

November 18, 1870; and Julia Belden, born June 30, 1881. Mr. Lockwood is a member of the Congregational church, and is held in high esteem in the city of Norwalk.

**PROF. W. A. ANTHONY, MANCHESTER:** Electrician.

The subject of this sketch was born November 17, 1835, at Coventry, Rhode Island. He attended the village school, where he began at an early age the study of algebra and geometry. He also read all the books on science to be found in the school library, and obtained considerable experience with machinery and tools in his father's mill. At the age of 15 he went to the Friends' Boarding School in Providence, where he pursued his favorite studies in mathematics and science, and for a time assisted in the preparation of experiments for the lectures on chemistry and physics. Completing his preparations for college at the academy at East Greenwich, he entered Brown University in 1854, but under the compulsion of his deepening interest in mathematical and scientific studies he left Brown to enter the Scientific School at Yale, where he graduated in 1856.



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After graduating, Prof. Anthony became the principal of a graded school. He then taught science in an academy, then physics and chemistry at Antioch College, then physics at the Iowa State Agricultural College, and in 1872 he was called to Cornell University to take charge of the department of physics. He remained there till 1887, and left behind him an imprint that the work of Cornell in his special field will long bear. His interest was specially strong in electricity and optics, and he devised a great number of experiments to illustrate his instruction. Even in the academy, in 1863-66, his students in physics were required to perform experiments for themselves. This was the beginning of his physical laboratory instruction, which he tried to improve upon and extend as long as he had to do with students, and to prepare for their careers the physicists and engineers of the next generation.

It is interesting to note that in 1874, after trying in vain to procure a Gramme machine from Europe, as a piece of laboratory apparatus, he designed and constructed one for the university laboratory himself. This machine was exhibited at the Philadelphia centennial exhibition in 1876. It is still in use

and doing good service in the physical laboratory at Cornell.

In 1881, appreciating with clear foresight the important place that electrical applications were to take in the near future, Professor Anthony set on foot a movement looking to the establishment at Cornell of a special course of study for the training of electrical engineers. This plan met with great opposition at first, but was finally successful, and the course is now one of the best attended in the university.

In 1887, desiring relief in a change of occupation, Prof. Anthony resigned the appointment he had held with so much credit to himself and so much honor to Cornell, and assumed the duties of electrician for the Mather Electric Company of Manchester, in this State, in which capacity he has since continued, devoting himself to the improvement of the apparatus and the extension of the affairs of the company.

**WILLIAM EDGAR SIMONDS, HARTFORD:** Attorney-at-Law.

William Edgar Simonds was born at Collinsville, in the town of Canton, Hartford county, Connecticut, November 24, 1842. He was educated at the graded and high schools in Collinsville, graduated at the State Normal School in New Britain in 1860, and taught school until 1862. August 14, 1862, he enlisted in Company A of the Twenty-fifth Connecticut Volunteers, as a private, and was soon promoted to be sergeant-major. At the battle of Irish Bend, Louisiana, April 14, 1863, he was promoted to be lieutenant of Company I for gallantry in the field, and was discharged from the service, August 26, 1863, by reason of the expiration of his term. He then entered Yale Law School and there graduated in 1865. Since that date he has practiced law in Hartford. He is the author of books on patent law as follows: "Design Patents," "Digest of Patent Office Decisions," "Summary of Patent Law," and "Digest of Patent Cases." Since 1884 he has filled the lectureship on patent law at Yale Law School. In 1890 Yale University gave him the honorary degree of A.M. Mr. Simonds was a member of the Connecticut house of representatives in 1883 and chairman of the committee on railroads. He was speaker of the Connecticut house in 1885. He has been a trustee of the Storrs Agricultural School of Connecticut since 1886. In



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1888 he was elected to congress from the first district of Connecticut. He signaled his service in the fifty-first congress by his successful efforts in connection with international copyright. A bill looking to that end had been decisively defeated in the house when Mr. Simonds drew and introduced another bill and secured for it, after repeated contests, a victory quite as decisive as its former defeat, which bill subsequently became a law, it being the first international copyright act of the United States, a measure which had been contended for ever since Henry Clay began the agitation of the subject a half century before.

His record in congress has been one of great activity and intense loyalty to the interests of his constituents and the state. The services which he has been able to render will be borne in mind by his party, who, no less than the entire district, have been placed under lasting obligation to him for the conscientious and honorable work he has performed while an incumbent of this important office.

#### HON. DAVID GREENSLIT, HAMPTON.

David Greenslit was born at Hampton, June 2, 1817. After graduating from the public schools of his native town, he spent a year or two in teaching and in mercantile business in the city of Norwich, after which he paid his attention exclusively to farming until 1844, since which date his time has been occupied almost continuously in official duties. May 26, 1840, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Searls, daughter of John Searls of Brooklyn, settling in Hampton, where he has since principally resided.

He held the offices of sheriff and deputy sheriff for Windham county for sixteen years. In 1866 he was elected state senator, serving as chairman of the State Prison committee. During his term in the senate he lost his only child, a beautiful young lady of twenty-two years, by which sad blow he was almost completely prostrated. In 1878 he represented Hampton in the lower house, where he was again appointed chairman of the State Prison committee. Mr. Greenslit has held the office of president of the Windham County Mutual Fire Insurance Company for about twelve years, and is the adjuster of all the company's losses. He is a director in the Windham County National Bank, also in the Dime Savings Bank of Willimantic. He



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has held various town offices, having been acting school visitor, agent of the town deposit fund, and first selectman, for terms varying from ten to forty years. He was in the provost-marshal's office in Norwich during two years of the war of the rebellion, and acted for the government as general recruiting officer for Windham county. During the last thirty years he has been extensively engaged in the settlement of estates, many of which have involved large responsibilities and required the exercise of soundest judgment. Mr. Greenslit has given much attention to the law, not professionally, but in order to prepare himself for the requirements of his duties and to enable him to act promptly and intelligently on the many occasions when legal counsel might not be at ready command. His advice in business is thus often sought and highly valued. Politically Mr. Greenslit is an ardent republican, and has been more or less active in state and local politics ever since the formation of that party. He served on the state central committee for a long succession of years. Whatever the welfare of his town or the state has called for, politically, socially, educationally, or morally, he has heartily and earnestly undertaken; and very rarely has he enlisted in an undertaking which was not carried to a triumphant success. Mr. Greenslit's life has been one of great activity and usefulness, and his circle of intimate acquaintances and friends extends to all borders of the state.

#### REV. LEWELLYN PRATT, D.D., NORWICH : Pastor Broadway Congregational Church.

The subject of this sketch was born in Saybrook (now Essex), in this state, August 8, 1832. In his youth he was a pupil at Essex and Durham Academies, and was afterward graduated at Williams College. He was ordained to the ministry by the Philadelphia Presbytery in 1864. For several years he was professor in the National Deaf-Mute College of Washington, D.C., and of Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., preaching more or less while serving as professor; for some time at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church of Washington, and for two years at the second Presbyterian Church of Galesburg. In 1870 the Congregational Church of North Adams called him to its pastorate, where he labored with marked success, until Williams College, his *alma*



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