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MR. JUSTUS H. RATHBONE.

Mr. Justus H. Rathbone, the founder of the Order of Knights of Pythias, is the son of Justus Hull Rathbone, a prominent lawyer of Utica, N.Y., and was born at Deerfield, Oneida Co., N.Y., on October 29th, 1838. His mother, Sarah Elizabeth Dwight, was a lineal descendent of the great Jonathan Edwards.

He was educated at Mount Vernon Boarding School, Courtland Academy, Carlisle Seminary and Madison University, prominent institutions of learning in his native state. In 1857 he entered the school-teaching profession in the Lake Superior Mining regions. It was while so occupied that he became impressed with the beautiful classic story of Damon and Pythias, and a strong desire to teach mankind the lesson of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence therein displayed, led ultimately to the ritual of the noble Order founded in 1864. In 1861 he became chief clerk in the U.S. Hospital at Germantown, Pa., and subsequently he entered the Army. In the capacity of a soldier he was ordered to Washington, D.C., for duty in the Medical Department in 1863, where he remained till 1865, when he accepted a Civil Clerkship in the office of the Commissary General of Subsistence. In 1869 he quitted the Civil Service and assumed a position in Stetson's publishing house, Boston, but returned after few years to the Capital, where he still occupies a clerkship in the War Department.

In 1862 Mr. Rathbone married Miss Emma Louise Sanger, of Utica, N.Y., by whom he has had seven children,

only two of whom survive. Mr. Rathbone's attainments in Scholarship are high and he is a gifted writer. In addition to the rituals of various orders besides the K.P., he is the author and composer of a musical burlesque, entitled "Pocahontas in Black" in which he has frequently played the title role at amateur entertainments.

At present Mr. Rathbone is a member of Sicilian Lodge, No. 97, K. of P., Bowie, Maryland, and there is no man living to-day who is a more perfect embodiment of the noble principles of the Order which he called into being.

HON. S. S. DAVIS.

Hon. Stillman S. Davis was born on October 15th, 1826, at Dunstable, Mass. In 1844, on the death of his father, the subject of our sketch left home and took up his residence at Nashau, where he died very suddenly only a few weeks ago. He had signalized his intention of being in Toronto at the meeting of the Supreme Lodge, and had already engaged a room at the Queen's Hotel.

Mr. Davis was educated for commercial pursuits at a Boston College, and the early portion of his life was spent in teaching. Subsequently he engaged in various manufacturing enterprises and at the time of his death was the head of a prominent establishment of this nature. His life was an unusually active one and his great influence was always on the side of truth, justice and humanity. His worth and talents were recognized by his compeers in calling him to fill responsible positions in the City Government of Nashau, and his appointment by the Governor of New Hampshire as one of his staff, with the

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