

committee. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of New Haven and one of its Society Committee. He was married by Rev. Leonard Bacon, D. D., the church's famous pastor, on October 10, 1865, to Ellen Louisa English, daughter of George D. English and a niece of Ex-Governor James E. English. They have one child: Mary English Mersick. This brief sketch of one identified so closely by ties of kindred and associations with the largest city in Connecticut would not be complete without adding a few words to emphasize his loyalty to the state by saying that he has always been ardently attached to, and deeply interested in everything appertaining to its welfare.

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MORROW, REVEREND CORNELIUS WORTENDYKE, Congregational Minister, Norwich, was born in Brooklyn, New York, February 8, 1855, son of Cornelius Wortendyke Lafayette and Jane Eliza (Chase) Morrow. On his father's side the family is traced back to Johannes Van Blarcom of Paramus, New Jersey, a settler there in 1600, and on his mother's side to Aquila Chase of Hampton, New Hampshire, in 1640. This branch of the family is remarkable for ministers. His father, Cornelius W. L. Morrow, also studied for the ministry, but devoted himself to manufacturing, being a man of broad culture, a lecturer and a newspaper contributor. The subject of this sketch was graduated from Columbia University in 1876, having prepared at Adelphi Academy and Lockwood Academy, Brooklyn, where he was Valedictorian of his class. From Columbia he entered Union Theological Seminary, New York, where he was graduated with honor in 1879. During his college and seminary course, he devoted much time to addresses, and writing for the press, having published several short stories. After leaving the seminary he preached for a while as a Licentiate, supplying the pulpit of the Congregational Church at Kensington, Connecticut. He was installed as Pastor of the Congregational Church at Bethlehem, Connecticut, where he remained four and a half years, then accepting a call to Danbury, in the same state, where he remained six years. His work in each of these fields was very successful. In 1893 he accepted a call to succeed Dr. Leonard W. Bacon at the Second Congregational Church, Norwich, his present charge. In December 1895 the church celebrated the centennial of its present location and the address

delivered by Mr. Morrow on that occasion has been put in book form and is a valuable contribution to the ecclesiastical history of the state. Mr. Morrow's work in Norwich, as elsewhere, has been abundantly blessed, one hundred and fifty persons having been added to the membership of the church during the last three years. He is an enthusiastic member of the Christian Endeavor Society, and a member of the New London County Association of Congregational Ministers. His papers before this society give evidence of his scholarship and philosophic bent of mind. He was



C. W. MORROW.

a member of the Danbury High School Committee, twice delivering the graduating address. He is at present one of the trustees of the Otis (Norwich) Library, and a member of the School Board. He was married January 14, 1880, to Rosalie Caroline Lippman. Their children have been: William Alexander (deceased), Julia Matilda and Marie Janet Morrow.

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NICKERSON, LEONARD J., Attorney-at-Law, Cornwall, was born in Cornwall, Connecticut, October 23, 1857, son of Orson and Julia M. (Dibble) Nickerson. On his father's side he is a descendant of William Nickerson who emigrated to Cape Cod

from England in 1637. His mother is a granddaughter of Israel Dibble who fought in the American Army through the entire Revolutionary War and was several times wounded. She is descended in a direct line from Governor William Bradford of



L. J. NICKERSON.

the Massachusetts Colony. His early education was obtained in the common schools, and at the Alger Institute at Cornwall. For a time he taught school and then studied law with Hon. Arthur D. Warner. He was admitted to the Bar of the state April 22, 1879, and to the United States Bar in April 1882. During the last ten years he has been connected with nearly every important case in Litchfield county. He has held various town offices and was a member of the Legislature of 1883. In 1895 he represented Litchfield county before the Legislature in the repeal of the act, placing the maintenance of the Hartford Bridge upon the state. His politics are Republican. He is a Mason and a member of the order of the Eastern Star. He was married September 16, 1896, to Alice P. New.

PARSONS, GUERNSEY SMITH, Banker, Waterbury, was born at Durham, December 4, 1834, son of Clement M. and Phoebe (Smith) Parsons. He traces his ancestry back to Cornet Joseph Parsons

through Captain Samuel Parsons, Ithamar Parsons, Aaron Parsons to Curtiss Parsons, his grandfather. He was educated at the Durham public schools. From 1850 to 1853 he was engaged in merchandizing, from 1854 to 1866 he was employed in the Waterbury National Bank, and from 1866 to 1870 he was a manufacturer. He has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Dime Savings Bank since 1870 and a private banker since 1871. Mr. Parsons was Aide-de-camp on Governor R. D. Hubbard's Staff from 1877 to 1878, was Mayor of Waterbury from 1880 to 1882, and Judge of Probate, Waterbury District, from 1874 to 1875. He is a member of the New York Reform Club, of the Waterbury Club, and of the Country Club of Farmington. In politics he is a Democrat. He



G. S. PARSONS.

was married October 14, 1858, to Eliza J. Brown, and has one daughter, Mrs. Sarah K. Parsons Merriman.

PARSONS, HERBERT CALVIN, Proprietor of Parsons Theatre, Hartford, was born in East Windsor, Connecticut, November 4, 1854, son of Calvin G., and Elizabeth (Chapman) Parsons. He was educated in the common schools of East Windsor, and spent his early manhood in farming in that town. He began his business career as proprietor of the