dent, but his health was always too delicate and precarious to admit often of his entrance into the arena of sharply contested litigation. He was a wise and judicious counselor, and in the best sense a promoter of peace. He died at Buffalo in January, 1863.

Oscar Folsom, whose untimely death, resulting from an accident in July, 1875, was most sincerely mourned by the Bar of Erie county, was born in Wyoming county, and graduated at Rochester University. He studied law in Buffalo and was admitted to the Bar in 1861, and continued largely engaged in practice to the time of his death. His mental abilities and accomplishments were of a high order, which, combined with the most frank and genial of natures, rendered him deservedly popular at the Bar and in society. He stood in the front rank with the young men of his profession; no one with brighter prospects or better qualified by natural abilities for success in the practice of the law.

Francis E. Cornwell had occupied a high position at the bar in Wayne county before he removed to Buffalo in 1857. He was soon engaged in a large practice, which continued actively until his death, November 2, 1869, on which day thousands of the electors of Western New York were depositing their ballots for him, for the honorable position of a Judge of the Supreme Court. Mr. Cornwell was a sound and painstaking lawyer, a gentleman of culture and refinement, and a quiet, genial friend. He was the author of a valuable digest of the decisions of the courts of last resort in this State.

John L. Curtenius resided and practiced law at Lockport, but on his removal to Buffalo, formed a copartnership with Horatio Shumway, and for many years conducted a large business. He was a learned lawyer of the old school; patient and indefatigable; always commanding the attention of the higher courts, and successful in a remarkable degree in maintaining his views of the law. Mr. Curtenius never held a public position, but was devoted to the quiet and intelligent conduct of the business entrusted to his care.

Lorenzo K. Haddock carried on the practice of the law for several years, rarely appearing in the courts, but was entrusted by his clients with important and confidential matters. He was a man of industry and accuracy, and outside of the profession, occupied a prominent position in society. The founding of the State Normal School was largely due to his efforts, and he was an active friend of the various literary and benevolent institutions of the city.

Edwin Thayer resided in Buffalo and practiced his profession from 1848 to the time of his death in 1877, and at one time occupied a high position at the bar and in society. In 1858 he was elected City Attorney, discharging the duties of the place with ability and discretion. In the practice of law he was energetic, faithful and honorable, a candid counselor and successful advocate.
Chauncey Tucker practiced his profession for many years at Fredonia, with great success, and on his removal to Buffalo, entered on a large and extensive business, mainly of a litigated nature. He was truly a learned lawyer, a safe counselor and an energetic man of affairs. At one time he was president of a bank, but his life was mainly given to the law, and until his death in 1874, he maintained a high position before the courts.

Sylvanus O. Gould, for over forty years of life and to the time of his death in August, 1882, was connected with the administration of the law. He held various minor offices and positions of trust, with honor and credit, and sustained the character of a good citizen and valued member of society.

Thomas C. Reyburn was engaged for several years in active practice. He possessed a good knowledge of the law, with a quick and ready ability, and a fluent, earnest oratory which achieved success with juries. Very few members of the bar, in his time, were gifted with the tact and management displayed by him upon trials of causes; but his early death destroyed the hopes which his friends had cherished for his future.

George L. Marvin conducted, alone and with partners, a large law business for many years; but he was not known to the courts upon the trial of causes. In the general management of the confidential affairs of his clients, he was reliable and successful. He filled various minor official positions with credit, and was known as a citizen of character, integrity and benevolence.

The above sketch of the Bench and Bar of Erie county, of the honored and illustrious dead, is necessarily unsatisfactory and incomplete in many particulars. The abridgement required in order that its length should not exceed the assigned limits, has been a restraint upon indulgence in eulogium, or the detail which would be interesting to posterity. It is designed, mainly, to speak of the dead in their character as judges and lawyers. Among them were men who would have been illustrious on any stage of life, who could have ornamented and dignified the Bench of the highest courts of the world, or graced the Senate chamber of the Republic with their eloquence and patriotism. Men of acute and masculine intellect; some scholastic in their profession, and others learned in the literature of all ages; logicians or metaphysicians, statesmen and philanthropists; yet nearly all limited and circumscribed by circumstances and the destiny of life to the narrow sphere of action in the daily drudgery of the practice of the law. To a few favored by fortune, it was granted to arrive at eminence and identify themselves with the history of their country; but the greatest men among them all, sought neither honor nor preferment. Had opportunities and occasions offered for action upon the great theatre of life, amid the struggles of nations for power or existence; the antagonism of liberty and despotism, such men would have achieved enduring fame and accomplished results.
so grand and glorious for our humanity that history would have enrolled
their names as possessing

"Minds of a massive and gigantic mould,
Whom we must measure as the Cretan sage,
Measured the pyramids of ages past; —
By the far-reaching shadows that they cast."

The sad task is ended of gathering these brief items of the lives of
those who are gone, by one who, personally, well remembers them all,
with two exceptions. The annalist of the future who compiles the biog-
raphies of those now living, will find the material at his hand in con-
temporaneous newspapers, but there was no such fountain to draw upon
as regards the earlier members of the Bar. But it is a truth and a
pleasant reflection that these men who were the influential and leading
men of their times, were earnest supporters of law and order and of the
constituted authorities of government; interested in all works of charity
and benevolence, and in all institutions designed to benefit and ennoble
our humanity.

The Courts.

The following are the Courts in Erie county, as at present con-
stituted: —

Supreme Court. — Hons. Charles Daniels, George Barker, Albert
Haight, Loran L. Lewis, Thomas Corlett and Henry A. Childs, Judges.
Superior Court of Buffalo, (see pages 118-19, this volume). Hon. James
Sheldon, Chief Judge; Hon. James M. Smith, Hon. Charles Beckwith.
Erie County Court.—Hon. William W. Hammond, Judge.
Surrogate's Court.—Hon. Jacob Stern, Surrogate.
Municipal Court.—Hon. George S. Wardwell, Hon. George A. Lewis,
Justices.
Police Court.—Thomas S. King, Justice.

The Bar of Buffalo.

Following is a list of the attorneys now (1883-'84), practicing in the
city of Buffalo: —

Adams, S. Cary.
Allen, Daniel W.
Allen, Henry F.
Allen, James A.
Andrews, E. W.
Andrus, Leroy.
Avery, Charles H.
Baker, Lyman M.
Baker & Schwartz.
Bartholomew, Abram.
Barton, O. F.
Becker, Tracy C.
Beckwith, Charles.

Beecher, James C.
Benedict, Willis J.
Bell, E. M.
Benedict & Sheehan.
Bishop, Albert W.
Bissell, Wilson S.
Bissell, Sicard & Goodyear.
Blanchard, A. A.
Bonner, John J.
Bowen, Rogers & Locke.
Box, Henry W.
Box & Norton.
Braunlein, Louis.

Brendel, Henry W.
Brown, Alan.
Browne, G. M.
Browne, William W.
Brundage, Frank.
Bryant, William C.
Buckner, George O. M.
Burrows, Roswell L.
Calkins, Abbott C.
Carr, Joseph P.
Cary, Thomas.
Chamberlain, Eugene V.
Chapin, W. O.
Chester, Carl T.
Chipman, John M.
Clark, Delavan F.
Clark, Martin.
Clark, Myron H.
Clinton & Clark.
Clinton, George.
Clinton, Spencer.
Cloak, James M.
Cloak, John G.
Congdon & Jenkins.
Cook, Josiah.
Cook & Fitzgerald.
Corlert, Thomas.
Corlert & Hatch.
Cottle, Octavius O.
Crandall, DeForest.
Crowley, Richard.
Allen, Movius & Wilcox.
Cutler, William H.
Cutter, Ammi.
Cutter & Stone.
Cutting, Charles H.
Cutting, Harmon S.
Daniels, Charles.
Daniels, Charles H.
Davis, George A.
Davis, Thad. C.
Day, David F.
Day, Hiram C.
Day & Romer.
Decker, Arthur W.
Delaney, William E.
DeWitt, Owen C.
Doorty, William G.
Douglas, Silas J.
Duckwitz, Ferdinand H.
Duckwitz & Robinson.
Emery, Edward R.
Ewell, Joseph E.
Fairchild, Joseph L.
Falb, Peter J.
Parrington, Butler S.
Ferguson, Frank C.
Field, Edward P.
Fillmore, M. P.
Fitch, William C.
Fitzgerald, Henry D.
Fitzgerald, Percy D.
Polsom, Benjamin.
Ford & Ferguson.
Ford James E.
Forsyth, Charles.
Fullerton, James C.
Fullerton & Hazel.
Gardner John T.

Germain, Charles B.
Gibbs, Clinton B.
Gibbs, James S.
Girvin, Robert.
Gluck, James F.
Goodyear, Charles W.
Gorham, George.
Graves, John C.
Green, Manly C.
Green, Henry B.
Greene, John B.
Greene, McMillan & Gluck.
Green, Samuel B.
Greene, J. B. & H. B.
Greiner, Fred.
Griswold, Edmund A.
Haight, Albert.
Hamlin, Charles W.
Hammond, William W.
Harman, H. A.
Hatch, E. W.
Hawkins, William M.
Hawkins & Gibbs.
Hawks, Edward C.
Hawks, Michael & Quinby.
Hazel, John R.
Hening, Herman.
Hibbard, George B.
Hickman, Arthur W.
Hill, Charles B.
Hinson, Charles W.
Hodge, Willard W.
Hopkins, Nelson K.
Hopkins & White.
Howard Frederick.
Hubbell, John C.
Hudson John T.
Humphreys, George.
Humphrey, James M.
Humphrey & Lockwood.
Hunter, Charles.
Hurtiburt, George W.
Inglehart, Frederick M.
Jackson, David G.
Jeuter, Julius A. C.
Johnson, Usual S.
Jones William L.
Kemp Frank C.
Kilhoffer, William G. C.
Kingston, George L.
Kinney, John M. E.
Kip, William F.
Knowlton, Charles B.
Kumpf, Peter.
Lansing, Livingston.
Laughlin, Frank G.
Laughlin, John.
Laux, Edward A.
Lawler Patrick.
LeClear, Lodowick.
Lewis George A.
Lewis George L.
Lewis Loran L.
Lewis, Moot & Lewis.
Locke, Franklin D.
Lockwood Daniel N.
Lockwood Stephen.
Loomey, John M.
Lyon, Carlton M.
Lyon, Henry L.
Lyon, William W.
McComber, C. S.
McMichael, Homer N.
McIntosh, Daniel.
McMillan, Daniel H.
McNeal, Norman B.
Manning, Franklin R.
March, Frederick R.
Marshall, Charles D.
Marshall, Clinton & Wilson.
Marshall, Orsamus H.
Marvin, LeGrand.
Matteson, Price A.
Meads, Willis H.
Messer, Louis F.
Meinzer, J. C.
Michael, Edward.
Milburn, John G.
Milburn, Joseph A.
Miller, Warren F.
Moffatt, Miles.
Moore, Mark B.
Moot, Adelbert.
Morey, Norris.
Movius, Edward H.
Muldoon, James G.
Murphy, James.
Murray, James A.
Nash, Daniel D.
Norton, Charles P.
Norton, Nathaniel W.
Norton, Porter.
Olmstead, John B.
Osgoodby, George M.
Palmer, Edward W.
Palmer, John W.
Parke, Hudson H.
Parke & Manning.
Parker, E. Lewellyn.
Pattison, Edwin C.
Patton, J. K.
CHAPTER XVII.

THE PARK SYSTEM OF BUFFALO.

Benefits of Public Parks — Their Influence on Communities — A City without a Healthful, Free Resort — First Movement Looking to the Establishment of a Great Park in Buffalo — The Men who Instigated it — Action by the Mayor and Council — Engagement of Frederick Law Olmstead — Extracts from His Report — Adoption of His Plans — Beginning of the Work — First Commissioners’ Issue of Bonds — Progress of Work from Year to Year — Present Extent of the Park — Description of its Different Sections.

In compiling a history of the city of Buffalo, no greater pleasure is experienced in the task, than that inspired by a proper reference to the magnificent Park system which has done and is doing so much for the general good of the community. If there are public benefactors who merit the lasting good will and gratitude of their fellows of every degree, they are surely those who are instrumental in establishing in our crowded cities, those physical and moral sanitariums—public parks; and the con-