

Mr. Bayard, the Secretary of State, like several of our greatest men, did not have the advantage (or disadvantage) of a collegiate education; but like the late Mr. Justice Byles, he did have the advantage of a business training before he commenced the study of the law. Instead of graduating from a college, he graduated from a Philadelphia counting-house into his legal studies, which he took up at the age of twenty, and pursued for three years before being admitted to the bar, which took place in 1851. Two years later he was appointed District Attorney for Delaware. He resigned his position in the following year, and devoted himself assiduously to his profession until his election to the National Senate in 1869, at the age of forty-one.

Mr. Endicott, of Massachusetts, will be recognized by all lawyers as Mr. Justice Endicott, who held a position on the Supreme Judicial Court of that State from 1873 until 1882. His opinions, running through many volumes of the reports of that State, speak sufficiently of his standing in the legal profession.

Mr. Whitney, the Secretary of the Navy, was, at the time of his appointment, a practitioner of the law in New York City. His principal distinction consisted in the fact that he was active, some years ago, in the crusade against the Tweed ring, in which he acquired the friendship of Mr. Tilden, which he never lost. Upon the downfall of the Tweed ring, he became corporation counsel for New York City, and made a reputation in litigations respecting fraudulent claims against the city, in which he is credited by newspaper biography with saving the city \$2,000,000. It is said that it was Mr. Tilden's intention, if inaugurated, to give him a seat in his cabinet. He married a daughter of Senator Payne, of Ohio, and this has given rise to sinister suggestions that the influence of the Standard Oil Company may have had something to do with putting him in the cabinet; but we believe that there is no foundation for these suggestions whatever.

Mr. Vilas, of Wisconsin, the Postmaster-General, is the only representative in the cabinet of the twenty millions of