

are entombed in the cemetery of St. Mary's Catholic church, of which she was an active and devout member for many years.

Adam F. Toner was reared in Pittsburgh, where he received his elementary and academic education. In 1873 he went to St. Vincent's abbey and college, near Latrobe, Westmoreland county, where he took a seven years' classical course. He then took a full philosophical and theological course at St. Vincent's and the Grand seminary of Montreal, Canada. On August 21, 1885, he was ordained to the priesthood by Rt. Rev. Richard Phelan, D.D., being the first to be ordained by the newly consecrated bishop, at St. Vincent's abbey, and was appointed as assistant pastor of St. Peter's church at McKeesport, Allegheny county. After two years' faithful and successful service there he was assigned to his present field of labor at Indiana. On August 31, 1887, he assumed charge of St. Bernard's Catholic church of Indiana and has remained its pastor ever since. The first Catholic families at Indiana came about 1814, and in 1845 the first Catholic church of that place was erected. It was a frame structure, costing about six hundred dollars and the congregation was served by priests from St. Vincent's, in Westmoreland county. Among the ministers who acted as missionary laborers to Indiana, was the sainted Rt. Rev. Boniface Wimmer, the founder of St. Vincent's abbey and the order of St. Benedict in North America. The present brick church of St. Bernard's was begun in 1869, and was dedicated on May 26, 1871. It is of the order of Gothic architecture and is in the form of a cross. It is 57x94 feet in dimensions, will seat six hundred people and cost twenty-two thousand dollars. When Rev. Toner came to the charge it included about sixty families, but under his labors it has increased to eighty-five families.

The church was badly out of repair, but with his characteristic energy and perseverance he began a series of much-needed and valuable

improvements which has placed St. Bernard's among the most beautiful, attractive and finely-furnished churches of western Pennsylvania. He has heated the church, the parsonage and all other buildings on the premises with steam, and secured natural gas for fuel in the heating boilers of the buildings; he has had water put in every room of each building, and has had water-plugs placed at all necessary points. He has drained the grounds, put in sewerage and contributed in many other ways to the healthfulness, the beauty and conveniences of St. Bernard's. All these improvements have been paid for and the charge is in a flourishing condition. He has been largely instrumental in organizing a literary society and in founding an extensive library, which has a reading-room attached for the young folks. A room is also provided where they can indulge in healthful and innocent games. A very fine orchestra has been organized from the congregation, and is known as St. Bernard's orchestra.

Rev. Toner is laboring earnestly and successfully for the intellectual education and culture, the moral growth and the spiritual welfare of his people, and commands the respect of all who know him.

JAMES M. TORRENCE, M.D., a veteran soldier of the 105th Pa. Vols. and a physician in active practice at Indiana, was born at Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1845, and is a son of Judge James and Mary (Caldwell) Torrence. Hugh Torrence (paternal grandfather) was a native of Ireland and was of Scotch-Irish descent. He came from Ireland to Pennsylvania and was one of the early settlers near Manor Station, Westmoreland county, where he resided until his death. He was a presbyterian in religious belief. William Caldwell (maternal grandfather) was of Irish descent and resided at Indiana, where he reared a large family and where he

died. Judge James Torrence (father) was born in Westmoreland county, learned the trade of tanning in Allegheny city, and followed that business for twenty years. He came to Punxsutawney when a young man, and successfully operated a large tannery in the centre of the town until 1866, when he retired from active business except dealing in real estate. In 1859 he was elected associate judge of that county, on the republican ticket and served for three years. He began life without any capital, and by close attention to business is now worth sixty or seventy thousand dollars, besides owning some real estate in his town. He is an active republican and a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Mary Caldwell, who was a native of Indiana and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. She died in 1858, aged thirty-nine years.

James M. Torrence was reared principally in his native town until he was twelve years of age, when he entered the *Messenger* printing-office at Indiana and served an apprenticeship of two and one-half years. Before he was sixteen years of age he enlisted in Co. K, 105th reg., Pa. Vols., served as a company clerk for eight months and then entered the ranks. In 1863 he re-enlisted and served until the close of the war. He was in all the battles of his regiment, was present at Lee's surrender and was wounded at Chancellorsville in the left hand and in the side of the head (June 17, 1864) in front of Petersburg. After the war he attended the Iron City Business college and fitted for college at Glade Run and Dayton academies. He entered Mt. Union college, which he left (1869), when in the senior class, to read medicine with his brother-in-law, Dr. J. W. Hughes, of Blairsville. Completing his course of reading, he entered Jefferson Medical college, from which he was graduated in the class of 1873. In the same year he located at Indiana, where he has continued in the successful practice of his profession ever since.

In 1880 he married Ida, daughter of E. P. Hildebrand, a native of Berlin, Pa., and a man of high standing, who was twice prothonotary of the county and died while serving as justice of the peace, July 29, 1889, aged sixty-seven years. Dr. and Mrs. Torrence have three children: Helen, James Monroe and Arthur Hildebrand.

In politics Dr. Torrence is a republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and the Indiana County Medical society, and well sustains the reputation which he has earned as a courteous gentleman and a skillful physician.

EDWARD G. VOGEL. In modern progress the trade of the tailor has advanced to the plane of a fine art. Among the leading merchant tailors in this section of the State is Edward G. Vogel, who is a graduated fashionable and artistic cutter and a member of the firm of Vogel Bros., which was established in 1839. He is a son of Paul and Helen (Laurent) Vogel, and was born at Indiana, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1863. Paul Vogel is a native of the kingdom of Bavaria, now a powerful State of the great German empire. He came in 1847 to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he remained for two years and then removed to Indiana, which he has made his home ever since. He learned the trade of tailor in the "Fatherland," and was engaged in the merchant tailoring business until within the last two years. He was born in 1827 and is a son of John and Maria Vogel, of Bavaria. In 1849 he founded the present merchant tailoring establishment of Vogel Brothers. His partners were his brothers George and Wolfgang. George Vogel died February 8, 1876, and Wolfgang Vogel retired from the firm in 1884. Their places in the firm were occupied by his sons. Paul Vogel is a strict Catholic, a stanch democrat and married Helen Laurent, daughter of Joseph and Barbara