

NELSON H. MINER.

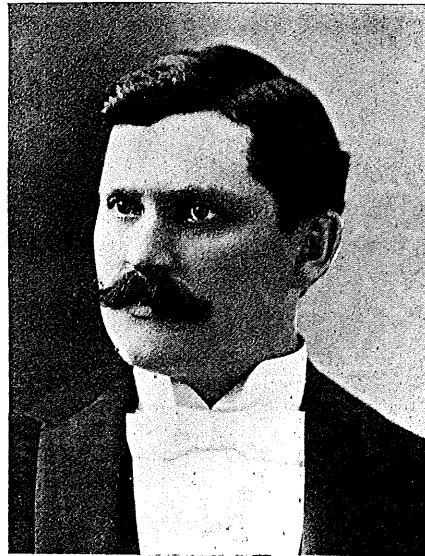
N. H. Miner was born on January 26, 1833, at Shoreham, Addison County, Vermont. He was the son of Hiram and Eliza Miner, a farmer and mechanic and in fair financial circumstances. His grandfather, Richard Miner, was a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolution and participated in the Battle of Bennington under Stark. His early educational advantages were limited to a few months each year in the country school and to the use of a small school library, and a few newspapers and periodicals received by the family. After leaving home and working on a farm for nearly two years he attended the district school for one winter term and then entered Franklin Academy, at Malone, New York. Here he studied for about three years, paying his way from the savings of the two previous years, and by teaching and farm work during vacations. Instead of pursuing his studies further he commenced to read law in the office of Parmelee & Fitch, in Malone, New York, and was admitted to the bar in that state in 1856. He practiced law two years in St. Lawrence and Franklin counties, New York, and then moved to Waupun, Wisconsin, in 1858, where he built up an extensive practice. In November, 1860, he came to Minnesota and formed a law partnership with Judge

N. H. Hemiup, under the firm name of Miner & Hemiup. In April, 1861, Mr. Miner enlisted in Company E, First Minnesota Infantry, for a three months' term, and served about one month when the regiment was disbanded for the purpose of reorganizing under the three-year enlistment. At the time of the reorganization he was confined to his bed by sickness, and was thus prevented from re-enlisting. But on the breaking out of the Sioux war of 1862 he volunteered, and was one of Captain Northrup's company which went to the relief of Fort Ridgley. On August 29, 1864, he enlisted at St. Anthony in Company E, of Hatch's Battalion Cavalry Volunteers, and served on the Minnesota frontier until discharged with the company on May 1, 1866. During the same month he went to Sauk Center, Minnesota, and resumed the practice of law. On the first of January, 1870, he became associated with A. Barto, afterwards Lieutenant Governor, under the firm name of Miner & Barto. This firm continued ten years, and was resumed in name in 1894, when L. R. Barto, the son of Mr. Miner's former partner, became his associate in practice. Mr. Miner has always been a Democrat, though of late years he has not been identified with any political party. He was for several years a member of the Board of Education of St. Anthony, and drafted the act, and procured its passage, by which the Board of Education of the town of Sauk Center was incorporated. The school system of the city is still regulated by this act. Mr. Miner served as a member and secretary of the board from its organization in 1869 until 1877. During this time he was instrumental in securing the building of the first school house and in originating the excellent graded school system of the city. He originated and did much for the support of the Bryant Library of Sauk Center, an institution which now contains about three thousand volumes. In 1867 and again in 1868 Mr. Miner served his county in the state legislature. During his service as representative he drafted and brought to passage the act abolishing capital punishment in this state. He is now mayor of Sauk Center, serving his second term in that office. Mr. Miner is a member of the Masonic order, of the G. A. R., and of the K. P. He is an attendant of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

On January 1, 1857, he was married to Miss Julia E. Martin, who died on April 9, 1872. They had three children, Gertrude Eliza, Helen Adeline and Jessie Fremont. On November 13, 1874, he was married to Miss Kate Martin, his present wife.

ALFRED EDGAR WALKER.

Alfred Edgar Walker, M. D., of Duluth, is the son of George Walker, a farmer of London, Ontario, a local magistrate for twenty years, and a leading citizen of his community. His wife's maiden name was Sarah Anne Morden, whose grandparents were Loyalists, and who, after the Revolutionary War crossed over from Detroit and went up the river Thames settling near Chatham. George Walker was born in England, of Scottish parentage, a son of a west of England manufacturer. He came to Canada early in his teens, and with two elder brothers and two sisters located at what was then called "Muddy York," now Toronto. His next older brother, Robert, established "The Golden Lion," a dry goods store which became famous throughout the whole region, and out of which the founder produced an estate of over a million dollars. Robert Walker was also the first secretary and treasurer of the Methodist Society in Canada, and one of the founders of Methodism in the Dominion. A marble statue of him adorns the Carleton Street Methodist Church in Toronto. Alfred Edgar Walker was born in London township, County of Middlesex, December 3, 1862. He received his education in the neighboring township school and passed from there into the collegiate institute at the age of sixteen. For three years he walked four miles to school, and at the age of nineteen passed his examination for a license as a teacher. He also attended a model training school for teachers, and in a class of thirty-six came out first in a final examination and secured a certificate good for three years. Dr. Walker taught school for four years, 1882 to 1886, in order to earn sufficient funds to enable him to take a course of medicine for which he had a preference. He entered the Western University medical department in 1886, at the age of twenty-three years, and spent three years in that institution, passing with honors each year. In the



fall of 1889 he went to Bellevue, New York, from which place he graduated in 1890, returned home by way of Toronto and passed examination there for member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. When he returned home his father had his location selected for him, but he had determined to come West, and after a two months' visit at home he started for Duluth. It was while he was in New York that the geographical location of that city had attracted his attention, and he determined to make it his home if the condition of things there appeared altogether favorable. He was especially fortunate in obtaining sufficient professional work almost from the start to make his business profitable. He was able to earn his expenses by the third month and has built up a profitable and thrifty practice. He is more than satisfied with his choice of a location and has been exceedingly successful in his treatment of fevers during the rage of typhoid in that city. Dr. Walker is a member of the American Medical Association, the Minnesota Medical Society, and the St. Louis County Medical Society, and one of the charter members of the Interurban Academy of Medicine for Duluth and Superior; of the Duluth Boat Club, the I. O. O. F., and is a thirty-second degree Mason. He was married August 15, 1895, to Miss Adella Shores, of Ashland, Wisconsin, eldest daughter of E. A. Shores.