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## Prefatory.

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**T**HE idea that sermons are written in purling streams, and trees and stones has inspired the work to be found in the following pages; for if sermons or lessons can be found in inanimate objects, how much better reason abounds for finding the same lessons in human countenances, those indexes to the soul, and which portray the lights and shadows thereof! The task, however, of drawing together any notable array of faces has been by no means an easy one and no claim is made that the sources of supply are exhausted in the present work. Indeed the trouble has been to select from the mass of applicants such grouping as might be considered fairly representative.

No attempt has been made to classify the various pictures, the idea being to follow a general order of arrangement with reference to the artistic and appropriate groupings, rather than a grading in point of intellectual and spiritual importance of the characters. This, too, has been a somewhat tedious task. The biographical sketches were placed in a department set apart for that purpose, for reasons which are obvious when the artistic feature of the work is considered; and as the artistic ought to be paramount in a work of this character, it has been studiously kept in mind, however imperfectly manifested. In placing the biographies by themselves the work is necessarily divided, but it is urged that the picture groupings in an uninterrupted array compensates for whatever inconvenience may arise in joining the biographical sketches with their corresponding photographs. It is needless to say that the arranging of the photographs has been a pleasing employment, and feeling that this ALBUM was to be the greatest undertaking of the kind in the history of Spiritualism, it was essential that all moves with reference to it must be made with due caution and in absolutely unprejudiced bias.

The glory of Spiritualism is to be found in the character of its adherents, their standing in the community, and their work in the world. It is indeed with pardonable pride therefore, that many of the leading minds of the world, their honorable and commanding places in the field of science, philosophy, and literature, are herein set forth. No such congregation of men and women, drawn from the innumerable walks of life anywhere can be brought together, and does not this fact show the universality of the Spiritual philosophy? Here we have an eclecticism unparalleled, a cosmopolitan grouping of minds such as no other inquiry the world has yet seen, ever made possible. Nearly all the leading nationalities of the western hemisphere are represented in these pages. Many of the faces will be familiar to those who have watched the careers of their respective originals. Many of these faces are beloved, as of old the fishermen of Galilee were beloved, and called the disciples of a man who, like all others of his kind, bore his own cross to the feet of purpled power enthroned in ignorance and fine jewels. So these, many of them, have borne their crosses, and the eternal truth of Spiritualism amongst the plumed Belshazzars and intellectual gourmards of the present materialism. Others are unknown to the readers, who now for the first time look upon their faces. The satisfaction which comes with the view of a face long haunting the mind, is one of the important considerations of this book, and as such it will be a pleasing contribution to spiritual literature.

It is evident that barriers, once deemed insuperable, toward which the angelic voices and teachings of the New Dispensation were aimed, are breaking down. Everywhere the reach of inquiry is turning away from the petrifying sophistries of a gloomy promiseless materialism.

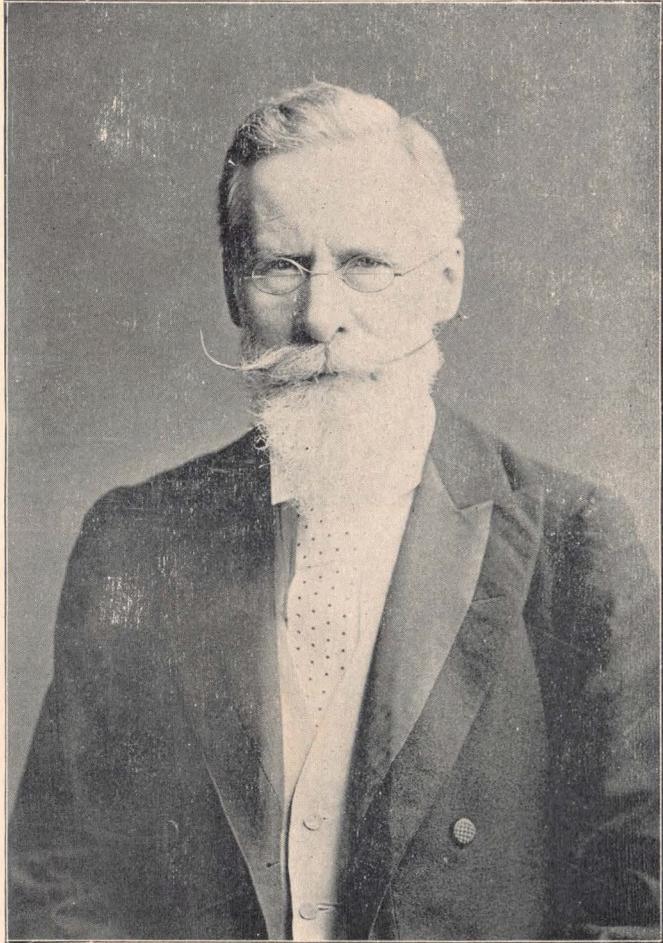
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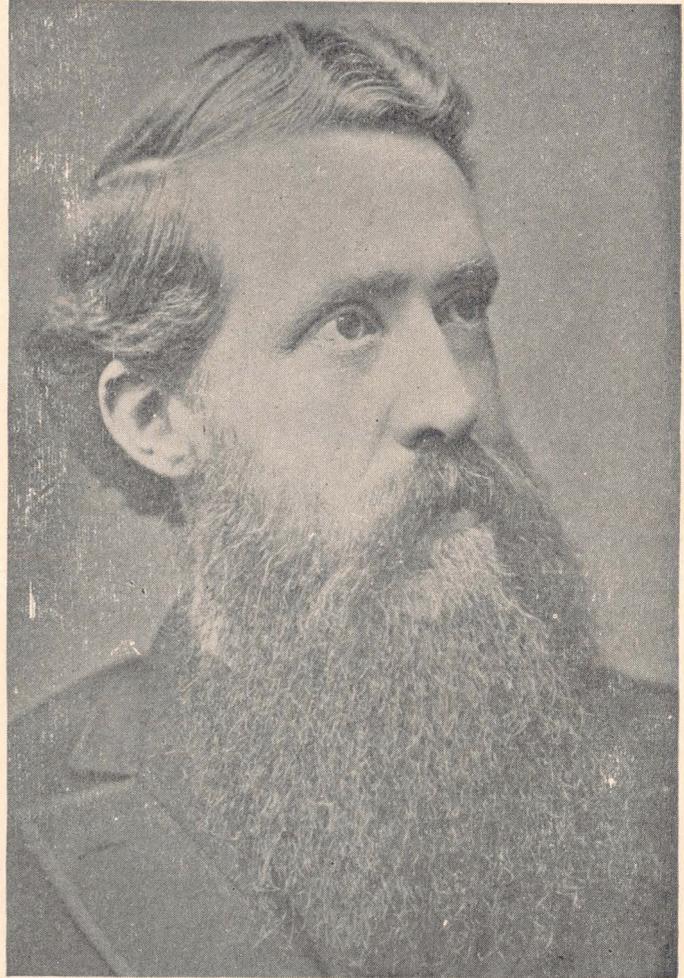
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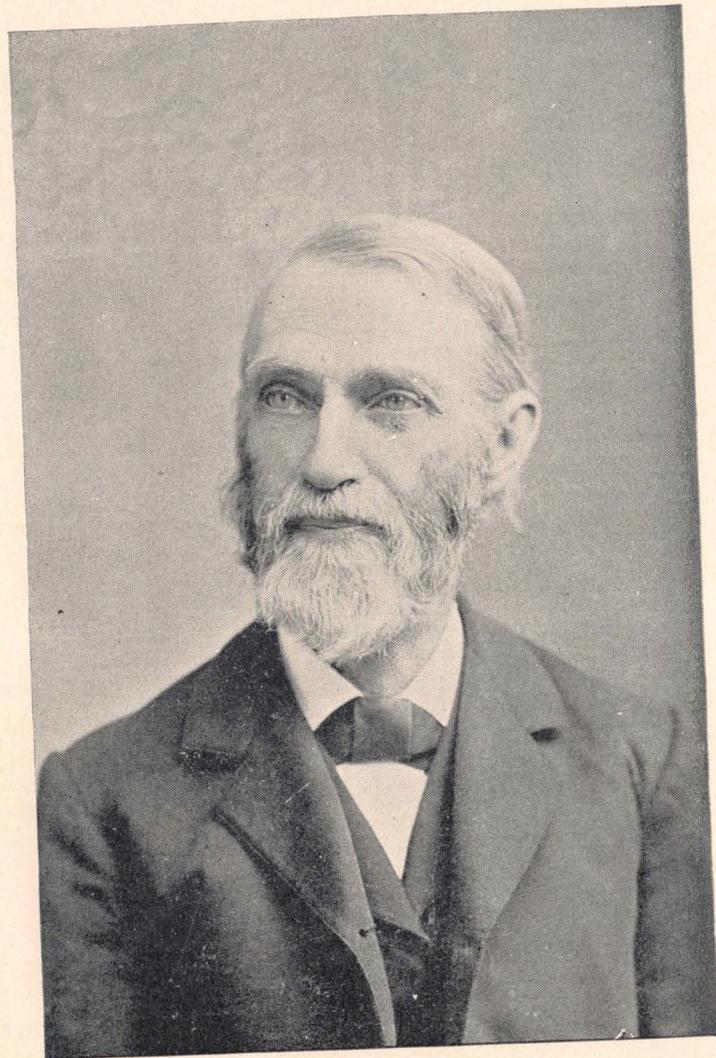
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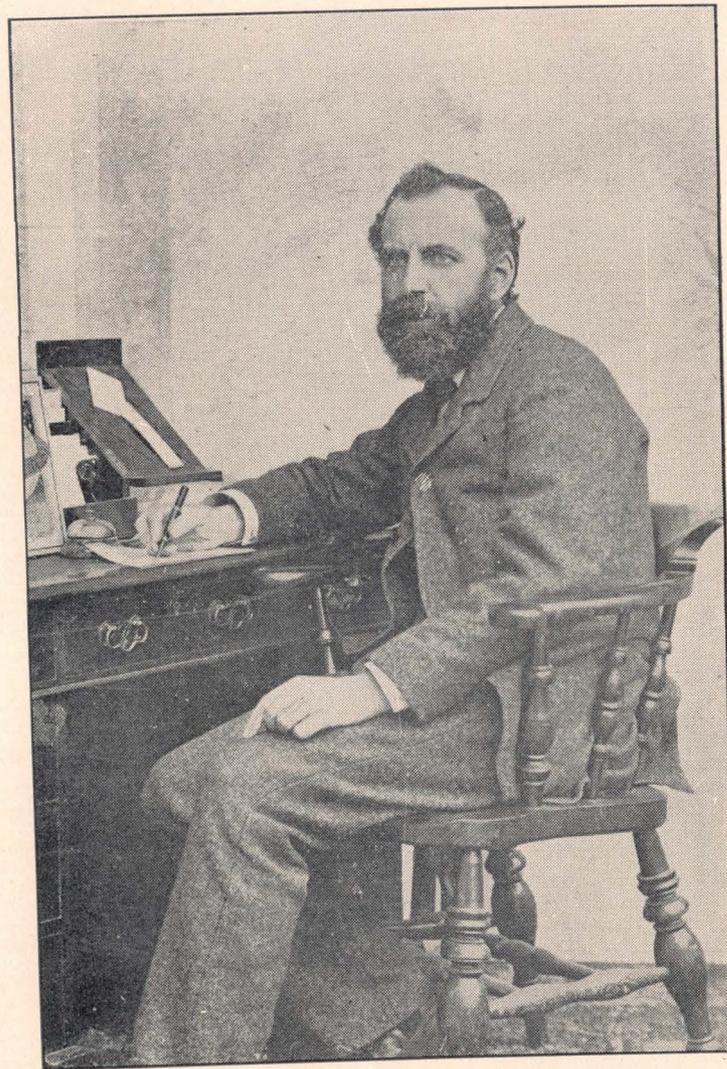
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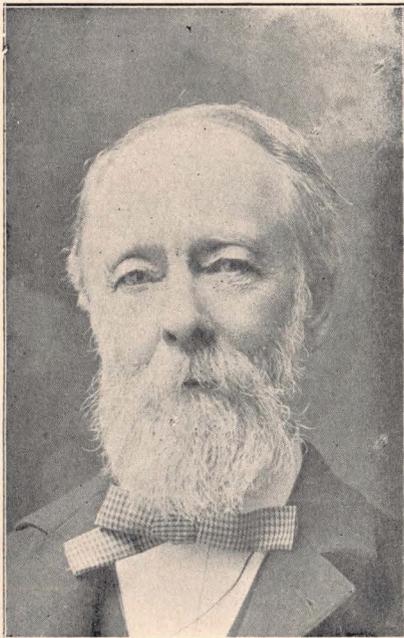
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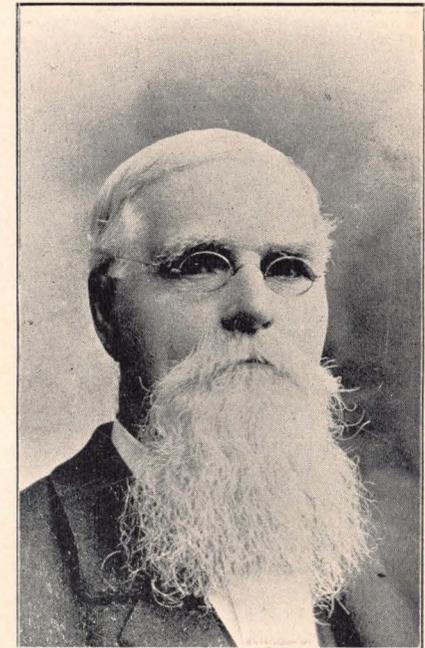
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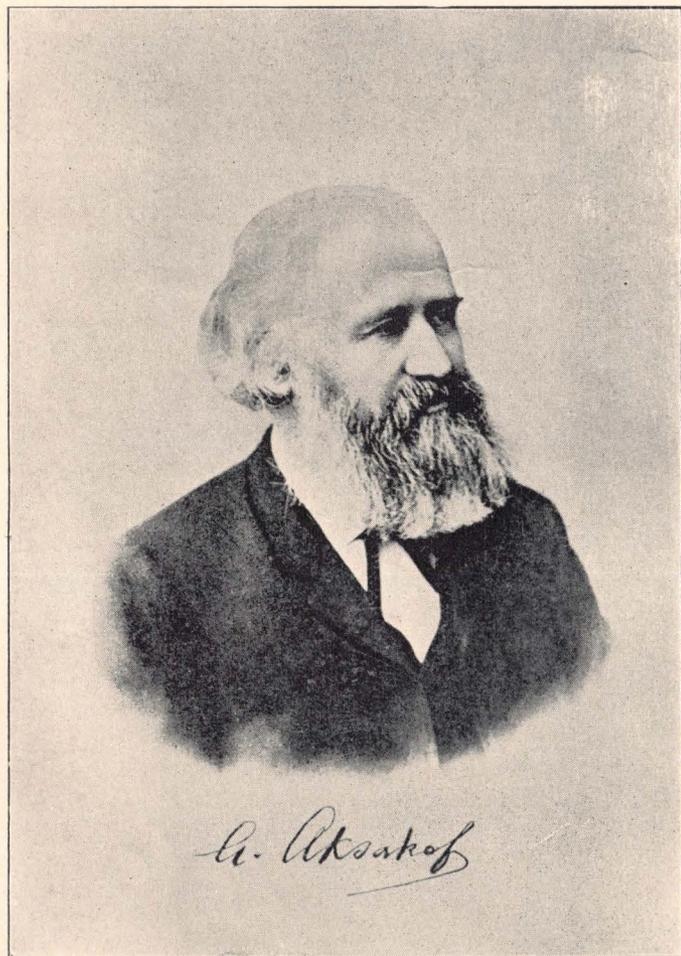
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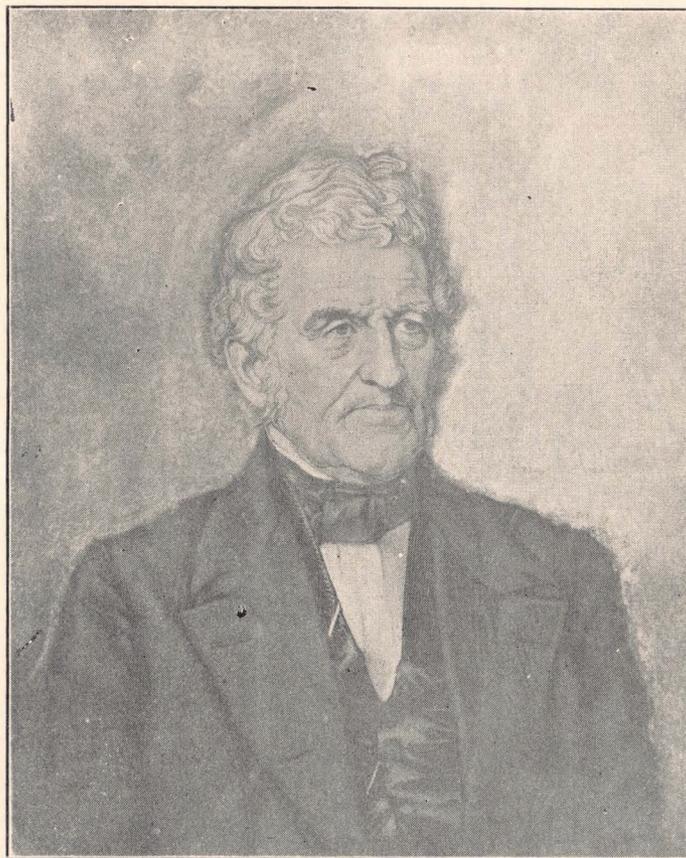
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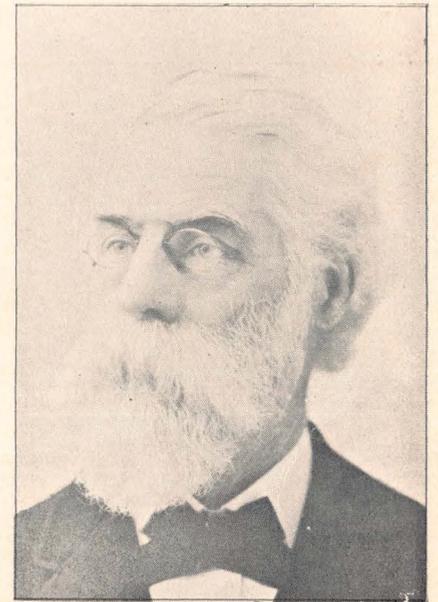
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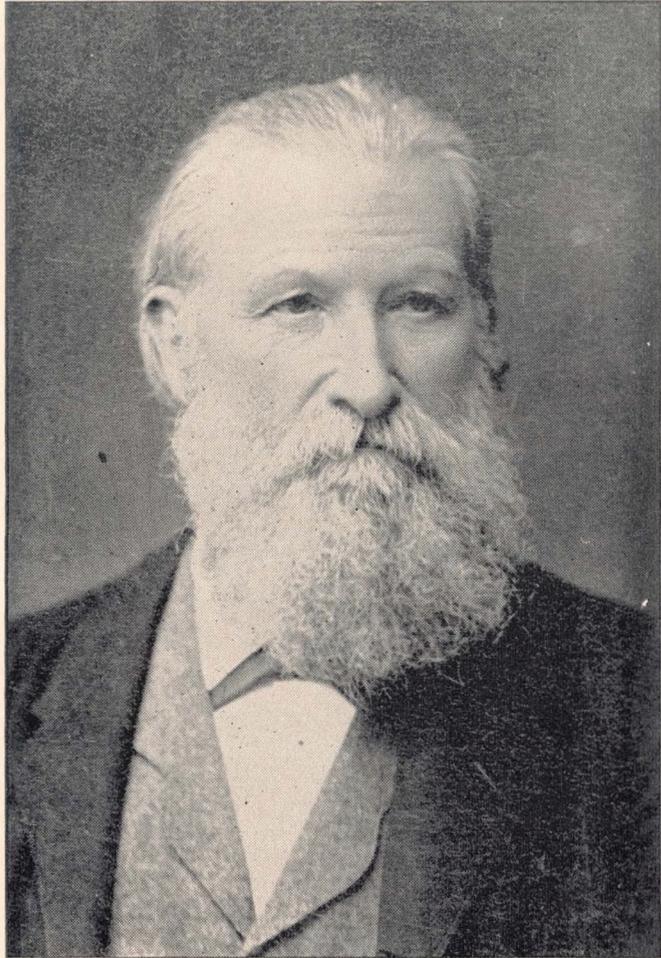
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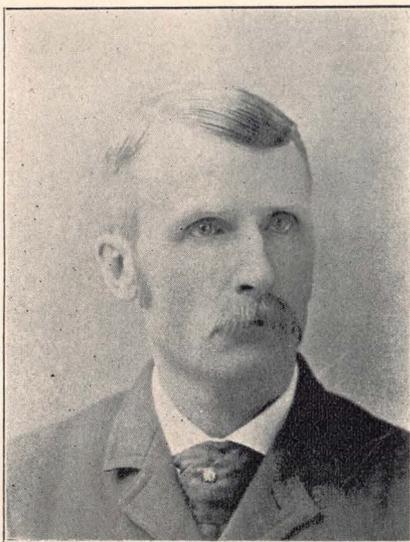
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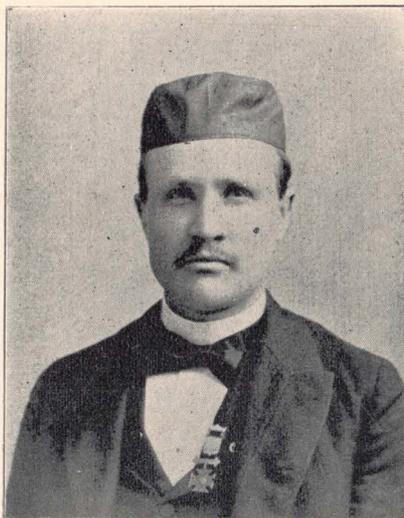
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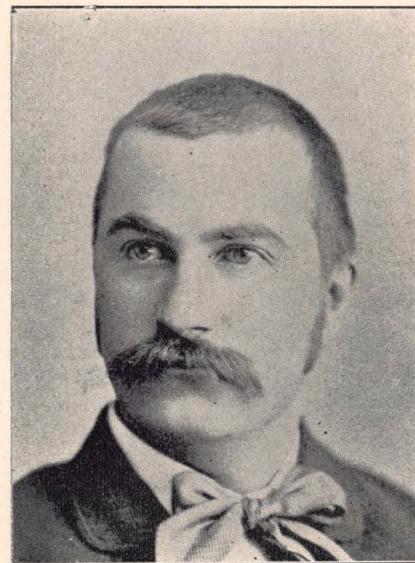
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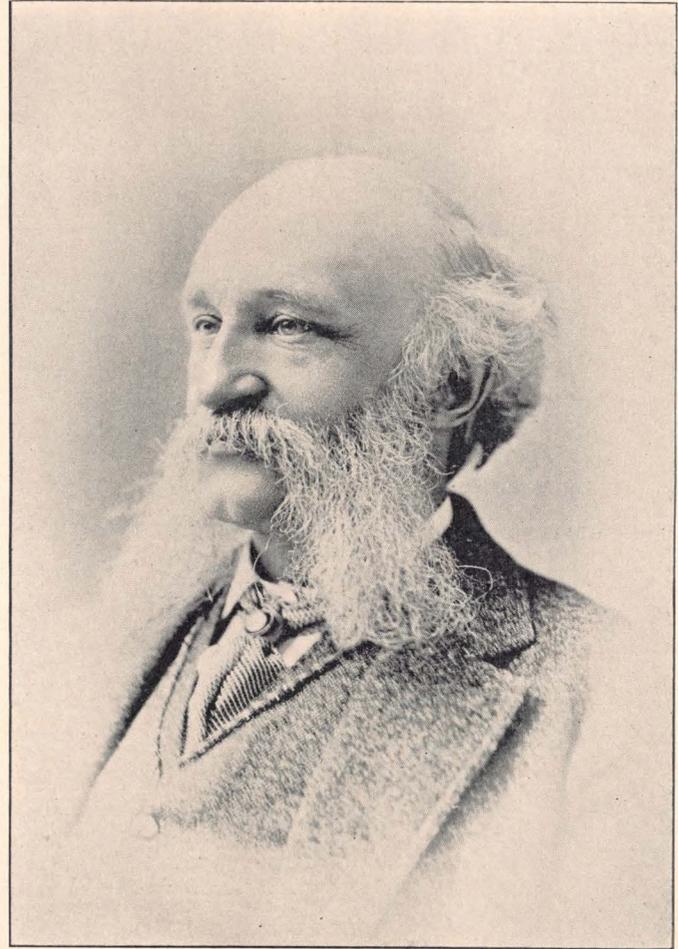
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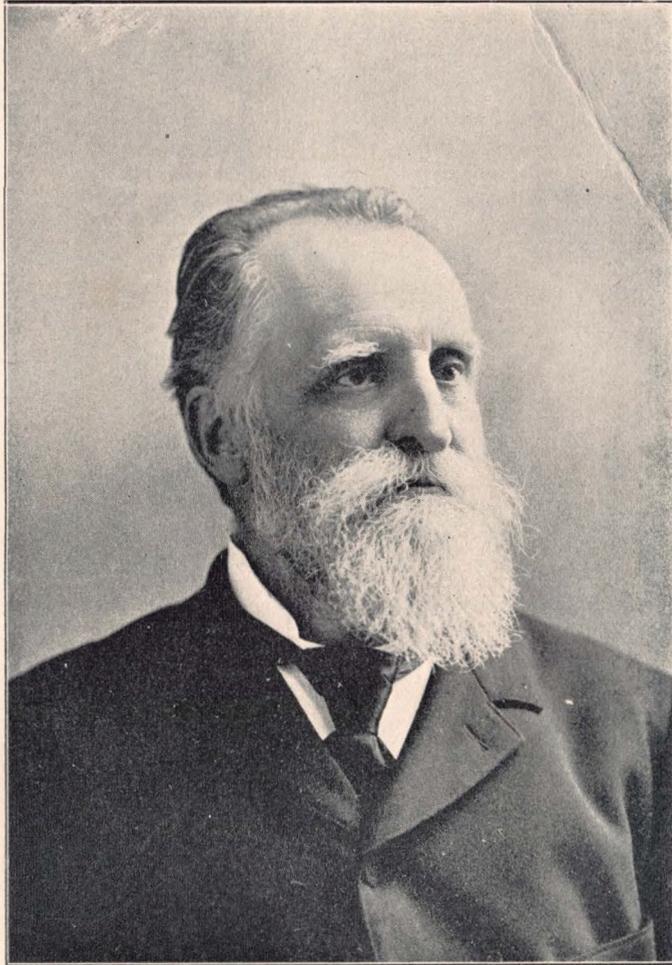
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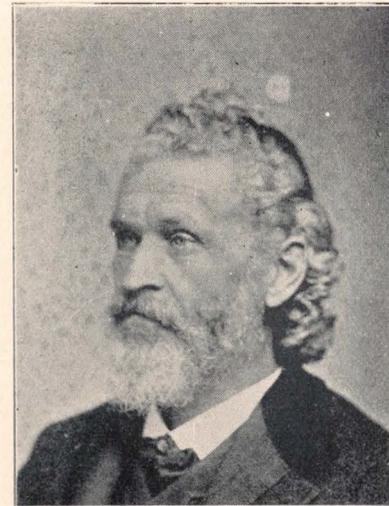
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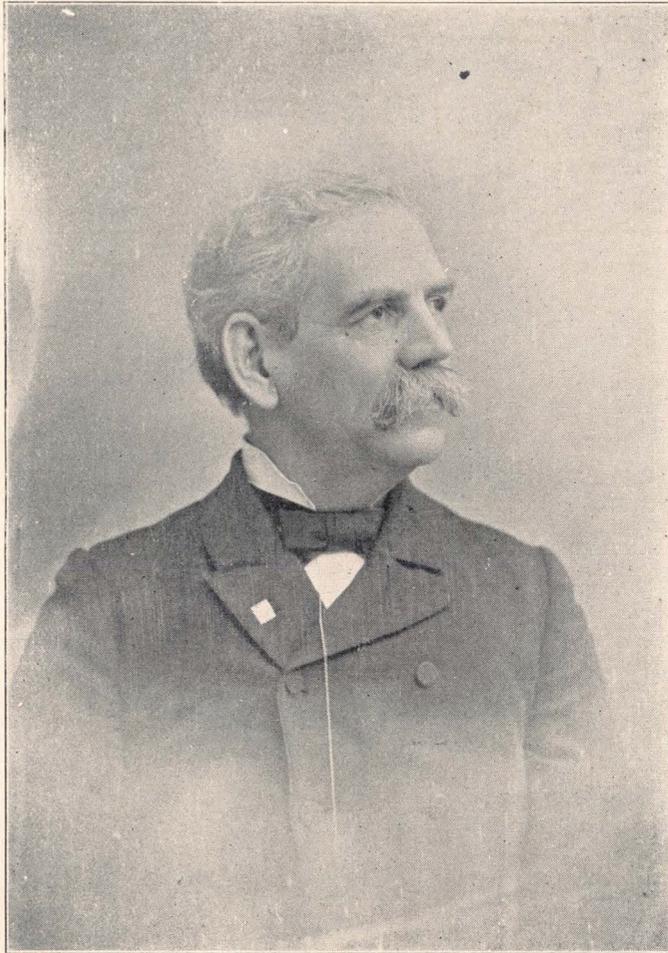
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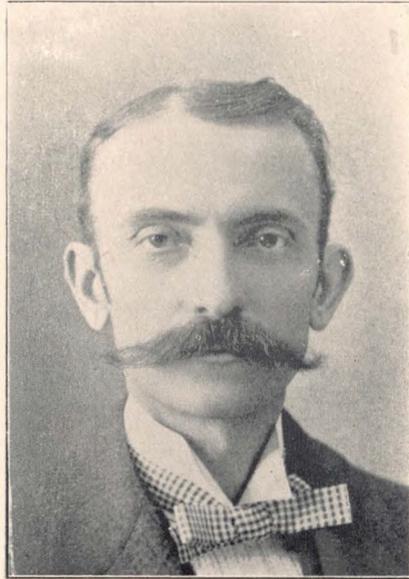
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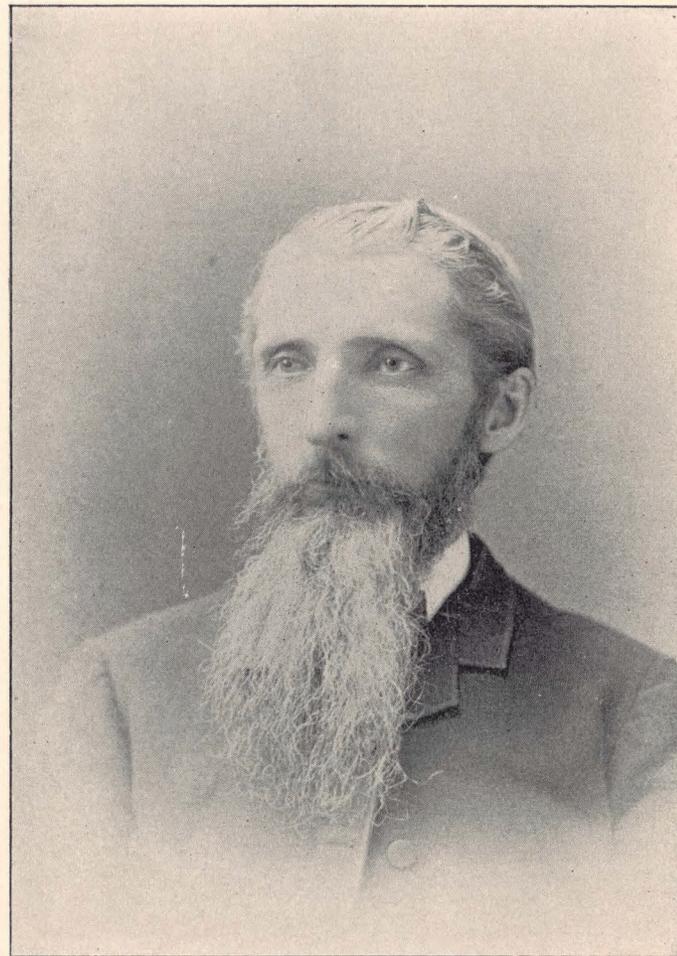
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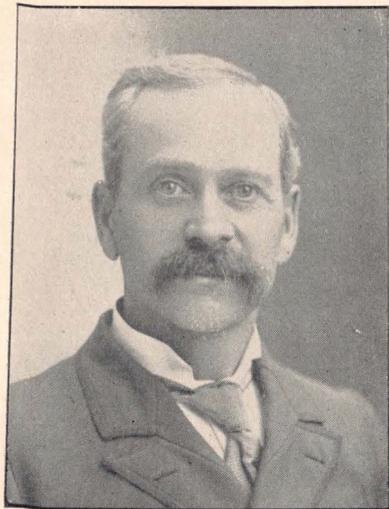
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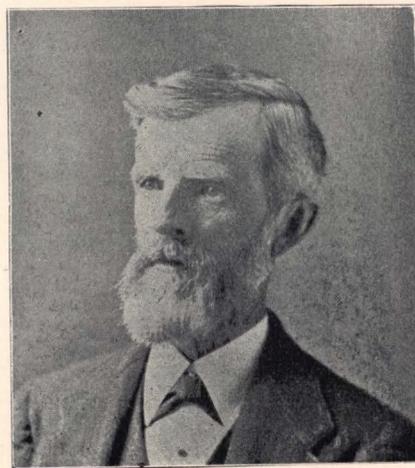
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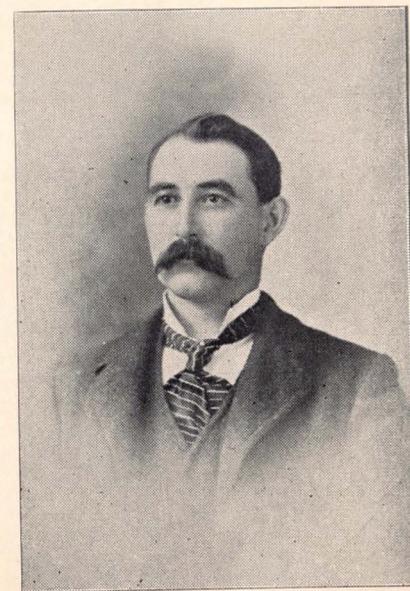
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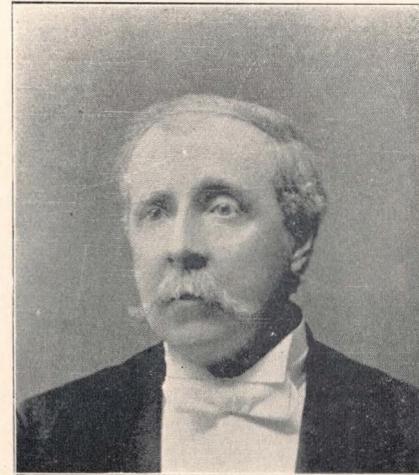
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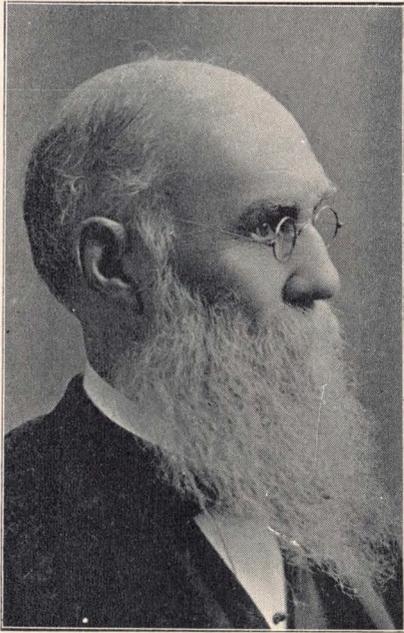
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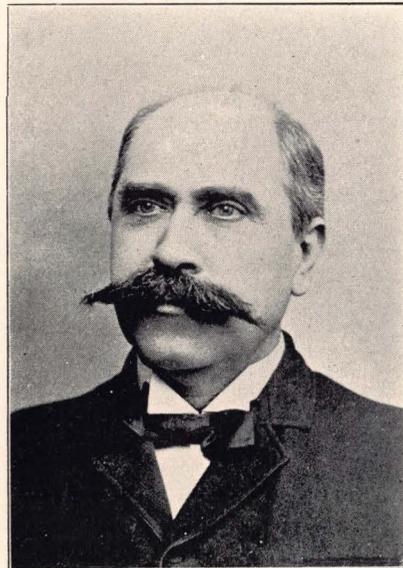
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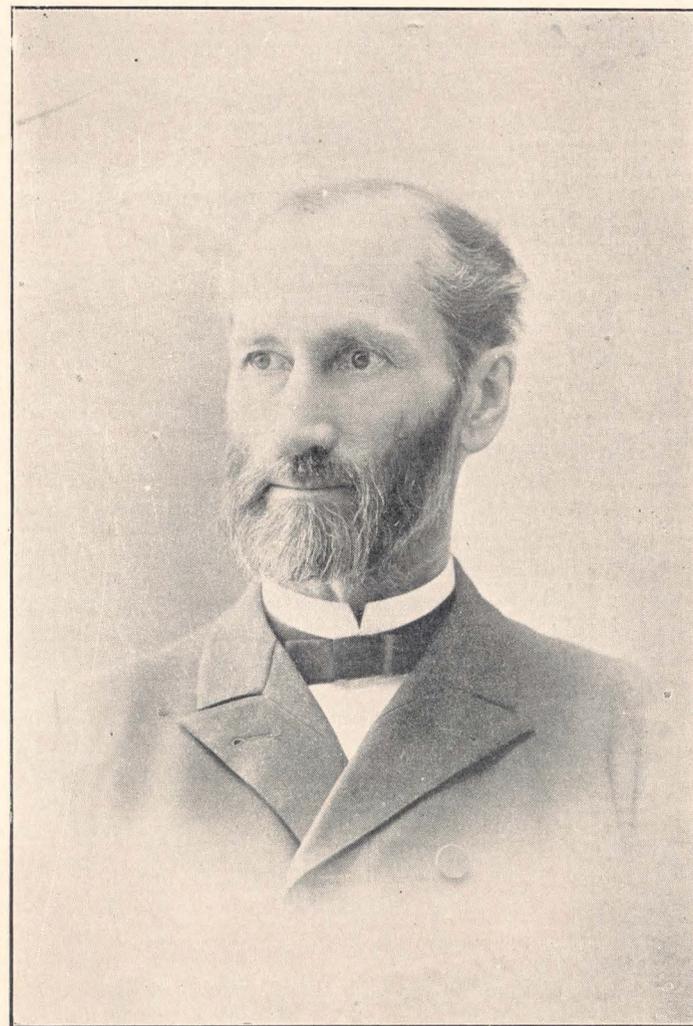
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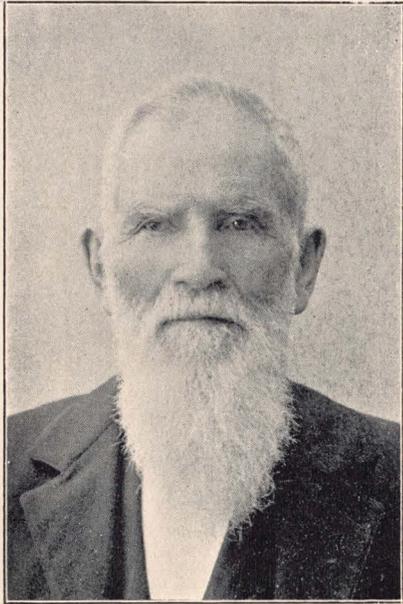
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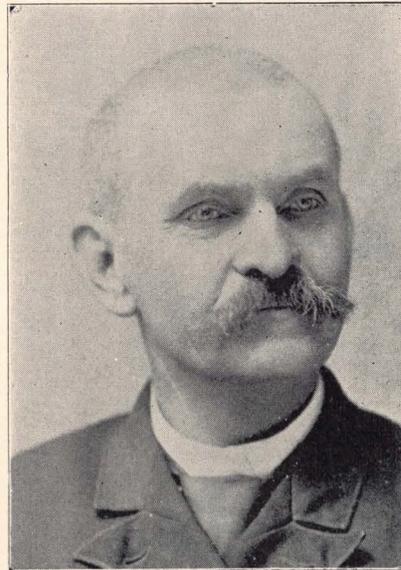
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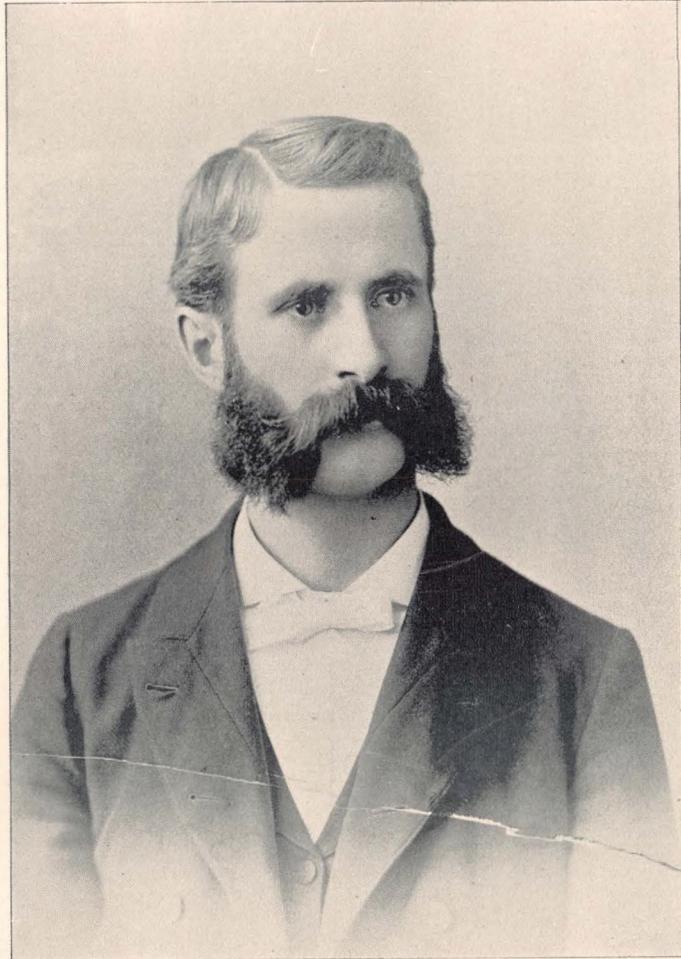
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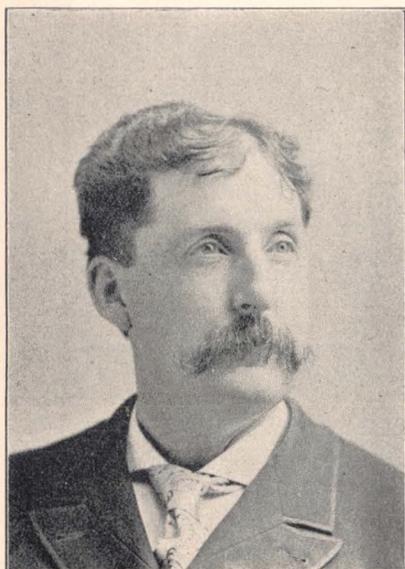
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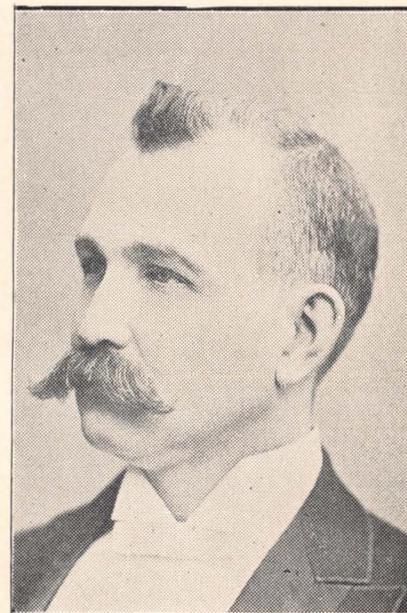
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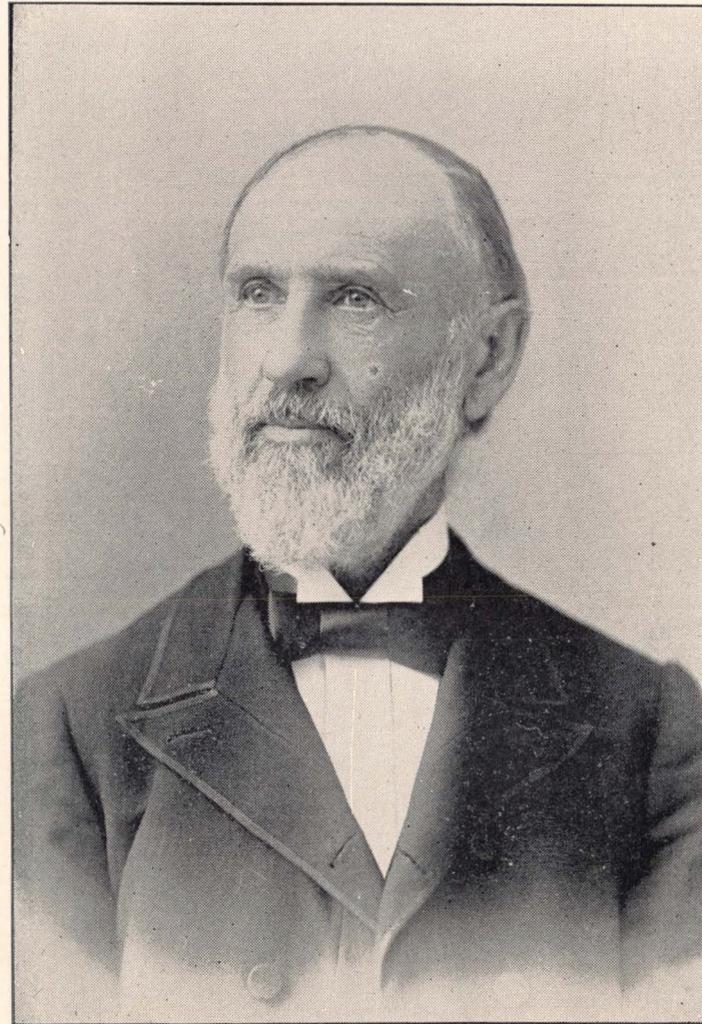
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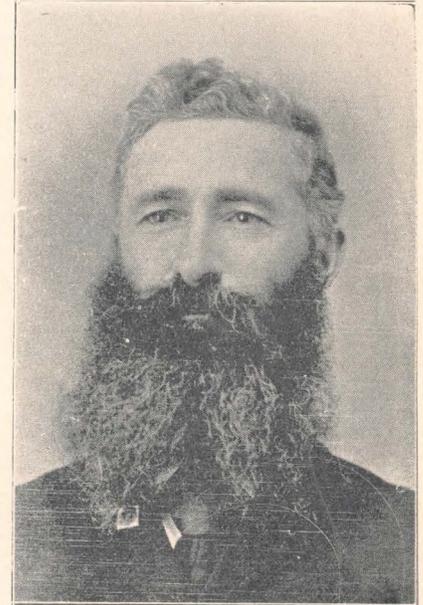
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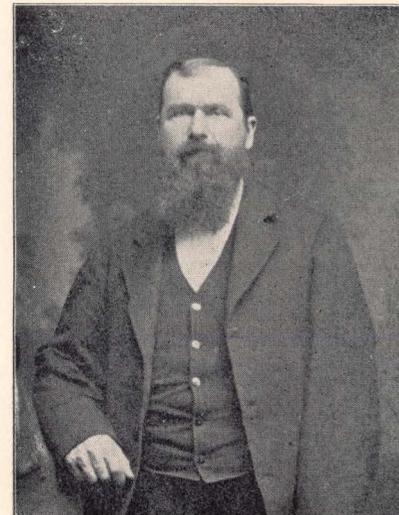
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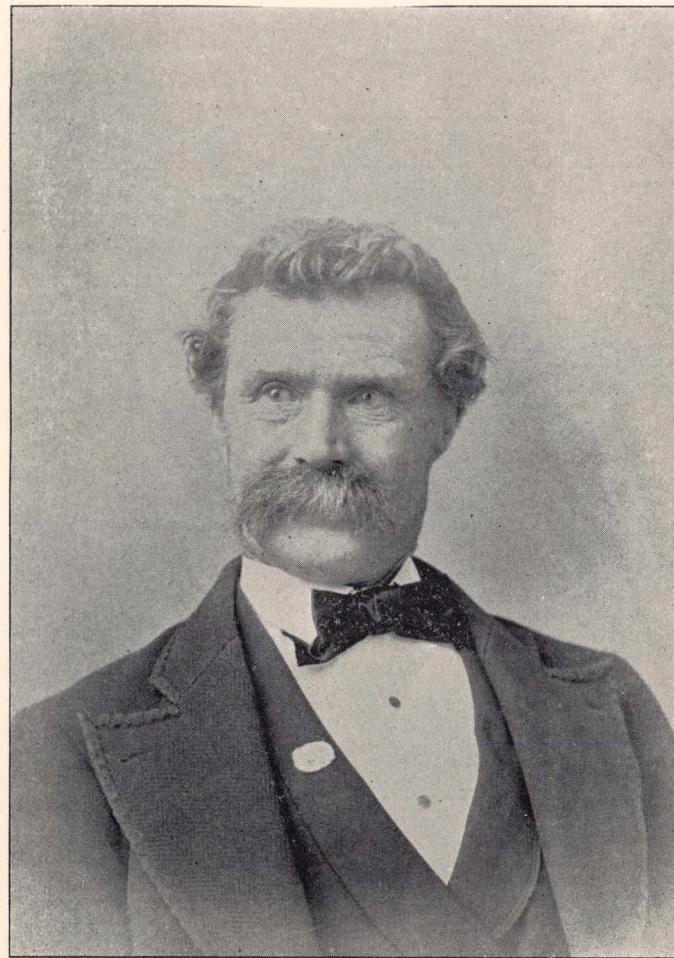
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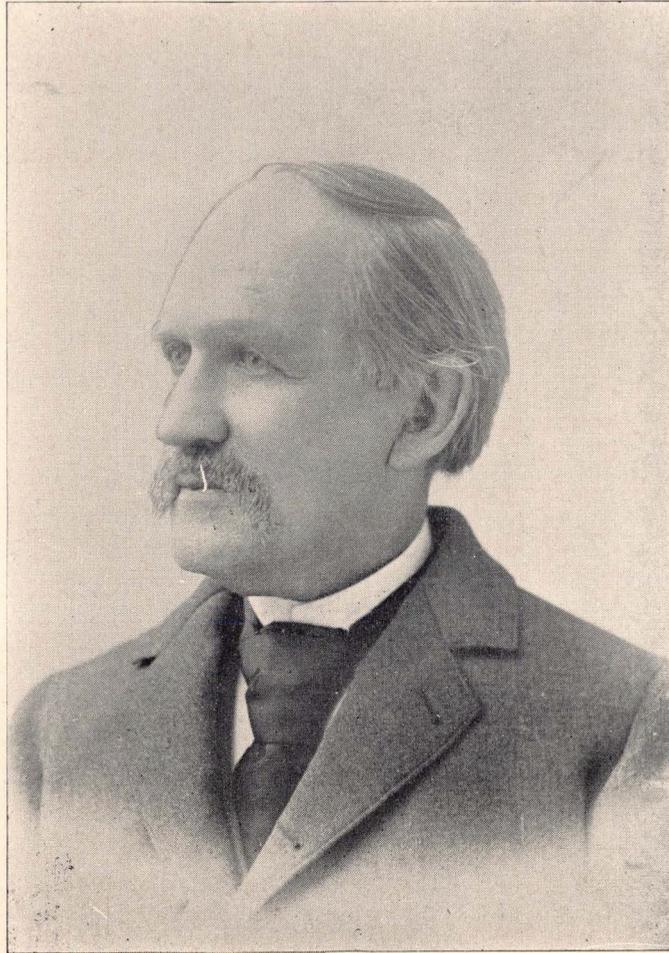
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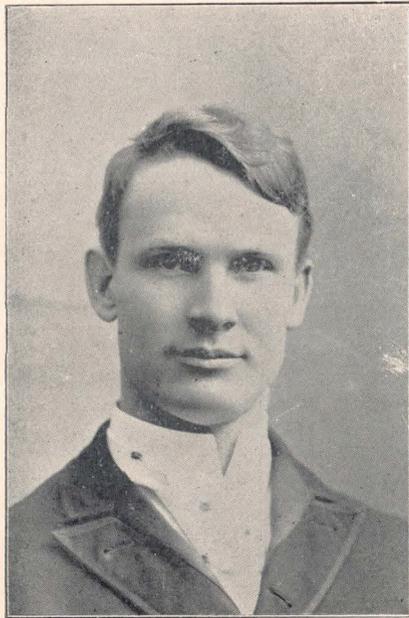
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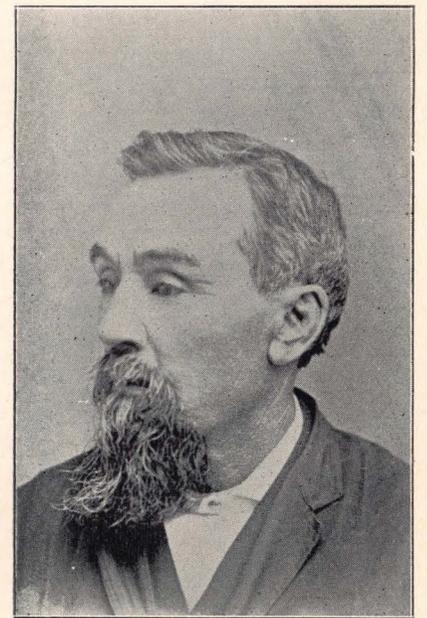
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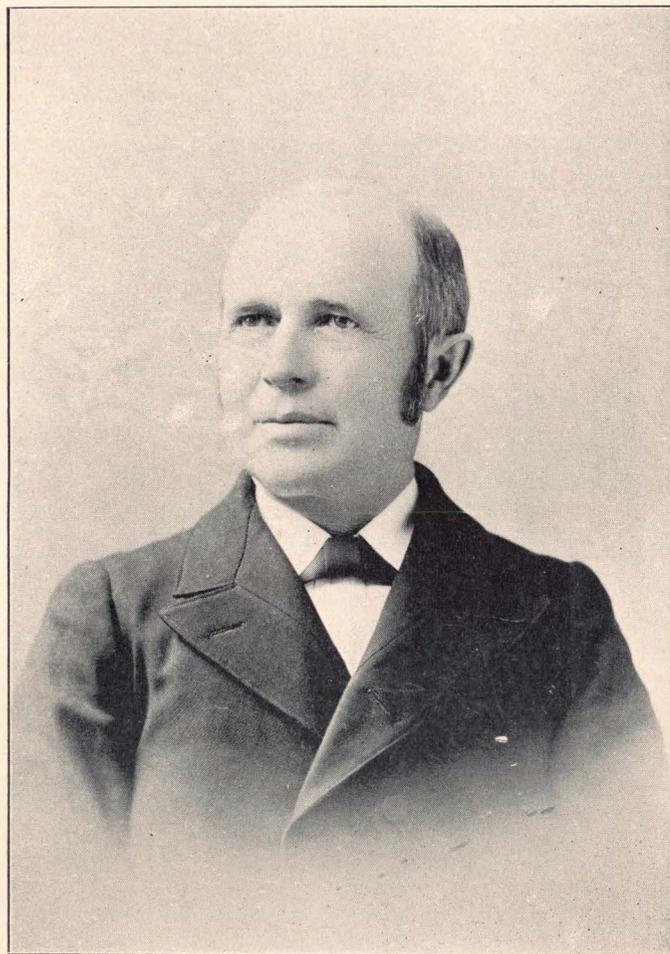
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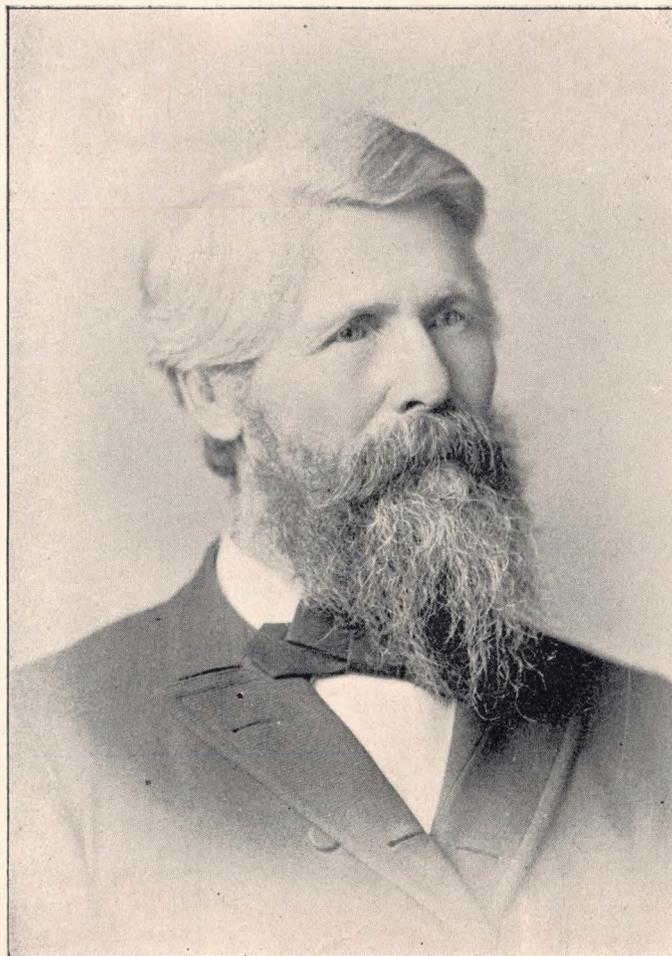
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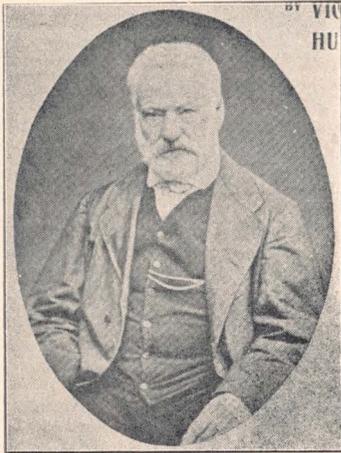
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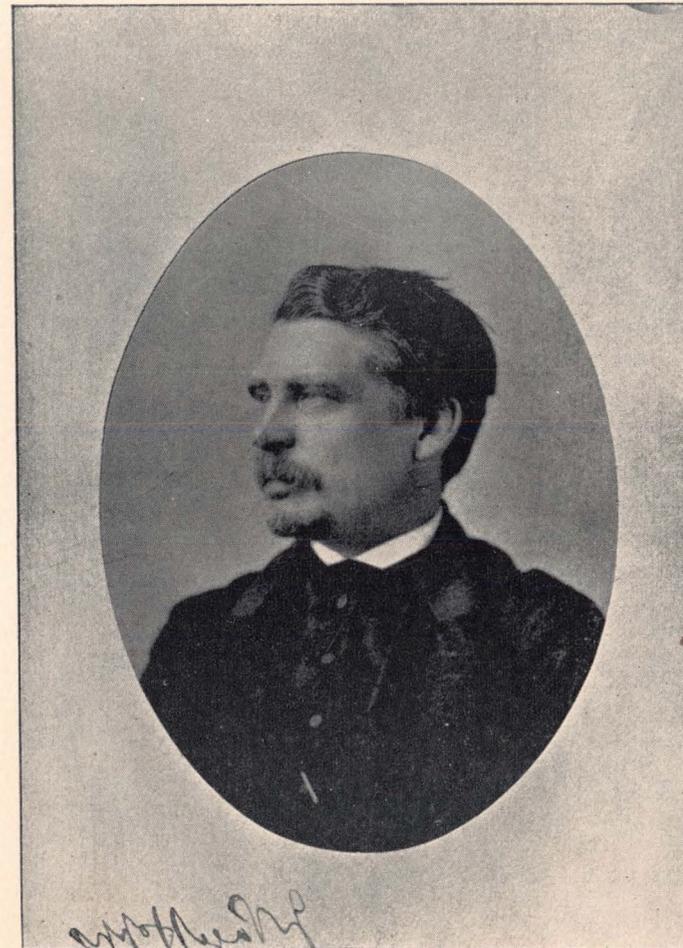
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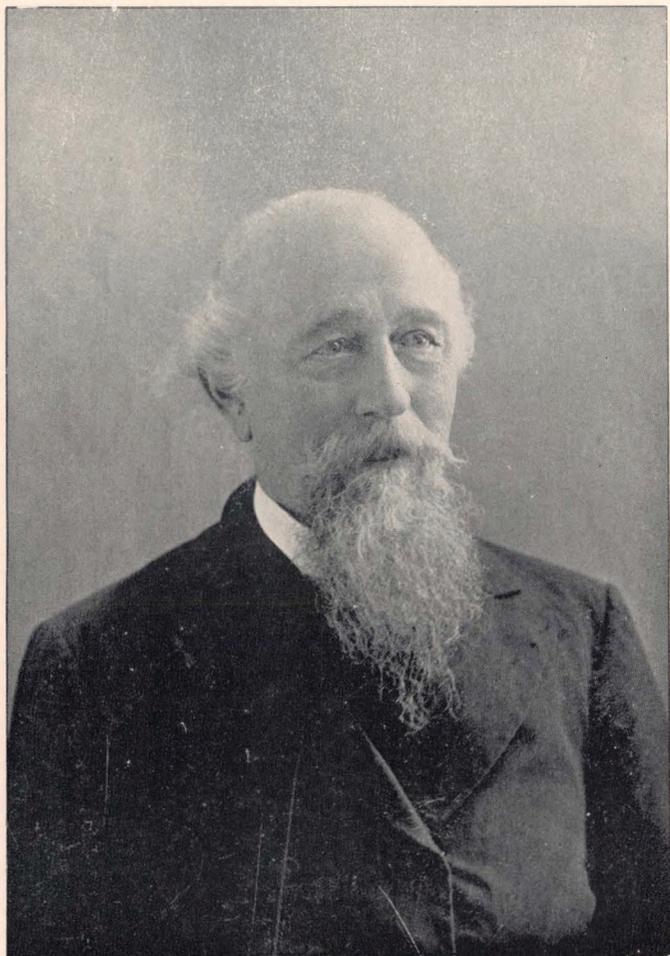
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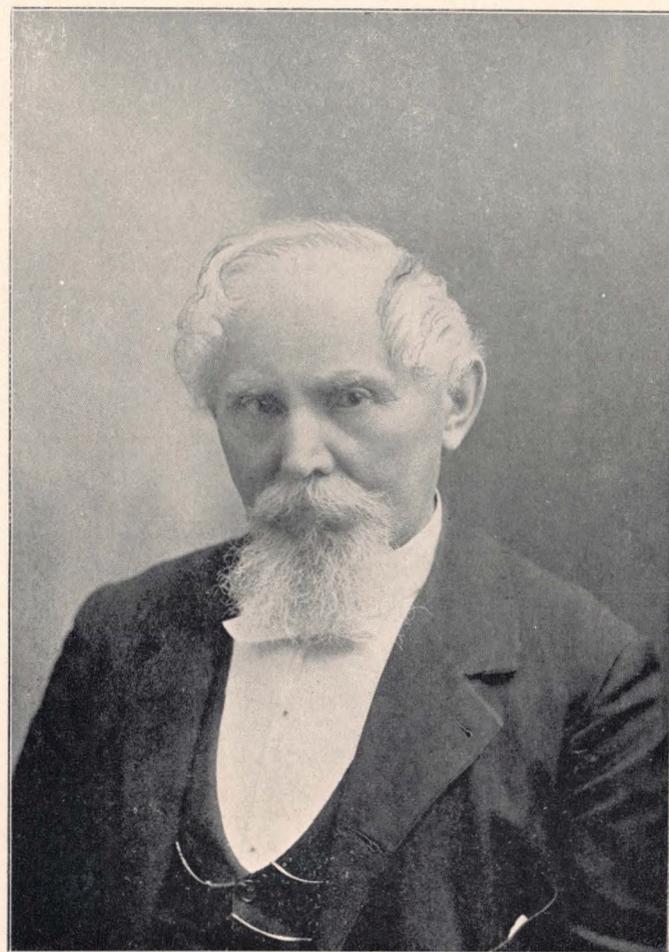
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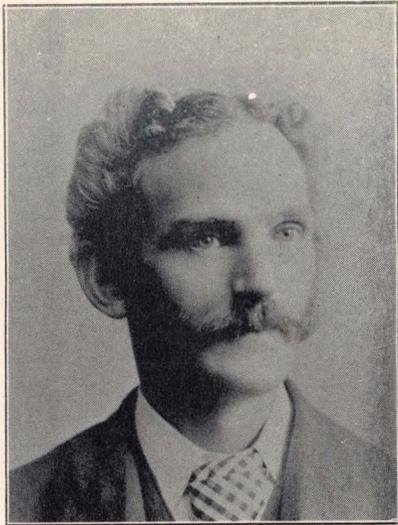
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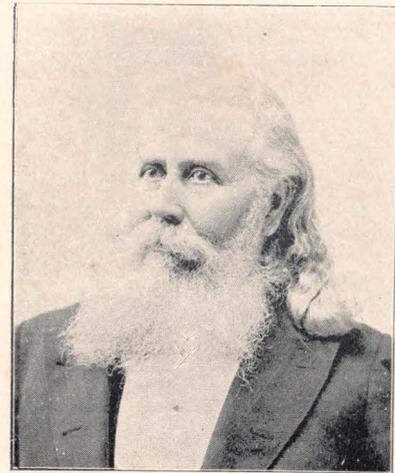
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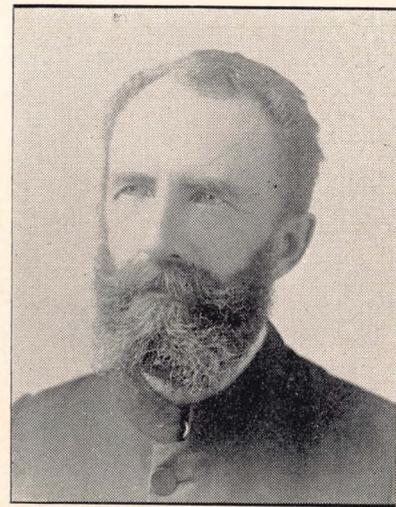
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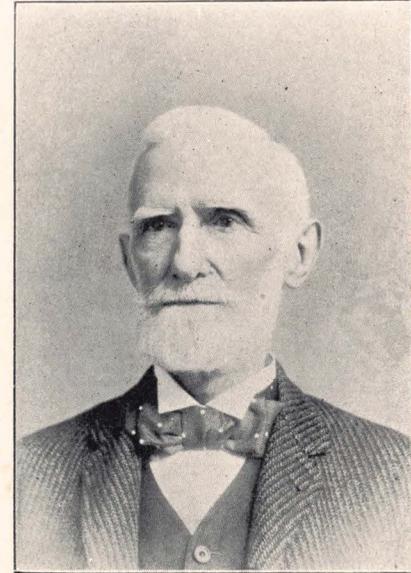
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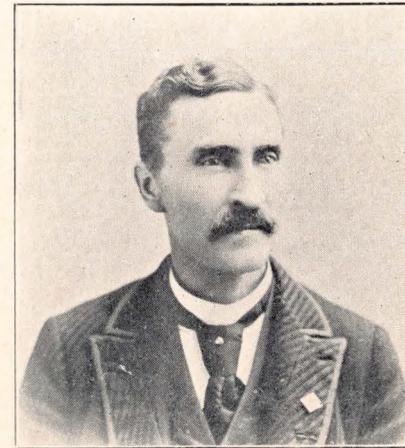
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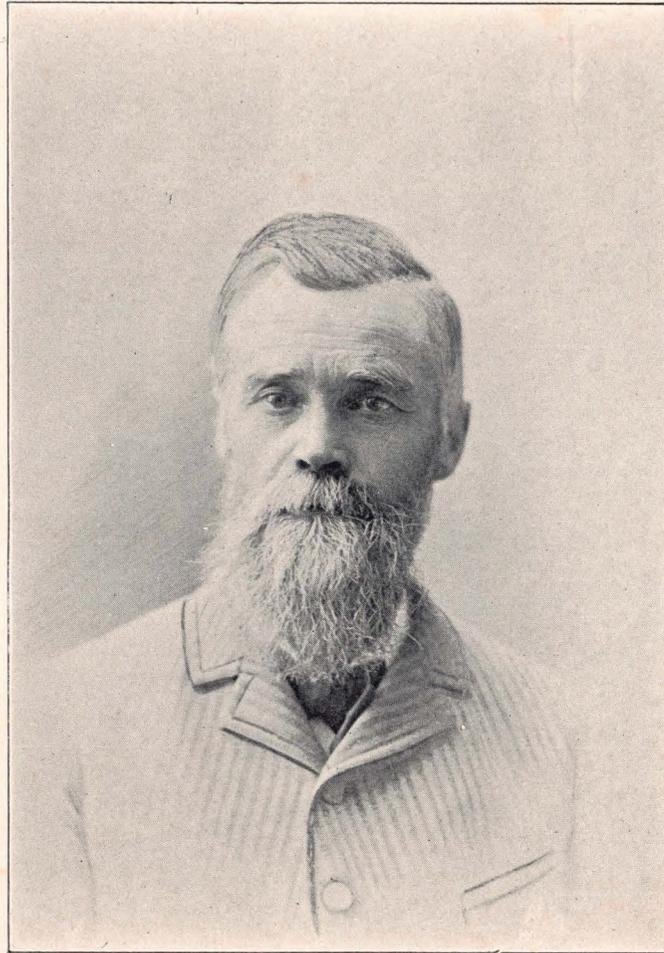
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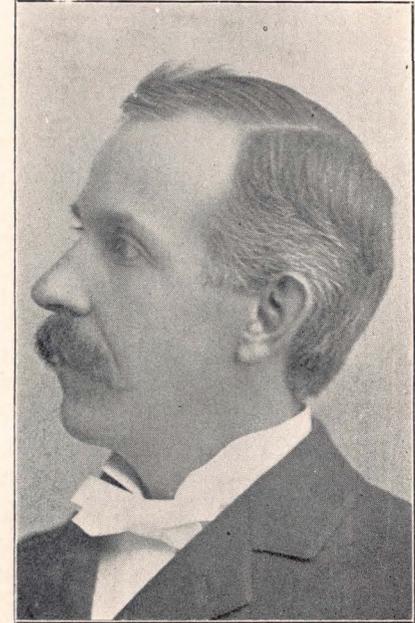
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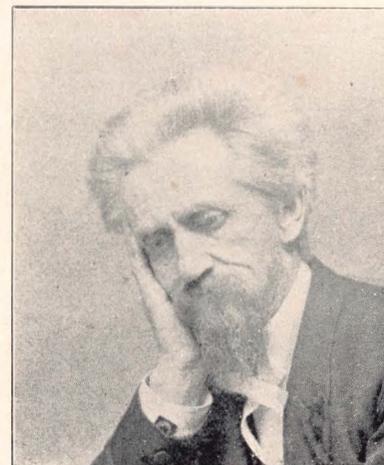
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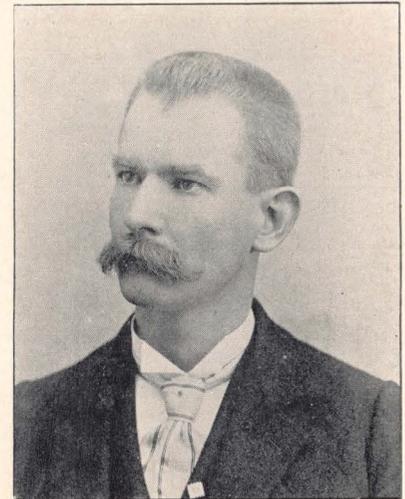
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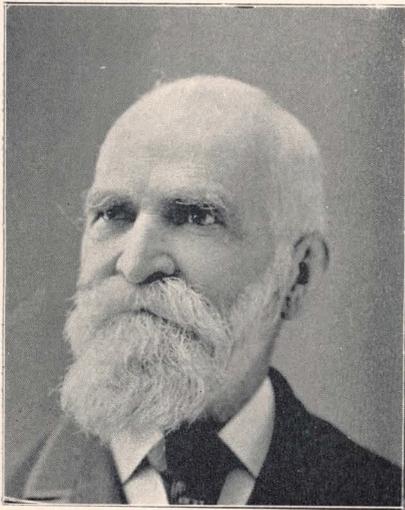
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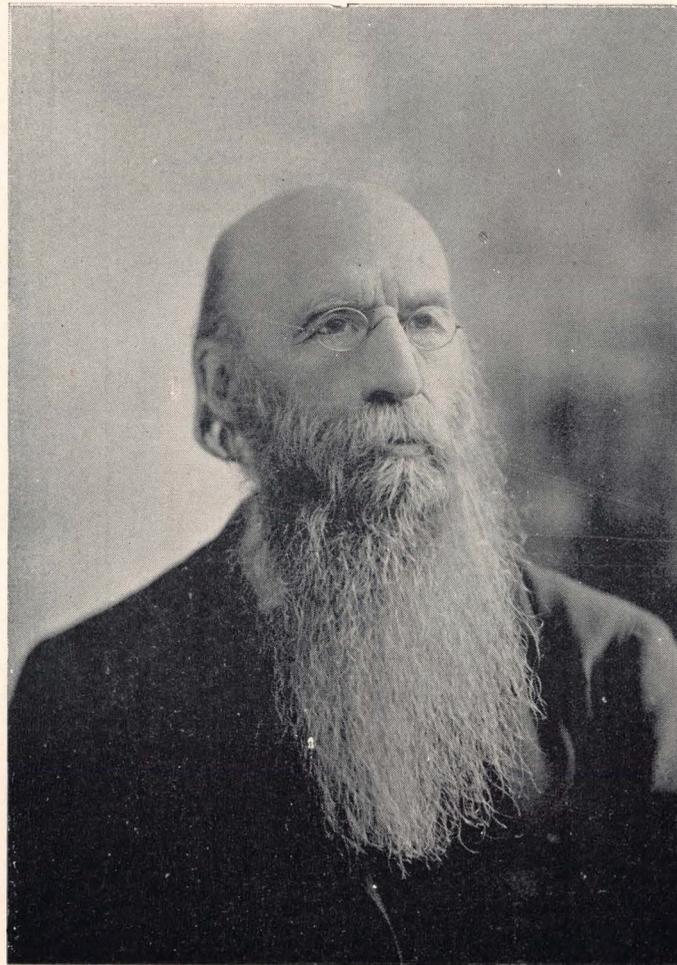
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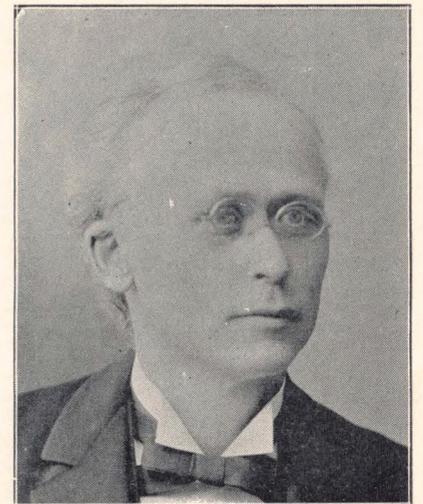
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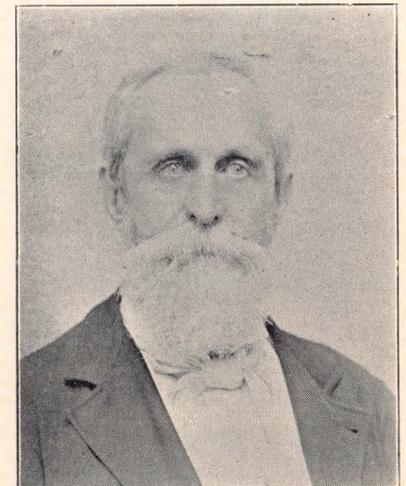
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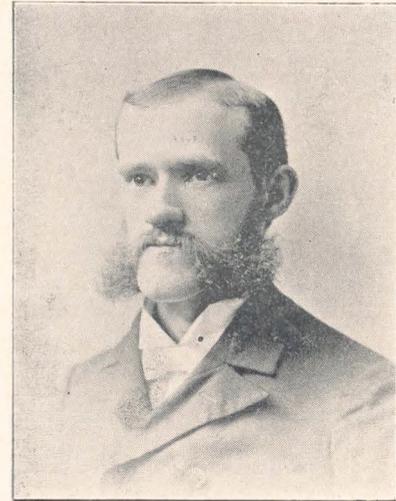
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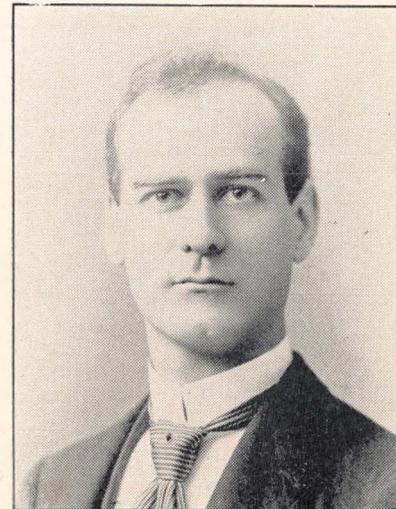
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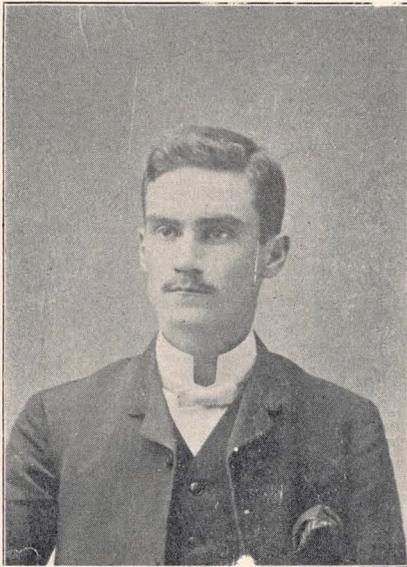
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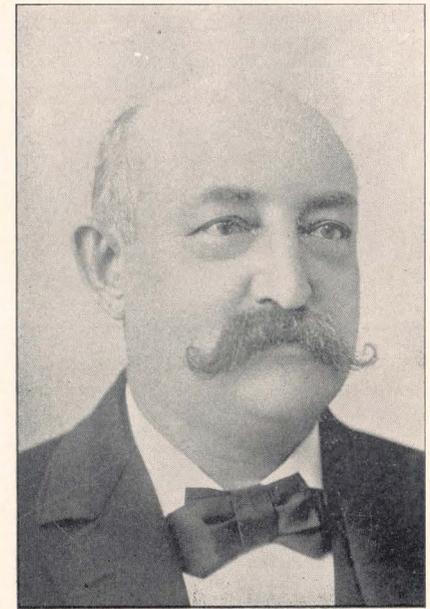
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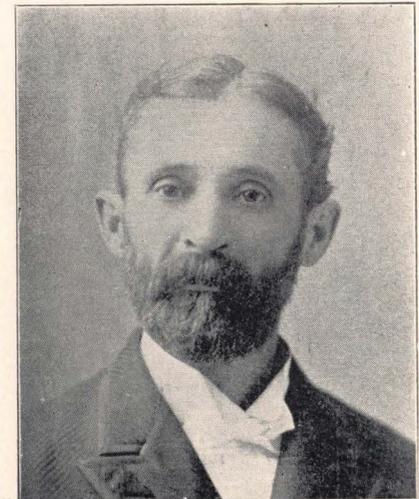
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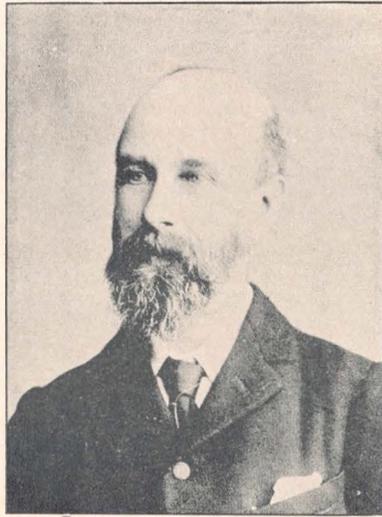
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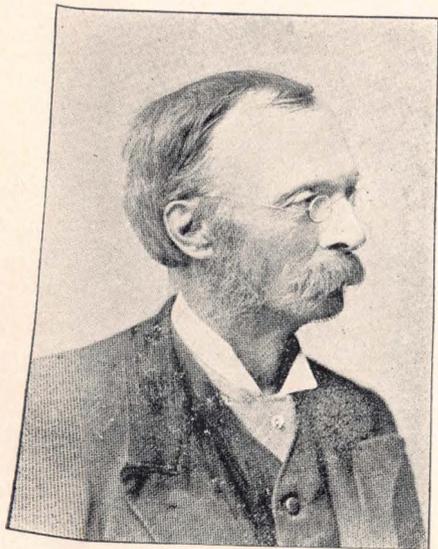
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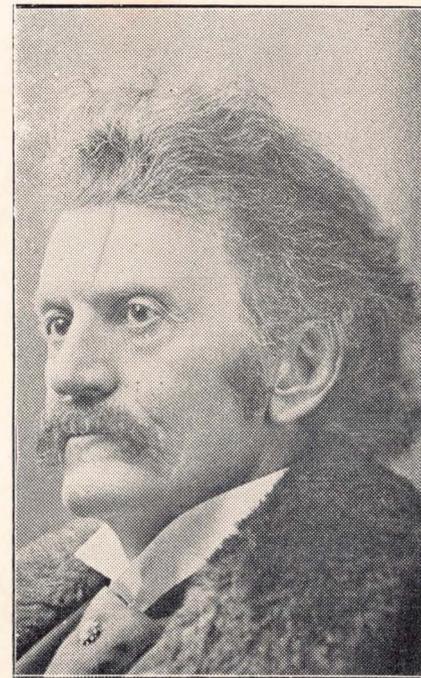
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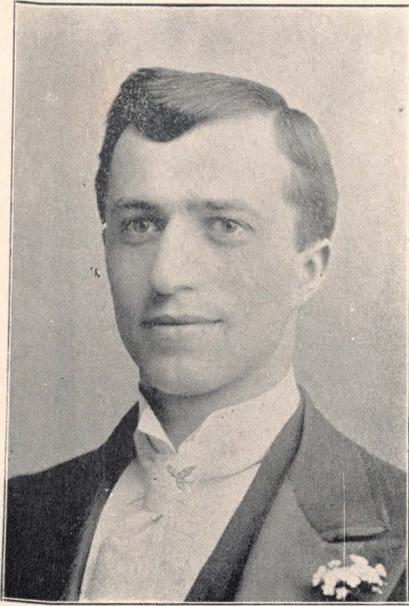
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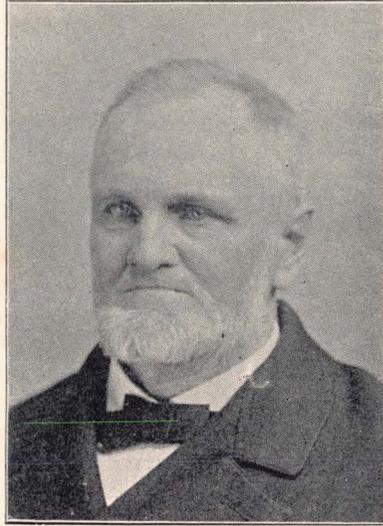
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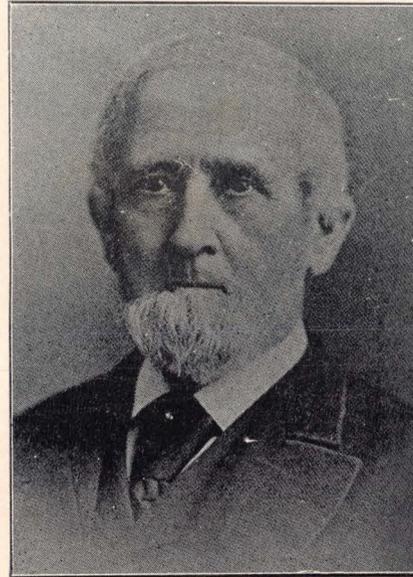
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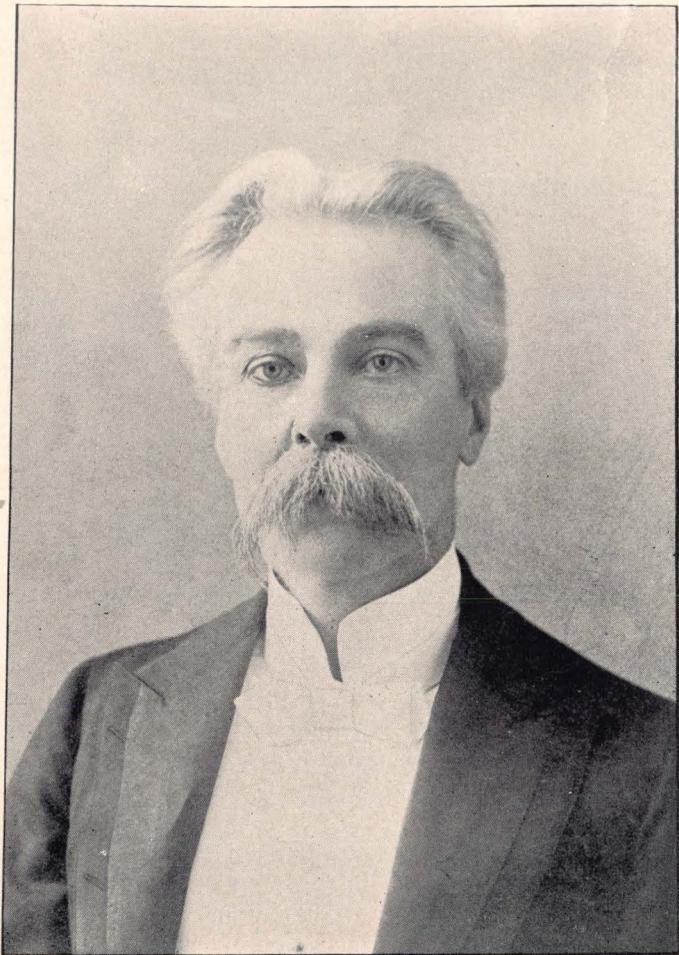
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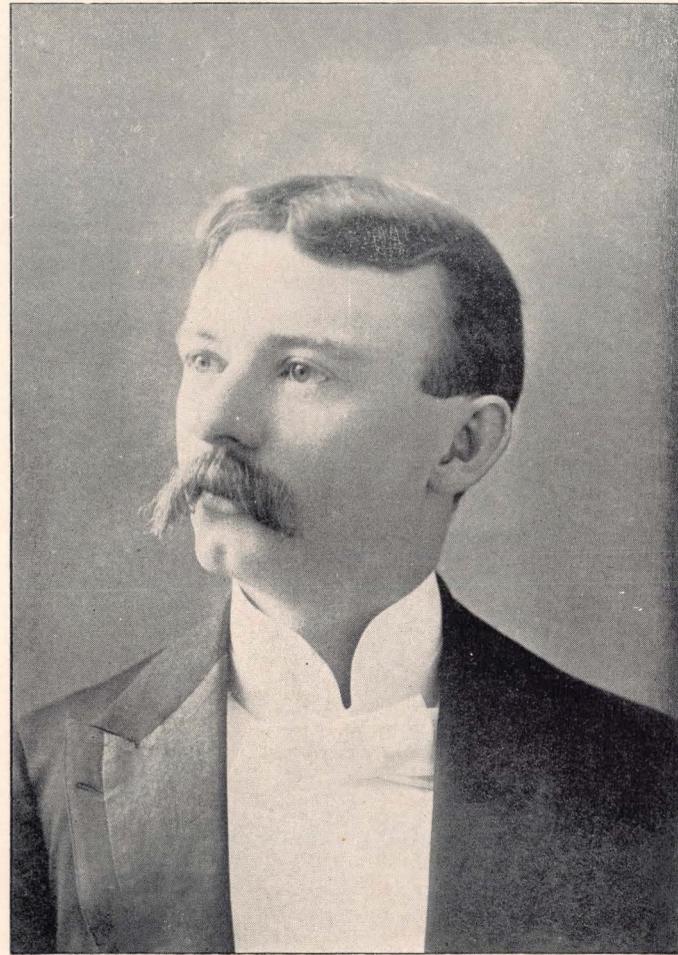
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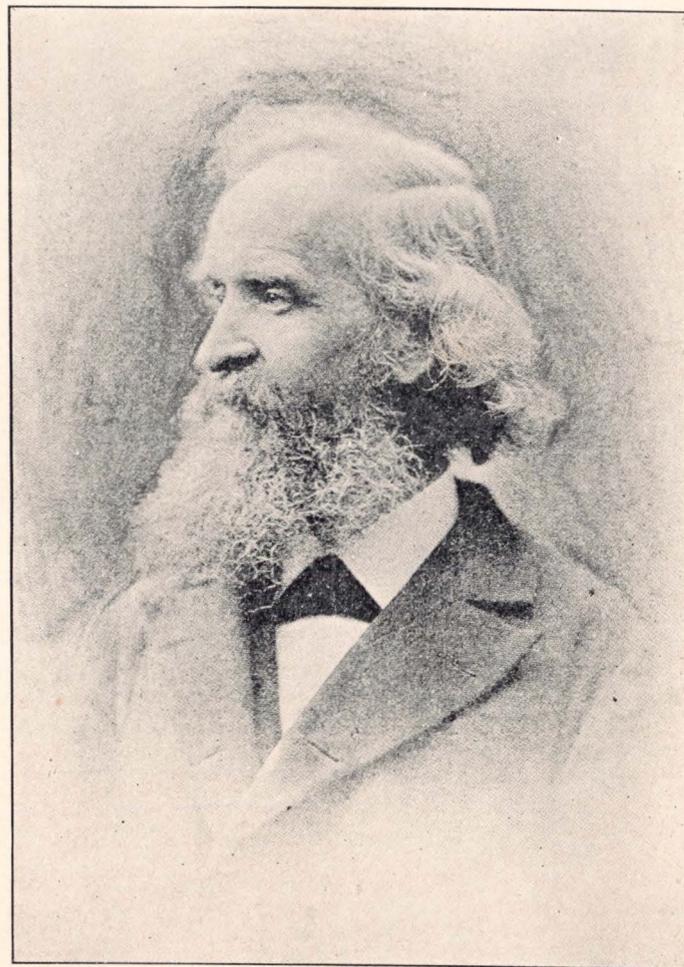
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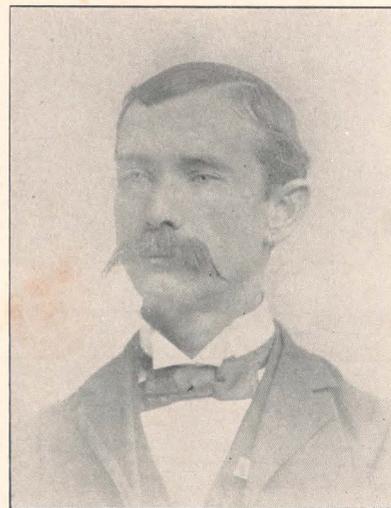
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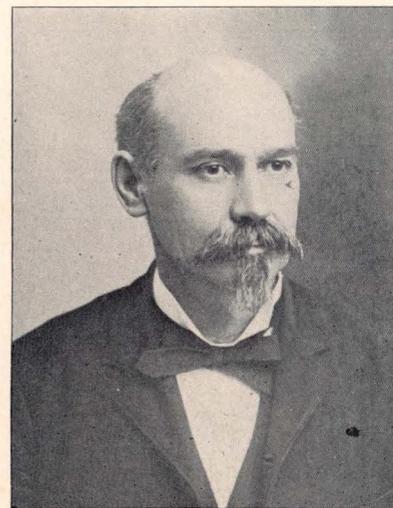
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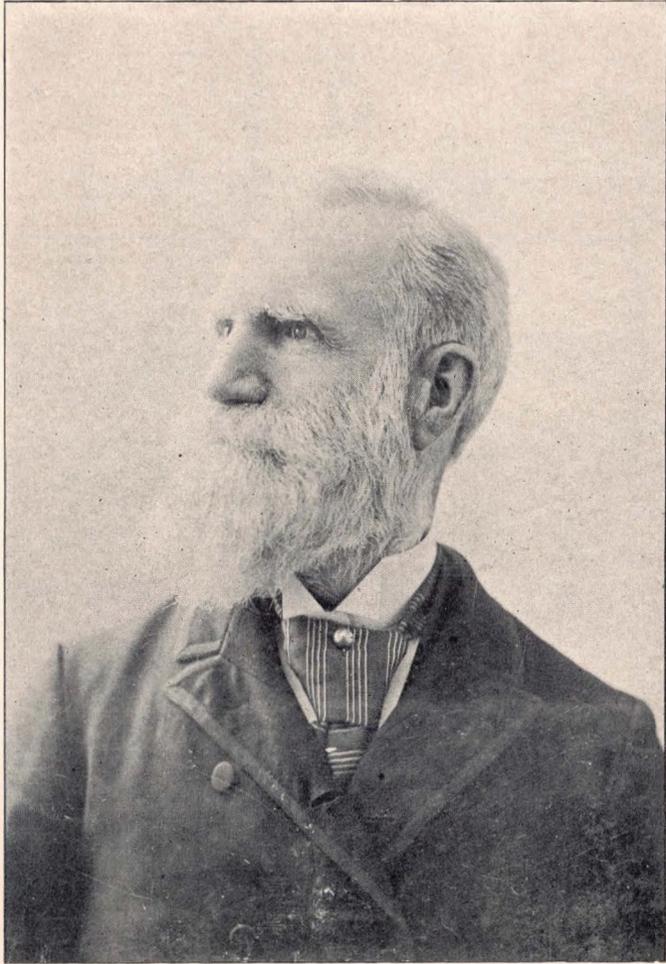
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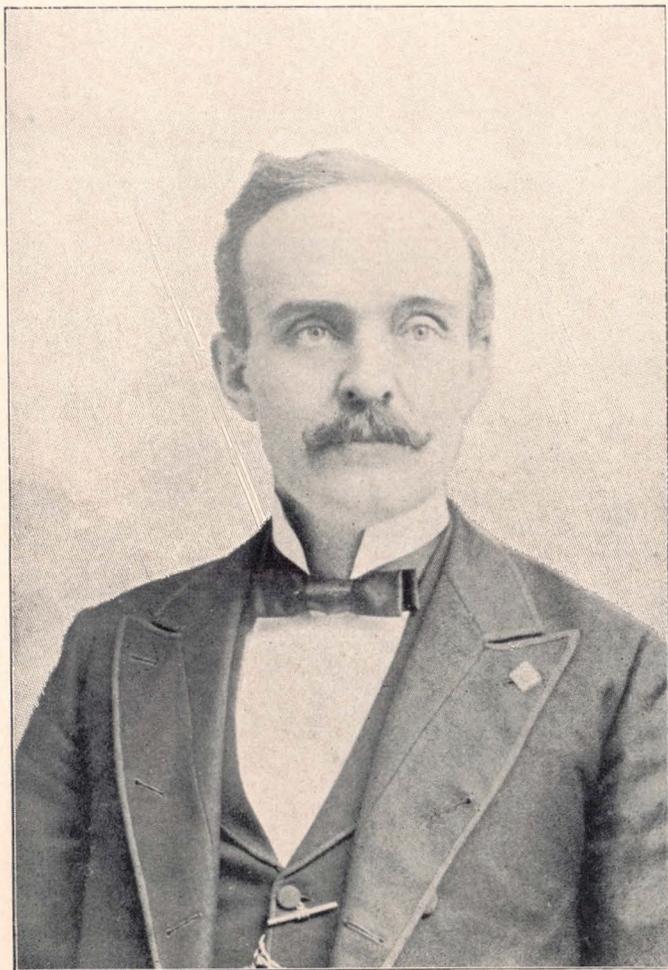


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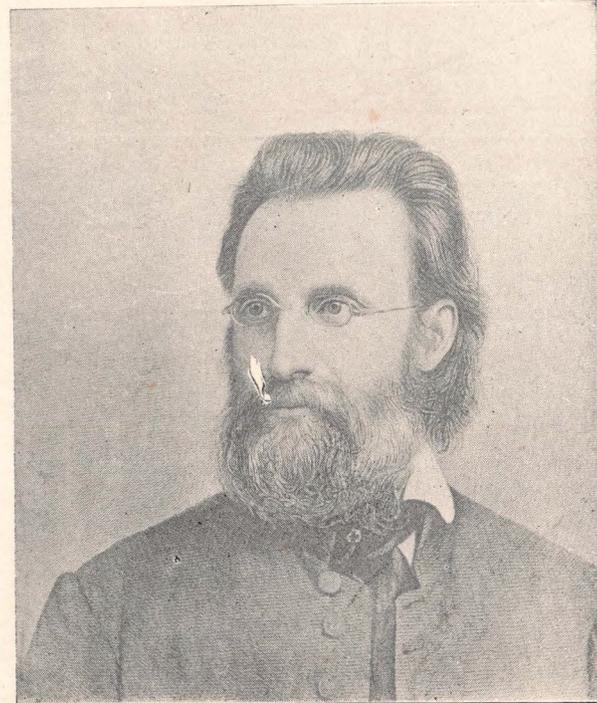
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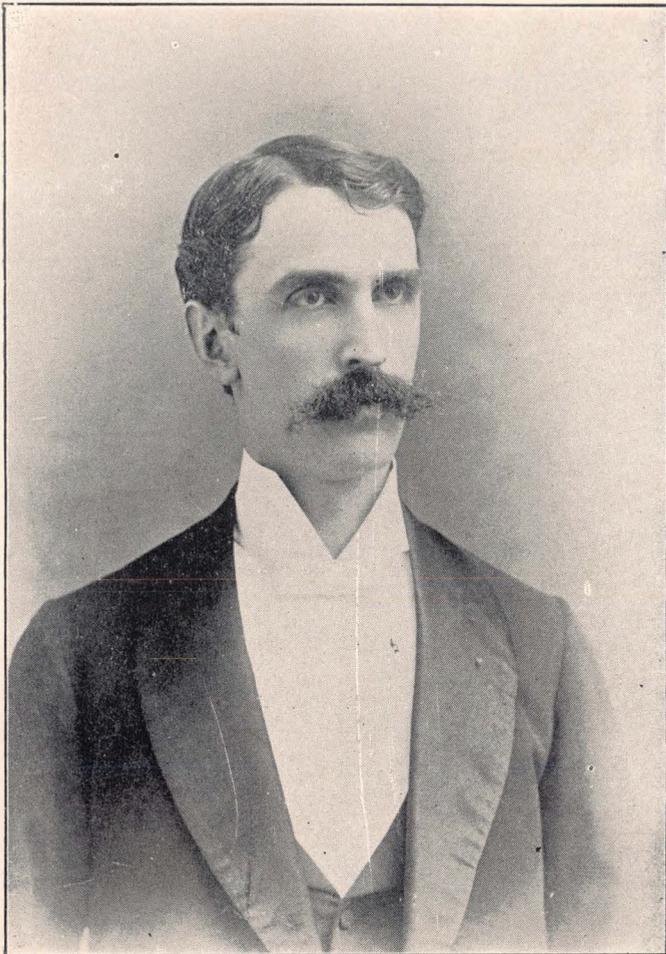
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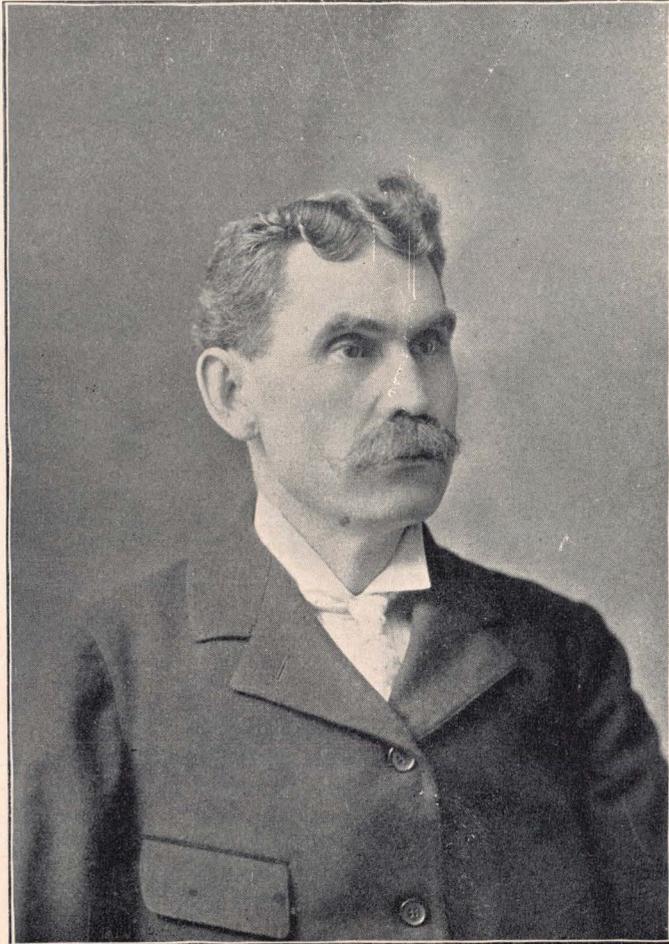
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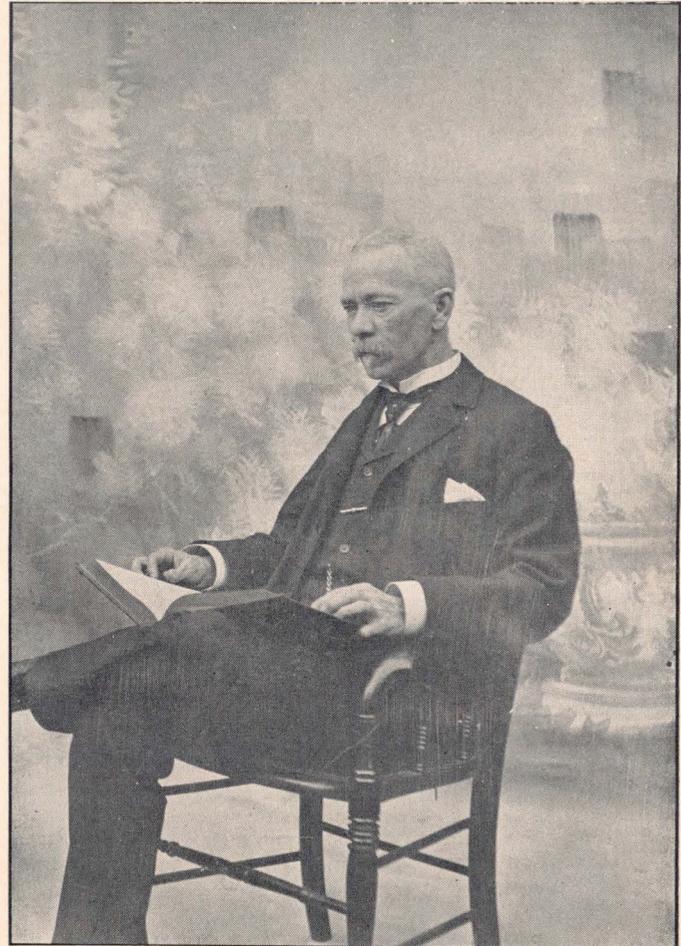
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Lake Sunapee — Opposite Blodgett's Landing



Cassadaga — Typical Summer Groupe



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Cassadaga Camp — Entrance



Queen City Park — Lover's Lane



Lake Brady — Auditorium



Queen City Park — Lake Shore



Niantic Camp — Looking North



Chesterfield Camp — To the Spring



Chesterfield Camp — West of Park



Ashlev Camp — Looking North



Lake Pleasant Hotel

# BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

## J. D. Arras

Mr. Arras has been for the most part identified with the spiritual movement in Columbus, O. He is among the most respected of its citizens, an active business man, and at present the president of the Columbus Spiritual Society and treasurer of the State organization.

## Mrs. J. D. Arras

One of Columbus' best mediums; a lady of extreme force of character, ability, and honor. Her mediumship has been for years a delight to those who have been guests at her select seances.

## Prof. J. Madison Allen

Mr. Allen is an inspirational speaker, musical composer, test medium, and secretary of the Missouri State Association of Spiritualists.

## Dr. O. G. W. Adams

Dr. Adams is a well known western worker, both in camp and society interests. He is a regularly practicing physician in Dubuque, Ia., but devotes a large portion of his time to benevolent and charitable labors in the Spiritual vineyard. He is not only a very generous man, but a high-minded one.

## E. L. Allen

Mr. Allen is an old photographer, having commenced his picture career in 1851 by making deguerreotypes before photos were made in America, and is still in the business. He received the first light of Spiritualism in 1858, through Dr. J. V. Mansfield. He has been identified with the cause in Boston ever since. His studio is at 122 Boylston street.

## Dr. H. C. Andrews

Dr. Andrews of Bridgeport, Mich., was born in 1855. He investigated Spiritualism in childhood through reading the journals upon Spiritualism. Was a sensitive and developed as a medium at the age of fourteen. He taught school at the age of sixteen and followed this profession twenty-two years, also exercising his medial gifts in healing the sick, lecturing, and giving tests. His home is at Bridgeport, Mich.,

where his farm is located. Dr. Andrews' family are of English descent, having as a family settled at Wethersfield, Conn., in 1640. His parents were born in Massachusetts and are now living at the ages of 77 and 76.

## Paul R. Albert

Mr. Albert, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was born in 1841, and when six years old his parents left Paris, France, coming to this country and settling in Cincinnati. He first heard of Spiritualism while attending the Urbana, (O.) University in 1854, through a classmate. He helped organize the first Society in Chattanooga and was its president for several terms. He also was one of the originators of the Lookout Camp Meeting Association, and was its president for seven years. He is still one of its directors. Mr. Albert is prominent in business and social circles, and has held the office of alderman and school commissioner for a number of terms. At present he is general manager of one of the National Building Associations and manager of the Chattanooga opera house. He is high up in nearly all the fraternal orders and benevolent associations, being a 32 degree Mason.

## H. B. Allen

Henry B. Allen has been known for years as the "Boy medium," though matured under the nomenclature. He is a physical medium of a pronounced type, and has given many tests of his powers. His home is in Summerland, Cal.

## A. Aksakof

Alexander Nikolajewitsch Aksakof was born in Repiofka, Russia, in 1832. He was educated for civil duty at the Royal Lyceum, St. Petersburg. While in service he read Swedenborg's "Heaven and Hell," which turned his thoughts in that direction of spiritual investigation, and, like all thinkers, he drifted from thence into Spiritualism. But unable to advocate it as a new revelation in his own country, he went into Germany, and there translated Robert Hare's "Experimental Investigations" into the Russian language, and later Andrew Jackson Davis' works into German. This was followed by translations from Crookes, Edmunds, Wallace and R. D. Owen. But his soul was not yet stilled, and in 1874 he started

a German monthly, "Psychic Studies," at Leipsig, which is still running—during all this time, however, going to and fro and introducing Spiritualism into Russia as a science. Through the aid of converts he introduced mediums into the land of the czars, and many others were led to the light. In all, Mr. Aksakof translated and wrote over thirty books pertaining to Spiritualism—the last being a 500 page volume, which appeared in Russia two years ago, entitled "The Forerunners of Spiritualism During the Last Two Hundred and Fifty years."

## Mrs. M. Theresa Allen

Mrs. Allen is an inspirational speaker, improvisatrice and test medium; also secretary of the Missouri State Camp Association, and otherwise prominently identified with the work in Missouri and adjoining States. In addition to this, she is one of the mediums for the Silver-Chain Developing Circle, and co-editress of the *Silver-Chain Messenger*. Mrs. Allen was called to the ministry of Spiritualism some twenty-five years ago, and from the first has devoted herself unreservedly to this Supreme Truth. Her special field, during the past ten years, has been in the West and South, with headquarters at Springfield, Mo.

## Joseph Beals

Mr. Beals was the late president of the Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting Association, having been its head officer for nineteen years.

## W. H. Bach

Mr. Bach is an all-round worker in the field—lecturer, teacher, inventor, and author. He is an earnest reasoner and has a fine perception of the morale in Spiritualism.

## Bishop A. Beals

Mr. Beals is the poet speaker of our cause. His inspirations are sentimental and touching, and his influence is of the same order. He is well known in the middle and western States, and is a much-welcomed lecturer among a large class of our people.

### Nellie S. Baade

Mrs. Baade is a spiritual speaker of the old regime—true to her mission and never swerves from her subject or deviates from her line of duties as inspired by the invisibles. She knows but one thing, and that is truth. Worldly opinion or conventionality has no influence on her. She is either a Spiritualist or she is nothing.

### The Bangs Sisters

Lizzie and May Bangs, of 3 South Elizabeth street, Chicago, Ill., are mediums of various phases, receiving spirit tests through clairvoyance, slate writing, typewriting, materialization, and latterly in the form of oil paintings. They have had many a battle with skeptics, but the phenomena occurring in their presence invariably made them the victors. Facts need no argumentation.

### Dr. C. T. H. Benton

Dr. Benton is an inspirational, trance and healing medium. He was converted to Spiritualism some eleven years ago, being then a member of the M. E. Church. He is at present regular minister of the First Spiritualist Church of Peoria, Ills., which position he has held for several years with credit to himself and the cause.

### Nellie F. Burbeck

Mrs. Burbeck was born in North Haverhill, N. H. At a seance in Boston, after her first husband's death she received her initial test. In 1887 she was entranced and soon developed as a platform test medium. She is also a healing medium. Together with her present husband she carried on a series of successful meetings at Plymouth, Mass. Her field lies principally in the eastern States.

### F. H. Bemis

Mr. Bemis was born in Sturbridge, Mass., November 29, 1823. He went to Meadville, Pa., entered the Meadville Theological College, and remained three years. He is an old friend to the cause and ever ready to defend it. But he is still in Meadville, having made it his home; was once its mayor, and held other city offices. He is still in service, and looking to the welfare of his adopted city.

### Mary A. Barkaloo

Of Mrs. Barkaloo, Maj. Gen. R. W. Johnson, of St. Paul, Minn., writes: "True to her religious belief and an honor to humanity, and all who have had the privilege of making her acquaintance, have been benefited by her. No physician has saved more patients than she; nor has any medium done more for the uplifting of humanity."

### Mrs. Emma Hardinge Britten

Her long and arduous labors, and remarkable career as a medium, seer, prophetess, and inspired advocate of the new Spiritual Dispensation in America, Australia, New Zealand, and Great Britain, give her front rank in the long roll of honored mediums and leaders of the early days of the movement. Peerless and incomparable, her wonderful powers of inspirational oratory have exerted vast influence for good. Her home is now in Manchester, Eng.

### Rev. Elsie Braun

Mrs. Braun was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and came to Canada in September, 1881, and to the States in 1886. She was brought up in the Episcopal doctrines, but always believed in and realized the invisible world; was always mediumistic and developed these gifts in 1891, and has practiced them as a public medium ever since with phenomenal success. Her mediumship consists of clairvoyance, healing, and speaking. She commenced as a trance speaker, but for the last two years has been an inspirational speaker. In 1892 she ran the Independent Psychical Society in St. Paul, Minn. In 1893 she moved to Minneapolis and held a meeting every Sunday evening, which was very successful, and finally became the First Progressive Spiritual Church, incorporated under the laws of Minnesota, and chartered by the National Spiritualists' Association. She is pastor of the church and has been ever since its birth.

### Helen T. Brigham

Mrs. Brigham was born at Henniker, N. H. When about fourteen years old she manifested signs of mediumship, and at her first sitting became entranced, since which time she has been in the field. She now speaks in semi-trance on any subject unprepared, and is withal an example of a pure, noble character—free from guile or pretention—and cares little whether the world honors her or not. All she asks is peace from dissention or gossip.

### W. F. Barrett, F. R. S. E., M. R. I. A.

Professor of experimental physics, and dean of the faculty in the Royal College of Science for Ireland, and his brother, the Rev. G. S. Barrett, D. D., (chairman of the Congregational Union), were born in Jamaica, their father being a well known missionary there. Professor Barrett has made a number of scientific discoveries, which have placed him among the foremost living scientists. In 1868, Mr. Barrett witnessed remarkable experiments in mesmerism and thought transference, and was by them, led into Spiritualism. In 1882 he and Mr. Dawson Rogers summoned a conference, when the Society for Psychical Research was founded. He is a philosophical and religious Spiritualist.

### J. Frank Baxter

Mr. Baxter was born in Plymouth, Mass., Nov. 11, 1841, in which town he also graduated from the high school with honors. From thence he went to the Bridgewater State Normal School, where he earned a diploma to teach. But from early childhood he exhibited evidences of mediumship, and when the "Rochester knockings" were discussed his interest was attracted to the same and the results attending. Family circles led to medial unfoldment, and in time Mr. Baxter became a test medium of decided qualities. Work of love gradually led into the profession, as the demand for his services became so great that he was forced to give up teaching classes for the masses. Since 1877 he has been a missionary in the Spiritualist field, and stands in the front rank of workers for the cause. His lectures are profound and logical; his tests accurate and comforting. He is a medium in the fullest sense of the term, and perhaps as perfect a one as it is possible for a mortal in the conscious state to become.

### Dr. Baraduc

Dr. Baraduc, whose portrait we present in this album, established a world-wide reputation by his work on the polaric force exhibited by human vital radiation in its action on the biometer. His subsequent work on the photographic images registered by these radiations created quite a sensation. He studied under Dr. Charcot at the Salpêtrière, and is the author of numerous treatises on nervous diseases, and on electrotherapeutics. His address is 90 Rue St. Honore, Paris.

### E. W. Bond

A scarred veteran in the ranks of the Spiritualist host of our country is presented in portraiture in this album. Mr. Bond has been well known for many years among the Spiritualists of northeastern Ohio, northwestern Pennsylvania, and western New York. Formerly he was closely identified with the C. L. F. A. at Lily Dale, and of late has been prominently identified with the interests temporal and spiritual of the new Florida camping grounds at Lake Helen. Mr. Bond's home is at Willoughby, Ohio, and when the pressure for organization in this State reached him he threw himself into the work with his old-time vigor and was a leading, although quiet and unobtrusive, figure, in the deliberations of the convention, which elected him to the presidency of the Ohio Spiritualists' Association, an honor unsought, but worthily bestowed.

### Emily P. Beebe

Mrs. Beebe was born in Vermont. She received the light of Spiritualism in 1888, when she began to develop as a medium. She soon became an inspirational speaker and has been in active service ever since. She has held various offices in different societies, and

has organized a number of societies herself. Since March, 1897, she has been serving a society at Horton, Mich., of which she is also the president.

#### H. D. Barrett

Mr. Barrett is the first president of the National Spiritualist Association. He is quite a young man, and, as frequently quoted was "The right man in the right place." He is in every respect a scholar and a gentleman, and worthy the position he holds, and no doubt generally appreciated by those who know the sacrifice it costs to fulfil the duties of such a place. And Mr. Barrett was by no means derelict. Few could have done better. No doubt others have had more difficult up-hill work, but none have covered such a wide field of beneficiary service in so short a time as this gentleman. He breached into opposing elements and breastworks under adverse circumstances that entitle him to the love and sympathy of all Spiritualists. During 1897 he accepted the position as editor of *The Banner of Light*.

#### George A. Bacon

Mr. Bacon is not altogether unknown to readers of the *Light of Truth*. Occasional flashes from his pen have illuminated these columns during the past. We now introduce him a little nearer. Mr. Bacon was born in Wellfleet, Mass., in 1836, but attended school in Boston. Though brought up a Methodist, he became, in his teens, an attendant upon Rev. Theodore Parker's preaching, which subsequently had much to do with shaping his thought and liberalizing his mind. During the past thirty-five years he has held a government position, and while in Washington he helped to establish spiritual meetings in that city in connection with Father Pierpont, A. E. Newton, Thomas Gales Forster, Cranston Lauri, Alfred Horton, Dr. Rowland, and a few others. In the recently published "Life Work of Cora L. V. Richmond," Brother Bacon's pen furnishes the interesting chapter relating to that lady's services in Washington, D. C., during the reconstruction era. A prediction made at the time respecting governmental conditions has become singularly verified. During the past few years he has repeatedly lectured before the Society of Progressive Spiritualists at Washington, D. C., and also before several of the literary clubs of that city.

#### C. J. Barnes

Mr. Barnes is a trumpet and clairvoyant medium — has been since 1872 — developing in Newport, Ky., under Mr. and Mrs. John A. Johnson, of Covington, Mr. Shannon, and Mr. Hare, of Cincinnati. Since then he has traveled over twenty-nine States, holding seances, both private and public, with good success generally. His home is at 238 East Lynn street, Anderson, Ind.

#### Prof. Jos. Rodes Buchanan, M. D.

Dr. J. R. Buchanan, whose well-known countenance graces this album, was born at Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 11, 1814. At the age of twelve he began the study of law, but circumstances led in other directions, and, like many other great men, he began his famous career as a printer. Having innate genius he became a teacher with progressive views on his profession. This naturally carried him beyond the common sphere of his labors, and he became a teacher among the teachers. His researches and discoveries concerning the human brain, the skull, and the living man, constituted a trinity of practical value to mankind which will do more for human salvation than all the traditional ones combined. The doctor's methods of investigation landed him squarely into the midst of a new field — a science now known as psychometry. His experiments in that line accorded with those made by spiritualistic mediums, and resulted in his conversion to Spiritualism. Since then Dr. Buchanan has devoted himself more or less to occult subjects — bringing his vast store house of previous knowledge to bear on his later investigations, and thereby aiding in the promulgation of the scientific branch of Spiritualism. As a scholar and teacher Dr. Buchanan ranks with the highest in our Universities. Of his worth and abilities Rev. Wm. Strickland, D. D., wrote in 1885: "Dr. Buchanan is singularly clear, concise, and interesting in the exposition of his great themes, often rising to a rare philosophic eloquence which rivets attention and enforces conviction. He possesses one quality which interests me above all others, and that is his deep moral and religious enthusiasm. All his aims are practical and humanitarian, and he has no interest in any science or literature that brings no conspicuous benefit to man. Those who have read his great work on Education, which many hope will produce a revolution in the systems of education, cannot fail to have recognized in it the profound sagacity of a practical philanthropist, whose principles, if adopted, would put an end to human degradation." Dr. Buchanan is at present living in San Jose, Cal. His latest book is "Primitive Christianity."

#### E. D. Babbitt, M. D., LL. D.

Dr. Babbitt, author of *Principles of Light and Color, Human Culture and Cure, Religion, etc.*, is the Dean of the College of Fine Forces, now established at Los Angeles, Cal., which is fast gaining a world-wide reputation. The institution has a thorough system of absent teaching and confers the degree of D. M., Doctor of Magnetics.

#### Dr. E. E. Conant

Dr. Conant is the husband of Clara Field Conant, the well-known lecturer in our ranks, and also an ardent worker in the cause.

#### Frank Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter is conductor of the First National Spiritual Church of Detroit, Mich., and is the husband of Mrs. Marion Carpenter, the noted speaker and psychometrist.

#### Mrs. Marion Carpenter

This lady is a psychometrist and inspirational speaker and serves the friends in Detroit, Mich. She is doing a good work through her mediumship, and has made many a sorrowing heart think that life was worth living.

#### James G. Clark

Mr. Clark was generally known as the "Poet of the People," and the "Poet Singer." He was born in Constancia, N. Y., in 1830. He was a Spiritualist all his life, and wrote for such magazines as the *Arena*. He was a man of great literary ability. His last earthly home was in Pasadena, Cal., from whence he passed over in October, 1897.

#### Deane Clark

Dr. Clarke is an old war horse in our ranks and has had many a hard struggle with error and superstition. He is well known all over the country, though his labors were confined principally to the west during the past years. Besides being a good lecturer on Spiritualist subjects he is equal to any emergency on economic subjects. Dr. Clarke also has a poetical vein in his composition which manifests at times much to the delight of his hearers and readers of newspapers.

#### W. J. Colville

Commenced his career as an inspirational exponent of the Spiritual philosophy in London twenty-one years ago. Shortly afterwards he came to this country, where he has lectured to large audiences in most of the principal cities, and has paid several return visits to England. He has done a great amount of good work, and has published several books.

#### Clara Field Conant

Mrs. Conant is a resident of Millwood, West Va., and serves the cause as speaker on the public platform. She is a woman with deep convictions of the truth, and serves as one born to her mission. She was clairvoyant from her earliest recollection, began her public work in 1859 as trance speaker, psychometrist and clairvoyant and clairaudient diagnosing disease and giving medical advice and magnetic healing until her health failed, since which time she has resided some years in Washington and West Virginia, occasionally lecturing, as her health permitted. S. W.

#### Countess of Caithness

The Countess of Caithness (Duchesse De Pomar), recently deceased, was an ardent Spiritualist. Her-

self a writing medium, she had a great sympathy for mediums, and invited many to visit her in Paris. She spent much time and money, and published books and pamphlets to further the cause she had so much at heart.

#### Mrs. E. Cutler

Mrs. Cutler, of Philadelphia, Pa., was born in Providence, R. I., and a medium from her seventh year. She was ordained by the First Association of Spiritualists, of Philadelphia, Pa., and occupied the platform as a trance speaker and medium for twelve years, reading from flowers brought by the audience the names and faces seen in them. She has organized societies, and always helped in building up when in weak conditions. Her home is in Philadelphia, Pa.

#### Dr. Wales W. Clapp

Dr. Clapp has been for nearly forty years one of the foremost dentists of Connecticut. A man of sterling rugged character and representative of a long line of ancestors whose push, energy and eccentricities are forever interwoven in New England history. Dr. Clapp is and has been for many years a resident of Norwich, Conn., where he is known as an outspoken Spiritualist and identified with the work of Spiritualism in that city. He has served as chairman of the Norwich Spiritualist Union, and his heart and purse have ever been open for the advancement of the cause.

#### Mrs. M. J. Crilly

Mrs. Crilly is a platform test medium and psychometer of rare ability. She is at home at Allegheny, Pa.

#### Sir William Crookes, F. R. S.

Mr. Crookes is one of the most noted and notable chemists and physicists of the time. In his work "Researches into the Phenomena called Spiritual," he boldly asserted the reality of the manifestations, and declared that trickery could not cover the ground. He affirmed recently that there is "absolutely no reason *a priori* to deny the probability of such phenomena" as he described, and he still adheres to the statement of facts made in his book. In his testimony to Spiritualism, he says: "That hitherto unrecognized form of Force—whether it be called physical or psychical is of little consequence—is involved in this occurrence is not with me a matter of opinion, but of absolute knowledge."

#### Ella T. Cowley

Mrs. Cowley was born in Leon, N. Y., 1852. In 1895 she developed as an inspirational writer, and then began to prepare for public work. Her children, like herself, are all mediumistic.

#### Luther Colby

Mr. Colby founded *The Banner of Light* in Boston, in 1857, and edited it for over thirty-seven years. He

had previously been a materialist, but "by his investigations became convinced of the conscious continuity of human life beyond the grave, and the power of the exanimate ones to intelligently make their presence known—under certain proper but imperative conditions—to the dwellers in the mortal form." He was thus brought to recognize the soul within himself, and his sturdy independence of mind made him a fit instrument for pioneer work for the angel-world. Mr. Colby passed to the higher life in 1894, in his eighty-first year. Himself a medium, he had great sympathy with "sensitives," and disproved the absurd assertion that mediumship is injurious to health, and shortens life. The good he did lives after he has "gone home."

#### Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader

Mrs. Cadwallader is perhaps one of the best known lady workers in our ranks. She has been especially active in the work of the N. S. A., and has done much toward its permanency. She has been identified with other societies and aided in other organizations. But her chief accomplishment has been in the publishing of "Antiquity Unveiled," she being part of the publishing company which brought this book to light. Her home is in Philadelphia, where J. M. Roberts once published "Mind and Matter," the newspaper in which the first messages of the aforementioned book appeared. Mrs. Cadwallader was already connected with this paper and from which period her prominence in the cause began. She is yet a young woman, fine looking, graceful, tall and very intelligent, earnest and peace loving. She is also a good speaker and has been heard from many a rostrum in behalf of the N. S. A. Her last important move has been a visit to England, where she has done some work for the cause beneficial to all, and of which the readers of this paper will reap the benefit. Her home address is care of Oriental Publishing Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

#### Mrs. G. Cooper

Mrs. Cooper is a trance and test medium at Akron, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper resided in England previous to 1860. They lived in a house that once belonged to King Henry VIII. In this spacious house doors would open, raps would be heard; Mrs. Cooper's aged grandmother, being an invalid, would be carried up several flights of stairs by an invisible motor. The house would be lighted up at midnight, and the family would be so alarmed that they would flee for safety. Spiritualism was unknown to them. No one would reside in the house with them; these good people decided to come to America and thus rid themselves of this obnoxious experience, but it followed them for a time. Finally for a period of ten years they enjoyed "peace." After a time Mrs. Cooper learned of Spiritualism and sat for development, with the usual results. She was a medium unbeknown to herself.

#### Elliott Coues, Scientist

The subject of this sketch is one of the few men who have become famous both in physical and psychological science. He has long been recognized as one of the leading naturalists of America, and of late years has acquired equal distinction as a philosopher. Dr. Coues was born in Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 9, 1842, and is the son of Samuel Elliot Coues and Charlotte Haven Ladd Coues. His father was in business in early life with Ichabod Goodwin (afterward governor of New Hampshire), and later the author of several scientific treatises which anticipated some of the more modern views of physics, astronomy and geology; so that young Coues would seem to have inherited his bent of mind toward study and research. The family moved to Washington in 1853, and Dr. Coues has always been a resident of that city, excepting during the years he served in the west and south as an army officer or engaged in scientific explorations. As a boy he was educated under Jesuit influences at the seminary now known as Gonzaga college. In 1857 he entered a Baptist college (now Columbian University), where he graduated in 1861 in the academic department, and in 1863 in the medical department of that institution. To the degrees of A. B., A. M., Ph. D., and M. D., conferred by this college, his riper scholarship has added titles enough to fill a page from learned societies all over the world. Prof. Coues has been nearly all his life a collaborator of the Smithsonian institution of Washington, and his name is most frequently mentioned in that connection. Prof. S. F. Baird, as well as Professors Louis Agassiz and Joseph Henry, was quick to recognize his ability in early years, and by invitation of the former Dr. Coues had long had an office in the institution, though without pay. During the years that he was an ardent and successful collector in the field, his numberless specimens of natural history were presented to the United States government, and now form no inconsiderable part of the material for study in the National Museum, of which many other naturalists, in various departments of zoology, have been able to avail themselves. Many of these specimens have been found new to science, and several have been named in compliment to their discoverer. His scientific investigations into Spiritualism brought him much criticism, but he lived it down, and stands as one among many of that class who testify to the truth of that which he has discovered.

#### Alexander Campbell

Mr. Campbell is known as one of the celebrated Spiritualists of Campbell Bros.' fame. Besides this wonderful phase of mediumship, he obtains slate writing, and holds seances for either of the above. In conjunction with his brother, they also have held seances for typewriting, wonderful results accruing.

### Charles Campbell

Mr. C. Campbell is the younger brother of the famous Campbell Brothers, spirit artists, slate writing, and typewriting mediums. Like his brother, he is a perfect gentleman in deportment, and manifests all the traits of refinement and respectable lineage.

### Mrs. Mattie E. Clemens

The subject of this sketch was born in Clinton county, Ohio, in 1846. She is the oldest practicing medium in Columbus, being born with mediumistic gifts, and was early developed in the different phases of mediumship. The most prominent has been her clairvoyant seeing and healing powers. Many people have been relieved of pain and suffering, and placed back in a healthier condition, and are now enjoying life and the blessings of health in this city of Columbus. Aside from healing and seeing powers, Mrs. Clemens is a natural psychic and an excellent trumpet medium. In fact, she lives in the realm of spirit and has these marvelous gifts so naturally developed that they are not appreciated by her as being out of the ordinary, or as her many friends do who are ever eager to catch the sound of inspiration and hear the many consoling words that are given. Having been a resident of Columbus nineteen years, she is well and favorably known in the city and surrounding country for her many mediumistic qualities.

### W. E. Coleman

Wm. Emmette Coleman was born in Virginia, June 19, 1843. In 1859, at sixteen, he became converted to Spiritualism from orthodoxy, and ever since he has been an earnest advocate, with pen and voice, of rational, scientific Spiritualism. Through his Spiritualism he became in deep sympathy with woman's rights, and all other sociologic and philanthropic reforms. Also through Spiritualism he became an evolutionist and he has written and lectured a great deal on evolution and Darwinism. He has contributed hundreds of articles to the *Spiritual and Free Thought periodicals of America and Europe*, and has lectured many times on Spiritualism. He is very critical and analytical, and has labored to put Spiritualism and the occult on a scientific basis, free from fraud and delusion. For many years he has been a close student of Orientalism, and has published many articles on Hinduism, Buddhism, Egyptology, etc. He is a member of the American Oriental Society, Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland, Pali Text Society, London Society for Psychical Research, Brooklyn Ethical Association, Library Association of Central California, and was a member of the Advisory Councils of the World's Congress of Evolutionists and the Psychic Science Congress at the Chicago World's Fair, in 1893.

### Harlow Davis

Mr. Davis is one of our popular physical mediums, through whom many have had consoling messages from the beyond, and who is ever active in the good work of making converts to Spiritualism.

### Miss Silvia E. Daniels

Miss Daniels is a trumpet, materializing, psychometric, and inspirational medium. Her motto is to do good when opportunity affords and speak kindly of everyone. Her home is in Waterloo, Ind.

### Charles Dawbarn

Mr. Dawbarn is a well-known contributor to the spiritual press. His home is in San Leandro, Cal., where he labors in the spiritual vineyard and other fields of reform. He is a versatile writer and an advanced thinker, and frequently makes bounds which incite antagonism, but only to prove himself in the right after a year or two. He is a pioneer among the pioneers and thus a valuable acquisition to our ranks.

### Judge A. H. Dailey

Judge Dailey, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been an investigator for over thirty years, and was always an interested worker in the cause. He has been instrumental in holding the forces together for both society and camp affairs, and was latterly president of the New England Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association. This gentleman was once Judge of Probate, but is now practicing law in Brooklyn. He is also an able writer, being author of *The Life of Mollie Fancher*.

### Mrs. E. J. Demorest

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Demorest, of Pittsburg, Pa., is an earnest and conscientious worker in the field. Her mediumship was inherited, both parents being mediumistic. But not until Mrs. Colby Luther enlightened them did they understand it practically. Since then she has been ever ready to serve the cause by her inspirations.

### Mrs. Ella L. Dearborn

This widely known medium occupies a choice and honorable niche in the temple of true mediumship. Her home is in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Dearborn was born a medium, the hereditary quality coming down through her parents and grandparents, the former, however, making no use of it. Mrs. Dearborn's psychic gifts began to find expression in the form of prophecy when she was ten years of age. Her father was an abolitionist and identified with the leaders of the anti-slavery movement of forty years ago. On one occasion a party of them were discussing the situation in the presence of the child, when she interrupted, in a very earnest manner, as follows: "The slaves will all be free, but there will be a big war first."

I see many people killed and dying, and the ground is red with blood." Mrs. Dearborn is a woman of refinement and culture, and her social standing has always been of the highest.

### Henry C. Dorn

Mr. Henry C. Dorn, of Newark, N. J., is a medium, exceptionally gifted in impressional, psychic and magnetic force. He is an able lecturer, and also a most successful healer. With a view to enlarging his field of usefulness, Mr. Dorn has spent considerable time experimenting in solar magnetics, and his efforts have proven a blessing to many unfortunates. In 1893 he organized the First Church of Spiritual Progression at Newark, N. J., and became its president. A thorough liberalist in creed, Mr. Dorn has welcomed to this church's platform men and women of independent views and broadening thought.

### Andrew Jackson Davis

Few names in our ranks touch the hearts of Spiritualists with such fervor as does that of Andrew Jackson Davis, the "Seer of Poughkeepsie." Those who have read his "Divine Revelations" and other works can not but regard him as the greatest revelator the world has ever produced, as well as the father of Spiritualism. He began when a boy to manifest mediumship, though unknown to him as such. But in the hands of proper mesmerizers he revealed knowledge which was marvelous and far beyond even the capacity of his operators. Davis himself was at the time but an ignorant boy, and had had very little schooling. But as a medium he was instructed by higher influence and in time became a prolific and fluent writer. Besides the "Great Harmonia," of five large volumes, he wrote many others, treating on all subjects of interest to humanity. His knowledge of medicine surprised the doctors who had him under mesmeric control, and since then he has become a physician himself and practices his profession. His home is in Boston.

### Dr. G. C. B. Ewell

Dr. Ewell is a lecturer of Denver, Colo., but momentarily in Leadville locating mines. He is an active worker and good organizer.

### Edgar W. Emerson

Mr. Emerson has been frequently pronounced the greatest test medium of the age. There is no doubt that his psychism is marvelous and through which many have been converted to Spiritualism. He has occupied nearly every rostrum in the land at one time or another. His home is in Manchester, N. H.

### J. B. Everett

Mr. Everett is a worker at Piqua, O. He lectures principally on Bible subjects, treating them from a spiritual standpoint. He aims to reach church people and bring them to an investigation of the claims of Spiritualism.

### Edith Evelyn Edwards

Miss Edwards is the daughter of Mrs. Carrie Le Bean, of Lincoln, Neb. She is a medium for independent voices, trance and inspirational music, and is becoming a useful worker to the cause.

### Oscar A. Edgerly

Mr. Edgerly is a popular speaker of the eastern states, where he is often heard by lovers of the cause. His themes are varied and always instructive.

### Fred. P. Evans

Mr. Evans was born in 1862, went to sea in his youth, and developed as a medium in marine service. He is a slate writer, and has sat with Prof. A. R. Wallace, whose testimony he owns. He has been abroad and held seances in many English cities, east and west. Besides producing marvelous phenomena in pneumatography he has developed others with dormant powers for the same phase. His home is in San Francisco, though is often away under engagements elsewhere.

### Imogene C. Fales

Mrs. Fales is the General Secretary of the American Co-Operative Union, her headquarters being at Bensonhurst, N. Y. She is also an able speaker on ethical subjects.

### Mrs. C. M. Folsom

Mrs. Folsom is a comparatively new medium in the field, but none the less worthy in that she has already had her battle with the courts for medial rights, and won her case much to the discomfiture of her raiders. Her principal feature was materialization, but latterly she has been developing other phases, among them test and inspirational speaking.

### Col. James Freeman

Col. Freeman is the President of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualists' Association. He is an ardent Spiritualist and never fails to defend the cause when needed and to use his influence for good.

### Camille Flammarion

Flammarion ranks as one of the leading modern astronomers in France. He is a prolific author, and possesses the faculty of presenting his favorite science

in a popular and attractive manner. He has been one of the leading supporters of Spiritualism in France for many years. Though he has not published any special work dealing specially with Spiritualism, yet many of his books, such as "The Last Days of a Philosopher," "The Planets and the Heavens," "The Plurality of Worlds," "Urania," "Stella," incorporate spiritual philosophy but slightly veiled. The immortality of the soul; successive lives on all the worlds of the universe, eternal evolution; the continuous development of wisdom, justice, love, are the leading ideas of his philosophy. In connection with Alfred Russel Wallace, F. R. S.; Sir William Crookes, of Crookes tube fame; Prof. Oliver Lodge, F. R. S., D. Sc.; Prof. Wm. James, of Harvard; A. Aksakow, Russian imperial councillor; Elliott Coues, professor Smithsonian Institute; Lord Dunraven, M. Sardou, Lillian Whiting, Florence Marryatt, and a score of other notables, however, he fills a niche in the grand galaxy of mental giants who endorse Spiritualism. M. Flammarion, in his testimony of Spiritualism, says: "I do not hesitate to affirm my conviction, based on personal examination of the subject, that any scientific man who declares the phenomena, denominated 'magnetic,' 'somnambulant,' 'mediumistic,' and others not yet explained by science, to be 'impossible,' is one who speaks without knowing what he is talking about."

### B. O. Flower

Mr. Flower is one of the Pharos lights along the beleaguered coast of human progress; a man whose qualities fit him to be target for the world's calumny. And there is no fate more enviable. Still he believes in humanity. This, too, is a part of his fate. William Lloyd Garrison was dragged by a mob through the streets of Boston with a rope around his neck. But he believed in humanity, and to-day his statue graces Commonwealth Avenue and his spirit permeates the affairs of the American people. Mr. Flower is best known on two continents by his work as former editor of *The Arena*. He undertook to make that excellent periodical a piping voice for the submerged ninety-five per cent—and failed. But some failures are successes. He is now associated with Frederick Upham Adams in the editorial management of *The New Time*, published in Chicago. Mr. Flower is a vigorous and prolific writer, his principal works, aside from his editorship, being "The Century of Sir Thomas More;" "Whittier: Poet, Seer and Man;" "Gerald Massey: Poet, Prophet and Mystic;" "Lessons Learned From Other Lives;" "Civilization's Inferno, or Studies in the Social Cellar;" "The New Time: A Plea for the Union of the Moral Forces for Practical Progress." Mr. Flower has not lost sight of the vital bearing which a knowledge of the future life, if demonstrable, must necessarily exert upon humanity here on earth, and he has given much time and earnest consideration to this master chord of human progress.

### P. F. de Gournay

Mr. de Gournay is best known as a favorite contributor of the *Light of Truth*. He is always practical, clear and concise and never fails in interest. His writings carry the stamp of an educated reasoner and a gentleman.

### J. C. F. Grumbine

Mr. Grumbine is one of our most active workers at present. He was for many years a highly respected Unitarian minister at Geneseo, Ill. Being free from orthodox bias, he had the courage to look into Spiritualism with the inevitable result of proper investigation. Seeing more truth in Spiritualism than in creedalism, he gradually merged into the former and is now a regular speaker in our ranks. He is yet a young man, and highly gifted intellectually. His lectures are both scientific and spiritual.

### Dr. P. S. George

Dr. George is a medical, magnetic and hydropathic therapist, and one of the most prominent mediums now before the public for the curing of diseases without the use of drugs. He resides in Lincoln, Neb.

### Rev. J. F. Geddes

Mr. Geddes has been for years the Secretary for the W. U. S. A. of Minneapolis, Minn., and is withal a worker in the cause for its upbuilding.

### M. O. Gentzke

Mr. Gentzke is the editor and publisher of the *Nebraska Volksblatt and Advertiser*, at West Point, Neb. He now proposes to add a German Spiritualist weekly to his publications. Mr. Gentzke was born in Berlin, Germany; has been a citizen since 1882, and a publisher since 1885. He came to a knowledge of Spiritualism by mediumship in his own family.

### Capt. E. W. Gould

Captain Gould was formerly a Mississippi river steamer captain. Through a number of visits to various mediums he became convinced of Spiritualism, and finally became a speaker himself. His aim has always been for organization, and advocated it on all occasions.

### Hon. A. Gaston

Hon. Athelston Gaston is one of the most widely known men in northwestern Pennsylvania. He has served his city—Meadville—successfully as mayor, and his business interests have had much to do with the sturdy growth of the town. Mr. Gaston's principal business interests is in lumber and timber. His home is a charming spot, and his associations ramify the whole of the cultured domain of his city. Years

ago Mr. Gaston became converted to the truths of Spiritualism, and for a number of years past he has been known to the Spiritualists of the world as the President of the Cassadaga Lake Free Association, whose beautiful grounds at Lily Dale, N. Y., have a world-wide fame. Under Mr. Gaston's untiring energies, and with the aid of the few congenial souls associated with him, this famous campground has attained its present importance as an educational center for Spiritualism.

#### A. E. Gaston

Mr. Archie E. Gaston is the nephew and close business associate of Hon. A. Gaston. He is a bright, cautious young man, and for a number of years has filled acceptably the onerous office of Secretary of the Cassadaga Lake Free Association. His picture will be recognized by thousands who have seen him at his post at Lily Dale.

#### Mrs. A. M. Glading

Mrs. Adeline M. Glading was born in Philadelphia, Pa. Until 1872 she was a strict communicant member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. At about that time the truth of Spiritualism came to her in her own home, where sitting privately with a few friends, weekly for a whole year her mediumship was fully developed, which is that of total trance. Mrs. Glading is also a fine clairvoyant, clairaudient and psychometrist, and among her many other mediumistic gifts is that of "Mirror writing," the peculiarity of which is that it is written upwards, backwards and reversed, beginning at the bottom of the page and finishing at the top, and to be read must be held before a mirror, or read from the opposite side of the paper by holding it before a strong light. Her reputation as a speaker and test medium is too well known to be mentioned here, having spoken in all the principal cities in the United States and Canadian Provinces, also at the principal camp meetings. Her lectures are always supplemented by platform tests and automatic writing. Her services are in constant demand by the different Spiritual societies throughout the Union. Her home is in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pa.

#### Margaret Gaule

Among the successful and truly great mediums who have graced the spiritual rostrum during the past decade, the lady whose name stands at the head of this bit of writing must be counted. Maggie Gaule, as she is familiarly known all over the east and middle west, is one of the few who have carried the true blessedness of Spiritualism to myriads of despairing, doubting ones who had not, until her marvelous powers touched them, a ray of light from beyond the black shadows of death's night. Untold good has been accomplished by and through her mediumship, and she stands to-day where she has stood for more than ten years, since the writer knew her, in the

front rank of America's platform mediums, and without a single smirch upon her work. Miss Gaule was reared a Roman Catholic, and her bringing forth into the gospel and ministration of Spiritualism as one of its best instruments is as romantic as it is significant, and when her biography shall be written, Spiritualists yet unborn will read of one of the marvels of spirit power in these late days of decaying religious thought. Like all others who are true to Spiritualism, she has sacrificed much and has suffered. But in the great compensatory law they all find their reward.

#### Mrs. Lizzie Kelly Hartman

Mrs. Hartman is a lady whose prophecies have so far been published in this paper, and most generally fulfilled in accordance with her powers of penetrating the causes upon us.

#### Will. C. Hodge

Mr. Hodge was most popularly known as the Secretary of the Mississippi Valley Campmeeting Association. But having recently resigned to take the lecture field, our readers may become nearer acquainted with him by his present spiritual ministrations.

#### Max Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman is a slate writer and test medium of Chicago, Ill., and a young man of worth and ability—highly appreciated by his friends. He was latterly elected President of the Marshalltown, Iowa, Campmeeting Association.

#### Eugene Henyon

Eugene Henyon, magnetic healer, was born in the town of Willing, Allegheny County, N. Y., February 11, 1851, was developed as a healer at the age of twenty-one years, but has never made it a business until the last three years, and he now gives his whole time and attention to treating the sick and afflicted.

#### Dr. Adah Sheehan Norman

This lady is an ardent worker in the cause, a good speaker and psychometrist. She combines the spiritual with the material in a manner acceptable to all investigators. She has done a great work for the cause.

#### Dr. Mary R. Hutchinson

Mrs. Hutcheson is a magnetic healer, clairvoyant and psychometrist. Her home is at 2040 Lyon street, Springfield, Mo.

#### Walter D. S. Hayward

Mr. Hayward was born in East New York, January 13, 1871. He is an engineer by trade, but by nature a clairvoyant and clairaudient medium. Since prac-

ticing it he has become a trance medium. He is now a regular laborer in the field of Spiritualism and enjoys a good reputation. His home is in Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### Lyman C. Howe

The subject whose portrait greets the eye of the reader on taking up this ALBUM is one of the best men Spiritualism will have to record in its history. Few men have inherited such universal regard by a people as Mr. Howe has, and few have been more devoted to the cause they espouse. Honesty is branded on his countenance; truth is sensed in his influence, and love is the motive power which guides him. The clairvoyant eye can not but be awe-struck by a glimpse of his spiritual surroundings. When Mr. Howe leaves this earthly sphere his reward will be compatible with his life here—glorious and resplendent.

#### John Hazelrigg

John Hazelrigg is an essayist, newspaper correspondent and psychic.

#### Mrs. Mattie Hull

Mrs. Mattie Hull is the loving companion of Moses Hull, and is also somewhat of a veteran in the good cause. She is an interesting lecturer and essayist, having done editorial work on various magazines, published a number of books and is an all-around literary woman.

#### Moses Hull

Mr. Hull is a convert from the Seventh Day Adventists' pulpit. During his ministrations to these good brethren he was conscious of a higher inspiration, with the usual result—higher light—and like an honest man, he proclaimed the truth, regardless of his salary. But few have emulated him, and none can measure steel with him without retiring with a broken lance. What Moses Hull doesn't know about the Bible is not worth knowing, and thus his potency against others of the cloth.

#### D. A. Herrick

Mr. Herrick, of Akron, O., is a well-known phenomenal medium, mostly traveling by pre-engage-ments or as he is moved by the spirit. His seances are always interesting and comforting.

#### S. Hartman

Mr. Hartman is a native of Switzerland; is a local lecturer on Spiritualism, having embraced the new religion and the science of spirit intercourse in 1868. He at various periods has been instrumental in establishing spiritual societies in Wheeling, W. Va., where he resides. He has been an earnest and active supporter of the cause by encouraging the press and

our teachers and mediums. In his possession may be found a large number and variety of spiritual papers, running back to 1866. He is also a trance speaker and rapping medium.

#### Dr. Theodore Hansmann

Dr. Hansmann is an old Spiritualist of Washington, D. C., and well known as a philanthropic soul, whose heart is in the cause. Dr. Hansmann is a quiet worker, but effective in a way that counts. He is a great friend to mediums and has had large phenomenal experience at their seances. His best successes, however, have been with spirit photography, of which he possesses a large collection. He is a German by birth, a regular physician, and well read in many ways.

#### Dr. C. W. Hidden

Dr. Hidden, of Newburyport, Mass., was designed for the ministry, but in his initial crusade against intemperance he became inspired and discovered that higher truths than orthodox teachings were finding their way to his mentality. These took root and opened the way to Spiritualism when presented to him twelve years ago, though skeptical in the phenomena. But being a medium himself he was soon in the position to convert others. His mediumship resulted in magnetic healing, but he has taken a regular medical course in connection with it, and is now a practitioner.

#### Prof. Robert Hare

Mr. Hare was born in Philadelphia, January 17, 1781, died at Philadelphia, May 15, 1858. He was a chemist and professor of chemistry in the medical department of the Pennsylvania University from 1818 to 1847. In 1816 he wrote "Chemical Apparatus and Manipulation," and other works. In the latter part of his life, when freed from cares, he investigated Spiritualism scientifically, and reported them in newspaper articles and pamphlet form, most of which is now out of print. But the records exist variously of his acceptance of the spiritual phenomena, and thus belongs to the category of scientists in our ranks.

#### Rev. J. Page Hopps

Rev. J. Page Hopps, whose portrait we bring in this album, is a disciple from the English church, converted to Spiritualism quite a number of years ago in London, where he is still active in the cause. Mr. Hopps is a man of broad, liberal mind, and true to his convictions. He has been the means of opening the way for many of the church to enter Spiritualism, and has never failed to make his reasons clear to those who questioned him as to his change of heart. As a man he is upright, honest and truthful; as a speaker graceful, effective and interesting. He also

wields a good pen, which he has used freely in defense of the cause he espouses, and never retreats when duty calls him to the fore. His address is Oak Tree House, South Norwood Hill, London, S. E.

#### Mrs. E. S. Hibbits

Mrs. Hibbits, the independent trumpet medium of Muncie, Ind., was born and raised in Cincinnati, O. When she was quite young manifestations occurred in her home. In a few years afterward she commenced to sit for development, which she kept up quite steady for seven years. Her control, Dr. W. S. Sharp, was with her five years before she knew who he was. His earth home was in Evansville, Ind., and her first trip from home to give seances was in his native city, and since then she has been in many places. Within the last five years and since her marriage to Major W. Hibbits they have traveled extensively, never going except by invitation.

#### D. W. Hull

D. W. Hull was born in Delaware County, Ohio, April 16 1833. He was raised in the woods in Indiana, graduated in a log school house; became religious at eighteen, uniting with the United Brethren Church; soon withdrew and united with the Adventists, and in 1859 became a Seventh-day Adventist, and preached occasionally for them till he became a Spiritualist in June, 1868. In making the transition he suffered a torture of mind as great as that described by Mrs. Humphrey Ward in "Robert Elsmere." In a short time he took the lecture field and lectured nearly every Sunday, and more than half of the week-day evenings till the fall of 1873, when, his voice giving out, he went into the Reform publishing business. He is now publishing a political reform paper, but wants to get out of the publishing business and take the field again, as he has numerous calls in that direction. He is naturally a religiously disposed person, very tender of the feelings of others, and wishes to see Spiritualism take a lofty position, but not a sanctimonious one, where humanity may be elevated by it. He is a brother of Moses Hull. His address is Norton, Kan.

#### Judge A. Hammond

Judge Hammond, of Hot Springs, Ark., is a pioneer in our cause, and an ardent student of occult phenomena. His investigating turn of mind made him a good subject for looking beyond effects. A mind trained to weigh evidence is the proper one to investigate the occult, and Judge Hammond has done it well. The unwritten law is the natural sequence of the written—the unseen the one beyond the seen—and he who is proficient in the one is ready to take up the study of the other. Our friend covers the analogue.

#### Mrs. Dr. Hilligoss

This lady is an inspirational speaker, a German by birth, and was born in Frankfort-on-the-Main. Her father was a German count, and an artist of superior merit, who was disinherited because he married below his station, having married a pure, sweet girl who was a seamstress in the Rothschild family. He moved to America when Mrs. H. was a child four years of age. Two years afterward her father died, leaving the family in indigent circumstances. She was then adopted by Christopher Coffin, Esq., a wealthy citizen of Madison, Ind., who gave her a finished education. She took a position in the city schools as a teacher, where, by assiduity, she soon worked her way to the principalship of the Third Ward school, a position she held for six years, up to the time of her marriage. At the age of twenty-five she was married to Dr. G. N. Hilligoss of Anderson, Ind., and moved to that city, where they still reside. She is fifty-two years old and the mother of three children, all in the spirit life. She is the founder of the Madison Avenue Temple of Anderson, Ind. Having seen the building clairvoyantly, she had it constructed on the plan given by her guides. She donated the valuable lot on which the temple stands, the organ, the clock, and several hundred dollars in money, and then went upon the streets soliciting aid and walked for three years until the work was accomplished. She was ordained in this temple by Cora L. V. Richmond, Oct. 3, 1894. After her ordination she was chosen and served as its pastor for one year, when her guides advised her to take the open field. Since that time she has successfully served in the societies of Alexandria, Marion, Fort Wayne and Evansville, Ind., and Louisville, Ky., and was last filling an eighteen months' engagement as pastor of the First Spiritual church of New Orleans, La.

#### Victor Hugo on Spiritualism

The announcement that Victorien Sardou had written a play called "Spiritisme" and boldly declares his belief in Spiritualism has been the means of recalling the position taken on the subject by another great Frenchman, Victor Hugo. The latter's belief in occult powers was never any secret with him, and can be found in many of his writings. Further and more complete statements of the poet's experiences are to be found in his memoirs, "Journal of My Exile," edited by his daughter, Mlle. Adele Hugo, is the title of the work. Of his early experiences, dating back as far as March, 1854, the poet writes: "Jersey is an island full of legends. There is not a rock, not an old ruin, which is not supposed to be haunted. One night about three months ago a young workingman was going toward the Church Sainte-Sue. Suddenly he saw at the end of the road a white and motionless figure. It seemed, indeed, one mass of white flame. The workingman stopped a moment terrified. Then, making a violent effort, he dashed ahead and

### Mrs. A. H. Luther

Mrs. Colby-Luther, as she is better known, is a veteran in the cause of truth. She never fails to interest an audience, whether they agree with her or not. Her candid, original manner of handling her subject makes her one of many who will never be forgotten.

### Mrs. R. S. Lillie

Mrs. R. S. Lillie, whose likeness graces this album, is one of the most well-known lecturers in our field. She has done service as a speaker, improvisatrice, and sometimes as a reader, when conditions favored the occasion. But as a speaker she gained her greatest popularity, for her soul goes out with her speech; her life is wrapped up in Spiritualism. Few have gained such universal regard as Mrs. Lillie. She was ever true to herself and never swerved from the path of duty when called—whether by mortal or spirit voice. But the latter is especially her guiding monitor, being a psychic of the first water and thus highly inspirational to thoughts from the beyond. Furthermore, Mrs. Lillie is a lady in every sense of the word; very sympathetic by nature; earnest in her advocacy of what is right or true; and has many good friends, who love her for her personality. Like all devoted souls, who know no guile or resort to policy to gain her ends, Mrs. Lillie has had much to contend with. But she thereby held her own in the hearts of honest Spiritualists, and will remain there as long as her name will be uttered by those remembering her as a worker in our cause.

### Dr. J. Luys

Dr. J. Luys, whose portrait we give in this album, is well known as one of the leading authorities in Paris on cerebral and nervous diseases. His recent work with regard to the observation by hypnotized sensitives of the colors inherent in the human aura confirm Reichenbach's and DeRochas' investigations, was published recently. Finding that his colleagues would not admit such evidence as definitely demonstrating the existence of these effluvia, he turned to photography, which had already been used similarly by Dr. Baraduc, and developed a new process by which he obtained striking imprints of human vital neuric radiation. The effluvia from the fingers were shown by his process to be self-luminous, and to radiate from the finger tips in the form of small craters and as striations. He also showed that the radiation from the right and the left hand are attracted by each other as are the radiations from the two poles of a magnet. Dr. Luys was head physician of the Charitie Hospital in Paris. He holds many honorary titles and posts, such as Member of the Academy of Medicine, etc., etc. Perhaps the most striking among his numerous contributions to medical literature consists in an atlas of the human brain, giving a series of photographs made from consecutive horizontal sections or slices of the brain. Several special brain centres were discovered by him and bear his name.

### Mrs. Carrie Le Bean

Mrs. Le Bean is a psychometric reader and platform test medium. She serves the Society of Spiritual Truth of Lincoln, Neb.

### Prof. D. C. Lombroso,

Professor of medicine at Turin and celebrated anthropologist. He has studied the physical phenomena produced by Eusapia Paladino and writes: "I am much grieved and ashamed of having fought so tenaciously against the possibility of phenomena (fassi) termed spiritistic. I call them 'fassi' (feats, phenomena, facts) because they are contrary to all received theories, but nevertheless they do exist, and I acknowledge to have been brought to change all my former pre-conceptions by that which I have myself witnessed." He assisted at the experiments made at the "International Psychical Academy," in Rome, on the 5th of April, 1894, and following days, together with Professor Schrenk-Nossing, professor of physiology at Munich; Professor Richett, of Paris, and several other persons of scientific note. The full accounts of these sciences are published in the Magazine "Lux" (Rome), VII., year of publication No. 5, 1894. Professor Lombroso has never retracted his belief in the phenomena he witnessed there on many other occasions, although he takes no active part in forwarding the Spiritualistic theories, but at the recent International Congress of Medicine at Moscow, August, 1897, he held a discourse on the "Future of Psychiatria," which was received with immense applause by the other members of the Congress.

### Rev. Mrs. H. S. Lake

Mrs. Lake, of Cleveland, O., is a rare psychic, a woman of profound convictions. The intrepidity with which she adheres to these, causes opponents to regard her as being harsh and imperious, but intimate friends know her as singularly retiring and sensitive. Necessarily her life has been arduous and eventful. Her first work was a volume of poems published in 1872. She began her platform career in 1876, and has been heard throughout the Union. Her language is described as incisive and eloquent, colored by a religious fervor, which places her in the front rank of reformers. Whatever cause she espouses, has in her a brilliant and powerful advocate.

### Mrs. L. L. Lawrence,

Of Indianapolis, has been for many years most actively engaged in good works for the welfare of her sex and all who suffer. She was the first to found Free Dress Cutting and Making Schools in her own and other large cities. A few years since, her mother, "Grandma Davis," at the age of 80 years developed as a most remarkable medium for both mental and physical manifestations in her own home, and ever

since that time she has been both with voice and pen ready to advocate and defend the truth of a continued life after the change of decarnation.

### B. M. Lawrence, M. D.,

Lecturer, health teacher, and song writer, speaks and writes by inspiration. He was one of the first to prove and proclaim the truth of a life after the mortal body dies. While giving public entertainments, and employing music and mirth to aid in works of charity, he developed the faculty of song writing, and is the author of several volumes, both of music and words. His songs and poems present every phase of reform—social, patriotic, and humorous, as well as spiritual, and are highly commended. "Some of the songs, such as 'Dream Faces Celestial,' are remarkably beautiful."—B. O. Fowler, editor of *The New Time*. *The Banner of Light* says: "Those who desire the near approach of elevated spiritual influences have cause to thank Dr. B. M. Lawrence for his collection of songs and hymns." "The original words are smooth and beautiful, and the music fluent and melodious. \* \* \* \* \* It will bear long and close acquaintance."—*Religio-Philosophical Journal*. "Each number contains the highest moral lessons as well as cheering the soul with the divine truth that our loved ones 'Are only gone before.'"—*The Golden Gate*. "Dr. B. M. Lawrence, the well-known poet musician, seems to have the faculty of bringing music or poetry into every thing with which he sympathizes. \* \* \* \* \* All will remember his beautiful spiritual airs in our Circle Song Book, and his patriotic hymns in favor of Old Glory."—*Light of Truth*. Prof. Chas. E. Chadman, editor of "The Patriots' Song Book" in the preface said: "These songs were written by Dr. B. M. Lawrence, of Indianapolis, a life long worker for the oppressed of the human race. And we believe that the spreading of his noble and cheering songs throughout the land may have the effect to unearth and arouse many another genius to assist in the work of righting wrongs, and effecting the dawn of a new era where 'Justice shall have sway.'" *The Spiritual Hymnal* No. 2, just issued by the *Light of Truth Publishing Co.*, a work of 80 pages and more than that number of songs contains the author's latest and best poems with music and songs for Entertainments, Lyceums, Circles, and Spiritual Meetings.

### W. H. Myers

Mr. Myers is an earnest worker in the cause. He is a traveling salesman, but lectures on Spiritualism when opportunities favor. He is one of the trustees of the Ohio State Association, and was a delegate to the first N. S. A. Convention at Chicago.

### J. F. McDevitt

Mr. McDevitt is a citizen of Huntsville, Ala., and an earnest worker in the cause. He is a native of

Preble County, O., but removed to Indiana in 1833. In 1852 he became a Spiritualist through home phenomena, and in 1866 removed to Huntsville, Ala., where he now resides.

#### C. H. Murray

Mr. Murray is best known to the readers of this album by his interesting contributions to our journals. He is not a public worker in our cause, but is ever alive to its needs. He is a sensitive, however, and thus a good judge of things spiritual; and being a scholar he knows how to dispense his knowledge in a practical and logical manner.

#### L. V. Moulton

Mr. Moulton is a successful lawyer at Grand Rapids, Mich. He has been identified with the cause of Spiritualism on some of the most momentous occasions, such as defending mediums in court against unjust persecution; taking active part in the conventions of the National Spiritualist Association and speaking at camp meetings on popular occasions to large audiences. He is also an ex-member of the Michigan legislature, and withal a highly respected citizen in his community. He is one of the brainiest men on the Spiritual rostrum.

#### Dr. W. A. Mansfield

This young worker in the Spiritualistic field is a highly gifted slate-writing medium. Receiving in connection with his test-prescriptions for curing diseases, it was clearly manifest to him that he was being used by spirit physicians for more than ordinary uses, and suiting himself to circumstances he attended a medical college and graduated as a physician. Now he is in a position to rectify whatever errors spirits may make—due to unfavorable conditions—and is a boon to suffering humanity.

#### Dr. J. V. Mansfield

Is known in this and other countries as "The Spiritual Postmaster." He has answered hundreds of thousands of sealed letters, and correctly, under the most careful and searching test conditions, written in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Chinese, etc. His fame, a few years ago, was world-wide and he convinced many eminent scholars, and thousands of the common people of the science of Spiritualism; that life, after so-called death, was a demonstrated fact. Twenty years ago, in New York City, I was a member of a secret circle of scientific men and women, composed of judges, senators, lawyers, doctors, professors in colleges, etc., who tested him once or twice a week for several months. We found that some intelligent force superior to human knowledge and experience was cognizant of our most secret acts and thoughts. Answers were given in detail, from our friends, (although doubly sealed and sewed letters),

who had passed from this life long before and many of them in foreign lands, thousands of miles away, of whom Mr. Mansfield could not have had the least particle of information.—J. Chupel.

#### Luther R. Marsh

Mr. Marsh is a prominent New York lawyer, a law partner of Daniel Webster, after the latter's resignation from President Tyler's cabinet, and later of Governor T. B. Hoffman, of New York. As a Spiritualist he looks back to Swedenborg as the John the Baptist of the present spiritual revelation, though an ardent student of the phenomena of to-day taking place in the presence of mediums, and an advocate of their philosophy. Mr. Marsh has written several books on the subject, which were published quite a while ago. His latest is "How I Became a Spiritualist," containing, besides a sketch of himself, some valuable information given mediably, among them notes from Webster, Burns, Edmunds and others. Mr. Marsh lives at Yonkers, N. Y.

#### W. Stainton Moses (M. A. Oxon)

This gentleman started out to "Smash up the so-called science of Spiritualism," but became a medium instead. He developed remarkable powers. Rappings, table tiltings, moving of articles without physical contact, levitations, "voices," scents, spirit lights, trances, writings "direct" and "automatic," all occurred through his instrumentality. A fine volume of "Spirit Teachings" contains many of the messages written through his hand. A cultured, cautious, and critical man, his experiences and testimony are extremely valuable, and as author, and editor of *Light*, he did yeoman's service to the cause, and passed to the higher life in 1892.

#### Martin H. McGrath

This gentleman is the secretary of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualists' Association. He is young in the service, but earnest and promising for good results.

#### A. F. Melchers

Mr. Melchers was born in 1847, and became identified with the cause in 1879 by contributing to the spiritual press. In 1888 he became reporter of the *Better Way*, of Cincinnati, O., and in 1889 its editor, holding that position until 1892, when the aforementioned paper became the *Light of Truth*. Under a new regime he became an associate editor with Willard J. Hull, and others. During his career as associate editor he wrote "In Higher Realms," and "Psychic World," and compiled the "Psychometric Dictionary."

#### F. H. W. Myers

Mr. Myers is a prominent Englishman among scientific researchers, and has done much for psychic

science in a way that brought it before the notice of an intelligent class of readers. He is a close student of the occult and sees much where others would be puzzled for lack of understanding it, and accordingly pronounce it fraud. Mr. Myers is also the honorable secretary of the English Society for Psychic Research. His home is in Cambridge, England.

#### Franz Melchers

Colonel Melchers, once a staff officer of Governor Hampton, was born in Germany, Jan. 9, 1826. Came to Charleston, S. C., in 1846. Has been editor and publisher of a German paper in that city since 1853. He is the pioneer Spiritualist in his adopted city, advocating it through the columns of his paper since 1879, when he first saw its light. During this time he published the first German Spiritual book in this country—"Das Gebaeude der Wahrheit." His standing as a citizen is one of honesty and integrity, and ever true to his principles of knowledge and right. He is the father of A. F. Melchers.

#### Dr. Nellie C. Mosier

Mrs. Mosier is one of the few remarkable psychics whose work redounds to the credit of the Spiritual rostrum. She is the daughter of a Seventh Day Advent minister. Her first work as a medium was diagnosing diseases, and that led her to study medicine. She graduated from the Eclectic Medical School. For the past two years she has been giving platform tests and is constantly employed in that capacity. Dr. Mosier's home is at North Lindale, O.

#### Miss Florence Marryatt,

Daughter of the famous Captain Marryatt, has written a large number of books; probably none have been more popular than "There is no Death," a narrative of her experience with mediums, and her latter work, "The Spirit World." Her lectures on the same subjects in 1894 and 1895 aroused much attention. Mediumistic and spontaneous, she affords helpful conditions, and has had most remarkable "tests" of spirit identity.

#### Dr. J. H. R. Matteson

Mrs. Matteson has been for a number of years a prominent figure in Buffalo, N. Y. Her greatest fame rests upon her vanquishment, in many hard fought battles, of the medical quacks of that city, who through base and outrageous laws enacted in their behalf have sought to drive her out of the city, imprison her, and break up her work, and they have signally failed every time. Mrs. Matteson stands today a recognized clairvoyant physician and is doing a vast amount of good. Her hand and heart have been seen in all that pertains to the advancement of Spiritualism in Buffalo during the last fifteen years. Mrs. Matteson is an unconscious trance diagnostician

and rarely fails in locating disease and its cause. Her treatment consists wholly of roots and herbs prepared by herself and assistants. She has written and published a book called the Occult Family Physician and Botanic Guide to Health, a valuable and handy work, which ought to be in the family of every Spiritualist.

#### J. J. Morse,

A devoted servant of the spirit-world for twenty-seven years, has won honor and esteem, both as a man and a trance speaker. He was born in 1848, the memorable year of the Rochester knockings, and has visited America for lecturing purposes three times. Probably, upwards of six thousand public addresses have been given through his organism, upon a great variety of subjects, not to speak of the many private meetings at which he has been controlled, and many remarkable evidences of spirit-power, identity, and wise ministration have been given through him. As a cogent, logical, and eloquent platform advocate, he stands in the front rank, and is deservedly popular with all audiences.

#### Julia Steelman-Mitchell

Mrs. Mitchell is a well known inspirational speaker and test medium. She first became known as such in Cincinnati, a few years ago as Mrs. Steelman, when she was struggling to support herself and five children. But a higher power ruled, and she was married to Mr. Carey Mitchell, a highly respected citizen and druggist, of Covington, Ky. She did not abandon her trust, however, and remains true to her spiritual mission of enlightening mankind. Her home address is Bellevue, Ky., a suburb of Cincinnati.

#### PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE,

BY JULIA STEELMAN-MITCHELL.

Of stone, of color, or of thought —  
In all of art — man learns at last,  
Though writing sacred books of life,  
He simply writes but of the past.

While nature — parent of us all —  
With unseen finger marks each page  
With all the future may unroll  
From year to year, from age to age.

Yet through the sparkling gems of Time,  
The flash of truth man oft may see,  
And learn from shadows of the past  
What was, what is, and is to be.

—Newport, Ky.

#### Edith E. R. Nickless

Mrs. Nickless is a worthy worker in our field, and serves as a lecturer and organizer. Her influence is genial and she is always a welcome guest among her acquaintances.

#### W. V. Nicum

Mr. Nicum is a traveling man, but makes lecturing on Spiritualism an important factor in his life's mission. He harmonizes the spiritual with the material in a manner that makes life agreeable, and thus keeps clear of the breakers that so many traveling men are subjected to. His home is in Dayton, O., where he ministers to a regularly organized Society when in the vicinity.

#### Mrs. Laura Sunderlin Nourse

Laura A. Sunderlin Nourse, of Moline, Ill., author of "Pencilings From Immortality," and "Lyric of Life," was born in 1826, at Independence, Alleghany County, N. Y. She is the daughter of Dr. Anthony Barney and wife, Roxa Chapin Barney. She married in 1856, Dr. Samuel Sunderland, who died in 1886, at Calamus, Iowa. He was also a medium and magnetic healer. Mrs. Nourse is the mother of one son, a successful newspaper editor at Delmar, Iowa, and two daughters, both married. Mrs. Nourse in 1888 married a second husband, Dr. William A. Nourse, of Moline, Ill., where she now resides. She has won considerable fame as a poet, and selections of her published poetry, with portrait of the author were published in the *Magazine of Poetry*, Buffalo, N. Y., 1891. And she was also, with biographical notice and portrait, chosen a place in "*A Woman of the Century*," edited by Francis Williard and Mary A. Livermore, Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Nourse has ever been a fearless and avowed Spiritualist, a clairvoyant and inspirational writer of active service for nearly thirty years, and much loved and respected by all who knew her.

#### Thomas G. Newman

Thomas G. Newman was born in Bridgewater, Somerset, England, Sept. 26, 1833, and ten years later was left fatherless. Was for some years a Methodist minister, then became an Adventist, and for seven years edited the *Bible Expositor* and *Millennial Harbinger*, in New York, and published a score or more of theological works, several of which were written by himself. His attention was called to the Spiritual philosophy in 1872, by Captain H. H. Brown, in Iowa. He became a believer in the phenomena as well as the philosophy before he removed to Chicago, where, in 1873, he became interested in bee culture, and purchased the *American Bee Journal*, which he edited and published for about twenty years. Early in 1895 he purchased the *Religio-Philosophical Journal*, and in September, 1896, he attended the California State Spiritualist Convention, at San Francisco, and was elected its president, the *Philosophical Journal* being made the official organ of the State Association, and he was unanimously invited to move it to San Francisco, which he did the January following.

#### G. F. Ottmar

Mr. G. F. Ottmar, LL. B., was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Oct. 27, 1867. At the age of thirteen he came to the United States. He went to school winters and worked on the farm summers. He taught school three years. In 1895 he graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan. He went to practice law in Lansing where he has now a fair practice. He is fearless to let the people know his belief, and he won the respect of the court and bar in spite of the prejudices that are known to exist against Spiritualists. He is manager of the Haslett Park (Camp) Association.

#### Marguerite St. Omer

This lady (now Mrs. Dr. Briggs) is best known by her maiden name as a patriotic speaker and psychometrist. She is at present located at Dayton, O., where she is practicing her mediumship.

#### Loe F. Prior

Mrs. Prior is a young medium who is rapidly advancing, having been a public lecturer for three years. She is now the missionary at large for the N. S. A.

#### Myra F. Paine

Mrs. Paine is a sensitive and a woman of fine mental culture. She is the author of a Lyceum Guide or Manual, which contains many striking points and interesting lessons. She is also an inspirational speaker. Her address is Lily Dale, N. Y.

#### N. M. Purviance

Nathan M. Purviance is a native of Ohio and is fifty-seven years of age. Finished classical collegiate course in 1860. Commenced the practice of law in 1865 and continued in it with more than ordinary success until 1893, when he abandoned it for esoterics. Was converted to Spiritualism in the fall of 1872, by phenomena occurring in his home. Has ever since that date been an unflinching advocate of its philosophy and phenomena. Has converted hundreds to its grand truths. Has devoted much attention since 1877 to the several schools or divisions of mental science, hypnotism, telegraphy, Buddhism, and theosophy, with the view of understanding their therapeutic uses. Left Kansas City in 1893 and went to Arkansas and established his home on the crest of "Cypress Range" of mountains in Perry county to insure the privacy necessary to spiritual growth.

#### Theo. F. Price

Mr. Price was born in Richmond, Ind, raised a Quaker, and developed as a medium—a sensitive and speaker. He is quite a veteran in the field; is very popular; has traveled far and wide, and thus has an

abundant experience to spice in with his inspirations. His lectures are scientific, historical, logical, philosophical, and spiritual withal, and the readers of the spiritualist organs have seen many high endorsements and accounts of his lectures and tests in their columns. His permanent address is Cape May, N. J.

#### Mrs. Anna A. Phillips

This lady is a physical medium, of Lowell, Ind. In her presence rappings and moving of inert object take place; also playing on musical instruments during their suspension in mid-air. She is also a trumpet medium, not public.

#### Mrs. Eva Pfuntner

Mrs. Pfuntner, formerly Mrs. Sagmaster, by which name she came into prominence as a spiritual worker, is a fine trance, clairvoyant, and psychometric medium, and deserves a place in the hearts of all good people for her earnest endeavor and love for Spiritualism. She has sacrificed much for the cause, and thus won her way to a position that none can assail by virtue of the law that protects her from the beyond. Her labors are principally missionary.

#### Mrs. C. D. Pruden

Among the scores of grand women who have been raised up to voice the truths of Spiritualism, Mrs. Pruden holds a worthy place. She is specially representative of the Northwest, and has for many years occupied a leading position as speaker and medium in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Her present work is with the Washington Union of Spiritualists of the latter city. Mrs. Pruden's power as a speaker is grounded in versatility and persuasiveness. Of a gentle and lovable nature, she attracts these qualities in the guides who inspire her, the result being that the influence of her teaching permeates and strengthens the minds of all who hear her. She has done and is doing a great work, a work filled with self-sacrifice and abnegation, and correspondingly with all that is enduring and valuable in public ministrations.

#### Prof. W. F. Peck

Professor Peck is one of our best speakers, and deserves a place in the front rank of our cause. Those who have heard him and know how to appreciate him will always recall his discourses with pleasure, for they never vary in interest whatever his theme. Mr. Peck will take the driest subject imaginable and weave the most interesting lecture out of it, making good his text, holding to it throughout and bringing it to a needle's point at the close. He not only consistently knows what he is talking about, but so do his hearers, and that is the most gratifying part of the whole, as it pleases both lecturer and audiences. Furthermore, this gentleman has a large fount of valuable information to draw from that presents itself

in harmonious rhythm with his inspirations and makes him an easy instrument to handle by the spirit world for all occasions. Besides that, it enables the spiritual man to gather new inspirations while the material is descanting on its own knowledge, and results in an eloquence that is cheering and inspiring to the hearer as well as the speaker. Mr. Peck is also very spiritual in his talks, and interblends the material with it in a manner that invites the interest of all classes of thinkers or reasoners.

#### Mrs. May S. Pepper

The subject of this sketch was born in Mansfield, Mass., in May, 1868. She was first controlled by "Bright Eyes," when about sixteen years of age, just after the passing out of her mother in 1883, said control doing most of her platform work. She was ostracized by her people and left home, they believing that such things proceeded from the "evil one." Her father offered to take her back, provided she would claim there was nothing in it, but she was true to her convictions and told him she preferred her gift to his money, which will show the courage she has for her work. She is a persistent worker in the cause she represents, and does not swerve from what appears to her as right. She is one of the foremost test mediums of the country, and president of the Rhode Island State Spiritualist Association. Her work has been marvelous, and as Moses Hull said in one of the spiritual papers recently, "She has few equals and no superior as a test medium."

#### J. M. Peebles, A. M., M. D.

Dr. Peebles was born at Whitingham Vt., March 23, 1822. On the paternal side Dr. Peebles is descended from a sturdy Scotch ancestry. His maternal derivation was English. In boyhood he was an inveterate stammerer, of which slight traces may still be detected, especially when he becomes vehement in the denunciation of modern vices and oppressions. As a youth he was extremely sensitive, scrupulously conscientious, yet overflowing with exuberance and sometimes given to mischievous pranks, which often brought him in contact with the ferule of his teacher in school. He was a student in Oxford Academy, N. Y., which has recently celebrated its centennial anniversary. He commenced preaching Universalism in 1844 and was ordained in 1846. The doctor stuck to his theological trappings about six years, preaching for regular parishes in Kellogsville and Elmira, N. Y., and in Baltimore, Md. Toward the close of this period he became interested in the trances and phenomena of Spiritualism. While preaching in Kellogsville he went with one of his parishioners to a seance in Auburn, where he heard the first rap. Not long after this he heard an uneducated boy lecture in the trance state. He was himself allowed to choose the subject—"The Philosophical Influence of the Nations of Antiquity Upon the Civilization and Science of Modern Europe and America." Reporting it, Dr. Peebles said:

"The boy at once stepped forward and commenced, and for one hour and three-quarters one continual stream of history and philosophy fell from his lips." Soon he ventured to preach a sermon on "The Spiritual Gifts," which created alarm and brought forth protest from the deacons of his church. He soon became disgusted with the church shackles and resigned his pastorate, going West with the view of entering a secular occupation. At Clevelana, O., he fell in with the Davenport's, receiving some very striking and startling phenomenal evidence of the facts relating to Spiritualism, and from this time became prominently identified with its cause. The doctor's more active literary labors date from the year 1866, when he became the western editor of *The Banner of Light*. His editorials in that paper were so brilliant and popular that its circulation became greatly extended during the four years he was connected with it. About the time he started on his first voyage of eastern travel he became editor-in-chief of *The Spiritual Universe*, a radical paper devoted to Free Thought and Spiritualism. To this he contributed the major portion of his notes on foreign travel. His labor on this fully sustained his reputation as a brilliant editorial writer. Subsequently he became editor-in-chief of *The American Spiritualist*, published in Cleveland, O. Besides his medical, editorial, and other newspaper contributions, the doctor has contributed quite a large number of books and pamphlets to the permanent literature of Spiritualism. Among these may be named: "Seers of the Ages," "Immortality, or Our Homes and Employments Hereafter," "Spiritualism Defined and Defended," "The Conflict Between Darwinism and Spiritualism," "Christ the Corner-Stone of Spiritualism," "Parker Memorial Hall Lectures," "A Critical Review of Dr. Kipp's Attack on Spiritualism," "The Origin and Destiny of the Soul," and "Who Are These Spiritualists?" Dr. Peebles has made three voyages around the globe, and he was the first public lecturer on Spiritualism in Australia, India, and London.

#### Madame Parcels

This lady is a clairvoyant and magnetic healer, of Cleveland, O. Her husband was once a Methodist minister. Madame Parcels is a direct descendant of Charles Dickens and partakes somewhat of the genius of that illustrious name.

#### Charles W. Quimby

Mr. Quimby was born in Dover, N. H., in 1856. He became a Spiritualist in 1888, and developed as a public medium in 1893. He is an inspirational, test, and psychometric medium. Also gives magnetic treatments. His address is 30 Everett street, Everett, Mass.

#### Mrs D. H. Royce

This lady has been a Spiritualist for six years, and for thirty-seven years a resident of Columbus. She is highly respected in both spheres and enjoys a contented mind.

### Mrs. Ruddick and Daughter

Mrs. Frances Ruddick is a slate-writing medium, of Franklin, Ind. Miss Lizzie is a clairvoyant. Both are highly respected in their community.

### Tillie U. Reynolds

Mrs. Reynolds is an inspirational lecturer, improvisatrice and psychometrist. Her home is at 1637 Sixth avenue, Troy, N. Y. She is well known in the Eastern States and seldom without an engagement.

### John W. Ring

Mr. Ring is but twenty-one years old but a fine inspirational speaker. He ministers to the Galveston, (Texas), Spiritual Society. He also possesses the gift of poetical improvisation, which takes him after his lectures.

### Frank J. Ripley

Mr. Ripley is a lecturer and test medium, always logical, terse, truthful, and good natured. What he lacks in oratory he makes up in edification, and what he lacks in pocket he makes up in heart. Mr. Ripley is generally known as a genial companion. He has been in the field about thirty years to date (1897).

### Dr. E. A. Read

Dr. Read is at home in Lansing, Mich., and an interested worker in the cause. He also wields a fluent pen as correspondent or contributor to the press.

### M. De Rochas

Monsieur de Rochas, Count d' Aiglun, colonel of engineers, and administrator of the Ecole Polytechnique (the military and civil engineering school) of Paris, whose portrait we give, has added a new domain to psychology by his experimental demonstrations of human psychic radiation, which he has described as exteriorized sensibility of motricity. The full value of his work is realized at present by the few, and will only receive its proper recognition when people come to realize that by the fact of his experimental demonstrations of the exteriorization of the human double, carrying consciousness and sensation, he has shown that we may foresee the time when man will be assured by experimental proof that a part of him which thinks and feels may detach itself temporarily from his body during his life here and will thus be able to conclude that that same part may detach itself permanently and survive the destruction of the physical body. The principal works published by M. de Rochas are: "Superficial Hypnotic States," "Profound Hypnotic States," "The Exteriorization of Sensibility," "The Exteriorization of Motricity," "Odic Effluvia of Reichenbach."

### Cora L. V. Richmond

The subject of this sketch is, perhaps, next to Andrew Jackson Davis, the most universally known worker in the Spiritualistic ranks. Mrs. Richmond

has been in the field about forty-five years, having begun her career as a speaker when but just entering her teens, though born a medium. She is still a fine looking and vigorous woman, and much admired by a large following. Her influence as a speaker is to awaken the higher emotions in her hearers, and leave an impression never to be forgotten. Her inspirations are highly philosophical—often beautifully sublime and elevating in the extreme. Her poetical improvisations, both as prelude and peroration, are calculated to touch a tender spot in the hearts of the most callous or indifferent. As an individual she impresses with earnestness and elicits sympathy, due, perhaps, to her mission as a medium and revelator—a mission not leading up a path of roses—and intuitively felt by the more sensitive of her hearers. As a worker she has filled every department in our cause—society leader, organizer, pastor, missionary, comforter, teacher, guide, and representative—as most of our constituents know by newspaper reading during the past. A London paper says of her: "Mrs. Richmond is an inspirational medium whose life has been spirit-guided since girlhood. She did valuable work in London and the provinces upwards of twenty years ago. Her long record of public labors for spiritual truth is a noble tribute to her high character and the wisdom of her spiritual guides, philosophers, and friends."

### Hon. A. B. Richmond

Mr. Richmond was born in Switzerland County, Ind., April 26, 1825. His father, Dr. B. Richmond, was a surgeon and physician, and a pioneer Methodist preacher. In after years he moved to Chautauqua County, N. Y.; where he preached the first Methodist sermon in that county. He afterwards moved to Meadville, Pa., for the purpose of giving his two sons a college education. Hon. A. B. Richmond took a scientific course of studies in Allegheny college, and afterward studied medicine and surgery, and practiced these professions several years, during which time he lectured on anatomy, physiology, and chemistry. In 1853 he was appointed one of the directors of the scientific department of the first crystal palace in New York City. While in New York City he became an intimate friend of Professor Anderson, "The Wizard of the North," and a world-renowned magician, who taught him the theory and practice of modern magic, in which he became an expert, and used to enliven his scientific lectures with chemical, electrical, and magnetic experiments, hidden under the cloak of magic. He has studied law, and in 1850 was elected district attorney. He soon acquired the reputation of an expert and able lawyer, and an eloquent advocate. He has practiced his profession up to the present time. He has had a very large practice in both criminal and civil cases, particularly so in disputed patent cases in the United States courts. He is the author of a number of books, to-wit: "Intemperance and Crime"; "Court and Prison"; "A Calm View"; "A Hawk in an Eagle's Nest," and "What I

Saw at Cassadaga Lake." He asserts that he never drank a pint of intoxicating liquors in his life, and that he was never sick two consecutive days. In 1888 he was led to examine the phenomena of Spiritualism, believing at that time that it was all fraud. The result of his investigation has been given in his books and lectures. He is now an ardent Spiritualist, and is learned in the philosophy and phenomena of spirit return and communications, and has often lectured on the subject. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, while under inspiration, christened him "The Sage of Cassadaga." His experience in the phenomena of Spiritualism is graphically described in his "Review of the Seybert Commission," published by the *Banner of Light*, of Boston.

### Hon. Loren A. Sherman,

Of Port Huron, Mich, editor, author, and lecturer. His recent publication, "The Science of the Soul," has caused much comment and is a credit to the cause.

### A. B. Severance

Mr. Severance was a well known psychometrist, of Milwaukee, Wis., but latterly of Chicago, where he died in October, 1897. He knew more of a man by a glance or a touch of the hand than the individual did himself. He penetrated the material veil as do the sunrays the lattices of a window blind.

### Charles E. Stanley

Charles E. Stanley is a worker in Gallipolis, O., where he is at home, and never permits an opportunity to pass by that he does not make it beneficial to the cause. He is also an ardent student in the science of Spiritualism. He is an inspirational and test medium.

### Mrs. M. H. Snyder

Mrs. Snyder was born of good old Puritan ancestry, in the year 1832, in Chester, Hamden County, Mass. Imbued with strong Calvinistic doctrines, it was a hard struggle to discard the faith of the honored forefathers to make room for the new philosophy of Spiritualism, but at the age of fifty-two latent mediumistic talent came to be recognized and the slumbering soul, awake to the knowledge of spirit communication, and the phases of healing by laying on of hands, developing and trance speaking, came to be recognized facts in her life work, and from the age of fifty-two to sixty-two she devoted her time and talent to the cause so dear to her heart, and is now, at the age of sixty-four, still battling for the light and truth as she sees and understands it. She patiently waits and listens for the mandate of the spirit voice, "'Tis finished, come up higher."

### L. T. Squire

Linus T. Squire, secretary of the First Association of Spiritualists, of Washington, D. C., was born in Cayuga County, N. Y. At the age of seven years his

parents moved to the town of Quincy, Branch County, Mich, and were classed among the pioneers of that section of the State. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company H, Eleventh Michigan Infantry Volunteers, and was promoted by successive grades to the rank of adjutant of the regiment. In 1872 he was married to Susan J. Snyder. She being at that time an enthusiastic believer in the phenomena of Spiritualism, he was led into an investigation of its claims and proved conclusively its truth. Since that time, without being endowed with any special medial gifts, he has endeavored to be faithful to the cause and to promote its interests as far as possible.

#### Dr. Susan J. Squire

Dr. Susan J. Squire, secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Association of Spiritualists, of Washington, D. C., has been a Spiritualist for twenty-five years; was born in Baltimore, Md. Being a graduate in medicine and a practicing physician, it has been her privilege to carry the glorious tidings of a demonstrated immortality into many homes.

#### Mrs. Addie R. Smith

Mrs. Smith has been a medium seven years, during which time she has been in active work in Portland, Oregon, in her office and upon the rostrum. As test medium she has met with great success; has conducted camp meetings for two seasons. She is a clairvoyant, prophet, and trance medium. She formerly lived in Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### Dr. E. A. Smith,

Of Brandon, Vt., is president of the Queen City Park Association and president of the State Spiritualist Association.

#### Hon. E. A. Stanley

Mr. Stanley is secretary of the Queen City Camp Meeting Association, and has held other positions of honor in the cause.

#### E. W. Sprague

Mr. E. W. Sprague, of 416 Newland avenue Jamestown, N. Y., is a trance and inspirational speaker, and platform test medium. He was born in Erie County, N. Y., near Buffalo, September 18, 1847. He had many strange mediumistic experiences in childhood as well as in later years, but knew nothing of Spiritualism until September 3, 1881, when a circle was formed in his own home. Immediately on the circle being formed he was entranced by the spirit of a boy, who passed to spirit life by drowning. A circle was held nearly every evening for six years, during which time he developed several phases of mediumship, among which was the answering of sealed questions and making spirit-pictures; but his strongest phases are giving tests and messages while under the influence of spirit E. V. Wilson.

#### Mrs. B. A. Sprague

Mrs. Sprague, of Jamestown, N. Y., was born in Kalamazoo County, Mich. She first became aware of her mediumship in 1881, when she was in poor health. But through her development she was raised from 116 to 170 pounds. She usually travels with her husband, Mr. E. W. Sprague, speaker and trance medium.

#### Giles B. Stebbins

Mr. Stebbins is an old worker in the field, a profound lecturer, and withal, a good writer, as may have been seen by his articles in the *Light of Truth*. He is also the author of many books. His home is in Detroit, Mich.

#### Dr. Jacob Swanson

Amongst the long and honored list of illuminators who have lit up the faded hopes and given renewed life to the suffering myriads since the dawn of Spiritualism, the name and labors of the eminent psychic, (whose portrait adorns this album), must occupy a leading place. We say a leading place advisedly, because the character of his work in the field of modern therapeutics is unique and has no prominent parallel, unless we except the career of Dr. Newton. Doctor Jacob Swanson was born in Sweden sixty-seven years ago, and came to America in 1843. He is a born healer, but his great career did not begin until 1872, when he passed through his first entrancement, saw and communed with the spirit world, and gave forth tests of spirit power and interposition culminating in the revelation of his life work. He immediately entered upon his mission, with rare self abnegation, laying aside business pursuits, and for twenty-five years has given to the world as brilliant and successful a career in pure spiritual therapeutics as has ever fallen to the lot of mortal.

#### Mrs. Alice Somers,

Is a medium for full form materializations, trumpet and independent voices. Her address is 3 West North street, Springfield, O. She may be classed as a born medium, for at the age of six years she was already clairvoyant. Mrs. Somers is open for engagements for the camping season.

#### Mrs. A. E. Sheets

Mrs. Sheets, of Grand Ledge, Mich., is one of our public workers, whom many will be pleased to see in print. She is a whole-souled woman, with a cheering word for everybody; is never disturbed by adverse circumstances; always hopeful; has a pleasing influence, and inspires with confidence. Her expression characterizes her.

#### Mrs. A. B. Severance

Mrs. A. B. (Mary) Severance, the well known psychometrist and impressional medium, of Whitewater, Wis., has perhaps been more constantly employed in

her work under the control and guidance of unseen intelligence, during the past thirty years, than any other medium now before the public. Her psychometric and impressional readings have been and still are in demand among spiritually minded people in all parts of the civilized world, and of incalculable benefit to those who follow the practical instructions with which her readings are always replete. She is of Scotch parentage. Her parents were James and Jane Malcolmson. When first developed as a medium she was derided and persecuted by opposers of Spiritualism, and even utterly ignored by some of her near relatives; but who in good time were brought to a knowledge and light of Spiritualism through the persuasive and convincing power of her mediumship. Mrs. Severance has ever been conscientiously devoted to her mediumistic work, and well may it be said that she has been, and still is, an aid to the cause of Spiritualism and a blessing to mankind.

#### Mrs. M. S. Seabrook

Mrs. Martha S. Seabrook is the daughter of the late Rev. Joseph B. Seabrook, a distinguished divine of the Episcopal Church, Charleston, S. C. She descends from a long line of distinguished ancestry in England, Scotland, and America. A woman of high cultivation and of a noble independence of spirit, she has boldly advanced her belief in spirit return, and has continued to give freely to all classes the light she has obtained. She is a fine psychometer, highly inspirational clairvoyant.

#### Miss Carrie Swenson

This lady is the editor and publisher of *Den Skandinaviske Spirituallisten*, the only Spiritualist paper in America published in the Swedish and Norwegian languages. Miss Swenson has held positions in various newspaper offices for a period of over twelve years, and in May, 1894, she commenced the publishing of the above mentioned paper from No. 248 Cedar avenue, Minneapolis, Minn., where the office still is. Miss Swenson is an enthusiastic and earnest believer in Spiritualism, and she has not hesitated in spending her time, etc., for the spreading of this belief among her own countrymen. Miss Swenson was born the 24th of February, 1867, in the province of Wernland, Sweden, and has lived in Minneapolis since her arrival in America in the Spring of 1887.

#### Mrs. M. Summers

Mrs. M. Summers, pastor of the Spiritualist Church of the Students of Nature, Chicago, is a native of Detroit, Mich., born in 1859, and brought up principally in that city as a Roman Catholic. As she approached womanhood, however, her independent spirit rebelled against the methods of the Catholic Church. Since her marriage, at the age of twenty years, her residence has been at various places in Michigan, Colorado, Wyoming, Illinois, and Iowa, and besides

she has traveled a great deal, from Michigan to California; but for the past seven years she has been a steady resident of Chicago where she has been constantly engaged in Spiritual work. In the autumn of 1895 she founded the church of which she is now the pastor; and she is opening up new places in the city and suburbs. She has answered many calls to lecture and give seances at a distance, and several to attend camp-meetings. Inheriting the gift of "second sight," etc., as it has been called, that is, clairvoyance, clairaudience, psychometry, and general mediumship, she had frequent visions during childhood and often delivered messages and interpreted symbols therefrom long before she really knew scientifically "what manner of woman she was of;" and not until she took up her residence in Colorado, about the year 1885, did she systematically give clairvoyant readings, seances, and public lectures. She has been licensed as a medium and lecturer by the Spiritual Union, of Chicago, and the People's Spiritualistic Society of San Francisco and in May, 1895, by the celebrated Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, she was ordained a minister of the gospel of Spiritualism. Since January, 1895, she has been the pastor of the Spiritualistic Church of the Students of Nature, already mentioned, which is a society incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, and chartered by the National Spiritualistic Association, and gives every sign of permanent vitality.

#### Victorien Sardou

M. Sardou, the well known French dramatic author, whose plays hold the leading place on the stages of Europe and America, acknowledged himself to be a medium. As far back as 1858 the *Revue Spirite* then edited by Allan Kardec, published some curious mediumistic drawings of his obtained under the influence of Bernard de Pelissy, the sculptor. He has published others since then made up of curious combinations of insects and flowers, stated to represent the dwellings of some inhabitants of Jupiter (probably in its astral plane). M. Sardou wrote a preface for a recent work of Ram-Band on psychic force, in which he states that many of the phenomena which the world is now treating as new discoveries have been known to him for thirty years back. He had the courage to present his Spiritual convictions in a play entitled "Spiritisme," in which he incorporated a clever argument between two scientific doctors in support of Spiritualism. Being one of the leaders in the Parisian literary world his opinions in this respect have had considerable influence in cultured and fashionable circles, though the play itself had only a short run, being in advance of the appreciation of the masses.

#### William Thomas Stead

William T. Stead, the well known publisher of *Borderland*, was born at Embleton Northumberland, July 5, 1849. An English journalist, son of a Congregational minister. He was educated at home and at

Wakefield, leaving school at the age of fourteen in order to become office boy in a mercantile office. He was appointed editor of the *Northern Echo*, of Darlington, in 1871, and in 1880 assistant editor of the *Pull Mall Gazette*, of which he was editor 1883-89. In 1890 he founded the *Review of Reviews*, of which he is the editor and publisher. Becoming interested in Spiritualism a few years ago, he introduced himself to the world by publishing a Christmas supplement, entitled "Ghost Stories," of which 100,000 copies were sold within a very short time. The following year he published "More Ghost Stories" with equal success. Since then he began the issuing of a regular Spiritualistic quarterly magazine, known as *Borderland*, which also has many thousands of readers in both hemispheres. Mr. Stead's conversion to Spiritualism was largely due to his medial qualities, he becoming an automatic writer by experimenting with the pencil—simply done by holding the same lightly between the fingers as in ordinary writing, and withdrawing the will from the arm, which is then readily acted upon by decarnate intelligences or spirits, so-called. In his automatic or spirit writing Mr. Stead also discovered that he could elicit thoughts from living persons or mortals which were verified as correct upon investigation. This led him to seek tests from the so-called dead, which too were verified as correct in due course of time and a proper mode of testing. Mr. Stead was not a man to give up at the first failure to obtain satisfactory results, nor to become discouraged because frauds were ready to imitate the genuine spiritual phenomena; but he labored steadily and investigated honestly, and was rewarded by his integrity in many ways from the *Borderland*—his magazine being the monument erected to his conversion and in gratitude to a higher power for the truth of immortality.

#### Dr. Newmarch P. Smith

Dr. N. P. Smith, of Boston, Mass., was educated in the public schools of Boston. Graduated at the Boston Latin School, the most famous preparatory school in this country; was one of the orators of the day, the best speaker only being eligible to the honor, and received the special prize for "Exemplary Conduct and Fidelity." He entered Williams College, and after a three years' course studied theology, and was ordained to the Universalist ministry, at the Des Moines (Iowa) Universalist Convention, in June, 1871. He was pastor of the Universalist Societies in Readfield Me., Osage, Ia., West and South Acton, Mass., and Chatham, Mass., besides doing missionary work in Iowa and Kansas. After nine years of ministerial labor he surrendered his letter of fellowship to the Massachusetts Convention of Universalists, and entered Boston University School of Medicine, after a special course in the practice of medicine for twenty years. Soon after matriculating at the medical school, he became interested in psychic problems, and became an active speaker in Spiritualistic subjects, with developments in psychometric gifts to a

high degree. For the last eight years he has conducted large meetings in Boston. Was elected, for two years, as trustee and director of the Veteran Spiritualist Home and is at present actively working to establish the Waverly Home as a refuge for mediumistic workers.

#### Dr. F. Schermerhorn

Dr. Schermerhorn was born in Lamont, Mich., in 1856. Graduated from the medical department of the University of Michigan in 1880. Became interested in Spiritualism in 1883, and was, during that year, developed as a medium for physical manifestations. On account of failing health he was obliged to discontinue this work in 1888. He first began to lecture as a trance speaker in Rochester, N. Y., in 1890, and gradually became inspirational; is now developing the phase of test mediumship. The doctor has fine psychic powers as a clairvoyant physician, but is obliged to use them sparingly, on account of the tax upon his nervous vitality. He was elected secretary of the Michigan State Spiritualists' Association, which office he filled for nearly two years, and is now secretary pro tem of the Ohio Spiritualists' Association. For the last year and a half his public work has been in Ohio, having served the Akron Society during the entire seasons of 1896 and 1897.

#### Esther Thomas, S. M.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Virginia, Ill. At the age of six years she already manifested mediumship. Her father was a Methodist minister, Rev. J. W. Gideon. Mrs. Thomas has passed through many phases, and is now a Spiritual minister in Seattle, Wash. She was ordained at Portland, Ore.

#### Mrs. Maggie Thedford

Mrs. Thedford is a materializing medium of the pronounced type. Through her very remarkable manifestations have occurred. To test her she has been put into a wire cage, still the forms appeared among the sitters. Like all of her kind, she has had much skepticism to contend with, but overcame it all by steadily looking to the light and preserving her dignity under all circumstance. Her home is in Texarkana, Ark.

#### Hudson Tuttle

Mr. Tuttle is one of the oldest Spiritualists in our ranks. He is the author of "Arcana of Nature," a wonderful production, translated in all popular languages. He is also author of many other books, among which is notably "Psychic Science," a mullum-in-parvo production. Mr. Tuttle's home is in Berlin Heights, O.

#### Mrs. Emma Train

Mrs. Emma Train is best known to many by her poems. Her home is in North Collins, N. Y., where she is in active service for the cause in a private way,

being secretary of a Camp Meeting Association, and holding other prominent positions in society affairs. As a lady, she is kind-hearted, true to herself, and genial, ever ready to please and willing to serve where it concerns the cause. As a writer she is clear and concise, truthful to nature, and extremely practical for a poetess. Even her poetry partakes of the latter, and is generally perfect in its mechanical arrangement—rhyme and rythm being harmonious and in accord with her general tendency—her aspirations, make-up, and loving nature—with a sentiment flowing in the direction of good will and peace among human kind. She also writes on given subjects as occasions warrant with facility, though her purest inspirations and feelings are breathed through impromptu effects, or as the spirit moves her.

#### Mrs. Anna E. Thomas

Mrs. Thomas is a trumpet medium and inspirational speaker. She is a fine looking woman and commands respect from her hearers. Together with an equable temperament she pleases and inspires with confidence.

#### Mrs. Sarah A. Underwood.

Until her eighteenth year, Mrs. Underwood was a Methodist, but shortly after reasoned herself out of orthodoxy into liberalism. About this time the writings of Mr. B. F. Underwood also came to her notice, which resulted in correspondence and eventually marriage in 1862. She then became identified with the reform movement, though longing all the while for a higher light and some definite evidence of immortality. But upon reading the results of investigations made by Professors Sedgwick, Lodge, and James, she remembered some youthful experiences with the planchette, and determined privately to experiment in automatic writing. The results proved that "spirits" were the agency, as described in her book entitled "Automatic Spirit Writing." Her present address is 2653 Evanston avenue, Chicago, Ill.

#### B. F. Underwood

One of the most prominent lecturers, debaters, and writers of the Free Thought cause, was Mr. Underwood, at his time. Besides this he is a journalist of high rank. He was born in New York City, July 6, 1839, and in 1857 already contributed articles to first-class journals. He served as lieutenant in the Union army. At the close of the war he re-entered the lecture field, and was late editor of the *Boston Index* and *Chicago Open Court*. Few men have ever received such editorial deference by the press as Mr. Underwood. For several years he was editorial writer for the *Religio Philosophical Journal* on scientific, religious, and moral subjects, and for about two years he himself conducted the paper along the lines and in the interest of the Psychical Research Society. Mrs. Underwood associated with him, writing directly in sup-

port of Spiritualism, citing in proof her own personal experiences. As a young man Mr. Underwood was inclined to materialism, but latterly he has lectured on Spiritualism—having made its phenomena a subject of careful investigation. He has also contributed articles to the *Arena* and *Journal of Psychic Research* and his observations in relation to this subject. He was also secretary of the Psychical Science Congress held in connection with the World's Fair, co-operating with many other prominent men in contributing to the success of those important meetings.

#### Commandant Tegrad

We also publish the portrait of Commandant Tegrad, of the French engineers. This portrait has the peculiar interest of itself illustrating the human psychic effluvia. It is taken by a professional photographer, Derville, of the Rue Nationale, Tours, France. The commandant was walking along that street with a friend, conversing with regard to psychic photography, when his friend proposed that they should go into the above studio, which they happened to be passing, and see whether a similar veil would be radiated from him in a professional studio, as had repeatedly appeared on the plates taken in his own house. The portrait we reproduce was the result, as certified by the photographer on the back of the print. These luminous veils have appeared on many of the portraits taken by the commandant, and evidently illustrate a nebulous or static mode of the same force that produced striated images when directed through his fingers in contact with a sensitive plate. The commandant has directed his effluvia by will to represent images on the sensitized plate of forms on which he concentrated all the attention of his mind. He has thus exteriorized or objectified the mental image of a bottle and of a bird. The fact that human vital effluvia produce protographic images has now been confirmed by several new experimentors who add their testimony to that of Dr. Baraduc, Dr. Adam, and Dr. Luys, previously referred to. M. David, the chemist of the celebrated French State Tapestry Works of the Gobelins, who worked in conjunction with the late Dr. Luys, has carried on these experiments since the death of Dr. Luys, in association with M. Ch. Brandt, the director of the Paris Radiographic laboratory. These gentlemen have succeeded in photographing the effluvia of a magnet, or the lines of force of the magnetic field, thus confirming the claims of Reichenbach, Dr. Luys, and De Rochas as to the luminosity of the magnetic effluvia. They have obtained a very similar image produced by the radiations from their own fingers, therein confirming the claims of Dr. Luys, who called attention to the similarity existing between human vital effluvia and called animal magnetism, and the effluvia from magnets. This mechanical registration of human psychic effluvia is of great importance to Spiritualism, as it must be remembered that M. De Rochas has demonstrated that the human psychic form or "double" is consti-

tuted therewith. Also it was shown that the phenomena exteriorized through the celebrated medium, Eusapia Paladino, were constituted therewith. It has further been shown by Dr. Montin to be the medium by which "spirit raps" may be determined through a mesmeric subject and objects moved at a distance from her.

#### Mrs. Carrie F. Weatherford

Mrs. Carrie Fuller Weatherford is a trance lecturer and platform test medium; also improvises songs from subjects presented by the audience. She was born at Hastings, Mich., Aug. 22, 1860. Mrs. Weatherford was an exceptionally bright student, and commenced what she considered her life-work of teaching at the age of fifteen, in the public schools of Michigan. At twelve years of age she developed clairvoyance, and used this gift constantly, not realizing however that she was at all different from other people. Prophecy has also been a natural gift since childhood, and many remarkable instances of levitation occurred in her early life. Up to 1890 she considered herself an Episcopalian, but through death in the family was forced to investigate the church creed more thoroughly, with the result of becoming a Spiritualist. In 1891 she received a message through a medium that the spirit forces wished her to develop. Six weeks later she was giving brilliant inspirational addresses. A long and most serious illness forced her to retire from the lecture field; during this period she developed trance mediumship. Mrs. Weatherford has wholly recovered her health, after physicians had failed to benefit her, by using a new system of therapeutics, taught her by her guides as she laid upon the couch, too feeble to move about. This instruction is given in her classes with the most marvelous results; many new truths concerning psychic and Spiritual law are also here presented. Mrs. Weatherford's lectures are brilliant, tests accurate, and improvised songs very beautiful.

#### E. W. Wallace,

Is the editor of *Two Worlds*, a bright weekly Spiritualistic newspaper published at Manchester, England.

#### S. C. and Ethel Weatherford

These little mediums are the daughters of Mrs. Carrie Fuller Weatherford respectively ten and thirteen years of age. They are trance test mediums, elocutionists, and inspirational singers, and have been variously heard in western cities before Spiritual Societies.

#### J. Clegg Wright

Mr. Wright is one of our scientific exponents of spiritual philosophy, though never at a loss to take up other branches when the occasion requires. He is a subtle reasoner, a profound thinker, and able student in all that pertains to the cause he espouses.

### Francis B. Woodbury

Mr. Woodbury is next to his president the most popular known man in the Spiritualistic ranks, being the secretary of the National Spiritual Association. His headquarters are in Washington, D. C., at the N. S. A. building, 600 Penn avenue. S. E.

### Mrs. Abbie F. Watkins

Mrs. Watkins is what the world terms a dear good soul. She is a medium who strikes out for truth in more ways than one. She handles secular subjects as well as those pertaining strictly to the spiritual, and is true to herself in every respect. She is one of those who is living in advance of her age.

### Mrs. M. E. Williams

This lady is well known as a materializing medium in New York City. Besides being a first-class instrument for spiritual phenomena, she is a lady of refinement and education, and has many friends all over the country who have been comforted by her seances.

### Mrs. J. J. Whitney

Mrs. Whitney is a clairvoyant, trance and test medium who has been doing good work in the cause for many years. Her home is in California, but she accepts engagements abroad, having recently been as far east as Boston. She is a resident of San Francisco, Cal.

### Haron Willis

Mr. Willis is Cincinnati's historical materializing medium—the man who rose from a shoemaker to his present eminence. Few mediums have been subject to such criticism and opposition in one locality and remained unmoved as Mr. Willis. But despite it all he continued his seances and made converts right along. He has some of the most prominent people of the State as auditors, and feels that the man who knows he has the truth has a right to present it, and he does it.

### Newman Weeks

Mr. Weeks is a Vermonter—an old pioneer in Spiritualism. He was actively identified with the cause in the earlier days of Andrew Jackson Davis, Dr. S. B. Brittan, Mrs. Cora Richmond, (then Miss Scott), Kate Fox, and is a friend of Judge Edmunds, Professor Hare, Robert Dale Owen, and Dr. Henry T. Child. After Father Pierpont he was president of the First National organization. He has also held high offices in various Societies and Camp Meeting Associations.

### Mrs. Ella Woodward

Mrs. Woodward is a quiet worker, at Toledo, O. Her contributions to the spiritual press have been read with pleasure by those who know her, and by whom he is also admired for her good qualities generally.

### F. Cordon White

Born of parents who were earnest investigators of Spiritualism before he was born, he, early in life, showed that there was a force around him which was not understood. In early manhood, during a severe illness, his spirit guides controlled him and brought him into the public work as soon as his physical condition would permit, and since that time he has labored earnestly for the advancement of the cause so dear to the hearts of those who are seeking evidence that their loved ones are not dead, but only "gone before." Permanent address, Lily Dale, N. Y.

### Maggie Waite

Mrs. Waite is a California lady and a comparatively new test medium in our ranks. Her debut in eastern circles, a few years ago, created quite a stir, she being a very decided delineator of the unseen and very fearless in her utterance of the truth. She is yet in the prime of her life and has a commanding appearance on the rostrum. Her tests are full and free from circumlocution, thus interesting to the general audience as well as the recipient. She speaks rapidly and without hesitancy, and shows no favoritism, thus holding her audience in expectancy and free from weariness. She has been remarkably successful in general and has a future before her that will be historical in character.

### Dr. G. E. Whittlesey

Dr. Granville E. Whittlesey, B. S., D. D., of St. Louis, Mo., was born in Washington, D. C., Sept. 19, 1862, and is one of four children born to William Wallace and Clara Maria Whittlesey (nee Knaggs) and great-grandson of Hon. Elisha Whittlesey, at one time Comptroller of the United States Treasury under four administrations. He is highly educated, holds three degrees, but for some time has given himself up almost entirely to the study of psychical and occult sciences, and is regarded as one of the most eloquent scientific speakers on the rostrum, as well as a platform test medium and healer. Of late he has devoted his time between the self-culture and the psychical societies, where he has met with remarkable success in his lectures and tests.

### David Wallace

A State Agent for North Dakota, also a member of the Free Thought Federation of America, was born in Ontario, of English parents; and in his boyhood and early manhood days was a staunch Christian, although he never could reconcile his mind to their many conflicting ideas. In searching for the truth he gradually drifted into Agnosticism, and was an earnest worker and a free and willing supporter of that body. About five years ago he accidentally learned the beautiful truths of Spiritualism, and has since devoted his whole spare time and mind in working for, and investigating the wonderful facts revealed by that sublime

and scientific religious organization. He is a deadly opponent to all orthodox creeds and dogmas; and a diligent searcher after truths, and a firm supporter of every scientific and moral reform. He resides in Hamilton, N. D.

### E. V. Wilson

Mr. Wilson was known as the "Old wheel Horse" in our ranks. He has passed to the beyond, but his memory is kept green by his frequent materializations through various media. He does not seem to be gone from us, and is as much alive to the needs of Spiritualism to-day as he was when in the body. His daughter, Mrs. Kayner, continues the work of her father through her mediumship, and thus Mr. Wilson is doubly dear to us and all friends of the phenomena.

### G. H. Walser

G. H. Walser, poet, philanthropist, lawyer, and scientist, is a well known man all over southwest Missouri. Mr. Walser laid out the town of Liberal, Barton county, the land belonging to him, and for years there were no churches and no saloons in the town. Eventually, however, a loophole was found in one of his deeds to some parties and both these social functionings followed each other into the town. Mr. Walser was a scientific materialist, but large heart and a close student. Finally he became converted to Spiritualism and for a number of years has been prominently identified therewith. He established a Spiritualist camp ground near Liberal and many of our speakers have been invited thither during the past years.

### Dr. F. L. H. Willis

Dr. Willis is one of the earliest workers in our cause. He is an author, improviser of superb poetry, a fine speaker, and a medical clairvoyant. When he first came to notice among the pioneers of the Modern Dispensation he was quietly pursuing his studies in the divinity school connected with Harvard College. He belonged to one of the oldest families in Cambridge. Before entering college, after his preparation, his health failed, and his physicians said only a voyage to a foreign clime would restore it. He was examined and accepted at Harvard, and then sailed for South America to be gone a year. During his absence he developed as a physical medium, and on his return to Harvard was led into the practice of his mediumship by powers not his own. This set Harvard in an uproar, and led to his virtual expulsion from that venerable institution, and brought about the famous Harvard investigation, the promised report of which is still anxiously awaited.

### Prof. Geo. W. Walrond

Prof. Geo. W. Walrond, clairvoyant and scientific astrologer, was born in England, on June 26, 1845. He is a descendant of the well known Devonshire family of Walronds, who have figured prominently in

English politics for several generations past; one of the family, Sir W. H. Walrond, being at present a member of Lord Salisbury's cabinet. At an early age Geo. W. Walrond entered the British army and served with distinction in several wars in different parts of the world. He has been a great traveler, but during the past decade has devoted all his spare time and thoughts to the cause of Spiritualism and occult science. He has lectured in England, Ireland, Scotland, and in the principal cities of Canada and the United States. A writer for a paper, in speaking of Mr. Walrond said: "He is an erudite gentleman, an excellent psychic lecturer, and a fine clairvoyant." His reputation as a reliable astrologer of merit is widely known. His address is the Granite Building, Denver, Colo.

#### Rev. A. J. Weaver

Mr. Weaver, a former minister of the church, whose home is in Old Orchard, Maine, after investigating the phenomena of Spiritualism, reached the following conclusion, which he wrote among his experiences in the *Light of Truth*, of Columbus, Ohio: "Space forbids me to put in this article in detail the numerous pointed tests which no other known theory but the Spiritualist theory can account for. That theory will be given up only when a more satisfactory theory is discovered to take its place. I accept that theory because to deny it I should be compelled to renounce the evidence of my senses and the authority of those mental and moral powers upon which I have implicitly relied in all things during my whole life. I openly advocate that theory because to do otherwise I should be a moral coward and a miserable hypocrite. That theory is not of my own choosing any more than was my birth and my growth. Neither is it of my rejecting any more than the color of my eyes or the bent of my nature. The love of truth has brought me where I am and it will take me whence I go. I am the instrument of its use in the hands of the mental and moral laws of my being. By its power I am where I am and in the future shall be where it leads me."

#### Ida P. A. Whitlock

Mrs. Whitlock, of 27 Atlantic avenue, Providence, R. I., is well known as a lecturer and psychometrist. Early in life she became a member of the Universalist Church, and for a number of years was an earnest worker. During this time she became conscious of a strange influence about her, but could not understand it. After her mother had been ill a year it was suggested that it would be well to consult a clairvoyant to see if anything could be done other than had been. Suffice it to say the result was good, but during the sitting the controlling spirit said: "You are a medium; go home and sit with your mother and father and you will see what you shall see." This was startling to say the least, but the request was obeyed and evidence given of spirit power. Afterward prophecies were made of public work upon the platform. Before she was hardly aware of it she began to give written

psychometric readings from lock of hair and handwriting, and has continued to do this for the past twelve years. Her first public lecture was given at Onset camp meeting ten years ago, and since that time she has been constantly employed. After her mediumship began to develop many occurrences of early life which had seemed strange were explained. Clairvoyance of later years proved the clairvoyance of her childhood. During the years upon the platform she has been an earnest worker wherever she has labored, anxious that the truth of Spiritualism should be fully understood both in its phenomena and philosophy.

#### Rabbi Samuel Weil

Greatly perplexed by the modern scientific attitude toward the miracles of the Bible, Mr. Weil read both sides of the question, studied Darwin, and Spencer, and read the controversies on the subject. In 1874 A. R. Wallace's "Defense of Spiritualism" against W. B. Carpenter appeared, which impressed him somewhat. Witnessing some mesmeric phenomena disposed him yet more favorably toward occult studies. In 1887 Mrs. Nickless, medium, gave him and others in Bradford convincing tests in Spiritualism. He then subscribed for a Spiritualistic weekly paper, and in August, 1888, at Cassadaga, obtained conclusive proofs of the truth of Spiritualism through independent slate writing through the mediumship of the Bangs Sisters and Mr. Keeler. He then read the works of Mr. A. J. Davis, Dr. Peebles, Epes Sargent and others, and pre-eminently the discourses and books of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond. He subsequently himself developed as an inspirational writer and speaker, while his wife and four daughters also became mediums. He thus studied the various phenomena and tried to deduce the laws, the ethics and philosophy of Spiritualism. The Bible was now intelligible to him, as all sacred books of the East are in the light of Spiritualism.

#### Prof. A. R. Wallace, LL. D., F. R. S.

A philosophical materialist, believed only in matter and force at the outset of his inquiries. After most careful and painstaking investigation, he was compelled to succumb. "The facts beat me," he says in his valuable book on "Miracles and Modern Spiritualism." His brave, outspoken declaration of his knowledge of spirit existence and communion has made him, by his eminence in other fields of science, a veritable tower of strength for Spiritualism. Dr. Wallace was born in Usk, in Monmouth, Jan. 8, 1822, and was educated as a surveyor and architect, a calling he pursued until 1845, since which time he has devoted himself exclusively to the study of natural history, and in this department of research he now stands without a peer. Dr. Wallace commenced the exploration of the Amazon and Negro rivers in Northern Brazil, in 1848, spending four years in obtaining numerous vocabularies of Indian tribes and in making extensive collections in ornithology and botany, which were most-

ly lost at sea. He returned to England in 1852 and published a work entitled "Travels on the Amazon and Rio Negro, with Remarks on the Vocabularies of the Amazonian Languages," and shortly thereafter a work entitled "Palm Trees of the Amazon and Their Uses." He then devoted eight years to explorations in the Malay Archipelago, especially the Moluccas, Celebes and New Guinea. It was during this period that he arrived, independently of Charles Darwin's researches in the same direction, at a theory of natural selection, which he embodied in a paper sent to Sir Charles Lyell "On the Tendency of Varieties to Depart Indefinitely From the Original Type," which was read before the Linnean Society, July 8, 1858. At the same meeting was presented Mr. Darwin's paper "On the Tendency of Species to Form Varieties," etc. Although these papers were presented simultaneously, both writers having arrived at similar conclusions, independently, the theory of natural selection is generally known as Darwinism. Dr. Wallace has devoted much time to the investigation of modern Spiritualism, and in 1875 he published his work on "Miracles of Modern Spiritualism," in which he decidedly and fearlessly declared his belief in the fact of spiritual phenomena.

#### Lilian Whiting

Miss Whiting is a journalist, essayist, critic, and poet, and is considered to be possessed of a talent of a higher order. At least, that is the general verdict, and the voice of people is general truth. Jessie Rittenhouse says of her: "Miss Whiting, as one of the younger women who rose so early to the summit of her profession that she may be said to have attained it at a single bound, after a few years of able work in the editorial chair found herself possessed of a reading public sufficient to insure her the more personal successes of independent authorship, and is a prominent figure in the world of letters." Her education was undertaken some generations before her birth, in the persons of an able and distinguished ancestry, dating directly on the one side to Cotton Mather, and on the other to Rev. William Whiting, first Unitarian minister at Concord Mass. Also to Rev. Abram Wheeler, one of the prominent Episcopal clergymen of the early New England church. From her own parents she derived qualities not less intellectual, as her father, from the editorship of a newspaper in a small town in Illinois, whence he had moved during Miss Whiting's childhood, rose to the rank of Senator in that State, and retained this prominent place for twenty years, being actively identified with all the leading movements of his day, and one of the framers of Illinois' present Constitution. Miss Whiting's mother was also a graceful writer, but reaching perfection in the daughter. She is regular correspondent for the *Chicago Inter Ocean*; was editor of the *Boston Budget* for three years; has written a number of books, of which "The World Beautiful," "After Her Death," and "From Dreamland Sent" are the most famous, the first named reaching nearly thirty thousand copies. Her poetry is as sweet and tender as her prose writing.