

HON. JOHN SHELDON DAVIDSON, deceased, was a typical Georgian. Born in Augusta, Ga., and contravening the maxim that, "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country," he never lived anywhere else, but grew up and made his way in the world among the people of the city of his birth, who now delight to do honor to his memory, in appreciation of his efforts in their behalf. His mother was a Treat—a lineal descendant of Robert Treat, the "Charter Oak" governor of Connecticut, who was lieutenant-governor and governor of that state for twenty-five years, and of Robert Treat Paine, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and long attorney-general of Massachusetts. His father, William Dean Davidson, was a native of Newark, N. J. The education of John S. Davidson was obtained at the schools of Augusta and at the Aubury institute, in Twiggs county, Ga. He left school in the latter part of 1864, and some years after the war was associated with James R. Randall, author of Maryland, My Maryland, in the editorial department of the old "Augusta Constitutionalist." After that he studied law, mastered it, and was engaged in that profession, in which he achieved notable success, at the day of his death. In 1884 Mr. Davidson was elected from the floor grand master of the Masons of Georgia, one of the largest and most intelligent deliberative bodies of the state. Such an election, he never having held any other office in the grand lodge, had only occurred once prior to that time (United States Senator W. C. Dawson being elected in the same way) in the 150 years of the existence of the grand lodge. In 1884 he was unanimously elected to the state senate, and served as chairman of the finance committee of that body. His committee never lost a report during the session, something which has rarely if ever occurred before in the history of the Georgia legislature. In 1886 he was re-elected to the senate by a large majority, and was unanimously chosen president of that body, and was admittedly one of the finest presiding officers who had ever wielded the gavel in Georgia's legislative halls. He was president of the board of education of Richmond county, and city attorney of the city of Augusta. He never married, and departed this life March 11, 1894, his funeral being conducted according to the ancient rites of the masonic fraternity, and many prominent members of that order from every section of Georgia and other states participating in the solemn duty. The funeral services were in charge of the grand lodge, and no such concourse of people had been seen at a funeral in Augusta. The many public bodies of which he was a member attended, and over 4,000 children from the public schools joined the sorrowing throng.

WILLIAM TREAT DAVIDSON, a prominent attorney of Augusta, Ga., was born in Rome, Floyd Co., Ga., Sept. 26, 1848. Paternally he is descended from William Dean Davidson, a native of Newark, N. J., who came south and settled in the city of Augusta, Ga., about 1840, dying in that city in 1877. His mother was a Treat—a lineal descendant of Robert Treat, the "Charter Oak" governor of Connecticut, who was governor and lieutenant-governor of that state for twenty-five years. The father was a merchant throughout his long, active and honorable life. The son, whose name heads this sketch, removed from Rome with his parents to the city of Augusta when an infant six months of age, and received

his education in the city schools of Augusta. At the age of nineteen he entered his father's store as bookkeeper and manager, serving in that capacity for two years. In the meantime he had studied law at night, frequently reading from the time he closed the store until midnight. His father rather opposed his entering the legal profession, because one member of the family was already an attorney. He was admitted to the bar at the spring term of Richmond superior court, Feb. 8, 1870, after a most rigid examination. He received from the judge presiding and the committee of examination many congratulations for the prompt manner in which every question was answered. During the time he was connected with the mercantile business of his father he had laid by enough money to support himself during the first year of his practice at the bar. In the fall of 1873 he formed a co-partnership in the practice of the law with his brother, John S. Davidson, and that co-partnership existed at the time of the death of the latter, on March 11, 1894. Since the death of his brother Mr. Davidson has continued uninterruptedly in the practice of his chosen profession, in which he has achieved notable success. In April, 1894, Mr. Davidson was elected city attorney of Augusta, to succeed his brother, deceased, and retains that position at the present time. Mr. Davidson saw service during the civil war as a member of Maj. George T. Jackson's brigade, Georgia state troops, serving as a private until the close of hostilities. He was an active participant in the battles of Jonesboro, Griswoldville, Grahamsville, S. C., and the siege of Savannah. Mr. Davidson is a consistent member of the Episcopal church, and is a vestryman of St. Paul's, Augusta. He was married Oct. 14, 1885, to Miss Caroline W., daughter of Judge Sidney A. Wetmore, of Warren, Penn. Mr. Davidson is an honored member of the masonic fraternity, of which his late lamented brother, John S., was grand master of the state of Georgia, and has been worthy master of Webb lodge, No. 166, of Augusta. He is, also, a prominent Knight Templar, being senior warden of Georgia commandery, Augusta. Mr. Davidson has never sought political preferment of any kind, preferring to devote his entire time to the arduous duties of his chosen profession.

AUGUST DORR, deceased. The late August Dorr, of Augusta, Ga., was one of the few men who have a clear title, according to our human estimate, of being called blameless. In every relation of life he was a model. If he had faults, as all of us have, they were eclipsed by his conspicuous virtues. He never wronged anyone, nor did he ever speak unkindly of anyone. He devoutly followed the precepts of his church, and supernatural grace shone in all of his actions. He carried his genuine piety into his business, his duties as a citizen, and his domestic relations. A blessing fell upon his whole existence. His worldly affairs prospered, and his home was such a one as every Christian husband and father would desire as a supreme benediction. August Dorr, grandson of Revier-forster P. Victor Eisen, resident of Aschaffenburg, Bavaria, and grandson of Postmaster John, and a son of Postmaster Adam Dorr, was born in the village of Dieburg, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, July 9, 1831. From the age of six to fourteen he attended the local schools, and was then apprenticed to learn the tailoring trade, his mother paying his employer 150 guilders (about \$60) for the training he received. At the age of seventeen he had so far mastered the tailoring trade as to become his own man. He passed through the revolution of 1848, was conscripted in 1850, and according to the state laws was given the privilege of emigrating. His mother purchased for him a ticket to New York. A manuscript in the possession of the writer, written some time before the death of Mr. Dorr, describes his journey to America in detail. This manuscript says: "I left home in June. After stopping some time in Frankfort-on-the-Main, Coblenz, Colon, and Rotterdam, I crossed the North sea and landed at Hull, Eng-

land. I then crossed England, boarded a ship at Liverpool and, after a long and tiresome voyage, arrived at the beautiful harbor of New York, on the morning of Aug. 12, 1850." Arriving at New York, Mr. Dorr secured work at his trade. A year later he came to Augusta, where he remained two months, and then returned to New York. Having been much impressed, however, by the thrift and enterprise of the city of Augusta, he returned there in September, 1852, and secured employment at the tailoring establishment of John Bridges, who in later years was made manager of the Jackson street store of Mr. Dorr. When the war between the states began he saw active service as a private in the Georgia reserves, and was very frequently detached as escort with prisoners of war. It is said of him that he never shirked a duty and was a most gallant soldier. After the close of hostilities Mr. Dorr in 1867 established the business in which he was engaged at the time of his death. He was enterprising, and from an humble beginning built up the best known clothing and haberdashery establishment in the southeastern section of the southern states. He associated with him, from time to time, his three sons, Frank, Victor J., and Lawrence, and they were practically brought up to the business. In 1857 August Dorr was happily married to Miss Catherine Magill, of Augusta; a union which was blessed by the birth of nine children, of whom three sons died in infancy. Those living are: Frank X., Victor J., and Lawrence, who have succeeded to the business of their father; Mrs. Edward Horne, of Macon, Ga.; and Misses Catherine and Madge Dorr, of Augusta. Mr. Dorr was a member of the Roman Catholic church. He departed this life at his home in the city of Augusta, on July 25, 1893, the funeral ceremonies being conducted by Bishop Becker, of Savannah, Ga.

JOSHUA J. DOUGHTY, a prominent cotton merchant of Augusta, was born in Belair, Richmond Co., Ga., July 21, 1841. He was reared in the county of his birth and educated at Richmond academy, leaving that seat of learning in September, 1861, to enlist for six months in the Oglethorpe infantry, which company was assigned to the Forty-eighth Georgia regiment. At the end of his term of enlistment he returned home and joined an infantry company, raised in Augusta by Capt. S. H. Crump, and attached to the Twelfth Georgia battalion, of which he was chosen first lieutenant. The virtual command of this company was in the hands of Lieut. Doughty for a great part of the time, and he commanded the battalion at the battle of Monocacy, July 12, 1864. Lieut. Doughty was also actively engaged in the battles of Cheat mountain, Fort Clift, siege of Savannah, battery Wagner, Fort Sumter, second Cold Harbor, the raid on Washington, Harper's ferry, Jackson's raid to the Ohio river, and Monocacy. While in command of the Twelfth Georgia battalion at the battle of Monocacy he was twice wounded by shot, once in the mouth and once in the shoulder, and from that date went out of the service. So severe were his wounds, he was conveyed to the home of J. W. Burch, about eight miles from the city of Washington, D. C., where he remained about thirty days, and was then confined in the old Capitol prison for about three months, thence being carried to Fort Delaware prison, where he was regularly exchanged about three months later and returned to his home. Joshua J. Doughty engaged in the cotton business in Augusta in 1867, and has given his attention to that business exclusively ever since. In 1878 he was married to Miss Alwin L. Allen, who died, leaving as the fruit of that union a son and two daughters. His second marriage was to Miss Terreece L. Anderson, a granddaughter of W. J. Owens, of Augusta, Ga., but she died without issue. Mr. Doughty's present wife was Mary Rosine Nixon, a daughter of J. W. Nixon, of the United States navy.

DR. WILLIAM H. DOUGHTY, JR., professor of anatomy and clinical surgery of the medical department of the university of Georgia, was born in Augusta, Ga., in 1856. He was reared and received his academical education in his native city, and graduated from the literary department of the university of Georgia with the degree of A. B., in the class of 1875. Immediately after his graduation he began the study of medicine at the State Medical college at Augusta, receiving his diploma in that department of the university of Georgia in 1878. He then went to New York city and attended lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, also attending various private lecture courses, after which he ventured to Augusta and at once entered actively upon the practice of his profession. In 1881 Dr. Doughty was made clinical assistant in the medical department of the university of Georgia; in 1886, demonstrator of anatomy and lecturer on diseases of the nervous system; in 1887, professor of obstetrics, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Joseph A. Eve; in 1888, professor of materia medica and therapeutics; in 1893-4, general and surgical pathology; and at the close of the session of 1894 he was placed in the chair he now holds. Dr. Doughty is an honored member of the Georgia State Medical association and of the Augusta Academy of Medicine. He has a very large clientele, embracing the positions of surgeon in charge of the Freedman's hospital of Augusta; surgeon to the Oglethorpe light infantry; local surgeon to the Central railroad of Georgia, the Port Royal & Augusta railroad, the Port Royal & Western Carolina railroad, and the Augusta Electric Street Railroad company; also medical examiner at Augusta for the New York Life, the Equitable, the Manhattan, Mutual Benefit of New Jersey, the Kentucky Mutual, the Hartford Life and Annuity, and the Chicago Guarantee Fund, life insurance companies. Dr. Doughty rendered much valuable public service as chairman of the building committee of the Augusta city hospital, completed in 1894. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church south, is worshipful master of Webb lodge No. 166, F. and A. M., and is a Knight Templar. He was married in 1883 to Miss Eleanor, daughter of the late Roger Gamble, of Augusta, Ga., and this union has been blessed by the birth of a lovely daughter.

WILLIAM M. DUNBAR, postmaster of Augusta, Ga., was born in Barnwell district, S. C., April 6, 1846. His ancestors on both sides were soldiers in the armies of the colonies during the war of the revolution, and ancestors of both his paternal and maternal antecedents were colonial captains. Allen R. Dunbar, father of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, was a native of South Carolina. He had five sons and a son-in-law in the Confederate armies during the war between the states. William M. Dunbar was reared and educated in the common schools of his native district. In January, 1863, he went to Augusta, Ga., to attend school, and the following May he enlisted as a private in Company A of Maj. George T. Jackson's battalion, and served until November, 1864, when he lost his right arm at the battle of Griswoldville, Ga., and returned from the service. After his recovery Mr. Dunbar attended school at Athens, Ga., six months, and then commenced to clerk in Augusta, for Winchester Graham, stock and bond brokerage, remaining two years. In November, 1866, he was married to Miss Rebecca C., daughter of the late Thomas Hopkins, of Augusta, Ga., and went to his old home in Barnwell district, S. C., and planted two years. Returning to Augusta, Mr. Dunbar became engaged as purser of a steamboat running between Augusta and Savannah, retaining that position two years. He then worked a year for R. H. May & Co., of Augusta, and in 1872 he was elected treasurer of Richmond county, Ga., in which capacity he served ten years, when he resigned.

In 1874 Mr. Dunbar engaged in the grain and commission business in Augusta, and retains an interest in that business at the present time. From 1885 to 1889 Mr. Dunbar served as city recorder of Augusta, and then resigned. In April, 1893, he was appointed by President Cleveland postmaster of Augusta, which position he now holds. Mr. Dunbar is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the St. John's M. E. Church south, of which he is a steward and trustee. Of his marriage to Miss Rebecca Hopkins, aforementioned, there have been born eight children, four of whom are now living, three boys and one girl.

WILLIAM F. EVE, judge of the city court of Augusta, Ga., was born in that city, March 8, 1851. His father was Joseph A., one of the founders of the medical department of the university of Georgia. William F. Eve received his earlier education in the city of Augusta. In 1869 he became a student at the university of Virginia, where he was engaged for two years in the study of literature and one year in the study of law. Returning to Augusta, he was admitted to the bar in 1872, and engaged actively in the practice of his profession. In 1875 he was made solicitor of the Richmond county court, and on Oct. 15, 1878, was appointed judge of the same court. On the abolition of the Richmond county court, in 1881, and the creation of the city court of Augusta, he was appointed judge of the latter court, which office he has held continuously ever since. Since 1878 Judge Eve has been ex-officio commissioner of roads and revenues for the county of Richmond, a most responsible position, which he has creditably filled. Under his administration the roads of Richmond county have become famous as splendid highways. Judge Eve is also identified with several extensive business enterprises of Augusta, being vice-president of the Augusta Real Estate and Improvement company, and a member of the board of directors of the Mutual Real Estate and Building association, of the Augusta and Summerville Land company, and the West Side Development company. He is also a director of the Young Men's Library association, and chairman of the board of trustees of St. John's Methodist Episcopal church south, and chairman of the Campground association. Since 1889 Judge Eve was president of the Richmond County Agricultural society, holding that office until 1894. The Richmond county court house was enlarged and beautified under the administration of Judge Eve. This building ranks among the most impressive public edifices of Georgia. Judge Eve was happily married, on May 16, 1876, to Ida Evans, eldest daughter of Gen. Clement A. Evans, of Georgia. Their marriage has been blessed by the birth of several children, four of whom are now living, viz.: Allie Walton, Sarah Garland, William Frederick, and Ida Evans.

WILLIAM H. FLEMING, a rising lawyer of Augusta, Ga., was born in that city Oct. 18, 1856, and is a son of Porter and Catherine B. (Moragne) Fleming. Porter Fleming was born in Lincoln county, Ga., Aug. 29, 1808, was a son of Robert Fleming, a native of Virginia, and of Scotch-Irish extraction. Porter Fleming settled in Augusta in 1830, where he was engaged in merchandising and dealing in cotton until his death, in 1891. His wife, Mrs. Catherine B. Fleming, is a native of Abbeville county, S. C., and is of French Huguenot origin. William H. Fleming is the third of a family of eight children born to his parents, viz.: John M., Frank E., William H., Catherine L., Minnie C., Lamar L., I. Moragne, and Porter, Jr. He has a fine education, having first attended the Summerville academy, on Sand Hill, and next the Richmond academy, at Augusta. He then went to Athens, where he attended the university of Georgia, from which institution he was graduated in 1875. While in the junior class of this institution