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intellectual or religious life was ever without her active and effective aid while she lived.

The life of this noble woman was one of adventure as well as of humanitarian endeavors. As a young girl she crossed the Alleghenies with her father on a visit to Ohio, at time a journey of great magnitude and daring. She also traveled on the New York Central Railroad, one of the first built in the United States, from Albany, to Schenectady, New York, from there to Buffalo on the Erie Canal in the early days of that great internal highway, and from Buffalo to and over Lake Superior on the first steamboat that ever traversed the waters of that mighty inland sea.

When Mrs. Hale was sixty years old she visited Persia, where one of her daughters was a missionary, and in order to get at first hand information for the use of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, in which she was an ardent worker. On this trip to Asia she also visited Constantinople, Athens, and many other highly interesting historical places. Only a few weeks prior to her death, when she was past ninety, she asked that a map of Turkey and Albania be spread out before her in order that she might follow with her own eyes the progress of the armies in the late Balkan war.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale were the parents of four daughters. Ellen, who is now the wife of E. A. Harmon, resides in Minneapolis. Mary, who devoted her life to the care of her mother, is still living in the fine home of the family on Clifton Place. Catherine married Dr. Joseph P. Cochran and went with him as the wife of a medical missionary to Uiuma, Persia, where she died in 1895, after an absence of seventeen years from her native land, and where her husband died in 1906.

#### ELLSWORTH C. WARNER.

Beginning the battle of life for himself in the highly honorable and useful but humble capacity of a country school teacher, and now at the head of a gigantic industry and connected with financial institutions of great magnitude, Ellsworth C. Warner, president of the Midland Linseed Products Company, forcibly illustrates, in his strikingly successful business career, the possibilities of industrial and commercial enterprise, and what can be accomplished by capacity, self-reliance, perseverance and pluck in this land of boundless wealth and opportunity.

Mr. Warner was born at Garden City, Minnesota, in 1864. His father, Amos Warner, who is still living and is over ninety years old, is a native of the state of New York, and the mother, whose maiden name was Aurelia Dilley, was born in what was then the far western state of Ohio. The father was, in his days of activity, a school teacher, druggist and energetic farmer. He came to Minnesota in 1851, a pioneer in this state, and took up his residence at Garden City, where he still has his home. He has served as town treasurer, and is widely known and highly respected by the people of his home town and county. The mother is now seventy-nine years of age and one of the revered matrons of her long abiding place, Garden City.

Their son, Ellsworth C., was educated in the schools of his native place, passing through the common schools and afterward attending the high school there. He began life for himself teaching a country school in the winter months and working at various occupations in the summer. In 1855 he was appointed register of grain receipts, and was one of the first

men in the state of Minnesota to fill that position. He was attentive to his duties and careful and intelligent in the performance of them, winning general commendation from all classes of persons who had dealings with him.

But there was that within Mr. Warner which called aloud for expression in a larger field of action, and could find it only in a business of his own, which he could expand and develop to its largest possibilities. In 1887 he resigned the position of State register of grain receipts, at \$125.00, to accept a position at the bottom with the Mankato Linseed Oil Company, at \$50.00 per month with promise of more as soon as he made good. Two years later Mr. Warner purchased a linseed oil mill at La Crosse, Wisconsin, which he sold to the National Linseed Oil Company about 1890. He was then employed by this company as the manager of its mills at La Crosse, Wisconsin, Dubuque, Iowa, and St. Paul, Minnesota, and received a very large salary for his services. He remained with the company until it was absorbed by the American Linseed Oil Company in 1897.

In 1898 the Midland Linseed Oil Company was organized with Mr. Warner as president; E. C. Bisbee, vice president; W. C. Stone, secretary and treasurer, and these gentlemen and the late W. D. Douglas, directors. Mr. Douglas was one of the gentlemen whose heroic death in the great disaster of the Titanic thrilled the world.

The capacity of the Midland Linseed Oil Company in 1899 was 400,000 bushels of seed a year. At the present time (1914) it is 6,000,000 bushels per annum, more than one-fifth of all the linseed made and consumed in the United States. It is one of the colossal institutions in American industrial activity, its products being shipped to all parts of the world. It is one of the most successful institutions ever established in our city. Its plants are located in Minneapolis, Chicago, New York, and are considered the most modern in the world. Its success is largely due to its active officers, E. C. Warner and E. C. Bisbee. Its present officers are E. C. Warner, president; E. C. Bisbee, vice president; G. F. Piper, treasurer; A. L. Bisbee, secretary; A. F. Berglund, assistant secretary and treasurer.

In 1894 Mr. Warner bought the McGill-Price Printing Company in St. Paul and associated with him C. H. McGill and Eli Warner of that city in the lithographing, book-binding and printing business. The company is now the McGill-Warner Company—E. C. Warner, president; E. S. Warner, secretary and treasurer; C. H. McGill, vice president, and is well known all over the Northwest and in other parts of the country. It is still located in St. Paul, and is, perhaps, the largest and most successful institution of its kind in the United States.

The fiscal institutions of his home city have enlisted Mr. Warner's interest and had the benefit of his clear head and strong hand for a number of years, and other industries besides that of making linseed oil have felt the impulse of his quickening intelligence and enterprise. He is one of the directors of the Security National Bank and a stockholder in the First National, the Northwestern National and the Swedish American National banks of Minneapolis. He is also secretary and treasurer of the American Timber and Holding Company; president of the Western Finance Company, and a director and member of the executive committee of the Union Investment Company, and also a director of the Northwestern Fire & Marine Insurance Company. In the management of all of these institutions he takes an active part and gives the details of their business his attention. These institutions

are all located and carry on their operations in this country. Mr. Warner has also extensive interests in the Dominion of Canada, and they, too, receive his careful personal attention. He is president of the Atlas Elevator Company; treasurer of the Canadian Elevator Company; director of the Empire Elevator Company, and of the Thunder Bay Elevator Company, all in the Dominion of Canada.

Large and exacting as are his business engagements and interests, Mr. Warner has found time to mingle freely and serviceably in the social life of his community as a member of several of its leading clubs, as well as in the general social activities of the people around him. He belongs to the Minneapolis Club; honorary member of the University Club; the Minikabda Club, of which he is president; and the Interlachen, Lafayette and Automobile Clubs. He seeks recreation and finds relief from the burdens and cares of business in the game of golf, of which he is a great devotee.

On January 15, 1890, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Miss Nellie F. Bisbee, of Madelia, Minnesota. They have four sons: Ellsworth B., who is twenty-two years of age; Maurice A., who is twenty; Harold A., who is seventeen, and Wendall E., who is twelve. They are all living at home with their parents and aid in making up one of the most interesting and agreeable family circles in the city. The family residence is at 3030 West Calhoun boulevard, and it is a center of social culture and stimulus and refined and gracious hospitality. All the members of the household are regarded as representative of what is best in the citizenship of Minneapolis, and are esteemed in accordance with this estimate.

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#### GEORGE HUHN.

The late George Huhn, who was one of the veteran druggists of Minneapolis, and for many years one of the most energetic, useful and representative men in the city, was a native of Germany, born at Oggersheim in the Palatinate, on November 22, 1835. He was reared to the age of eighteen in his native city and educated there. At that age, in 1853, he came to this country and took up his residence in Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained two years. From there he migrated to this state and located in St. Paul. The whole of this region was wild and unpeopled at that time, and Mr. Huhn found it agreeable to him, as he was of an adventurous disposition.

His love of incident and adventure led him into the army as a volunteer in 1862, and gave him an opportunity to render the locality excellent service in assisting to quell the Indian uprising of that year. After passing one year and a half as a volunteer he enlisted in the regular army in the capacity of hospital steward with headquarters at Fort Ridgely, where he remained in the service three years. He did not, however, pass the time in idleness or trifling amusements. His leisure was devoted to study and investigation, and by the time he was ready to leave the army he had acquired a fair knowledge of medicine and surgery.

In 1867 he engaged in the drug business in Minneapolis, continuing in this line of mercantile life until 1889. He was generous to the pioneers in this locality from his native land, ministering to their needs as a physician and also as a druggist, and they returned his generosity by patronizing him liberally when they had money. He soon built up a large

and active business and became in time one of the most successful and progressive of the early merchants here.

Mr. Huhn also took a very earnest and helpful interest in local public affairs. From 1873 to 1878 he was a member of the school board, and when, near the end of his term, the whole school system was reorganized, he was one of the most active members of the board in the work of putting the improvements into operation. In 1878 he retired from the school board because of his election to the legislature that year. He was re-elected in 1880, and at the close of his term in 1882, was chosen register of deeds for Hennepin county, which office he held until January, 1887.

Among the founders of the German American Bank of Minneapolis Mr. Huhn was one of the most prominent and enterprising. In 1889 he was elected president of this financial institution, and in that capacity he served it greatly to its advantage and his own credit until his death, which occurred on October 30, 1903. He was married in 1863 to Miss Frederica Nerkwitz.

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#### WILLIAM DINSMORE HALE.

For forty-six years continuously a resident of Minneapolis, and during the whole of that long period active in business and public service to the community, William Dinsmore Hale, postmaster of the city at this time (1914) has won the regard of the whole people here by his ability, capacity, fidelity to every duty and genial and obliging disposition in all the relations of life. His residence here has been one of peaceful pursuits, but when armed resistance threatened the dismemberment of the Union he did not hesitate to take up arms in its defense, and he bore himself bravely and creditably through four years and four months of the great and sanguinary war, as he has done in this city amid the din and clang of industrial activity.

Mr. Hale is a native of Maine, having been born at Norridgewock, Somerset county, in that state on August 16, 1836, and a son of Eusebius and Philena (Dinsmore) Hale, also natives of that state. His academic education was obtained at Foxcroft in his native commonwealth and on Long Island, New York. He came to Minnesota in 1856, when he was but twenty years old, and, after traveling through the West extensively, took up his residence at Cannon Falls in 1859, and there engaged in farming. His interest in the public affairs of this state was earnest and serviceable from the first, and so engaged public attention that he was elected enrolling clerk of the state senate in the session of 1861.

The Civil war began about the time his term of service in the senate expired, and he promptly enlisted in defense of the Union, and was made sergeant of Company E, Third Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and later sergeant major of the Regiment. His Regiment served in Kentucky and Tennessee against the renowned Confederate raider, General Forrest, and during this service he was captured, but was soon afterward paroled and returned to Minnesota, joining General Sibley's command in its movements against the Sioux Indians in the summer of 1862 until the outbreak was suppressed.

This did not, however, end his military service. His regiment returned to Tennessee, in January, 1863, and participated in campaigns on the Tennessee River against Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Little Rock, Arkansas. In the fall of 1863