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PATRONOMATOLOGY.

BY HIRAM RATHBUN, SR.

The cognomen, "Rathbun-Rathbone," is a patronymic of the Hebrew branch of the Semitic race. It came into existence by the way of the house of Israel. Joseph the eldest son of Jacob by his legitimate wife Rachel, had two sons—Manasseh and Ephraim. In the patriarchal blessings bestowed upon the descendants of Joseph, Ephraim the youngest, was set before Manasseh as certainly as Jacob was set before Esau in the choice of the Almighty, see Gen. 48 : 17, 18, 19, 20 ; Mal. 1: 2. 3 ; Rom. 9: 13. When some of the children of Ephraim were slain by the men of Gath, it is said that Ephraim "mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him, and when he went in to his wife, she conceived and bear him a son, and he called his name Beriah, and Rephah was his son." Through Rephah, the grandson of Ephraim, came the names Reseph, Telah, Tahan, Laadan, Ammihud, Elishama, Nun and Joshua, who succeeded Moses. See I. Chron. 7: 22-27. Num. 27: 18-23. Josh. 1: 1-10. All these Patronymics were the names of first born sons who were family or household, or tribal, patriarchal fathers to the families of their household in their tribe. So that Rephah, the grandson of Ephraim, became a patriarchal father to his family or household descendants. The Patronymic Raphah was not translated into English when the Bible was, but simply transcribed. Therefore it is a Hebrew Patronymic of that branch of the Semitic race. There are four different ways of spelling this cognomen, which are as follows :

Rephah, } The second and the fourth are the
Raphah, } most common in the Hebrew, but each
Raphan, } have the same meaning or signifi-
Raphen, } cation. So that they are Patronymic
synonyms. A young Hebrew man by the name of Joseph Raphah or Raphen, with a family of Levites settled in an early day in Wales, when Wales in civil government was distinct from England. He married one of the girls of this Levite

family. Both were Hebrew scholars. In learning the Welch language, which language uses the German alphabet, he translated the cognomen Raphen into the Welch language *Rebun*. The English "a" having the same sound as the German "e," so that when the name was spelled in English the "a" was used instead of the German "e" and so spelled Rathbun.

Joseph Rathbun had several sons by his Levite wife, towit: Joshua, Samuel, Ephraim, Daniel, David and Job. All these sons married Levite women. Joshua, David and Job emigrated to Holland and became what would be esteemed in those days wealthy. Here they learned the Dutch language, and in this the name was also spelled *Rathbun*. All the Holland Rathbuns that I have ever heard of, so spell their name. But some of the grand children of Joseph Rathbun crossed the line of Wales into England and commenced the use of the English language. Some of these gave their name the broad English brogue, and so spelled the name Rathbone. But all those of Wales, all those of Holland and many of those of England still spell their names Rathbun. Mr. Joseph Rathbun, the Hebrew shemitic, kept a record of his family lineage, from Joseph the son of Israel, and this record was kept up until it fell into the possession of Jeremiah Rathbun, who was the son of John Rathbun. My father obtained a copy of this record from his uncle Samuel Rathbun, the eldest son of Jeremiah Rathbun. I kept this record until the year of 1850, when my mother's brother, Alanson Warner's house burned in Hancock county, Ohio. This very sacred record, with some other valuable things that I had in his care were consumed in the conflagration. In this lost record there was a clear and distinct connection of names given in the lineage from Joseph the son of Israel, down to Joseph Rathbun the first, and from him down to John Rathbun and his son Jeremiah, and from his son Samuel to my father, Robert Rathbun, Jr. I was born April the 3d, 1820. I was married to Miss Rosana Edmonds. She died

September 14th, 1844, and left me a son ten days old. His name is Ephriam David Rathbun, born September the 4th, 1844. He is a practicing physician at Matkins, Mo. I was married again to Miss Lovina Church Waldo, July the 28th, 1853. I have two daughters, Mary L. Rathbun French, of this city, Laura G. Rathbun, who still lives with me. My youngest is a son, born December the 18th, 1865. His name is Hiram Rathbun, Jr. So that Ephriam D. Rathbun and Hiram, Jr., are sons of Hiram Rathbun, Sr., who was the son of Robert Rathbun, Jr., who with his two brothers, Samuel and Allen, were the sons of Robert Rathbun, Sr., who, with his five brothers, Samuel, Jeremiah, Joseph, Wilbur and Jonathan Rathbun, were all sons of Jeremiah Rathbun, Sr., who, with his two brothers, Obidiah and John Rathbun, were sons of John Rathbun, Sr., and John Rathbun, Sr., was, according to the record, a direct descendant of Joseph Rathbun, the Hebrew descendant of Shem, who was contemporary with Abraham, and before the flood was contemporary with Lamech, and Lamech was contemporary with Adam.

In this article we have not attempted to say a word in regard to the history of the Rathbuns—Rathbones—but have simply called attention to the idea of the patronymatology of the patronymic Rathbone—Rathbun. While it may be clearly seen that a little discrepancy has inadvertently crept into the orthography of the name, yet the unity of the origin, the unity of the definition are so identical that the patronymatology is the same.

RATHBONE GENEALOGY.

BY FRANK R. RATHBUN.

It gave me great pleasure to note the clear and concise genealogical paper of Mr. Howard Rathbone, of Oklahoma, in which he traces his lineage for five generations past. In so doing, he fulfills one, if not indeed the primal object of "*The Historian*," and presents its readers with a well forged link with which to aid in the construction of the ancestral chain.

Fortunately, I have in my possession documents

which not only substantiate the greater part of his statements, but enable me to trace his ancestry still further into the dim past. Some years since, I procured from the firm of Joel Munson's Sons, of Albany, N. Y., an excerpt from some voluminous genealogical register, being such portion thereof as was devoted to the name Rathbone. It is in pamphlet form and paged from 619 to 653 inclusive. From it, I give the principal facts which follow, which may be not only pleasing to my very remote Oklahoma kinsman, (remote in a double sense), but also to others of our ilk and style.

Beginning where he dropped the link in his past, I glean from the aforesaid source that Joshua was born September 7, 1723, and married Sarah Tennant, December 4, 1745, as he states.

Joshua Rathbone, aforesaid, was the fourth son of Jonathan Rathbone, and Elizabeth —, and was born May 22, 1691. His preceding brothers were John, born January 1, 1715; Benjamin and Jonathan; and the issue succeeding him comprised Isaiah, Joseph and Elizabeth.

The grandfather of Joshua aforesaid, and the father of Jonathan, was John, who married Ann Dodge, January 10, 1688. The children of this marriage were, Mary, born October 3, 1688; Jonathan, May 22, 1691; John, Dec. 23, 1693; Joshua, February 9, 1696; Benjamin, February 11, 1701; Annah, August 9, 1703; Nathaniel, February 6, 1708; and Thomas, born March 2, 1709.

The great grandfather of Joshua aforesaid, grandfather of Jonathan and father of John, was *John Rathbone of Block Island*, who married Margaret —, and had: William, Thomas, John, (married Ann Dodge), Joseph, Samuel, (born August 3, 1672), Sarah, Margaret and Elizabeth.

This is as far back as my pamphlet attempts genealogically, to trace the lineage of the Rathbones. It says: "No attempt has as yet been made to trace out and confirm by documentary evidence, the early history of the Rathbone family in America. Various accounts were formerly current concerning their origin, one asserting that the family was descended from Thomas Rathbone

who came from England in 1621; another deriving them from John Rathbone of the Liverpool family, who emigrated from that city in 1625; and a third from an elder brother of Col. John Rathbone, an officer of the parliamentary army of 1658, who was noted for his devotion to Republican principles."

"The first of the name however, who appears in America, is the Rev. William Rathbone, to whom allusion is made, in a work published in 1637, and reprinted in the Historical Collections of Massachusetts. He seems to have been an author, and as his doctrinal views did not accord with those prevailing in the Massachusetts colony, the supposition is, that he and his descendants were not admitted into the New England church as its members, and consequently were not permitted to take part in general public affairs."

"Mr James Savage, in his Genealogical Dictionary, speaks of one of a somewhat similar name George (Rabone) Rabun (which Belknap in his History of New Hampshire, says may be a mistake for Rathbone), who was in Exeter in 1639. This George Rabone was one of those who in the previous year had sympathized with the Rev. Mr. Wheelwright, the brother of the famous Anne Hutchinson, and was with him banished from Boston, for defending his religious opinions.

Being deprived of all his privileges as a citizen, he combined with his fellow exiles, some thirty-five in number, in setting up an independent government at Squamscot Falls, N. H., which they called Exeter."

"In the Rhode Island Colonial Records, mention is made of a John Rathbone, of New Shoreham, who was admitted to full political rights as freeman, May 4, 1664, being the same person whom the Block Island Records name John Rathbone. This John Rathbone was one of those who met at the house of Dr. Alcock, August 17, 1660, to confer about the purchase of Block Island, and was one of the original sixteen purchasers of that island from Gov. Endicott and three others to whom it had been granted for public services. In 1676, John Rathbone was chosen one of the surveyors of highways. In 1682, 1683 and 1684, he occupied a place in the Rhode

Island General Assembly as representative from Block Island. In 1686, he was one of the petitioners to the King of Great Britain in reference to the 'Quo Warranto,' and in 1688, was one of the grand jury of Rhode Island."

"In Niles' Historical Narrative of the French and Indian Wars, published in 1760, we find the following: "In the year 1689, in the month of July, Mr. Rathbone had a narrow escape from the French, who *had come in three vessels* and were then 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 as the most likely. The French proceeded to capture him, as they supposed, and demanded of him his money. The captive denied having any but 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 monied John Rathbone, the latter made his escape with his treasure. They had mistaken the son for the father who by submitting to this cruelty in the room of his father saved him from being robbed."

"Arnold in his History of the State of Rhode Island, Vol. I, p. 304, says: "The local history of Block Island, truthfully written, would present an interesting study. The traditionary history of the aborigines is full of the romance of war. Their authentic history in connection with the whites abounds in stirring incidents, the peculiarities of the English settlers and their posterity, their customs, laws and domestic institutions are among the most interesting developments of civilized life, while the martial defense of a people, within and around whose island there has been more hard fighting than on any territory of equal extent in America, and where the horrors of savage and of civilized warfare have alternately prevailed, almost without cessation, from the earliest traditionary period down to a recent date, would altogether furnish material for a thrilling history that might rival the pages of romance. The danger of the sea and the sterner perils of war united to produce a race of men whose cour-

age and hardihood cannot be surpassed. It was out of such material that naval heroes were made.'"

There is little reason to doubt that many of the hardy pioneers alluded to by our versatile and veracious chronicler bore the name of Rathbone. Many a grim, time scarred and ancient tombstone on the Island (so I am informed) bears mute witness to the fact. Such deeds, traditions and historical episodes, wherever found and whether of much or apparently little import, should find their proper embalment in the pages of the HISTORIAN by those possessing them, through either accident, family tradition or otherwise.

While that I have presented and partially cited from the pamphlet but repeats Mr. Cooly's investigations which appear on p. 86, Vol. I, and p. 10, Vol. II of this magazine, I find refuge in the axiom that repetition in genealogical affairs is not without its intrinsic worth, and as such I trust your Oklahoma correspondent will be pleased to accept it though at second hand.

*THE SUDDEN DEATH LAST EVENING
OF MRS. BETSY WEED—SIXTY-
SEVEN YEARS A RESIDENT OF
THIS CITY.*

Say not, The family link is broken !
Rather, another link has past the stream.
O'er which we all shall cross,
For do we not feel the power of that link,
To draw us ever onward, upward,
To a higher, better life ?

—[F. P. RATHBONE.

Mrs. Betsey Weed, widow of Enos Weed, whose death occurred about ten years ago, died very suddenly last evening at her home on West Seventh street where she had resided for about fifty years. She had not been ill, having apparently entirely recovered from a slight indisposition from which she suffered several weeks ago. Her life simply went out, as she sat in her chair talking and planning with her family, as the flame of a candle which has burned low flickers and dies out.

Her maiden name was Rathbun. She was born

at Springfield, Otsego County, this State, on August 8th, 1803. She was married at Pulaski in 1824 to Mr. Enos Weed, and came with him in 1826 to this city, where she has since resided, a period of sixty-seven years, thus being one of the oldest residents of the city.

She was a truly remarkable woman, retaining her faculties to the last, and being as keenly alive to all the great questions of the day as any young person. Nothing of importance escaped her attention ; and while her retentive memory, reaching back over such a long period of years, made the past always vivid to her, yet the present with its weighty problems was a never failing source of interest to her.

She was one of those persons who seem to be possessed of the spirit of eternal youth. She was "ninety years young." Sunny and cheery, old age seemed to be powerless to touch anything but the body ; her spirit was young as ever.

A woman of life-long activity of mind and body, of keen intellect and sweet christian spirit, she will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Mrs. Weed had seven children, but two of whom Edward R. Weed, of New York, and Mrs. V. C. Douglass, of Oswego, are still alive. She was a sister of Philander Rathbun, formerly a well-known business man here.—*Oswego Times*, Jan. 27th, 1893.

The above sketch does not overestimate the worth of "Aunt Betsey." Indeed it would be difficult in the short space of a newspaper notice to even do justice to her many notable qualities. But in the loving memories of her family she will not lack her due, especially among the few remaining ones whose privilege it was to be near her in her declining years, and who saw the once strong, self-reliant, active woman, who had so long "borne the burden and the heat of the day," gradually merge into the sweet, uncomplaining, gentle old lady who sat calmly waiting in the twilight, but never losing her interest in the life around her. Even the week before her evening shadow fell, so softly and gently, her extensive reading and wonderful memory were of the greatest help to her grand-daughter in preparing for a history examination.

Not the least of the pleasures of her last year with us, was the monthly advent of the HISTORIAN. None could have watched for it more eagerly or read it more faithfully than she, and it was a gratification to her Rathbun pride that something was at last being done to preserve and perpetuate the pride and interest of the family in each other.

She was proud of the unbroken record for nearly three centuries, of the long line of honorable men who were her ancestors. From John Rathbone, who was one of the original purchasers and settlers of Block Island, John second and third, Benjamin, born on Block Island, who settled at Escoheagh, R. I., his son Benjamin, who settled at Colchester, Simeon, his son who came to Williamstown, Oswego County, in 1793, to his son Samuel, who was her father.

ONE OF HER NIECES.

SAMARIA SKINNER RATHBURN.

Samaria Skinner was born February 8, 1827. Her mother died when Samaria was about three years old, after which she found a pleasant home and tender care with her aunt Steadman, in Rutland township, Meigs county, until the time of her marriage to L. R. Rathburn, in January, 1847.

After marriage they made their home in Rutland until 1854, when they moved to Pickwick, Minnesota, where she lived until about four years ago, her husband having died, she returned to Meigs county, and has made her home among relatives, principally at Phineas Hugg's in Middleport. A few years after the death of her mother, her father married again, and to the second marriage were born four children, two of whom are living. About 1847 or 1848 she professed faith in Christ as a personal Savior, and united with the First Rutland Free Baptist church, but on her removal to the West, her membership was transferred to Pickwick, where she remained a worthy member to the time of her death. Her faith in God was steadfast and her life was consecrated to his service. She did not fear death, but often expressed a desire that she might not be sick long, fearing

she might be a burden to others; which desire was realized. She was in ordinarily good health until Friday morning, November 25, when she was suddenly stricken with apoplexy, after which she did not at any time appear to fully recover consciousness, but remained in a comatose state until relieved by death, the following Wednesday morning, November 30, 1892. Her age was 65 years, 9 months and 22 days.

Funeral services at the Free Baptist church in Middleport, conducted by Rev. S. J. Weed, after which the mortal remains were interred in Miles Cemetery, near Rutland.

S. J. W.

— Watchman.

SARAH A. RATHBUN.

Was born in Benbrooke, Ontario, April 3, 1836, and was the daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Richmond. Resided there until the time of her marriage which occurred Dec. 30, 1857, then coming to Michigan with her present husband, Ransom Rathbun, residing in the township of Easton, Iona County to the time of her death.

During the year and winter of 1859 she was converted and joined the Congregational society in the present township. Later on she became a member of the Wesleyan Methodist society in which she has remained a consistent member. She was also a greatly interested worker in the temperance cause.

She was born in 1836 and died January 13, 1893, making her age fifty-six years, eight months and sixteen days. The deceased was the mother of five children, two of which have preceded her, and three others, Lorenzo D., Mrs. W. G. Born and Edwin R. survive her.—*Saranac (Mich.) Local.*

HYMENEAL.

KENYON—RATHBONE.

[Brooklyn Eagle. Nov. 10, 1891.]

If brilliant weddings are the forerunners of a gay season the coming one should prove the gayest in many a day on the Heights. Another wedding, seldom equaled in beauty, was celebrated at St. Ann's Episcopal church on the Heights at 8

o'clock last evening. It was that of Miss Elise Chesebrough Rathbone, daughter of A. Henderson Rathbone, of 1 Sidney place, to the Rev. Ralph Wood Kenyon, son of Captain Ralph Watson Kenyon, of this city. Both the families are very highly connected and of pre-eminent social standing in this city. At the appointed hour for the nuptials St. Ann's church was crowded with a distinguished assemblage. The church decorations were simple but tasteful. On either side of the altar were two large and graceful palms. The altar itself, on which stood two vases of exquisite white roses, was decked in a white frontal of satin embroidered on which was the sacred monogram surrounded with ivy leaves, embroidered in green. The Right Rev. William Crowell Doane, D. D., LL. D., bishop of Albany, performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Alsop, rector of the church. The full choir of men and boys, numbering forty voices, had volunteered their services in compliment to the assistant rector, and the music was further enhanced by the presence of a string quartet and harp stationed in the chancel. The bridal party was met at the main entrance by the white robed choisters, who led the way singing the wedding march from "Lohengrin," which also pealed forth melodiously from the organ under the skillful hands of Dr. Crowe, the musical director. Directly following the choisters came the ushers; then the bridesmaids, followed by the maid of honor, and lastly the bride, with down-cast eyes, leaning on the arm of her father. As seen through the gauzy veil which enveloped her features she was an ideal bride, with fair complexion and dark hair. Her gown was of white satin, trimmed with old point lace, the bodice having long sleeves of the Louis XV style. Her veil of tulle was caught up with a sprig of orange blossoms. She wore no ornaments, nor did she carry flowers; but, instead, an ivory covered prayer book. Her maid of honor, Miss Edith Vail, of New York, a cousin of the groom was attired in a heavy white corded bengaline, and wore in her corsage a true lover's knot of white enamel, containing a single diamond. It was a gift from the bride. She carried a bouquet of white roses. The six bridesmaids, Miss Helen Everitt, Miss Grace Giberson, Miss Heloise

Braine, daughter of Admiral Braine; Miss Theodora Thomas, of New York, Miss Bessie Smith of Washington and Miss Juliet Earl, of New York, were all attired in white crape, with Louis XV sleeves. Their gowns were covered with rose buds and each wore a circlet of silver on her head, and on her bodice a white enamel and diamond pin, gifts from the bride. The groom's best man was the Rev. Edgar Cape, rector of St. Simeon's church, Philadelphia. The ushers were the Rev. Russell Woodman, rector of Trinity church, Albany; Mr. Worthington C. Ford, Mr. William Hamilton Russell, Mr. Egbert C. Simonson, Mr. R. Fanning L. Rathbone, and Mr. E. Duncan Kenyon. An unusually large and distinguished gathering was present at the reception which followed directly on the ceremony at the residence of the bride's father. The floral display there was exceedingly elaborate and costly, the prevailing feature being white roses. The orchestra was completely hidden under the stairway by a veritable jungle of palms and rare potted plants. The bride and groom received the congratulations of their friends in a recess formed by the bow window in the drawing room to the left of the entrance. Eureka palms, set off by white roses and chrysanthemums, formed their background. All the mantels on the same floor were banked in special designs in ferns, roses, smilax and chrysanthemums, while everywhere the floral decoration was complete. The bride's gifts were very elegant and costly. Noticeable among them was an elegant Persian rug from Mr. R. Bleecker Rathbone, of New York, a set consisting of two massive bonbon dishes, two spoons, two sugar tongs and a ladle from some of the members of the Ladies' guild of St. Ann's church, and a writing set, consisting of a silver pen holder and book mark and a silver mounted pen wiper, from the women of the 'mothers' meeting in the church. Silver prevailed to a great extent, there being several full sets of table silver. An elaborate supper table was spread out in the dining room. The bride and groom will hold several "at homes" at the residence of the bride's father on their return from the wedding trip, but they have not yet decided on where to make their permanent home. Nearly two thousand invitations were

issued to the reception, and among them many notable persons were present.

Mr. Kenyon received a letter of congratulation from the Baroness Burdette-Coutts, of London, and from other celebrated people he met while on his European tour.

A HAPPY EVENT.

The brilliant wedding of Mr. Dell C. Rathbun and Miss Jessie M. Budd occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Budd at Fayette, Iowa on February 9th, 1893, over one hundred guests being present. The following evening a grand reception was held at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Rathbun in honor of their thirtieth anniversary.

The presents were many and elegant, of which I will mention only a few :

Side board, 16th century, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Rathbun; couch, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Budd; silver knives and forks and carving set, Marguerite and John Budd; upholstered swing rocker, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Walker; onyx clock, W. W. Peebles; bronze clock, H. E. Hurd; silver berry spoon, L. W. Billings and wife, Perry, N. Y.; silver syrup cup, Wm. Leddick, Mt. Morris, N. Y.; silver bon bon tray, Vera and Lee Billings, St. Paul, Minn.; three silver dollars, J. Rathbun and Bell Brownell, Silver Springs, N. Y.; five dollars, Mrs. H. A. Matteson, Helena, Mont.; five dollars, Mrs. Clara White, Oelwein, Iowa; ten dollars, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Conklin, Oelwein, Iowa; silver nut bowl, Mr. and Mrs. M. Keith and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mohr, Mitchel, S. D.; two solid sets silver tea spoons, Q. C. Babcock and E. O. Hand and wives; sterling silver spoons, W. W. Clewell, Dubuque, Iowa; silver knives and forks, Wm. Weaver, Mt. Morris, N. Y.; silver butter knife and sugar shell, Dr. and Mrs. Peebles, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Space and time forbids a mention of only about half of the many presents.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Rathbun will reside in Fayette, where Mr. R. is extensively engaged in the drug business.

M. R. BROWNELL.

GENEEOLOGICAL.

A subscriber furnishes the following which we trust may be fruitful of more extensive records later on :

Clarinda Rathbun married Mr. Millard. Their children are Nancy, Lucy, Phebe, Harriet and Philander, all living but the last two named.

Nancy married for her first husband, a man by the name of Sharp. Their children are Millard Sharp, Oneonta, Otsego county, N. Y.; Mrs. Libbie Diehl, 333 Lewis avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bernent P. Sharp, 336 Dean street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Her second husband's name is Daniel Kilts, and their children are Edward Kilts, Mrs. Ida Bowmaker, Johnstown, N. Y.; Mrs. Minnie Thomson, Sharon, N. Y.; all born in Sharon. Lucy married Henry Wentworth, whose children are, Mrs. Mary Stane, 77 A. Willow street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Ida Pond, 137 Bergen street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Addie Wentworth, Helen Wentworth (dead), Douglass Wentworth, Fort Plain, Schohain county, N. Y.; Seymour Wentworth, Cherry Valley, Schohain county, N. Y.; Charles Wentworth, Sharon, Schohain county, N. Y.; Phebe married Goshen Conover; their children are, Mrs. Delia Roberts, Prairie avenue, Chicago; John Conover, Buffalo, N. Y.; Frank Conover, Lockport, Niagra county, N. Y. Harriet married Mr. Bishop. She is dead. I did not hear of any children. Philander Millard is also dead.

HE LEFT NO WILL.

JOHN T. RATHBUN'S PROPERTY GOES TO THE HEIRS
AT LAW.

The late Hon. John T. Rathbun died intestate, that is, he left no will; so his property will be divided between his heirs-at-law who are: Louis G. Rathbun, William R. Rathbun, George R. Rathbun, Simeon B. Rathbun and Samuel R. and John R. Van Campen. The last two are grandsons and their mother's portion will be divided equally between them.

William R. Rathbun and Samuel R. Van Campen have been appointed administrators and have given bonds in the sum of \$500,000 for a faithful

performance of their duties. Colonel D. C. Robinson, Louis G. Rathbun and Robert T. Turner are the bondsmen.

The deceased, prior to his death, had sold off nearly all of his real estate in this city, so that at the time of his death he had only about \$25,000 invested in realty in Elmira. His personal property is valued at about \$250,000 which makes \$275,000 worth of property in this city to be divided among the heirs.

In addition to this, Mr. Rathbun had real estate holdings in the West, including copper mines and farms. This property has been in charge of George Rathbun who is preparing a statement showing the value. It will reach probably \$200,000—*Elmira Gazette*, Jan. 27, 1893.

HIRAM RATHBURN TAKES A STEP UPWARD.

Assistant Superintendent Hiram Rathburn of the Sturtevant mills at Bean Hill for the past four years, has resigned his place to accept the superintendency of the Phoenix Woolen mills at Stafford. Superintendent Rathburn is a capable and faithful manufacturer, and carries to his new position experience which assures success.—*Norwich Bulletin*, Feb. 14, 1893.

BLOWN UP BY GAS.

A YOUNG WOMAN INSTANTLY KILLED.

URBANA, O., Feb. 3.—The greatest calamity that has ever occurred in this city happened here tonight, when a natural gas explosion occurred in the home of J. G. Shofstall on East Church street. By the explosion his daughter, a young woman twenty-three years of age, was killed, Mrs. Clark, aged sixty-eight years, died a few hours later, and Mr. Shofstall was badly burned. The house was blown to pieces and three persons were buried beneath the debris. To add to the horrors of the situation, fire broke out and the unfortunate people were in danger of being cremated. The firemen went to work with a will and soon had everybody out. Miss Nellie Shofstall was pinned down

by the heavy timbers of the building. She was horribly mangled. Her neck was broken by the heavy timbers falling across it, both eyes were literally torn from her head, while her body and face were a mass of cuts and bruises. She lingered about an hour before she died. Mrs. Clark's collar bone was broken in addition to internal injuries and she died later.—*Saranac (Mich.) Local*.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

State Deputy Grand Chancellor D. J. Auchmoody of the grand lodge, state of New York, will visit Founder Rathbone lodge, No. 290, Knights of Pythias, at Arcanum hall, Genesee street, this evening, and will give an exemplification of the new ritualistic work. District D. G. C. Howard C. Wiggins, with representatives of Marub lodge, No. 288, of Rome, and Holland Patent lodge, No. 291, will also be present. Immediately following the close of the regular convention, a collation will be served and a social session enjoyed.—*Utica Herald*, Feb. 3, 1893.

SEEN ON THE ONTARIO AND WESTERN.

"I was in Utica the other day," said a gentleman at the Rathburn house, "and when I left that city my route was over the New York, Ontario and Western railroad.

I have traveled on all sorts of railroads and have seen very many funny things, but it remained for the New York, Ontario and Western to ante up the most amusing sight that I ever tumbled against. Just after the train had left Utica, the brakeman, after announcing the next station, sat down in front of me, and pulling a ball of yarn and a partly completed stocking of suspicious length from his pocket, commenced to knit.

I curiously and mischievously asked the knight of the brake if he found much time for fancy work. There was a far off sentimental look in his eyes, which I shall never forget, as he replied that he was only making a pair of ordinary yarn stockings then, but after he had finished them, he intended to knit a real fancy silk pair. I wilted."—*Elmira Gazette*.

G. A. R. ENTERTAINMENT.

Monday night's entertainment given by the Woman's Relief Corps and D. T. Wiggins Post G. A. R., was a most decided success in every way. Attendance all the hall could be made to hold and as usual when home talent holds the board, everything took. New original and topical songs, dances, recitations, farce and other good things were given in rapid succession until the evening was spent with pleasure to all, and profit to a good cause.

Special mention is due to the excellent and refined work of Mrs. W. L. Rathbone in the preparation for and participation in the G. A. R. entertainment. How could anything in the way of artistic exhibitions succeed without her, notwithstanding the great supply of home talent in Randolph?

Prof. W. L. Rathbone and the Citizens' Band were on hand as usual with the best music in their line.

The characters in the comedy, "Two Negatives make an Affirmative," were effectively taken by Mrs. Rathbone, Miss Ida Jones, M. S. Lovell, N. C. Ingersoll and Miss Bernice Kenyon, and the play well concluded a happy evening.—*Randolph (N. Y.) Register*, Feb. 14, 1893.

*THE VICTIMS OF THE URBANA, O.,
GAS EXPLOSION NEAR RELATIVES
OF MRS. HUGO
RATHBUN.*

A dispatch printed in the Democrat Saturday morning gave the particulars of a terrible explosion of natural gas in the house of J. G. Shofstall in Urbana, Ohio, by which Mrs. Clark, the mother of Mr. Shofstall and Miss Nellie Shofstall were killed outright and Mrs. Shofstall so badly injured that her life is despaired of. Mrs. Clark was the mother, and the other victims the sister and niece, of Mrs. Hugo Rathbun of Paris township.

[It was Mr. Shofstall, brother-in-law of Mrs. Hugo B. Rathbun instead of Mrs. Shofstall who was injured in the Urbana calamity. He will recover. Mrs. Shofstall was in Indiana visiting her daughter when the explosion occurred.]

*REVERENDS DANIEL P. AND ANNA A.
RATHBUN SPEAK AT A TEMPERANCE
RALLY.*

Syracuse Standard, January 22, 1893.

A temperance rally was held last night at the Wesleyan Methodist Church by the Syracuse Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Not many people were present, but considerable interest was displayed. The W. C. T. U. choir led the singing.

The opening address was made by Rev. S. R. Wallace of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. He spoke of the fact that prohibition just now seemed to be in a lethargic state, but that it was one of the ways which God had of testing the faithful. The outcome, he said, was just as sure now as it had ever been. He thought the churches should take a more active part in the effort.

Rev. Daniel P. Rathbun, of Pilgrim Chapel, wondered that with so many churches we should have any licenses. Said he:

"When a man tells me that he is a Christian, and yet does not consider it his duty to oppose the liquor traffic, I consider him a mystery. Even ministers of the Gospel keep silent on the question and wash their hands of it entirely. I believe that the man or woman who rises in favor of the right will be honored. It is because of moral cowardice that we are suffering as a nation. The church should set the example. I love the good, sanctified stubbornness that will stand the test." Mr. Rathbun said that if women should be allowed to vote the withering curse would be blighted and rooted out. "God Almighty," he said, "let his power fall on the Republican party and smashed it all to pieces in the last election. Within the next eight years both parties will be coming to us for help. The Republican party used to be aggressive and had some principle, but the party that never had any principle came out ahead at the last election. If you voted the Republican or Democratic ticket, you voted as you prayed, for the continuance of the liquor traffic."

Rev. Anna A. Rathbun spoke of the bill of the Syracuse Political Equality Club, to allow the

women of Syracuse to vote for school commissioners. She advised the ladies to write to the Assemblymen and Senators at Albany, requesting them to further the interests of the bill. The W. C. T. U., she said, is in favor of woman's suffrage. They did not make the unjust laws, did not vote to license the saloon, but they want to help to undo the damage. The ballots of women will put down the liquor traffic. Women will vote for their homes and children. Some of them of course will not, for there are some women as mean as men."

A RATHBUN SAW MILL BURNED.

CAMPBELLFORD, Ont., Feb. 23.—About half-past eleven last night fire broke out in the Rathbun company's saw mill here. The mill and machinery were entirely destroyed, but the efforts of the firemen saved the engine house and boiler, these are only very slightly damaged. The loss is estimated at \$6,000 and it is understood to be covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to be the work of an incendiary, as the mill has been closed during the winter.—*Copied.*

The following notice may interest our readers as well as become history for future reference:

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

To Fanny Ogers, Ellsworth Rathbun, Job B. Rathbun, Grant Rathbun, Grace Fields, Hope Shelly, George H. Shelly, Clarence Rathbun, Emily F. Cook, Judson Chubbuck, Milton Chubbuck, Elsie Claypool, the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Miss H. Chubbuck, Vernon Chubbuck, Jerusha B. Chubbuck, Elton Chubbuck, Charity Beebe, Dorcas N. Davis, Fay P. Rathbun, Donald B. S. Rathbun, Sarah S. Rathbun, Mrs. A. B. Edgett, W. E. Palmer and Arthur Van Winkle, heirs at law, next of kin, legatees and devisees, creditors and persons interested in the estate of Dorcas E. Spencer, late of the city of Hornellsville, in the county of Steuben, deceased, Greeting:

You are hereby cited and required to appear before our Surrogate of our County of Steuben,

in our Surrogate's Court, on the 24th day of February, 1893, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the City Hall in the City of Hornellsville, then and there to attend the Judicial Settlement of the accounts of William H. Van Dusen executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased; and Donald B. S. Rathbun and each and all of the persons hereby cited, or interested in the said matter and proceeding who are under the age of twenty-one years, are notified and required to appear by guardian, if such they have, or, if they have none, to appear and apply for one to be appointed; or in the event of their failure to do so, a special guardian will be appointed by the Surrogate to appear and act for them in the proceeding.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the seal of office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed.

Witness, M. Rumsey Miller, Surrogate of said County, at Bath, the 24th day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

[L. S.]

D. M. McMASTER,
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court.

INTERESTING LETTERS.

DEAR HISTORIAN: Accept my congratulations for your fine appearance. Your dress becomes you well. While the marked improvement in every part is but a just reward for the past year's labor upon the part of your patient and persevering Editor. I send you herewith my little encouragement for which I feel that I have been already amply prepaid by the single letter of John C. Cooley on page 10. The "Narrative of Jonathan Rathbun," I will send you in a few days registered.

Your work is a good one, for I am sure it will engender and sustain a just family pride in the heart of every one that shelters a drop of the Rathbun blood.

Very truly yours,

JULIAN LA PIERRE, M. D.

Norwich, Connecticut.

EDITOR HISTORIAN: I have just read with much interest in the January issue, 1893, Vol. II, of the HISTORIAN, an article under the caption, "Rathbones in the Revolutionary War," by W. W. Cone, of Topeka, and it has occurred to me to suggest to our people, the Rathbones, through you, the advisability of each person interested in the HISTORIAN and the Rathbone Family contributing material of this sort to the HISTORIAN, to the end that it may become a matter of record.

A year or so ago I joined the Sons of the American Revolution, a patriotic order, and I may say one of the very best in the United States. It was necessary for me to trace lineage to some ancestor who participated in the struggle for independence, and it was a very difficult task, but was finally accomplished. Information of the character contributed by Mr. Cone will not only be valuable in cases like mine, above recited, but it makes a record which will be very useful in the future to those of our name.

Yours, very truly,

Washington, D. C. E. G. RATHBONE.

Judging from the appearance of the January number of the HISTORIAN, it has launched out for a prosperous and happy new year—we heartily wish it success. We love it and each new number is more and more endearing to us as we become more familiar with the given names of the many Rathbuns and bones in the land. * *

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 28th of February in regard to locating the Rathbone family of the world at Pythian headquarters in Chicago, sometime during the Columbian Exposition, is just at hand.

Permit me, my dear sir, to say that I will be most heartily glad to welcome you, and the Rathbone family of the world. I think it is just the proper thing to do, and I am more than glad that you have suggested the idea of having a meeting of the family there at that time. I spent the evening with Justis Rathbone's daughters at Alexandria, about ten days ago. They were speaking to me then, in regard to you, and in regard to the history of the Rathbone family. If it is possible for you to forward me any of the

magazines which you have already published, in regard to the Rathbone family, I will be very glad to see them, and will pay whatever your subscription price may be.

In regard to the locating of the Rathbones at Pythian headquarters, I would suggest to you that you write at once to the proprietors, Edward Waldo & Son, 389 Bowen Ave., Chicago, Ill., telling them what your ideas are, and fix the date at which you will have the meeting. My judgment is that it is proper for you to take sole charge of this; fix the date yourself, and then notify all of the members of the Rathbone family wherever found. Give them the date and let them work to that. If you undertake to write to each party, asking them to fix a time, you will never agree. I have had this experience to my sorrow, and now when I want to have anything done, I fix a date and notify the other parties of the date, and it works like a charm, but if you leave it for them to select the time, they will never agree.

I will also write to Messrs. Waldo & Son, and have them correspond with you on the subject. Trusting that we shall have a full assembling of the Rathbone family at Pythian headquarters, I am,

Yours fraternally,

JAMES R. CARNAHAN,

Major General U. R. K. P.

Indianapolis, Ind.

EDITOR RATHBONE FAMILY HISTORIAN:

DEAR SIR:—We are in receipt of your very interesting application for information in regard to headquarters for the great head of Pythianism. We think no other place could be more appropriate for your headquarters than with the Pythian headquarters, and we shall be pleased to offer satisfactory accommodations for your illustrious family reunion at your specified time during the World's Fair, and will see to it that quarters are reserved for you at *special* and *satisfactory* rates, if you will kindly give us the *time* you desire to come, at your earliest convenience, as each Brigade is systematically arranging their time, and we would like to reserve pleasant quarters for your worthy reunion, and would urge the advance time, for your own comfort.

We send you herewith circulars which give full particulars in reference to "Pythian Headquarters," and you can make the announcement in your magazine to suit the occasion, as you can do it better than any one else. Awaiting your early reply, I am

Very truly yours,

Chicago, Ill.

EDWARD WALDO & SON.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

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

DEAR COUSIN: I am a little girl nearly eight years old. I live on a farm in Canada. There are twelve children in our family. I am the youngest. My brother Andrew is next to me. He is nearly ten. About two years ago he fell into a big spring that is on our farm and was pretty near drowned. My sister Irene was playing near, and she missed him. She looked and saw his feet sticking up and she pulled him out. His face was all covered with black mud, and he could hardly stand, but we got him to the house and he was soon all right. A year ago he got his leg broke. We live close to the school. Only four of us are going to school now. We had to stay at home to pick apples and turnips. We have five horses, a little colt and three cows, and one is a Jersey. We have the cradle that was made for papa fifty-seven years ago. The lumber that it was made of was sawed in grandpa's own saw-mill. We have a lovely flower garden and some time I will tell you about it. We had three cousins from Chicago on a visit this summer. We had a big time when they were here. I guess you will think my letter is too long.

I remain your cousin,
EVA RATHBUN.

THE WORLD'S YOUTH'S CONGRESS.

During the World's Fair there will be a World's Youth's Congress, the object of which will be to make an impression on the youth of the world as to the great duties of life that they may soon be required to assume. The assembly is to be selected, in this country, from among the schools, one representative from each county, to be between the ages of thirteen and twenty, as follows:

Pupils in the last two years of the high school course, pupils in the two lower years of the high school course and pupils in the two higher years of the grammar school grades.

The CORNER trusts that some members of our

circle may have the honor of representing his or her (for girls are eligible as well as boys) county at this Congress. The proper way to become a candidate will be to visit your county superintendent and find out the way he intends to make the selection, then go to work in good earnest to win the prize.

The decision will likely be made the subject of a prize competition some way. Here is a subject worthy the ambition of every American youth, and it will be an honor to the winning candidate. Let the parents stimulate their children to enter the contest for this honor and have our name appear not only once, but many times, if possible, upon the list.

Don Q. Rathbone, a former contributor of the CORNER, has begun the study of the guitar, having purchased a new Washbourne.

Master Early Bigelow of Marshalltown, Iowa has shown the true spirit of business thrift by getting out at 5 a. m. this cold winter to attend the furnace for a neighbor.

Miss Rie Lockwood of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, is the happy recipient of a new Guild piano, a present from her father.

PERSONALS.

—Miss Antoinette Rathbone visited her brother in Oberlin, Sunday, March 19th.

—Mrs. W. S. Rathbone will open a millinery store in Glen Elder, Kansas, soon.

—Rising Sun, Ohio, has a Pythian Sister Temple called LULU RATHBONE TEMPLE No. 16.

—Edna Rathbun was one of the graduates of Seymour School, Syracuse, N. Y., in January.

—Henry and Ben Rathbun were in town again last Saturday. Henry's health is returning again.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Rathburn, of Charlestown, Ohio, were C. & P. passengers to Downs, Kansas, in January.

—Miss S. Annie Rathbun has returned to her home at Grand Rapids, Mich. She has been visiting in Chicago.

—C. W. Rathbun, Odessa, Texas, is a dealer in Hay, Grain and Feed, and runs a feed barn in connection therewith.

—Robert H. Rathbun, late of Duluth, is book-keeper for Culbertson & Richardson, merchants of Marfield, Minnesota.

—Charles R. Stark, a member of the family, is Treasurer of Rhode Island Perkins Horse Shoe Co., of Providence, R. I.

—Mrs. E. H. Rathbone will visit friends in Oberlin, Kas., while her husband is prospecting for a location in Wyoming.

—Russell B. Rathbun, of Kingston, Mo., who has been very sick for some time, is now rapidly regaining his usual good health.

—Benjamin Rathbun, of Cedar Bluffs, Kas., was elected assessor for his township last fall and has entered upon the duties of the office.

—Founder Rathbone lodge, No. 290, Knights of Pythias, conferred the third degree upon two candidates last evening.—*Utica Herald*.

—Miss Marguerite M. Rathbun, of Detroit, Mich., is visiting Miss Hattie Nolan, of 673 West Monroe street.—*Chicago Tribune*, March 5th, 1893.

—Mrs. Edward Bowditch of Albany, has been spending some time here with her sisters Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. John Rathbone.—*Lenox, Mass., Items*, Jan.

—Mrs. E. O. Doak, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, is a most successful poultry fancier. She recently purchased a full-blood fowl for the handsome sum of \$10.

—Messrs. Bailey and Rathbun of this city will give an entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. hall, Sauquoit, Wednesday evening.—*Utica Herald*, March 13, 1893.

—Mrs. F. P. Rathbone Sundayed in Herndon with Mr. Rathbone's sisters, Misses Lillie and Antoinette. She returned Monday via the stage.—*Oberlin Opinion*.

—Charles B. Rathbun, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who has been suffering all winter with inflammatory rheumatism, is visiting in Chicago, in hopes the change may do him good.

—Lucy E. Webb, of Pequovoo, N. J., attended inauguration exercises in Washington, and will visit there until about April first. She will spend some time at Falls Church, Va.

—Mrs. Campbell is one of our best friends and the HISTORIAN wishes her every success in any business she may become engaged, and is assured she will have hosts of friends in her new home.

—Miss Lois Rathbun, of Garafaxa, was one of the delegates sent from the Belwood lodge of Royal Templars of Temperance to the District Council which was held in Fergus last week.

—Mrs. Mortimer Rathbone, of Chicago, is spending a week at Battle Creek, Mich., attending her cousin, Miss Mary Gerts, of Oak Park, Ill., who is taking a three month's course at the water cure.

—Mrs. S. E. Campbell of South Haven, Mich., is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Rathbone. Mrs. Campbell expects to remain in Randolph and go into the millinery business.—*Randolph Register*.

—Mr. John Doak, a resident of Melrose township, Grundy county, Iowa, and a son-in-law of Gideon Rathbone, has recently sold his two hundred and forty acre farm and thinks of locating further west.

—H. N. Rathbun, dentist, late of Ayr, Ont., has moved back to Belwood. Mr. Rathbun owns a farm in Garafraxa besides his residence and place of business in Belwood. He is the youngest son of the late Wm. Rathbun of Garafraxa.

—A Glenn Elder, Kansas, Correspondent says; "This place is getting to be pretty well represented by the Rathbone family and its descendants. Sixteen of us took dinner together and there are twenty-seven relatives of the family in the town.

—In describing the ladies' costumes worn at the Inaugural Ball, the *Oneago Tribune* of March 5th contains the following: Mrs. Estes Rathbone, of Ohio—An exquisite toilet of pale lavender satin, with trimmings of silver embroidery and point lace.

—Albert R. Wright, formerly of Rockford, Illinois, has purchased an interest in the Ogle county farm upon which he was born, where he will make his future home. Mr. Wright was a Decatur county, Kansas, farmer for a number of years.

—Maj. Gen. James R. Carnahan spent a very pleasant evening recently with Misses Sara and Lulu Rathbone at their home in Alexandria, Va. The General was a very close friend of their illustrious father.

—Miss Mary Rathbun Strail requests her magazine addressed to No. 20 Irving Place, New York City, instead of "The Chelsea College," Long Branch, New Jersey, as formerly. Among other pleasant things she says: "I do not wish to miss one number. I look forward each month with much interest for its coming."

—Benjamin Royce, of Dewise, Neb., has been looking over the territory in Northwest Kansas for an opening in the mercantile business. He visited his relatives in Decatur county, Messrs. Henry and Benjamin Rathbun. We have not learned what he has decided to do.

—The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Rathbone will be glad to learn that they have recently been assured by an eminent physician at Marshalltown, Iowa, that there is great hope for a cure being effected on their little daughter Floy, who lost her speech from la grippe.

—Geo. Harlan is moving into his new house on the Taylor farm just east of town. W. S. Rathbone drove up to Mankato, Tuesday. O. D. Ford and wife who have been visiting with the Geo. Harlan family returned to their home at Mankato, Tuesday.—*Sentinel, Glen Elder, Kas.*

—A letter from Rathbone Bros., from Eureka, Utah, informs us that they have sold their paper at that place and that the report that they will locate in Lander, Wyo., is premature. They are going into the northern country, but may not again engage in the newspaper business.—*Oberlin Opinion.*

—The Pythian Sister Temples named in honor of the founder of the Knights of Pythias are as follows:

Rathbone Temple No. 1, Washington, D. C.; Rathbone Temple No. 1, Elizabeth, N. J.; Rathbone Temple No. 6, Fall River, Mass.; Rathbone Temple No. 21, Colby, Kas.

—The *Tintic Miner* comes to us this week changed to a five column quarto, inside patent. Rath-

bone Bros. have sold and assigned their interest to one Mix, of Eureka, who made his formal bow last week to the people of Eureka and vicinity. Just where the Rathbone Bros. intend to "cast their future lot" they have not, since their recent sale, announced.—*Oberlin Opinion.*

—Miss Emma Tripp visited at Rockford this week. Maggie Houston, of Lafayette attended the Sabbath school convention at Rochelle, last week. For a real civic and genuine good time, the party at Albert Wright's takes the lead. About seventy-five young people attended and passed a pleasant evening. All unite in saying that Mr. and Mrs. Wright are excellent entertainers.—*Ogle County (Ill.) Reporter.*

—Mr. Edward Rathbun Cooper, superintendent of the Keogh & Schroeder Co., publishers, Chicago, spent the second week of February in Oswego, visiting his aunt, Mrs. Carrier and renewing acquaintances with the numerous friends of his old home. On returning, he passed an afternoon with his aunt, Mrs. Leyns, in Utica. From there going to Cleveland, O., for a day or two with his sister, Mrs. W. J. Robertson.

—"The Man from Wall Street," a new novel by St. George Rathbone (Chicago: Morrill, Higgins & Co.), is a story that to a certain circle of readers, will prove delightful. The characters are drawn in a manner true to life, and they are types of the people they represent. The author brings in an exceedingly wide range of characters and scenery, the thread of the story running through a half a dozen countries, and including a Romany boy, a Dakota judge and a Venetian gondolier.—*Clipping.*

—Mrs. S. E. Campbell, after being for many years a resident of South Haven, took her departure last Wednesday for a new home in Randolph, N. Y., about sixty miles nearly south of Buffalo. There she has a sister living who has for some time been anxious that she should live near her, and urged her suit so strongly that, last week, Mrs. Campbell resigned her position with M. Hale & Co., and began to pack her goods at once. Very many people in South Haven will much regret her departure, but will hope that the change may result in increased prosperity and happiness for her.—*South Haven (Mich.) Messenger, Feb. 10, 1893.*

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IN AN EDITORIAL WAY.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to present our readers with a letter from Maj. Gen. James R. Carrahan, approving of the plan of making the PYTHIAN HEADQUARTERS, the RATHBONE FAMILY HEADQUARTERS, during the reunion at Chicago. The question of accommodation is a serious one, and it will be *absolutely necessary* to know just where you are going to find them when arriving. The fact that THE DAMON is selected as Pythian Headquarters is sufficient guarantee that it will be a safe and pleasant place to patronize as that Order never stops at a second class house, and it is safe to say that no other place could be chosen where we would be treated better than with the Knights of Pythias.

The proprietors of The Damon have manifested a desire to make a special effort to entertain the Reunion, and will make "*special and satisfactory*" rates if we will take hold and work to make the gathering a success. The importance of securing rooms at once will be apparent to all, and as the terms are so reasonable every one who can attend the fair at all, can afford to engage rooms. The HISTORIAN would urge upon each one the acceptance of this kind invitation from one of the highest officials in the Supreme Lodge. A reunion under such circumstances and amidst such surroundings can but result in great benefit to

those fortunate enough to be present. That the Knights of Pythias honor the Founder of the Order goes without saying, and to have our people choose their headquarters for our home, would be considered by them a mark of respect and good will, and we believe impress them with greater admiration for the family in which Pythianism had its inception.

THE DATE.

The idea of a Reunion at Chicago, this year has met with favor everywhere, and as the time approaches, it becomes necessary to name the date. Acting on the advice of Maj. Gen. James R. Carnahan, whose letter appears elsewhere, and the expressed wishes of many correspondents, we will fix the date beginning Monday, September 18th, and extending as much longer as deemed advisable, probably continuing two weeks, concluding Saturday, September 30th. This will be at a season when the weather will be pleasant, and at a time when the best exhibits will be shown, as well as when most persons can spare the time. Very few will want to spend more than two weeks, and it must be arranged to have a programme extending over the whole period. It may seem a little presumptuous on the part of the HISTORIAN to name the date and select the headquarters, but it is only after much study and many failures to procure any assistance from any other members of the family. In making these selections we have used all the care and judgment possible and feel confident that most of our friends will indorse the action taken.

The proprietors of the Damon will close their books so far as the receiving of applications for rooms upon the "installment plan" are concerned, April 1st, but by an especial agreement with them they have made an exception of the Rathbone Family and will receive such applications until May 1st, at which time an applicant must pay in full upon application for room. In making application, be sure to state that it is for the Rathbone Family Reunion, so you will be sure to get apartments in the proper part of the building, as they have guaranteed to give us special care in

this direction to let us have the best accommodations in the house.

As this announcement will not reach our readers much before April 1st, it will only leave one month in which to forward applications. Certificates issued upon this plan are transferable, so if anything happens to prevent the use of the certificate it can be transferred.

One subscriber has ordered her magazine discontinued because nothing had been published about any of her immediate family or relatives. We are very sorry, but assure her it was only because we could not get anything to publish. No one has tried harder to get contributions than the editor, and if some branches have not been mentioned it is only because of our inability to get the information.

Remember that any kind of an article, story, essay or treatise will be gladly welcomed for publication in these columns if it originates in the thoughts of the family or is of special interest to it. Obituaries are very desirable in their time and place, but the magazine will come far short of its object if it has nothing else. Biographies are very essential, yet not necessarily so important as to leave no room for the advanced thoughts that may emanate from the experience and brain of our family. The HISTORIAN wishes especially to encourage the younger ones to cultivate the faculty of expressing their ideas upon paper, and thus develop their literary talent. From the older ones who have helped make history, we most earnestly solicit articles descriptive of the scenes that have led to their success or failures, that the younger ones may study to profit by their experience.

Sunday, September 24th, will be devoted to religious exercises by the family during the reunion, and under the direction of the minister of the family. We predict that this will be a memorable day and one of great spiritual profit to the participants.

A misunderstanding with the engraver resulted in not getting a plate from the photograph of the contributor of our leading article this month—Rev. Hiram Rathbun, Sr.

REUNION TIMES.

BY L. G. RATHBUN.

Let us have a reunion this Columbian year;
Let us talk it up quickly, as the time draweth near;
Let us meet in Chicago, the Queen of the West:
The Rathbuns and Rathbones, and all of the rest
Of our kinsmen, no matter what name you may bear,
And all meet together at the great World's Fair.

Let us come all the way from the Nutmeg State:
From the far distant West, from the Golden Gate;
From Florida's groves of palmetto and pine;
From northern Dakota, from the boundary line.
Come from over the lakes and over the sea,
And meet with us here in this Land of the Free.

Come Rathbuns and Rathbones, now what do you say?
Shall we have a reunion? Now don't you say nay;
But let us resolve we will each do our best
To meet in Chicago, the Queen of the West.
Leave the office, the workshop, the farm and the mine,
And all meet together to have a good time.

There fathers and mothers their children will meet,
While brothers and sisters each other will greet:
Then of course we'll see the wonderful fair,
And the sights of the city while visiting there.
And now, while we live, let's preserve and maintain
What our forefathers left us—an honorable name.

Nevada Mills, Ind.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Rathbone left last Saturday, February 4, 1893 for a two week's visit with relatives and friends at Steamboat Rock, Iowa.—*Oberlin Opinion.*

—Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Rathbone left Saturday for Steamboat Rock, Iowa, on a visit to their old home. They have not been there for five years. They will return in about two weeks.—*Oberlin Herald.*

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Rathbone, of Oberlin, Kas., were in the city today, enroute to Hardin county, to visit relatives. Frank is a son of ex-Auditor J. Q. Rathbone, who is making preparation to move his family to southwestern Iowa.—*Times (Marshalltown, Iowa.)*

—F. P. Rathbone, of Oberlin, editor of the RATHBONE FAMILY HISTORIAN, was in the city Friday visiting relatives and friends. He and O. L. Taylor made this office a very pleasant call.—*Glen Elder Sentinel.*

REMITTANCES RECEIVED

Since last issue are from Dr. Julian La Pierre, Norwich; C. D. Day, Springfield; Benjamin Rathbun, Cedar Bluffs; C. M. Rathbun, Mountain Lake Park; Charles A. Rathbone, Detroit; Mrs. Lucy E. Webb, Pequanoe; A. H. Rathbone, Mrs. R. W. Kenyon, Mrs. J. G. Busse, Jr., Mrs. Mary R. Strail, New York City; Calvin W. Rathbone, Mrs. Clarandia A. Amesbury, Pawtucket; Charles R. Stark, Providence; Rev. D. L. Rathbun, Falls Church; Geo. A. Rathbun, Chicago.

A REUNION OF THE RATHBONE FAMILY OF THE WORLD

Will be held in Chicago, Sept. 18th to 30th, 1893. The Pythian Headquarters.



THE DAMON.

TO THE ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Supreme Chancellor W. W. Blackwell and Major-General James R. Carnahan have executed an agreement with us, attested by Hon. R. L. C. White, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, whereby, during the World's Fair, the headquarters of the Knights of Pythias will be located at the northwest corner of Bowen and St. Lawrence avenues, Chicago.

The present capacity of the building is 250 rooms, exclusive of all the necessary adjuncts for the convenience of the guests, but the proprietors have the plans prepared for the extension of the premises by the addition of 400 more.

"Pythian Headquarters" is an apartment building. To each four rooms there is attached a water closet, hot and cold water and a bath.

The building is so arranged as to make it specially adapted for the comfort and convenience of visitors coming in parties where it is desired to be together, as by giving timely notice, and securing rooms in advance, they can provide for a party of even 100 so that they can occupy adjacent rooms, all opening off one stairway, to which there is a separate entrance from the street, and if desired may be under the control of that party and them alone.

The building is lighted throughout with gas, and thoroughly ventilated; it surrounds a spacious "court" on which are balconies and into which each set of apartments open, thus enabling visitors to communicate with all parts of the building, and providing a pleasant outdoors for the evening. All windows and doors are provided with wire netting.

THE HEADQUARTERS.

The rooms occupied by the Supreme Officers and the Major General, dedicated to the "headquarters" proper, constituting a Pythian "Bureau of Information," will be as completely and elegantly equipped as befits the Order; competent persons will at all times be in attendance to meet and greet the membership as they arrive, and furnish them with all information they may require. This information will be safe, intelligent and reliable. The main headquarters room, which will be fitted up as an office, will be furnished with telephone, telegraph, messenger and special mail service, making it, in all that the words imply—a "Pythian Headquarters."

SMOKING AND READING ROOMS.

Immediately under the rooms occupied by the Supreme Officers and the Major General will be located a comfortable and well appointed smoking and reading room provided with all necessary conveniences for the comfort of the guests, where they can sit during the day or evening, or in which meetings may be held.

LOCATION OF "PYTHIAN HEADQUARTERS."

The building is situated in the heart of the finest residence portion of the "South Side" of Chicago, within fifteen minutes' ride of the business center of the city and ten minutes' ride from the Fair Grounds, thus making it easily accessible for every purpose, and at the same time absolutely removing it from the noise, bustle and throng surrounding hotels in the immediate vicinity of the Fair.

RATES.

The uniform rate for lodging at "Pythian Headquarters" will be SEVEN DOLLARS (\$7.00) per week, for each person. Persons desiring to get special accommodations, or where a number of persons desire to make up a party, with special accommodations, satisfactory arrangements will be made upon application to the proprietor.

MEALS.

One of the particular features for which the Supreme Chancellor and Major General contended was the establishment of a restaurant in the building.

The Supreme Chancellor and Major General stated that they feared that if there was no restaurant the visitors would be not only inconvenienced but at the mercy of persons who might overcharge them; the proprietors therefore, although it was not originally contemplated, consented to make the necessary provision. The Supreme Chancellor and Major General then required that the proprietors should submit a "bill of fare," with prices attached; this was done, approved by the officers named, and made part of the contract. Under this arrangement, meals are not to exceed fifty cents each.

BREAKFAST—50 CENTS.

Oat Meal and Milk	Cracked Wheat and Milk
Milk Toast	Rolls
Bread	Coffee Cake
Doughnuts	
MEATS—	
Beefsteak	Ham and Eggs
Three Eggs, any Style	
Cold Roast Beef	Cold Corned Beef
Cold Tongue	
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT—	
Potatoes—Boiled	Mashed
Stewed	
Fresh Vegetables in Season	
Iced Tea	Coffee
Milk	Tea

DINNER—6 TO 8 O'CLOCK P. M.—50 CENTS.

Soup—	Tomato	Consumme
MEATS—		
Roast Beef	Beefsteak	Roast Pork
Beef Stew		Ham and Eggs
Cold Meats		
VEGETABLES—		
Boiled Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Stewed Potatoes
Stewed Corn		Other Vegetables in Season
DESSERT—		
Pies	Pudding	Berries and Fruit in Season
Tea	Iced Tea	Milk

If guests prefer to order from special list of the restaurant instead of a regular meal they can do so, and the Major General holds a bill of fare, with prices agreed upon that will prevent any extortionate prices being charged.

Occupants of the headquarters are not compelled to procure their meals at the headquarters restaurant, but it is believed upon investigation they will desire to do so.

MANNER OF SECURING QUARTERS.

Members of the Order, *their families or friends*, desiring to secure quarters at "Pythian Headquarters," during the World's Fair, can do so by making formal application, and accompanying the same with ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00).

In order to secure accuracy, applicants should state their name and postoffice address accurately, and where a person is applying for headquarters for more than one person, the application should be accompanied by ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) for each person named. The name or names will then be registered in the order in which they come.

When applicants have decided upon the time they are coming, *not less than ten days before their proposed arrival*, they should notify the undersigned as to the exact date of their coming, and inclose a *draft or money order* for the remaining SIX DOLLARS, and then a certificate will at once be issued to them for one week's lodging. This certificate may be transferred.

When persons desire to secure quarters for *more weeks than one*, they should so state and accompany their original application with *one dollar for each week*.

Where an applicant desires quarters for himself, wife and members of his immediate family, he should so state, so that they may be assigned together.

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION.

In addition to a special line of omnibuses to be run from the building to the Fair Grounds, "Pythian Headquarters" is located within two minutes' walk of a line connecting with one cable car system, three minutes from another, seven minutes from the elevated road, and ten minutes from the Illinois Central railroad, all of which lines of travel lead both direct to the Fair Grounds or to the center of the city. "Pythian Headquarters" also has the advantage of being located within two blocks from Thirty-ninth street, the point at which the cable and elevated roads make up their trains, thus insuring good seats for all who go to that point. The suburban trains of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern road also stop within two blocks of the building.

The proprietors of "PYTHIAN HEADQUARTERS" desire to call especial attention to the fact that the building selected has been officially designated as headquarters, by the Supreme Chancellor and Major General. This of itself is a guarantee to the membership—the arrangement involves no question of doubt as to their finding quarters here when they come—they will get what they pay for, and at a rate unequalled in reasonableness and quality by any quarters in the city.

Already large bodies have secured quarters, and some states are engaging permanent "headquarters" during the entire period of the Fair.

This circular is issued purely for the purpose of intelligently informing the Pythian public, and with a view of systematizing rather than promoting business.

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REFERENCES:

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