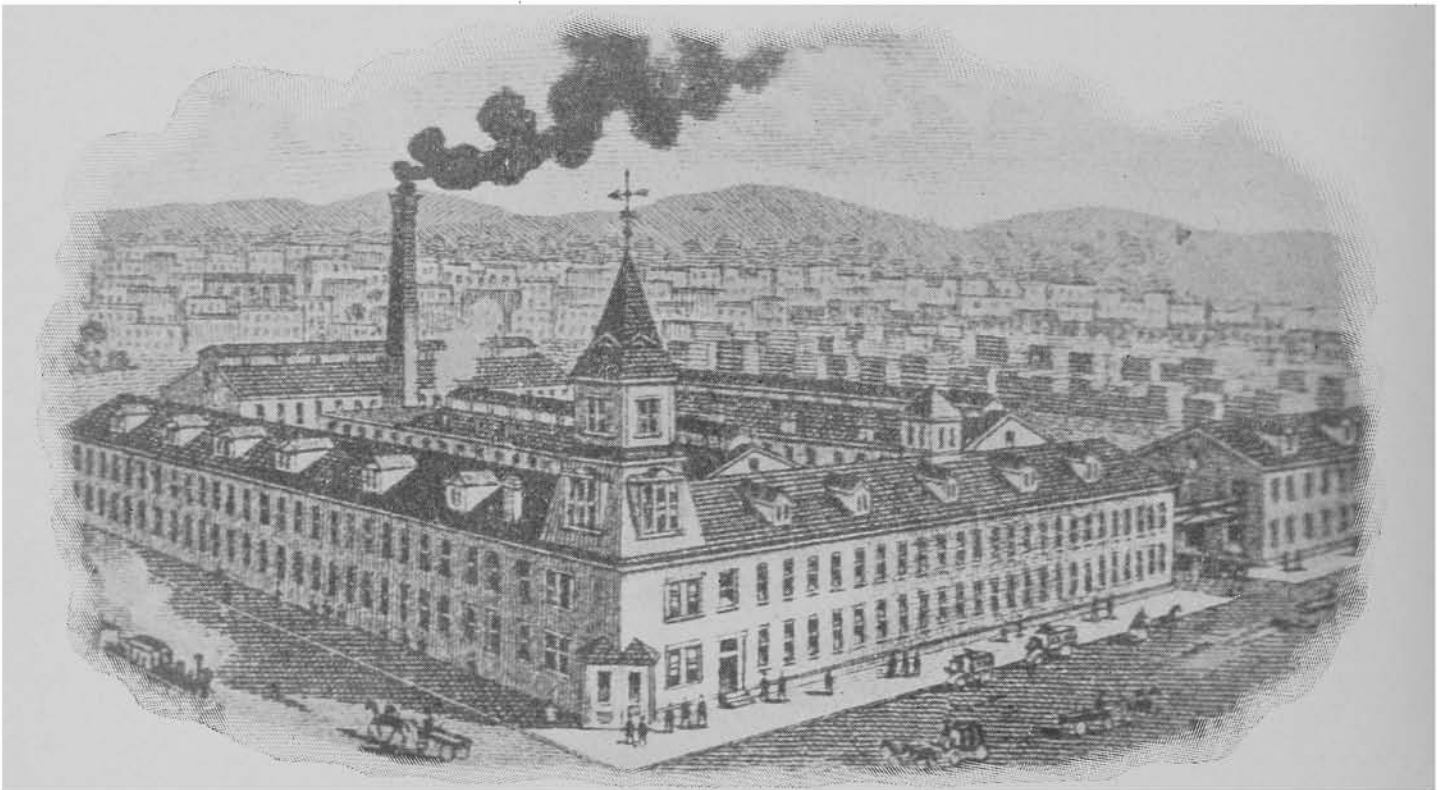


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H. M. KELLOGG'S RESIDENCE.

ties in a store now occupied by Burgess. It includes everything in the line of hardware, plumbing, gas fitting, furnaces, water piping, tinning, sheet iron work, roofing, etc. Mr. Kellogg is a veteran of the rebellion, having served through the greater part of the war, and is deeply interested in the welfare of Grover Post, No. 98, G. A. R. of this village, of which he has been a member almost from the organization of the post. He was a charter member of the first post organized in Georgia. He has been past commander of Grover Post and now occupies the position of chaplain. He is prominent as a member of several other societies, the Cortlandville Masonic lodge, the First M. E. church, of which he is a trustee and the clerk of the board, and the Erie & Central New York railroad of which he is a director and the secretary, having occupied those positions for ten years. He has served as United States Loan Commissioner, and for twenty years as railroad commissioner of the town of Cortlandville, a position he still occupies. Mr. Kellogg

listed in Co. G, Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry, Col. John C. Lee, afterwards lieutenant-governor of the state, commanding. The term of enlistment was for three years or during the war. Mr. Kellogg served with the same regiment until May 29, 1865, when it was mustered out at Washington. He was in service first in the Shenandoah Valley campaign, then at Cedar Mountain, Second Bull Run, Fredericksburgh (both campaigns), Chancellorville, Gettysburgh and back into Virginia where the command went into camp, soon after to be packed into box cars and sent to Chickamauga under the command of "Fighting" Joe Hooker to relieve Generals Rosecrans and Thomas who were hemmed in by Bragg. From that time the regiment was in continuous hard service; at Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge; in the four months campaign under Sherman from Lookout Mountain to Atlanta, participating in the battles of Resaca, Tunnel Hill, Marietta, New Hope Church, Kenasaw Mountain and Peach Tree Creek; finally, fighting their way into Atlanta.



THE ELLIS OMNIBUS AND CAB CO.'S WORKS.

was born in the town of Williamstown, Oswego county, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1841. He was educated in the public schools and in the Seneca county academy at Republic, Seneca county, O., which institution he entered in 1853 and until 1858 divided his time between pursuing his studies as a pupil and teaching. In 1859 and '60 he was in the employ of the Little Miami Railroad company, making his home at Cincinnati, O. In February, 1861, he fired the locomotive which drew the train that carried President-elect Lincoln from Cincinnati to Columbus when he made that historic trip to Washington to be inaugurated. The next time he saw the president was when as a private soldier he presented arms on the occasion of the review of the Army of the Potomac by the President. On April 20, 1861, Mr. Kellogg was sworn in as a private in Co. G, Fifth Ohio Volunteers, one of the four regiments which went into the first camp established in Ohio. This was eight days after Fort Sumter was fired upon. From that time until practically the close of the war Mr. Kellogg served in the armies of the union. On Aug. 5, 1862, he re-en-

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Mr. Kellogg was with Sherman in his march from Atlanta to the sea. After being mustered out of active service he returned to Savannah and went into the retail business in that city, being a member of the firm of Stuart & Co., retail grocers. This was in August, 1865. In the spring of '66 he was appointed agency aid in the United States Treasury department. In the fall of the same year he came to McGraw and went into the dry goods business, the name of the firm being Alton & Kellogg, retiring from the firm in the spring of 1868 to accept the position of deputy county clerk for this county, where he remained until August of the same year when he returned to Savannah, Ga., to enter the employ of the Georgia Central Railroad company as bookkeeper. Three months later he was appointed warehouse bond accountant in the United States Customs service in that city and in March, 1871, he resigned to return to Cortland and go into business. On July 12, 1866, he married Ella E. Quantock of Savannah, a lady whose acquaintance he made while with his regiment in that city. They have had three children, one deceased and two living. The two latter are

Mrs. Joseph Puder of Savannah and Miss Carrie R. Kellogg, a recent graduate of the Cortland Normal school. James H., Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg's son, died at the age of 17 years. A young man of bright prospects and who was about to enter the Syracuse university was suddenly removed by the hand of death on Feb. 7, 1888.

The Ellis Omnibus and Cab Co. are located on the northeast corner of Railroad and Pendleton streets, and are the successors of the Cortland Omnibus and Cab Co. The Cortland Omnibus and Cab Co. were established in 1850, and were first incorporated in 1890, but were re-incorporated with an increased capital stock in July, 1892, and were run as the Cortland Omnibus and Cab Co. until Jan., 1896, when the entire business and real estate were purchased by E. E. Ellis, who at that time was the president and treasurer of the Cortland Omnibus and Cab Co. The name of the business was then changed to Ellis Omnibus and Cab Co. While this is the title of the business, Mr. Ellis is the sole owner and manager of the same. This business has gradually increased until it is one of the largest exclusive builders of omnibuses, wagonettes, cabs and hotel coaches in the United States. This company built the first open and closed street cars that were used by the Cortland and Homer Traction Co. Their work can be found in most every State in the Union, and they are also shipping their large carettes, omnibuses and modern transfer coaches to different parts of Mexico and Bermuda. Mr. Ellis has at the head of each department men of large experience as superintendents, men that have been many years connected with this factory.

E. E. Ellis was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ellis, and was born at Peruville, Tompkins county, N. Y., on May 27, 1850. His boyhood days were spent at his birthplace and at Watkins, N. Y.



E. E. ELLIS.

With the exception of the past eight years, which have been devoted to his present business, he devoted his time principally to the mercantile business at Allentown, Pa., Wilmington, Del., McLean, N. Y., and Etna, N. Y. He was married April 21, 1890, to Miss Alice Blinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander C. Blinn of McLean, N. Y. They have two children, Leo Eugene and Errol Blinn, and all live at their residence, 106 North Main street.

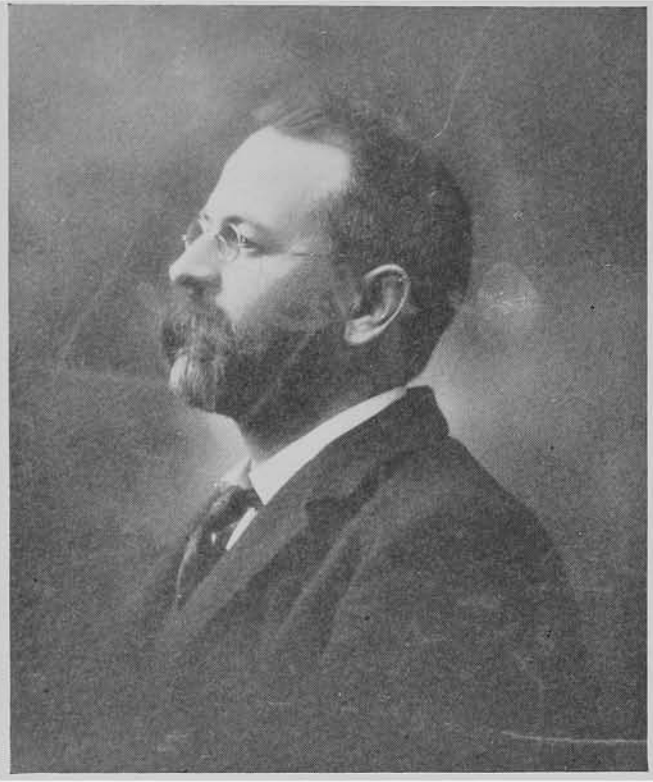
The Epworth League.—The Epworth League of the First M. E. church, Cortland, N. Y., was organized and obtained its charter May 15, 1891. Mrs. Ruth B. Avery was the first president.

Previous to this time the society was known as the Young People's association. The organization has been a strong one from its birth; the co-operation and energy of its members have resulted in much good work, since its object from the beginning has been "to promote intelligent and vital piety in the members; to aid them in the attainment of purity of heart and in constant growth in grace, and to train them in the works of Mercy and Help." At present there is a total membership of 120. The work of the League is carried on through six departments with their several committees. Devotional meetings are held every Sunday evening one hour before the regular preaching service, and the business meetings are held



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E. E. ELLIS' RESIDENCE.



F. L. HARRIS, SOUVENIR ARTIST.

the second Monday evening of each calendar month. The officers of the society are viz.: President, C. F. Weiler; department of spiritual work, Austin White; department of mercy and help, Mrs. N. B. Wilcox; department of literary work, Miss Mary Oday; department of social work, Mrs. A. L. Gladding; department of correspondence, Miss Nina McCarthy; department of finance, Prosper Gillette.

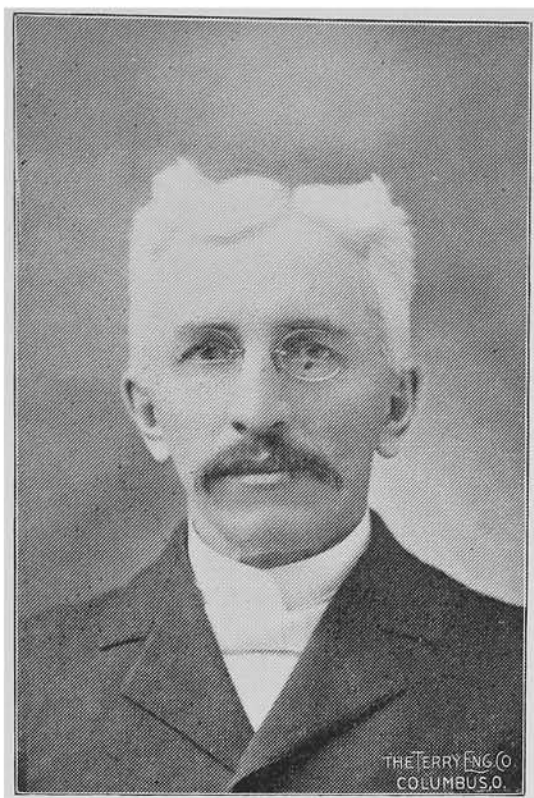
F. Lincoln Harris, one of the artists whose work has done so much to make the Souvenir a very tasty and handsome publication, occupies a

studio at 79 Main street, which is unusually large and fully equipped for a photographer's studio in a town the size of Cortland. On June 1, 1895, he bought out M. Dever Westcott, coming to Cortland from Skaneateles, where he had conducted a gallery for eight years. The studio is supplied with apparatus to make any kind of work from miniatures to life-sized portraits and for crayons, pastels and oil in which work Mr. Harris has made a study, having taken lessons from competent artists. The gallery has been run a good many years and it is estimated by Mr. Harris that he has here on file at least 15,000 negatives of the living and dead, to which he attaches great value. He was born in the town of Nelson, Madison county, near Cazenovia, September 13, 1860, and in 1875 he began work at the profession he had chosen to follow in a portable gallery for Jordan Brothers of Syracuse; afterwards continuing on the road with P. W. Noble. After two years of experience in a drug store at Cuyler he engaged to learn modern photography with A. A. Johnson of Cazenovia, where he served an apprenticeship of three years, then going to Clyde to take instruction of Prof. J. R. Muth in art work and retouching. He afterwards conducted a gallery on the road and in 1884-86 conducted a gallery in Dryden, going thence to Skaneateles. Mr. Harris did a great deal of scenery viewing in that village and his work in the Souvenir shows that he is as accomplished in that line of photography as in portraiture. In 1885 he married Pearl Mynard of East Homer. His business in Cortland has steadily increased and now he has two assistants, Miss I. M. Cayvette and Miss Lillian Hayes, and yet the close of 1899 found him with all he could do on his own hands.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Homer Avenue Methodist Episcopal church was organized on the 22d day of January, 1891, with 37 members and the following officers: President, Mrs. W. B. Stoppard; vice-presidents, Mrs.



F. L. HARRIS' STUDIO.



J. W. CUDWORTH.

Rev. C. E. Hamilton, Mrs. N. J. Peck and Mrs. J. J. Walker; corresponding secretary, Helena M. Myers; recording secretary, Mrs. F. L. Bosworth; treasurer, Augustine Crawley. Upon the payment by the members of \$20 to the general fund of the Methodist Episcopal Missionary society for each of the following, they were thereby made life members of that society: Mrs. D. C. Dutcher, Mrs. W. B. Stoppard, Miss Augustine Crawley, Mrs. J. J. Walker, Mrs. Rev. C. E. Hamilton, Mrs. T. P. Benjamin, Miss Helen M. Angell. By the payment of \$50 each year the society of this church is supporting and educating an orphan in Italy, as well as sending barrels of clothing to the frontier missionaries in our own land, and boxes of clothing and Christmas gifts to be distributed by our missionaries in Corea and Japan. The following named persons are now in office in this society: President, Miss Helen M. Angell; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. C. B. Moyer, Mrs. Elijah Kelley, Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. Cornelia Delevan and Mrs. Sherwood; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lincoln Seeber; recording secretary, Mrs. Stephen D. Ballard; treasurer, Miss Augustine Crawley.

J. W. Cudworth, well known as a successful specialist in fitting lenses to the eye, was born in Putney, Vermont, and moved to Cortland when 12 years old. In 1865 he went to Bainbridge, N. Y., and learned the trade as watchmaker, serving three years' apprenticeship and then buying the business. In 1874 he was appointed postmaster and he conducted the office in connection with his other business. In 1869 he married Miss Elosia C. Maine of Oxford, N. Y. She died in '94. They had one child, Dr. L. W. Cudworth of Perry, Mich. In 1878 he moved to McGraw, N. Y., and engaged in business. He was twice elected justice of the peace in that district. In 1885 he moved to Oxford, N. Y. In 1890 he sold out his business there and took up the study of the eye. In 1893 he graduated from the N. Y. School of Optics and took up his residence in Cortland. He established offices in some twenty towns, so that he spent but one-fourth of his time here. Upright in his dealings and careful of his patrons' eyes he

has built up a very nice spectacle business. Now he is obliged to spend most of his time here. He has purchased the optical business of W. G. Mead and rented a room in his store which he has fitted up with modern improvements for first-class optical rooms, and there he will spend every week day except Wednesday.

Adolf Dahm-Petersen, the noted voice specialist and teacher of artistic singing, is a native of Kristiania, Norway, but has been a resident of this country for the last twenty years. He has for the past three years resided in Ithaca and has during this period maintained a studio in Cortland, and some of the best known local singers are pupils of his. His principal musical training was attained under European masters among whom may be mentioned the celebrated composer, Johan Svendsen, as well as the renowned vocal teacher, Emilio Belari, now of New York city, and he has appeared as soloist with such organizations as the New York Oratorio society, Sousa's band, the Damrosch German Opera company and others, and his performances have been endorsed by the best known critics in N. Y. city and elsewhere as proved by the numerous press notices in his possession. His studio is in the Standard block, Room 15.

Cortland Science Club.—On the evening of Sept. 16, 1899, by invitation of Dr. F. W. Higgins, Prof. M. W. Booth, Mr. N. H. Gillette, Major A. Sager, Mr. David Wesson, Dr. F. D. Reese and Mr. F. E. Whitmore, met at Dr. Higgins' office to organize an association for the promotion of science. A committee of three, consisting of Major A. Sager, Dr. F. W. Higgins and Prof. M. W. Booth, at a meeting held Sept. 23, where about fifteen were present, reported a constitution, which was adopted, and the following officers were elected to serve until Oct.



ADOLPH DAHM-PETERSEN.

1, 1900. President, Dr. F. W. Higgins; vice-president, Major A. Sager; secretary, Mr. A. J. Murray; treasurer, Dr. F. D. Reese. The first meeting after the organization was held in the Hatch Library building, and was addressed by Major A. Sager on "Conchology," Prof. M. W. Booth on "Structural Chemistry," and Mr. F. E. Whitmore on "Plant Structure." On the evening of Nov. 11, 1899, Prof. W. A. Cornish delivered an interesting lecture on "Meteors," and on the evening of Nov. 18 Mr. David Wesson gave an illustrated lecture on "Some Edible Oils and Fats." Its membership is limited to twenty. Each member has the privilege of inviting a friend to its meetings. The present members are: Dr. F. W. Higgins, Major A. Sager, Mr. A. J. Murray, Dr. F. D. Reese, Dr. F. J. Cheney, Prof. M. W. Booth, Prof. W. A. Cornish, Hon. D. W. Van Hoesen, Mr. L. Cooper, Dr. H. C. Hendrick, Mr. J. N. Orr, Mr. F. E. Whitmore, Mr. N. H. Gillette, Mr. H. C. Pierce, Mr. David Wesson, Mr. H. L. Smith, Dr. George H. Smith, Rev. U. S. Milburn.