

boy, he worked on his father's farm. At the age of ten he had mastered the branches then taught in the district school. Two years later he attended a select school. At the age of fifteen he removed to Westfield, Chautauque County, with his father's family; after teaching a short time, resumed his studies at Westfield Academy. Dr. Wight graduated at the age of twenty, at the Collegiate Institute in Rochester, after which he taught for one year in the Genoa Academy, Cayuga County. Soon after, he received a professorship in the Cayuga Academy, located at Aurora. The following year he became president of the Auburn Female Seminary. His connection with this school was of short duration, on account of the trustees of the seminary differing in religious views with the newly elected president. He then went to New York City, where he engaged work in the literary department of "The Democratic Review." Soon after, he had similar work on "The Whig Review." He was successful in this new vocation. He completed a theological course, and was ordained by the Rev. Dr. E. H. Chapin, but declined to subscribe to any creed. Soon after, he took charge of a religious society in Newark, N. J., his congregation being made up of Unitarians, Universalists, and Swedenborgians. At the end of three years, he left Newark, and moved to Boston. In 1852 he made his first trip to Europe. In the following year, he returned home, where he remained but a short time before returning to Europe. He was abroad four years, and visited Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, and other places. On his return, he settled near New York City. In 1861 Dr. Wight was offered the mission to Switzerland by Mr. Seward, but declined the appointment. In 1863 he removed to Carbonate, Penn., having previously purchased the famous Meredith estate. He remained here two years, and took a somewhat active part in the politics of that State. At the close of the war, he came to Oconomowoc, Wis., where he resided four years, and practised medicine. In 1871 he removed to Milwaukee, where he still lives. He is now surgeon-general on Gov. Taylor's staff, and is the present State geologist. Dr. Wight possesses great powers of endurance, and employs his energy in constant work.

EDWARD S. BRAGG. — He was born in Orange County, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1827.

He attended Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., for three years, and was admitted to the bar at Norwich, Chenango County, N. Y., in 1848. In 1850 he came to Fond du Lac, Wis., where he has ever since resided, taking an active place at the bar, and an important position in the general enterprise of that city. In 1854 he was elected district-attorney; and in 1861, when the murmurings of civil war began to be audible, he was among the very first to declare himself unalterably for the Union, and to enlist in its cause. Upon the occasion of the first war-meeting in Fond du Lac, when many of his political friends were lukewarm and hesitating, he made a speech which is pronounced as having been the first great effort of his life. It was indeed powerful, and resulted in calling many strong hearts around the standard of the Union. Shortly after, he enlisted in the service, and was appointed to a captaincy. He promptly raised a company for the Sixth Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. His military record is identical with that of the regiment named, and is so well known to the people of the State as not to require repetition here. By well-earned promotion he filled, in regular advancement, every field-office in the regiment, and was finally commissioned a brigadier-general by the President. He commanded the famous "Iron Brigade" of the Army of the Potomac; and the enthusiastic admiration expressed for him by all of his old comrades bears abundant testimony to his manly and soldierly qualities.

At the close of the war he resumed the practice of his profession in Fond du Lac. In 1868-69 he represented in the State senate the senatorial district consisting of Fond du Lac County. In 1871 he was the Democratic candidate for attorney-general on the State ticket, and in his own county and the adjoining one of Calumet. His personal popularity gave him hundreds of vote beyond his party-strength. Gen. Bragg's reputation as a lawyer is not confined to the State. His mind is eminently a legal one, — clear, far-sighted, and logical. In addition to his legal attainments, he has remarkable oratorical abilities, and, as an advocate before a jury, has no superior in the State. Gen. Bragg is small of stature, but well proportioned, firmly knit, and with an iron constitution.

JOSEPH E. HARRISMAN. — He was born at Louisville, St. Lawrence Coun-