

only moderate means, she early learned the lesson of self-reliance and useful activity, prizing the advantages of an education. The family moved to Fulton, N.Y., while she was but a child. Here she began to acquire an intellectual culture, where her opportunities were such as to insure thorough and rapid progress. She was a diligent student, taking in knowledge as a sponge drinks up water. She began school-teaching at sixteen, and continued the work with success until her twenty-fourth year, when she was married to Rev. A. C. Pennock, then a member of the Wisconsin Conference. Subsequently she shared with her husband the toil and trials of the itinerancy, for years, with patience. She had been accustomed, however, to hardships prior to assuming these new responsibilities; for in 1840 she came to Wisconsin, and saw Columbia County in its rude and early days,—saw these wild prairies bow to the rod of agriculture, and yield to the wand of civilization,—saw them change from the playground and feeding-place of wild animals to fields of grain, and gardens of beauty, and contributed her part in bringing about the transformation; and in her after and better days, has ever had an eye of sympathy toward the poor, the toiling, and the struggling. At her hand, want finds help, and distress relief, and in her words the erring find council, and the sorrowing solace. Never neglecting the calls of her family to follow the nod and notions of artificial society; at home in the kitchen, nursery, and parlor; at home in the halls of music, art, and science; a constant student and ready writer; a devoted daily Christian lady, aiming to make her home a sanctuary, as well as a study for her children,—she makes one of the best mothers, best neighbors, friends, and citizens of the State.

**WILLIAM P. MERRILL.**—He was born on the 25th of March, 1871, at South Berwick, Me. When but eight years of age, his father moved to Adams, Jefferson County, N.Y., where he remained eight years. William had now arrived at that age when every young man desires to sever home-ties, and seek a fortune abroad. His first attempt was to make a trip to Canada; but sickness compelled his return after a brief stay. After his recovery, he decided to go West. He went to Cleveland, O. In 1830 he left Ohio for Wisconsin, arriving in Milwaukee, after a tedious voyage of one month, on the

second day of April. In 1837, still impelled by the love of adventure, he made a trip to Chicago, from there to Rockford, remaining there until spring, when, accompanied by two friends, in March he bought a canoe, and embarked for the Mississippi. Subsequent to this, he went to Camanche, Io. While here, he was made justice of the peace. In 1839 he returned to Milwaukee, bought a small stock of goods, and proceeded to Waukesha County, and established the first store between Waukesha and Watertown. In 1840 he sold out, being convinced that the business of a country merchant was not the best. He then engaged in farming, exchanging his store for eighty acres in Milwaukee County. He was elected justice of the peace in 1840, and in 1840 represented the fifth ward as alderman, and also in 1850. When he came to Milwaukee, he was the owner of a good gun, a chest of carpenter's tools, and one hundred dollars in cash. He was married in 1839, and has two sons. He has built fourteen houses; and, from the rentage of his stores and dwellings, is able to pass the remainder of life in comfortable circumstances.

**HON. HORACE CHASE.**—He was born in Derby, Orleans County, Vt., Dec. 25, 1810. He comes of pioneer and Revolutionary stock. He lived with his parents, and worked on the farm, attending school in the winter. In 1830 he went to Boston, and engaged with Messrs. Baxter, Robinson, and Co. as clerk, until January, 1831, then, with Wilder Pearce, Esq., of Stanstead Plain, Canada East, acting as clerk in his store up to February, 1834. He then went to Boston and New York, where he met with P. F. W. Peck, Esq., who hailed from Chicago. Mr. Chase returned with him, and accepted position as clerk in his store. He remained with Mr. Peck for some time; then engaged as book-keeper for a tavern-keeper. Not liking this business, he engaged as clerk with Messrs. Kinze and Hall, who kept a large wholesale and retail store. During his stay with Mr. Ingersoll, the tavern-keeper, he became acquainted with Archibald Clybourn, who proposed to go into company in the mercantile business. A partnership was entered into for three years; and they decided to start business in Milwaukee, where they put up a small shanty-storehouse in 1835. In April he, with others, opened a road from Root River to the mouth of the Milwaukee River.