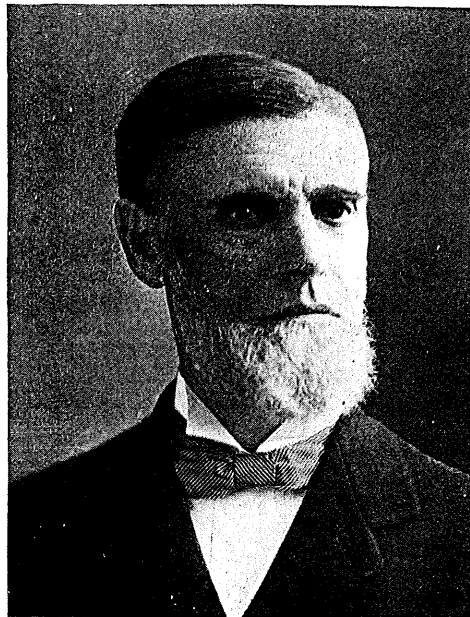


sequent years have amply fulfilled the promise of that college triumph. On May 18, 1895, Mr. Sneed was married to Eulalie Hockaday, daughter of I. O. Hockaday, of Columbia, Missouri, and grand daughter of Major James S. Rollins, who, from 1861 to 1865, was a member of congress from Missouri.

#### WILLIAM MITCHELL.

William Mitchell, associate justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota, resides at Winona, where he settled in the spring of 1857. He is the son of John and Mary (Henderson) Mitchell and is of Scotch ancestry, both parents having been born in Scotland. He was born November 19, 1832, at Stamford, Ontario. He prepared for college at a private school in his native country and entered Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1848, where he graduated in 1853. He taught two years in an academy at Morgantown, West Virginia, after which he read law with Edgar C. Wilson (father of the late Eugene Wilson of Minneapolis) of the same place, and was there admitted to the bar in the spring of 1857. Almost immediately thereafter he left Virginia for the West and settled in Winona, where he began the practice of law. He was in constant and successful practice until he was elected judge of the third judicial district of this state, and took his seat in January, 1874. He had held other offices, however, prior to that date, having been elected to the legislature for the sessions of 1859 and 1860, and subsequently was county attorney for one term. He was re-elected to the district bench in 1880, but resigned to accept a seat on the supreme bench to which he was appointed by Governor Pillsbury in 1881, when the number of justices was increased from three to five. He has thrice been elected to the supreme court without opposition, and has discharged the duties of that honorable and responsible position with such ability and integrity as to add each year to the esteem and respect in which he is held by the people of the state. He is a gentleman of thorough literary culture, as well as profound legal learning, a man of broad com-



mon sense and high character, possessing in a remarkable degree the qualities of mind which are essential to judicial eminence. His judicial opinions cover a wide range of subjects, and are studied with respect and approval in many of the courts and law schools of the country. It is said of Judge Mitchell, that no attorney appears before him without feeling that his arguments are being listened to with most patient attention to the end. Judge Mitchell has been interested in local enterprises in Winona County and contributed much to the growth and prosperity of that city. He has held the position of president of the Winona and Southwestern Railway, and also president of the Winona Savings Bank. He was originally Republican, but becoming dissatisfied with some of the reconstruction measures of the party during the administration of President Johnson, he has since acted chiefly, though not in a partisan sense, with the Democratic party. He has been married twice. In September, 1857, to E. Jane Hanway, of Morgantown, Virginia. She died ten years later. In July, 1872, he married Mrs. Francis N. Smith, of Chicago. He has had six children. He was reared in the Presbyterian church and is an attendant of that church, though not a member.