

Hon. S. M. Damon.

Hon. S. M. Damon, whose portrait appears on the front page of this number, was born in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, March 13, 1845, of New England parents. He received his school education at Oahu College, from which he graduated in 1863, but has all his life been a student of men as well as of books. He was married to Harriet M. Baldwin, daughter of a missionary, Sept. 5, 1872.

He entered the service of C. R. Bishop & Co., bankers, in 1870, and by his fidelity and business ability rose to be a partner in 1881, and finally purchased the interest of Hon. C. R. Bishop in the banking firm in 1895. The high standing of the firm, its honorable record, and the value of its services to the business community and to the industrial development of the islands are widely known to the commercial world.

After the revolution of 1893, Mr. Damon was called to the arduous and responsible position of Minister of Finance of the little republic of Hawaii. For eight years he took an important part in the councils of the government, and maintained its credit in spite of hostility both at home and abroad.

On the final annexation of the islands as a territory of the United States, he declined to carry the ministerial burden any longer, preferring to serve his country henceforth as a private citizen. As such he has set an example of public spiritedness and generosity to all charitable and educational institutions, while his private life has been an exceptionally happy one.

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