The degree S. T. D. was conferred upon him by his own college in 1866. To do common justice to the subject of this brief sketch would require a more intimate knowledge of his valuable services in the church than his biographer has had an opportunity of acquiring, his first acquaintance with the bishop having commenced not earlier than four years ago. General report however gives him the credit of having formed, in very short space of time in the city of Detroit, a large and respectable congregation—a task which could only be accomplished by youthful energy, unremittting perseverance, religious zeal, and talent of a high order—all of which the bishop possesses, as the writer can now testify from personal knowledge.

A short time before he had been elected assistant bishop, the late venerable Bishop Kemper began to exhibit symptoms of declining strength, by reason of his advanced age, and feeling his inability to discharge the duties required of him by so extensive a field as the Diocese of Wisconsin, he necessarily required assistance to relieve him from a part of these laborious duties.

In making a selection for this purpose, the personal qualities of the rector of St. John’s, Detroit, having been so well established, could not have been overlooked; therefore he was elected. The selection made it a sufficient proof of the discriminating judgment of the electors: as all the acts of Bishop Armitage since his advent to the diocese of Wisconsin, and the many virtues that adorn his character as a christian bishop, have gained for him the love and respect of all classes under his episcopal charge.

Hon. Levi Hubbell

was born, April 15, 1808 in Balston, Saratoga Co. N Y.—His parents were of patriotic stock, the one having served as a soldier, through the entire revolutionary war, and the father of the other, having been killed by the British, in that struggle for national independence.

Judge Hubbell graduated at Union College, Schenectady; read law with Hon. John Greig, of Canandaigua, and commenced practice with his brother, Walter Hubbell, in the latter place. The late Hon. Stephen A. Douglas was then a student in their office; and doubtless derived his first democratic impressions from Judge Hubbell, who was then early, an ardent supporter of the party, and assistant Editor of the Ontario Messenger.

In January 1833, he was appointed by Governor Marcy, Adjutant General of the State; which office he held until November 1836, when, on his removal to Ithaca, in Tompkins County, he resigned it. He represented
the county of Tompkins, as a member of the Legislative assembly, during the session of 1841. In June 1844, he removed to the village of Milwau-
kee, then in the territory of Wisconsin. At the first judicial election, in July 1848, he was chosen a judge of the Supreme and Circuit Court of the state; and in September 1851, he was re-elected to the same office. He remained a judge of the Supreme Court for five years, until a separate supreme court was organized in 1853, and held the office of chief justice for one year. In 1856, he voluntarily resigned the office of judge of the second judicial circuit, which he had for eight years, at a salary of 1500 dollars per year.

It is proper to state, as a part of the history of the times, that at the legislative term of 1853, a powerful effort was made to impeach Judge Hubbell for alleged misconduct in office. But the effort failed. After a searching and protracted trial, he was honorably acquitted, and on his return from Madison to Milwaukee, was greeted with popular demonstrations of favor at various places, and especially at his home. The impeachment proceeding has long been regarded as the offspring of personal and partisan jealousy.

At the very commencement of the late rebellion, notwithstanding his life long relations to the Democratic party, Judge Hubbell, like his friend Douglas, avowed his determination to stand by the government, and this resolution he maintained faithfully by his pen and voice and influence, to the end of the war.

In 1863, he was elected, as a Loyal Democrat to the Legislative assembly of the state; and throughout the session, supported every measure calculated to sustain the army or overthrow the rebellion. He is now practicing law, in the city of Milwaukee.

HON. RICHARD W. HUBBELL,

County Judge of Oconto County, is 29 years of age, and is a native of Ithaca, New York. He came to Wisconsin, with his father, Hon. Levi Hubbell, in June 1844; and after graduating at the State University at Madison, pursued legal studies in his father's office, and was admitted to the bar, early in the summer of 1862.

Immediately thereafter, in pursuance of a previous design, he joined the defenders of his country, enlisting as a private, in the 24th Regiment of Wisconsin Vols. His patriotic example had much influence in leading other young men in high social position, to take their places in the ranks and peril their lives for the life of their government. In this position, he continued until after the battles of Perryville and Murfreesboro, enduring the several hardships of the service.