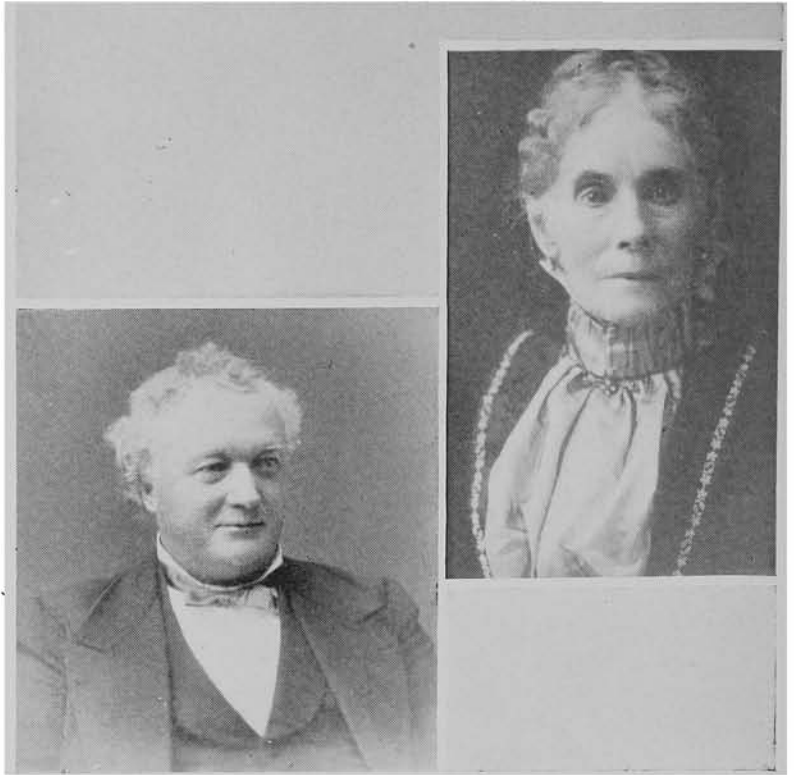


John S. Barber was born of humble parentage near Ninevah, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1824. His early life was spent on the farm with such educational advantages as the rural schools afforded. At about seventeen he was apprenticed to a cabinet maker in Ithaca, N. Y., to learn a trade. While working as a journeyman cabinet maker he drifted to Guilford, N. Y., where he met Elizabeth Lacy Warner, whom he married Dec. 22, 1847, soon after which he moved to Berkshire, N. Y., where he worked at his trade for two years, going to Whitney Point, where he remained about the same time, coming to Cortland in 1857, where he entered the law office of M. M. Waters. His rise in the profession was rapid and brilliant, so that in a very short time he was known and respected as one of the best attorneys of the Cortland county bar. In early life he was affiliated with the Democratic party, and twice led the "forlorn hope" for the Cortland county judgeship. After the war he joined the Republican party and remained there until his death. He was thrice elected president of Cortland village, and always referred with pride to his record in that office. He speculated largely in real estate and was very successful in it. He was especially interested in furnishing homes to the laboring men on easy payments, and many a man is to-day living in a home which he has 100 years to pay for, through Mr. Barber's interest in that direction. In 1868 Mr. and Mrs. Barber adopted a little girl who was given their name and grew up in their home. She is now the wife of Dr. Ellis M. Santee of this village. In the early seventies Mr. Barber erected what is now the American hotel, in which he had his office until near the time of his death. In 1880, erected the Barber block, which stood where the Opera House now stands; he lived there until it burned down in 1883, when he bought the Bradford place at 22 Groton avenue, which he improved and lived in up to the time of his death. He was one of the early members of Vesta Lodge, No. 255, I. O. O. F., and remained a member as long as he lived. In the fall of 1887



JOHN S. BARBER.

ELIZABETH L. BARBER.

he had a shock of paralysis from which he never rallied and from the effects of which he died March 2, 1888. He was a man of strong force of character, a ready thinker, a fluent and forceful speaker, of sound judgment and large executive and business ability, who was closely allied to all that tended to benefit and advance the interests of Cortland during the thirty years that he lived here. His widow still lives in the old home with Dr. and Mrs. Santee. She is over eighty, is well and hearty, with a prospect of many years of a contented, happy old age.

Edwin H. Hyatt, who is entitled to considerable credit for the very excellent work he has done for the Cortland Souvenir, has been in the photographic business in Cortland for ten years.

During that time his business has steadily increased, especially during the past year. The studio, at No. 41½ Main street, is furnished in a tasty and attractive manner, and is fully equipped with all of the latest paraphernalia for first-class work. Himself and two assistants are kept busy throughout the year. Miss Temple is one of the best of retouchers, and Mr. Silcox as a finisher is not surpassed. A great deal of the time extra help is employed. Mr. Hyatt was born at Cazenovia, Madison county, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1867, and attended the Cazenovia seminary. He first went into the photographic business as an employe of Stewart & Yoost, Oneida, in August, 1887. The following year he engaged with Fowler at Herkimer, and in 1889 came to Cortland and formed a co-partnership with Tooke, succeeding C. H. Overton, and continuing the gallery under the firm name of Hyatt & Tooke. A year ago the latter retired.

"**St. Agnes' Guild**" of Grace church was organized in 1889. It was re-organized in 1890 by the Rev. Wm. Bours Clarke, then rector of Grace church, into the Junior branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. It consists of members of the Sunday-school, and its work is strictly of a missionary character. Meetings are held in the Guild room



"GRIP'S" CORTLAND SOUVENIR ARTISTS.

Miss Eva A. Temple. Edwin H. Hyatt. W. H. Silcox.

every fortnight, from October to May. The officers are: President, Miss Edith Bull; vice-president, Miss Ada Landreth; secretary, Miss Alma O'Brien; treasurer, Miss May Riley; directresses, Mrs. Abram M. Schermerhorn, Miss Jane Thurston Guild.

Y. P. S. C. E.—On the evening of Sept. 17, 1883, there was gathered in the chapel of the First Congregational church a group of young people, called hither by their pastor, Rev. H. T. Sell, now

W. H. Latimer; secretary and treasurer, Miss Ella E. Rosa. The committees were three in number, prayer-meeting, lookout and social. The membership was then active 33, and associate 12. Thus was organized the first society of Christian Endeavor in the state of New York. The first prayer-meeting held by the society, as such, was upon the following Sunday evening, Sept. 23, and "was a memorable event, seemingly a guarantee of the blessings which have followed." The first



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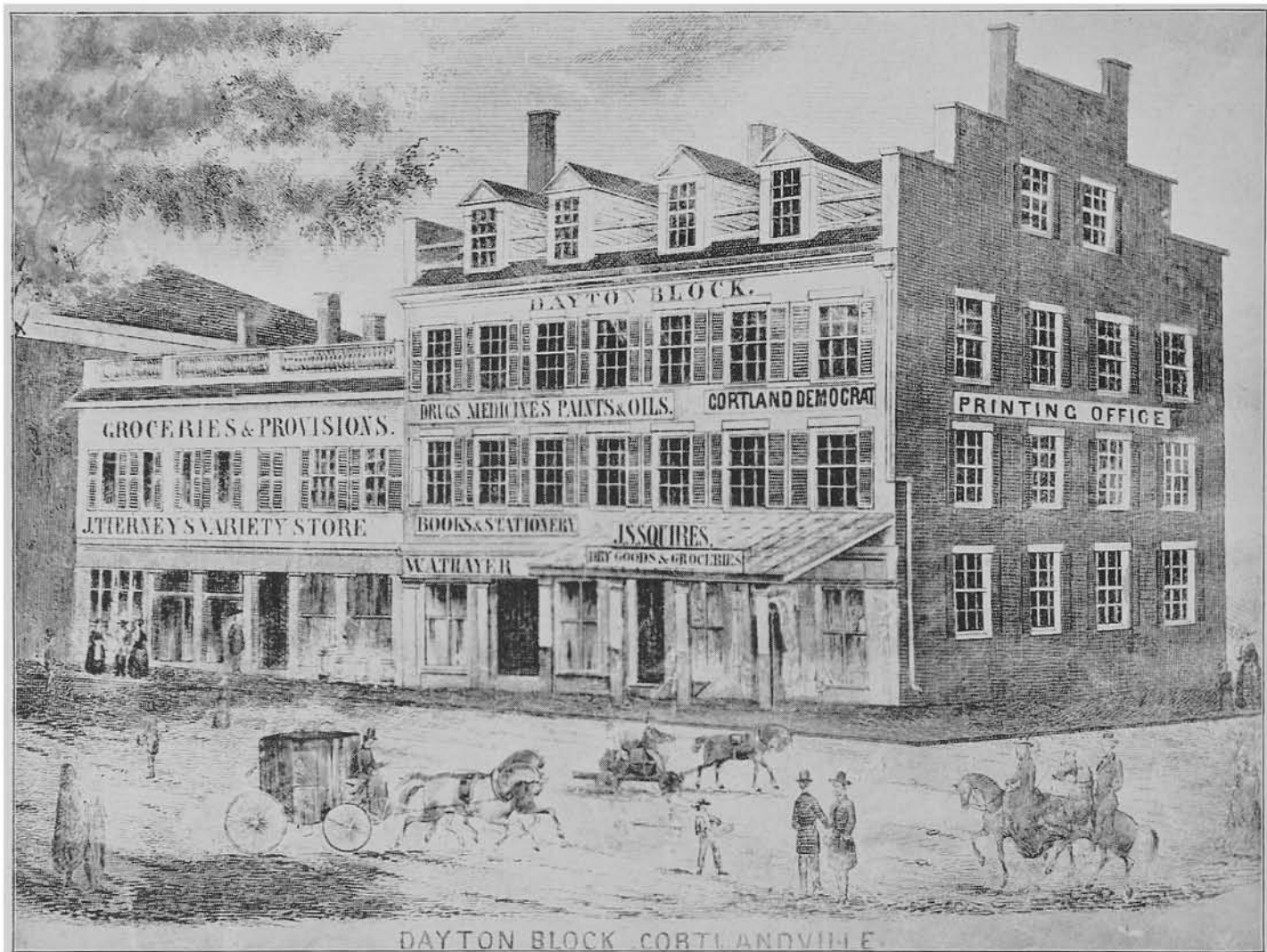
EDWIN H. HYATT'S STUDIO.

of Chicago, Ill., for the purpose of forming a young people's society. Pastor Sell spoke briefly of the grand work which was, even then, being achieved by the societies of Christian Endeavor in various directions. The constitution of the first society of its kind ever organized, that of the Williston Society of Christian Endeavor, Portland, Me., with such amendments as were deemed advisable, was adopted. The following officers were elected: President, H. A. Carmer; vice-president,

experience meeting was held Wednesday evening, Oct. 3. We have reason to believe that our work, under God, has not been in vain; aye, even our own hearts have felt its reflex action. Our present membership is: Active 86, associate 5, honorary 16. The officers are: President, Florence M. Chaffee; vice-president, George O. Moore; recording secretary, Rosamond Robinson; corresponding secretary, Lena E. Dalton; treasurer, Florence M. Tupper.

Cortlandville Grange, No 461.—The farmers living in the outskirts of Cortland village are a thrifty, industrious class of people, and as a means of promoting sociability and of interchanging views upon matters pertaining to their occupation, they organized a local grange with twenty-three charter members, known as Cortlandville Grange, No. 461, P. of H., July 7, 1882. The regular meetings for the first three months were held in Good Templar hall, about three miles west of Cortland village. The first officers of the grange were: Master, Dan. F. Hopkins; overseer, John S. Winter; lecturer, John S. McMaster; steward, Leonard J. Stafford; assistant steward, John S. Simmons; chaplain, James Jenman; treasurer, Thurber Warfield; secretary, Leonard Kinney; gate keeper, Horatio N. Rogers; pomona, Mrs. A. Williams; flora, Mrs. Fannie Kinney; ceres, Mrs. John S. Winter; lady assistant steward, Mrs. D. F.

The Junior League of the Homer Avenue M. E. church was organized in 1892 with Mrs. C. E. Hamilton (wife of the pastor) as superintendent, and Mr. J. J. Walker as her assistant. Previous to this there had been a boys' meeting, led by Mrs. Walker, and a girls' meeting, led by Mrs. Hamilton. These, being merged into each other, formed the original Junior League. Lucien Gallinger, Arthur Allen and Edith Swift were some of the early presidents. One of its charter members, Willie Seeber, has passed into the bright hereafter. The present officers are: Superintendent, Mrs. Eunice Seeber; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilbur; president, Gertrude Ryan; first vice-president, Eva Bowen; second vice-president, Edna Kelley; third vice-president, Florence Dunham; fourth vice-president, Emma Bowen; secretary, Jennie Melvin; treasurer, Mertie Allen. Present membership is one hundred.



CORNER MAIN AND PORT WATSON STREETS, 1885.

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Hopkins. This grange has had seasons of prosperity and adversity, sometimes the attendance and membership being small, and the prospect looked dark to the few faithful followers. For several weeks past the grange has enjoyed a steady growth in membership, and the interest in the discussions is greater than for some years. The meetings are now held in G. A. R. hall, Cortland village, on the second and fourth Monday evenings in each month. The present officers are as follows: Master, L. E. Burnham; overseer, Mrs. H. M. Phillips; lecturer, Mrs. L. E. Burnham; steward, H. M. Phillips; assistant steward, Leonard Kinney; chaplain, Mrs. Ella Kinney; treasurer, Sanford Buchanan; secretary, G. A. Wilbur; gate keeper, M. W. Kinney; pomona, Mrs. Loucks; flora, Mrs. Fanny Kinney; ceres, Mrs. L. N. Hopkins; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Almeron Loucks.

Congregational Chapel, East Side.—The branch work of the East Side was undertaken by the Congregational church, Sunday, April 12, 1895. A Sunday-school, a Y. P. S. C. E., a Ladies' Aid society and a mid-week prayer-meeting were organized at once and have been well sustained. For two years regular preaching service and pastoral work were carried on by special workers engaged for that purpose. The first superintendent was Mrs. A. E. Buck, under whose very efficient administration the work prospered in all departments. The present superintendent is Mr. J. W. Keese, whose faithful and efficient service is rewarded with most gratifying results. He has now held that onerous position for two years. A small building fund has been started and it is hoped at no very distant day that a suitable building may be erected to accommodate this very important branch of the church's work.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the First M. E. Church was organized Sept. 21, 1885, with ten members. The following officers were elected at that meeting: President, Miss C. H. Henry; first vice-president, Mrs. H. M. Kellogg; second vice-president, Mrs. Martin Edgcomb; third vice-president, Mrs. F. J. Doubleday; recording secretary, Miss Jessie Reed; treasurer, Mrs. Kinner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Owens. "The object of this society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work." The following officers were elected

kins and sang the Easter service April 5, 1899. The present choir is composed of the following members: Soprano: Marguerite Force, Harriet Allen, Jennie T. Guild, Wilhelmina Newkirk, Lola Strowbridge, Winifred Holt, Eleanor Howard, Louise Castlemon, Grace Allen, Helen Turner, Margaret Turner, James Watkins. Alto: Harriet Strowbridge, Marian Goodhue, Jane Newkirk. Tenor: Arthur Williams, Lawrence Rose. Bass: Herman Carver, Lewis Randall, R. G. Lewis. Organist: James Foote. Violin: Arthur Dunn. Much credit is due this volunteer choir for prompt attendance at the church services and for good and conscientious musical work.



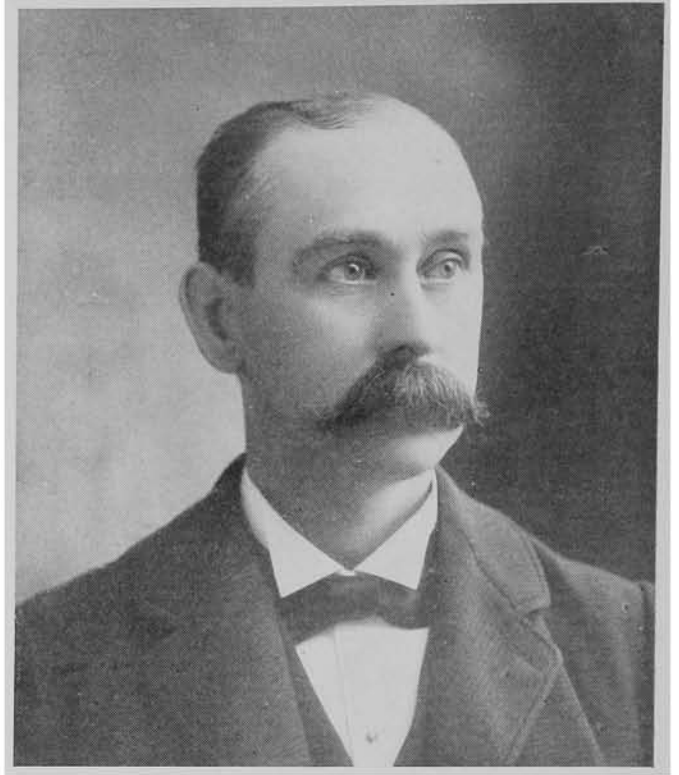
COBBLESTONE SCHOOL HOUSE.—Erected 1844; Demolished 1893. "Stand. Ind. Ed."

for 1899-1900: President, Mrs. Lucetta Hinman; first vice-president, Mrs. O. A. Houghton; second vice-president, Mrs. G. W. Edgcomb; third vice-president, Mrs. T. E. Dye; fourth vice-president, Mrs. C. O. Smith; fifth vice-president, Mrs. F. W. Higgins; recording secretary, Mrs. Eugene Powers; treasurer, Miss Mary O'Day; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. T. Peck; librarian, Miss Effie A. Allen. The subject is, "Our Country;" the emblem, Our Flag; the motto, "For the love of Christ and in His name, All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

The Vested Choir of Grace Episcopal church was organized with twenty-one members Feb. 1, 1896, under the direction of the Rev. Amos Wat-

Cortland Council, No. 1445, Royal Arcanum, was organized April 23, 1892, with seventeen charter members and elected the following officers: Regent, James P. Maher; vice-regent, A. E. Bailey; orator, Prof. D. L. Bardwell; past-regent, M. W. Kunkleley; secretary, William L. Fox; collector, George I. Pruden; treasurer, E. E. Ellis; chaplain, John S. Wells; guide, Fred E. Seeber; warden, James F. McDonald; sentry, H. R. Burroughs. The present officers are: Regent, H. R. Burroughs; vice-regent, John Lanigan; orator, J. F. Wheeler; past-regent, Henry Relyea; secretary, H. W. Gazlay; collector, Henry Relyea; treasurer, E. D. Wood; chaplain, J. B. Sliter; guide, F. D. McGraw; warden, David Ingalls; sentry, Daniel Tucker.

A. S. Brown, the postmaster of Cortland, moved to this village at the time he was elected county treasurer in 1888, a position which he occupied two terms, six years. In August, 1888, he purchased the general grocery then conducted by Peck Brothers in the Keator block, on the corner of Main and Port Watson streets, and in connection with the retail part of the business he started what has since become the largest cold storage plant in this locality. It began with the buying and shipping of produce, but in 1894 Mr. Brown erected the building he now occupies at the crossing of Main street and the Lehigh Valley railroad, and put in a Dexter patent cold air system, comprising cold air chambers, ice tanks and storage facilities. There are also provided means for freezing produce, which he uses largely for freezing butter, poultry and game, which is in prime condition to be marketed as desired. In the exterior work on the building there were used galvanized iron for roofing and steel siding, so that the contents may not be affected by changes in the outside temperature and be protected against fire. Perfect air circulation is insured, and the temperature may be regulated in any one or more of the storage chambers without affecting the temperature of the others. At the time Mr. Brown established the plant he occupied only the ground floor, which has an area of 36 x 64, but the business has since increased until in 1900, he took possession of the two upper floors. The original capacity was 240,000 dozens of eggs, but it has been increased by at least 30,000 dozens, besides having a capacity for 2,500 tubs of butter, all in cold storage, and a warehouse capacity for a large quantity of produce which is brought in to be shipped without storing. Mr. Brown is a large buyer of maple sugar and handles more or less apples and other produce. He was born July 31, 1857, and was thrown on his own resources at an early age. Until sixteen years old he lived with an uncle and had very little opportunity for a schooling. Then



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A. S. BROWN.

he was obliged to earn money to give him three terms in the high school at Ithaca and a course in a business college, by teaching and farm work. He was at the Ithaca school in 1877-'78 and in 1879 attended the business college, teaching school in Pleasant Valley in the course of the years of 1876-'79, and at Etna and West Dryden in 1880-'81. In the spring of the latter year he went into a general store in Peruville with Prescott Moe, and in August, 1883, started a general store at Solon, Cortland county, where he continued the business until he moved to Cortland, as has been stated. In 1884 he served as town clerk, and in 1885, '86 and '87 he served as supervisor of the town of Solon. During the years of 1896 and '97 and until the summer of 1898 he served as chairman of the Republican county committee. While acting in that

capacity he managed the affairs of the party with the advice and assistance of his friends in a manner wholly creditable to them all and with successful results. On January 1, 1899, he took the position of postmaster of Cortland, and entered upon his duties determined to give the people excellent service. He has succeeded in doing so. He was a member of the village board of education four years. He is a member of the Red Men, the Athletic club and the Tioughnioga club, although not especially active in the social and club affairs of the village. On Dec. 23, 1880, he married Emma A. Moe of Peruville, and they have one daughter, Harriet E. Brown.

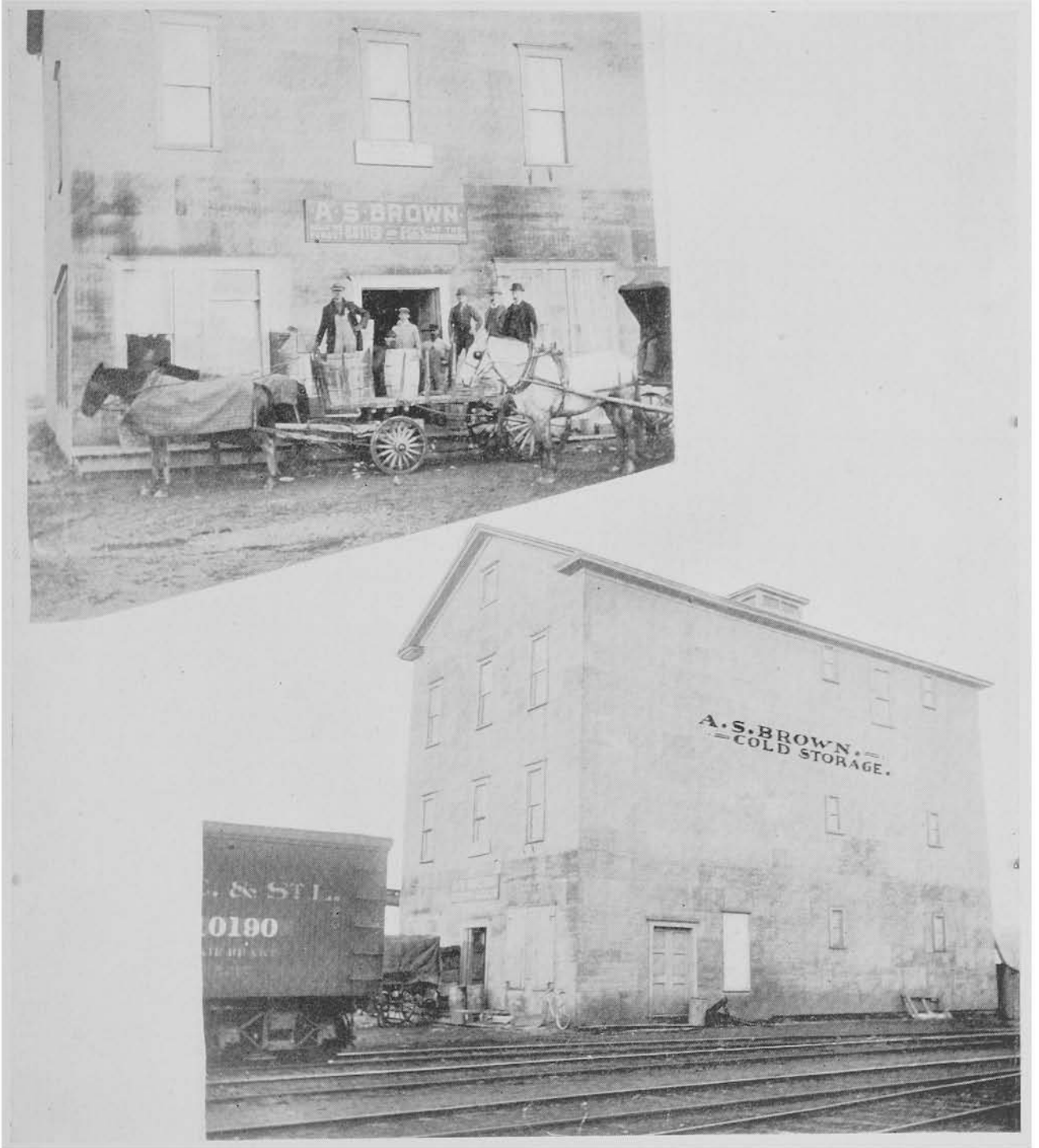


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A. S. BROWN'S RESIDENCE.

Cortland Tent, No. 304, Knights of the Macca-bees, was instituted Tuesday evening, July 3, 1894, by Deputy Great Commander Leland Kennedy, as-sisted by Great Master-at-Arms William Schemp. The following officers were elected and installed: Sir Knight Past Commander, George S. Gilbert; Sir Knight Commander, J. H. Johnson; Sir Knight Lieutenant Commander M. E. Corwin; Sir Knight Record Keeper, M. C. Eastman; Sir Knight Finance Keeper, W. A. Howard; Sir Knight Chaplain, L. E. Winslow; Sir Knight Sergeant, S. S. Horton; Sir

ing for insurance protection, coupled with a grow-ing and prosperous fraternal organization. Its finances are looked after by careful and painstaking men, and the members invite a thorough in-spection of its business methods. Negotiations are being closed for new and elaborate parapher-nalia, and a degree team second to none in New York State will be brought out to exemplify the beautiful ritualistic work. The officers for the present term are: Past Commander, Sir Knight S. Luther; Sir Knight Commander, E. N. Sherwood;



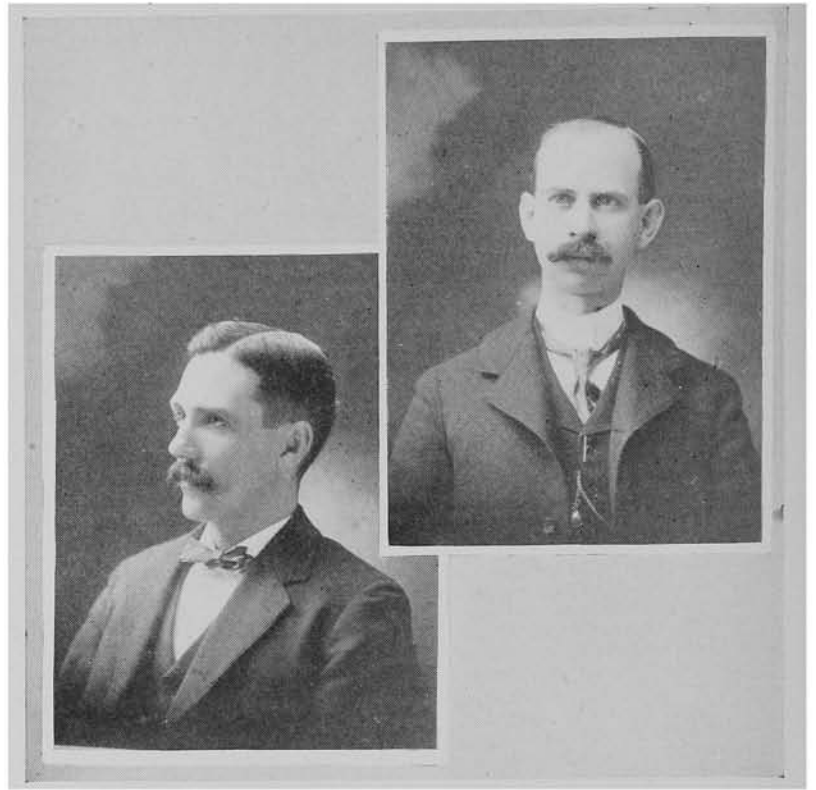
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A. S. BROWN'S COLD STORAGE BUILDING.

Knight Physician, Dr. W. J. Moore; Sir Knight Master-at-Arms, William Phalen; Sir Knight First M. of G., George Olds; Sir Knight Second M. of G., R. J. McComb; Sir Knight Sentinel, W. H. Dickinson; Sir Knight Picket, C. E. Millen. Since its institution Cortland Tent has had but one death, Sir Knight George S. Gilbert, who held a beneficiary certificate for \$2,000. Cortland Tent has now sixty members in good standing. Its membership roll contains the names of some of Cortland's most conservative men, who are look-

Sir Knight Lieutenant Commander, John Close; Sir Knight Record and Finance Keeper, George W. Long; Sir Knight Chaplain, W. H. Gilbert; Sir Knight Sergeant, A. G. Klotton; Sir Knight Physician, Dr. C. Vernooy; Sir Knight Master-at-Arms, S. S. Horton; Sir Knight First M. of G., D. F. Waters; Sir Knight Second M. of G., E. D. Rogers; Sir Knight Sentinel, M. E. Sarvay; Sir Knight Picket, F. E. Millen; Trustees, M. E. Sarvay, S. Luther, A. G. Klotton.

Beard & Peck, furniture dealers and funeral directors, whose place of business is at No. 9 Main street, succeeded to the furniture business on Oct. 1, 1888, which was established twenty-five years ago by Randolph Beard. It was not until April 1, 1891, that the undertaking branch was added. But on March 15, 1892, this firm bought out its strongest competitors, Edgcomb & Ballard, who were doing business on Railroad street where Cobb & Co. are now located, and thus combined two large stores, and necessitated the occupancy of the entire four-story brick block, which is 30 x 120 feet, and has a total floor space of 15,000 square feet. The success of this furniture business has been phenomenal from the start, and has grown so that this firm is able to buy goods in carload lots, thus competing with the largest dealers. When Randolph Beard started the business he was located in the Barber block on Groton avenue, on the present site of the opera house. Nine years later his son, Robert H. Beard, was taken into partnership, and until N. J. Peck bought out the senior member of the firm, it was known as R. Beard & Son. After the Barber block was burned the business was for about a year temporarily located on Port Watson street. From that



N. JAY PECK.

R. H. BEARD.

place it was moved to its present quarters. All kinds of furniture repairing, finishing and upholstering are done by competent workmen in the several departments. Mr. Beard has personal supervision of the undertaking business, which is equipped with all modern paraphernalia, including funeral car, undertaker's wagon and ambulance. Robert H. Beard was born at Pompey Hill, Onondaga county, March 30, 1862. He married Carrie M. Peck of Cortland Feb. 6, 1884, and they have two children, Karl H. and R. Ward. He is a member of the Odd Fellows. N. Jay Peck was born in Solon, Cortland county, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1862, and moved to Cortland April 1, 1879. For a time he was engaged in the shoe business with a cousin, the firm being A. R. & N. J. Peck. He was also associated with his brother in the grocery business. For seven or eight years he was a clerk in C. W. Stoker's grocery. On Oct. 20, 1886, he married Hattie R. Pendleton, and they have two children, Hazel R. and Harold P. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of the fire department, being also on the board of school trustees, to which he was elected in March, 1897.

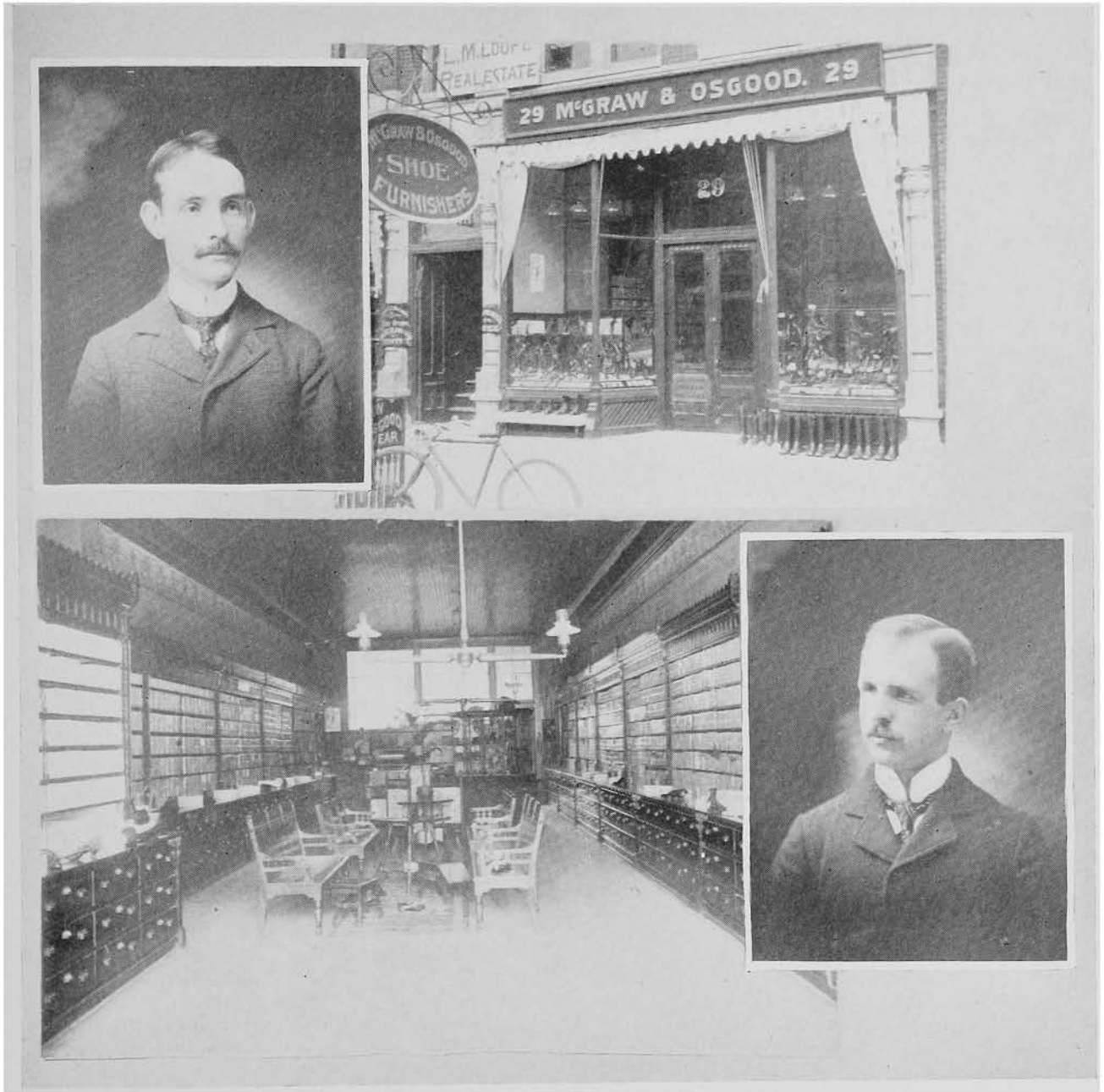
Fine Wire-Drawers' Beneficial Association was instituted on March 1, 1895, with twenty members, for the purpose of helping their sick and afflicted fellow workmen. Up to the present time their assessments have been but \$3 per member, and they have over \$100 in bank after paying all benefits. There are at present fifty-two members in the association. The officers for the first six months, 1899: President, Albert Williams; vice-president, Barney McNeff; recording secretary, James T. Summers; financial secretary, C. B. Roethig; treasurer, Wallace Goodall; trustees, Thomas Jenkins, Charles Feuhmeyer, A. J. Klotton. Fine wire-drawers only can become members of this association.



Harris, Photo. BEARD & PECK'S FURNITURE STORE.

McGraw & Osgood succeeded McGraw & Son, dealers in boots and shoes, in September, 1898, the business having been established by William Fisk in 1850. It was then located in a building on Main street, which was afterwards moved for the purpose of opening Railroad street into Main. Mr. Fisk was succeeded by M. H. McGraw, who in the early sixties took in a partner. McGraw & Blodgett continued the business but a few months, when DeWitt C. Dickinson bought out Blodgett, and the firm of Dickinson & McGraw carried on the business until 1895, when the former retired

school. In 1888 he entered the employ of Dickinson & McGraw. He was married to Julia, the daughter of Dr. R. P. Bush of Horseheads, N. Y., the well-known statesman and legislator. J. G. Osgood was born in Cincinnati, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1872. He attended school and worked on a farm until 1892, when he went to Cleveland, O., in the employ of the Cleveland Linseed Oil Co. A year later he went to Chicago, where he remained five years for the same company, coming thence to Cortland. On June 8, 1897, he married Jennie B., the daughter of Dr. B. Kinyon of Cincinnati.



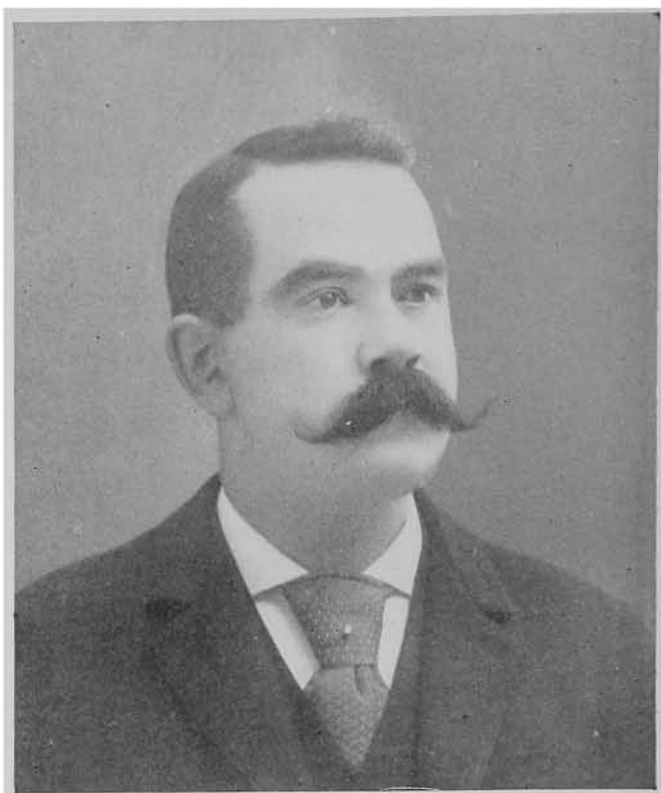
Views by Harris. **McGRAW & OSGOOD'S BOOT AND SHOE STORE.** Portraits by Hyatt.
 G. W. McGRAW. J. G. OSGOOD.

and G. W. McGraw became a partner of his father. McGraw & Son continued three years, then the former retired in favor of J. G. Osgood. It was during the time of Dickinson & McGraw that the business was moved to its present location, No. 29 Main street. For years manufacturing was carried on, and at one time as many as fifty employes were on the pay-roll of this house. The present firm handles largely eastern-made goods, including Hanan & Son's fine shoes for men and the Delsarte shoe for ladies. They carry a full line of American rubber goods, and also supply custom-made work. G. W. McGraw was born in Cortland Aug. 21, 1870, and attended the Normal

W. C. T. U.—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized in Cortland May 26, 1884. The following ladies have served as presidents: Mrs. Randolph Beard, Miss Sara E. Collins, Mrs. James S. Squires, Mrs. P. H. Patterson, Mrs. H. B. Greenman. In its organization the departments of work taken up were: Scientific temperance instruction, juvenile work, temperance literature, and influencing the press. The present departments are: Evangelistic, scientific, temperance instruction, literature, temple, soldiers and sailors, press work, Sabbath observance, fruit and flower mission, systematic and proportionate giving, State papers, parlor meetings, Sunday-school

work, heredity, legislation and petition, non-alcoholics in medicine, and mothers' meetings. The present officers are: President, Mrs. H. B. Greenman; vice-president, Mrs. M. V. Hills; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edith Cotton; recording secretary, Mrs. M. A. Waterbury; treasurer, Mrs. F. C. Weiler. Present membership, 154 actives, 30 honorary and 3 sustaining members. Cortland union has the honor of being the second in membership in the State. The headquarters are at 12 West Court street.

The Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary.—The first Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary was organized and a constitution adopted April 15, 1882. Twenty-six members were enrolled as charter members with the following officers: President, Mrs. Frank Capen; vice-president, Mrs. George L. Waters; secretary, Miss Sara E. Collins; treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Henry. A board of directors numbering thirteen was appointed, who recommended as the first important work "the forming of a village circulating library." the said library to be placed in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. for the benefit of the said association. This auxiliary led a flourishing existence until February, 1883, when the organization disbanded and reorganized as a library association, this being the foundation of the present library association. The present auxiliary was organized Sept. 25, 1890, by Assistant State Secretary W. W. Griffith, under the direction of the general secretary of the Cortland association, Mr. Kling. There were seventeen charter members, of whom nine still retain their membership. The officers for the first year were: President, Mrs. J. H. Hoose; vice-president, Mrs. S. M. Ballard; secretary, Mrs. C. F. Brown; treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Marritt. There has been no special line of work taken up aside from assistance to the association to which we are auxiliary in all its work. A fund of \$1,000, the proceeds from "A Women's Edition," is held in trust as a nucleus of a building fund for a home for the Y. M. C. A. at some future time. The present membership is nearly two hundred. During the nine years the auxiliary has given to the association in round numbers \$2,491, not including the money from "The Women's Edition." The officers for 1899 are as follows: President, Mrs. F. J. Cheney; first vice-president, Mrs. C. F. Brown; second vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Banta; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Darby.



Hyatt, Photo. E. A. DIDAMA, M. D.

Emory A. Didama, M. D., one of the most successful physicians of Cortland, located in this village in May, 1888, and at once entered upon a desirable and profitable practice. On being graduated from the Syracuse Medical college, June 10, 1886, he entered the office of his uncle, H. D. Didama, a leading physician of Syracuse, where he enjoyed the advantage of constant advice from the oldest and most skilled of practitioners, having also two years' practical experience with the many complicated and serious cases which almost invariably are treated with success by that eminent physician. Dr. E. A. Didama's office is in his residence on Main street, a location which he was fortunate to secure in one of the best neighborhoods in the village. He is at present the local health officer. The doctor was born in Ovid, Seneca Co., N. Y., April 18, 1861, and was educated in the Medina academy and the Lockport Union school. He entered Syracuse Medical college in 1883 and after settling in Cortland was married to Mary Herdson of Albion, N. Y., April 17, 1895. He is a member of the Cortland Chapter and Commandery F. A. M., and also of the Onondaga and Cortland County Medical societies, the New York State Medical and the American Medical associations.

The Cortland County Homoeopathic Medical Society was organized at a meeting of physicians held in the court house July 16, 1879. The following doctors were present: E. B. Nash, Jay Ball, L. H. Babcock, R. A. Goodell, L. D. Eaton and S. Hinman. The first officers elected were as fol-

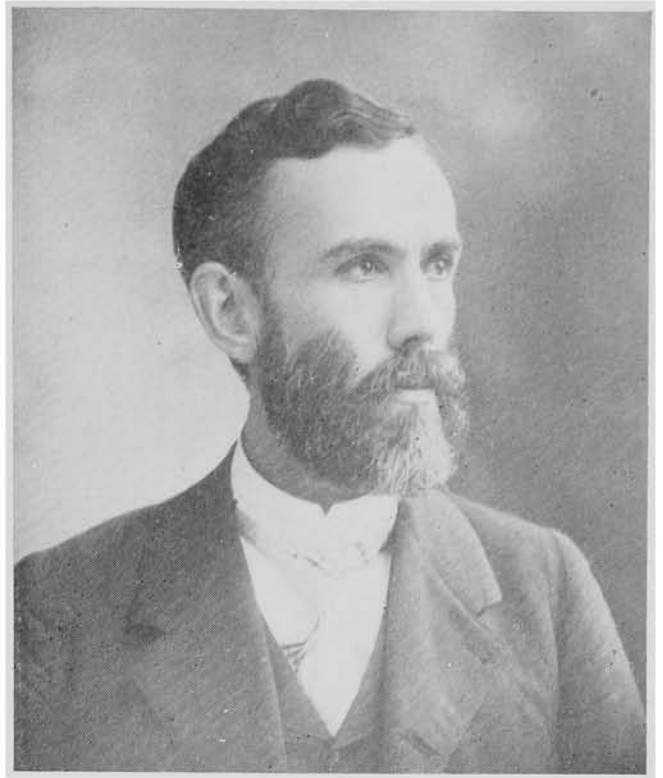


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DR. E. A. DIDAMA'S RESIDENCE.

lows: President, Jay Ball; vice-president, R. A. Goodell; secretary-treasurer, E. B. Nash. Its meetings are held at the offices of its members. Its present officers are: President, L. W. Potter; vice-president, S. Hinman; secretary-treasurer, E. M. Santee.

Samuel J. Sornberger, M. D., was born at Harpersville, Broome Co., N. Y., Aug. 15, 1849. His elementary education was obtained at Blaklee academy, Harpersville, N. Y. In September, 1871, he entered the Normal school at Cortland, N. Y., and was graduated from the classical course in June, 1874, being honored with the appointment as one of the commencement speakers. In the fall of the same year he entered Syracuse university, and in 1878 was graduated with the degree of Ph. B., being also honored with an appointment as commencement orator. After one year of practical literary and educational work he was awarded the degree of Ph. M. from the same institution and two years later the degree of Ph. D. upon examination in a two years' post-graduate course of study pursued privately. In the fall of 1878 the chair of English, Physics, History and Latin in the State Normal school at Cortland was tendered him unsought. This position he accepted and filled with acceptance for twelve years. In 1880 the doctor was married to Miss Kate M. Foster of Burnt Hills, Saratoga Co., N. Y. Miss Foster was a graduate of Syracuse University in the class of '78. Frank, their son, is now a student of the Normal. In 1894 the doctor was graduated with honors from a full four years' course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, Ill., now the medical department of the State University of Illinois, and followed dispensary and hospital practice in Chicago, from April to September of the same year. In September, 1894, he was licensed by the Board of Regents, under the new law, to practice in the state of New York. In November following he opened an office in the Democrat building, Cortland, N. Y.,



S. J. SORNBERGER, M. D.

where he is now located. He is a member of the Cortland County Medical society, and also of the surgical staff of the Cortland hospital.

The Young People's Society of Grace church is an organization which has for its object the promotion of the best interests of the parish, by example, by earnest effort, and by rendering such financial aid as lies within its power. Meetings occur at the call of the president, and the officers for 1899-1900 are as follows: The Rev. Amos Watkins, president; Mrs. N. H. Waters, vice-president; Marguerite Force, secretary and treasurer.



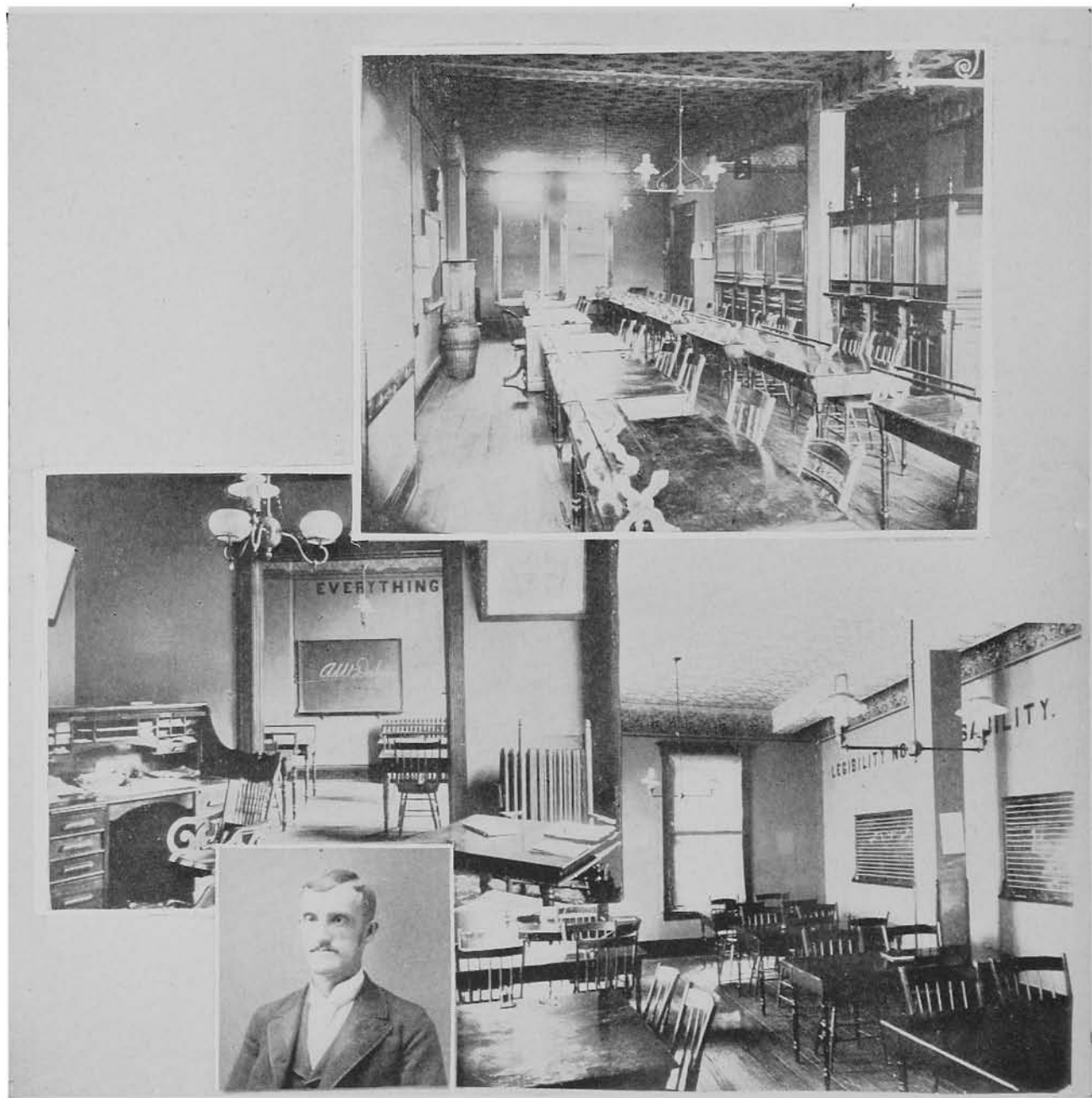
Photo by Harris. DR. S. J. SORNBERGER'S RESIDENCE.

Junior Epworth League.—The Junior Epworth League of the First Methodist Episcopal church was organized Feb. 4, 1894, by Rev. L. H. Pearce, D. D., and Miss Mary A. Oday with 26 charter members. The membership in a few months was increased to 125 bright, active, earnest learners and workers. Socials were held and well patronized by parents and friends. Over \$50 was raised in one year. This was used to buy carpet and molding for the church parlor, hire a nurse to care for a poor sick family, help to buy books for Sunday-school, Bibles for the juniors, etc. The name "Royal Path-Seekers" was chosen by a vote of the juniors. The officers were as follows: Superintendent, Miss Mary A. Oday; assistants, Mrs. L. H. Pearce and Miss Effie A. Allen; president, R. Paul Higgins; first vice-president, Fred H. Gleason; second vice-president, Mary J. Morrissey; third vice-president, Helen L. Loucks; fourth vice-president, Lena R. Perry; secretary, Jessie Jones; treasurer, Vernon E. Peck. These officers were soon graduated into the senior league and the places filled by younger ones. The greater num-

ber who were members of this league during the first years of its existence are to-day members of the church.

The Cortland Business Institute in the Democrat building was founded as Joiner's Business college on Jan. 6, 1894, by James E. Joiner, it being located at that time in the Wickwire building on Main street. Three years ago it was moved to the present location, occupying the entire third floor. On July 1, 1899, Mr. A. W. Dakin, the present proprietor, took possession with Louis E. Edgcomb as instructor of arithmetic and common law, Walter M. Sanford as assistant instructor in

was very young his parents moved to Tully, Onondaga Co., where he first acquired a proficiency in penmanship, which he for some years pursued as a profession. He was graduated from a Syracuse business college and in September, 1891, he bought a business college at Auburn. Owing to ill health he retired a year later and spent a year in Virginia. In 1893 he opened Dakin's college at Syracuse, now conducted by his brothers, and from there came to Cortland. On July 1, 1887, he was married to Miss Belle Crozier of Cazenovia. They have two children, Hazel and Carmen. Mr. Dakin is a member of the Tioughnioga club.



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A. W. DAKIN'S BUSINESS COLLEGE.
Commercial School.

Stenographic School.

book-keeping, penmanship and the commercial course, in which department Mr. Dakin takes personal charge, and Miss Clara J. Rowland of Syracuse as instructor of stenography and typewriting, adopting the Munson system in shorthand. The apartments are arranged conveniently for teaching and study in the several departments. The school is registered as one of the first class by the State Board of Regents. A two years' course in a registered school entitles the pupil to a business diploma and an examination of 125 words a minute to a diploma in stenography, both granted by the Regents. Mr. Dakin was born in Hillsdale, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1859. When he

William Hathaway Pound, pastor of the First Congregational church, was born at Canandaigua, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1859. His father, Edwin H. Pound, was a graduate of William college, and his mother, Jennie Briggs, a graduate of Oberlin college. He was prepared for college at Canandaigua, N. Y., at the academy made famous by its well-known principal, Noah T. Clark, and was a public school teacher in Ohio in 1880-'83, having been graduated at Oberlin college in 1885 and at Oberlin Theological seminary in 1888. Ordained to the ministry in June, 1888, his first pastorate was at Wakeman, Ohio, in the First Congregational church, in 1888-1892. His second and present

pastorate, at Cortland, N. Y., in the First Congregational church, began in 1892. He married Lulu Belle Annis of Amherst, Ohio, in 1887, and they have two children, Harold Hathaway and Kenneth Gardner.

H. T. Bushnell, although serving the second term as clerk of Cortland county, elected for the first time in 1888 and for the current term (three years) in 1897, will have had twelve continuous years' experience as custodian of the county records at the close of this term, and must therefore be best informed in matters pertaining to the county clerk's office. During the years of 1892-'7, inclusive, he served as deputy clerk. Mr. Bushnell is a Grand Army man and a member of the O. U. A. M. He was born in Johnston, O., Sept. 26, 1843, and on June 1, 1862, was mustered as a four months' volunteer in the Eighty-seventh Ohio Infantry, being one of Col. Miles' command, which in the fall of that year was captured as prisoners of war at Harpers' Ferry and released on parole. In the spring of 1863 he began clerking for T. L. Finney at Johnston, and upon his formal exchange re-enlisted Aug. 30, 1864, in the Second Ohio Cavalry. At Todd barracks, Columbus, O., he was detailed as paymaster's clerk until mustered out in June, 1865. Returning to mercantile life, he clerked in a store in Mecca, O.; later, for two years, at Fredonia, N. Y.; from March, 1868, to June, 1871, in a general store at Gustavus, O., and one year in the large dry goods store of Taylor & Co., Towanda, Pa. On Dec. 23, 1868, he married Miss Jennie H. Hollett at Watkins, N. Y., and in July, 1872, located at Harford, first in partnership with John C. Stewart and, a few months later, until August, 1878, conducting the business alone. Then he retired from the business at Harford, sold out to S. N. Holden, and for seventeen months engaged in the general mercantile business of Summers & Bushnell at Monroeton, Pa., returning to Harford in Dec., 1879, and going into business there with S. N. Holden, which continued practically unchanged until he was elected county clerk.



H. T. BUSHNELL.

Lot Cast Midst Pleasant Surroundings.—You ask me to give some of my impressions of Cortland. This is certainly a pleasant task which I am willing to undertake, though many others can speak from the authority of better acquaintance and longer residence. For seven years it has been my gracious privilege to reside in Cortland: All of that time I have served as its pastor the First Congregational church. As a minister it was natural that about my first distinct impression should be that Cortland may be called a church-going town. I soon came to realize that the five churches on Church street and the five others situated in different parts of our town are

never wanting in large numbers of worshippers at their various services. Add to this the harmony of spirit which prevails among the church members of all denominations, and the Christian fellowship which marks so conspicuously the ministry and you have a condition which can but result in vast good to the community.

It is an ever-growing impression with me that Cortland is a delightful residence town. Its many beautiful streets, lined with pleasant and commodious homes, furnish one of the most charming attractions for Cortland. While it is true that evil influences exist in Cortland, it is cheering to note that they do not exist without an earnest and vigorous protest on the part of a very large body of the citizens. Truly it is that man should count himself fortunate who is

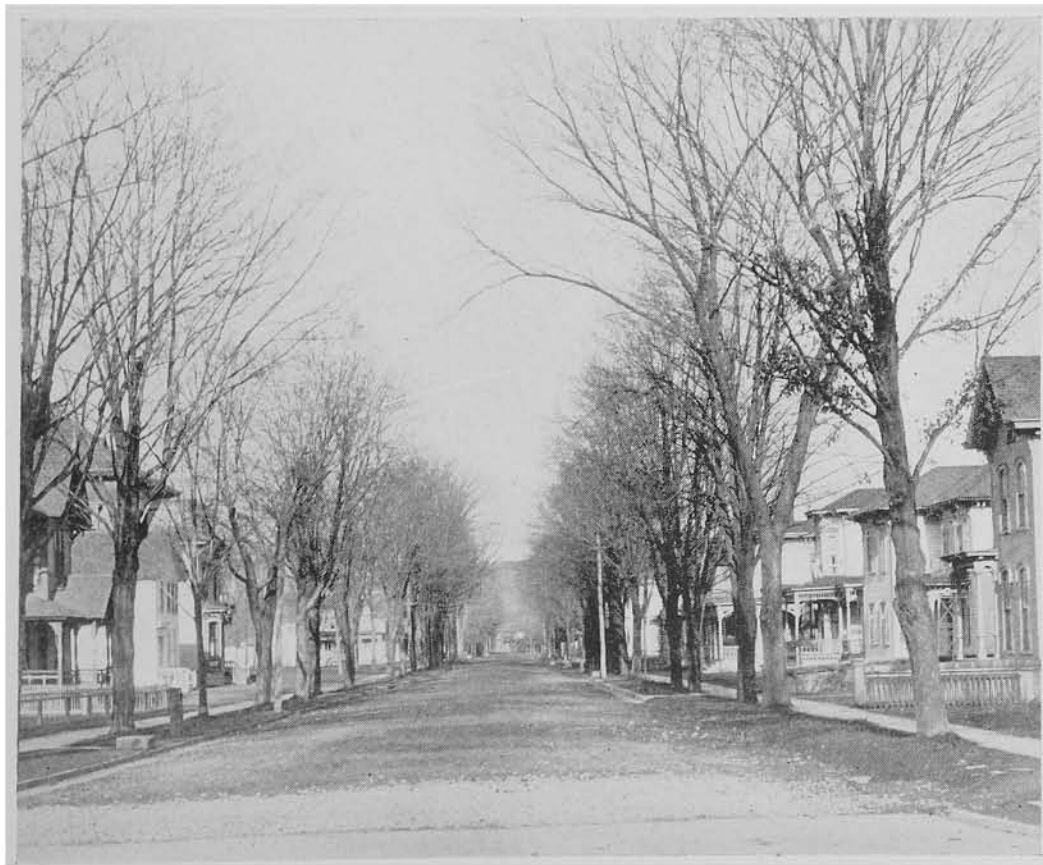


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GREENBUSH STREET.

privileged to dwell in Cortland, where he may find congenial fellowship among its citizens and the ever peaceful companionship of the encircling hills!

The life of Cortland is affected in very large degree by the State Normal school of which the citizens are justly proud. It not only exerts a profound influence upon the social and intellectual life of the community, but its influence is felt in no uncertain way in behalf of all that makes for good citizenship, a morally clean town and civic righteousness in general. The young men and women who crowd the halls of the Normal school are a welcome and important feature of our village life. It is gratifying to note the intimate relation which exists between the town and this important institution of learning. The State Normal school and the fine public school system make Cortland a desirable place of residence, especially for those who are interested in the education of young people.

people as well as good people in our midst, still taking it all in all it would seem difficult for one to live in Cortland without a growing impression that his lot is cast amid most pleasant surroundings. He had "better endure ills he has, than to fly to others that he knows not of."—WILLIAM H. POUND.

Photography, Auld Lang Syne.—"When you stop to consider the difference between the wet and the dry plate process," said Photographer F. L. Harris, "you can appreciate what giant strides photography has taken in the past few years. We formerly took a clear plate of glass and soaked it in lye, washing thoroughly in clear water. Then we passed it through diluted nitric acid, and after washing again, passed it through diluted ammonia and then again washed it. We prepared our own albumen, taking the white of an egg and



Photo by Hyatt. TOMPKINS STREET, WEST FROM NEAR MAIN STREET.

The past seven years have impressed me with the progressive spirit of our town. At a time when stagnation marked so many business interests of the entire country, Cortland was discussing the matter of public improvements. With its system of waterworks, its electric lights, its system of sewerage and its paved streets Cortland manifests a most commendable spirit of enterprise.

The large and important manufacturing interests of Cortland are a most essential part of Cortland's prosperity. One is impressed with the orderliness and good spirit which in general characterizes our village life, a condition which is not always found in towns with business interests demanding the employment of so much labor.

If winters are cold, and some of the days of summer are warm, if the blue sky is obscured now and then by clouds, if there are some bad

beating it thoroughly in water by shaking it with broken glass in a bottle. Then we flowed the plates by hand and placed them in a dust proof closet. When we were to make a sitting we took one of the plates from the closet and flowed the albumenized side with collodion. The plate was then placed in a solution of silver, resting edge up. This gave us about three-quarters of a minute and we hurried out and seated the subject and focused the instrument. Think of posing a sitter now days in three-quarters of a minute! The public would not tolerate it. They would say the sitter had been slighted. But the plate must not be permitted to stand in the silver any longer and when once taken out we had no time to waste. A wet plate would dry in ten minutes, and when dry would be of no use. Some times it might be longer drying and other times shorter, according to the condition of the atmosphere. But you re-

member how the photographer in those days went to and from the dark room on a jump and how, after making the sitting, he developed the negative while the sitter waited and then came out and showed it to the latter for his approval or disapproval. No proofs were then shown. The photographer held the negative against a dark background—his sleeve, the flap of his coat or something else for the customer to look at. But I left the plate in the silver bath. It was fished out with a dipper and placed in an old fashioned plate holder, which had a swing door. It was wet and dripping when it came from the silver and we always wiped the edges and back with bibulous paper and allowed the plate to drain on a blotter. Still it dripped silver until dry and as silver is not to be wasted we had a trough in the bottom of the plate holder which caught the dripping which we emptied into a bottle. It was also necessary to develop quickly and this we did by flowing the plate in the hand, instead of in a tray as is done now; that is holding up the plate by one corner and turning it about so as to direct the flow of the solution to all parts of the surface. This was not easily acquired by an apprentice. The plate was dried by artificial heat. In those days a sitting occupied from ten seconds to three-quarters of a minute; now from one-quarter of a second to three or four seconds, depending not only upon the light but upon the color of the drapery to be taken. But in those days a photographer was not expected to make a sitting in very cloudy weather, and many photographers advised their patrons to wait for a sunny day. Now, as good results can be obtained at one time as another. Then it was not the rule to save negatives. Plates having answered the purpose once were washed clean with lye and used over again."

Mrs. S. Darby-Turner eleven years ago succeeded Miss Minor in the business of furnishing hair and toilet articles, theatrical wigs, head dresses, ladies' hair accessories, and in manicuring and facial massage. The business was then in the Samson block. Two years later Mrs. Darby-Turner moved into the Garrison block, and very largely increased the line of goods demanded by



Hyatt, Photo. MRS. S. DARBY-TURNER.

the ladies of Cortland until now she has one of the largest outfitting establishments in that line in this section of the country. During the busy season Mrs. Darby-Turner employs experienced assistants. She has shown a great deal of taste and skill in the selection of articles which she makes each year to keep up with the styles, and in the showing that is made in the various class of goods which it is found necessary to carry in stock. She is a native of Cortland, and has resided here all of her life.

Navigable Tioughnioga.—This river, the west branch, was made a public highway by an act of the legislature passed April 15, 1814, and upon its waters the products of Cortland and adjacent

towns were carried to market in scows, flatboats and arks, which were loaded at Port Watson, (now included in the village of Cortland), and floated down to the Chenango, thence to the Susquehanna, and on that stream to Harrisburg, Northumberland and Sunbury, Pa. Potash, maple sugar, whiskey, gypsum, salt, oats, potatoes and pork were the principal commodities carried to market in these boats. Port Watson, a port of entry, was a small settlement which in 1800 sprung up on the west shore of the river (see view on page 56), about a mile east of where the nucleus of the present village of Cortland then stood. There are now no traces of the village, it having been supplanted by the residential streets of modern Cortland.



Photo by Hyatt. INTERIOR MRS. DARBY-TURNER'S STORE.

Palmer & Co.'s big department store was opened for business in its present location, Nos. 9 and 11 Main street, on April 20, 1897. The firm consists of Ephraim C. and Walter V. Palmer, both of whom are enterprising and closely in touch with modern methods as applied to trade. In a double store equipped with the best conveniences for conducting the dry goods and grocery lines, this firm has from the beginning maintained an absolute cash business. The main floor, with separate entrances for the two principal branches, is 50 x 90 feet. The grocery line on one side comprises a general supply of that class of goods. In the dry goods department are included dress goods and all kinds of under and over wear for ladies and children, notions and gentlemen's furnishing goods. In the past year or two a considerable business in bicycles has been worked up. In an addition to the main store, 28 x 32 feet, is conducted the manufacture to order of dress skirts and ladies' suits. Beginning in a small way in this branch of trade and gradually expanding, the firm has developed a trade in the higher priced skirts, which has continually increased by reason of the fact that orders are as promptly filled and the fit is just as satisfactory where received by mail as when they are left by person. From this business there are supplied the goods for different country stores, the firm having a branch store in the village of Solon. The size of the business is apparent in the fact that the aggregate value of stock, on the average, carried in this store is \$35,000. In the basement, which has the same area as the first floor, a large stock of goods is kept in storage, so



W. V. PALMER.

E. C. PALMER.

that the fullest capacity of the store is not apparent to the average customer who enters it.

Ephraim C. Palmer, the senior member of the firm, was born in Eaton, Madison Co., N. Y., June 19, 1860. At fourteen years of age he entered the general store of his father, Henry C. Palmer, at West Eaton, as a clerk, and six years later he and his brother, Will Palmer, bought out

their father and conducted the store for seven years under the firm name of Palmer Bros. At 21 years of age Mr. Ephraim Palmer, still retaining his interest in the business, went on the road as a salesman for the commission house of Millard & Johnson of Omaha, and a year later he formed a connection with D. McCarthy & Sons of Syracuse, selling dry goods on the road, which he followed for five years. In 1887, upon closing out the West Eaton store, Palmer Bros., E. C. and Will, opened a general store at McGraw, and two years later E. C. bought out the business and conducted the store alone until 1895 when he sold out and moved to Cortland, having been elected county clerk at the election in November, 1894. On January 1, 1895, Palmer Bros., E. C. and Henry D., opened a grocery in the Sugarman



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PALMER & CO.'S STORE.

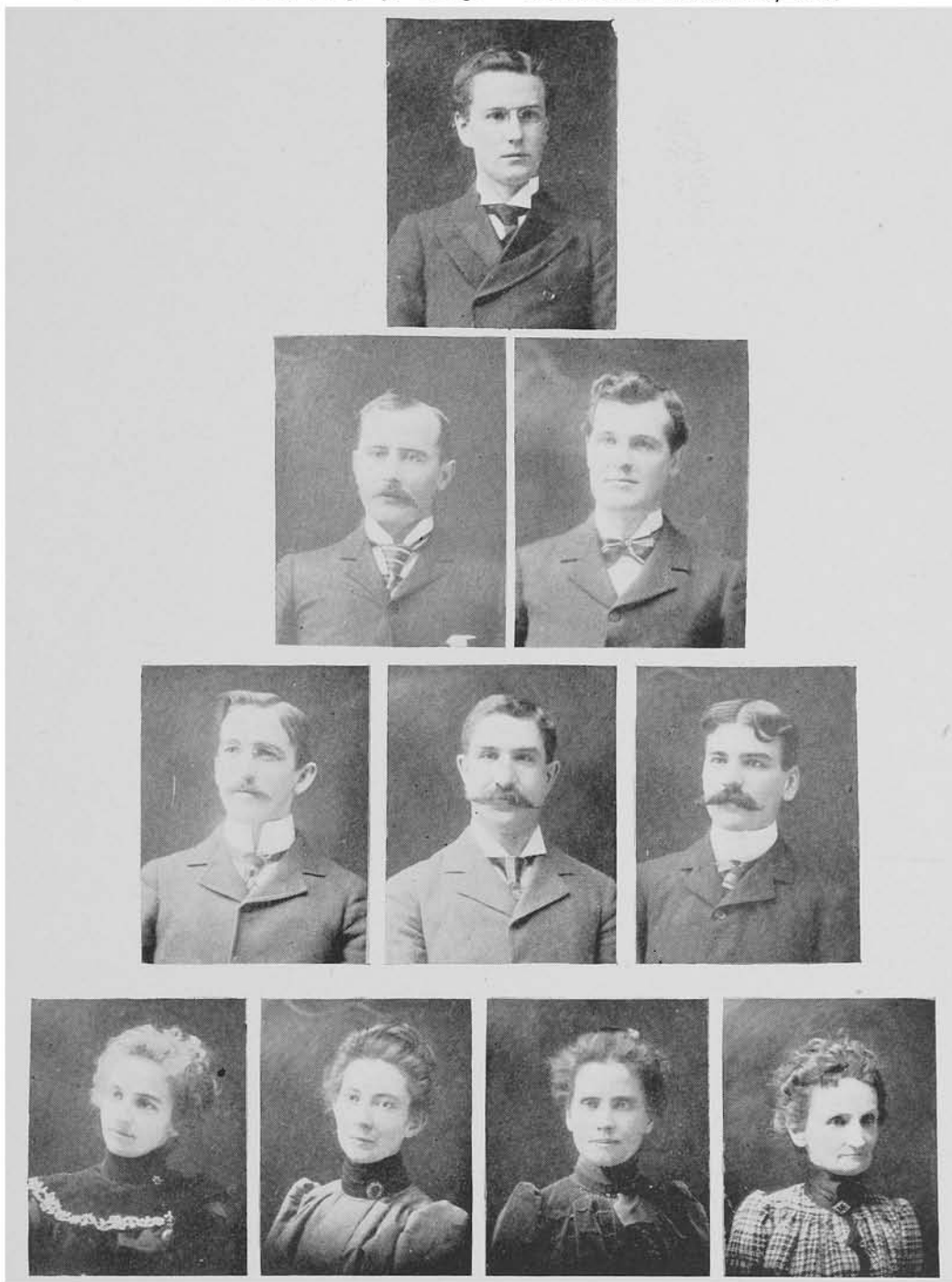
block which business was conducted until March, 1896, when it was sold out to the G. O. Whitcomb Co. Mr. Palmer's next business venture was at the head of Palmer & Co. He has been rather active as a Republican and also has been identified with the Independent Republican movement. Upon the expiration of his term of three years as county clerk he received the nomination to succeed himself by the Independent Republicans, but declined to accept it, and secured the substitution of the present incumbent. He was married to Laura L. Darrow, of West Eaton, July 9, 1885.

OF NO MEAN CITY AM I!

Kipling closes the rich little poem "L'Envoi," with these words:

"— and each in his separate star,
Shall draw the thing as he sees it for the God of things
as they are."

If these words were paraphrased to fit the writer's case they would read somewhat thus, "Shall write the Place as he sees it for the people who know what they are."



Photos by Butler. PALMER & CO.'S STAFF OF CLERKS.
 CASHIER—W. C. Wolcott.
 GROCERY—Edward Dowd, F. W. Lanigan,
 P. W. Benjamin. DRY GOODS—A. B. White, E. B. Rigby,
 Nina L. Weld. SKIRT DEP'T—Mary F. Dowd, Katherine O'Day, Sarah M. Howes.

He is an Odd Fellow, a Mason, a Granger and a member of the Tioughnioga club.

Walter V. Palmer was born in Eaton, Madison county, N. Y., June 15, 1871, and was graduated at the Colgate Academy in June, 1891, after which he took a four months course in the training class for teachers in the Cook county Normal school at Chicago. Upon his return East he entered the employ of Palmer Bros. in this village. He married Miss Maud Woodbury on November 30, 1898. He is an Odd Fellow, being a member of the Glen Roy Lodge of Eaton, No. 312.

A clergyman is a very fortunate man in one respect, he generally sees his people at their best. This perhaps is not always true of men in other vocations or in the trades. Lawyers and grocery-men sometimes see the other side, as is suggested by the story of the corner grocer who was asked by one of his customers if he did not think Mrs. Blank of their neighborhood had "a beautiful disposition." "Yes," he replied, "her's beats mine, for she has told me at least forty times she would