

benevolent and hospitable; in politics, hopeful; in mental cast, shrewd and practical. He is such a representative of the coming men and workers of the West, that, perhaps, he has not been inaptly called the 'Benjamin Franklin of the Wisconsin press.'

"The lives of the men who are at work at the foundations of government, who are extending the Republic, and rearing the superstructure of American liberty upon the boundless prairies of the West, are recorded upon the stones and columns they have placed therein; and, though the words may seem blurred to many eyes, future generations will rewrite them in enduring marble."

He took his seat in Congress in February, 1870, succeeding the Hon. B. F. Hopkins, who died the previous month in the same year. In Congress, Mr. Atwood was industrious; and effectual bills in which he was interested, were passed, such as the Northern Pacific Railway Bill, to render the land-grant available, and to insure the construction of the line; the act in relation to the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin River; that dividing Wisconsin into two judicial districts, &c.

As an editor, Gen. Atwood is true to the right, never sacrificing honor in partisan disputes, but always maintaining a dignity in political conflict. Through this bearing he has made his name agreeable in the ears of all political parties, and his journal a power for good in the nation.

HON. JAMES T. LEWIS. — He was born in Clarendon, Orleans County, N.Y., Oct. 30, 1810. He received his academical education at Clarkson and Clinton, N.Y., and read law with Gov. Seldon, at the former place. He came to Wisconsin in July, 1845; was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court; and commenced the practice of law at Columbus, where he has since resided. He has held eight different offices in the State, commencing with that of district-attorney, and closing with that of governor. When elected secretary of state, he received every vote cast in his own city. When elected governor, his majority was nearly twenty-five thousand, — a very large majority for Wisconsin. For his record as governor of the State of Wisconsin, we refer the reader to the foregoing chapters on his administration. He was a successful war governor; and, although he made but little display,

he accomplished great things for the State. Although he has retired from public life, at his beautiful home in Columbus, his unanimous call to the permanent chairmanship of the recent Republican State Convention shows that his great popularity is still alive. Should he consent to again enter public life, his career would, no doubt, be marked with success. He is wealthy, and enjoys life as only a man with a clear conscience can.

HON. JOEL S. FISK. — He was born at St. Albans, Vt., Oct. 24, 1810. At the age of twenty-one, in the fall of 1831, he was married to Miss Green of Plattsburg, N.Y. He emigrated to Green Bay in 1835, where, or at Fort Howard, on the opposite side of the Fox River, he has since resided. Through a long series of successful business operations, he has accumulated considerable means, and is now in the enjoyment of wealth and retirement. In 1846 he was appointed postmaster at Green Bay, and in 1848 he was appointed register of the land office. In his younger days, he was quite a politician, but, in more advanced years, he confined himself strictly to business. He is a worthy and efficient member of the Baptist church of Fort Howard.

REV. H. STONE RICHARDSON. — He was born in the State of New York, Madison County, in 1828. At the early age of eleven years, he undertook, at his own suggestion, to care for himself. He left home, and made application to the principal of an academy at De Ruyter, to ring the bell in that institution for room and tuition. He remained at that school, most of the time, for four years, — an exceedingly diligent student, paying his way, in the mean time, by sawing wood in the school, and about the town, after dark.

He left this school when about seventeen, and pursued his studies at Cazenovia, until prepared for Union College, meeting his own expenses by teaching about four months of each year.

About the time he intended to enter college, his friends persuaded him to attend school at Albany instead, and complete his schooling in that city. He did so; after which, he spent six years in travel, visiting nearly all the States, and all the places of interest in the United States. He also made a journey to Europe, and spent several months among the islands of both oceans.