

CHAPTER VI.

In my general outlook, I saw one of the things, to my mind, very much needed, a newspaper conveying to the minds of the reader the need of wholesome literature and something uplifting—not a record of every dog fight or misfortune without a cause, and I proposed to purchase the sheet that was then established, known as *The Huntsville Forester*. After some little delay, conscious that the price was too high for its value, I came to the conclusion that it was better even to pay the higher price and occupy the ground without protest or obstruction, and thus I came into possession of the printing plant, though I considered it cost me eight hundred to one thousand dollars more than was the actual value of the articles contained in the office. I proceeded within the year, to erect a building to receive the printing plant, which I did at a cost of \$1800.00. more.

Just at that time, there was a young man who was engaged in Hanna & Hutcheson Bros. store, who gave evidence of ability in the newspaper line, and I had received a very favorable impression of his ability and he had received a favorable impression of my youngest daughter, and it was agreed between us that he should come in with me to give assistance, and finally come to the position of chief editor, which occurred in the years that followed. Sometimes the political world does not move on smoothly, and the whiskey interests were very forcibly assailed by the temperance people, and it certainly produced a conflict in the convictions of many men and women. My journal had but one theme; one viewpoint on the liquor question,—that it was an evil. Being outspoken, it met with forceful enemies. We had passed a few years, when the antagonistic interests undertook to put in a paper, and push us to the wall, and many of the financial magnates lent a hand to the enterprise. In due course, the Huntsville "Standard" was established