of his eloquence, or by the the knowledge displayed by him of the political mechanism of electioneering, wire-pulling, etc. etc. Mr. Keenan is an honest man. He is a good agreeable speaker; ever cautious not to lose sight of his subject by lofty flights into the (sometimes misty) regions of Oratory. He arranges his subject methodically; reasons logically, and derives just and satisfactory conclusions. In his arguments, he never begs the question, nor asks a favor from his opponent without convincing proof founded on acknowledged principles. He is never at a loss for a word, nor does he ever use a sentence not necessary to enforce his argument. He has not had much practice in public speaking, and is, therefore, guided more by great caution, a full knowledge of his subject, and unflinching honesty of purpose, than by a self-confidence in the flippancey of his tongue. Matth. Keenan possesses all the attribute of a good and useful man. He is an honest man, and "an honest man is the noblest work of God."

Honesty is the cardinal virtue to which all the other are subordinate. An honest man necessarily possesses many, if not all, the subordinate cardinal virtues, but a dishonest man should get no credit for the exercise of all the minor virtues, as the act has some hidden self interests. The writer values honesty so highly, and hates dishonesty so intensely, that he may possibly be carried beyond proper bounds or the bounds of reality upon the subject. A thief may sometimes run considerable risk to save the life of a drowning man. An Irish cow and sheep stealer is said to be in the habit of dividing his prey among his poor and famishing neighbors. The intelligent reader will easily know the writer's meaning. If Mr. Keenan had not been strictly, honest and free from malpractices, while serving as Clerk of the Circuit Court, City Assessor, and Tax Commissioner, he would not have been listened to with such silent attention or his opinion be regarded with such weight, as the writer witnessed during the last session of the legislature at Madison. His kindly disposition, inostentatious manner, good talent, and above all, his general character will in time, place him in a position which he does not, at present, perhaps contemplate. The City or County should never dispense with his services, as a public officer.

ANDREW MULLEN.

The subject of this short sketch was born in the County Mayo, Ireland, where he left in early infancy; got the rudiments of education in St. John's Academy, Albany, New York. He removed to Wisconsin
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about thirty years ago, and therefore claims to be an old settler. Un-
like the Majority of his countrymen, he has no taste or desire to take any
active part in politics, and therefore never held any public position, ex-
cept that of School Commissioner for two terms, and member of the Board
of Directors of the Young Men's Association for two years; is now head
of the firm Mullen Brothers, Wholesale dealers in Cloths &c., No. 384
East Water Street. An opportunity of acquiring an academical educa-
tion at a suitable age, did not present itself, but what he was denied by op-
portunity, he supplied by self exertion at the proper time.

Nature was very propitious to him, having bestowed upon him all the
attributes that constitute the gentleman, and blessed him with many fine
personal qualities calculated to gain him respect and raise his character.

For a man of business, Mr. Mullen is a good speaker, and possesses
very good conversational powers. He is gentle and affable; friendly and
agreeable; well mannered and courteous; All his acts, as a business
man, are guided by strict honesty of purpose, and a scrupulous regard to
all the established rules laid down for the guidance of mercantile com-
unities—ever careful and watchful to meet all his liabilities with punc-
tuality. It is by means of those personal qualities, that Mr. Mullen has
built up a good trade in fifteen years not only in this state, but also in
Minnesota, where his house is well known.

Rev. Henry W. Spalding D. D.

was born at Rochester, N. Y., April 14, 1832, eldest son of Rev.
Erastus Spalding, for many years an able and faithful clergyman of West-
ern New York.

Graduated at Hobart College, Seneca, New York, in 1855.
Came to Milwaukee in the same year, and accepted a position in the public
schools where he remained for nearly six years in charge of the sixth ward
school as principal. Prosecuting his studies for the ministry under the charge
of the Rev. J. P. T. Ingraham. In 1858 and 1859 he was ordained by
Bishop Kemper to the deaconate, and took charge of the Mission Church
of the Atonement in Milwaukee. From this place he went to Janesville,
immediately after his ordination to the Priesthood by Bishop Kemper
in 1860, and took charge of the New Parish of Christ Church, when he
built up a church, and gathered a flourishing congregation. After re-
mainning here five years he traveled a year in the interest of Racine Col-
lege, and then went to Whitewater, and from there to Evansville, Ind.