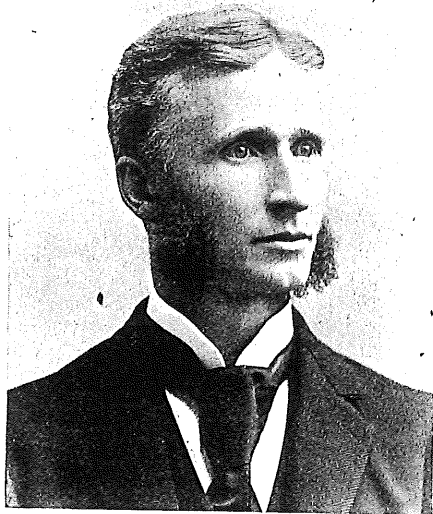


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GEORGE HENRY FLETCHER.

George Henry Fletcher, of Minneapolis, traces his ancestry to Robert Fletcher, who came from England and settled in Concord, Massachusetts, in 1630. The Fetters for several generations were farmers. Robert Fletcher, of the fifth generation, served in the early part of the Revolutionary War, and with his two sons was in the battle of Bennington. He died on his way home from the army in 1776. Luke Fletcher, his son, also served in the Revolutionary War, and Adolphus Fletcher, the son of Luke, served in the war of 1812. The Fetters were generally a long-lived family. Adolphus had seven sons and four daughters, and only one of the eleven died at an age less than fifty-eight. The subject of this sketch was born February 18, 1860, at Mankato. He was the son of Lafayette Gilbert Mortiere Fletcher and Lucina Bacon (Fletcher). L. G. M. Fletcher removed from St. Lawrence County, New York, to Mankato, Minnesota, in 1854, and has been engaged since that time in surveying, farming, operating warehouses, dealing in real estate and banking. He has been a member of the Mankato Board of Education for more than twenty-five out of the past thirty years, and for a considerable portion of the time was president.

He served in the state senate from 1883 to 1886. He married Lucina Bacon Foote, a widow. Her family name was Bacon. The Bacons were of English descent and had lived in New England for several generations. She died at Mankato, September 14, 1870. George Henry Fletcher began his education under the direction of his mother, but subsequently attended the public schools at Mankato, where he graduated from the high school in 1876, as valedictorian of the first class after the school was established. The following year he also received a diploma from the high school, of Ann Arbor, Michigan. In September, 1877, he entered the University of Michigan, where he graduated in June, 1881, with the degree of A. B. He did not attend the university during the junior year of his class, but was instructor in Latin and mathematics at the Mankato high school. During his college course he was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. His summer vacations were spent on his father's farms near Mankato, accumulating health and muscle and preparing himself for the confinement of college work during the balance of the year. After graduation, in 1881, Mr. Fletcher was placed in charge of a triangulation party, under Capt. D. W. Wellman, U. S. A., then engaged in the government survey of the Missouri river, and carried on that work from Fort Randall to Sioux City, beginning in August and ending the following October. In November, 1881, he came to Minneapolis to study law, in accordance with a purpose formed at the age of fourteen, and toward which every step after that age was taken. He entered the law office of William H. Norris, counsel of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, and when not otherwise engaged continued his studies there until August, 1883. From June, 1882, to July, 1883, he was assistant in the office of Superintendent of the Poor, in Minneapolis, and also during that time examined Latin, History and Geography papers for the state high school board. In August, 1883, he entered the office of Judge Eli Torrance as clerk, and the following December he was admitted to the bar. Beginning with the following February, and until June 1, 1890, he was associated with Judge Torrance, in the law firm of Torrance & Fletcher.

He then formed a partnership with Robert S. Dawson, to which Chelsea J. Rockwood was admitted in February, 1891. In March, 1895, the firm became Fletcher, Cairns & Rockwood, and in August, 1896, the present firm of Fletcher & Taylor was formed. Mr. Fletcher was secretary of the Minneapolis Bar Association from 1887 till 1892. He has taken an active interest in Republican politics, and is a member of the Union League. He was secretary of the League in 1883, vice president in 1884, and president in 1893. He represented the Thirty-second district in the lower house of the legislature in 1893, and was chairman of the judiciary committee during that session. Mr. Fletcher is a member of the Universalist Church, and was secretary of the Church of the Redeemer in Minneapolis for ten years. July 28, 1887, he married Annie Maria Kimball, daughter of George C. Kimball, of Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have two children, Kimball and Alice Kimball.



CARROLL ANDERSON NYE.

The subject of this sketch is a brother of the lamented humorist, Edgar Wilson Nye, better known to fame as "Bill Nye," who died at his home in North Carolina, February 22, 1896; also of Frank M. Nye, county attorney of Hennepin County, Minnesota. The Nye family is of French and English descent on the mother's side, and French and Welsh on the father's. The father, Franklin Nye, was a farmer in rather poor circumstances. The mother's maiden name was Eliza M. Loring. Both parents were originally from the state of Maine, moving from that state to Wisconsin in 1852, and following farming in St. Croix County until 1885. Carroll Anderson Nye was born in St. Croix County, Wisconsin, February 3, 1861. He attended the common school during the winters, and, as usual in the case of farmers' boys, worked on the farm during the summer, until he was seventeen years of age. He then attended, for several terms, the state normal school at River Falls, Wisconsin, in the meantime also teaching school several terms. The first money Mr. Nye ever earned was by working by the month on a farm in his

home state. After leaving school he commenced the study of law with his brother, Frank M. Nye, who at that time was located in Wisconsin. He entered the State University of Wisconsin later, graduating from the law department in the class of 1886. In January, 1887, he came to Minnesota, locating at Moorhead, and commenced the practice of law. When Mr. Nye commenced the practice of his profession at Moorhead he had no money and was in debt, having earned the money by his own efforts with which to pursue his studies. He is now in comfortable circumstances and enjoys an extensive practice. He has held the office of city attorney of Moorhead for four terms, and is now serving his second term as county attorney of Clay County. In politics Mr. Nye is independent. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His church affiliations are with the Congregational body, and he is a regular attendant and supporter of the First Congregational church of Moorhead, though not a member of any church organization. He was married December 30, 1886, to Miss Mary Gordon, of Madison, Wisconsin. They have one child, James Gordon, aged five.