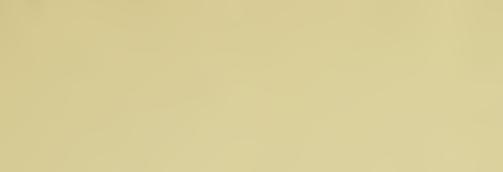
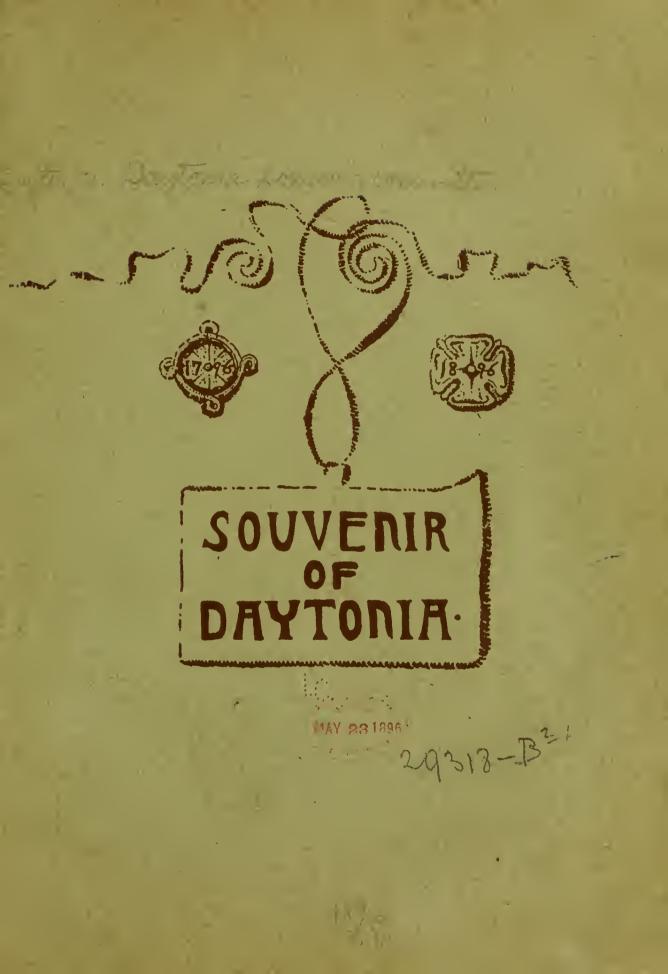
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PREFACE.

HARRY WEIDNER.



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First, as a continued commemoration of Dayton's Centennial Anniversary, which was begun with an ardor and appropriateness commensurate with the importance of the gala event.

Davtonians hold in profound reverence the memories of their forefathers, who risked their lives and their fortunes in subduing the unbroken forest and its savage denizens, and in laying strong, wide, and deep the foundations of a city which to-day contains as many elements of advancement, and is endowed with as many of the attributes of genuine

There is a just cause for congratulation in the growth and development of Dayton. Its magnificence is a crowning monument to the enlightenment and progressiveness of its citizens-a devout, law-abiding, and upright people, whose stalwart and robust Americanism constitutes their chief excellence. It is no such Americanism as turns up its pantaloons every time it rains in London, or affects a pronunciation of our glorious tongue unknown to lexicons, but presumed to be an echo of the British Isles. Far from it. Dayton proudly boasts of an exalted citizenship, imbued with the pride and undying loyalty to country, whose pride and inspiration are not in Frederick the Great, or Louis XIV., or William the Conqueror; not in a hero of England, or of Germany, or of France, or of Ireland, but in George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Dayton, too, is happily situated, nestling in the lap of a teeming valley. It appears like a beau-tiful solitaire in the golden luxuriance of its picturesque environments, presenting a spectacle of surpassing beauty, calm as the vale of Avoca, fair as the famous Æsopus, and peaceful as the valley of Tempe. The gentle Miami, in its sinuous flow, layes the city's feet, as it wends its downward way. Though it bears not on its placid bosom the com-merce of a great people, yet, in its tranquillity, it is dearer to us than the blue Danube, with all its poetry, or the Rhine, with all its legends. Verily, where is a spot approaching nearer the fabled garden of the Hesperides, with all its imagined splendors, than the Gem City of the Miami Valley, where Venus herself might enjoy the charms and loveliness of her daughters?

Aside from its commemorative feature, the production of DAYTONIA is for the benefit of the St. Elizabeth and Deaconess Hospitals. Both institutions are an enduring honor to our magnificent, thrifty, and far-famed Gem City, to which she can point with the same pride which Cornelia manifested in her children. And who can speak in amply panegyrical terms of that noble band of nurses, the sweet sisters and good deaconesses, the comforting and ministering angels of the sickroom, where the opportunities for their usefulness are as illimitable as the complex ills which flesh is heir to? Their heroic services and indescribable sacrifices are worthy of the highest encomiums. To the friendless sufferers, with no kindly voice to whisper comfort in their sorrows; no hand to soften the asperities with which this world's conflict will harden the downiest pillow; no kindred heart in whose sympathetic throbbings they can read the alphabet of love, how blest their voices, that, like genial showers poured on the desert, gladden as they flow, and cheer the sinking heart; how matchless their fidelity, inviolable as the covenant of the Most High, their purity unsullied as the light of heaven!

In conclusion, the Executive Committee, through the Souvenir Committee, desires to express its deepest gratitude:

First, to Director-General Harry E. Feicht, whose untlagging zeal and unselfish devotion have done so much to further this laudable enterprise. His intense interest in its successful culmination touched the extremest limit of exultant enthusiasm, constantly inspiring others to renewed endeavor.

Second, to the Press, so kindly, generous, and patriotic in its spirit and so powerful in its commanding influence, which has made possible the success of DAYTONIA.

Third, to the performers, including all partic-ipants in this production, for their painstaking efforts; the beneficent merchants and manufacturers for their spontaneity and liberality both as regards donations and advertisements, and the purchasers of tickets for their manifest interest and loyal support. Few cities in the world can boast of a populace so charitably and public-spiritedly inclined.

Lastly, to all, rich and poor alike, who con-tributed in the minutest degree to the success of this noble undertaking, either artistically or financially.

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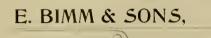
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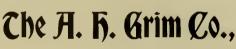
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ARRY ELLSWORTH FEICHT, whose likeness appears above, the originator of DAYTONIA, a production given under his personal direction, is a Daytonian by birth and education. He is a shining specimen of assiduity and perseverance — eager to do, tireless in energy, persistent in purpose. By his philanthropic and patriotic services for he is continually promoting some praiseworthy work of public benefaction — he has won the immeasurable admiration and abiding attachment of all true Daytonians.

Harry, as he is familiarly called, is a superb leader, of vigorous intellect, of fertility of resource, and of freshness and originality of genius. He is the very incarnation of honor and probity. Beneath his sunny, ardent, and magnanimous nature there lie a potency of will that knows no impediment and powers of intellectual labor that defy fatigue.

It was he who originated the Charity Circus, so unique in conception. The project was prodigious, and its success proportionate with its immensity. The goodly proceeds replenished, in a measure, the depleted coffers of the St. Elizabeth and Deaconess Hospitals. No more need be said in praise of its projector, though the grandest and most glittering genus of eulogy should be set, diadem-like, on the forefront of flattering language.

Mr. Feicht adds luster to everything he touches, as the sprightly edition of the *Dayton Daily Globe*, bearing date of April 1, 1946, glowingly attests. He also inaugurated the Noise Committee that brought out thirty thousand people at midnight on March 31 to usher in our Centennial year.

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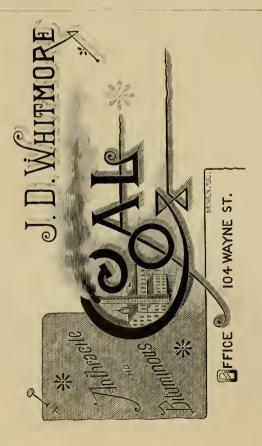
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To keep their hope and promise fast.

For men have ventured, hoped, and striven, To build the Dayton of to-day;

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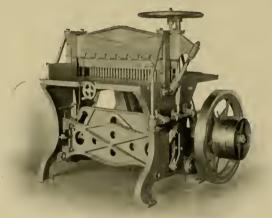


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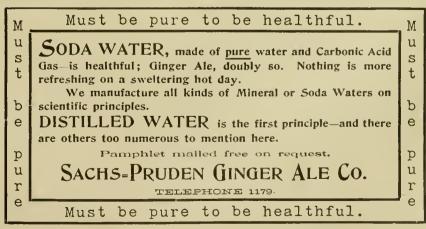


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 THE LANDING-PLACE AND NEWCOM'S TAVERN IN 1896.

THE breaking waves did not dash high when the little band of pilgrims moored their bark on the banks of the Miami, but in the sunshiny days of early spring on that 1st day of April, one hundred years ago, the flowers and the foliage of the trees were just beginning to unfold, and light snows lay amid the grass, fresh with the greenness of spring. The Miami in 1796 wound through an uninhabited wilderness.

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URING the earlier part of the eighteenth century southwestern Ohio was inhabited by the Miamis. Their permanent villages were located along two main trails, one considerably west of the Great Miami, the other following the Little Miami. The intermediate region, the valley of the Great Miami, was used only as a hunting-ground. The Shawnees, who had emigrated from Florida and Georgia, had settlements on the lower Scioto. Becoming restless, they pushed northward, and in 1740 spread over the area between Springfield and Piqua, formerly occupied by the Miamis. During the French and Indian wars the Miamis sided with the French and the Shawnees with the English. After the defeat of the French, in 1763, the Miamis retreated to Fort Wayne, leaving their territory to the Shawnees.

During the Revolutionary War the Shawnees continued to side with the English, and harassed the settlements in Kentucky until defeated by expeditions from that State in 1786. It was not, however, until Wayne's victory in 1794 that the Shawnees were rendered harmless, and the country was open to settlement. Although the Indians never occupied permanent villages near Dayton, the junction of the Mad and Miami rivers was a favorite camping-ground for their war parties, and burial graves are not uncommon east of Steele's dam. Here the squaws left in charge of the camp may have occasionally raised their favorite corn, beans, pumpkins, and tobacco.

If the mound-builders were distinct from the Indians, they had a curiously similar history. One tribe inhabited the Miami region, and built irregular forts. The nearest of these, including half of Calvary Cemetery, crowns the bluffs, and overlooks the river one hundred and sixty feet below. From this point could be seen the smoke arising from the great Miamisburg mound, seventy feet high, used as a signal station. A second tribe of mound-builders inhabited the Scioto Valley. They were more civilized, and built geometrical earthworks of large proportions in the valleys. They seem at one time to have invaded the valley of the Great Miami, and begun one of their great earthworks five miles south of Dayton, north of Alexandersville. Several circles can still be traced, and a large square was nearly completed, but a portion, now in the woods, was not even begun. The Scioto tribe were probably driven out before they could complete their great earthwork, but it is still a monument to their engineering ability.







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UT of the past there comes to us a quaint little book, yellow with age, and of interest to us in our Centennial year. It is "The Harp of the West," a volume of poems by Joseph S. Welsh, Cincinnati, printed

by Dawson and Fisher, 1839. The author does not "arrogate to himself the genius of Milton, of Homer, or of Pope." "His highest ambition is to plant in the bosoms of the rising generation the great. the good and ennobling principles of morality, virtue, and patriotism." The rising generation may thank Mr. Welsh for his thoughtful care, and for his giving to us in this far-away day a picture of our fair city in its earliest days.

One of the most interesting poems is "Recollections of Colonel Robert Patterson, Late of Dayton, Ohio." After giving many incidents in the life of Colonel Patterson, the poem closes with the following pen picture of early Dayton:

"Brave Patterson sought out a beauteous home; And, lo! around, the wilderness did bloom And blossom as the rose.

Near by him rose, from out the lonely waste, A little village. I remember well

When heavy forests frowned along the streets Of Dayton. And I 've often there beheld

The wild deer feeding 'neath the shady groves Where now the buildings stand, and heard at night

The yell of the rapacious prowling wolf.

Of families some five or six dwelt round,

In little cabins; peace and friendship reigned

Uninterrupted 'mid the social group

Of active citizens. The blockhouse frowned

In murky grandeur o'er the river's brink

Just where the mouth of the main street doth meet

The water's edge. When night did shroud

This lonely hamlet, oft the dismal tale

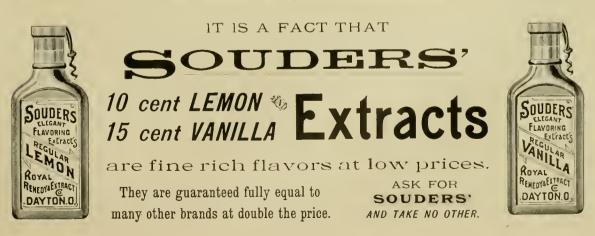
Of savage cruelty would make the urchins erouch

To a close circle, round the blazing fire,

And while the blast moaned round the chimney-tops,

Think that they heard the foe advancing close Upon their dwellings. Time can ne'er erase Those first impressions and those early scenes From off my memory—never can blot out The traces of the friendship warm and sweet That dwelt amid this little village band."

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"On the 19th of May, 1813, the last number of the Ohio Centinel appeared, and for a year and five months no newspaper was published in Dayton. As a consequence, there is little material during this period for the history of the town."—From "Early Dayton," published by the U. B. Publishing House.



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DAYTON OF THE PAST.

HARRIET M. KING.

T is by contrast very often that we see the events of life in their most vivid light. It is the fashion nowadays to muse much over the forefathers who laid the foundation of our town, and we smile with quiet satisfaction as we fancy their grave

eyes wandering over the modern city which we and time have evolved from their bit of a hamlet.

There is but little, after a hundred years, of material, tangible shape to show for those first, earliest days,—a log cabin by the riverside, a few old guns, pictures, bits of ehina, or furniture,—but the influence, the will, the character of the little group that slept under the trees here in the sweet spring weather a hundred years ago are closely woven into the Dayton of to-day.

It is pleasant to stop in our whirling life and recall their quiet, earnest personality, their independence and kindliness. What were their thoughts as they made paths through the woods, plowed their lands, built their simple homes, and laid out some of the streets on which we walk, keeping always an eye open for redskins? Did they talk of the history which some of them had helped to make with the old gun in the corner, now loaded for wild beasts or treacherous Indians? What did

they think of "The Terror" in France? What of Napoleon, who, while their pirogues were winding down the river, and their wagons pushing through the forests of Ohio, was leading his army into Italy, and so on towards the empire? Did their hearts burn over Poland's wrongs, so that they were more than half glad when a passing traveler brought word that great Catherine lay dead in Russia? Did they ever give the tribute of a homesick sigh to the comfort and security of the old English homes of their fathers? Men and women both had plenty of time to think, as they did their work in the quiet wilderness. Thoughts were turned over and over and well polished in those days. They were not a marketable commodity. There was no mania to rush them into print, or embalm them in ink.

A few adventurous spirits, accepting cheerfully and bravely for themselves the hard conditions of the life they had chosen, they built their brightest hopes upon the sons and daughters to whom they could leave the heritage of freedom in a pleasant land. And now they are sleeping — the "men whose lives glided on like rivers that water the woodlands, darkened by shadows of earth, but reflecting an image of heaven."



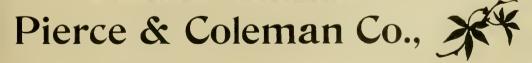




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"PERHAPS," in the language of Mary Davies Steele, "there is no impropriety in saying . . . of Dayton that no one living here who has undertaken literary, philanthropic, or other public work can help feeling that Dayton is a good place to live in, so ready is the response and generous the support and appreciation received. Thus, it seems to the student of our history, it has been from the beginning." "WITHIN the last few years a complete sewer system has been projected and largely finished, and the principal streets of the city have been handsomely paved with asphalt, brick, sandstone, and granite; and many of the residence streets have been parked by narrowing the roadway and making lawns along the borders of the sidewalks. These improvements . . . make the streets very attractive."

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In the gloom of the business depression we did not suffer above measure; we are not boomers and had built few air-castles. Solidity and steadiness are the characteristics of the leaders in manufacturing and merchandising. Primarily a manufacturing city, our name has gone out throughout the earth, and our products to the ends of the world.

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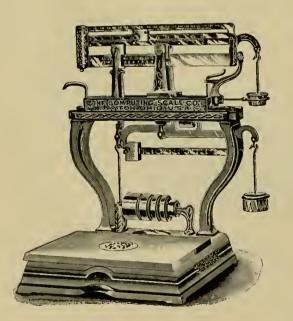
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FRANK CONOVER.

E have heard and read much in this Centennial year of the glories of Dayton's past; and we have con-

gratulated our city and ourselves upon the greatness of her present. But of her future, who shall prophesy? It needs large faith and a facile pen to forecast the coming years.

The physical, material advancement of Dayton is very sure; her twenty years last past have not only been full of accomplishment, but have given a distinct impetus to our municipal growth which must be felt far into the future. Our industries will multiply; we will build great factories that shall dwarf those we think great to-day; our commercial relations with the outer world will expand, and our material wealth and prosperity will increase an hundredfold. To the east, even to the hills, the valley will be filled with vast shops, employing capital and labor in harmonious coöperation, and their so-called conflict of to-day will have become ancient history. To the west, Dayton will crowd the gates of a great National Park, devoted only to the health and pleasure of the people, for wars will no longer furnish crippled veterans or soldiers' graves. From north to south this beautiful basin, the three-rivered valley, will scarce suffice to keep the Davton of the future within her bounds.

This is not a foolish dream; it is but the faint shadowing of that which our children and their children will see. But even better things than these shall be found in Dayton after a while.

A new sense of the high honor and grave responsibility of public service will prevail. The best citizens will give their best thought and labor to the public good. A rational, effective civil service system will govern Dayton, and honesty, integrity, capacity, not political creed, will test the right of every man to hold a place of public trust.

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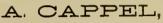
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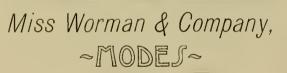
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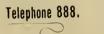
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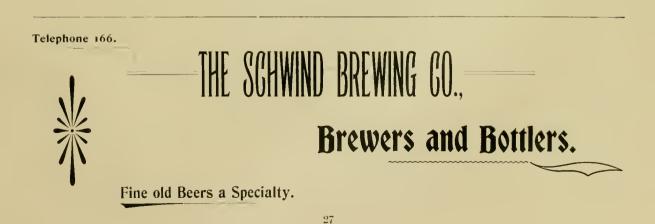
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A VIEW OF THE EAST SIDE OF MAIN STREET, BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD STREETS, IN 1855.

DAYTON owes much to the careful study and painstaking observation of Mr. John W. Van Cleve. This little picture brings before us the business of Dayton after it had come to a focus at the corner of Third and Main. These buildings contained the banks, newspaper, and stores. Dayton merchants kept genuine country stores, and sold a very miscellaneous variety of articles.





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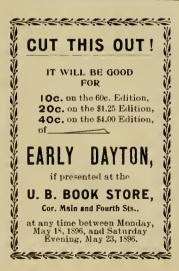
EARLY DAYTON, a complete history of the first half-century, with important facts and incidents from the founding of the city of Dayton, Ohio, to the hundredth anniversary. 1796–1896. By ROBERT W. STEELE and MARY DAVIES STEELE. Illustrated. Acknowledged to be the best history of Dayton published—the *authoritative* history.

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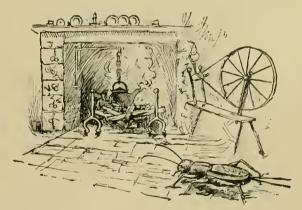
"AUNTIE" BOYD.

ELIZA HOLT.

MONG the names long associated with early Dayton, few are deserving of more kindly remembrance than that of Miss Maria Boyd, or "Auntie" Boyd, as she was sometimes familiarly called. The page assigned me is amply sufficient for any needed record of her life and character, much of which might be summed up in the single sentence, "She went about doing good." Her means, though limited, affording a competent support, she purchased a small home at the extreme end of First Street, where she resided till her death. Her family consisting only of a niece and a nephew, whom she had brought up from his infancy, enabled her to devote her time to the service which she loved. The almoner of others' bounty, as well as her own, she almost seemed to embody in her own person the associated charities of early Dayton. Long before those noble institutions, the St. Elizabeth and Deaconess Hospitals, were founded, the quaint little figure of Miss Boyd, peculiar in manner, dress, and appearance, might be daily seen, undeterred by winter's cold or summer's heat, carrying food to the hungry, clothing

to the destitute, or comfort to the afflicted; or she might be met returning alone in the darkness of night from her errands of love and mercy. And not only could Miss Boyd encourage — she could reprove or rebuke when necessary.

A single incident may serve to show the secret of her happy life. On one occasion, calling at the house,--it must have been on some of her benevolent enterprises,with a beaming face she exclaimed: "1 was so happy for a few days, I was so happy. I did not know why I should feel so, but I thought it might be I was going to die." To die! think of it, any "who through fear of death" are "all their lifetime subject to bondage." For Miss Boyd to die was gain. Dying in 1879, for seventeen years Miss Boyd has been in the presence of the Master whom she served, and who, when on earth himself, said: "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



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DAYTON IN THE WAR.

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HEN the proclamation of the President calling for the immediate enlistment of seventy-five thousand soldiers for a service of three months was received, Dayton responded with cheerfulness and

alacrity, and within a very few days five companies of infantry were sworn into the service of the United States, and at least that many more were refused. These companies were attached to the First and Eleventh regiments. The First Regiment was mustered in at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, April 29, 1861, with Dayton men as officers, as follows: Lieutenant-Colonel Edwin A. Parrott, Major John G. Hughes, Adjutant Joseph S. Parrott, Regimental Quartermaster James Steele, and Captains Peter Dister, Louis Kuhlman, Walter B. Pease, and John Crowe. The Eleventh Regiment was mustered in at Columbus, Ohio, April 26, 1861, the Dayton officers being Colonel J. Findlay Harrison and Captains Calvin J. Childs and Michael P. Nolan.

At the end of its term the First Ohio was returned to Dayton to be recruited for a term of three years. The organization was completed, and it went to the field in the fall of 1861 with the following Dayton men as officers: Lieutenant-Colonel Edwin A. Parrott, Adjutant John Parrott, Captains Louis Kuhlman, Gates P. Thruston, and Patrick O'Connell.

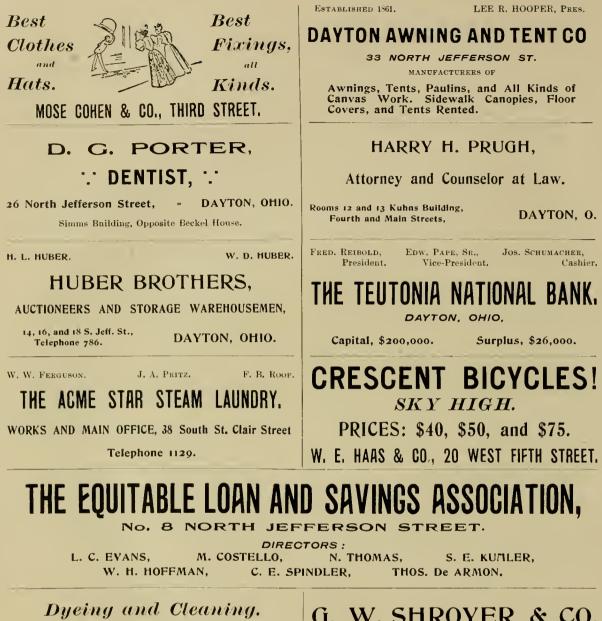
Dayton claimed proprietorship in three infantry regiments, namely, the First, Eleventh, and Ninety-third. The Eleventh was recruited for three years at Camp Dennison and sent to West Virginia. It was, however, afterwards a part of the Army of the Cumberland and participated in some of its important battles, including Chickamauga.

The Ninety-third Regiment was organized at Dayton in the summer of 1862, its Dayton officers being as follows: Colonel Charles Anderson, Lieutenant - Colonel Hiram Strong, Assistant-Surgeon J. M. Weaver, Adjutant Dickenson P. Thruston, and Chaplain Osman A. Lyman, with Captains W. H. Martin, William Birch, Thomas C. Mitchell, and Samuel B. Smith.

Besides the organizations above mentioned Dayton was represented in numerous regiments of infantry, artillery, cavalry, heavy artillery, sharpshooters, etc., by companies, squads, and recruits, some of her citizens participating in nearly every battle of the War. From the 1st of September, 1862, until September 24, 1864, when the term of the First Regiment expired, the First and Ninety-third regiments were attached to the same brigade and side by side confronted the enemy at Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Mission Ridge, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, and Atlanta.

In the suppression of the great Rebellion it is sufficient to say that the city of Dayton was in no way behind her sister cities in this and other Northern States in her manifestations of patriotism, and that she freely and cheerfully contributed her sons to the army, her daughters to the care of the wounded and suffering, and her means, in generous quantity, to the support of the Government.





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On the 22d of October, 1892, the Columbian Centennial was fittingly celebrated in Dayton by an immense procession of military and civic societies, school-children, and industrial exhibits, followed by appropriate addresses and music in Cooper Park.

No language can describe the mammoth parade, which contained within itself the best evidence, not only of the wonderful progress of the hundred years preceding, but also of the magnificent manufactories and business enterprises of our city.

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sion, and the singing of "My country, 't is of thee," by the school-children was most inspiring, and wrought up the immense multitude to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

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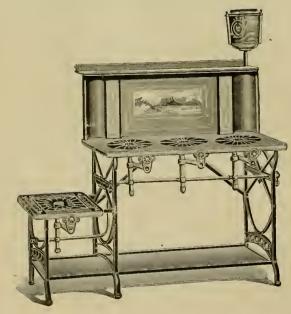
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Besides the usual jobbing trades and local industries of a thriving city, Dayton

possesses large wholesale establishments in the lines of groceries, dry goods, spices, confections, millinery, books, stationery, and other commodities. It has for years been favorably and widely known for its manufacture of railroad cars, agricultural implements, wood, iron, cotton, clay-working and paper-making machinery, linseed oil, paints, varnishes, oil presses, water-wheels, pumps, gas and steam engines, boilers, iron and brass castings, electrical machinery, cash registers, computing scales, carriages, flour, paper and cardboard, ale and beer, lasts and pegs, boots and shoes, wood and paper boxes, bookbinders' machinery, wheels, hubs and spokes, sewing-machines, bicycles, stoves and castings, builders' supplies, furniture, lard oil, candles and soap, flavoring extracts, tobacco, toilet articles, business stationery, newspapers, books and periodicals, and many other young and growing industries. Its biscuits and crackers are famous, as are its pills and tonics, and it furnishes in many kinds remedies for all ills that man is heir to.

In the wide diversity of its manufactures lies one of the chief sources of our city's present strength and future promise. It is generally conceded that the proposed Centennial Exhibit of the manufactures of Dayton will be a revelation to the public, who have little idea of the extent, perfection, and variety of its products.



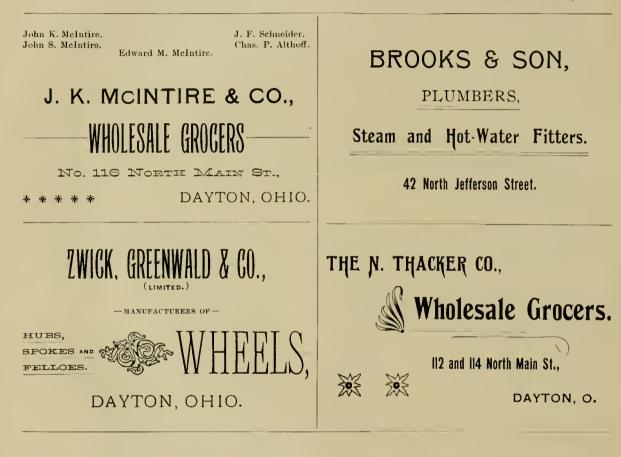
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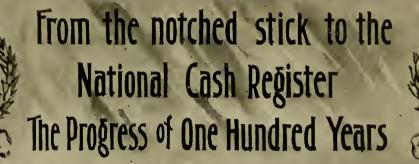
HE count made on April 1, in this Centennial year, shows that Dayton has S1 churches, or public places of worship. Of these 71 are Protestant, 7 Catholic, and 3 Jewish. The whole population of Dayton is about 80,000. Now, if we bear in mind that infants, the sick and infirm, those temporarily absent, and those engaged in more or less necessary Sunday labor must be deducted from the number of church attendants; if we add to the places of worship reported the services held at the Young Men's Christian Association, the Woman's Christian Association, the Widows' Home, the Asylum for the Insane, the Catholic and Protestant hospitals, and other places; especially, if we remember that each of the churches holds several services on Sunday and during the week, it is evident that the proportion of public religious privileges to the population is very large, and that no one in the city need go far to find a place of worship congenial to his convictions and tastes.

Many of the churches are commodious and elegant structures, ornaments to our city, as well as constant invitations to higher things. Among the congregations referred to are 12 Methodist, 11 Baptist, 11 United Brethren, 9 Presbyterian, 7 Lutheran, 6 Reformed, 3 Episcopal, and 12 other denominations of one or two congregations each. In matters of common Christian interest all these have for a long time worked together with the greatest harmony and good feeling. Indeed, while every thoughtful Christian must have his own denominational preferences, our community has been singularly free from those jealousies and antagonisms which develop sectarian bitterness.

Of our 80,000 people, 30,604 are reported as belonging to some religious organization. On the morning of Easter Sunday the congregations aggregated 26,392, besides many children in the Sunday schools who did not attend the other services. In the Sunday schools there were 14,459. The various church property is valued at \$1,858,315. The amount raised for church expenses in 1895 was \$182,409, and the amount given by the churches to benevolence and charity was \$107,538. Aside from the bearing of these things upon spiritual consolations and the hopes of the future, who can estimate their influence upon the morality, integrity, and mutual confidence of our citizens? Such a city of churches can be "no mean city," if those churches are faithful to their work.



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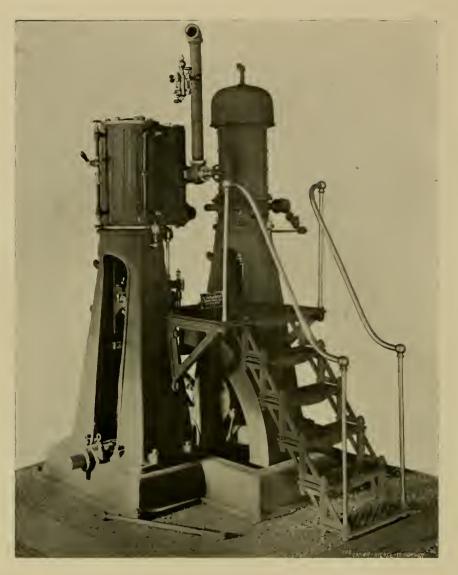
proportion remaining will have more or less of the training of the college or technical school. Not one thousand of the eleven thousand are in the High School. About ninety-eight hundred are under fifteen years of age. For the instruction of these youth the city employs a superintendent, twenty-six high-school, four special, and nearly three hundred districtschool teachers.

These facts only serve to emphasize the importance of a well-rounded course of study, broadly planned and carefully extended, in order that there may be the widest possible training for the great majority whose education is to be so limited, as well as the greatest encouragement and most thorough instruction for those who are to have the more advanced opportunities of the High School. That instruction only will be adequate which best fits the child for his environment and gives to him the incentive for the most complete development of himself. That this can no longer be limited to the "three R's" is fully demonstrated, and the question ought to be more fully appreciated by parents and instructors alike.

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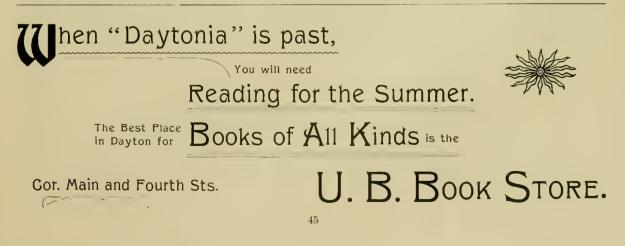


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The first patient received in the original St. Elizabeth Hospital was an accident case—a poor brakeman, whose arm had been frightfully crushed in the yards about the depot. The work once begun, the number of applications for admission increased so rapidly that it soon became painfully evident how utterly inadequate to the demands made upon it were the accommodations of the Franklin Street house. Accordingly, after much prayer and consultation, and with scarce any funds save an unlimited fund of trust in the Father of the poor and in the generosity of the people of Dayton, the sisters purchased the site whereon was built the present roomy and splendidly equipped edifice, which was formally dedicated on Nov. 19, 1882. To the main structure other smaller buildings were in time added, either by purchase or erection, specially noticeable among the latter kind being what is called "St. Ann's House," whose purpose it is to receive, whenever necessary, such cases as require isolation or special treatment.

St. Elizabeth Hospital has already had an existence of nearly eighteen years. During that period fully fifteen thousand patients, afflicted with almost every form of suffering to which the human family is liable, have been nursed within its walls, no question as to creed, color, nationality, or pay being ever asked to determine the admission.

God alone can estimate what a record of unselfish devotion on the one hand, and of alleviated suffering on the other, is contained in these cold figures of its age and beneficiaries; and from him, surely, came the inspiration that moved the projectors of DAYTONIA to resolve that the preceeds of this part of Dayton's Centennial celebration should be equally divided between two institutions which, for their structural excellences, their monumental testimony to the generosity of our citizens, and their silent but eloquent evidence of Christ-like service done by sisters and unsalaried medical staff, are not the least of many reasons why Dayton proudly celebrates her first centenary.



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wants of the suffering similar to that which had been done so effectively by Roman Catholic sisterhoods. The work was first introduced into this country in 1849.

The society in Dayton was organized in August, 1890. On the 18th of October, 1891, a temporary hospital, on Fourth Street near St. Clair, was opened under the direction of the society, and its usefulness proved that it met a felt need in the community.

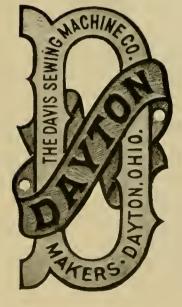
The large, new building, which has been occupied since the 14th of October, 1894, is also a deaconess home and a school of training for them, founded and conducted upon an interdenominational basis.





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HE broad, well-paved, and wellkept streets, the handsome grounds surrounding many beautiful homes, and the long rows of trees shading the sidewalks justify one in

¹ calling Dayton "the Gem City." But to appreciate fully her beauty one must look down and across the city from some of the surrounding heights. The framing sometimes lends an additional charm to the picture.

Our city is girdled by hills, through which, on the northeast and southwest, the river breaks a channel for itself and winds with loving embrace about the city on two sides. From the heights on the east, just where they begin to fall off towards Harries', there is a wide and beautiful view up the valley of the Mad River, and looking westward one gets a better idea of the extent of the city than from any other point with which I am familiar, since from this more of it lies open to the view.

Then from Belmont there is another pretty view, with water in the prospect, including the Miami below the bridge and Mad River above its mouth

But the one I think the finest, perhaps because I have looked out upon it for so many years and become familiar with every feature of it, may be had from the Oakwood hills. From where I am sitting I see on the right the dome of the Asylum, lifting itself above the surrounding grove; in the foreground, on the shoulder of the hill, is Woodland, all the somber features of which just now are hidden away beneath the thick foliage of the trees. Farther out towards the northeast, across the factory chimneys, with their flags of smoke, the hills meet the eye again, seeming to rise in tiers to the sky line.

A grove of maples cuts off the view of the city directly in front of me, but a little to the left there is a break, through which one gets glimpses of bits of the river, and of bush-grown islets, and the river bridges, and Dayton View, climbing the terrace-like hills, and beyond, the woods meeting the horizon.

There is a misty look about these distant hills that reminds one of the cloudy atmosphere of the mountains — not the snowcapped peaks of Switzerland, but those that rise above the banks of "the blue Juniata," along which one rides on the Pennsylvania Central.

Directly to my left I look across a broad valley and see the sluggish canal and the Miami winding like a silver thread around the base of the hills, and on the rising grounds across the river broad farms, on the open spaces of which the floating clouds make pictures of light and shade; and then the Soldiers' Home, and the flag, for which so many of these old fellows gave health and limbs, floating to the breeze.

Space does not allow me to speak of the glories of our woods in autumn, when the elm and the maple and the sumac are all waving their gorgeous banners of yellow and crimson and red, nor of the charms which even winter lays upon the hillsides and the rivers, no longer hidden under the foliage of the skirting woods.

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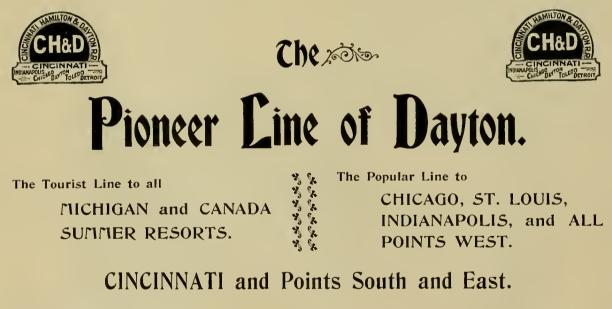
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Though many of the bright little blossoms which adorn the pages of this book are strange to us, yet there are many old friends. The spring beauty still peeps out of the grass in 'almost every bit of woods about us; we still find the frail little anemone and the sturdy bloodroot, both of which come and go so suddenly, and are so different in every other respect; now and then we meet the St. Jacob's ladder, with its delicate little blue bells; the wild sweetwilliam still scents the air, and along a little stream south of town one can see every spring the bright faces of the marsh marigolds; but the blue-eyed Mary, the "painted cup," and the Indian pipe, with many others which Mr. Van Cleve pictures by the side of our own favorites, are unknown to all of us not learned in the lore of flowers.

We are all familiar with the hepatica, and in marshy places the wild flag still grows, while shady spots by the riverside often shelter little clusters of Dutchmen's breeches; but how often do we meet the fringed gentian or a bit of spiderwort, the moccasin plant or the pride of Ohio? and even the trillium, that most pure and beautiful of our native flowers, is no longer easy to find. Every one knows how faithful the dear little violet is, but when I see how many varieties old John Van Cleve knew I come to the conclusion that our violet is the only kind that is "true blue."

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SYNOPSIS.

SCENE 1.—Dayton, 1799, showing Newcom's Tayern, Miami and Mad rivers.—Settlers, etc.—Arrival of settlers' conestoga wagon drawn by four horses.—Attack by Indians; arrival of soldiers; skirmish.—Sunset; moonlight; darkness; soliloqny.—Vision with moving figures, showing the Steele High School, with trolley cars, bicycles, etc., passing. (New mechanical effect.)

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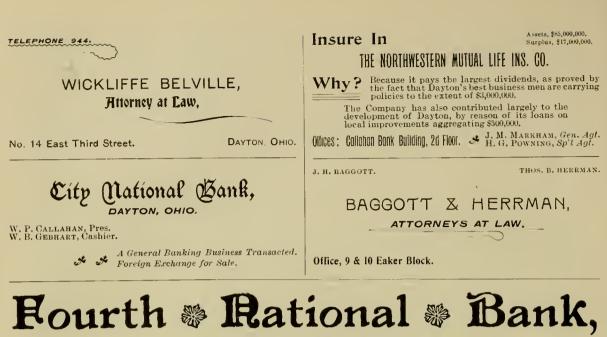


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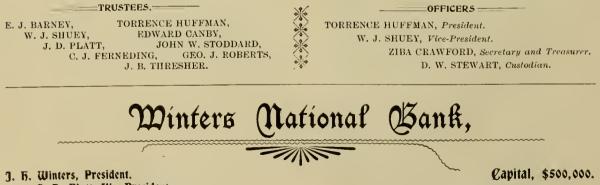
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SYNOPSIS,

SCENE 1.-Dayton in 1841. Third and Main streets, looking north.

SCENE II .- May-day at Steele's Woods.

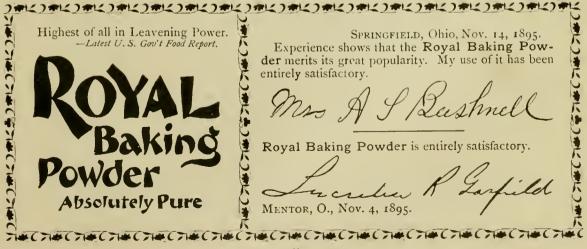
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ACT III.

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SYNOPSIS.

- Scene I.—Interior of a Dayton home in 1861; "Breaking Home Ties." The opening of the Civil War. —Brave brothers (two Dayton boys) display unsullied patriotism.
- Scene II.—Street in Dayton in 1861. Third and Main streets, looking north. MR. CHARLES W. TERRY, MR. WILL H. WEIFFENBACH, MR. LOUIS KASMIRSKY AND GEN.

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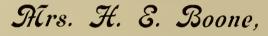
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FLASH-LIGHT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CHARACTERS IN "BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA," ACT IV., DAYTONIA.

ACT IV.

As we pledge the health of our general, who fares as rough as we: What can daunt us, what can turn us, led to death by such as he? —Charles Kingsley: A March.

SYNOPSIS.

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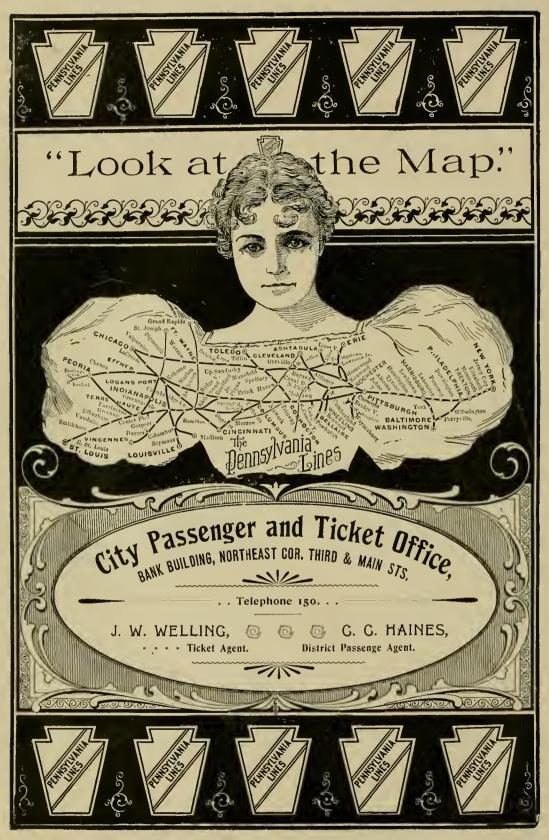
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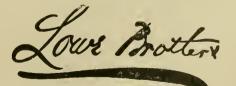
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