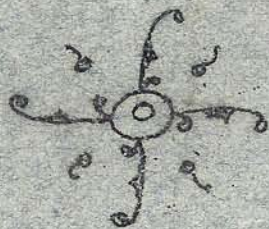


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LOUIS G. RATHBUN.

Louis Goldsmith Rathbun, was born in the city of Elmira, October 25, 1867, at the present family residence, 414 Lake Street. His parents are Hon. John T. Rathbun and Sarah M. Benjamin, daughter of the late Hon. Simeon Benjamin, philanthropist and founder of the Elmira college. Mr. Rathbun's school career was commenced in the public schools of his native city. In 1872 he graduated from school No. 1 and in 1876, graduated from the Free Academy, one of the highest schools of its class in the Empire State. In 1877 he took a business course in Warner's college, graduating with honors from that institution. This ended his school career and the following year he engaged in business in New York city.

During the latter part of 1878 he returned to Elmira and engaged in the real estate and insurance business, until 1885, when he became secretary of the La France Fire Engine Manufac-

turing Company, of which his father was one of the principle owners. At the time he became connected with the La France company, that concern, although possessing valuable patents, had been poorly managed, and was not paying dividends. Mr. Rathbun's entry into the manufactory changed the order of things, and under his able directions, it soon became one of the best of paying institutions.

Mr. Rathbun's life has been essentially a business one. In such matters he possessed quick judgment and those hustling proclivities that make men and affairs entrusted to their care, successful. But not alone in business transactions has he made his presence felt in his native city. In the spring of 1885, he was elected alderman of the Third Ward—historic as a political locality, from the fact of being the home of Governor, now Senator, D. B. Hill. At the polling place in this ward, Mr. Rathbun and Senator Hill have often crossed swords, so to speak, and in Mr. Rathbun, Mr. Hill, has found an adversary worthy of a foe. Mr. Rathbun served two years as alderman. In 1887 he was elected treasurer of the Republican county committee of Chemung county, and has ever since held that position. In December 1891, he was appointed postmaster of Elmira, to succeed Dr. Henry Flood, and on Feb-

ruary 17, 1892, took charge of the office which soon began to show needed improvements and increased facilities for receiving and disbursing the mails. In the office as in everything else, Mr. Rathbun's keen business management has been shown.

Mr. Rathbun is genial in manner, level headed and generous. It is a well known fact, that although never seeking office or preferment, he has contributed more money toward local maintainance than any single individual member of his party in Elmira, with perhaps one exception. He is a close political friend of Hon. J. Sloat Fassett, and his advice is always eagerly sought for in the councils of his party.

Mr. Rathbun, was very happily married in 1885 to Marie Tuttle Benjamin, of Riverhead, L. I., a daughter of Dr. R. H. Benjamin, one of the leading physicians of the Island. Mrs. Rathbun is a talented, cultured woman; a charming elocutionist and notable in many charitable works in Elmira. Mr. and Mrs. Rathbun have three bright children, two boys, Louis G., jr., John Hampton, and one daughter, Mina Reccar. Their home is located at 500 Lake street, opposite the paternal residence, and is one of the most pleasant in the city. Mr. Rathbun owns considerable real estate in Elmira, including several fine business blocks located on the principal streets.

In summing up his principal characteristics, it may be said of him that

although born with a good financial start in the world, he has worked just as assiduously as if he had been born without a dollar, which is greatly to his credit. He has earned the esteem of his fellow citizens and honored the paternal patronymic on both the Rathbun and Benjamin side. That he will as his years grow apace, be called to even higher positions than he at present holds in the confidence and esteem of the public, no one doubts. That he is worthy of preferment goes without saying.

HUGO B. RATHBUN.

EXTRACT FROM DESERONTO TRIBUNE, JUNE 4th 1886.

It is with no ordinary feeling of regret that we record this week the death of Mr. H. B. Rathbun, President of the Rathbun Company, and honored founder of our village, which occurred on Tuesday, June 1st, at three o'clock in the morning. The deceased gentleman had been confined to his bed for about ten days during which time he experienced intense sufferings. He was attended during his illness by Drs. Clinton, Newton, Ruttan and Sullivan, but despite all that medical skill could suggest he grew rapidly worse from day to day until he gently breathed his last, surrounded by his loved children and friends. The news was received with general expressions of profound regret by all classes of our people. All the establishments were shut down and Deseronto presented all the appearance

of a place in mourning.

Hugo Burghardt Rathbun was born Sept., 4th, 1812, near Aurora, a town on the banks of Cayuga Lake, in the State of New York. He was the son of Edward Rathbun and Anna Fuller, the seventh son of ten children. He commenced his business career as a merchant in Auburn, N. Y. In May, 1840, he was married to Miss Louisa Storm, daughter of Issac T. and Anna Storm, of New York city, by whom he had twelve children. Of these he is survived by four sons and three daughters. The sons are E. W. Rathbun, F. S. Rathbun, Herbert B. Rathbun, and W. C. B. Rathbun. The daughters are Mrs. Wm. Hindhaug, of Oswego, Mrs. R. J. Craig and Mrs. E. C. French, of Deseronto. He survived his estimable wife, who died very suddenly, Feb., 15th, 1885. Mr. Rathbun established his business in Deseronto (then Millpoint) in 1848, but did not take up his residence here until 1855. In 1867 failing health necessitated his removal to New York City, which he made his home during all but summer months of each year. In 1863 his son, Mr. E. W. Rathbun, took the management of the business, then known as the firm of H. B. Rathbun & Son. In 1877 deceased returned permanently to Deseronto, where he resided until the time of his death. He did not, however, take an active part in the business of the firm which in 1883 was incorporated as the Rathbun Company, of which he was, until the time of his death, the honored

President. Casting aside the cares of business, Mr. Rathbun had of late years lived a comparatively retired life, devoting the greater portion of his leisure time to congenial toil in his garden, grapery etc., in the management of which he showed himself a horticulturist of no ordinary skill, as the surroundings of his elegant residence give every evidence. He had a great fondness for animals, who seemed instinctively to regard him as a benign master and protector. Living thus, with his family about him, he spent his declining years, dispensing a generous hospitality to his many friends and visitors, who invariably met a genuine welcome and cheery reception. Although he exceeded the three score and ten years allotted to man, Mr. Rathbun was never what could be called a strong man, having always been in delicate health. He was a frequent sufferer, but the tender care and assiduous attention of his devoted wife seemed in some measure to arrest the progress of insidious disease, or impart strength after its attacks. He spent part of the winter of 1885 in the Southern States with one of his sons, who had been ordered there for rest and health. Last winter he crossed the continent to Southern California with his youngest son, whose sickness required his removal to that mild climate. The journey was rather tiresome, and he contracted a cold from the effects of which he never seemed to regain his former strength. About

three weeks ago he had a slight shock of paralysis, after which he expressed his doubts of recovery and spoke frequently of his approaching death. He continued to manifest the same considerate attention to the interests of his family that had ever characterized him. During all his sufferings, which were very intense, he manifested patience and resignation and a simple faith in his Saviour, thus revealing the foundation on which was founded the success of his active career. Gently he breathed his last, surrounded by his affectionate children, whom it was his comfort to have around him in his dying hours. Kind, considerate and cheery in his manner, and possessed of a wonderful elasticity and buoyancy of spirits, Mr. Rathbun ever proved himself a congenial companion. There was nothing morose in his character. The young enjoyed his company as much as the old, and he always exhibited a wonderful fondness for young children whose presence he loved. His religion was of a practical character. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and not many years ago, of his own desire and means, built and furnished the church in which the Presbyterian congregation in Deseronto worship, and donated it to the denomination. In public matters he ever evinced a lively interest. Broad and liberal in his views he could rise above the trammels of party. While a resident of Auburn he was a prominent member of the Anti-Slavery Demo-

cratic party until the Rebellion, when he became a Republican. For nearly fifty years he was a constant reader of the New York Evening Post his favorite journal. In Canadian politics he steadily pursued an independent course. We know that words spoken of a friend when the sense of loss is fresh and keen are often considered the expression of affection or sorrow rather than of sober judgment, but all our readers will admit that we have not many men to lose like the subject of this sketch. He lived a kindly, active, and withal a noble life, and future generations will, we are sure, be the richer for such a life.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon and was attended by a vast concourse of people, many of whom came from neighboring towns and adjoining districts of the country. At 5 p. m. private devotional services were held at the house by Rev. A. Young, of Napanee, after which the casket was removed to the Church of the Redeemer, where it had been arranged that the public religious services connected with the funeral should be held. The members of the Masonic and Oddfellow lodges, headed by the Rathbun Company Band with muffled drums, had previously marched to the grounds, and opening their ranks the casket was borne through their midst into the church. The sacred edifice had been neatly draped for the occasion, and was filled with a large and respectable congregation.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. A. Young, who read several appropriate passages of scripture, offered a solemn prayer and delivered a short address. He was followed by Rev. G. A. Anderson, of Christ Church, who delivered an address, dwelling on the life and character of the deceased, with whom he had been acquainted for the period of thirty-three years. The Choir sang hymns 174 and 281, and Miss Deans, the organist, rendered the "Dead March in Saul." The congregation being dismissed with the benediction, the casket was carried from the church and the funeral procession formed. At its head marched the different societies led by the Rathbun Company Band. Then followed Drs. Clinton and Newton and the officiating clergymen. The hearse came next; the pall-bearers were Messrs. James Whitton, R. Rayburn, A. McGaughey, T. R. Roach, Jr., A. A. Richardson and Charles A. Millener, all of these being heads of departments and tried servants who had grown up with the business of the Rathbun Company in Deseronto. Following the hearse were the chief mourners, including, besides the sons of the deceased, Mr. E. Walter Rathbun, Mr. E. C. French, Rev. R. J. Craig, Messrs. H. B. Sherwood, W. B. McMurrich, George McMurrich, H. VanSchaack, J. Bell, Q. C., Judge Wilkison, W. R. Aylsworth, T. Butler and J. W. Dexter.

Vast crowds lined the streets along the route of the procession all the way from the church to the dock. Reach-

ing the dock the societies faced to the right and left, and the bearers and mourners passed through their ranks and up the gangway to the deck of the steamer RESOLUTE. Everything was soon in readiness for an immediate departure. The Rathbun Company, Band, before the boat started, played "Nearer My God to Thee," and other appropriate selections in a manner more than creditable.

At length, Capt. Gowan, with whom deceased had in his lifetime made many pleasant trips across the lake, gave the signal, and with colors at half-mast the vessel steamed away with the silent dead, the little group of mourners standing on her deck, a sad and touching spectacle to the gaze of the multitude who thronged the dock. Arriving at Oswego on Thursday morning, the remains were met there by several friends and were conveyed by special train to Auburn, where the funeral party were joined by many old friends of the deceased. The remains were interred on Thursday morning in the family lot in Fort Hill cemetery, of which Mr. Rathbun was one of the original promoters. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Mr. Albright, pastor of the Second Presbyterian congregation of Auburn, of which the late Mrs. Rathbun was at one time a member, and with which the family were connected when they resided in that city. The floral wreathes and decorations on the occasion were very rich and handsome, several of them being the offerings of friends from a distance.

EARLY HISTORY.

I herewith give you the result in part of my researches, relative to the name and probable settlement of the Rathbone family in this country. There are several traditions as to the time of their arrival. It has been thought and believed by many, that the founder of the family came to this country in the *SPEEDWELL*, the vessel that started with the *MAYFLOWER*. This is wrong. The *MAYFLOWER* and *SPEEDWELL* did start together, but the *SPEEDWELL* became unseaworthy and was abandoned, part of her passengers continuing their journey to the promised land in the *MAYFLOWER*.

The head of the family in America was Richard Rathbone. He married Marion, sister of Captain John Whipple, who in his will made at Ipswich, Mass., 1616, and probated 1618, mentioned both Richard Rathbone and his wife by name. Richard was probably born in England about 1574. I have not been able to ascertain the date of his arrival in this country. Richard and Marion had sons William, Joseph, Thomas and John. John married and had one son, John, and probably another. This John married Margaret Dodge; they had thirteen children, viz; William (married Sarah—), Thomas (married Mary Dickens), John (married Ann Dodge), Joseph, (married Mary Mosher), Samuel, (married Patience Throckmorton Coggsball), Sarah, (married first Samuel George, second John Ball), Elizabeth (married—). The other five

I have with dates of births but nothing more.

John Rathbone, third generation, was one of those who met with John Alcock, physician, in the town of Roxbury in the colony of Mass., for the purpose of making arrangements for the purchase of Block Island. The parties were all citizens of Massachusetts. In 1661 the party, consisting of sixteen, set sail from Braintree, Mass., in a barque built for the purpose, for the Island. The cattle and farming implements were shipped from Taunton, Mass., at the same time. John Rathbone's three first children were born in Massachusetts, the rest on Block Island, Rhode Island.

"In the year 1689 in the month of July Mr. Rathbone had a narrow escape from the French who were pillaging the Island. They inquired of some one or more of the people, who were the likeliest among them to have money. They told them of John Rathbone, who was the most likely." From this we learn that he was in good circumstances. "The French proceeded to capture him, and demand of him, as they supposed, his money. The Captain denied having any except a trifling sum. They endeavored to make him confess that he had more, and to deliver it to them, by tying him up and whipping him barbarously. While they were doing all this to an innocent man, whom they mistook for the moneyed John Rathbun, the latter made his escape with his treasure."*

* History of Block Island by T. S. Livermore, Esq.

Those of the descendants of the Rathbone family who desire to know something of the history of Block Island since its first settlement by white people, would do well to secure a copy of Mr. Livermore's book. I have stated above that John Rathbone had another son besides John. I form the opinion from the fact that there was a Thomas Rathbone born about the same time that Thomas, son of John was born, making three cousins. This last Thomas I have never been able to get trace of—i. e. his descendants if he left any.

"Early in February, 1778, New Providence became again the scene of a second, daring enterprise, in which Rhode Island took a leading part. The United States sloop, Providence, with twelve guns, under Capt. John Rathbone, landed a party of thirty men under Lieutenant John Fresett, of Newport, who, with fifteen men scaled the walls at night and took the fort; the remainder of the force, with some prisoners, who joined them seized a small island opposite the town. They held possession for three days, captured six vessels in the harbor, drove off a British sloop of war that attempted to enter the port, and having spiked the guns, brought away a quantity of military stores without the loss of a man."*

The fort here referred to was the one at Nassaua, Bahama Islands.

Another Rathbone, Capt. Joshua, was active at sea; capturing in one expedi-

tion against the English, over \$1,000,000 in vessels and cargo. Possibly I may refer to that in the history of the Rathbone's at a later period.

I will now refer to some of the English family:

In 1503 John Rathbone was sheriff of the city of Chester, (which is itself a county) in the Palentine of Cheshire. He was Mayor of the city of Cheshire in 1514 and 1519.

Richard Rathbone was sheriff of Cheshire in 1547, and is called "Draper."

Richard Rathbone was sheriff of Chester in 1582, and was called "Merchant." He was Mayor in 1598, and his tomb is in the Church of Holy Trinity in Chester.

Thomas Rathbone was sheriff of Chester in 1790, Mayor in 1806, and died an Alderman in 1815.

Joseph Rathbone, of Liverpool, married Mary Darby, of Calesbrook, Salem county, Salops, England, about 1760.

Elizabeth Rathbone sold the Manor of Irbie, in the county of Chester, England, to Edward Gregg.

William Rathbone was the author of "Confutation of Errors of Brownites and Seperatists," in 1644.

Aaron Rathbone wrote a book on surveying, in 1616, a copy of which is still in the possession of the family, and is now in the private library of Aaron H. Rathbone, Esq., No. 1, Sidney Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. The book is folio size and contains a large steel engraved portrait of the author encircled by the following inscription in Latin: "OVI

* Extract from S. G. Arnold's History of Rhode Island.

IN ME VIVIT PRO ME MORTUUS EST ANNO
SALUTIS NOSTRI, 1616."

There is also another portrait in steel of Prince Charles. The work contains numerous diagrams and illustrations, and was very elaborately and expensively printed; the title being one of the finest, if not the most elaborate of the times. The book is entitled the "SURVEYOR in Four Books, by Aaron Rathbone, of London;" Printed by W. Stansbury for W. Bruce, 1616. It is dedicated to Prince Charles as follows:

"To the High

And Mighty

Prince

Charles.

Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, York, Albany and Rothesay; Marquis of Ormont, Earl of Rose and Baron of Armanoch; High Seneschall of Scotland; Lord of the Isles and Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter."

You will notice that the family of Richard and immediate descendants, have the same given names as their English ancestors.

Now, my dear HISTORIAN I have given extracts from various authors too numerous to quote, of Rathbone history, more interesting than anything I could possibly write for you. Wishing you success, I am truly, Your Well-Wisher,

JOHN C. COOLEY.

GEORGE W. RATHBONE.

George W. Rathbone, late president of the Associated Banks, of the state of Indiana, who died in New York City

March 11, 1883. was the son of Soloman Rathbone and was born in Saratoga county, N. Y.. in 1813, but in 1817 his father removed with the family to Vincennes, Ind. Early in life he began his career as a banker, by entering the Vincennes branch of the old Indiana State Bank. In 1847 he was made cashier of the Evansville branch of that institution and from that date was one of the leading citizens of the latter city and its most prominent financial official. In 1863, when Hugh McCulloch was called from Indiana to Washington by President Lincoln to organize the National banking system, Mr. Rathbone was unanimously elected, by the twenty branches which made up the bank of the state of Indiana as his successor to the presidency of that organization, and he remained in that position up to the period of the merging of the State Banks into the National Banking system. Mr. Rathbone was for a number of years afterward, the president of the Evansville National Bank and was also interested in other similiar institutions. In 1869 a nervous affection from which he had suffered for several years became so painful and prostrating that he was compelled to relinquish business pursuits entirely, and he came to New York City to place himself under skilful medical advice and care. He remained in New York after that date. Mr. Rathbone was a man of great culture; possessed refined literary tastes and was a ready writer. He was a man of liberal tendencies and used his means and his talents for the best interests of his fellow citizens.

BARBER RATHBUN.

Mrs. Barber Rathbun, of Stephentown, N. Y., relates the particulars of the shooting of her husband, March the 1st last, substantially as follows:

Their first difficulty arose about twenty-three years ago, growing out of a wrestling match.

Casey was an illtempered man and threatened at that time to take the life of the Rathbun boys, and followed Barber upon different occasions, with a revolver, attempting to find some pretext for using it upon his intended victim. Sometime after, Casey met him and made overtures toward dismissing the enmity that had arisen between them. Mr. Rathbun told him he did not wish to harbor ill feelings toward him, but thought it best for all parties to avoid associating together as much as possible, knowing that Casey was a drinking man, and very quarrellsome when under the influence of liquor. Not long after this they chanced to meet at a party in the neighborhood and it proved as he feared. Casey was intoxicated and without warning seized him about the throat. A fight ensued in which Casey's father took part, having previously provided himself with rocks. John and Orlow, brothers of Barber, were shot while attempting to aid their brother. Neither were fatally injured, but Casey was sent to the penitentiary. He served out his sentence and returned but still showed signs of wishing to carry out his threat. Mr. Rathbun avoided meeting him,

however, until he was again sent to prison upon the charge of horse-stealing. He had only been liberated a few weeks, when he met Mr. Rathbun at a town meeting and at once began to follow him around. Fearing trouble, Mr. Rathbun stepped into a store to get out of his sight, but Casey persisted and dared him out. As they started out Casey's father drew his revolver which was knocked out of his hand by the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. Rathbun. Casey regained it and closing upon his victim, placed it so near his side that when the shot was fired his clothing caught fire. He lived but a few hours enduring great suffering.

Deceased was forty-six years, six months and six days old.

He was a very kind man whose life was overshadowed for many years by the misfortune he seemed unable to avert. The family feel the loss very heavily but have the satisfaction of knowing that he was not incriminated in any way, having always endeavored to avoid the Caseys.

The family at large will be glad to know that no stigma rests upon the name in consequence of the sad affair, and will unite with the HISTORIAN in deep sympathy for the bereaved family.

INTERESTING LETTERS.

The following letter was furnished for publication by the lady to whom it was written, and is one of the results that the editor looked for when he determined to begin the publication:

MRS. HELEN RATHBUN CARRIER;

DEAR MADAM:—My wife has subscribed for *The HISTORIAN*, in which I saw your account of your family record, back to Benjamin Rathbun, who was born on Block Island in 1701 and settled at Escoheag, in Exter, R. I. I was born at Escoheag, November 8, 1819, so am just seventy two and a half years old to-day.

My father, Nathan Rathbun, was born at Escoheag in 1753, and was sixty six years old when I was born. His father, Thomas Rathbun, was born on Block Island and was the youngest brother of Benjamin Rathbun: So you see my grandfather was a brother to your great-great-great grandfather, according to your record. Their father was John Rathbun and their mother was Ann Dodge. John's father was John Rathbun and his mother was Margret Dodge.

John Rathbun and Ann Dodge were my great grandparents, so I claim to be the nearest relative to the original stock of any one living. Block Island is a celebrated watering place. There is a steamboat running between here and there, every day in the summer season, and should you come to Block Island to spend the summer, I would like to have you come and see me at Norwich. My oldest brother Nathan Rathbun's oldest daughter's name is Helen C. Rathbun Robetage. She now lives in Bay City, Mich. I am a stair builder by trade, but I shall soon be "climbing the golden stairs." I really

feel as though you were a relative of mine, for I have but few near relatives living. My brothers and sisters have all gone. Yours Respectfully,

BERIAH S. RATHBUN.

Norwich Conn., May 8th. 1892.

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My grandfather, Perry Rathbun, moved from Vermont to Ohio, Washington county, and there settled on a farm. His family consisted of five boys: Simeon, Joseph, Edmund, Ebenezer and John; daughters, Mercy, Elsie and Electa. His wife's name was Mercy Babcock. His brother Gideon moved with his family to Ohio at the same time.

Ebnezer Rathbun was my father. His family consisted of four boys and five girls: Mitchell, John, Simeon, James, Mercy, Jane, Isabel Sarah and Caroline. My mother's maiden name was Martha Hall. Father moved from Ohio to Henry county Ill., near Kewanee, in the year 1842 and there lived till the Lord called him home.

My family consists of five boys and three girls: Frank, George, Lewis, Charles, John, Alice, Carrie and Lizzie. My wife's maiden name was Mary Ann Wolfe. I moved from Illinois to a place near Odell, in Gage county Nebraska in 1882.

JAMES RATHBUN.

I am in receipt of three copies of the *HISTORIAN* and for the favor I cannot say who I am indebted to, but will say, I am enthusiastic over the contents of

it and will do all I can to aid the work. Upon looking it over I see there are many more Rathbuns than I had any idea of being in existence. I must truly say, a large space must be allotted them for the "reunion," at the World's Fair, in Chicago. Should it be my good fortune to be there, it would be one of the pleasantest features of the fair, to meet the Rathbun family.

Wishing The HISTORIAN grand success, I will close,

MRS. J. D. BROWNELL.

Silver Springs, N. Y.

DEAR EDITOR:—As the HISTORIAN and its readers are naturally more or less interested in the order of Knights of Pythias, from the fact that in the Rathbone family the Order had its conception and origin, and is therefore emphatically a Rathbone institution, I have thought it proper to give you an account of the Memorial Services held in memory of one of our family and a member of the brotherhood, Ebert M. Rathbone, of Evergreen Lodge, K. of P., of Eldora, Iowa, whose death occurred March 13th, 1890.

At three o'clock Saturday June 12th, a large division of Knights joined by a still larger company of friends of the deceased and family, met at the church near Evergreen cemetery, where a Memorial Sermon was preached by Rev. C. H. Marsh, of the M. E. Church of Eldora, who is also a K. of P.

In front of the pulpit was placed a

most beautiful and artistic emblem of the Order, composed of the choicest flowers of the season, arranged in the form of an open Bible, crossed by a sword, and bearing the words "Holy Bible," wrought in deep purple flowers, of matchless beauty. Beside this was a heart of the most exquisite and varied colored roses and carnations, that could be procured. Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rathbone, the parents, Mr. Warren E. and Miss Addie, brother and sister of the deceased, were invited to occupy seats nearest these offerings.

The speaker illustrated with great force the blessings secured to humanity by organization, and especially in times of adversity, sickness and death, when we are unable to help ourselves, then it is that we feel the need of a brother. Leaving the church, all repaired to the cemetery where the Brothers conducted the Memorial exercises according to prescribed form, which were very impressive, instructive and affecting, leaving the thought that it is good to remember the virtues and forget the mistakes; if any, there may have been.

Could we but realize the benefit an organization, within our large and varied family, would serve to us, we might then become brothers and sisters in truth and deed, in one great family of earth, to uplift, sustain and realize as never before that we are one in name, one in blood and one in the perpetuation of an honorable heritage. J. Q. R.

LOOKING BEYOND.

BY ESTELLE RATHBUN.

Dedicated to my sister, Mrs. A. M. Daniels, in her affliction.

You dear, sweet angel
That's gone from me;
How often I think of thee.
So often, indeed it seems
One thought,
That ever present be.

But that thought is my life,
My strength by day,
My bright, sweet star by night.
Oh, dear Lord of Heaven!
How long must I wait,
E'er I see my angel bright?

Sweet one! How can'st thou
Happy be
In your home I cannot see?
I try dear one to feel you are near,
But how long is the way to me.

Thou fair, fair one,
With eyes of blue,
The very image of one that's true.
I know in that land
Wherever thou art,
Thou art happy and blest,
The one of few.

And so as the long, long days go by,
I feel that the time is drawing nigh
When I shall see you my darling one,
In your beautiful home on high.

Wilt thou dear child
Be my guardian true;
To lead me to God and Heaven and you?
And wilt thou dear Savior,
Forgive I pray?
Be thou my strength in the evil day.

PERSONALS.

—Mrs. Charity Rathbun Morton and Mrs. Mary Rathbun Gerts, of Chicago, Ill., have just returned home from Minneapolis, Minn., where they have been visiting their sister, Sally Rathbun Smith.

—The Rathbun women are noted for their splendid horsemanship, following in the foot-steps of the preceeding generations. Miss S. Annie Rathbun, daughter of Lansing K. Rathbun, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is quoted "the most expert lady rider in Kent county."

—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Rathbone, of Grand Rapids, Mich., will attend the exercises, this month, at Ann Arbor, Mich., where their son, Alfred III, graduates.

—Mrs. Clarissa Rathbone Bigalow and children have returned to their home in Marshalltown, Iowa, after an extended visit with relatives in Eureka, Utah.

—Miss Lillie Rathbone, of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, has suffered very much lately with a felon on her hand. It was feared at one time that she would lose a finger, but by careful treatment such a misfortune was averted.

—There is a town in Colorado called Rathbone. Who can tell when or how it received its name?

—E. G. Rathbun was recently chosen superintendent of the Union Sabbath school at Ellis, Neb. This speaks well of him as he had only been a resident of the place three months.

—Miss Lizzie Dean Rathbone is filling a position as stenographer for Wm. E. Freet, an attorney in Chicago. She wants "the reunion idea kept before the Rathbones," and is anxious to make the acquaintance of all of them.

—G. W. Harlan, of Glen Elder, Kan., has recently purchased a new loom and is over-run with business. Besides this he is carrying on the farming business on an extensive scale.

—Miss Phebe M. Rathbun, formerly of Topeka, Kan., writes from San Francisco, Cal., that she is delighted with the Pacific Coast. She "holds cases" in the office of Bacon & Co., publishers.

—Frank R. Rathbun, of Auburn, N. Y., has been quite ill, but we trust he has fully recovered his health by this time.

—Mrs. I. F. Rathbone of Red Oak, Iowa, visited relatives and friends at Steamboat Rock and Eldora, Iowa, the early part of this month.

—Mrs. Emma Rathbone Carpenter, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is expected home from her foreign journey this month.

—May 20th, a fire at Oswego, N. Y., destroyed many thousands of dollars worth of lumber, owned by the Rathbun Company. It was piled upon the Island in the river and could not be reached by the fire department.

—Miss Francis Loring Rathbone, daughter of C. D. Rathbone of Belpre, Ohio, holds a position in the office of "The Home Magazine," of which Mrs. John A. Logan is the conductor.

—Henry Rathbun Carrier, jr., represents the republicans of Oswego county N. Y., with 11,390 votes, at the judicial convention which nominates a candidate for supreme court judge to succeed the present incumbent, Judge Kenedy.

—One night last week Austin Rathbun, who lives about a mile north of Oxford, went to bed at nine o'clock in his usual health. About an hour later he awoke to find that he could not close his jaws and could only speak with difficulty. Dr. Gleason was called after the efforts

of the other members of the family had failed to close the young man's mouth, and found that the jaw was dislocated and that inflammation was causing considerable pain. He placed the fractured jaw in its proper position and applied remedies to relieve the pain. The young man does not know how or when the bones slipped out of place, as he was sleeping soundly at the time.

—J. Q. Rathbone, of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, has recently sold his 240 acre tract, known in that locality as Sturdy Oak farm. This place adjoins the one his father purchased from the government nearly forty years ago, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. He has lived within sight of it ever since, with the exception of six years during which he served as county Auditor. His sons kept up the management of the farm in the mean time. We have not learned what he will do, but it is likely some lighter pursuit will be chosen.

—Calvin Wheaton Rathbone, of Pawtucket, R. I., enlisted in a Rhode Island Light Battery, in August 1861; was badly wounded at Malvern Hill in McClelland's great move backward, and again at Fredericksburgh, under Burnside's in his never to be forgotten defeat, where he lost his left leg. He is a strong republican and takes great interest in good government. In business he has been successful and saved a competence, which with his pension places him in easy circumstances.

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IN AN EDITORIAL WAY.

THE LAND OF FUZZ.

BY EUNICE RATHBONE GODDARD,
AGE 10 YEARS.

It was a soft and fuzzy thing.
Do you know what it was?
It was a bird upon the wing,
Going to the land of fuzz;
To the land of fuzzy-fuzz-fuzz.

In the land of fuzz
The bees do not buzz,
But sing the live long day;
While they gather honey among the hay,
In the land of fuzzy-fuzz-fuzz.

The flowers are sweet,
And also very neat,
And the bees get sweeter honey I vow,
Than any there is on the earth here now;
In the land of fuzzy-fuzz-fuzz.

The bees gather honey for the birds,
Who only eat honey and curds;
But the bees eat flowers
In the dark night hours,
In the land of fuzzy-fuzz-fuzz.

Mrs. Myra Rathbun Brownell, our new Associate, is a valuable addition to the staff. She manifests a deep interest in the work and realizes that it is one of love, rather than profit. We gladly welcome her and bespeak many valuable papers through her efforts. It is not

what ones already know about the family, but what they succeed in finding out, that makes them valuable in this undertaking.

Geo. D. Rathbun, son of Sidney S. Rathbun, enlisted in the 130th N. Y. Regiment in 1861, and served until the close of the war. He received a sun stroke while in the army and at times is unable to attend to his business. He is a pensioner.

Mrs. Omer Leyns, of Utica, and Mrs. H. R. Carrier, of Oswego, N. Y., have sent us papers containing news pertaining to the family, which have been very gratefully received. These ladies have shown an interest in this work that has demonstrated their greatness of heart toward the whole family.

Frank R. Rathbun, of Auburn N. Y., perhaps knows more of the heraldic lore of the family than any other member of it. Those who have never given this science any study have no conception of the beauty it can teach, as well as its historic value. As Americans we have not given much attention to titles or heraldry, hence are generally very ignorant upon the subject, and while the family is unquestionably of English origin, so far as the American branch is concerned, the earlier history and events of this country, were such as to plant a feeling of resentment toward titles and clanish ideas, generally. It is largely due to this fact

many American families have neglected to preserve their genealogical history. Mr. Rathbun has prepared a title page drawing, in ink, which illustrates in a high degree, the use to which this study may be employed. It also shows that he is second to none in the line of pen artists. It would be impossible to describe the work here; we will not attempt it.

The CHILDREN'S CORNER is unavoidably crowded out this issue. We trust several letters may be received in time for the next, as they always tell something spicy about themselves or family.

What shall be the date of the Reunion in Chicago? To this query we would like at least fifty answers by return mail. From the list of the three months having the most votes, another ballot can be taken. In this way let the work be begun. It is time some steps were taken, and some practical plan devised. The HISTORIAN nominates September, October and November as candidates for the meeting. Let the one be chosen that will best suit the greatest number and cover the most points to be considered. The events to take place at the Fair will need to be considered, as well as other inducements. To make such a gathering a complete success, entertainment should be secured at one hotel where ample accommodations can be provided for any exercises that may be decided upon. The first thing to be ascertained is,

how many want the Reunion and will aid in bringing it about?

No one person can make all the necessary arrangements without co-operation and support.

The editor makes this appeal to the following persons in particular, and every Rathbone in general:

Hon. J. T. Rathbun, E. G. Rathbone, Gen. J. F. Rathbone, Col. J. C. Rathbone, Mr. J. C. Cooley, A. H. Rathbone, Samuel H. Rathbone, Dr. F. W. Rathbone, Frank R. Rathbun, J. Q. Rathbone, P. D. Rathbone, H. B. Rathbun, and F. S. Rathbun. Gentlemen, will you each give the subject of a reunion a little study, and set forth through the columns of The HISTORIAN, some plan or ideas upon which to base operations? This includes every reader as well as the names mentioned, and we trust each one will at LEAST answer the following questions:

1—What month do you prefer?

2—How many persons are you speaking for?

3—Are you willing to aid in making the reunion a success?

We might write a personal letter to each one at considerable cost, but do not see the necessity of it. Now let us unite and have what we all desire, a Grand Family Reunion.

Calvin W. Rathbone, of Pawtucket, R. I., sets fourth the true situation at present in these words:

I am very much pleased with the information received through The

HISTORIAN, and hope every one who has ever borne the name, either directly, or indirectly will become a subscriber. I am aware of the arduous duties it entails. The work will be hard and almost exasperating until you get all thoroughly aroused so that they will take a working interest in it.

Please send all articles for publication in the July issue, so they will reach our address not later than the 10th, as we wish to get out early in the month, instead of the latter part as heretofore.

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We are indebted to Mrs. Omer Leyns, for the very flattering notice given The HISTORIAN in the Utica Herald. What a happy faculty some people have of winning friends by quiet little acts of kindness, which in themselves seem

hardly anything to the person conferring them, yet by the recipient they are never forgotten.

Yes, your subscription is most earnestly solicited. Unless we get twenty each month from this time until January first next, the receipts will fall short of the cost. The editor is not a person of wealth or lesiure, who has taken up this work for past time but one who makes his bread by hard work, ten hours every day and then devotes his evenings to the HISTORIAN often until very late, not for profit, but simply to learn what he can of one of the best families in this age of the world. He expected to lose money when starting, but felt that his loss would be someone's gain. However there is a limit beyond which he cannot go, and when that is reached he must ask the co-operation of others who feel something of the interest in the work that he does. The plan for next year is to make several improvements that will be very pleasing to subscribers. This can only be carried out by a generous response from those who have not yet signified their wish to add their mite.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of subscription from the following:

Estelle Rathbun, Iowa Falls, Iowa;
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