

Bishop received her education in the district school of Lisbon and in St. Mary's school in Milwaukee, and taught school for two years in Ludington, Mich., where she met her future husband. Charles E. has always taken an active interest in politics as a Republican, but has persistently declined to accept office, except some local positions connected with the town and school affairs, during his residence in Michigan. He is a natural orator, and has taken a prominent part in promulgating the principles of his party. During the Grant campaign he organized many political clubs, spoke for twenty-one nights for Hayes and Wheeler, and also took the stump in 1905 in behalf of J. V. Quarles and the stalwart branch of the Republican party. He is very popular as the orator for Fourth of July celebrations, old soldiers' reunions and encampments, etc. His brother, R. P. Bishop, a graduate of the University of Michigan, served fourteen years in Congress as the representative of the Ninth district. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop have been the parents of five children—four sons and one daughter—of whom all except one are living. George E., born Sept. 23, 1881, received his elementary education in the district school and later took the elementary course in the Whitewater normal school, where he graduated with the class of 1896. Before attending the normal he taught for three years, and after completing his course took up the same work in the Beloit state graded school, of which for the past two years he has been principal. All of the sons seem to have inherited their father's gift of eloquence. George E. was distinguished during his attendance at the normal as an orator and debater, and was sent to Milwaukee on Feb. 7, 1906, as alternate of the Interstate normal oratorical contest. He is unmarried and is a Republican. John E. born May 1, 1883, was educated in the district school and in the Waukesha high school, graduating from the latter with the class of 1905. After graduation he taught school for a year, but is at present engaged in managing the home farm for his father. He is also a Republican. Something of his natural ability may be seen in the fact that he not only took the four years course of study in three years, reaching an average standing of 96½, but at the same time paid the expenses of his education, by working for his board, etc. He also won high honors as a debater while in the high school. Alfred E., born March 1, 1885, was educated in the district school, taught two years in the town of Lisbon then entered the Whitewater normal school, is now teaching at Elm Grove, and both he and his brother John are taking a course with the International correspondence school. He is a popular debater, was chairman of the township spelling contest, and was very successful in his work as a teacher. Nellie A., born July 14, 1892, is at home and is attending the district school. Samuel died in infancy. Mrs. Chas. E. Bishop is a member of the Baptist church, which all of the family attend.

HENRY BLAIR, of Menomonee Falls, was born in Leeds county, Ontario, Canada, Sept. 2, 1860. His father Henry Blair, Sr., was born in Scotland and immigrated to Canada. From that country he came to Wisconsin in 1865 to engage in the lumber business, but

after a residence of two years returned. In 1879 he came to the United States a second time locating in Saginaw county, Mich., where he again engaged in the lumber business and where he still resides, although now retired from active business life. The mother of Henry Blair, Jr., is a native of Ireland. She is still living and both she and her husband are in the enjoyment of excellent health. The subject of this sketch received his education in Canada and began life for himself at the age of eighteen, when he worked in a lumber camp in Michigan as scaler, following this pursuit for five years. He was then employed in a grocery store in Saginaw, Mich., for nine years. At the end of that time he came to Menomonee Falls where he entered the J. B. Rowell works, in which employment he is still engaged. Mr. Blair was married on June 27, 1887, to Miss Josephine Thompson, a native of London, Canada, and daughter of Edward and Mary (Edwards) Thompson, both now deceased. They have three children, Clarence, O'Deal and Harry, all residing at home. Beside being one of the foremen of the J. B. Rowell Company, Mr. Blair conducts a fruit and confectionery business. He is a member of the Episcopal church and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party. He has served as justice of the peace for fifteen years, village clerk for three years, having been reelected last spring, and is now assessor. He belongs to the order of Macabees.

HENRY E. BLAIR, postmaster of Waukesha, is a native of that city, born Jan. 2, 1863, of Scottish ancestry. Hon. William Blair, his father, was born in Dundonald, Ayrshire, Scotland, July 31, 1820, and died July 13, 1880. His parents, Brice and Ann (Dunlop) Blair remained in their native land, as did one brother, Brice, now all passed away. James the oldest son, came to America and settled at Mumford, Monroe county, N. Y., where he was engaged in business and died many years ago. Robert and William came to America together, also locating at Mumford. The former went back to Scotland and married, and upon his return to New York was accompanied by his wife and brother John. Later William came west and located in Waukesha, John and Robert following. The latter was in the employ of his brother William until his death in 1860. John went to Portage, Wis., and later to New Orleans, La. He later returned to Waukesha and died at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Blair, subsequent to the death of her husband. William settled in Waukesha in 1845 and engaged in the manufacture of threshing machines and other farm implements, and also general repairing and jobbing. He was prominently identified with the organization of the Waukesha county bank, which was merged into the Waukesha National bank. He was cashier of the bank from 1858 to 1864 and president of the reorganized bank from 1866 until his death, July 13, 1880. He was prominent not only in the village life as business man, banker and president of the village board, but as an important factor in the larger life of the state. He was in the state senate for six years—1864-65, 1872-73, 1876-77—and was a member, also of the state board of charities.