



AUGUST T. KOERNER.

August T. Koerner, now serving a second term as treasurer of the State of Minnesota, is a German by birth. In 1843 he was born at Rodach, Saxe-Coburn-Gotha, and until he was fifteen years of age the fatherland was his home. It was there that he attended the common schools, and leaving school at fourteen years of age, his parents being poor, began to learn the trade of a toy maker. After working at this trade for about a year he came to America alone and without friends to carve out his fortune among strangers. This was in 1858. The three years that intervened before the commencement of the civil war he spent in Indiana and Missouri. April 17, 1861, at the age of 18, he enlisted for three months in Company C, Sixth Indiana volunteers, and re-enlisted at the end of this short service for three years in Company H Twenty-sixth Indiana volunteers. January 31, 1864, he was discharged, but became a veteran on the same day, and received his final discharge June 25, 1865, after a continuous service of four years, two months and eight days. He can talk from personal experience of the campaign in West Vir-

ginia, including the battles of Phillippi, Laurel Hill and Carrack's Ford, and of the year and a half during which the Federal forces chased Price through Missouri. In the Missouri campaign, at the skirmish of Prairie Grove, he was wounded. He participated next in the siege of Vicksburg, and then followed his regiment into Texas and Louisiana, closing an honorable military career at New Orleans, where he was given his final discharge. Mr. Koerner was a bookkeeper at Troy, Illinois, for about two years following the close of the war, and then, in 1867, came to Meeker County, Minnesota, settling on a farm near Litchfield. For the thirty years that have ensued, Litchfield has been his home, and the reputation which he acquired there among all with whom he came in contact, for integrity, industry, sound business judgment, and unswerving loyalty to his friends, is the foundation upon which his splendid public record has been built. In his early manhood days he was a Democrat, and from 1868 to 1874 he was a member of the Greenback party; but since 1874 he has been a Republican. In the village of Litchfield, during the early days of his residence there, he filled a number of minor offices, among them that of village clerk. From 1878 to 1884 he was register of deeds of Meeker County. In 1891 President Harrison appointed him postmaster at Litchfield, a position which he resigned in 1892, preparatory to becoming a candidate for membership in the lower house of the legislature. He was elected, and during the session of 1893 his record was such as to commend him to the Republican party as a suitable candidate for state treasurer. He was elected to this high office in the fall of 1894, and re-elected in 1896. In the spring of 1894, Mr. Koerner associated himself with S. W. Leavitt, ex-state senator, at Litchfield, for the organization of the Meeker County Abstract and Loan Company, and was chosen president of the company, a position he still holds. He is a member of the Christian church at Litchfield. Since 1868 he has belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and since 1878 to the Masonic fraternity. He has been commander of Milita Commandery, No. 17, Knights Templar.

For years he has been an enthusiastic member of the G. A. R., and Frank Daggett post, No. 35, once honored him by making him its commander. Mr. Koerner married Miss Kate McGannon, of Litchfield, while a resident of Troy, Illinois. Of six children born of this union, three survive: Mamie, the eldest, is the wife of William Miller, of Litchfield; P. C. Koerner is a clerk in the state treasurer's office; Pauline, the youngest, is a girl of thirteen, at home.

JOHN COLIN McINTYRE.

John Colin McIntyre was born June 20, 1858, at River Dennis, Cape Breton, Province of Nova Scotia, Canada. His father, Archibald McIntyre, was a farmer and merchant in fair circumstances. At the time of the Fenian raid on Canada he served as a colonel in the British army, taking part in repelling the raiders. He was always a strong supporter of governmental and church policies, whose fundamental principles were liberty and in the interest of humanity, and took an active part in confederation measures for the provinces. Flora Noble (McIntyre), the mother of the subject of this sketch, was the eldest daughter of Dr. John Noble, a prominent physician and surgeon, and a descendant, on her mother's side, of the Campbells of Lorne, or the Dukes of Argyle. Her memory is recalled with reverence by her son, for her strength and force of character as a good Christian woman and mother. John Colin attended the public schools of his native town, later graduating from an academy. He also took a course in a commercial college, and entered upon the study of law, but was not admitted to practice. Mr. McIntyre came to Minnesota August 22, 1882, locating in Minneapolis the following May, where he has since resided. Previous to settling in Minneapolis he was engaged in oil and gold mining in the provinces, but on locating in this city he took up the fire insurance, real estate and loan business, first as an employe but later on his own account. He became a member of the firm of Jones, McMullan & Co., which afterwards dissolved, and



the firm of Jones, McIntyre & Co. was organized. Mr. McIntyre is independent in his political convictions, yet a strong supporter of many of the principles of the Republican party, though believing in the economic principles of prohibition of trusts and the liquor traffic. He has always taken an active interest in all matters relating to good government, and is at present president of the branch of the Good Citizenship League in the Fourth ward of Minneapolis. He was one of the first active supporters of the measure establishing the patrol limit system in Minneapolis, and one of the first advocates of the free text book law, having been chairman of the committee which circulated petitions for this measure throughout the state, and which called a mass meeting in the Swedish Tabernacle in Minneapolis, at which were present the principal educators of the state, the sentiment crystallized at this meeting assuring the success of the bill. Mr. McIntyre is a Mason, a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Commercial Club of Minneapolis. His church connections are with the Methodist Episcopal body, of which he is a member. He was married October 1, 1885, to Miss Hattie M. Gunn. They have four children, Jean E., Florence J., Vera A. and Archibald W. D.