

twenty-two. After teaching several years, he removed to Milwaukee in 1843, where he began the small trade which gradually grew into a wholesale business, increasing every year till it reached its present proportions. Careful, watchful, and prudent in business, he has been generous and public-spirited in dispensing his gains, more frequently benefiting quietly those with whom he came in personal contact than giving his name to widely-known and high-sounding charities,—educating orphans, aiding honest industry, and making homes for the unfortunate.

Always active in politics, even to indefatigable attention to primary meetings, he yet has never had ambition for office. He was an active Democrat until the Kansas crisis, and since then has been strongly Republican.

His Scotch tenacity of purpose, and unimpeachable integrity, have caused him to be pressed into constant service in positions of trust and responsibility. As trustee, director, executor of wills, and administrator of estates, his keen good sense and kind heart have been constantly drawn upon. He has been many years a member of the board of trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane at Madison; and no pressure of his own personal affairs has ever been permitted to prevent him from giving it all needed time and his best thought.

He is a director of the North-western Fire-Insurance Company, a member of the Lake Board of Underwriters, Treasurer of State Agricultural Society, was for several years president of the Merchants' Association in Milwaukee, and in these and other positions is faithful and unsparing in the performance of duty.

He was married in 1846, and, while giving himself unreservedly to every outside duty that came to him, his crowning merit and happiness have been his cheerful kindness and devotion to his home.

**ALONZO WING.**—He was born in Wayne, Kennebec County, Me., Feb. 2, 1807, son of Aaron and Silvina Perry Wing, who emigrated from Sandwich, Mass., to the wilderness of Maine before majority. He was brought up on a farm, and taught school in winters. Later he entered Waterville College to learn mechanics and civil engineering. In 1837 he came to Milwaukee, and from there to Watertown and Azulan, in Jefferson County. This was en-

tirely a wild country at that time, there being only a few log-houses between Milwaukee and these places. In 1841, he opened a store at Summit Corners, Waukesha County, and, the year following, removed his goods to Jefferson, where he had built a small but convenient store, the first ever erected in that place. Soon after this, while on a visit to his native State, he was married to Miss Jane A. Underwood, daughter of Hon. Joseph H. Underwood of Fayette, Me. The children from this union were a daughter and son. The daughter died in infancy. The son, Howard Alonzo, is living, not yet having arrived at the age of maturity. Mr. Wing was one of the first movers towards getting a railroad chartered and built to give the people in this section an outlet to some market. After failing to enlist the business-men of Milwaukee in this enterprise, steps were immediately taken to get communication with Chicago and St. Louis, which resulted in chartering a company, which was not long after completed, and now known as "The Chicago and North-western Railroad,"—one of the most important to the State. In politics, Mr. Wing was originally a Democrat, and a follower of Douglas; but, when the nation's life was threatened, he joined the Republican party, and voted for Abraham Lincoln. In matters of religion, Mr. Wing holds to the Unitarian faith. He has always manifested the deepest interest in the cause of common schools. He has served many years as town superintendent of schools; divided the town of Jefferson into school-districts, and introduced the first code under the State constitution. He was also county superintendent of schools, and introduced the first county code to the schools in Jefferson County.

Mr. Wing has never manifested any great ambition for high political honors, although he has been called frequently to places of considerable trust and responsibility, such as justice of the peace, plank-road director and engineer, county surveyor, and surveyor of school and university lands, railroad director, chairman of the board supervisors, member of the assembly, and regent of the State University. He has been pretty well satisfied with his lot in the world, and is content to make himself and others as comfortable as circumstances will permit.

**HON. EDWIN HURLBUT.**—He was born in Newtown, Conn., Oct. 10, 1817.