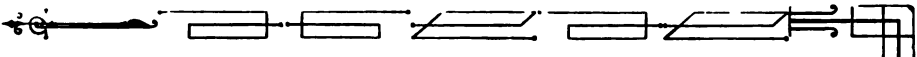



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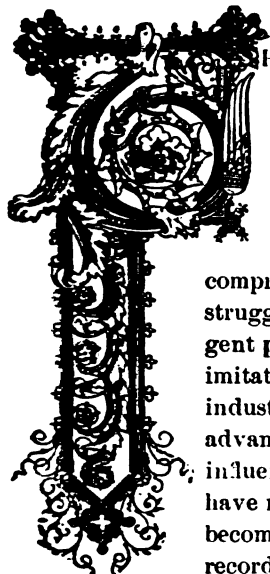
Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens,
Together with Biographies of all the

Governors of the State, and of the Presidents
OF THE UNITED STATES.

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PREFACE.



THE greatest of English historians, MACAULAY, and one of the most brilliant writers of the present century, has said: "The history of a country is best told in a record of the lives of its people." In conformity with this idea the PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD of this county has been prepared. Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought the county to rank second to none among those comprising this great and noble State, and from their lips have the story of their life struggles. No more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public. In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk in life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of many, very

many, who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued "the even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them as Christ said of the woman performing a deed of mercy—"they have done what they could." It tells how that many in the pride and strength of young manhood left the plow and the anvil, the lawyer's office and the counting-room, left every trade and profession, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land. In the life of every man and of every woman is a lesson that should not be lost upon those who follow after.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public records, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written, and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence. In addition to the biographical sketches, portraits of a number of representative citizens are given.

The faces of some, and biographical sketches of many, will be missed in this volume. For this the publishers are not to blame. Not having a proper conception of the work, some refused to give the information necessary to compile a sketch, while others were indifferent. Occasionally some member of the family would oppose the enterprise, and on account of such opposition the support of the interested one would be withheld. In a few instances men could never be found, though repeated calls were made at their residence or place of business.

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*Yours Respectfully
Brent Harding.*

not however, fully employed in this work and on the 1st of November, 1891, he bought out the grocery business of Mr. Benson and entered into partnership with George Olmstead. Their fine location and the excellent and well-selected stock which they carry, in addition to their business talents and accomodating spirit are fast making them very popular and giving them a good share of the City trade.

The marriage of Mr. Larkin took place in Bay City, September 20, 1891, and his bride, Lillie, daughter of John Savage, of Bay City, is a native of this town, where her father is head sawyer in McLain's mill. Our subject takes a deep interest in all matters of public moment and is independent in his political views, preferring to be governed by his own judgment in regard to a choice of candidates.



REV. BRENT HARDING, Pastor of the Second Baptist Church at Bay City, is an efficient and highly esteemed church worker. For some time he was engaged exclusively as a decorator and painter, but his devotion to the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom and his enthusiasm in mission work finally led him to take charge of church work and he is now carrying on his double vocation with remarkable success. He has the unfailing respect of all who know him and is esteemed both in his work and in his character. He is a fine decorator and does contract and job work and at the same time is forwarding the highest and truest interests of the church.

Mr. Harding was born in Chesham, Bucks County, England, February 10, 1843. His father and grandfather, both of whom bore the name of Thomas, were natives of the same place, where the latter was a large landed proprietor and the village squire. The father was a gentleman of leisure in his early days and afterwards became principal of schools and died at the age of forty-eight in 1844. They were Quakers in their religious belief and people of more than ordinary culture and character.

The mother, Elizabeth De Brent, was the daughter

of a General in the French army, who fled to England during troublous times. His wife had been imprisoned in the Bastile at Paris and became blind from weeping while in that terrible dungeon, but finally escaped and spent her remaining days in England. The mother of our subject died in 1850. Her parents were Catholics but she became a member of the Baptist Church. The father was twice married and had three children by his first union and five by his second, our subject being the youngest. His sister, Mrs. Sarah Young, resides in London, England.

Chesham was the early home of our subject until he became an orphan at the age of seven and then he spent three years at school. When eleven years old he was apprenticed to the trade of house painting and remained with his employer until he was nineteen. After that he worked for one year in Chesham and then entered a large establishment in London. There he became job foreman for Thomas Kershaw, who was considered the finest grainer in the world, having taken medals at the World's Exposition. He continued there until 1866, passing his examination as a mechanic and then joined the English navy and spent two years and thirteen days on a man-of war, during which time he almost circumnavigated the globe and visited many of the principal ports. He left the service in 1868, returning to Chesham and then going to Brighton, where he remained until 1869. After spending a year in London he came to America in June 1870.

Mr. Harding settled at Chatham, Canada, and engaged in his trade, devoting himself largely to contracting, and decorating some of the best buildings in that city. He was an active worker there both in the Baptist Church and in the order of Good Templars, which he had joined while at Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. In 1873 he came to Bay City, where he has since carried on contracting, decorating and painting. During the season he employs a large force of men and has decorated some of the finest buildings in the city.

Mr. Harding was for two years Secretary of the Bay County Bible Association and is one of the most prominent workers among the Good Templars in Michigan. Five times he has been elected to

represent the State Lodge in the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the World and was able to attend those gatherings which were held in Detroit, Chicago and Toronto. During the years 1877-78 he was Grand Worthy Counselor and in 1879-80 Grand Worthy Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, I. O. G. T., being one of the three persons who have held that position in the history of the order in Michigan. He is also one of the oldest members of the Knights of Pythias in the State.

The marriage of Mr. Harding and Miss Mary Ann Polleycutt took place in Amersham, Bucks County, in November, 1861. This lady was born at Hollyhead, Wales, August 25, 1844, and her father, John Polleycutt, was a paper manufacturer and furniture dealer. The children of our subject are as follows: Emma, a teacher; Thomas, who died in Bay City when twelve years of age; John Brent, a lumber inspector; Ida C. and Bertha M.

Mr. Harding became Superintendent of the Patterson Baptist Mission July 10, 1887, and soon increased the attendance from seventeen to one hundred and seventy-five, thoroughly re-organizing the school and erecting a new building for it. After superintending that mission for three and one-half years he became in June, 1890, the Pastor of the Second Baptist Church, having been a licentiate under the care of the First Baptist Church since 1886.

Our subject has been an active member of the State Sunday-School Board. He is State Secretary of the Prohibition party of Michigan and was nominated by that party for State Senator and also for Representative and County Judge. He is a member of the State Board of Suffrages and for two years was State Lecturer for the Independent Order of Good Templars, in which capacity he traveled extensively with J. B. Finch.

A lithographic portrait of Mr. Harding accompanies this notice.



CHRISTOPHER HEINZMANN, who is one of the proprietors of the Forest City Hotel and also Supervisor of the Ninth Ward, is a native son of Michigan, as he was born in Ann

Arbor, August 10, 1851. His father, Jacob, and his grandfather were both natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to America in 1846 and settled in Ann Arbor.

The father was married in Germany to Christine Duttenhoffer, and upon first coming to this country he located in Columbiana County, Ohio, and in 1849 came to Michigan and established a tannery at Ann Arbor, which he carried on successfully until 1885. He is a staunch and devoted Lutheran and still makes his home at Ann Arbor. His six children are: John, who is in the commission business at Ann Arbor; our subject; Albert, who lives in Wyoming; Louis; Minnie, Mrs. Rayer; and Eliza, Mrs. Bremner.

After attending the common schools Christopher Heinzmann studied in the High School of Ann Arbor and early learned the trade of a tanner, at which he worked until he reached the age of twenty-six. During the years of 1874-75 he worked in Chicago and Milwaukee and was foreman of a shop in Sheboygan, Wis., but subsequently returned home and went into partnership with his brother and father until 1881. After the death of his wife he sold his interest in this business and traveled in Northern Minnesota, dealing in pine lands and making his headquarters at Duluth, which was then just beginning to "boom."

In 1885 Mr. Heinzmann came to Bay City where his uncle owned the hotel of which he now has charge, and eighteen months later purchased the property in partnership with J. Garrison. He has rebuilt and furnished it and made of it a first-class "one dollar," and "one dollar fifty house." It is finely located, and he is able to carry on here a good and successful business. In connection with the hotel he has an excellent boarding stable which is an accommodation to the citizens in that part of the city. His first visit to Bay City was in 1868, at which time he worked for a year at the meat business.

Mr. Heinzmann was married in Ann Arbor in 1877 to Miss Caroline Scheible, who was a native of Detroit. She had one daughter, who died, and she also passed from this life in 1881. Our subject was elected Supervisor in 1890, and has served on various committees, notably on those of public