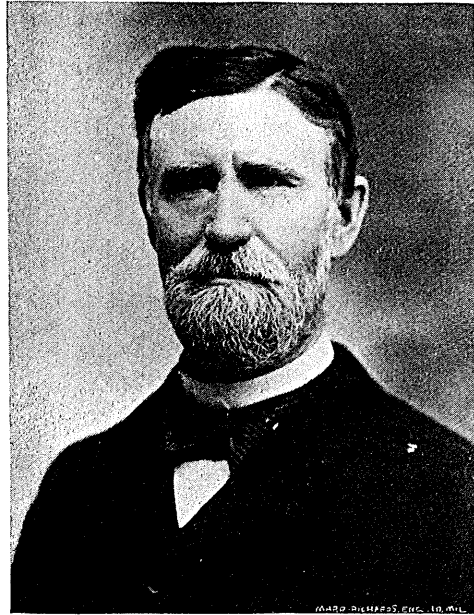


family to Europe and having placed his children in school in Dresden, spent nearly two years and a half in travel, visiting every country of Europe except Portugal, and extending his travels into Egypt and the Holy Land. He then returned to the practice of his profession in Minneapolis, in which he is now actively engaged. He is a member and an officer of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Mr. Gilfillan was married in 1870 to Miss Rebecca C. Oliphant, of Fayette County, Pennsylvania. He has four children living. The mother died March 25, 1884. In June, 1893, Mr. Gilfillan was married to Miss Lavinia Coppock, of New Lisbon, Ohio, but more recently of Washington, D. C.

DANIEL SINCLAIR.

The subject of this sketch has been engaged in journalism in Minnesota since 1856, and during all that time has been the editor of the same paper, the Winona Republican. Daniel Sinclair is a native of Scotland, and was born at Thurso, Carthnessshire, January 2, 1833. His father, George Sinclair, was a merchant and a revenue officer under the British government. He died when Daniel was but five years old. The family line is traced directly to the brothers St. Clair, who went over to England from Normandy with William the Conqueror. From them was descended General Arthur St. Clair, a famous soldier of the American Revolutionary War. Daniel's education was limited to the common and grammar schools of his native town in Scotland, and to a few months in a common school in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, after he came to this country, at the close of which term he was elected teacher of the school for six months. Mr. Sinclair came to America in 1849 at the age of sixteen. He located at Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he learned the printer's trade, and at the age of twenty was made editor of the Courier at Conneautville, Pennsylvania, which paper he conducted for about fifteen months. He then resigned his position there and started for the West to find a more promising opening. He arrived in Minnesota June 1, 1856, and took up his residence at Winona. Shortly after settling there he purchased a half interest in the Republican, then a weekly paper, and has been its editor ever since that



time. Mr. Sinclair has been affiliated with the Republican party ever since its organization, and through his paper has been an active promoter of the interests of that party. He was appointed postmaster of Winona by President Grant in 1869, and held the office continuously for over sixteen years. He was reappointed by President Harrison in 1889, and held office for four years and two months, thus holding the office for twenty years and four months altogether. He was chairman of the Minnesota delegation to the national convention at Chicago in 1880 and supported Windom until his name was withdrawn, and then changed his vote to General Grant. Mr. Sinclair has never been an aspirant for political honors, and has regarded his position on his paper as a superior political office, so to speak, than any which the state could offer him. He is a member of no society organizations, except a social club, the Arlington, of Winona. He is an active member of the Winona Board of Trade, and an active promoter of the interests of that city. He is not connected by membership with any church, but is an attendant of the Congregational. He was married August 26, 1855, to Miss Melissa J. Briggs. They have three children living—Mrs. William E. Smith, and Misses Jessie and Fanny Sinclair. Mr. Sinclair publishes a paper of large influence in its field and its editorial columns are conducted with recognized ability.