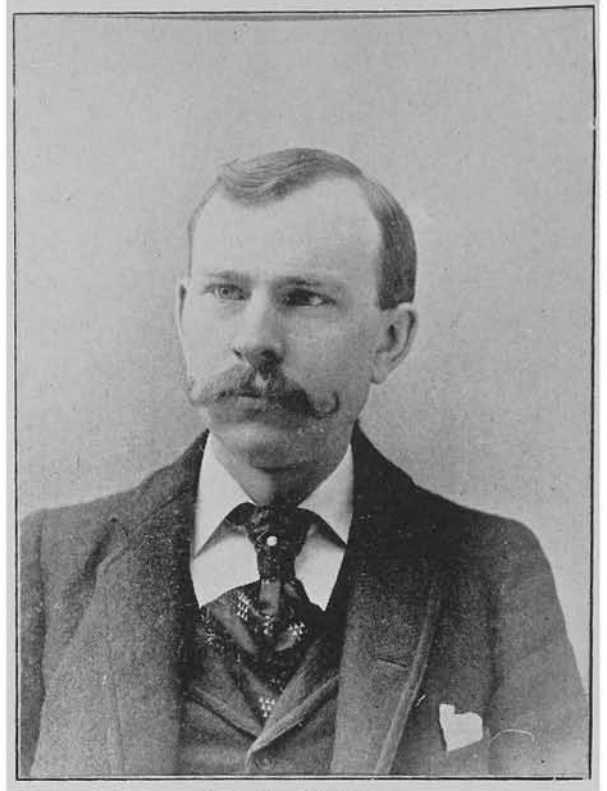


W. G. Mead, the jeweler, has been in business in Cortland since Aug. 1, 1890, when, in company with C. D. Tallmadge, he bought out the business of Myron Dubois, then being conducted at No. 51 Main street. It was continued under the firm name of W. G. Mead & Co. for three years, when Mr. Mead purchased Tallmadge's interest and has since carried it on alone with success. Two years after the co-partnership was dissolved the business was removed to No. 49 Main street, next to Warren, Tanner & Co.'s, but on April 21, 1898, Mr. Mead bought the Edgcomb block and moved into his present quarters, after spending considerable money to improve the property and make it available for modern business purposes, as well as to accommodate a large and growing business. While the improvements were being made, from April to September, he was located in the Schermerhorn block. The store is centrally located, and is in all respects very nicely fitted up and well stocked. Mr. Mead is a practical watchmaker and optician, having been while engaged in business at Salamanca the official inspector of time-pieces for the eastern division of the N. Y., P. & O. R. R., and for the western division of the Erie railroad. At the close of 1899 he turned the optical branch of his business over to J. W. Cudworth. The line of goods he handles consists of all kinds of jewelers' wares, watches, diamonds, silverware, etc., as well as fishing tackle, guns and ammunition. In the early part of December, 1899, he put in a line of pianos, taking the agency for Cortland county for Paul G. Mehlin & Sons, Weser Bros. and the Gibson Piano Manufacturing Co. Mr. Mead was born in Warsaw, Wyoming county, April 4, 1863, and was educated at Pike seminary. When seventeen years old he entered the employ of J. A. Main, a long established jeweler at Warsaw, where he learned repairing and the general details of the business. In 1881 he went to Fredonia, where he was with F. W. Bartlett for about a year, the next year going to work for F. Woodward at Cattaraugus, and in the spring of 1883 going to Salamanca to work for E. H. Wade as a journeyman. In the fall of 1884 he was employed by L. P. Tarbox at New Brunswick, N. J., and in April, 1885, he went to Ellenville, N. Y., engaged to work for Myron



W. G. MEAD.

Dubois, the man he afterward succeeded when he started in business in Cortland. A few months later Dubois opened a branch store in Livingston Manor, N. Y., in which Mr. Mead subsequently obtained an absolute ownership, and from which he retired in 1886 to engage in business in Salamanca, where in partnership with E. F. Norton he bought the same store in which he a few years before had been employed as journeyman. Four years later he came to Cortland. On Sept. 12, 1888, he married Jessie F. Williams of Salamanca. He is a member of the Cortlandville Masonic Lodge.

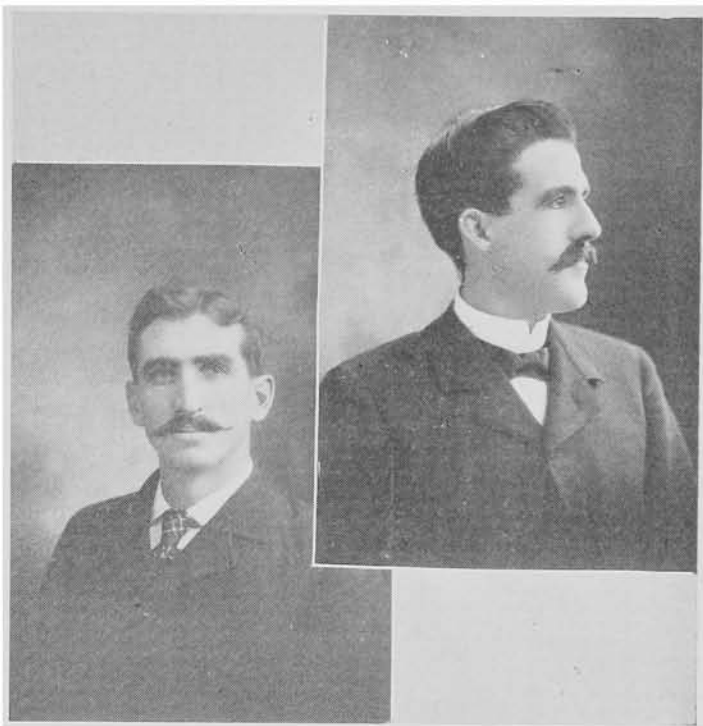
Viewed in Autumn.—Some one has said that first impressions are the most lasting. This is evidently true with regard to the early influences that cluster around our childhood; and in some degree it is also true with regard to our first introduction into a community. The writer became a resident of Cortland late in the fall of 1897. This was the most unpropitious time of year to receive favorable impressions of the outward appearance at least of any town that might be selected. Trees were stripped of their foliage; cold rains continuing for several days; mud, not mud but mortar from one end of Main street to the other, and extending the full length of every other street, till a stranger might think, if only the material of which the streets were composed had been a little more diluted, that he was in the city of Venice and his only mode of navigation was by means of the ubiquitous gondolier. But all this has changed, for while the trees still drop their summer mantle in obedience to the Ruler of the seasons, and the former and latter rains continue to do his bidding, the people of Cortland have practically annihilated mud with the magnificent asphalt pavement on Main and several adjacent streets, and rendered it a pleasure to drive on these much travelled thoroughfares. Impressions formed at first from the outward appearance of a town are not always a true index of the character of the people. Cortland is a splendid town, enterprising in its business capacity, generous in its spirit of hospitality, loyal to its literary and religious institutions, looking well to those things which tend to elevate and ennoble its people, and frowning down upon evil and evil



W. G. MEAD'S JEWELRY STORE.

doers in a way to make them think this is no place for them. Greater improvements might still be made that would render Cortland much more pleasing to a stranger, but these will come in due time. Elegant stores, beautiful homes, spacious lawns and well paved streets do not give character to a town, but it is the culture and refinement of the people that these indicate, which impresses one and leads him to form his opinion of a town; and so long as the people of Cortland are God-fearing, church-going, Sabbath-keeping and whiskey-hating, no one can long abide here without being well satisfied with his environments.—REV. J. C. B. MOYER.

Peck Bros. started in business on Feb. 1, 1896, when they opened the store at 97 Main street, together with a store house in the rear for the sale of agricultural machinery, implements, wagons, sleighs, horse furnishing goods and farmers' supplies. In 1897 they started a lumber business and on April 1, 1899, they took possession of the armory on Main street. This building encloses a space 80 x 220 feet which they have cut up into two departments, viz.: The horse furnishing goods, manufactory and ware rooms, which together with the office, occupies a space 30 x 60 feet, and the display rooms for implements, machinery and vehicles occupying the rest of this large sized building. In the rear of the armory they have established the lumber business. The firm comprises M. J. and L. W. Peck, both of whom are natives of Solon, Cortland county. The Pecks are an old family, one of the earliest in this county. Stephen Peck and his wife, their grandparents, rode horseback through the state from the Hudson river in 1804. Passing through Cortland they settled in the virgin forests, six and a half miles east of the village. There were only four log houses here at that time. They cleared up 210 acres, a farm upon which they raised twelve children, and the title to which has continued in the family. Of that family circle only two remain, Platt Peck at Brookton and Mrs. Emily Burlingham in Cortland, uncle and aunt of M. J. and L. W. Peck. John Peck, their father, and his brother Platt lived and brought up their



M. J. PECK. [Hyatt, Photo.] L. W. PECK.

families together on that farm. M. J. Peck was born March 10, 1869, and educated in the public schools of Solon and McGraw and in the Cortland Normal school. In 1889 he married Gertrude M. Smith of Solon and they have one daughter, Bessie L., six years old. Mr. Peck managed four farms, altogether 510 acres, until 1893, when owing to injuries received in a railroad accident while en route to the World's fair, he was compelled to give up farming. He opened a feed store in Cortland and sold farming implements. So successful was he in the latter that during the spring and summer of that year he sold sixty-three machines and getting the purchasers together in Cortland he fed and led them in a parade with their machines out of town headed by a band of music. The following year while with the Hitchcocks he repeated the same scheme. Both events made a hit. He is a member of the



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PECK BROTHERS' SALES AND WAREROOMS

First Baptist church and is the superintendent of the Sunday school, elected April 1, 1898. L. W. Peck was born in Solon May 16, 1866, and was educated in the public schools of Solon and McGraw, also taking a course in a business college at Poughkeepsie. On June 1, 1887, he married Jennie L. Smith of Solon and the following year upon the death of his father took the old homestead which he managed until 1894 when he retired from farming and located in Cortland, not going into business however until he formed the co-partnership with his brother a year later. He is a member of the First Baptist church. He has two children, Lena M., 10 years old, and Carl J., 4 years old.

plying the factories. Mr. B. B. Jones was the next postmaster. Mr. Jones died before his term expired and C. F. Thompson was appointed acting postmaster until Mrs. Jones could be appointed to fill the unexpired term. During this time the volume of business was on the increase and many improvements were made in the service. Over a year ago the present postmaster, A. S. Brown, assumed the responsibilities of the office. Since then a letter carrier has been added to the force; also a sub-clerk and janitor. The office plan has been overhauled to secure greater conveniences, including two windows at the carriers' delivery and an evening delivery at the factories provided by horse route. The letters are postmarked by



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POSTMASTER AND STAFF.

The Cortland Post Office, as far back as can be learned, was located where the Keator block now stands with Andrew Dickson as postmaster. Then under Postmaster Jehiel W. Taylor it was moved up town to the present site of the Burgess block. It was again removed to a building located in the rear of the Savings bank with Hiram Crandall as postmaster, and moved across the street when H. A. Jarvis was postmaster, being at that time a fourth class post office. Jarvis continued in office for over 14 years and before the end of his term it passed to third class office. Then James A. Nixon became postmaster and the business of the office was increased very rapidly so that during his term it was made a second class office. He removed it to its present location and put in the present fixtures. He was succeeded by Postmaster Maybury who installed the carrier service. Next came S. M. Ballard, who, besides improving the service, added the horse route, sup-

plying the factories. It requires 26 pouches per day for the outgoing letter mail while both outgoing and incoming daily mails carry 8,000 letters daily. The papers and packages take about 30 mail bags daily. Fifteen mails, daily, are received and eighteen dispatched. The total amount handled for thirty-five days, from Oct. 3 to Nov 6, were 20,636 lbs. 15 oz. The office under Postmaster Brown's regime has steadily increased in importance, the postmaster being ever alert to perfect the service and desirous to accommodate the patrons.

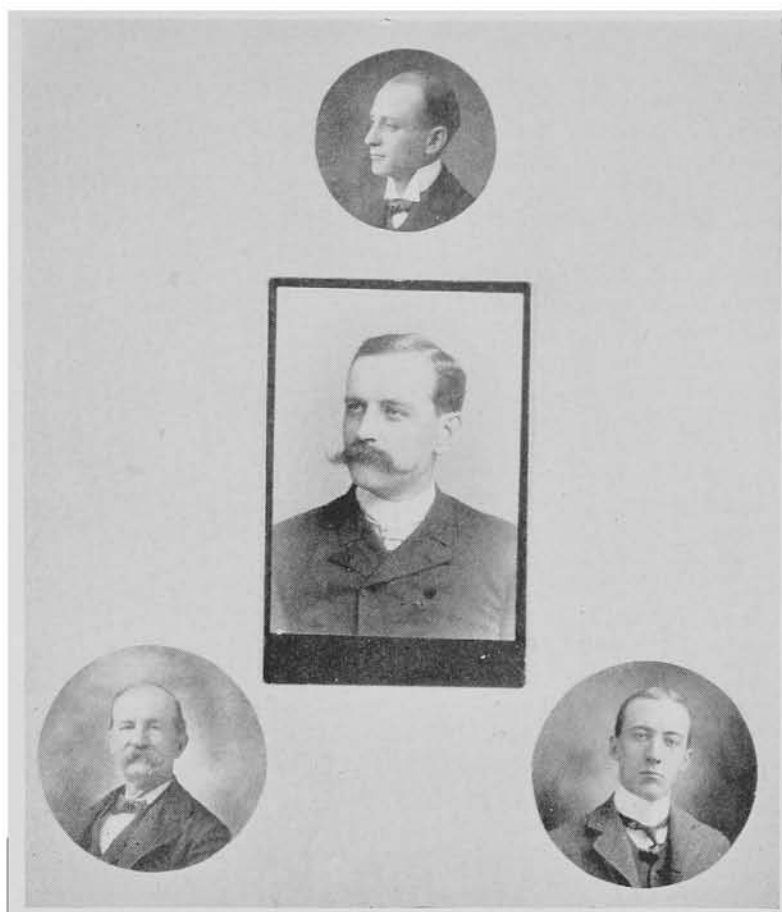
The Staff.

[Figures are key to portraits.]

- 1 Andrew S. Brown, postmaster.
- 2 George H. Kennedy, deputy postmaster.
- 3 E. Jay Hopkins, mailing clerk.
- 4 Randolph H. Miller, general delivery and stamp clerk.
- 5 James H. Turner, money order department.

- 6 Franklin Jones, substitute clerk.
- 7 William F. Youmans, janitor.
- 8 I. Dan Lester, letter carrier.
- 9 Theo. Sheeley, letter carrier.
- 10 Patrick F. Lyons, letter carrier.
- 11 Samuel L. Palmer, letter carrier.
- 12 Wm. F. Maher, letter carrier.
- 13 George T. Lester, letter carrier.
- 14 Dewitt Howard, letter carrier.
- Oliver Jennison, substitute letter carrier.
- Ernest D. Fiske, substitute letter carrier.

The Correspondents.—Clayton H. Buell, the Elmira Sunday Telegram correspondent, in point of experience as a newspaper correspondent is the veteran of them all. At one time he edited a paper of his own—Buell's Saturday Review—in this village, and he has acted as Cortland correspondent for many out of town papers. For some time he resided in Washington, D. C., where he held a government position, and during his stay there he also corresponded for various New York papers. Later he worked on the city staff of some of the metropolitan papers. The Syracuse Herald is represented by Robert E. Kerby, a staff correspondent. Mr. Kerby came here in the fall of 1897, and in less than a year had more than doubled the Cortland circulation of his paper. In August, 1898, he was sent to Seneca Falls, where he established a branch similar to the one in this village. He returned here in November, 1898. Asa J. White, the Syracuse Post-Standard representative in this village, is the most recent acquisition to the ranks of Cortland correspondents. He has had some experience in newspaper work in Ohio, having published a paper there for a time. He began work for the Post-Standard, August, 1899. Eugene Davis, correspondent for the Syracuse Journal and Binghamton Republican and local editor of the Cortland Democrat, is sometimes called the "dean of Cortland journalism," as he is the oldest active newspaper



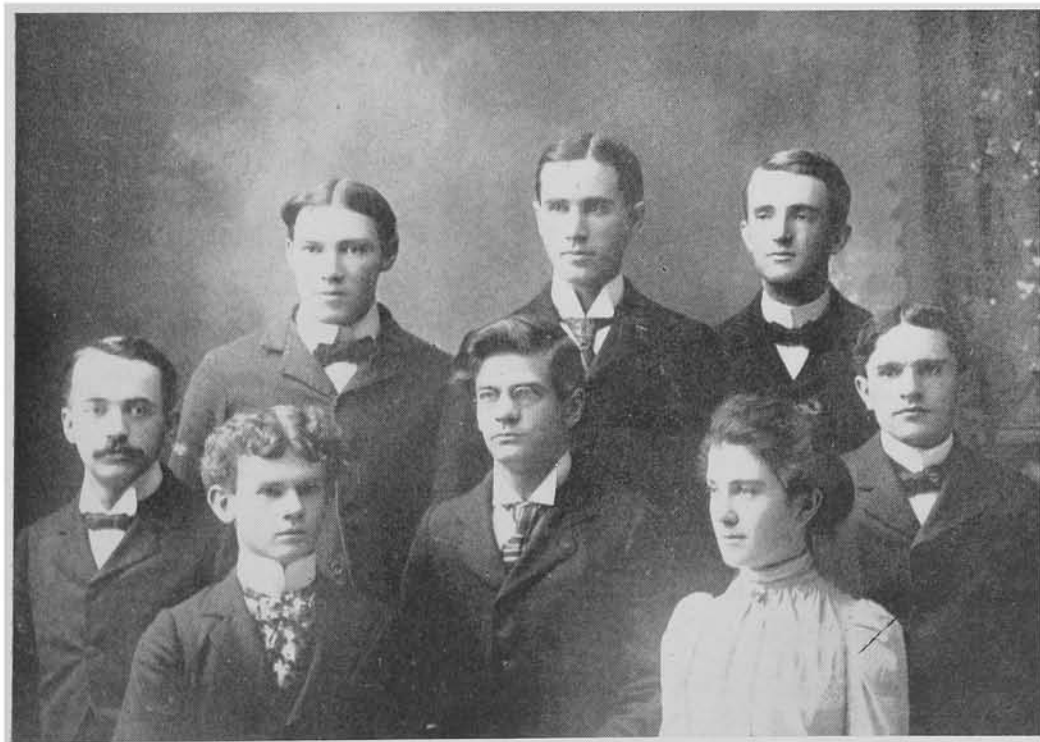
NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS.

Asa J. White, Syracuse Post-Standard.

Clayton H. Buell, Elmira Telegram.

Eugene Davis, Syracuse Journal. R. E. Kerby, Syracuse Herald.

man in town. He formerly published a paper in Lisle, Broome county, but for the last few years has served as correspondent for various out of town papers. When F. C. Parsons purchased the Democrat about a year ago Mr. Davis was placed in charge of the local news department, where he has been doing good work.



THE NORMAL NEWS STAFF.

F. A. Ward, Frank Pierce,
Asst. Ed. Local Ed.
E. B. Robinson,
Mem. Ex. Com.

Thos. J. McEvoy,
Alumni Ed.
Charles M. Morse,
Ed.-in Chief.

C. R. Sanders, A. W. Armitage,
Mem. Ex. Com. Ch'n Ex. Com.
Dora C. Mandeville,
Literary Ed.

"The Normal News."

—The Normal News is published monthly during the school year by the Delphic fraternity. It is the oldest paper in New York State published by a Normal school. It made its first appearance in 1869 as a paper of twelve pages and was called the "Index Normalis." It was discontinued at the end of the term. In 1879 the paper was revived and published under the name of "The Normal News." The first editor was Hamilton Terry. At first it was issued semi-monthly, but after the first term it was enlarged and changed to a monthly. Many changes have been made in the paper since that time, but it still bears the same name and maintains its position as a "fitting exponent of the school." The paper is and always has been under the exclusive control of what is

now the Delphic fraternity. The literary editor is elected from the other literary societies of the school, and the Alumni editor from among the graduates.

Grover Post, No. 98, G. A. R., Cortland, was organized June 14, 1869. The charter members were: J. C. Carmichael, J. T. Pratt, Geo. L. Warren, Frank Place, John Fredericks, Dan'l L. Baker, Wilkins Bridgeford, Aaron Sager, A. P. Smith, J. W. Strowbridge. Department Commander Henry A. Barnum detailed two comrades from Syracuse, H. Wadsworth Clark and George K. Collins as mustering officers. The first election of officers occurred on the day of muster, June 14, 1869, and resulted in the election of the following officers: Commander, J. C. Carmichael; senior vice-commander, Frank Place; junior vice-commander, John Fredericks; adjutant, J. T. Pratt; quarter-master, Geo. L. Waters; surgeon, Aaron Sager; chaplain, Otis Smith; officer of the day, Geo. L. Warren; officer of the guard, John Freer; quarter-master sergeant, John P. White; sergeant-major, Edward Seacord. Three only of

has had 27 different commanders, 9 of whom have passed away. The Post occupies beautiful quarters in the Burgess block, corner Main and R. R. streets, known as Grand Army hall. Through the efforts of comrades of this Post, the Cortland Soldiers' Monumental association was chartered and a beautiful and lasting monument, a work of art and beauty, was erected at a cost of over \$5,000. This monument, erected in 1876, as a "Centennial offering of Cortland county to the memory of those who fought in defense of Union," stands upon Church street facing Court, and is one of the finest in the State of New York; an object lesson in patriotism to the thousands of children who pass it daily. For the past 12 years Grover Post has been aided in its work of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty" by an auxiliary association known as Grover Relief Corps, No. 96, W. R. C. This association of ladies has from the beginning been a blessing to the Post and has tended in many ways to strengthen and sustain its every effort. A flourishing Camp of Sons of



[Court House.]

CHURCH ST., NORTH FROM NEAR COURT.

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the charter members survive. The comrades of this post selected the name of one of Cortland's gallant soldiers and most respected citizens, Andrew J. Grover. In 1861 he was pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Cortland. He resigned his pastorate, stepped down from the sacred desk, donned the uniform of a Union soldier and taking with him a number of his brethren from his own church he recruited Co. A, 76th N. Y. Vol. Infantry and in command of that company as captain, went forth to fight for the "old flag" he loved so well. On the bloody field of Gettysburg July 1, 1863, while in command of the regiment as major he was instantly killed by a rebel bullet at the very opening of the battle. His remains were brought to Cortland, buried in the Rural cemetery and annually on May 30 his comrades of the Post named after him, decorate his grave with spring's choicest flowers and fire a parting volley of musketry over his honored dust, after which the bugler blows the old army call "lights out." Since its organization Grover Post

Veterans was organized auxiliary to the Post some 10 years ago and was named after James H. Kellogg, the deceased son of one of the Past Commanders, H. M. Kellogg. James H. Kellogg Camp, No. 48, Sons of Veterans, was an organization of which the Post was proud, composed as it was of a membership of intelligent, patriotic young men who took great pride in their work and who were repeatedly honored by the Department. Owing to a lack of numbers, removals from town and deaths, their ranks were decimated and after a record of ten years of faithful work, they surrendered their charter. The present officers of Grover Post are: Commander, Geo. W. Wolcott; Sen. vice-commander, H. B. Greenman; Jun. vice-commander, H. R. Burroughs; adjutant, O. P. Miner; quarter-master, M. E. Corwin; surgeon, Norman Thompson; chaplain, H. M. Kellogg; officer of the day, R. H. Moon; officer of the guard, H. M. Robinson; quarter-master sergeant, M. L. Alexander; sergeant-major, D. C. Beers.

Grover Relief Corps, No. 96, of Cortland, was organized April 6, 1887, and the following officers were installed by Sarah C. Mink, then Dept. President: President, Ella E. Kellogg; senior vice-president, Julia G. Sager; junior vice-president, Mary A. Wright; secretary, Sarah H. Place; treasurer, Ellen M. Palmer; chaplain, F. Endell Edgcomb; conductor, Minnie Young; guard, Sarah L. Hill; assistant conductor, Mary Seacord; assistant guard, Emma Baker. Meetings were held in Good Templars' hall and other places un-

president at that time, filled the vacancy the remainder of the year. In 1893 Mrs. Sarah L. Hill was chosen president and served three years. Mrs. F. Endell Edgcomb was then elected president and served two years, then positively declined to serve the third year. Grover Corps has every year observed their anniversary with an entertainment to which the Grover Post, S. O. V. and public are invited. In 1895 Mrs. Ella E. Kellogg surprised the Corps by making them a present of a beautiful and life-like picture of their late presi-



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THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT AND PARK.

[“The American Volunteer.”—The Statue.]

til 1893, when Grover Post, No. 98, W. R. C., and S. O. V. rented rooms in the Burgess block for a term of years. Grover Corps was organized with sixteen members, and steadily increased until in 1897 the membership reached 79, but, owing to some going out of town, and several deaths, the membership has decreased to 61. Mrs. Kellogg had the office of president four years. Mrs. Carrie Van Hoesen scarcely one year, when she met her death, by being thrown from her carriage. Nettie A. Phillips who was acting as senior vice-

dent, Carrie Van Hoesen, and on their tenth anniversary they were the proud and happy recipients of a beautiful banner presented by Grover Post. Grover Corps has had but one treasurer, Mrs. Ellen A. Palmer, who has performed her duties so faithfully and correct they have never wished to make a change. The present officers are: President, Alice A. Hoxie; senior vice-president, Lovina Burroughs; junior vice-president, Harriet L. Davis; secretary, Aurelia M. Gilbert; treasurer, Ellen M. Palmer; chap-

lain, Eliza M. Fredericks; conductor, Linnie A. Robbins; guard, Sarah A. Sandwick; assistant conductor, Mary F. Gillett; assistant guard, Nancy J. Canfield; color bearers, No. 1, F. Edgcomb; No. 2, Sarah L. Hill; No. 3, Julia G. Sager; No. 4, Mary S. Alexander.

The Free Methodist Church.—About ten years ago Rev. B. Winget came to Cortland and held a series of meetings in a large tent, which revival effort finally resulted in the organization of the Free Methodist church. Mr. Winget organized the society in 1891. Rev. W. H. Clark was the first regular pastor, who served for two years.



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FREE METHODIST CHURCH.

Mr. Winget succeeded him and built the church edifice which is located on Schermerhorn street. Rev. H. W. Fish followed and during his term of service (1893-4) he erected the parsonage. The other pastors which have served are O. S. Baker, 1895-6; W. J. Riker, 1897-8; D. W. Clark, 1899; O. M. Owen, who has recently moved here. The church and parsonage property is valued at \$4,000.

Rev. O. M. Owen, the present pastor of the Free Methodist church, is the son of Rev. E. Owen, who, while the War of the Rebellion was in progress, served two years as pastor of the First M. E. church of Cortland. The son attended the old

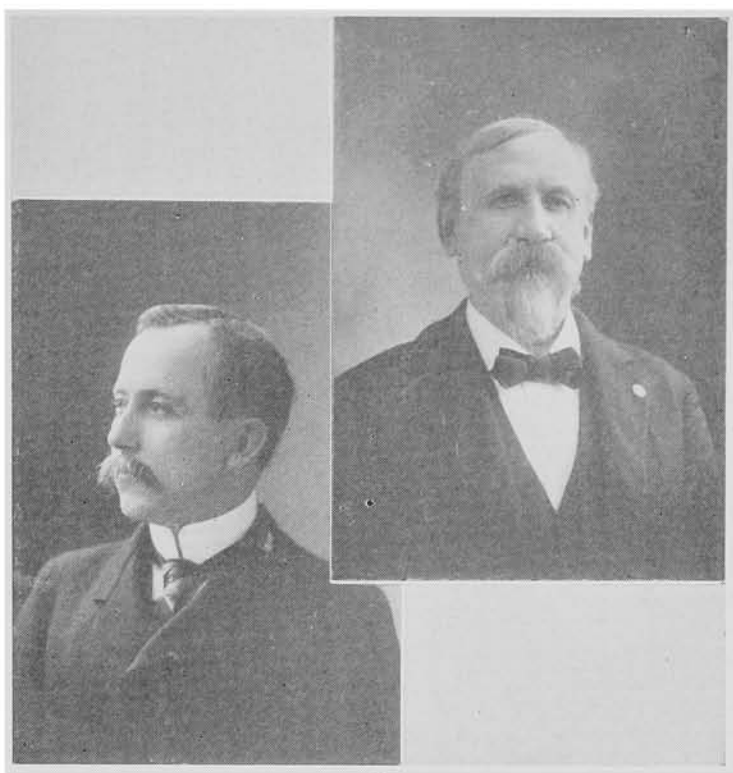
wooden academy for a time, when Mr. Carver was principal, and also for a season during H. M. Dodd's principalship. He was graduated at Cazenovia seminary in 1869. In 1871 he joined the Susquehanna conference of the Free Methodist church and has served the principal charges in the state, such as Utica, Syracuse, Buffalo, Binghamton, Rochester, besides having several times acted as District (Presiding) Elder. He is the author of several books such as "Ingersoll Answered from the Bible," "Rum, Rags and Religion," "The Great Celestial R. R." etc. He has recently moved from Buffalo to Cortland and is just commencing his pastorate in this city.

Sager & Jennings.—This is the oldest drug firm in Cortland, dating back to Centennial year, April 1, '76. The business to which they succeeded was established by the senior partner, A. Sager, Oct. 15, 1858, in the building No. 15 N. Main street, now occupied by Mr. James M. Churchill as a residence. Shortly after, he moved to a small building belonging to Mr. James A. Schermerhorn, next to the postoffice, which was then located on the present site of The National Bank. Here the business was continued until the fall of 1861, when it was sold to Dr. T. C. Pomeroy. After serving his country in the War of the Rebellion as a captain in the 76th Reg. N. Y. S. Vols. until March, 1863, when he was mustered out for disability from wounds, Mr. Sager again established himself in business on the corner of Main street and Clinton avenue, then Mill street, in a building known as the Barnard block. On Jan. 11, 1869, a co-partnership was formed with Mr. T. W. Dalton, under the firm name of A. Sager & Co. Mr. Dalton withdrew from the firm in March, 1870, to engage in business in the oil region of Pennsylvania. On May 23, 1870, Mr. W. A. Pierce became a partner and the business was conducted under the same name as before for two years, when Mr. Pierce withdrew to engage in business in Syracuse in the firm of Smith & Pierce, druggists.

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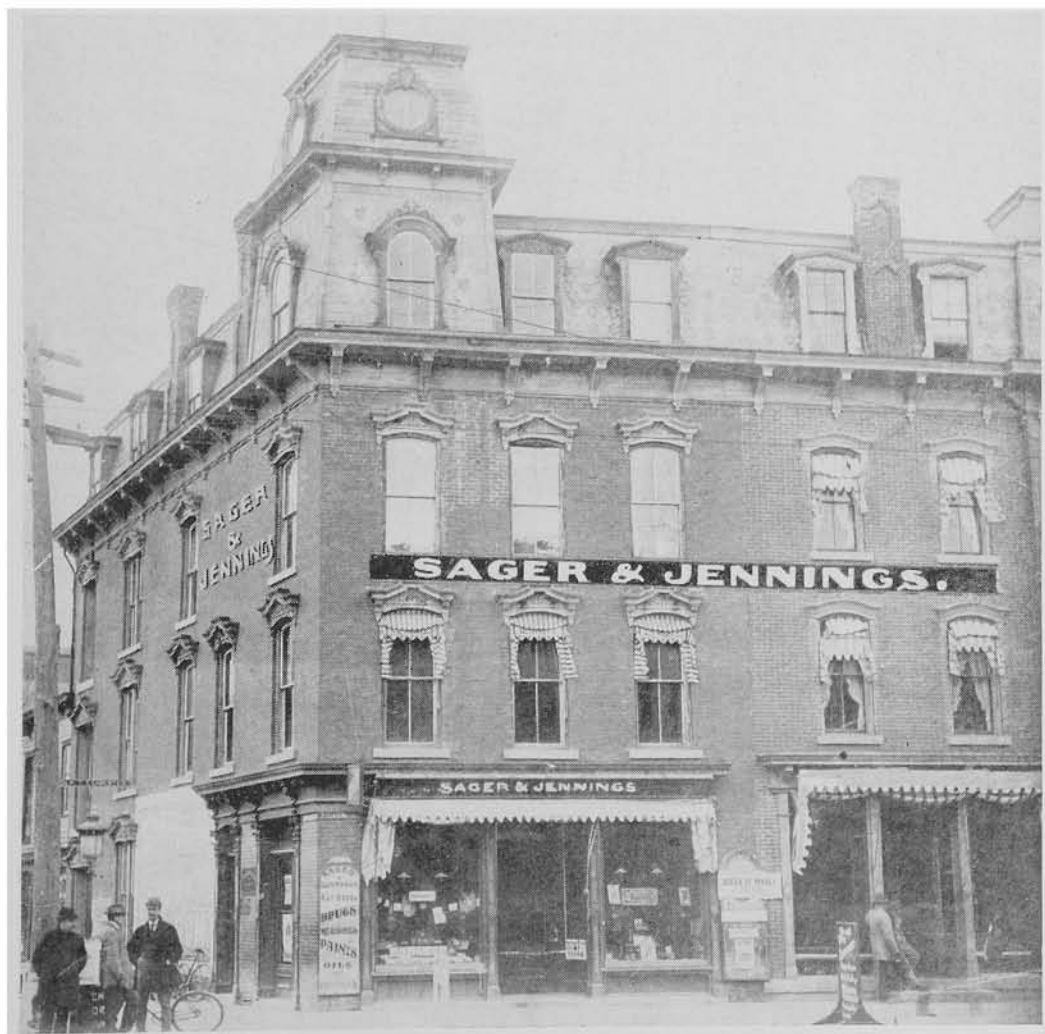
After this Mr. Sager was sole proprietor until April 1, 1876, when Mr. Emmett F. Jennings, who had been in his employ for three years, became a member of the present firm. By close attention to business and strict integrity in dealing with the public the firm has been successful from the beginning. For many years, paints, oils and varnishes have been an important addition to their business. They have been the sole agents for the sale of Harrison Bros.' ready mixed Town and Country paints. Their line of drugs, proprietary medicines and druggists' sundries is complete. In fact everything will be found here kept in a

well-equipped city drug house. The senior member of the firm, Maj. A. Sager, is a native of Albany county. His boyhood was spent at the capital of the state. During the year 1848 his family moved to the city of Syracuse, N. Y. In 1855 he began the study of medicine in the office of Hoyt & Mercer, Prof. Alfred Mercer of Syracuse university being a member of the firm. In June, 1856, he took up his residence in Cortland, but still pursued his studies until he embarked in the drug trade. He became a prominent member of the New York State Pharmaceutical association, having been elected successively to the offices of third and first vice-presidents, and in 1888 to the presidency of the association. Mr. Emmett F. Jennings was born in the town of Palermo, Oswego Co., N. Y. He graduated from the Mexico academy, after which he took a thorough course of chemistry in the University of Illinois. Mr. Jennings is a careful and reliable pharmacist, and has paid special attention to the prescription department of the establishment. Mr. A. F. Sager, son of the senior member of the firm, is in their employ. He has had several years of experience in one of the most popular retail drug stores in Syracuse. Mr. Harry Greenman has been in their employ for several years. The store of Sager & Jennings is located on the corner of Main street and Clinton avenue, the center of the trolley system, and here a large proportion of the passengers from our neighboring villages alight from the cars. The store affords a convenient and comfortable waiting room for them.



EMMETT F. JENNINGS. A. SAGER. [See Sk. P. 50. Hyatt Photos.

The Epworth League, Homer Avenue M. E. church, was organized in the fall of 1890, during the pastorate of Rev. Charles E. Hamilton, with Mr. Lewis Wilcox (now Rev.) as president. The charter is No. 4348, dated Dec. 22, 1890. The league has always been one of the strongholds of the church, each department doing its work in assisting pastor, Sunday-school superintendent and the church generally. Our roll book shows a membership of 210. The regular business meetings are held the first Wednesday evenings of each month. The devotional meetings are held one hour before the evening service each Sabbath. These meetings are very beneficial and well attended. The average attendance for the past two years has been 55. The annual election of officers occurs the first Wednesday evening in May. The present cabinet is: President, Hiram B. Ingalls; first vice-president, Ina Parmiter; second vice-president, Martha Seeber; third vice-president, Stella French; fourth vice-president, Benjamin A. Nichols; secretary, Grace Keeler; treasurer, Howard Moyer; chairman of missionary committee, Effie Hallock.



Harris Photo. SAGER & JENNINGS' DRUG STORE.

M. A. Case started in business in Cortland in 1894, in the store he has since occupied, at the head of the firm of Case, Ruggles & Bristol. In 1896 Case & Ruggles bought out Bristol, and in August, 1898, Mr. Case succeeded Ruggles. The store from the beginning has been conducted along the lines of straight dry goods and ladies' ready-made furnishing goods, including silk waists, muslin goods, underwear, hosiery and kid gloves. Of course, the stock includes all that is usually found in the dry goods line, but the specialties above enumerated comprise the features of the trade enjoyed by this house. It may be summarized by saying that everything ready for ladies to wear is included

except shoes and millinery. The business is located at No. 71 Main street, in the Second National Bank building, where it was newly opened by the first named firm, and occupies the main floor and a part of the second floor. The store comprising the general part of the business is 20x90, while the cloak and ladies' wear department are in an L 20x30. M. A. Case was born in Granville, Pa., Dec. 21, 1859. Upon leaving school he entered the dry goods store of E. E. Loomis at Troy, Pa., and nine months later entered the employ of Newberry, Peck & Co., of the same place, where he remained nine years, getting the experience which has proven so valuable to him since then. In 1888 the firm of Case, Ruggles & Leonard was organized to carry on a dry goods business at Athens, Pa., Leonard retiring a year later and the

firm continuing as Case & Ruggles down to the time when the Cortland store was opened and Bristol was taken in as the third member of the firm. When Mr. Case succeeded to the ownership of the Cortland house he disposed of his interest in the Athens store, which was conducted by Case & Ruggles during the four years they were together here. Mr. Case married Lillie Greggs of Troy, Pa., Dec. 27, 1881, and they have two sons, both in the Normal school, Fred and Donald.

United American Mechanics.—The Cortland Council No. 74, O. U. A. M., was instituted March 24, 1893, with the following charter members: Charles A. Lownsberry, Bert Card, C. E. Ingalls, L. E. Burnham, C. S. Bull, E. M. Santee, I. G.

Jenks, W. H. Dickenson, George B. French, L. B. Snow, R. H. Miller, E. Jay Hopkins, B. T. Wright, Fred Burke, M. C. Eastman, N. M. Barrett, F. C. Hodges, Benj. Hamilton, S. S. Horton, C. H. Warren, Avery Thomas, C. H. Drake, C. D. Green. The present officers are: Councilor, Norman Thompson; vice-councilor, J. J. Glann; recording secretary, F. W. Kingsbury; assistant recording secretary, J. B. Hunt; financial secretary, L. H. McGraw; treasurer, J. H. Johnson; inductor, Jas. Maynard; examiner, Leroy Call; inside protector, Charles Moshier; outside protector, W. R. Austin; junior ex-councilor, G. F. Dann; senior ex-councilor, J. R. Birdleough; trustees, J. B. Hunt, W. W. Hout, Henry Greenman; representative to State council, L. E. Burnham; represent-



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M. A. CASE—CLOAK DEPARTMENT.



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M. A. CASE—MAIN FLOOR.

atives to National council, J. B. Hunt, Norman Thompson; deputy State councilor, J. B. Hunt. The present number of active members is one hundred, and the order is in a very flourishing condition.

A. W. McNett, the laundryman, came to Cortland from Newark, N. Y., in February, 1896, and bought out the laundry of Bosworth & Co., then running at the same location, No. 12 West Court street. McNett & Tanner was the name of the new firm which continued as such until February, 1898, when Mr. McNett assumed entire ownership. This was followed by taking out all the old machinery and putting in that which is new and modern at an expense of about \$2,000 during the past two years. With the addition of wagons, sleighs and horses the equipment of the laundry is complete. In all respects it is a laundry up to the best mark for all that kind of work. Mr. McNett was born at Sodus Point, Wayne Co., N. Y., Dec. 25, 1855, and at fourteen years of age he went on the lakes to learn marine engineering, which he followed for twenty years, working for the Lehigh Valley and the Bradley Transportation companies and running between Buffalo, Chicago and Duluth. During 1888 he was in the railway mail service on the mail routes between New York and Syracuse. In 1890 he moved to Newark, N. Y., where three years later he bought out the laundry business of Dart & Co. He is a member of the National Association of Engineers, to which he was a delegate at St. Louis in 1898, and is also a member of the Vesta lodge, Elon encampment and Canton Cortland, I. O. O. F. He is also a Forrester. On March 10, 1876, he married Mary E. Tinklepaugh of Sodus.



Hyatt, Photo. A. W. McNETT.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Cortland, N. Y., was organized Jan. 27, 1897, as a branch of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., the mother church of Christian Science. It had held regular Sunday services for a period of nearly two years in the rooms of Vesta Lodge, I. O. O. F. Services have been held in the Samson block regularly since July 3, 1898.

The order of services is similar to that commonly followed in other churches, except that the lesson sermon is identical with that used in all christian science churches, being composed of readings from the Bible and their spiritual explanation as given in the Christian Science text book. The Wednesday evening meeting, held weekly at 7:45 o'clock at the church room, gives opportunity to hear testimonies of the efficacy of this divinely natural system of healing through the operation of God's law, whereby good overcomes evil through the understanding of the omnipotence of divine truth and love.

Lincoln Lodge No. 119, I. O. G. T., was organized by Rev. Silas Ball, G. C. T., in the old Water Witch Hose room on Oct. 24, 1866. Col. Nelson W. Green was the first chief templar, and Mr. F. Goldsmith occupies that position at present. With the exception of the first year the lodge has occupied its present hall in the old Squires building. Over sixteen hundred people have enrolled their names with the lodge. A large part of Cortland's leaders in financial, social and religious circles were at one time or another connected with the lodge. Lodge meets Friday evenings.



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A. W. McNETT'S LAUNDRY.

McKinney & Doubleday, dealers and jobbers in books, stationery, wall paper and window shades, are the largest jobbing house in wall paper in the state outside of New York City, employing four traveling men the year around and supplying a large part of the trade in the eastern and New England states and Canada. The sales of wall paper by this house when it was conducted by D. F. Wallace & Co. reached the high mark in one year of 1,750,000 rolls. This was about eight years ago, a year or so before the manufacturers took the business out of the hands of the jobbers. Within the past few years the jobbing of this house has begun to climb up to its former proportions. Since Oct. 1, 1899, the business has more than doubled that of the previous year, and bids fair to triple it before the close of the present season. Taking the retail business in connection with jobbing and the bindery, the firm employs during the usual run of trade about twenty people, altogether more than any previous year. The business was established in 1870 by Mahan & Wallace, the latter of whom still retains an

interest, although not an active member of the firm. In the beginning it consisted of the usual stationery lines and musical instruments. Three or four years later Mr. Mahan retired and the musical line was dispensed with. After the retirement of Mr. Mahan, Mr. Wallace conducted the business alone until 1890, when William G. McKinney, the senior partner of the present firm, and Mr. O. C. Smith became interested and with Mr. Wallace formed the firm of D. F. Wallace & Co. On July 1, 1895, Wallace & Co. sold out to the present firm. Since the business came into the present hands the best class of fine arts has been added with the view of giving Cortland people a selection fully as tempting as is offered by the



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McKINNEY & DOUBLEDAY.—Wallace Building.

best city houses. The stationery and book business is a considerable part of the retail trade. The bindery is the only one in this section of the state and naturally draws a large patronage. Mr. McKinney was born in the town of Dryden, Tompkins Co., N. Y., May 11, 1857, and lived in the towns of Dryden and Virgil until he was 23 years old when he entered the employ of D. F. Wallace as clerk and worked his way into a position where he was able to step into a proprietary place. His knowledge of the business and the acquaintance which he formed in the course of a ten years' clerkship, recommended him as a desirable partner and he was accordingly admitted as has been stated with Mr. Smith as the third member of the

firm in 1890. Mr. F. J. Doubleday was born in the town of Scott, Cortland Co., Sept. 28, 1850, and was educated in the public schools and the Homer academy. In 1871 he came to Cortland and associated himself in the firm of Fitzgerald, Gee & Co., manufacturers of wagons, representing the interests of his father in the business. A year later he entered into partnership with his father in the furniture and undertaking business, which they started at that time in Cortland under the business name of Doubleday & Son. Three or four years afterwards he went into real estate transactions, in the course of which he purchased a large tract of land in the northern part of the village and, opening a street and cutting the property into lots and putting them



Photo by Harris. McKINNEY & DOUBLEDAY.—Interior of Store.

on the market, was the means of opening up a considerable neighborhood to the benefit of the community and with pecuniary advantage to himself. In 1874 he married Elizabeth Stafford of Cortland. In 1895-'7 he served as alderman from the Fourth ward, but has since kept out of politics. He is a member of the Congregational church and for eleven years has served continuously as the superintendent of the Sunday-school in that church.

Grace Episcopal Church.—It was not until the third meeting called to organize the church that the first step was taken. The meetings held on July 7 and 17, 1847, were adjourned, owing to some doubt "as to the propriety of organizing a church according to law at this time." On Aug. 28, about a month later, twelve persons met and resolved to "incorporate themselves as a religious society in communion with the Protestant Episcopal church in the U. S. A., and that the said church and congregation be known in law by the name and title of "The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Grace Church, in the Town of Cortlandville, in the County of Cortland." E. Maxwell Leal prepared the certificate of incorporation on Sept. 10, 1847, and it was recorded in the office of the clerk of the county on Oct. 14, 1847. It was signed by William H. Shankland, chairman of the meeting, Lyman Reynolds and Mr. Maxwell, and was witnessed by Harvey S. Brown and Hiram Crandall. On Aug. 10, 1848, the certificate was forwarded by the clerk of the vestry to the Rt. Rev. DeLancey, Bishop, for the purpose of having the church received into the convention of the diocese of Western New York. During the ensuing period of ten years the congregation worshipped in several places that could be obtained as circumstances required; the court house, the old academy, the Universalist, the Methodist and the Baptist churches, at the same time keeping up the requirements of the society, holding Easter elections and sending delegates annually to the diocesan convention. At a meeting held Oct. 16, 1858, it was resolved to erect a church building, and Messrs. Josiah P. Ingraham, William O. Barnard and James A. Schermerhorn were appointed a building committee. Horace Dibble, senior warden, presided at that meeting. The subscribers to the building fund were: Jonathan Hubbard, T. Fairchild, Hiram Crandall, Wm. P. Barnard, J. A. Schermerhorn, I. P. Ingraham, J. M. Henriques, Horace Dibble, W. E. Lewis, J. D. Robinson, W. H. Warren, Dr. M. Spank, Ellen Belden, W. W. Fanning, Orrin Welch, Mrs. P. L. Benedict, Arrabella H. Welch, P. D. Cornwell, Theodore Cornwell, S. J. Hathaway, J. A. Graham, C. C. Taylor, Mrs. Wheeler, O. N. Doud, S. E.

Welch, G. N. Copeland, Mrs. A. M. Hawks, John Rose, Wm. H. DeLancey, Calvin S. Hathaway, Joseph Reynolds, Horace Baker, Daniel Bradford, W. W. Deming, L. C. Allis, Elijah Hubbard, A. Gallagher, H. L. Green, H. P. Goodrich, Charles Foster, Loren F. Thompson, Allen B. Smith, H. O. Jewett, Harriet Welch, J. C. Pomeroy and P. B. Davis. On Dec. 21, 1859, the vestry acknowledged the gift of a communion service from Horace and Hamilton White of Syracuse and a set of church books from Andrew Dickson of New York. About this time the building was finished and on July 13, 1860, after services had been held for some time

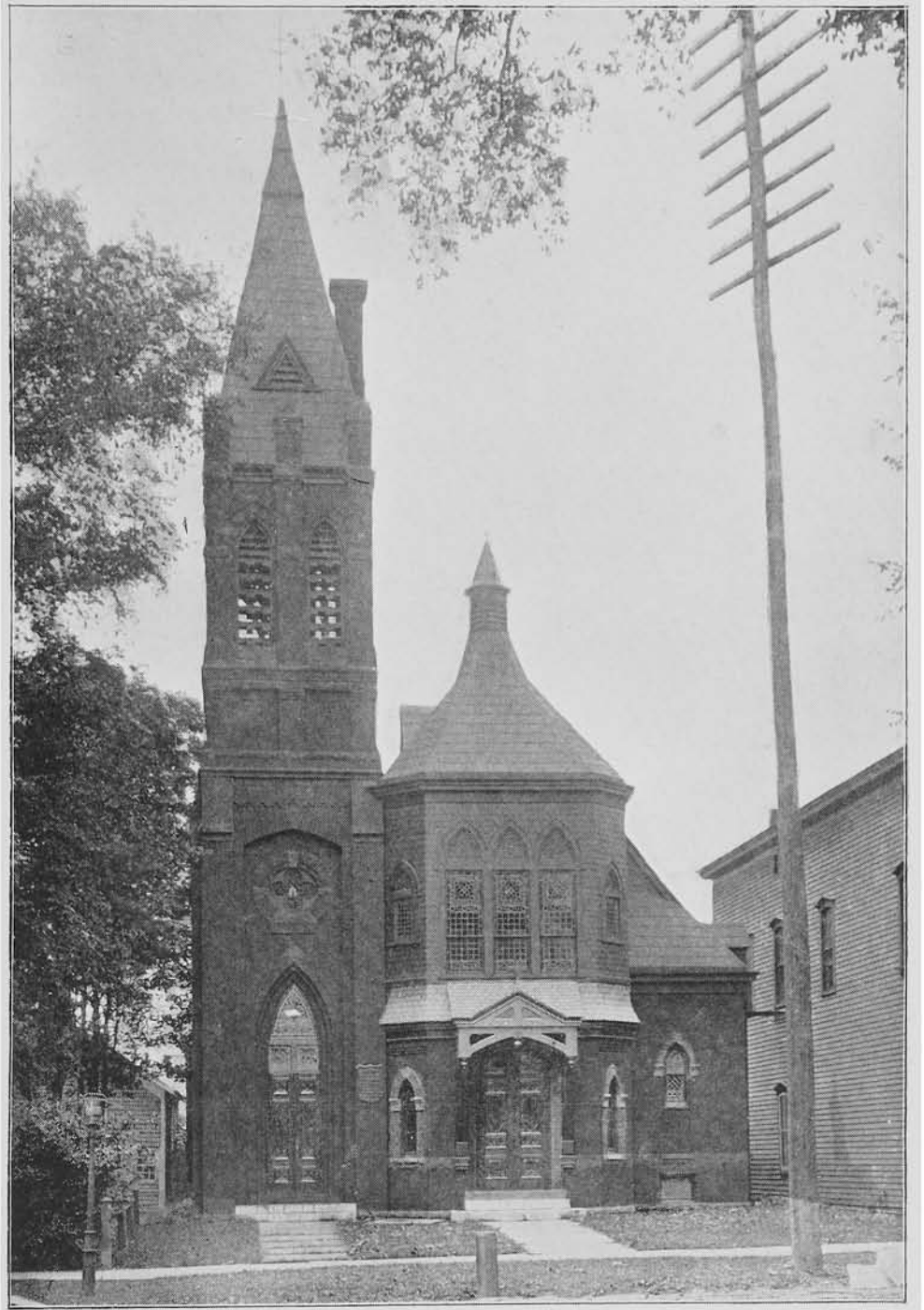


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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH. "Stand. Ind. Ed."

in the church, Bishop DeLancey consecrated the edifice. For more than twenty-five years the parish received a stipend from the Mission board of the diocese to aid in defraying the expenses. In 1868 the vestry elected Wm. H. Crane, Wm. H. Shankland and Charles Turner as delegates to the primary convention of the new Central New York diocese to choose a bishop, and in June, 1869, Horace Dibble and Charles Parker were elected delegates to the first annual convention of the diocese. In 1871 H. B. Hubbard, who has year after year been re-elected to that position without opposition, was chosen treasurer. At a meeting on April

29, 1873, it was resolved to purchase an organ and a few days later Messrs. Hooker, Mahan and Benjamin were appointed to make the necessary repairs and alterations to accommodate the instrument. The first official action taken to secure the erection of a new edifice was at a meeting held in April, 1886, when it was resolved that the rector should appoint a committee of which he, the rector, should be a member ex-officio to solicit subscriptions. Messrs. Webb, Mager and Hubbard were named as such a committee. The church had for several years held title to land donated for that purpose by William R. Randall, A. R. Huntington and Wilhelmina Randall, whose deed of conveyance was dated March 27, 1860. This plot was increased in size by the donation of a small parcel adjoining by Mrs. M. Linda Miller. The building committee appointed April 25, 1887, comprised Rev. Mr. Arthur, and Messrs. Hubbard, Benjamin, Mahan and Mager. On April 10,

zation, has done much to win the esteem and gratitude of vestry and people. For many years the congregation enjoyed the advantage of a quartette choir who assisted the services of the church with music of unusual excellence at very little expense to the parish. The present chorus choir has deserved since its appearance the gratitude of the congregation for its faithfulness and efficiency." "The St. Agnes Guild, again, is an organization which deserves the practical sympathy and support of the parish, especially of the mothers of girls up to twelve or fourteen years of age. It is entirely missionary in its work, and its members learn while young that the church calls upon its members for helpfulness and self denial."

The Missionary Society of the Congregational church was formed in 1882, with Mrs. Helen M. Waters as its first president. During the early years of its history the society was, in a most lit-



"Stand. Ind. Ed." TIOUGHNIOGA RIVER, FROM PORT WATSON ST. BRIDGE. (Site of Port Watson.)
Photo by Butler.

1887, the old building was de-consecrated by formal sentence of Bishop Huntington, who on April 12, 1888, consecrated the present building. In a sermon from which the above facts are taken, prepared and delivered by the Rev. Amos Watkins, the present rector of the church, he adds: "Over and over again the records of the vestry speak with thankfulness of generous and timely assistance given them by the ladies of the parish. A sewing society was very early formed by the women of Grace church and such an organization, whether sewing society or guild, has done much good in the past and has deserved the gratitude of the whole parish. I trust that, as hitherto, so henceforward patient, well directed energy will be the mark of that organization, and that the crown of usefulness and good work will be theirs in the future as it has been in the past. The Young People's society, of comparatively recent organi-

eral sense, a home missionary society, as it devoted all the money raised toward furnishing the home church and in paying a sum each year on the church indebtedness. After a few years the society began making yearly pledges to the different Congregational missionary societies, giving for both home and foreign work. At the same time they still aided in meeting expenses incurred in any church improvements. Their business meetings are held the first Friday of each month in the church parlor. These are followed by a pleasant social hour, after which the ladies serve supper. These gatherings are largely attended and have always been an important element in the social life of the church. The membership of the society is about one hundred and the present officers are: Mrs. A. E. Buck, president; Mrs. Lora B. Snyder, secretary; Mrs. Ida Dunsmoor, treasurer.



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N. H. Gillette.

THE GILLETTE SKIRT CO.
General View of the Building.

The Sewing Room.

The Gillette Skirt Co.—This company began the manufacture of skirts three years ago. Their first factory was located in a small building on Port Watson street. A few months only had elapsed before a change to larger quarters was found to be necessary and the Wells block was secured. Here the business has been conducted on the second and third floors of the building. This has proved too small for present requirements and the company has purchased the property formerly occupied by the Cortland Corset Co. on Homer avenue and Miller street. This will furnish several times their present capacity for producing goods. The illustrations show the exterior of their new factory and the interior of the one occupied at present. The success of the Gillette Skirt Co. has been won against great odds. There is perhaps no business in which there is stronger competition than in the manufacture of skirts. This company began business by selling their product to canvassing agents and by aiming to make the best petticoats possible for the money, they have built up a reputation second to none for a superior class of goods. A year ago a ladies' tailoring department was opened and it has been a pronounced success from the start. Their suits have given such universal satisfaction that customers send from long distances. A large shipment of custom work is sent to Syracuse each week. The demand from out of town has been so great that but little local work could be done. With the added facilities that the new factory will give it is hoped to do much of the high class of work for the women of Cortland which has pre-

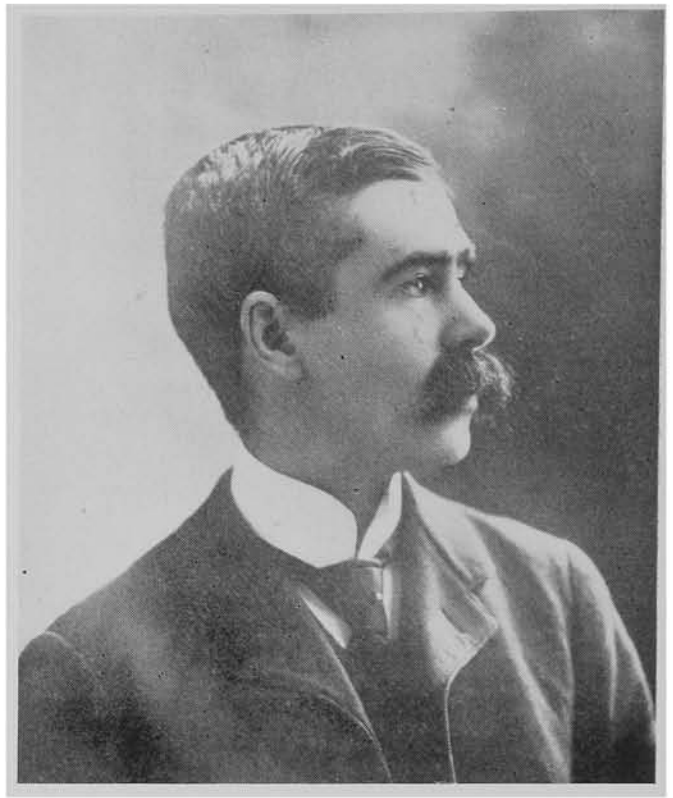
viously gone to Syracuse and New York. This department is in charge of Madame Allsoppe, a modiste of wide experience, who by frequent visits to New York keeps in touch with the latest



"DON'T I LOOK FINE IN MAMMA'S SKIRT?"
Photo by Harris.

things from Paris. The present year a new line of skirts was made for the trade which are known as New York skirts. Mr. H. B. Pomeroy of Syracuse was secured to take the management of this department and to look after the sales in New York state. A line of wrappers is being worked out. This branch of the business is known as the New York Skirt & Wrapper Co. A very satisfactory business has developed during the year, and promises well for the future. The president and general manager of the company is Mr. N. H. Gillette. The superintendent is Mrs. Ella Hoag. They have associated with them an able and efficient corps of office assistants and heads of departments. Special care is taken in the selection of the workers and it is safe to say that but few factories in the state can show such an intelligent and superior class of help as can be found at work in the factory of the Gillette Skirt Co. Previous to coming to Cortland Mr. Gillette was for many years connected with Warner Bros. in New York. He was born in East Scott, Cortland Co. He is a member of Aurora Grata lodge, F. & A. M., Brooklyn; also an active member of the Presbyterian church and the Science club of Cortland.

Dr. Ellis M. Santee has practiced medicine in Cortland since March, 1890. He studied medicine with Dr. E. B. Nash of Cortland, and took a two years' course at the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, where he took a post-graduate course under the well-known homeopathic preceptor, Prof. J. T. Kent. Next he took a course in the Homeopathic Medical College at St. Louis, where he had the benefit of another well-known homeopathist, Prof. W. L. Reed, and at which he was graduated after taking an advance examination in order to fill the position of resident physician at Hahnemann Hospital, Rochester, N. Y., to which he was appointed by the faculty from among forty-six classmates. Here he had the instruction of Dr. Joseph A. Biegler. Dr. Santee was born at Hughesville, Pa., Aug. 13, 1862, and was educated in the public schools and at the New Columbus, Pa., academy. At the time he was in attendance



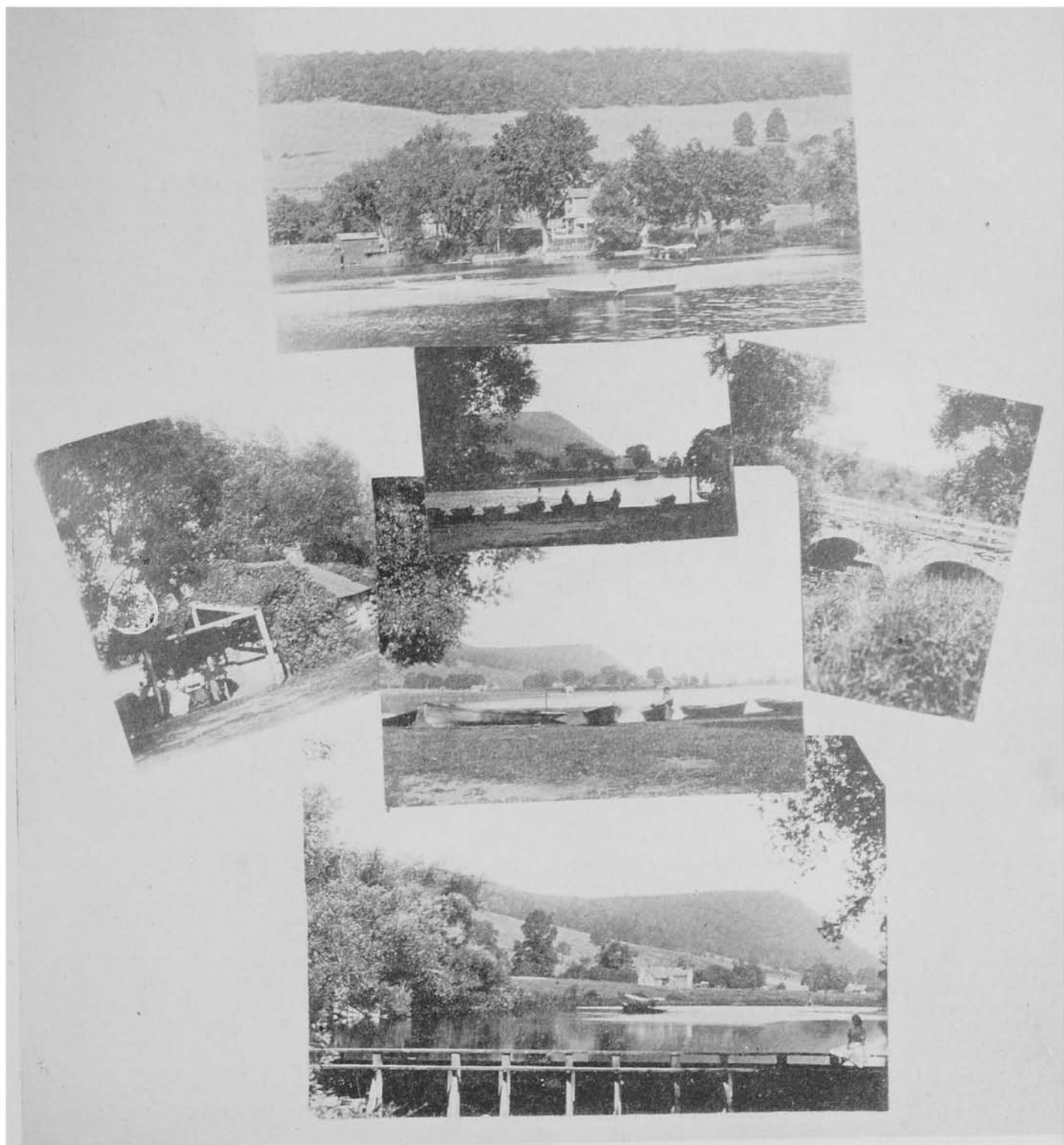
ELLIS M. SANTEE, M.D.

at the latter institution he began the study of medicine and to obtain means to get a medical education he taught school and subsequently, for two years, occupied the position of general agent for a New York book firm. While in Cortland in 1881, in the interest of the house he was traveling for, he met Miss Bulah B., the daughter of John S. Barber, and on Dec. 22, 1883, they were married, at once taking up their residence in this village. The Barber homestead, a very pleasant residence on Groton avenue, near the business center of the village, has, since the death of Mr. Barber, become the home of Dr. and Mrs. Santee. The doctor takes an active interest in amateur sports and photography, having professional knowledge and experience in the latter, and is especially interested

in promoting events which advance the welfare of wheelmen; being author of N. Y. State Tour Book and N. Y. State Road Maps. He is now chairman of the Cortland County Side-Path Commission. The doctor is also largely interested in real estate matters. On the opposite page is an illustration of his summer home, Elm Bluff, at Little York lake. The launch in the foreground is the "Elizabeth Gray," which he launched in the summer of 1898. He is a member of the Medico Chirurgical Society of Central New York, is a contributor to many medical publications and author of Santee's Repertory of Convulsions. Nine years' steady effort was devoted to compiling the genealogy of his family, a book which he published in 1899, and he became so interested in the matter that he has since published a periodical devoted to that subject. He is secretary and treasurer of the County Homeopathic Medical Society and clinical secretary of the Inter-State Homeopathic Medical Society.



ELLIS M. SANTEE'S RESIDENCE.—J. S. Barber Homestead.



Photos by Dr. Santee.
The Old Log Cabin.

LITTLE YORK LAKES.
Dr. Santee's Summer Home.
Mt. Toppin.
Raymond's Landing.
The Outlet.

The Bridge.