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to make a satisfactory showing at the Exposition. Mr. Hunt was, therefore, authorized to solicit subscriptions for a fund of one hundred thousand dollars to supplement the legislative appropriation, and was actively engaged in collecting this money for nearly a year. He was entirely successful, and as a result his state was well represented and the guarantors were subsequently reimbursed at a later session of the legislature. Following his success in raising this fund his time was devoted to collecting and installing exhibits and superintending the Minnesota exhibition at Chicago until the close of the fair and until the exhibits were returned to the state. Mr. Hunt is a member of the K. of P. and is at present one of the Supreme Representatives for this Grand Domain.



#### WILLIAM CLARENCE BICKNELL.

William Clarence Bicknell is a lawyer practicing his profession at Morris, Minnesota. He was born June 28, 1855, at Parishville, St. Lawrence County, New York. His parents were Carlos B. Bicknell and Louisa A. Carpenter (Bicknell.) They were farmers in comfortable circumstances. Zachary Bicknell and Agnes, his wife, the first of the name in this country, sailed from England in the spring of 1635, and landed that summer at Wessagusset, now Weymouth, Massachusetts. They came with Rev. Joseph Hull and one hundred and one others from the counties of Somerset and Dorset in southwest England. From these two have sprung a numerous progeny scattered over all parts of the country, but particularly in the New England states, New York and Pennsylvania. The Carpenters were also from New England, and originally supposed to have been of English birth. William Clarence lived on a farm and attended the country district school in the winter months, working on the farm during the summer, until sixteen years of age, when he entered the state normal school at Potsdam, New York, and in one year prepared himself for teaching. After that he worked his own way by teaching in winter and working on the farm in the summer until he graduated from the normal school in 1880. Three years later he began the

study of law in the law department of the University of Michigan, where he was graduated in 1885 with a degree of LL. B. Having completed his legal studies, Mr. Bicknell came to Minnesota and located at Morris, and commenced the practice of his profession. He started out in very straightened financial circumstances, but he has adhered faithfully to his work and has succeeded in building up a satisfactory practice. In 1886 he was elected county superintendent of schools for Stevens County. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Golden Sheaf Lodge, of Morris and one of its Past Masters; a member of Mt. Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter and its present high priest; a member of Bethel Commandery, and its present captain general. He received his Masonic degrees at Minneapolis, and is a member of the order at that city; also a member of the Shrine at St. Paul. In politics he has always been a Republican, and is now county attorney of Stevens County, and serving his first term as such. He is an attendant, although not a member, of the Congregational church. He was married June 27, 1888, to Miss Nellie M. Finney, of Goodhue County. They have three children now living, Clarence W., Agnes L. and Ezra F. One child, Ira E. died December 30, 1893.