

Central America and South American ports. In 1884 he settled at St. Louis, Mo., with Linberg & Garland in the real estate and mining business and in 1888-1889 he had charge of the opening and developing of the American Mining Company's properties in Saline County, Arkansas. In 1889 he married Etta Gregg Whitney, sister of Henry M. Whitney of Cortland, New York, and the following year on Mr. Whitney's invitation came east and became identified with the business of The H. M. Whitney Wagon Co., of which he is now secretary and treasurer.

dall, Prosper Cravath, Salmon Jewett, Moses Kinne and Lemuel Dada. This was but the society. The church was organized on April 16, 1825, with six members, as follows: David Joline and his wife Lucetta, John A. Freer and his wife Rachael, Eliza Dudley and Persis Avery. The first elders of the church were Lemuel Dada, David Joline and Gardner K. Clark. In April, 1826, steps were taken toward the building of a church edifice, and the trustees were appointed a building committee. A lot was secured from Jonathan Hubbard on the present site of the church, and pledges were made

amounting to a little over \$3,000, payable one-third in cash and the remainder in stock and grain. The builder was Simeon Rouse. The church was dedicated Jan. 1, 1828, and continued as the place of worship for the society, though twice repaired and enlarged, till June 2, 1889, when the last service was held. The following day the work of tearing it down began preparatory to the erection of the present very handsome and commodious edifice of stone, which was constructed at a cost of about \$48,000, and which was dedicated May 28, 1890. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 1,000, and the Sunday-school room in the rear of about 450. The membership of the church at its last annual meeting (April 6, 1899) was 624, and of the Sunday-school 630. So rapidly is the Sunday-school growing that an architect is now preparing plans for an addition to the Sunday-school room to be made next summer, which will add to its seating capacity about one-third. The entire list of pastors of the church, with their terms of service, is as follows: Rev. William Bacon, May, 1825—May, 1827; Rev. Luke Lyons, October, 1827—June, 1831; Rev. Nathaniel E. Johnson, November, 1832—November, 1834; Rev. John A. Foot, June, 1835—March, 1837; Rev. Peter Lockwood, October, 1837—July, 1842; Rev. Hercules Dunham, September, 1842—, 1856; Rev. Ova H. Seymour, January, 1858—September, 1863; Rev. Irving L. Beman, October, 1863—May, 1866; Rev. Samuel F. Bacon, October, 1866—October, 1868; Rev. Samuel H. Howe, D. D., October, 1869—September, 1872; Rev. Thomas Street, D. D., June, 1873—October, 1878; Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D. D., February, 1879—July, 1881; Rev. James L. Robertson, D. D., November, 1882—October, 1896; Rev. John Timothy Stone, November, 1896. The present officers of the church are: Ruling elders, Lewis Bouton, Alonzo D. Blodgett, Henry F. Benton, Seymour M. Ballard, Marcus H. McGraw; Adolphus F. Tanner, Alfred Greene and Benjamin L. Webb; deacons, Henry C. Lovell,

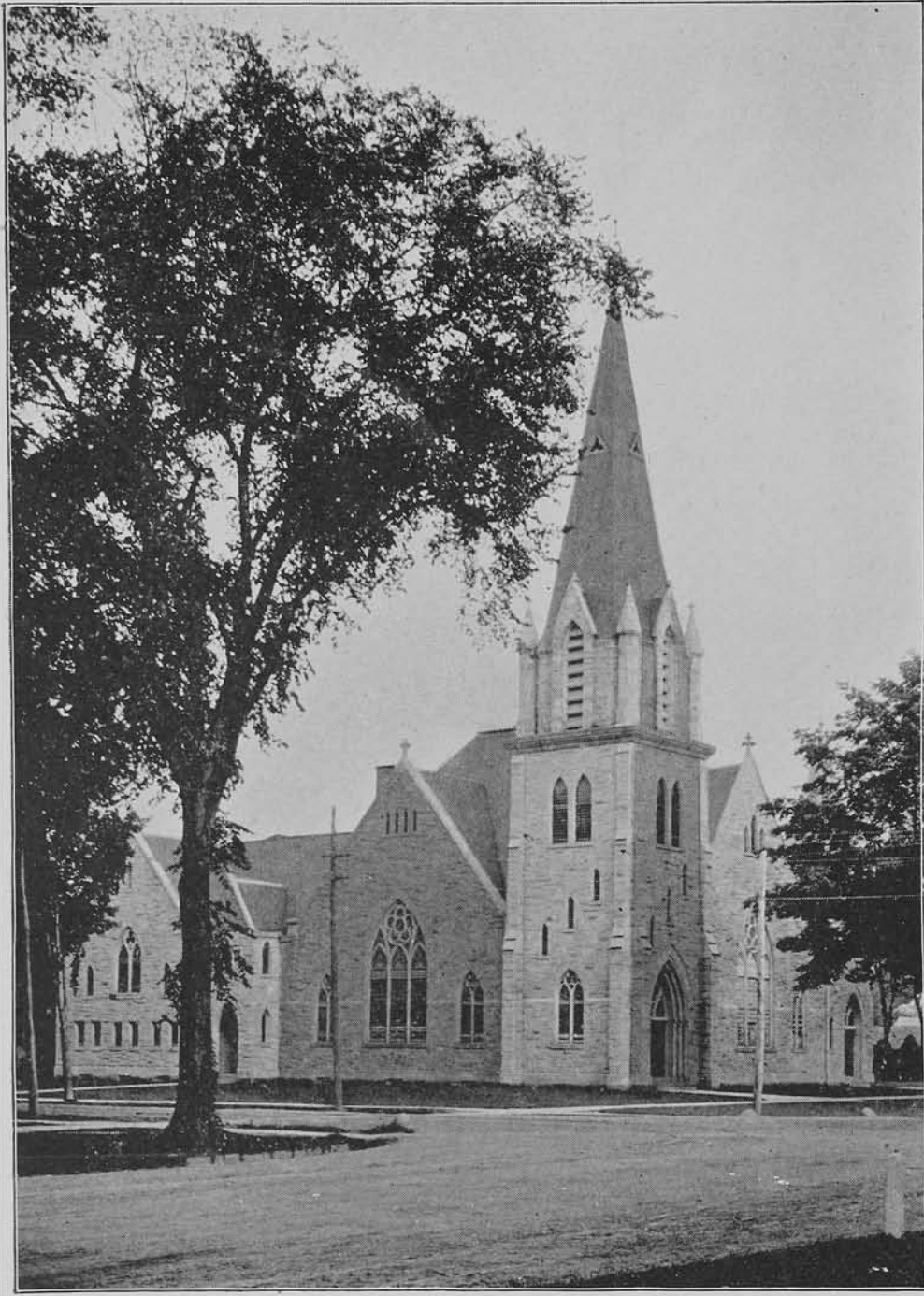


Photo by Butler. THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. "Stand. Ind. Ed."

The Presbyterian Church.—The first steps toward the organization of the Presbyterian church of Cortland were taken on Nov. 25, 1824, when a meeting was held at the court house in Cortland, at which Daniel Budlong was chairman and David Joline was clerk, and at which a committee was appointed to report a constitution and by-laws for the projected enterprise. On Dec. 2, 1824, a second meeting was held at the same place, at which the society was formally organized under the name of "The Presbyterian Church and Society of Cortland Village." At this time six trustees were elected, as follows: William Elder, William Ran-

tember, 1863; Rev. Irving L. Beman, October, 1863—May, 1866; Rev. Samuel F. Bacon, October, 1866—October, 1868; Rev. Samuel H. Howe, D. D., October, 1869—September, 1872; Rev. Thomas Street, D. D., June, 1873—October, 1878; Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D. D., February, 1879—July, 1881; Rev. James L. Robertson, D. D., November, 1882—October, 1896; Rev. John Timothy Stone, November, 1896. The present officers of the church are: Ruling elders, Lewis Bouton, Alonzo D. Blodgett, Henry F. Benton, Seymour M. Ballard, Marcus H. McGraw; Adolphus F. Tanner, Alfred Greene and Benjamin L. Webb; deacons, Henry C. Lovell,

Charles W. Collins. Arthur B. Nelson and Henry B. Greenman. Trustees—David F. Wallace, president; F. D. Smith, secretary; William S. Copeland, treasurer; Calvin P. Walrad, Chester F. Wickwire and Theodore H. Wickwire.

The Earliest Industries—Cortland lays claim to the first practical nail making machinery put into operation. About 1815 William Sherman equipped the rear part of a saw mill standing on the road between Cortland and Homer with machinery which was self-feeding and from the iron that went through cut the nails into the required shape and length and turned them out headed and with the letter S stamped in the head. The sawmill was owned and operated by McClure and both establishments used the same water power. In 1824 Martin Merrick supplanted the nail industry with wool carding and cloth dressing machinery which he carried on until 1833 when it passed into the hands of Horace Dibble who conducted the industry until comparatively recent years. The buildings or part of them now occupied by Cooper Bros. were erected in 1823 by Nelson Spencer for a paper mill, only coarse wrapping paper being made. In 1832 or '33 Speed & Sinclair took the property, which had been laying idle some time, and made fine paper, and in 1847 Daniel Bradford assumed control, the business having for a time been conducted by the employees on the co-operative basis. In 1864 the old place passed into the hands of Francis Sears, John B. Cottrell and Stephen D. Freer, who converted it into a flax seed oil mill. The firm dissolved in 1866, and in 1871 Mr. Freer gave up the business. The mills then lay idle until occupied by Cooper Bros. In the seventies violins were manufactured in Cortland by Lewis Hannum. Jonathan Hubbard built a grist mill near the banks of the river in 1802 or '3, which passed into the possession of Horace White in 1824, afterwards Abram and then his son Ebenezer Mudge; next, Carr & Moses, and later Daniel Rose and finally Thomas F. Brayton. Sylvester Blair constructed a small building near Otter creek in 1829, which was used for the manufacture of pottery, the clay being brought in from New Jersey on flat boats. In 1834 Mason & Russell bought the business, which in 1839 passed into the hands of Chollar & Darby. Ten years later they sold it to Madison Woodruff who in 1858 built larger buildings on Groton-ave. and who continued the business with varying fortunes down to the eighties. In 1832 Daniel Larned established works for the manufacture of agricultural implements.

Reverend John Timothy Stone, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Cortland, was born in the town of Stowe (Maynard) Mass., on September 7, 1868. He is the son of Rev. Timothy Dwight Porter Stone, who spent a large portion of his life in the Congregational ministry in eastern Massa-

chusetts. When seven or eight years of age Mr. Stone's home was transferred to Albany, N. Y. He graduated from the Albany High school in 1887, and entered Amherst college the following fall, graduating from that institution in the class of 1891, of which he was class orator. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. In the fall of the same year he became a student in Auburn Theological seminary, graduating with the class of 1894. His first charge was in Utica, N. Y., as pastor of the Olivet Presbyterian church, settling there immediately upon graduation from Auburn. He accepted a call to the Presbyterian church in Cortland in the fall of 1896, where he is now located. In the fall of 1895 Mr. Stone was married to Miss Bessie Parsons of Toronto, the youngest daughter of the Rev. Henry M. Parsons, D. D., pastor of the Knox Presbyterian church of that city. They have one child, Elizabeth Parsons, born October 13, 1898.



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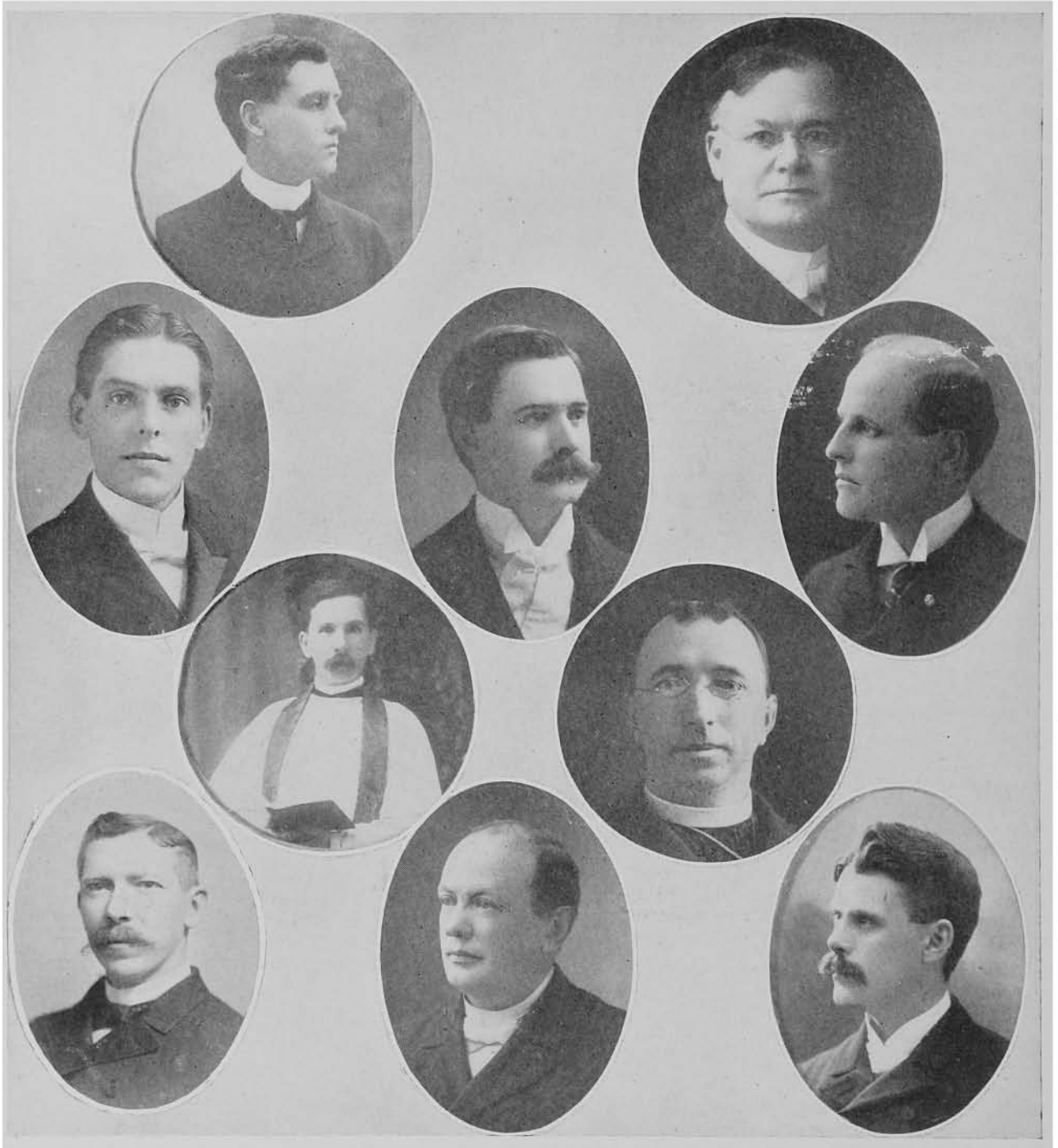
INTERIOR OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

List of Postmasters.—(Add—See page 46)—On the 19th day of May, 1814, the Cortlandville post office was established. Oliver Wiswell, a lawyer and a man of importance in the early history of this town was first postmaster. The mail, which was small was brought from Syracuse once a day by a four-horse stage coach. Its arrival was announced by the vigorous tooting of a horn from the upper end of Main street to the post office door. This was the only enlivening event of the day. A person was considered fortunate who received one letter a month and in order to get that had to pay as high as twenty-five cents for postage. The people of Cortland since that time have been served by about 20 postmasters. They are as follows, giving dates of service so far as can be learned and location of post office:—Oliver Wiswell, 1814; Samuel Nelson, 1822-1823; Charles Lyndes, 1823-1824; John Lyndes, 1824-1825; Roswell Randall, 1825-1830, (Eagle block); Canfield Marsh, 1830 ———; Richard Schouten, ——— 1841; Joel B. Hubbard, 1841-1841; Tercuis

Eels, 1841-1842; Danforth Merrick, 1842-1842; Andrew Dickson, 1842 ———, (corner Main and Port Watson street); Hiram Crandall, ——— 1861, (rear of Randall block); Horace A. Jarvis, 1861-1878, (rear of the National bank, moved to Wallace building); James A. Nixon, 1878-1886, (moved to Standard building); James F. Maybury, 1886-1890; S. M. Ballard, 1890-1894; B. B. Jones, 1894-1896; C. F. Thompson, 1896-1897; Virginia Jones, 1897-1899; Andrew S. Brown, 1899. The office now

sions." The library was the outcome of a most earnest desire on the part of the pastor that his people should be furnished with the means for "intelligent interest" in missions.

Ladies' Home Mission and Church Aid Society was first organized in the early history of the Presbyterian church as "The Ladies' Sewing Society," and was so called until September, 1878, when it was changed to its present name. Until recently the work has been carried on with money received



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THE CLERGYMEN OF CORTLAND.

Rev. J. T. Stone, Pres. Ch.	Rev. O. A. Houghton, First M. E. Ch.
Rev. W. J. Howell, First Bap. Ch.	Rev. G. E. T. Stevenson, Mem. Bap. Ch.
Rev. Amos Watkins, Grace Epis. Ch.	Rev. J. J. McLoughlin, St. Mary's Cath. Ch.
Rev. J. C. B. Moyer, Homer Ave. M. E. Ch.	Rev. O. M. Owens, Free Meth. Ch.
	Rev. U. S. Millburn, Univer. Ch.
	Rev. W. H. Pound, Cong. Ch.

sends to Uncle Sam's treasury, annually, \$10,000 net over and above all expenses. The weight of mails dispatched for 45 days beginning Oct. 3, ending Nov. 6, 1899, 20,636 lbs. 15 oz.

The Mission Library, Presbyterian church, was opened March 3, 1898, with 137 volumes, and 48 have since been added by purchase and gift. It is dedicated to the memory of Miss Eliza Vennette Stephens, "who was deeply interested in mis-

from entertainments and suppers. At present the money used is entirely from voluntary offerings, a part of which consists of monthly pledges. The meetings are held the third Friday in each month, except July and August. In November a Praise service is held at which time a special Thank offering is given. In the fall boxes of clothing and other necessary articles are sent, one to a Home Missionary and one to the Freedmen.



THREE DESIRABLE RESIDENTIAL STREETS.

Rickard Street, (Hyatt, Photo.)

Argyle Place, (Harris, Photo.)

Union Street, (Harris, Photo.)

Cortland Public Schools—The Cortland Union Free school, District No. 1, was organized by the passage of a special act of the Legislature in 1880. This district was made up from districts lying within the corporate limits of the village of Cortland. Prior to this time the public schools of Cortland were a part of the common school district system of the town. The first school building erected within the limits of the village of Cortland stood on the site afterwards occupied by the old Eagle hotel, now known as the Messenger House corner. We find the records of a frame school building on Port Watson street and of a frame and of a cobblestone school building on Church street. The cobblestone building was erected in 1845 and we think it is the oldest of these buildings judging from the deeds on record in the County Clerk's office. It was also abandoned last of the old school buildings as it was only discontinued in 1892. During the first half of the century the schools which we term secondary

ings of Cortland are now designated as the First Ward (Owego St.), Second Ward (Schermerhorn St.), and Third Ward (Pomeroy St.) schools; and the Central school. The First, Second and Third Ward schools are two-story frame buildings, well lighted and heated and provided with single desks and slate blackboards. The First and Second Ward buildings have good systems of ventilation and modern improvements in the basement. They have well kept lawns, fences and walks. The First and Third Wards are four-roomed buildings. The Second Ward school has just been enlarged to a six-room building with a well-equipped kindergarten in the front room on the first floor. The building is heated by steam. The Central school building is a large brick structure with ten rooms. It is equipped with all the modern improvements, including the "Smead System" of heating and ventilation. In this building are located the grades, the academic department, the superintendent's office and the public school library. The



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1900.—[See Key with Sk. P. 98.]

schools were in those days mostly private. Cortland had her Female Seminary started in 1828 and located on the Wallace corner, at Main and Court streets. This institution for girls flourished for a number of years. She also had her boys' Polytechnic which in 1842 became the Cortlandville academy. This school flourished until 1867. In 1869 the academy was closed, the building removed and the lot conveyed to the state on condition that an academic department be maintained in the new State Normal school. In 1882 the Board of Education of Cortland began the erection of two new school buildings, the first of the buildings now in use in the public schools, one located on Schermerhorn street and the other located on Owego street. These schools were opened in September of 1883. In the spring of 1884 they began the erection of a third building on Pomeroy street. This school was opened in September, 1884. In 1891 an appropriation was voted to build the Central school, which was located on Railroad street. This building was opened for school purposes in April, 1893. The school build-

ing district owns about \$500 worth of school apparatus and has a library of 1362 volumes valued at \$1,500. It has a supplementary reading library of 450 volumes. The school buildings, including the superintendent's office, are connected with the public telephone service. The first superintendent of the public schools of Cortland was Prof. Chas. S. Sanderson, elected in Nov., 1883. He resigned his position in 1886 and Col. Frank Place was elected to fill the vacancy. He resigned in 1893. Prof. C. V. Coon was elected to the position and held it until July, 1896. He was followed by the present superintendent, F. E. Smith. There are twenty-six teachers employed in the public schools. The teachers are all graduates of Normal or professional schools with from three to fifteen years of experience in teaching. Eighteen of our teachers receive \$12 per week and the rest of them \$10 and \$11 per week.

The Board of Education consists of nine members, each having the title "Commissioner." They hold monthly meetings to transact the business of the district. The condition of the pub-



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THE FACULTY OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—[See Key with Sk. P. 98.]

lic schools to-day speaks for their wise and liberal public policy. It is their aim to make the Cortland public school as good and as progressive as any system of schools to be found in the state. The names of the Board of Education and teachers of the public schools are as follows:

Board of Education.

Albertis A. Carley, President (1)
 Charles F. Brown, (2) and
 N. Jay Peck, (3) term expires, 1900.
 Ferdinand D. Smith, (4)
 Edward Keator, (5) and
 Wm. J. Greenman, (6) term expires, 1901.
 George J. Mager, (7)
 Albert W. Edgcomb, (8) and
 Milton H. Yale, (9) term expires, 1902.
 James R. Birdlebough, (10) truant officer.

Third Ward School.

Lulu M. Forrest, (23)
 Olive H. Parker, (24)
 Mary Louise Fairchild, (25)
 Mary E. Woodbury, (26)
 Rosabelle V. Townsend, (27)

—F. E. SMITH.

The Fortnightly Club.—On the afternoon of Nov. 14, 1894, a number of ladies met for the purpose of forming a literary society. The outcome of this meeting was the organization of the Fortnightly club of Cortland, N. Y. The club held its first meeting Nov. 28, 1894, and the meetings have been held fortnightly since that time from September to June of each year. The constitution gives as the object of the society, "the de-



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CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Faculty.

Ferdinand E. Smith, A. B., Supt. (1).

Central School Teachers.

Fannie M. Galusha, (2)
 L. May McCulloch, (3)
 Ada J. Wallace, (4)
 Mary E. Williams, (5)
 Anna M. Knapp (6)
 Anne Flanagan (7)
 Clara A. Perry, (8)
 Lena R. Conable, (9)
 Ella C. Garrity, (10)
 Ella M. Van Hoesen, (11)

Special Teachers.

Mary B. Bentley, Drawing, (12)
 Elizabeth M. Turner, Music, (13)

First Ward School.

Anna M. Sharp, (14)
 Mabel L. Graves, (15)
 Nettie E. Cole, (16)
 Mary E. Van Bergen, (17)

Second Ward School.

Anna C. George, (18)
 Mary C. Van Gorden, (19)
 Grace Mead, (20)
 Clara A. Benedict, (21)
 E. Louise Adams, Kindergarten, (22)

velopment and improvement of literary taste and culture to be sought in the study of art, literature and kindred subjects." Literature and current topics have been studied each year. 1899-1900 is devoted to the study of art. The club organized with nineteen members as follows: Miss Harriet Allen, Miss Cornelia L. Brown, Mrs. W. R. Cole, Miss Belle Fitzgerald, Miss Maude Fitzgerald, Miss Carrie D. Halbert, Mrs. L. M. Head, Mrs. G. P. Hollenbeck, Mrs. J. G. Jarvis, Mrs. A. M. Jewett, Miss Clara Keator, Miss Martha McGraw, Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. G. A. Tisdale, Miss Elizabeth Turner, Mrs. James Walsh, Miss Cornelia A. White, Miss Mary H. White, Miss Leah Wallace. The membership was limited to twenty at first, later it was extended to twenty-five, and at present the limit is thirty. As a fitting tribute to her zeal as one of the prime movers in the organization of the Fortnightly club, Miss Belle Fitzgerald was chosen its first president. The following is a list of the presidents and the work taken up with each respectively: 1894-1895, Miss Belle Fitzgerald, Reading of Shakespeare's Plays; 1895-1896, Miss Carrie D. Halbert, A Year in England; 1896-1897, Miss Elizabeth Turner, English Authors; 1897-1898, Miss Cornelia A. White, American Authors; 1898-1899, Miss Maude Fitz-

gerald, American Events and Literature from Civil War to present day; 1899-1900, Mrs. J. G. Jarvis, Art in Italy. Three social events are held during the year. Two are limited to club members—one arranged by the entertainment committee, and the other, under the name of "President's Day," in charge of the outgoing president. The third entertainment is in the form of a play, and friends of the society are invited. During the five years of the club's existence death has twice entered its ranks. Miss Belle Fitzgerald died Aug. 31, 1898, and Mrs. R. S. Robertson, one of the honorary members, died April 3, 1899. The present officers are: President, Mrs. J. G. Jarvis; Vice-president, Mrs. H. L. Smith; Secretary, Mrs. F. I. Graham; Treasurer, Mrs. G. W. McGraw. The list of active members is as follows: Miss Harriet Allen, Mrs. G. H. Ames, Mrs. Clara H. Benedict, Mrs. W. M. Booth, Miss Cornelia L. Brown, Mrs. W. R. Cole, Miss Maude Fitzgerald, Mrs. F. I. Graham, Miss Carrie D. Halbert, Miss Celia Hinman, Mrs. G. P. Hollenbeck, Mrs. J. G. Jarvis, Mrs. O. A. Kinney, Miss L. May McCulloch, Mrs. F. L. McDowell, Mrs. G. W. McGraw, Miss Martha McGraw, Miss Grace Mead, Mrs. J. G. Osgood, Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. Edward Stilson, Miss Lillie H. Stone, Miss Elizabeth Turner, Miss Edith Turner, Mrs. F. M. Van Hoesen, Miss Ella M. Van Hoesen, Mrs. Jas. Walsh, Mrs. B. L. Webb, Miss Cornelia A. White, Miss Mary H. White. Honorary Members: Mrs. C. W. Aiken, Mrs. Charlotte N. Head, Mrs. A. M. Jewett, Mrs. C. A. Moser, Mrs. T. F. Ward.



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OWEGO STREET SCHOOL.

Masonic—The first meeting of Cortlandville Lodge, 470, F. & A. M. was held in the Odd Fellows hall, Cortland, April 2, 1859, by virtue of a dispensation having been granted by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. The petitioners from Homer and Marathon lodges and Ancient Masons were the following charter members: Ancient, Joseph Reynolds, Horace Dibble, C. L. Mattison; Homer Lodge, R. Holland Duell, Stephen R. Hunter, Franklyn Goodyear; Marathon Lodge, Horace L. Green, C. B. Chittenden, Oscar Allis, Abram P. Smith, James A. Schermerhorn, Samuel L. Thompson, Oscar V. Eldridge, Benoni Bullman, Josiah Hart, Jr. At the first meeting the following officers presided: Master, Wm. B. Beck, Master Homer Lodge; S. W., Isaac Smith, Homer Lodge; J. W., B. Bullman, Marathon Lodge; Treas., Franklyn Goodyear, Marathon Lodge; Sect'y, H. L. Green, Marathon Lodge; Josiah Hart, Jr., J. D.; O. H. Allis, Sentinel. It was moved and carried that the By Laws of Homer Lodge be adopted to govern the lodge at present. The lodge worked under the dispensation till the following June when a warrant was granted and June 29, 1859, the following grand officers were present and constituted the

to the building known as Masonic Hall block. These rooms being too small, another move was made in 1891 to the present location in the Hopkins block. There are now over 200 members in good standing. The lodge records show over 600 names but deaths, suspensions and dimits leave about its present membership and still adding to its rolls. The Past Masters: R. Holland Duell, (deceased); S. R. Hunter, (deceased); E. D. Van Slyck, (deceased); Jonathan Hubbard, (deceased); Dewitt C. McGraw, (deceased); O. Hitchcock, (deceased); Wm. W. Gale, (deceased); A. D. Waters, (deceased); H. O. Jewett; M. A. Rice, (deceased); H. T. Dana, John W. Suggett, W. D. Tisdale, S. S. Knox, Geo. S. Sands, Jas. R. Schermerhorn, George L. Warren, Abram Crawley, F. C. Melvin, Benj. Peters. The present officers are: T. T. Bates, Master; Frank P. Hakes, S. War.; C. S. Bull, J. War.; George L. Warren, Treasurer; M. J. Grady, Secretary; Benj. Peters, Sen. Dea.; E. W. Loomis, Jr. Dea.; S. S. Knox, S. M. C.; Wilfred Kelley, J. M. C.; Rev. A. Watkins, Chaplain; George L. Warren, Marshall; A. B. Kingsley, Organist; Chas. F. Brown, Chorister; Robert Otto, Tiler; S. S. Knox, G. W. Bradford, Geo. L. Warren, Trustees.

Cortland Chapter, No. 194, Royal Arch Masons, was constituted by Seymour H. Stone, D. G. High Priest, April 30, 1866, by virtue of a warrant issued by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York held at Albany, Feb. 6, 1866. The first officers were: Roswell K. Bourne, High Priest; Samuel Adams, King; George L. Warren, Scribe; John W. Osgood, C. of H.; Wm. H. Crane, P. S.; G. W. Davenport, R. A. C.; R. Walworth Bourne, M. 1st. V.; Horace Dibble, Treas. Several companions were present from Washington Chapter at Homer. Geo. L. Warren acted as secretary. The following petitions were received at this the first meeting: Josiah Hart, S. R. Hunter, A. D. Waters, W. D. Tisdale, D. C. McGraw, C. W. Kinne, J. H. Knapp, C. P. Cole, A. Sager and A. D. Reed, who were elected at the next meeting and received the M. M. degree, assisted by several companions from Homer Chapter. In September following R. W. Jos. B. Chaffee was sent to the Chapter as Grand Lecturer to instruct the officers in their duties. Thus the Chapter started out on its work and has con-

W. S. Copeland, Treas.; D. H. Burr, Recorder; P. Van Bergen, St. Bearer; E. M. Seacord, Sw. Bearer; R. E. Hill, Warder. The following petitions were received at the first conclave: Louis De Gan, J. J. Taggart, Oliver Hitchcock, B. T. Wright, W. D. Tisdale, John A. Freer, R. C. Shattuck. The following Commanderies were present at the conclave and assisted in the ceremonies: Central City of Syracuse, Malta of Binghamton, St. Augustine of Ithaca, and ever after the most fraternal relations have always existed between these Commanderies. At the next conclave the petitions were acted upon and the candidates were made Knights Templars with the exception of W. D. Tisdale. O. Hitchcock was elected sentinel and always acted in that place till failing health required him to decline the office. The Past Commanders are: Wm. H. Crane, Geo. L. Warren, E. M. Seacord, H. T. Dana, A. B. Nelson, Albert Allen, Frank P. Hakes. The officers 1899: A. M. Jewett, Commander; F. P. Hakes, Generalissimo; T. T. Bates, Capt. General; H. T. Dana, Prel.; C. F. Thompson, Treas.; Geo. H.

Kennedy, Recorder; M. E. Sarvay, Sen. Warden; Bert W. Rood, Jun. Warden; H. D. Hunt, Standard Bearer; A. Fisher, Sword Bearer; Geo. J. Mager, Warder; C. E. Ingalls, First Guard; T. P. Bristol, Second Guard; J. R. Birdlebough, Third Guard; Robt. Otto, Sentinel; R. Bushby, W. H. Crane, C. F. Brown, Trustees.

Geo. Edmund Traver Stevenson, the third son

of George H. and Sarah L. Stevenson, was born in Green Island, N. Y., on March 1, 1873. He entered Colgate Academy in 1889, the Colgate University in 1893, being a member of the Class of '97, and the Columbian University, Washington, D. C., 1894. He became pastor of the East Washington Heights Baptist church the same year,

and was ordained as a Baptist minister Nov. 10, 1895. He was a student in the Theological department of Howard University in '96-'97, and entered the University of Chicago in 1897, supplying the pulpits of the Baptist churches at Custer Park and Grant Park, Ill., during the year '97-'98. He entered Colgate University (Hamilton Theological Seminary) April, 1899. He was appointed chaplain, with the rank of captain, of Gen. Greene B. Raun's provisional regiment of volunteers in the war with Spain. Enlisting as a private in Co. H, First Infantry Illinois U. S. Volunteers, he served in "the Santiago Campaign." He became pastor of the Memorial Baptist church, Cortland, Sept. 1, 1899. He received the degrees of A. B. ('96), A. M. ('97), from the Columbian University; D. B. from the University of Chicago (April convocation, 1899), and D. B. from Colgate University (1899). He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

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POMEROY STREET SCHOOL.

tinued during all these years. Its progress has been slow but sure. There have been 184 names on the rolls. There have been losses by deaths, suspensions and dimits and the present membership is 90 members in good standing. The officers, 1899, are: F. P. Hakes, H. P.; H. T. Dana, K.; E. E. Ellis, S.; C. F. Thompson, Treas.; George H. Kennedy, Sec'y.; C. S. Bull, C. of H.; George L. Warren, P. S.; T. T. Bates, R. A. C.; J. W. Ginn, M. 3 V.; F. W. Higgins, M. 2 V.; J. R. Birdlebough, M. 1 V.; Rob't Otto, Sentinel; I. Whiteson, H. T. Dana, C. L. Ingalls, Trustees.

Cortland Commandery, No. 50, Knights Templar, was constituted Oct. 24, 1870, by virtue of a dispensation issued by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York, dated Oct. 17, 1870, the charter members having received the orders in St. Augustine Commandery at Ithaca. The first officers were: W. H. Crane, Commander; A. Sager, Generalissimo; Geo. L. Warren, Capt. Gen'l.; J. D. Benton, Prel.; M. A. Rice, Sen. Warden; W. F. Burdick, Jun. Warden;

The Young People's Society, Presbyterian church, was first organized in March, 1880, during the pastorate of Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D. D., under the name of the Young People's Christian Union. The first president was Dr. James M. Milne, who acted for two years. The name and constitution were changed in 1891 to that of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Prof. D. L. Bardwell was the promoter of the change, and was one of the most efficient workers at the time. The membership is composed quite largely of Normal students. Together with the other societies of the Binghamton Presbytery, it supports Rev. William Leverett, a missionary in Hainan, China. It also contributes to the Asheville Farm School at Asheville, N. C. The pledge system of systematic giving has been adopted by the society. The present officers are: President, Sarah G. Ross; vice-president, Edward H. Bierce; secretary, Florence H. Churton; treasurer, Samuel B. Howe, Jr.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church was organized March 24, 1876, with eight members. The original officers were as follows: Mrs. Thomas Street, president; Mrs. Harrison Givens, first vice-president; Miss Mary Hendrick, second vice-president; Mrs. Henry Benton, third vice-president; Miss Clara E. Booth, secretary and treasurer. The society now numbers about sixty members, and its contributions during the past year amounted to \$87.50. The total amount contributed to foreign missions since the organization of the society has been \$4,160.89. The present officers are: Mrs. C. P. Walrad, president; Mrs. T. D. P. Stone, first vice-president; Mrs. L. D. Garrison, second vice-president; Miss S. M. Adams, third vice president; Miss Clara E. Booth, treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Collins, secretary. During the twenty-three years of its existence the society has had but three presidents: Mrs. Thomas Street, Mrs. J. W. Hughes and Mrs. C. P. Walrad.

Impressions of Cortland.—It is a beautiful village! It is a hustling village! It is a moral village! It is an educational center! Cortland is beautiful, because nature has made the valley in which it is situated beautiful. The beauty of the village has been increased by the fine residences with large lawns and asphalt pavement. It is a hustling village, because of the kind of people that live in it and the manufactories that are located there, some shops running day and night. The right to term Cortland a moral place is that of comparison. Compare it with any village of its population in the state or nation, and you will find less lawlessness and more influences that tend toward good morals in Cortland. The State Normal school, which is located in Cortland, ranks among the very best of such schools in the United States. Its faculty is composed of men and women who are graduates of some of our best colleges

and universities. The members of the faculty have, as the students will confess, the ability to get a great deal of work out of their pupils. These are some of the impressions made on one who has lived in Cortland four months. Because Cortland is what has been said of it, it is the place for you to live, for your children to be educated, and for your manufactories to be located.—GEORGE E. T. STEVENSON.

The Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association, Branch 317, was organized at Cortland, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1896, with a charter list of forty-eight members. Since that time twenty-two members have been admitted. The principal officers are at present: Mrs. Cathrine Colgan, president; Miss Mary C. Dowd, recorder; Mrs. Mary C. Maher, financial secretary; Miss Anna Haben, treasurer. Business meetings are held in Empire Hall the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month. The Ladies' Catholic Benevolent



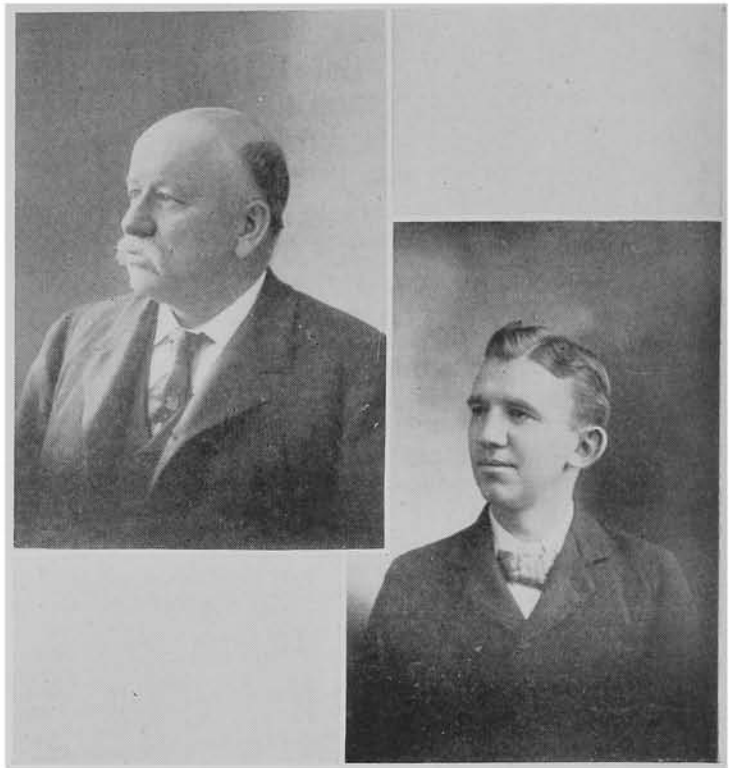
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SCHERMERHORN STREET SCHOOL.

association was first organized April 9, 1890. It was the first insurance association in the world composed of and managed entirely by women. It has received the commendation of the New York and Pennsylvania Insurance departments for its correct business methods and excellent records, as shown by examination of the books at the supreme office. At present the association is in advance of all other beneficiary organizations in point of growth.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the First M. E. church of Cortland was organized by Mrs. Jessie Peck Feb. 17, 1873, with the following officers: President, Mrs. James Hoose; vice-presidents, Mrs. A. Roe, Mrs. H. Hubbard, Mrs. F. Place, Mrs. L. A. Bidwell and Mrs. I. Hatfield; recording secretary, Mrs. L. L. Naylor; corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. B. Stowell; treasurer, Mrs. A. T. Tanner. The present officers of the society are: President, Mrs. J. L. Maritt; vice-presidents, Mrs. O. A. Houghton, Mrs. E. B. Nash, Mrs. Geo. Hiller, Mrs. Geo. Conable and Mrs. E. Oakley; recording secretary, Mrs. F. M. Snyder; corresponding secretary, Miss Myra Haskins; treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Alexander.

S. N. Holden & Co., dealers in Lehigh Valley coal, feed, salt, lumber, etc., in 1895, succeeded S. N. Holden to the business which was established in May, 1889, by Holden & Seager near the Lehigh Valley depot. In 1890 the latter firm laid out the large yards which the former now occupy at Squires street crossing with the Lehigh Valley railroad, and constructed spacious and substantial buildings in which to furnish cover for most of the supplies, including a main coal shed 150 x 30 feet, a feed, lime and plaster warehouse 30 x 90 feet, a lumber and shingle shed 50 x 80 feet, and barns and auxiliary buildings for storing coal, lime, plaster, etc. At the entrance to the grounds, with scales for weighing coal under cover, is a pleasant office building. With ample yard accommodations and track facilities for unloading cars, S. N. Holden & Co. are able to handle a very large business, amounting to as high as 5,000 tons of coal and 150 car loads of feed in a year. The buildings, neatly painted, are convenient for the work of unloading the cars and loading the wagons. In 1895 Messrs. Holden & Seager dissolved partnership, the latter retiring from the firm, and in May, 1898, Mr. H. W. Chaplin was admitted as a partner with Holden, constituting S. N. Holden & Co. The business office, located at No. 41 Main street, is in telephonic communication with the yard office, No. 27 Squires street. S. N. Holden, who is the president of the village, elected in March, 1899, on the regular Republican ticket, was born in Harford, Cortland Co., Dec. 26, 1843, and worked the farm with his father after leaving school, until August, 1862, when he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-seventh New York Volunteers, then being mustered in at Cortland. He went through the campaigns of the Army of the Potomac with his regiment, which was made a part of the Eleventh Corps, participating in the important engagements before Fredericksburgh, at Chancellorsville, and on July 1st at Gettysburgh. Mr. Holden was captured at Gettysburgh and for three months incarcerated in Libby Prison. He was paroled at Annapolis, and subsequently when exchanged returned to his regiment, then in South Carolina, continuing in active service until the close of the war, and being mus-



S. N. HOLDEN. (Hyatt, Photos.) HARRY CHAPLIN.

tered out at Charleston July 10, 1865. He returned north and for two years worked for Geo. W. Truesdell at Dryden. For twenty years he was in mercantile business at Harford, and in May, 1889, moved to Cortland. On Jan. 11, 1872, he married Lillian Wattles of Ripley, Chautauqua county, and they have one daughter, Louise. Mr. Holden, prominently identified with the Republican party, was postmaster of Harford ten or twelve years. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the G. A. R. H. W. Chaplin was born in Messegerville Oct. 31, 1874, and attended the high school at Cortland. On Jan. 1, 1892, he went to work for Holden & Seager, and continued with them and with Mr. Holden after the dissolution of the firm up to the time he became one of the firm of Holden & Co., which was on May 21, 1898. He married Anna L. Muncey on Dec. 31, 1895.



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S. N. HOLDEN & CO.'S COAL YARDS.

R. A. Stowell & Co.—We are pleased to present on this page the photo engraving of one of Cortland's busy department stores. The firm is known all over the country as R. A. Stowell & Co. The picture in the left hand corner is of Mr. R. A. Stowell, and in the right hand corner is Mr. M. W. Giles. The above men are both young and active. Their store is most centrally located on Main street, directly opposite the Fireman's hall. The large view picture shows a small portion of their store, as you enter the door. The success of this firm is mainly due to the careful buying and selling while advertising in various ways. Mr. Stowell is interested in several large

agement and support of members of this association, when in sickness, distress, out of employment, or on travel; for the inspiration of truth, hope, charity, and the protection, education and elevation of all members; and to secure to their families or heirs, in case of death the sum of \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, or \$2,000, as the members shall elect at the time of becoming a member, to be assessed on all the members in good standing. The Branch was instituted with the following 34 charter members: John F. Dowd, Daniel T. Dolan, James B. Carroll, Richard F. McCarthy, Henry Corcoran, John T. Davern, Frank Corcoran, Joseph P. McLoughlin, George Mc-



R. A. Stowell.

R. A. STOWELL & CO.
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M. W. Giles.

department stores, all located in Central New York, with headquarters in Syracuse. Mr. Giles has the management of the Cortland store and resides in town. Their motto is: "Quick Sales and Small Profits" in selling lamps, china, tinware and house-furnishing goods.

St. Mary's Branch, No. 108 of the C. M. B. A. of Cortland, N. Y., was organized Sept. 30, 1887, in the Emerald Hose Company parlors by District Deputy Joseph E. Gaunder of Syracuse, N. Y., assisted by District Deputy Daniel Sheehan of Elmira, N. Y. Its purposes are for the encour-

Kean, John A. Nix, James Dowd, Richard J. Kelly, John J. Colgan, Jr., Frank D. Dowd, Dennis Woods, John Harrington, Michael McSweeney, Andrew J. McSweeney, George Hay, John Mullin, John H. Ryan, David E. McAuliff, Patrick Littleton, John Kane, Arthur Lucy, Peter Nodecker, J. H. O'Leary, L. J. Fitzgerald, P. H. Dowd, James McNamara, Daniel O'Connell, John Liddane, John C. Hannon and Alex McNamara. Following is the list comprising the first term officers: Rev. B. F. McLoughlin, spiritual adviser; John F. Dowd, president; Daniel T. Dolan, first vice-president; James B. Carroll, second vice-president; Richard

F. McCarthy, recording secretary; Henry Corcoran, assistant recording secretary; John Lid-dane, financial secretary; John T. Davern, treasurer; Frank Corcoran, marshal; Joseph P. McLoughlin, guard; George McKean, John A. Nix, James Dowd, trustees for one year; Richard J. Kelly, John Colgan, Jr., trustees for two years. About seven years ago the Branch moved into their present pleasant and commodious quarters, which occupy the entire third floor of the "Empire Hall block," formerly known as the Masonic Hall block. From the 34 charter members in 1887 the Branch has grown to 158 in 1899, and financially is in the best of shape. But seven deaths have occurred within the history of the Branch as follows: George Hay, Nov. 3, 1888;



COUNTY CLERK AND SURROGATE'S OFFICE.

Board of Supervisors' Rooms.

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James A. Dowd, Sept. 18, 1893; James B. Buckley, Jan. 25, 1894; Richard Lillis, July 8, 1894; Richard McMahon, Sept. 16, 1894; Francis Johnson, Nov. 10, 1896; James Heaphy, June 8, 1898. The officers 1899 are: Rev. J. J. McLoghlin, spiritual adviser; John Lynch, president; Perry Whitmarsh, first vice-president; George F. O'Brien, second vice-president; M. L. Quinlivan, recording secretary; John Drake, assistant recording secretary; Thomas E. Kennedy, financial secretary; M. T. Roche, treasurer; James Dowd, marshal; M. J. Dillon, guard; John A. Kennedy, Thomas Drake, Thomas Allen, William F. Walsh, William Dalton, trustees.

IMPRESSIONS OF CORTLAND.

My impressions of Cortland? They were formed some years before I became a resident. I was delightfully entertained for a week in one of the Christian homes of which Cortland has so many, and for which she is justly esteemed, during the session of the Central New York annual conference of our church. It was late in the month of September some years ago. The groves that cover the surrounding hills were ablaze with their rich, bright, autumnal tints. The skies took on that dreamy, hazy loveliness peculiar to the season. What wonder if I stole out from the grinding routine of the conference business and made my way out and up on to one of the glorious hills that stand about this favored village as the mountains stand about the ancient Zion of God. I looked down upon Cortland from midair. Her many church spires pointed like solemn fingers heavenward. The valley, with its winding river, stretched out before me. I was entranced with the loveliness of the view. Many times since, in summer and autumn, I have in the same way been enraptured. I have viewed the scene from every point of the compass, and as often thought, "The people of Cortland need not go abroad for fine scenery." I know of no village in the country that equals her in this respect.

There are two other physical features for which the people may be especially thankful. They are pure air and pure water. By reason of her great altitude Cortland enjoys a delightfully clear atmosphere, and a larger percentage of bright, sunny days than most towns of Central New York. Her water supply is exceptionally pure and sweet. The greatest material blessings any people can have are those that best minister to their common necessities. The great Saviour of the world comes to us, not under the figure of pastry or confectionery, but as plain bread and water. He is the bread of God and the water of life. He, therefore, freely supplies men's deepest necessities.

By reason of our strong churches and large Sunday-schools that live and labor together, in delightful harmony, and our superior educational advantages, crowned as they are by our well appointed and efficient "Normal," so justly distinguished among the schools of the State of like character and grade, the better influences predominate in our village. Thanks to the old Homer academy that years ago diffused an educational spirit throughout the population, and raised up a race of fathers and mothers that appreciated and fostered the educational advantages and religious privileges that have resulted in our present prestige, and that make our village so desirable for residence in these later years. Our homes and streets are literally filled with youth and beauty, giving a freshness of joy and life not found in many other towns. For this reason all loyal and true citizens will join hands to rid the village of all depraving influences and objectionable things, that parents all over the State may feel safe in committing their sons and daughters to our keeping.

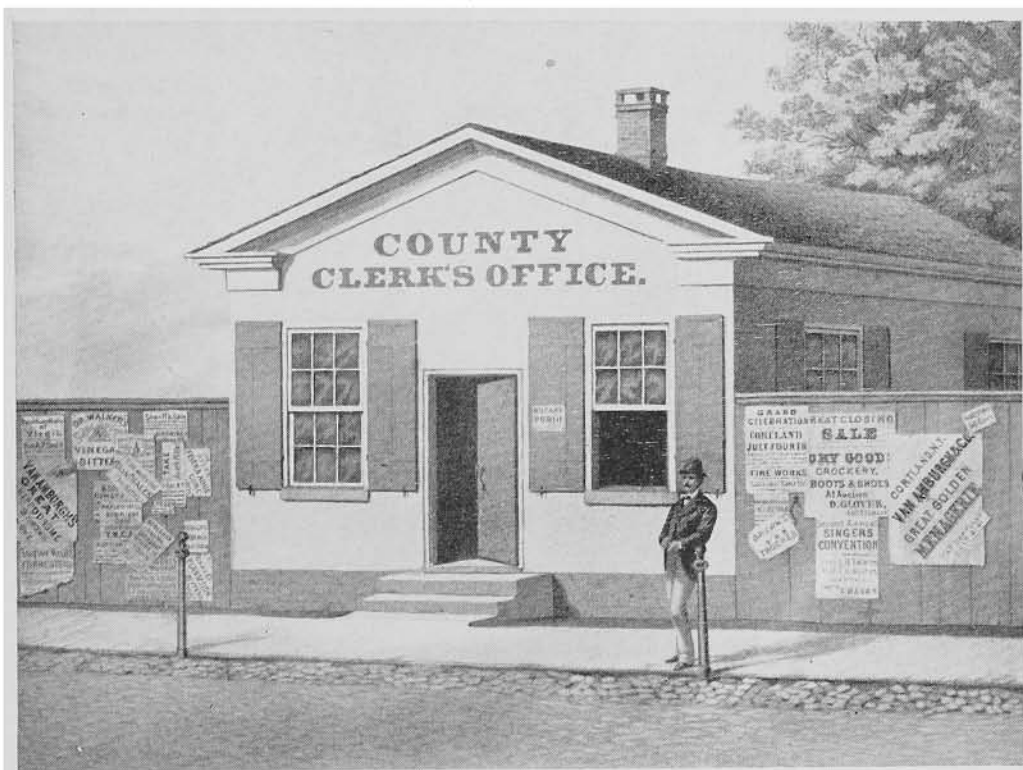
The presence in our midst of so large a corps of teachers, among whom are numbered some of the distinguished educators of the State, is a fact in which we may rejoice, and of which we may be justly proud.

Of Cortland's industries her steam whistles speak most thrillingly every morning, noon and night. Idleness and poverty are reduced to the minimum.

Of Cortland's many other good points and real attractions others have written and will continue to write. What more is needed, aside from the helpful Spirit of God, that we may live an ideally quiet and happy life?—O. A. HOUGHTON.

Big Fire of '83.—On the morning of Nov. 28, 1883, flames broke out in Haynor & Bristol's grocery and bakery in the Barber block on Groton avenue, the site now occupied by the Opera House. The block was a two-story frame building, the ground floor occupied by Haynor & Bristol, R. Beard & Son, furniture, and R. B. Fletcher, undertaker. It was a freezing cold night, with a strong wind blowing, and the firemen stood for hours with their trousers frozen stiff. C. E. Ingalls was the chief of the department. The steamer was connected with a hydrant at the corner of Main and Clinton streets, where it pumped two streams, one through the rear of the hotel on the north side of the block, and the other through the front part. The Cortland Wagon Co.'s steamer stood at Main and Court streets, and supplied water through one line of hose. The Cortland House, a four-story brick building at the corner of Main street and Groton avenue, with a four-story brick addition on Groton avenue, together with the Barber block, was destroyed. Homer, in response to a request for assistance, sent a steamer, which,

prevailed, but during the night rain fell. Every fire apparatus available was pressed into service, including three steamers—Cortland, Homer and the Cortland Wagon Co.'s—two hose companies, the Emerald and Orris, and a hand engine. The citizens turned out en masse to witness the destructive conflagration, and every man who could find a place at the brake assisted in working the hand engine. Mrs. Charles Cook, who kept a hair-dressers' establishment in the second story of the Garrison block, was carried out nearly overcome with smoke. Mrs. Seamans, an invalid, also had to be carried out of the second story of the Union block. There were many wooden buildings south of the Union block which were threatened, but were saved. H. M. Kellogg, hardware, and Kirkland Bros., grocers, occupied the first floor of the Wickwire building. It was reported that the loss of the former was \$11,000, and his insurance \$10,000. Kirkland Bros.' loss was reported to be \$3,300, and insurance \$2,300. Wickwire Bros.' loss on building was reported at \$8,000, and on property stored on the second floor \$5,000, their total



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OLD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

(Erected 1819).

planted in front of Benjamin's marble works, furnished three streams of water. The conflagration lasted three hours. The losses and insurance reported were: Barber block, loss \$10,000, insurance \$6,000; R. Beard & Son, loss \$7,000; insurance \$4,000; R. B. Fletcher, loss \$1,500, insurance \$1,100; Haynor & Bristol, loss about the same as insurance, \$400. Miss Frankie Porter, milliner, occupied one store in the hotel and sustained a total loss. Mr. Barber lived in the second story of his block and sustained partial loss. The hotel loss was about \$50,000, insurance \$19,000.

Destructive Fire of '84.—About 1 A. M. Feb. 20, 1884, fire broke out in a covered entrance in the rear of the Wickwire block, on the east side of Main street, and destroyed that building, two stories in front and three in the rear, together with the Garrison block four-story brick on the north, also damaging the Union Hall block four-story brick on the south, and Mrs. Thomas Keator's residence north of the Garrison block. M. F. Cleary was chief of the fire department. A high wind

insurance being about \$5,500. Others burned out were: L. T. White, dentist; T. P. Button, barber; L. D. Garrison & Co., grocers; Tanner Bros., dry goods; Mrs. Charles Cook, hair goods; C. W. Collins, chinaware; S. E. Welch, dry goods; J. & T. E. Courtney, lawyers; Miss Seamans, millinery; I. H. Palmer, lawyer. This fire led to the agitation for a fire boundary, and I. H. Palmer and John W. Suggett were appointed by the board of trustees as a committee to make recommendations.

The Ladies' and Pastors' Union of the First M. E. church was organized in 1881. The object of the society is to assist the pastor and to develop and stimulate social activity in all departments of church work. The officers of the society are: President, Miss Effie A. Allen; first vice-president, Mrs. Martin Edgcomb; second vice-president, Mrs. F. J. Doubleday; secretary, Mrs. Mira Haskins; treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Alexander; executive committee, Mrs. George Conable, Mrs. Fred Conable, Mrs. Julia F. Twiss, Mrs. Geo. P. Yager.

James M. Milne, well known in educational circles as an ardent supporter at Albany of the state system of higher education, as a prolific writer on educational and other topics, as a speaker and as the author of a practical system for teaching higher grammar which he has prepared for the press, has been a resident of Cortland for several years. It was here, where he was principal of the academic department of the Cortland Normal school during 1873 and the three following years and where he filled the chair of Latin and Greek in the same institution from 1877 to 1889, that Dr. Milne began a twenty-one years' career as instructor. Finally, through his work at Albany, and among the educational associations, as well as through his writings, his services were requisitioned in an extended field of operation and his acquaintanceship became quite large.

In 1889 he was called upon to accept the responsibility of getting a new school on firm legs and safely started in that field of bitter competition for public favor which every candidate for pupils in the higher branches of education in this state is required to run. Two days after Governor Hill had signed the Arnold bill creating an Oneonta Normal school, the local board met and its first act was to elect Dr. Milne the principal. This was April 19, 1888, before ground had been staked out, and a year before the school was opened. The testimonials Dr. Milne brought with him from Oneonta when, nine years later he retired from that position to devote his time to law and literary pursuits, speak louder than the "trumpet's brazen note" of the success he had achieved. It is just and fair to add, that he placed that school among the leading Normal schools of the state and the people of Oneonta give him credit for doing so. Upon Dr. Milne's return to Cortland in 1898, he settled down to active work in his enlarged field of labor, giving some of his time to the lecture platform and taking the opportunity to complete his school grammar and get it on to the press. Another field of usefulness, unsought, was opened up to him in Cortland. When the Democratic county committee of 1899 organized he was induced to accept the position



Hyatt, Photo. JAMES M. MILNE.

of chairman, which, such as it is in a party absolutely in the minority, offered no reward beyond the self consciousness of performing one's duty to his party. In the local political contest of that year, however, Dr. Milne rallied to his support the full party strength and, with the influence of experienced Democrats behind him, succeeded in securing a victory for the Democratic candidates for commissioners in the two school districts, the only officers upon which the two parties made a bitter fight.

Dr. Milne was born in Scotland, Sept. 29, 1850, and received his early education in the schools of Edinburgh. He is a graduate of the State Normal school at Geneseo and of the Rochester university at Rochester; and afterward studied at Heidelberg, Germany, and has received the degree of Ph. D. from Colgate university, Hamilton, N. Y. He is a life member and has been the president of the New York State Teachers' association and has occupied the high position of President of the Normal Department of the National Educational association. He has also been a member of the American Philological association. In the Masonic order he belongs to the Oneonta lodge, F. & A. M., and the chapter R. A. M. of Oneonta, is a Sir Knight in the Malta Commandery of Binghanton and is one of the Cypress Shriners of Albany. He is also a member of the Tioughnioga club of Cortland. In 1880 he was married to Susan M., the oldest daughter of the late Jas. A. Schermerhorn of Cortland.

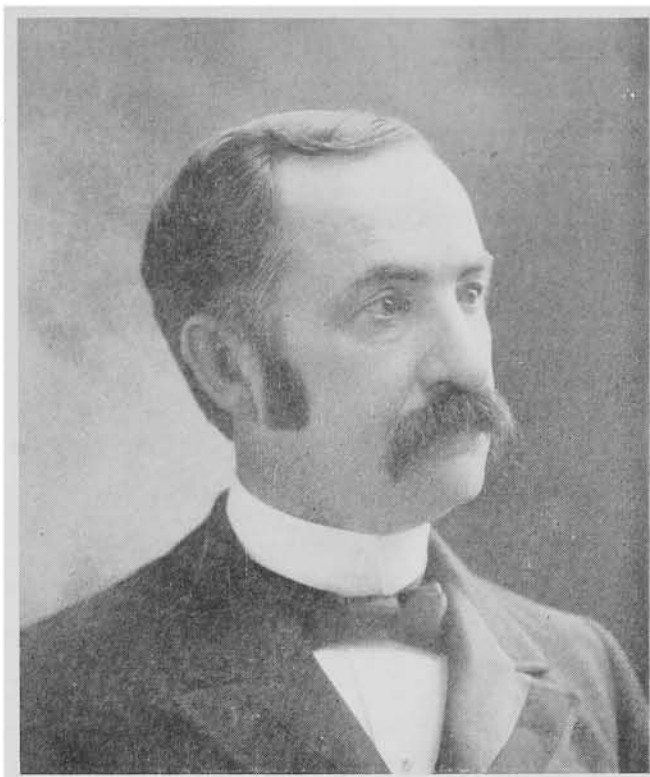


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JAMES R. SCHERMERHORN'S RESIDENCE.

John and Thomas E. Courtney formed a co-partnership for the practice of law April 1, 1881, with offices in the Burgess block, which were moved to their present location in the Taylor Opera House block in 1888. John Courtney was born in Homer, N. Y., July 11, 1853, and attended the Homer academy and the Cortland Normal school. He studied with W. J. Mantanye, Warren & Kellogg and Judge R. H. Duell. While engaged in pursuing his studies he taught school—for two years at Truxton, a year and a half at Marathon, (where he was principal of the Union school) and a year at Preble. He was admitted to the bar at Albany in 1879. When Augustus Garland was attorney general under President Cleveland, Mr. Courtney served for three years as special assistant attorney, and was recognized as the representative of the Democratic administration in the county of Cortland. Thomas E. Courtney was born in Homer Dec. 22, 1857. He was educated at Homer academy, Cortland Normal school, Cazenovia seminary and Hamilton college. Mr. Courtney studied law with R. H. Duell and Warren & Kellogg, and was admitted to the bar of the State June 16, 1880, at Utica, after which he entered the office of A. P. Smith, county judge and surrogate, where he practiced from June, 1880, to April, 1881, when he entered into co-partnership with his brother. He is a Republican in politics. J. & T. E. Courtney have been retained in important cases in this locality, having also a considerable law business from outside the county.

The Sunday-School Missionary society of the First M. E. church was organized in 1875 by Rev. John Alabasta, at that time pastor of the church. It is auxiliary to the regular missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church. Its present officers are as follows: President, Miss Bessie Morgan; first vice-president, Miss Lena R. Conable; second vice-president, Miss Carrie R. Kellogg; third vice-president, Miss Maud Grannis; secretary, Miss Mary Gillette; treasurer, Vernon Peck.



JOHN COURTNEY.

The Cortland Athletic Association was organized Dec. 7, 1893, and incorporated in 1895. After the disbandment of the old Forty-fifth Separate Company, N. G. S. N. Y., which had developed the famous tug of war team that had won the championship of the State against several of the strongest teams, the members of the military company and a few of the outside athletes of the place met about a week before the above date and appointed a committee to nominate officers and draw up a suitable constitution for an athletic organization. The result was the present organization. The first officers were: President, Dr. E. M. Santee; vice-president, F. H. Monroe; secretary, E. B. Richardson; treasurer, C. F. Barker; athletic captain, Frank H. Monroe; cycling captain, E. B. Richardson.

A lease was at once made with C. E. Rowley for the famous Randall mansion for a clubhouse, and it was opened to the members on Christmas day following the organization. The military company had given the new organization all of its gymnasium outfit and a very little furniture, which was soon added to, and on or about New Year's day the opening reception was held. This function was attended by Cortland's best people, and was a very successful affair. The following summer a Field day was held at the driving park that was attended by the most famous cyclists in the country. This was followed by other notable meets that are subjects for many a club house reminiscence even to this day. On Oct. 30, 1896, the old



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JOHN COURTNEY'S RESIDENCE.