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regular attendant, during his long residence in Stamford, at St. John's Episcopal Church. He died June 8, 1886.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

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BENAJAH ANDREWS.

The first lawyer to settle in Meriden. Practiced there for nearly fifty years, beginning with 1810.

DWIGHT MARCY.

Born in Union, Conn., June 8, 1840, prepared for college at Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., and was graduated at Yale College in 1863. After leaving college he taught school for a time, studied law and was admitted to the bar in Tolland county in 1865. He began practice at Central Village, afterward removed to Tolland and thence to Rockville, where he remained in the practice of his profession to the time of his death. In 1867 he was appointed state's attorney for Tolland county, and held the office two years. He was elected assistant clerk of the House of Representatives, and the year following clerk of the Senate. He represented the town of Vernon in the General Assembly in the years 1878, 1879, and 1880, and the latter year was speaker of the House. He was a delegate from Tolland county to the Republican National Convention in 1876.

He was a self-made man, with rare resources of will power, was self-reliant and self-dependent; industrious, energetic and aspiring. His mind was not rapid in its processes. It thought slowly but surely. He never hastily rushed to his conclusions, but reached them by careful and cautious approaches. His private life was irreproachable, and his domestic relations always happy. He died at Rockville, May 7, 1887.

WILLIAM BROOKS BRISTOL.

A native of New Haven, graduated at Yale College in 1825, admitted to the bar in 1833, and practiced until his death in 1876.

DEXTER RUSSELL WRIGHT.

Born at Windsor, Vt., June 27, 1821. Prepared for college and was



graduated at Wesleyan University in 1845. Taught school as principal of the Meriden Academy, a short time, and then was graduated from the Yale Law School in 1848. While a member of the Law School he also studied in the office of E. K. Foster, esq., at New Haven. Admitted to the bar in 1848, and began practice at Meriden, where he remained until 1862, with the exception of a brief period of business and legal experience with the pioneers of California in 1850 and 1851. In November, 1863, he opened an office in New Haven, and continued in the active practice of his profession in that city until his death.

He began life as a Democrat, and in 1848 was elected to the State Senate from the Sixth Senatorial District. In the election of 1860 he agreed with those Democrats who supported the nomination of Senator Breckenridge, of Kentucky, but when the secession of the Southern States began, he became immediately attached to the cause of the war for the Union. In May, 1862, he was commissioned as lieutenant-colonel of the 14th Regiment. In August of the same year he received a commission as colonel of the 15th Regiment. He took his regiment to Washington, and soon made it one of the most promising of the new regiments stationed near that city. In December, 1862, he was sent to Fredericksburg in command of a brigade. In March, 1863, he resigned his commission, by the advice of his surgeon, and returned to Meriden. He was nominated by the Republicans as a candidate for representative in the General Assembly, and was elected by a handsome majority. Through the sessions of May and November, 1863, he acted as chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, and in the sessions of that Assembly was one of the acknowledged leaders in a house of very able men. He was president of the convention of 1866 which nominated Joseph R. Hawley for governor. In 1872 and 1873 he was corporation counsel of the city of New Haven; from 1865 to 1869 he was assistant United States district attorney for Connecticut. In 1878 he was elected as representative from the town of New Haven to the General Assembly, and at the session of January, 1879, was elected speaker of the House, filling the position with signal ability and with great popularity. In 1880 and 1884 he heartily supported the nomination of James A. Garfield and James G. Blaine for the presidency.

He was married, February 3, 1848, to Miss Maria H. Phelps, daughter of Col. E. L. Phelps, of East Windsor, Conn. He died at New Haven July 23, 1886.