

years of his life he gave much of his time and attention to charitable work, and his thoughts along these lines resulted in his making a gift of \$10,000, (afterwards increased to \$25,000), as an endowment of the Julia F. Burnham Hospital, a noble institution named in honor of



ALBERT C. BURNHAM.

his deceased wife. A sketch of this institution will be found elsewhere in this work. In 1895, Mr. Burnham also donated to the city the site of a fine library building, accompanying it with a gift of \$50,000 for the erection of the building and maintenance of the library. This institution stands as a monument to his memory and is known as the "Burnham Athenaeum."

In 1866, Mr. Burnham married Miss Julia F. Davidson, of Newark, N. J. Mrs. Burnham died in New York City October 28, 1894.

JULIA F. BURNHAM was born in New York City, April 16, 1839. Her childhood was spent in Newark, N. J., where she acquired her education in the public schools. In 1866 she married Albert C. Burnham, who was at that time a prominent man of affairs in Champaign, Ill., where she resided until her death, which occurred October 28, 1894, in New York City. During the early years of her residence in

Champaign Mrs. Burnham became prominently identified with church and charitable work, and her activities in these fields covered a broad scope in later years. At the time of her death, and for some years prior thereto, she was Secretary of the State Board of Charities and her influence was felt throughout the State in humanitarian work. She interested herself especially in caring for the sick and suffering poor of Champaign and Urbana, and was the recognized leader of systematic work in this direction. In commemoration of the work which she had done, and as a memorial of her unselfish efforts in this behalf, the Julia F. Burnham Hospital was founded after her death by her husband, who donated grounds and erected thereon the institution which bears her name. This hospital, probably the most useful and widely known in Central Illinois, was endowed by Mr. Burnham, and has since been further endowed by his daughter, Mrs. Newton Harris, and others.



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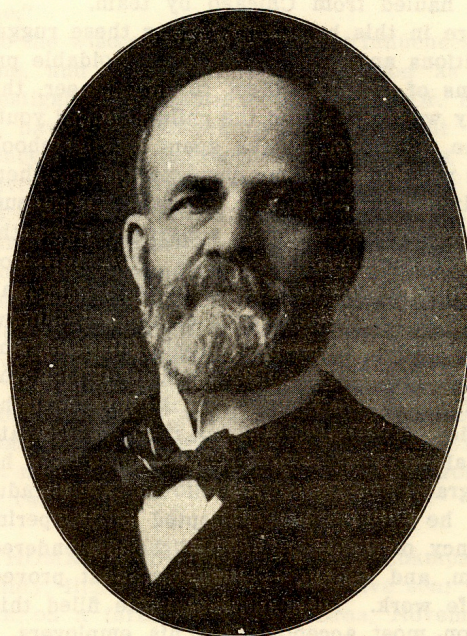
Mrs. Burnham also took an active part in advancing the educational interests of Champaign, and was one of the first women in Illinois to serve on the Public School Board. As a member of the Champaign Art Club and various other organizations, she did much also to

promote culture and intelligence in the community in which she made her home for nearly thirty years.

WILLIAM F. BURRES, physician and surgeon, Urbana, Champaign County, Ill., was born on a farm in Coles County, Ill., June 29, 1857, a son of George A. and Amanda (Woods) Burres, natives of Ohio and Virginia respectively. The qualities which have accomplished the success of Dr. Burres are the homely ones which have brought many a lad from the farm and placed him wherever ambition has beckoned. Little opportunity not of his own making came his way while living with his family on farms in Coles and Douglas County. When he doffed the workman's garb and entered Asbury University at Greencastle, Ind., he still labored with his hands in a different field, for thus only could he avail himself of the courses of study so earnestly desired. At the Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill., also he worked his way, and the industry and economy so faithfully practiced enabled him to study medicine with Dr. Wagner, of Newman, Ill., and later to enter Rush Medical College, of Chicago, from which he graduated in the class of 1882. He first engaged in practice in Sidney, Champaign County, Ill., but in 1900 came to Urbana, and since has been successful in this broader field of professional labor. His conscientious devotion to the best tenets of medical science have made him a deserved authority among his fellow practitioners. He has been President of the Champaign County Medical Society, and is a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Dr. Burres was married, in 1882, to Alice Cooley, daughter of Rev. C. P. Cooley, of Newman, Ill.

THOMAS JONATHAN BURRILL, LL. D.—No name connected with the Faculty of the University of Illinois is so well known locally, and few names are so well known abroad, in connection with the University, as that of Dr. Burrill. This condition is not due entirely to his long connection with the institution as a member of the Faculty, nor to the fact that for several years he was acting President, but locally to the fact that, before his connection with the University, he was for three years a popular local Principal of schools, and as such very near, socially, to the people—an intimacy

which has never been broken, for he has continued to be a factor in all local affairs as before. Then, too, during all the years of his connection with the University, Dr. Burrill has been the servant of the whole people of the State, going from county to county in answer to the calls made for lectures and addresses. So, also, as a successful original investigator into the secrets of Nature, he has won a more than national reputation as a scientist. This mutual interest on the part of Dr. Burrill and his neighbors connects him with Champaign County as one long identified with the most important events in its local history.



THOMAS JONATHAN BURRILL, LL. D.

Dr. Burrill was born at Pittsfield, Mass., on April 25, 1839, the third son of John and Mary (Francis) Burrill. The father was a native of England and the mother of Ireland, but of Scotch ancestry. The Burrill and Francis families both emigrated to America while their children were young, and the latter were married in 1828 at Pawtucket, R. I., but afterwards made their home at Pittsfield.

About 1848, with his family, John Burrill, the father, removed to Illinois and set up his home in Stephenson County. This removal was made by the then most feasible route—by railroad to Albany, thence to Buffalo by