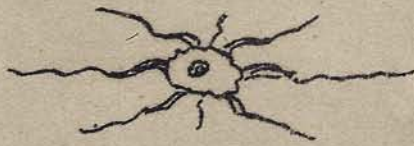


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Sr. Rayns

Family Historian.



September, 1892.

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el mio. yo soy el Sr Rayns

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[From the Postal Record, Boston, Mass., May, 1891.]

The appointment of Major Estes G. Rathbone, Chief Post-Office Inspector, to be fourth assistant postmaster-general, which Postmaster-General Wanamaker has just been instrumental in securing, will be received with universal favor by officials and employees of the Post-Office Department, and will form another important element in Mr. Wanamaker's determination to build up the postal service in detail by the simple application of business-like methods. Major Rathbone is a faithful public servant and an experienced postal man. Estes G. Rathbone was secret service agent of the Treasury Department from 1874 to 1883. The last seven of these years he was in charge of the Cincinnati district, which embraces several States. He resigned this position, which was at the front rank of the service, and has been won on merit alone and without solicitation, to accept the position of chief special examiner of the Pension Bureau. This increased until Major Rathbone had under his special supervision 531 examiners. He organized the United States into twenty supervising districts and put an experienced man in charge of each. His first year's work at the head of this service was so expert and methodical that the amount of work per man performed during that

time increased 40 per cent., and that too, at a decrease in the cost of the work of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per cent. In 1885, when the democratic administration came in, Major Rathbone resigned his place, went to his home in Hamilton, Ohio, and engaged in business, erected the finest business block in the city, and was, among other things, a director and vice-president of the Miami Valley National Bank. In 1887 he ran for State senator in the Second senatorial district in Ohio, which is usually democratic from 2,000 to 2,500, and carried the district by between 700 and 800 majority, which is the largest majority ever polled by a republican in that district. He was appointed chief post-office inspector April 20, 1889, soon after Postmaster-General Wanamaker came in. "The important and multifarious duties of his position," says an official of the department who has had an opportunity to watch the work of the chief inspector, "he quickly mastered, and throughout the ramifications of the department committed to his charge, it was soon felt that there was a master hand in control. A thorough re-organization of the service first claimed his attention, and a number of much needed changes and modifications in the territorial scope of the several inspectors' divisions were introduced. Each of the ten divisions into which the country was then divided was

placed in charge of an able, intelligent and thoroughly experienced inspector. The corps of division inspectors, with the chief inspector, are recognized by the department as a body of men occupying the first rank among postal officials. Controlling and directing the entire service through these ten able assistants, Chief Rathbone has reduced the routine work of his department to a system by which a maximum amount of work is daily performed with a minimum force and expense. As proper discipline rigidly enforced is the foundation of an efficient army, so individual responsibility, impartially exacted is the key note of Major Rathbone's success as an executive officer. He expects to be held rigidly responsible for the work of his department, and in like manner exacts individual responsibility for the work assigned to all subordinates. One of the chief causes of his success in the exercise of executive functions, is that his methods are impersonal. He is singularly free from partiality in his relations with the personnel of the service, which encourages every inspector on the force to do his "level best," feeling assured that his efforts will be appreciated and his merits properly recognized at headquarters. The cultivation and development of a proper esprit de corps is an invaluable factor in securing energetic and intelligent effort in any organization. This is especially true of the inspectors' service, and it has been the aim of its chief to foster and stimulate such a spirit throughout the service. It has been aptly stated that the "inspectors are the eyes and ears of the Department." The importance of making those eyes and ears as keen and acute as possible, cannot be over estimated, and the responsibility of the task lies, in a great measure, with the Chief Inspector. How well he has performed this task, is testified to by the record of service. He has secured the confidence of the Postmaster-General and the other department officials to a degree, and he has accomplished this simply by close attention to business, and his skillful handling and control of the important bureau committed to his hands. There were several candidates of importance for the position of fourth assistant postmaster-general, but it was known early in the discussions which resulted in the creation of this office, that Postmaster-General Wanamaker, following his usual custom, would do his best for the man already in the service whom he deemed best suited to the duties of the new place; for that, according to his idea, was one of the true principles of civil service reform. It was soon evident, too, that his choice was Major Rathbone, so that the Major won, "hands down," so to speak. \* \* \* Major Rathbone has shown a great aptitude for politics ever since he was a voter, and it can easily be seen that the difficulties of the position which General Clarkson met and disposed of with such ease and satisfaction would be met with and disposed of with similar

brilliancy. It is not unlikely, too, that the work of the Inspection division, which has been so much improved generally during Chief Rathbone's incumbency, will still remain under his charge. \* \* \* The act creating the fourth assistant postmaster-general has not seemed so important as some measures like anti-lottery suppression, postal telegraph, postal savings, postal subsidy, and free delivery extension, which the Postmaster-General has advocated during the two years of his service with such warmth and effect; but in the departmental work and the general effect upon the whole service, it is of very great importance, and the Postal Record feels confident of its position when it says that the office will be in good hands, and that many of the departmental reforms which are so dear to the Postmaster-General, will find a great impetus in the selection of a man of Major Rathbone's experience, energy and originality.

[From the Cincinnati Post.]

HAMILTON, O., July 1, 1891.—Even if neglected at the start, Ohio has been gaining ground with Harrison's administration toward the end of it. She has Foster as secretary of the treasury, Whitfield as first assistant postmaster-general, and to-day she has Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Estes G. Rathbone as another star in the galaxy of the immortal "ever-do-get-there Ohio men." Rathbone is a remarkable if not a romantic man for one of his serious manner and important position.

His relatives, both by kin and marriage, have figured in American history beyond the average, and his own career as Special Pension Agent, as United States Secret Service Officer, as the hunter of revenue defrauders, of post-office wrong doers and defaulting officials in the government service would make a novel of intense interest, the more because it would be truth, not fiction. He is not Ohio born, but first saw God's sunshine in Hebron, Pa., June 30, 1848, just 43 years ago Tuesday, and almost the anniversary of his taking the highest official position of his life. His genealogy is good and his ancestors were of English stock, being the Rathbones of Rathbone Place, London. He is also a relative of Major Rathbone who was in the box with Lincoln when Booth's bullet did its deadly work. Major Rathbone's first elective office was State senator. He was elected in 1887 for the Butler-Warren district, which was strongly democratic. His campaign was so cleverly conducted that his election was a surprise to every one but himself and fellow workers. In the senate he led the regular caucus senators against the bolters who had made a kick, and then a combination with the democrats. After his term Harrison appointed him Chief Post-Office Inspector and he has since lived in Washington. He is a tall, handsome man, brave as a lion and extremely pleasant, even while very firm and straightforward. His wife is also handsome, very engaging and popular in society. Her

husband's new place gives her an advanced position in the Washington social world which she is worthy to fill.

[From the United States Mail.]

The Major never "posed" on his physical beauty, though he is a very handsome man, over six feet tall, and built strongly from his feet to his broad shoulders, and also to the top of a well poised and finely shaped head. His weight must be over two hundred pounds, and when he rises from his chair to give a greeting it is plain to be seen that he is far above the average of men in brain power as well as in physical force. Personally, Major Rathbone is genial and approachable. The "insolence of office" to which small natures temporarily elevated to high station invariably tend, is something altogether foreign to his temperament. Discreet and tactful, he is a good listener, decides quickly and acts without hesitation. His most prominent characteristic is the possession of a finely poised judgment. He is, above all, "level headed." He is a man of strong convictions, but broad views. Among newspaper men he is especially popular.

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WASHINGTON, July 2, 1891. }

Major Rathbone, who was yesterday sworn in as Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, has not assumed his new duties yet, as they have not been defined by the Postmaster-General. Two days before being sworn in he retired

to his charming summer cottage at Oakland, Md., to spend June 30th with his wife. June 30th was his 43d birthday. On June 29th a committee from the Postoffice Department went to Oakland, arriving after the Major had retired. They were admitted by Mrs. Rathbone, who was in the secret, and shown to their rooms without waking the Major. The next morning they were at the breakfast table when he came down, and enjoyed the great surprise of seeing them. After breakfast the retired chief of inspectors was formally presented with a beautiful floral horseshoe and a silver-lined oak receptacle for cigars, containing forty-three choice Havanas, one for each of the milestones he had passed. The Major received the gifts with sincere and well spoken thanks. That evening, at dinner, as soon as the coffee and cigars came on, the chairman of the committee, in the name of the Major's associates in the Post-Office Department, presented him with a handsome \$550 gold watch, beautifully chased and suitably engraved. The Major was never before so surprised. It is stated at the department that the ingenious donors managed to have the Major resign two days before his appointment in order that the presentation might be made without running up against the law prohibiting gifts of officials in the departments from others in the same department.

## WILLIAM R. RATHBONE.

My father, Douglas P. Rathbone, removed from Ohio to Tennessee, when he was quite young; married and lived in Manchester. When I was about 13 years of age, he changed his business and moved to Tullahoma, Tenn. One year later he moved to Shelbyville, Tenn., where he went into the business of manufacturing hubs, spokes, etc. I was born in Manchester, Coffee county, Tenn., Sept. 12, 1867, and attended the city schools of Manchester and Tullahoma. Very much against my father's wishes, I left school while I was quite young, to go to work in his factory, as I was a great lover of machinery, and while there I was soon made assistant foreman by the foreman. But this business proved to be unprofitable, and in a few years it was abandoned, at a great loss, leaving my father almost nothing. At the age of 17 I began the study of dentistry, under an uncle on my mother's side of the family. And over four years ago I came to Cuero, Tex., to practice my profession, where I have built up a very good practice. Fifteen months ago I married Jessie Mai Wofford, of this place, and five months ago a bright, brown eyed boy came to bless our happy home. I have never taken any interest in politics, any further than to always vote the straight democratic ticket. I am a true Southerner, and a staunch democrat, but I wish to know something more of my northern relatives. I have been as far north as Cincinnati, but have not met many of my relatives.

Three and a half years ago, when a Knight of Pythias Lodge was instituted here, I went in as a charter member; we are at present organizing the Uniform Rank. I would be glad to get all the information I can concerning my father's family.

## CHARLES P. RATHBUN.

The writer was born in 1852, at Grand Rapids City, Mich. Moved with his parents on a farm in Paris township, Kent county, Mich. Received a common school and business college education. April, 1875, the Superior Court of Grand Rapids was organized. The writer was elected its clerk, on the democratic ticket, after a hard, three cornered fight, by 600 plurality, which office he held for eleven consecutive years, during which time the writer was admitted to the bar, in 1887 resigning to the Superior Court clerkship to enter the insurance and real estate business, the firm being Rathbun & Meyers, who are at the present writing enjoying a prosperous business.

## ARMORIAL STUDIES.

BY FRANK R. RATHBUN.

I was much interested in THE HISTORIAN for May, especially so in the heraldic illustration accompanying the editorial columns thereof. This arms I have never seen or heard of before, and shall anxiously await your promise of its history and origin. As represented in your publication, it may be described as follows: On a chief azure (blue), a

bee with wings displayed ppr. (proper). In base, saltire, or. (gold), and ar. (silver), four (?) It is an inviolable rule of heraldry, that color shall never be borne on color, or metal on metal. The circular figures referred to, by my investigation, are roundels, of which heraldry has seven kinds, each possessing its own distinctive title. Thus: The bezant, which is of gold; the plate, which is of silver; the hurte, which is of blue; the torteau, which is of red; the pellet, which is of sable, or black; the pomme, which is of green; and the fountain, which is barry wavy of six, ar. (silver) and az. (blue). You will observe, therefore, bearing the heraldic rule in mind, that the roundels of the shield in your figure must be of the 3d, 4th, 5th or 6th of the group which I have described. If the 3d, they should have been shaded with horizontal lines; if of the 4th, with perpendicular lines; if the 5th, with horizontal and vertical lines, crossing each other at right angles; and if of the 6th, with diagonal lines, dexterwise of the shield.

Referring to the crest: I will in this connection give you the whole armory of Rathbone, as given by Burke:

1st. "Rathbone, ar. (silver), three doves, az. (blue). Crest, a dove with an olive branch in the beak, all ppr. (proper)."

2d. "Rathbone, (Greenbank, Liverpool, Eng.,) a family which, for a series of years, has been at the head of the mercantile body of that town; William Rathbone, Esq., of Liverpool and Green-

bank, died Feb. 11, 1809, leaving by Hannah Mary, his wife, only daughter of Richard Reynolds, Esq., three surviving sons; William Rathbone, Esq., of Greenbank county, Lancaster; Richard Rathbone, Esq., of Woodcroft, and Theodore Woolman Rathbone, Esq., of Allerton Priory, near Liverpool. Arms: Ermine, on a fess, az., between two roses in chief gules, (red), barbed and seeded ppr., and the Roman fasces erect in base ppr., three bezants. Crest; the Roman fasces fessways, in front of a lion's head ppr., gorged with a collar, ar., charged with two roses, gules. Motto: "Suaviter et Fortiter" (Mildly and Firmly.)

The first arms and crest above mentioned appear to be the general insignia of the name Rathbone, as they are accredited to no particular family or branch thereof.

The "friend" who traced up the crest of a coat of arms for the Rathbon Company of Deseronto, "Some twenty years ago," evidently had in mind, or before him or her, the armorial insignia of the Liverpool Rathbones, already described.

AUBURN, N. Y.

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#### INTERESTING LETTER.

A number of THE RATHBONE FAMILY HISTORIAN came to my notice a short time ago, and as I am very much interested and in sympathy with your work, I hasten to subscribe.

I don't know that I can give you any very valuable information, but I can add a little to your general fund, and will be glad at any time to assist you

in obtaining additional knowledge with regard to our branch of the family.

My great-great-grandfather, William Rathbun, came from Rhode Island to Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y.

He was married and had nine children, six sons and three daughters.

The sons, Daniel, Selden, Benjamin, Joel and Artemus; the daughters, Hulda, Electa and Clarissa.

Joel Rathbun was my great-grandfather. He married Philomela Alden, and they had nine children; Levant, Selden, Alden, Philander, Joshua and Joel. The girls were Dorliska and Philomela. Levant was my grandfather. He married Laura Brainard Comstock, and they had five children; Dorliska, Theron, Andrew, Byron and Milton. He married a second time, Mrs. Sarah Paden, by whom they have five children: Wilbur, Laura, James, Charles and Willie.

Byron Rathbun, of Dunkirk, N. Y., is my father. He married Thirza Ann Jinson, and there are three children. I am the oldest, and only son, but I have two younger sisters, Mary J. and Jean Alden.

I married, June 12, 1889, Julia S. Smith, of Wilmington, Delaware, and we have one son, Byron Smith.

My great and my great-great-grandfather were physicians. My grandfather a Baptist minister, and my father and myself are dentists.

Most truly yours,

C. M. RATHBUN.

FREDONIA, N. Y.

#### OBITUARY.

Mr. Gideon Rathbone died at his home in Clay township, Saturday, Sept. 3, '92, at 1 o'clock p. m., after a brief illness.

Gideon Rathbone was born in Ohio in 1809, on the 6th day of August, and consequently was 83 years and 21 days old. He came to Hardin county with his family of thirteen children, in October, 1853, and has since resided here, with the exception of a few winters spent in Florida. He was twice married, his first wife, the mother of all his children, died in this county in 1874, and his second, in 1889. At the funeral held Tuesday at 2 p. m., at his late residence, all his living children, eleven in number, were present to listen to the funeral sermon which was delivered by Rev. J. E. Keyes, the Universalist minister of Marshalltown, and to follow the remains to their last resting place, in the East Side cemetery, beside their mother who preceeded him. They came from Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and different parts of Iowa. Mrs. Narcissa Taylor and Mrs. Electa Allen, from Glen Elder Kansas, Mrs. Mary Gillidette from Bethany, Mo., W. S. Rathbone, from Nemaha City, Nebr., I. F. Rathbone, from Red Oak, Iowa, and Mrs. Anna Conger, of Woodward, Iowa, and the others from the surrounding neighborhood. He leaves, besides his eleven children, forty-eight grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren. Six of his grandsons acted as pall-bearers. They were C. F. Rathbone, of Eureka, Utah, son of the eldest of his children, E. E. Rathbone, now



also deceased, S. H. Rathbone, son of J. Q. Rathbone, well known throughout this county, Perry and Geo. Doak, sons of John and Celicia Doak, of Grundy county, Gideon and George Gillidette, sons of M. S. and Mary Gillidette, of Bethany, Mo. There was a large concourse of friends and old acquaintances present at the funeral, also at the cemetery. While he lived no one entered his house hungry but he fed him, nor thirsty but he gave him drink. His religion was to "do unto others as he would have others do unto him," and he "entered the dark valley of the shadow of death with malice towards none and at peace with the whole world."—Eldora (Iowa) Herald.

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#### EARLY HISTORY.

BY F. W. RATHBONE, M. D.

I have delayed in writing you, hoping I might learn something of the family history, of interest. The article in the July number of *THE HISTORIAN* tallies well with the history of my ancestors, as to names, dates and locations.

Joshua Rathbone was the grandfather of my grand-father. Joshua was one of the sons of John Rathbone and married Miss Mary Whiteman at Stonington, Connecticut. They had a number of children of whom the eldest was Benjamin, who became a Baptist minister and lived to the age of ninety nine years, and preached after he was ninety years of age.

Wait Rathbone was the youngest son and was born at Stonington, Connecticut

on the 18th of August 1774. Wait first married Susana Dodge in 1768. They had three children; Mary, born April, 4, 1771; Wait and Susan, twins, born July 10, 1773, and Rhoda born March 14, 1774.

Susan married a Mr. Ferris and their daughter, Charlotte, married a Mr. Douglas, and is believed to be still living in New York City. Susana, the wife of Wait Rathbone, died in 1777, and he married again, Feb. 7, 1778, a widow, Mary Palmer, whose maiden name was Mary Brown. Their children were Susana, born March 6, 1779, Dalla, born 1781, and died 1791, William P., (my grand-father) born at Stonington, Connecticut, Sept. 4, 1785, Sophia, born Nov. 19, 1786 Samuel B., born Nov. 19, 1786—twins. Sophia died July 30, 1825, Samuel B., died unmarried in 1812, from wounds received in the battle of Queenstown, as 2nd Lieutenant of Artillery U. S. A.

My grand-father, William P., married Miss Martha Valteau, moved to New York and then to Bergan county, New Jersey, and later to Parkersburg, West Virginia. He died in December, 1862. My grand-mother died in 1846. They left the following children: Juliette, who married Peter G. Vanwinkle, afterwards W. S. Sinclair from West Virginia; Mary Brown, who married John P. Atkinson of New York City; J. Castella, who is my father, who married Eliza Vandeabeck of New Jersey; John, who married Anna M. Doremus, and now resides in Parkersburg, West Virginia; Samuel B., now in West Virginia; Ellen S., who married Daniel Frost, and Van Allen the youngest, now living in Ohio.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Conducted by Miss ANTOINETTE RATHBONE Herndon,  
Kansas, to whom all communications should be  
addressed.

Before this number of the HISTORIAN reaches you, the great army of American school children will be gathered from the "pastures green and fair" into the familiar school room. I trust that our boys and girls will carry with them a stock of vigor and determination which is to score a long line of successes, both in the class and on the playground. It should be the aim of every one of us to stand at the head of the class this year, but I want to tell you that I admire a good ball or tennis player quite as much as a good mathematician. I like cousin William's suggestion that we tell what we have seen and done this summer, and am glad to have this nice letter from Louise and Leversa. They have passed a useful and happy vacation and we would like to know what others have been doing.

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DEAR CORNER:—As we promised to write again we will now try and do so. We enjoy reading the HISTORIAN ever so much for it seems as if they were all our own folks. Our school has been out four weeks and we are having good times. Our little cousin Warren Wright from Chicago, is spending the summer here with us; he likes to get out in the country and we like to have him here; he is twelve. Papa and the boys are drawing in hay and some

times they let us ride on the load and we think that fine fun. We help mamma mornings and she says she don't know what she would do without us, as girls are so scarce here we can not find one. We are going to have a man teacher next term, but we don't think we will like him as well as a lady. Brother George came home from Chicago Fourth of July, and surprised us; we were glad to see him but he did not stay long enough. We are going to Chicago next summer to the World's Fair, we have never been there. It was mamma's home before she was married. Mamma has a lovely garden of poppies; there are all colors and they look very pretty. We have a pet Jersey calf named Daisy, she will follow us all over. Well we will close for this time.

LEVERSA V. RATHBUN.

LOUISE V. RATHBUN.

Cannot the children send some "personals" for our CORNER?

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Miss Dell Rathbone of Nemaha, Neb., is visiting with her cousins in Red Oak, Iowa.

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Master Don Rathbone, of Eureka, Utah, visited Kansas City, during the encampment, stopping on his return home, to visit his cousin, Dell, at Nemaha, Nebr., and friends at Oberlin, Kansas.

## PERSONALS.

—Colby, Kansas, has a "Rathbone Temple" of Pythian Sisters.

—A sample copy addressed to Joseph R. Drake, Alwood, N. Y., is returned with these words, "Party is dead."

—Little Fay, daughter of J. P. Rathbone of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was thrown from a horse recently and sustained a broken arm.

—Henry Rathbun Carrier, a prominent Knight Templar of Oswego, N. Y. has been chosen one of the "Headquarters" committee to provide for the meeting of the Knights which will take place in Oswego this month.

—The latest addition to Pythianism, in the family, is J. Q. Rathbone who has just been Knighted by Evergreen Lodge of Eldora, Iowa, by special dispensation, being over fifty years old.

—In commenting upon the "Rathbun Place," the Oswego, N. Y. Times says "The popularity of this well-known resort is daily increasing and numerous engagements are booked for later in the season."

—J. M. Jackson, Jr., of the firm of Shattuck & Jackson, Parkersburg, W. Va., informs us that John V. Rathbone is his father-in-law, and not a book-keeper for the firm as surmised in THE HISTORIAN last month. Mr Rathbone is seventy-one years old, having retired from active business several years ago.

—Hon. E. G. Rathbone has returned to Washington, D. C. While here he

succeeded in renting his two vacant store rooms in the new addition to the Reily block. The Mulhausers, of Cincinnati, have offered Mr. Rathbone \$35,000 for the Miami block, corner of Second and Court streets, of the Campbell estate; this offer is now under consideration.—Butler County (O.) Democrat.

—E. H. Rathbone was elected at the meeting of the Harrison Republican Club last night as a member of the County Central Committee for Eureka. . . . C. F. Rathbone left Saturday morning on the Pythian train for Kansas City to attend the annual encampment. . . . E. H. Rathbone returned Wednesday from Wyoming, where he has been hunting and fishing for three weeks. His fish stories are phenomenal. . . . Mrs. N. J. Rathbone has been quite sick for two weeks past, but is now rapidly convalescing. . . . Mrs. E. H. Rathbone returned Sunday from a two weeks' stay in Salem.—Tintic (Utah) Miner.

—Saturday morning in Demster Grove the Rev. J. F. Rathbun, of Vermillion, led a prayer meeting and a Bible study for an hour, ending with a conference meeting of twenty minutes. One the saddest events that have occurred here was the death of Lottie Fuller, wife of Arthur M. Hubbard, aged twenty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard were married the 17th day of last February with all the prospects of a bright future, which was brought to a

sad end in six short months. The funeral was held from Mount Pleasant M. E. church Sunday, August 24th, the Rev. J. F. Rathburn, of Vermillion, assisted by the pastor Rev. Mr. Sanford, officiating.—Oswego Daily Palladium.

—F. S. Rathbone is president of the Deseronto News Co., publishers of The Tribune.

—Mr. C. P. Rathbun, of Portland, Oregon, has been sick with malarial fever, but is better. Mrs. Rathbun is at present visiting friends at Tacoma.

—C. P. Rathbun, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is an active insurance and real estate man in the firm of Rathbun & Meyers, with office rooms in the Michigan Trust Co. building.

—Mrs. M. A. Rathbone, of Randolph, N. Y., is this week the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah E. Campbell, her first visit west of that State, and Mrs. C. accompanied her to Chicago where they now are with friends.—South Haven (Mich.) Standard.

—The Rathbone Company, of Deseronto, has favored us with one of their "Fire Proofing" catalogues, consisting of 48 pages, containing many illustrations and much information of interest to builders. There seems to be no limit to the enterprise of this great firm.

—C. R. Stacy, an enterprising young farmer of Kite River, Ill., a son of Eliza J. Rathbun, was visiting his cousins and other friends in Northwest Kansas, the latter part of August. Mr. Stacy is a

strong, open faced young man, whose countenance is all the letter of credit he needs.

—E. O. Doak, grandson of Gideon Rathbone, is the inventor of a traction wheel for engines, harvesters and heavy machinery, intended to derive driving power from traction. Mr. Doak has given considerable attention to mechanical inventions, and will doubtless work out something quite valuable should he pursue this line of study.

—The Ogden Standard's Kansas City correspondent, in giving an account of the K. P. Encampment at that place, and also of the Utah boys, says: "Rathbone, of Eureka, and Raddon of Park City are spotted men. The former was seen taking three ladies to the theatre, and Raddon is supposed to have four wives and is here looking for more." Just as we expected. We knew the boys would go down there and give the whole thing away.

—Hon. E. G. Rathbone and Fletcher Heath, Saturday filed their separate answers to the suit brought against them recently by Miss Grace Campbell, and which created such a stir at the time, as her allegations were against two men strictly straightforward in business. Mr. Rathbone's answer was filed by Judge Hume: it is simply a general denial of each and every allegation in Miss Campbell's petition, of any fraud and collusion.—Butler County (O.) Democrat.

—Miss Antoinette Rathbone has accepted the principalship of the school at Herndon, Kan., and entered upon her duties the second Monday of September.

—Frank R. Rathbun, of Auburn, N. Y., is the author of "Simple Studies in Bird Life," "Old Toys and Pastimes," "The Pig and the Potation," "The Diamond and the Dagger," and other equally interesting papers and stories.

—Mrs. Sarah R. Campbell, of South Haven, Mich., and Mrs. James Rathbone, of Randolph, N. Y., spent ten days visiting Chicago friends, the latter part of August. They are anticipating with much pleasure the prospect of a reunion next year.

—H. R. Carrier, Jr., Oswego county's representative upon the republican committee of the Fifth judicial district, and one of the judicial delegates of Oswego county, is in the city to-day attending the meeting of the committee. Mr. Carrier is one of the promising young lawyers of Northern New York, and an important factor in Oswego politics. He is the man who had immediate charge of the canvass of Justice M. L. Wright a year ago, in which he made a reputation for political sagacity.—Syracuse Herald.

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KIND WORDS.

I don't think any one of the Rathbun-Rathbone family would like to see THE HISTORIAN stopped, and hope you can arrange for it to be kept going.

It is with pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of the RATHBONE FAMILY HISTORIAN, for August. Keep right on sending it as long as I can get so much good reading for so little money, for I know a good thing when I see it. \* \*

I am in receipt of the eighth number of THE HISTORIAN, and I find myself eagerly watching for each one, as we are wont to watch for the face of a friend. I can see that your work is growing, and congratulate you upon your success. \* \*

Four copies of THE HISTORIAN received. We are more than pleased with it, and were glad to get so many back numbers, but would like to have them from the first, as we think the history incomplete without them. We would gladly pay extra for them if they could be secured. \* \*

I take a deep interest in the little monthly, for my mother was a Rathbone, and in memory of her I make my claim to a seat in your family circle. I have in my library a little tract, under the modest title, "Narration of Jonathan Rathbun." Its contents are doubtless familiar to many of your readers. The said Jonathan Rathbun was the paternal grandfather to my mother. There are many bearing the name (spelled one way or the other) here in Connecticut. They have not all made history as governors or divines, and I should be surprised if the name could not be found upon some jail register, yet as a family I think they have reason to be proud, and are by nature loyal.

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IN AN EDITORIAL WAY.

Oh, yet we trust that somehow good,  
Will be the final goal of ill,  
To pangs of nature, sins of will,  
Defects of doubt, and taints of blood.

That nothing walks with aimless feet,  
That not one life shall be destroyed;  
Or cast as rubbish to the void,  
When God hath made the pile complete.  
—In Memoriam.

The sudden death of Gideon Rathbone, of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, whose obituary is given elsewhere, was a sad surprise to his children, who were very much attached to him. Last winter they were summoned home on account of serious illness, from which he recovered, and had been enjoying unusually good health until a few hours before he died. Outside of the Rathbone family, one seldom sees so large a family of children, all living in perfect peace and

good-will toward each other as has always existed in that of Mr. Gideon Rathbone. Of the eleven now living, neither was more than another a favorite, while each one occupied a warm place in the father's heart. He lived to see them all grow to manhood and womanhood without causing a blush of shame ever to rise to his face, and he died in the consciousness of having done a father's duty to every one of them. His will, which was dated in 1879, divides his property equally into twelve parts, one going to the heirs of his eldest son, Edmund E. Rathbone, who died in 1870. His oldest living son, Onatus C., was named as executor, which was entirely satisfactory to all. Mr Rathbone had taken a deep interest in THE HISTORIAN, and had furnished a plate for a portrait, to appear in connection with an autobiography of his life, the first of which was in type for this issue, when a telegram announced his death. Thinking it would please his family better to have it appear later, it was held over. The deceased was the grandfather of the editor of THE HISTORIAN.

"A Fair Fee," is the caption of a well written short story by Cornelia Rathbone, which appeared in the current number of The Ladies Home Journal. It is well known that no second class story would be given space in that popular monthly, which speaks for Miss Rathbone's ability as an author. Should THE HISTORIAN circle be fortunate

THE HISTORIAN believes that some steps should be taken by the Rathbone family to get a special dispensation from the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias, for the establishment of a Rathbone Memorial Lodge, to be officered entirely by Rathbones-Rathbuns. It should partake of the nature of a subordinate lodge, having authority to confer the ranks according to the established custom, and composed of all members in good standing of subordinate lodges, whose fathers or mothers are Rathbones. The officers should serve one year, making Past Chancellors eligible to the Supreme Lodge. Members might be taken into it either by initiation or by proper credentials, from any subordinate lodge. All persons becoming members by initiation should be furnished with a card to be deposited in some regular subordinate lodge of which he must become a member, and remain in good standing. It should have all the paraphernalia required of a subordinate lodge, with a castle hall in some centrally located city, where all meetings should be held. We throw out these hints in a crude way, simply to call attention to what would prove one of the most pleasant ways of uniting the family that has presented itself to our attention. This plan can be developed into one that would place us within an organization already established, in which every member of the family should feel a deep interest and just pride. Within it could be incorporated beneficiaries and helps that

would be of great value, as well as perpetuate the memory of the founder of the order, Justus H. Rathbone.

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The following lines were written by a good daughter of Gideon Rathbone, upon learning of his sudden demise :

How swift came the parting hour,  
Who of us thought, ere the sun set,  
Each heart would be bowed in sorrow,  
Dead! Our dear father gone.

The brave, tender heart has ceased  
beating,  
The welcome smile gone from his face:  
Our father, so peacefully sleeping,  
Can it be you will waken no more?

No more, thro' the wearisome years,  
Until our voyage o'er life's sea is done,  
Then we shall see you again, not thro'  
tears,  
When to us the summons shall come.

Help us, oh Saviour, to bear this sorrow,  
And be ready when the call shall come,  
Like Father, to lay down our burdens,  
And answer, "Thy will be done."

M. D.

MARRIED—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Letson, in Wilsonville, Neb., Sept. 8, 1892. Mr. G. G. Rathbone and Miss Posey I. Griffis. The groom is the third son of J. Q. Rathbone, of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, and a printer by trade. The bride is the daughter of J. A. Griffis, a merchant of Selden, Kan. We understand that they went to Eureka, Utah, where Mr. Rathbone has a position with Rathbone Bros., publishers of the Tintic Miner.

In view of several improvements decided upon, to begin with the January number, the subscription price will be advanced to two dollars a year. We have a few back numbers, beginning with April, and while they last, all new subscribers who date their subscription back to April, will receive the first

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