

acter have gained him the high regard of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact. Both he and his wife have many friends in the community.



WESTON DODSON, founder of the firm of Weston Dodson & Co., extensive miners and shippers of anthracite coal, was formerly a resident and prominent citizen of Bethlehem, with the welfare of which place he was identified for twenty-six years. Though he left a large estate at the time of his death, it was all honestly and honorably acquired, for he was a man of the strictest integrity, and made it his rule in life to follow in a practical way the Master's teaching of doing unto others as he would be done by. By his fellow-citizens and those who knew him best, he was held in the highest honor as a man of inflexible truth and noble work.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Samuel Dodson, and his father, whose given name was John, was a well known farmer of Penn Township, in what was formerly Northampton, but which is now comprised within the limits of Carbon County. The date of his birth was February 26, 1771, and his mother was Elizabeth (Rhoades) Dodson. He was the fourth in order of birth and the second son of ten children. After attaining his majority he removed to Huntingdon Township, Luzerne County, where he purchased a farm, which he improved and cultivated until his death, May 9, 1859. He was first married in 1796, to Miss Clarissa Harrison, daughter of Stephen Harrison. This lady died in 1820, leaving eight children to mourn her loss. Her father was formerly a resident of Litchfield County, Conn., and became a prominent farmer in Luzerne County. For his second wife John Dodson chose Sophronia Monroe, who was a native

of Connecticut, and whose death occurred in 1841. The father was a Justice of the Peace, having been first appointed by the Governor, and later elected for several terms by the people. The Dodson family is of English descent, three brothers having located in Pennsylvania in its early history.

Weston Dodson was born April 22, 1824, and grew to manhood on his father's farm in Luzerne County. In early manhood he went to Freemansburg, where he began his life work. At the age of thirty-five he removed to Bethlehem, where he finished his long and highly prosperous business career.

April 12, 1859, a ceremony was performed that united Weston Dodson and Miss Jane E. Craig, daughter of William Craig, a pioneer of Northampton County. The result of this union was the birth of three children: Mary R., now Mrs. G. R. Radford, who resides in Philadelphia; and C. Miner and Jane W., the two latter living with their mother.

The large coal mines in which Mr. Dodson was interested are located at Morea and Audenried, Schuylkill and Carbon Counties respectively, and rank among the finest in the state, thousands of tons of coal being daily handled at these points. The villages inhabited by the miners are beautifully situated, and are much better managed than the villages usually allotted to this class of workmen. The residences are substantial, the communities plentifully supplied with pure, wholesome water, and the company has always made it a point, as far as possible, to surround their workmen with favorable and pleasant conditions.

The death of Weston Dodson occurred January 8, 1889, and his funeral was attended by hosts of friends and fellow-townsmen and numbers of prominent people from all parts of the country, the services taking place at the Trinity Episcopal Church, of which he was one of the founders. Among the last words which fell from the lips of our subject was one brief sentence, which deserves to be remembered by everyone who knew him. Within a few hours of his death, when the dark shadows were closing around him, he said, with a flash of proud consciousness, which gave a most touching pathos to his words: "Every dollar I leave my chil-

dren has been justly earned." The name which he kept untarnished is a truly noble heritage for his children, and his influence in the community is one which is still felt for good.



LOUIS A. SALADE, M. D., A. B., M. A., is one of the leading young physicians and surgeons of Catasauqua, having succeeded in acquiring an extensive and remunerative practice. A public-spirited man, he is always identified with all movements tending to further local and general interests, and personally is very popular, having hosts of warm friends. A native of Schuylkill County, Pa., the Doctor was born near Tamaqua, June 27, 1864. For several generations his ancestors had followed the medical profession, in which they achieved high honors. He comes of good old Huguenot stock, his great-great-grandfather having fled from the religious persecution in France, to seek refuge in this land of liberty and free conscience. Dr. Joseph Salade, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania, and graduated from the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. He practiced for a time in this state, but later found his field of work in Circleville, Ohio, where he was a practicing physician until he retired to return to his old home. His death occurred when nearly eighty years of age, in New Ringgold, Pa.

The father of our subject, Dr. Edwin S., was born in the Keystone State, his boyhood being passed in Ohio. Like his father before him, he became a student in Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, and later was in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. After his graduation he settled in Schuylkill County, and in 1872 became a resident of Tamaqua, where he was in practice until his death in 1884, when he had nearly attained his fiftieth birthday. Religiously he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics was a Democrat. The wife of Dr. Edwin Salade was before her marriage Emma S. Yaeger, a native of Berks County. Her father, Rev. Gottlieb F., was born in Wurtemberg, Ger-

many, in 1797, and received his education at the University of Tubingen. He was ordained as a minister in the Lutheran Church, and on coming to the United States, when about twenty years of age, located in Berks County, where he preached the Gospel for over half a century. He had the honor of being the oldest minister in his denomination in this country at the time of his death, which occurred in his ninetieth year. His wife, formerly Mary Audenried, of Swiss descent, also lived to an extreme old age, her death occurring when she was ninety-two years of age. The mother of our subject is still living, her home being in Tamaqua, and of her two sons and one daughter Louis A. is the youngest. His brother has passed away, and the sister, Mamie, is the wife of Dr. R. N. Ramsay, of Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Louis A. Salade attended the excellent public and private schools of his birthplace, and in 1880 entered the preparatory department of Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster. In 1881 he entered the Freshman class of that well known institution, and was active in its literary society, being still a member of the Greek letter fraternity known as the Chi Phi Society. He graduated in 1885 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1890 his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. In the fall of 1885 the young man entered the University of Pennsylvania, in the medical department, and graduated three years later with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For a time, as his health had been slightly impaired by his arduous studies, the Doctor was in the South, being connected with the Pioneer Mining and Manufacturing Company at Thomas, Ala. At the end of two years, having recovered his normal health, he returned, and in 1890 located in this city to begin his career, which has greatly prospered. The Doctor's residence and office are at the corner of Fourth and Strawberry Streets, a beautiful place, showing the marks of refinement and culture.

February 26, 1889, Dr. Salade married Miss Blanche T., daughter of J. W. Fuller, whose biography appears in another portion of this work. Mrs. Salade was born in Philadelphia, and passed her girlhood in this city. She was given the best

of educational advantages, for after completing the public schools of this city she entered Vassar College, and later was a student in the exclusive and renowned Ogontz in Philadelphia. The Doctor and his wife have two living children, Lewis A., Jr., and Jeannette. The parents are faithful attendants and members of the Episcopal Church.

Dr. Salade is a member of the Board of Health of Catasauqua, and is in the front ranks of all measures pertaining to sanitation and hygiene. He belongs to the Lehigh County, the Lehigh Valley and the State Medical Societies, having acted as Vice-President of the first-named organization.



REV. JOHN F. POLLOCK, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, is a native of Scotland. He was born in Coatbridge, near Glasgow, January 4, 1846, and is a son of Alexander and Jean (Findlater) Pollock. In 1852 his parents emigrated with their family to the United States, and took up their residence in Blossburg, Tioga County, Pa. In his youth he attended the public schools, where his primary education was acquired, and in September, 1867, he entered Lafayette College, where he continued his studies for four years, being graduated from that institution in 1871. With the desire to enter the ministry and make its work his profession through life, he then entered the Theological Seminary of Princeton, N. J., and was graduated in 1874, after a three-years course.

After being ordained the gentleman of whom we write entered upon his life work, and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Oxford, N. J., where he continued for nine years. During that time he won the love and confidence not only of his own congregation, but of all the people of the community, and was highly respected throughout that vicinity. On account of failing health the charge was resigned in April, 1883, and he traveled for a period of five months in Europe. After he returned he came to Allentown, in response to a call from the First Presbyterian Church of this city. Eleven years have passed since that time, but he has continued as its pastor uninter-

ruptedly. The church under his leadership has grown, and has become one of the leading religious organizations of Allentown.

In 1874 Mr. Pollock was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Agnew, a resident of Easton, Pa., and a daughter of John Agnew. She has been a faithful companion and helpmate to her husband, aiding him in his labors and bearing a prominent part in the church work. She, also, is greatly beloved, for she possesses many excellences of character and kindliness of spirit, which have gained her the warm regard of all with whom she has been brought in contact. She presides with grace over their pleasant and hospitable home, which is located at No. 35 North Fifth Street.

Mr. Pollock is a frequent contributor to various local papers on religious and moral topics. He is a ready writer, and his fluency and precision, added to the deep thought given to matters on which he writes, make his articles much sought for by the public. In the pulpit he is a logical speaker, clear and forcible, and the regard of his congregation is shown by his long retention in the pastorate of one church. Among his people he is a courteous, warm-hearted gentleman, who teaches as much by example as by precept.



HON. ASA PACKER, or Judge Packer, as he was more generally known, was a philanthropist, a politician and a business man of the highest order. Few men in this community have become more widely and favorably known than he, for his name was famous not only in this, but in many adjoining states. To him is due the honor, to a large extent, of having opened up the riches of the inexhaustible beds of the anthracite coal regions.

The birth of Judge Packer occurred in Groton, Conn., December 20, 1806, and he departed this life in Philadelphia, May 17, 1879. After receiving common-school advantages he commenced learning the tanner's trade, but in 1822 went to Susquehanna County, Pa., where he learned the carpenter's trade with a relative, and he afterward worked at this calling in New York City. Re-