The subject of this sketch was very active during the late war, distributing large sums of money, and delivering eloquent speeches calculated to arouse the people to a sense of their duty, and go forward to meet and subdue the enemy, and protect the constitution and country unimpaired.

He and his brothers, Messrs. William and Rufus Allen Junr. raised one Company in the 24th Regiment, and supported the families of some of the men during the war. He always refused office of any kind, and often declined offers of nomination. The bar suffered a loss by the choice Mr. Allen made of the tanning business in preference to the legal profession, as he possessed all the necessary qualities to constitute a first rate lawyer. But though the law suffered by the choice Mr. Allen made, the working classes around his manufacturing concerns was benefitted largely by getting constant employment from him, and his worthy relations in their gigantic tanneries.

The Wisconsin Leather Company is a private Co-partnership, consisting of Father and Sons. The father, W. Rufus Allen Senr., has been engaged in the manufacture of Leather for over sixty years, commencing April 1809. The Messrs. Allen were engaged in tanning in the state of New York and came to Milwaukee in 1851; commenced to build a large tannery at Two Rivers in this state, which they completed in that year. In 1862 they built a second one at Two Rivers, 50 per cent larger than the first, and continued to run both till 1870, tanning 50,000 to 60,000 large hides per annum.

In 1870, they built one of the largest tanneries in this country in the south part of the city of Milwaukee, which is considered the largest Harness Tannery in the world. These Gentlemen have now the capacity for tanning 110,000 hides or 220,000 half hides per annum, and use 18,000 Cords of bark every year. Their trade extends over several states of the Union, and their firm is regarded as one of the largest and most successful leather manufacturing firms in this country, and more so than any in Europe.

DR. JAMES DOUGLAS.

Dr. James Douglas, whose father was a farmer, was born in Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York, July 4th 1801. During the first thirty years of his life his health was very feeble. He attended an academy at Whitesboro, conducted by Peletiah Rawson, a gentleman of eminent acquirements. When prepared to enter college, both his teacher and the faculty of Hamilton College strongly advised him to continue in the Academy another year on account of the precarious state of his health;
at the close of the year, the same objection existed in an increased degree, and therefore to his great grief, he had to continue in the Academy, going through the usual college studies, without graduating at College. His degree of A. M. is an honorary one subsequently conferred by the Madison University, N. Y. The subject of this sketch pursued the study of medicine, closed the course, and took a Diploma at the Fairfield Medical College, N. Y. in 1825; and practiced in Oswego, Vernon, and Hamilton, N. Y. till 1843, when he came to Milwaukee. In 1844, Dr. Douglas "after long and anxious study, necessary to overcome a deep-seated prejudice, was, as he states, compelled from conviction of its supreme truth to adopt the Homoeopathic law of therapeutics, and has continued the practice to the present time, and advocate it with an earnestness inspired by deep conviction". In 1859 the Doctor was elected to, and accepted the professorship of Materia Medica, and special Pathology and Diagnosis in the Homoeopathic Medical College at Cleveland, which was continued for three years, when business at home demanded a resignation. He has since been invited to accept a professorship in two other medical colleges, but declined. He is now one of the editors of the most prominent journals of the country—the North American Journal of Homoeopathy, N. Y., for which he has for many years written largely, as well as for several other journals. His writings are regarded as good authority on medical subjects, not only in this country, but in Europe. He published a lecture on medicine, as a science twenty three years ago, which is still circulated as influential and useful. Some sixteen years ago he published a work for domestic use, entitled Practical Homoeopathy, which has met with a large sale and passed through eleven editions.

At the commencement, in August last, at the Madison University, N. Y., that institution conferred on him the honorary Degree of Ph. D., Doctor of Philosophy. He has been President of the American Institute of Homoeopathy, and at its meeting in Chicago, some years since, delivered its annual address by appointment. Doctor Douglas is by reputation one of the best read physicians in his peculiar practice to be found in the country.

MORITZ Von BAUMBACH,
Consul for Austria, Hungary, and other German States, was born on the 13th January 1834 at Cassel in Hesse, Germany, and is descended from an old and noble family in that country. He came to the United States in 1849, and to Milwaukee in 1856 where he served as City Treasurer, with great credit to himself, and is now at the head of the German Exchange Bank in the city of Milwaukee.