

more class at Williams College, Massachusetts. Here he remained two terms, when he entered, in the third term of the sophomore year, at Union College, where he graduated in 1843. While at school, he was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, in a class of about one hundred. He read law at Schoharie, with the late Hon Jacob Hanck, jun., and in July, 1846, was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of New York.

He practised law in Schoharie County until May, 1854, when he removed to the village of West Bend, Washington County, Wis. Here he continued to practise in his profession, having formed a copartnership with Hon. L. F. Frisby. In April, 1859, he was elected judge of the third circuit, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. Charles H. Larrabee. In 1890 he was again elected to that position. Jan. 1, 1867, he removed to Milwaukee, forming a partnership with the Hon. F. W. Cotzhausen, where he remained, doing a successful and lucrative business, until Feb. 5, 1874. At this time Gov. Taylor appointed him judge of Milwaukee County, in place of Hon. H. L. Palmer, who had resigned.

**HON. FERDINAND KUEHN.**—He was born in Augsburg, Bavaria, Feb. 22, 1821. Here he acquired his education. In his fifteenth year he was apprenticed to a banking-house in his native city. Subsequently he secured a situation in a banking-house at Berne, Switzerland, where he remained ten years. Desirous of obtaining an independent position, he emigrated to Washington County, Wisconsin, in 1844, where he remained two years. In 1845 he married. But, being without sufficient means to purchase a farm, he removed, in the following year, to Milwaukee. After clerking a short time, he learned to make cigars, and occasionally served at book-keeping, thereby increasing his scanty income. In 1849 he was appointed clerk in the city treasurer's office, where he remained five years. In 1854 he was elected city treasurer, and, in the following year, was re-elected without opposition. In 1856 formed a partnership with the late Senator Charles Quenth, and was also chosen alderman of the sixth ward of Milwaukee, and, three years later, was made school-commissioner of said ward. In 1860 he was elected comptroller of the city. The duties of this position were extremely arduous, as he

entered upon the discharge of them immediately after the discovery of the Gardiner and Lynch defalcation. He held this position for five successive terms.

The re-adjustment and funding of the city and railroad debt were commenced, and successfully carried out. The duties of the comptroller were, on that account, very laborious, as he was clerk, *ex officio*, of the public debt. In 1860 he engaged in the real-estate business, more exclusively taking care of the property of non-residents. Two years later, he was associated with Christian Opt in this business. In 1870 he assisted in the organization of the Home Savings Bank, of which he afterwards became a stockholder. Subsequently the bank became consolidated with the bank of M. von Baumbach; and Mr. Kuehn was chosen its vice-president, which office he held until 1873. He was elected State treasurer on the Reform ticket, receiving a most flattering home endorsement. He entered upon the duties of that office Jan. 5, 1875. Mr. Kuehn's residence since that time has been in Madison, in order that he might devote more attention to the duties of that office.

**HON. T. A. CHAPMAN.**—He was born at Giles, Me., May 23, 1824. His father was a farmer, and possesses unyielding integrity. Mr. Chapman worked on the farm, and attended the common school, until he was twenty years of age. He taught two terms, and then entered as clerk in a dry-goods store in Boston. He remained there thirteen years. While there, he engaged in business for himself; but, as he wanted capital, he could not compete successfully with the trade, and he decided to "go West." He brought with him little more than a reputation for integrity, good moral character, and good credit. He commenced business in 1857, in East Water Street, Milwaukee, where he carried on a successful and prosperous trade. The sales of the first year amounted to thirty-five thousand dollars, and in 1871 to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The next year he bought a corner of Wisconsin and Milwaukee Streets, and built the spacious double store now occupied by him, where he became more popular than ever. The sales in 1875 will reach a million of dollars. His business is wholly of a retail character. Mr. Chapman is a man of sterling character, unimpeach-