

closed he returned to Canada and followed his former occupation of railroading. About 1878 he received a terrible injury, which crippled him for life. He fell between the cars, the wheels passing over his feet, but fortunately amputation was not deemed necessary. In 1888 he came to Missaukee County with his family, buying a farm on section 18, Riverside Township, where he has since resided. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church. Dennis Cotter was an only child, and his father died in Ireland many years ago, in middle life. He was a gardener by occupation, and in religion was a Catholic. The father of Mrs. Cotter was William Sullivan, who was also a native of the Emerald Isle, and in his religious convictions a Catholic. Removing to Branchton, Ontario, he lived there for about fifteen years, then coming to the United States and passing his last years in Boston, where he died when well along in years.

Frank L. Cotter was married on Christmas Day, 1893, to Miss M. Agnes Clancy, who was born in St. John's, Mich., and there grew to womanhood. Her parents were Dennis and Margaret (Flynn) Clancy, who are members of the Catholic Church, as is also Mrs. Cotter.

In questions of national importance Mr. Cotter uses his right of franchise in support of nominees of the Republican party. His first Presidential ballot was cast in the election of 1892, for Benjamin Harrison.



**N**ATHAN L. PARMATER, M. D., has the distinction of being, in point of years of practice, the oldest physician in Otsego County. He came hither in April, 1873, prior to the organization of the county, and selected a homestead on the southeast quarter of section 18, Livingston Township. In the fall of the same year he was joined by his wife, who was the first lady to locate on a homestead in this locality. At that time there were no settlers in the township and but few families in the county. His was the task of

the pioneer, that of evolving from the dense forests a comfortable abode and of assisting in the material development of the county. That he was successful in his efforts subsequent events have clearly proved. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of farm land, containing substantial buildings and other improvements, and situated four and one-half miles from the village of Gaylord, which was platted in the fall of 1873. In 1888 he removed from the old homestead to the adjoining town, and here he has since continued the practice of his profession.

In the village of Louisville, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., the subject of this notice was born September 2, 1835, being the son of Charles and Rhoda (Stone) Parmater, natives, respectively, of Massachusetts and Vermont. His maternal grandfather, Col. Nathan Stone, served in the War of the Revolution, winning in that conflict the title by which he was afterward known. The father of our subject early became dependent upon his own resources, and, leaving home, began the life of a farmer. He spent his entire active life in New York, with the exception of two years in Ashtabula County, Ohio. When more than eighty years of age his death occurred in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. His wife had died many years previously, at the age of forty-nine.

In the parental family there were five sons and three daughters, of whom the eldest, Charles, died in Tuscola County, Mich.; Elizabeth married Asel Stafford, and died in Rock County, Wis.; Eunice, Mrs. George Douglas, died in Sauk County, Wis.; Rhoda became the wife of Roswell Stone, and died in Rock County, Wis.; John W. is a farmer of Chesterfield County, Va.; William is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Otsego County; our subject is the next in order of birth; Harvey W., the youngest, died during the Civil War, while serving in an Ohio battery.

The early years of our subject were uneventfully passed upon a farm. Until the age of twenty his educational advantages were limited, but he then entered an academy in Ashtabula County, Ohio, and for some time thereafter conducted his studies with diligence and success. Soon after the opening of the Civil War, in September, 1861, he be-

came a member of Company E, Twenty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and served for three years and ten months, during all of that time being a non-commissioned officer. The first important engagement in which he took part was that of Winchester, March 23, 1862. Then followed the battles of Port Republic, Va., June 9; Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862; the three-days engagement at Chancellorsville, May 1-3; and the battle of Gettysburg, July 2 and 3, 1863.

Soon after the battle of Gettysburg, our subject was sent to Ohio to secure new recruits, and rejoined his regiment in December, 1863, at Lookout Mountain, but soon afterward returned home on a veteran's furlough. He took part in the Atlanta campaign, and after the fall of that city he went to the sea with General Sherman, thence journeyed northward to Washington, and in April, 1865, participated in the Grand Review. His discharge was received in July, 1865. He was never wounded but once, that being at Port Republic, June 9, 1862.

After the close of the war, our subject took a course of lectures in the Homeopathic College at Cleveland, graduating in 1867. He then opened an office at Conneaut, Ohio, but in 1868 removed to Reedsburg, Wis., where he remained one year. On coming to Michigan, he practiced his profession in Genesee and Tuscola Counties before locating in Otsego County. While at Reedsburg, Wis., he was united in marriage, in the spring of 1869, with Miss Violet A. Tinkum, who was born in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. They have one child, Vieve S., at present a student in Albion College.

Socially the Doctor has been Master of the home Masonic lodge. In the Grand Army he has served as Past Commander of C. F. Doore Post No. 61, and one of his greatest pleasures is to meet with the veterans of the war, and recall the thrilling experiences of those days of civil strife. He is a stockholder in the Savings Bank and has other important interests in Gaylord. He is a man whom his fellow-citizens respect and admire, and their opinion of his ability is proved by their frequent selection of him as their representative and leader in important measures. He was the first Probate Judge of Otsego County, and upon several occasions filled the position of Township Supervisor,

and a member of the Village Council. Few men have been so closely identified with the history of Otsego County as has he, and his name is entitled to perpetuation in its annals.

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**L**ARENCE W. CROMWELL, a prominent lumberman of McBain, in company with his father and brother, established a large sawmill here in the spring of 1891. The capacity of the two mills which they now operate is about forty-five thousand feet of lumber per day, and employment is given to about seventy-five men. The firm makes a specialty of all kinds of dimension stock, in maple, cherry, rock-elm and other hard woods.

The paternal grandfather of C. W. Cromwell was born in Orange County, N. Y., but was of English parentage. He owned a farm near Newburg, on the Hudson River, and lived in that vicinity until his death, which occurred at a good old age. His family numbered twelve children, five sons and seven daughters, the youngest being Joseph W., the father of our subject. The latter was born on the old farm in Orange County, where he passed his youth. On arriving at suitable years he married Caroline White, who was born in Georgetown, D. C. Four children came to grace their union, namely: Joseph, who has a Government position in Washington, D. C.; C. W., William O. and Irene. Mrs. Caroline Cromwell is a daughter of Robert White, a leading man and merchant of Georgetown, D. C. He was an enthusiastic Methodist, and after making a speech in a camp-meeting in which he said that he was ready to die at any time, he was summoned to his final rest, being then over eighty years of age.

In 1869 Joseph W. Cromwell emigrated to Ft. Wayne, Ind., and engaged in the lumber business. He had previously followed that trade in West Virginia for eighteen years. With his faithful wife he is still living in Ft. Wayne. Religiously they are Presbyterians, belonging to the First