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## INTRODUCTORY.



IN the preparation of this volume it has been the aim of the publishers to produce a work that should in a considerable degree be representative of the prominent and progressive men of our State in professional, business, political, and official life. It was our desire to picture the leading men who are helping to make the history of Maine to-day and who are doing so much to shape its course in the future, so that it shall not only retain its proud position of the past, but keep in the front rank of her sister States of the Republic.

It has been well said that he who would satisfactorily study the fabric of a Commonwealth must first study the men who formed it. We all are justly proud of the material progress of Maine—of her factories, railroads, commercial and industrial establishments; but these are only the silent monuments of the brains and characters, of the men, who formed them, many of which we herein attempt to illustrate. Men are always a State's best product, and a proper portrayal of them should be regarded as a laudable enterprise.

Not all those who deserve recognition appear in this book. To properly present every one who is doing even considerable to help along our interests, and therefore winning in some measure fame and fortune for themselves, would be a task no one would willingly attempt, because of its great magnitude; but we think we can fairly claim that very many of those representing the more important interests of our State appear in this volume.

When we first contemplated the work, we thought to publish only the biographies and portraits of living men, but a considerable number of our leading citizens urged us to incorporate into the book the portraits and historical sketches of all the Governors of Maine from the formation of the State in 1820 to the present time. This we finally consented to do. The portraits of the early Governors were fast fading out and suitable material for an historical account of many of them was becoming scattered, and for the purpose of putting both in permanent form and where they would be accessible to the public, we concluded to undertake the work and assume the large expense incident to it, believing that it would add historical value to the book and be appreciated by the people of the State.

The editor assumes entire responsibility for the biographical and historical matter which appears in this book. He has had access to many sources of information and has sought to give the historical data, etc., full and correct. That there are no errors is not probable, but he fully believes that all material statements are in the main correct, and had space been afforded him much more might justly have been said in honor of the people represented than herein appears. But in perusing these somewhat limited and perhaps imperfectly prepared historical sketches, one fact will become plain to the reader, and that is that integrity, persevering industry, and frugal habits in youth and a conscientious and faithful discharge of every confided trust in older years have been the sure foundation upon which the successful lives herein described have been built.

We present this volume to the prosperous and progressive people of our State with our sincere thanks for the interest they have manifested in the enterprise and the material aid they have furnished us, without which the preparation of this volume would have been impossible. It goes abroad with the hope and assurance that it will be a credit to the men it represents and an honor to the State of Maine.

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HON. HENRY B. CLEAVES.



## Hon. Henry B. Cleaves.

THE present Governor of Maine comes of a good, solid family. His father was Thomas Cleaves, a native of Bridgton, Maine, a man of great energy and of the strictest integrity. His mother, Sophia Bradstreet Cleaves, a most worthy woman, was a daughter of Daniel Bradstreet, who, in the early days of Bridgton, came from Rowley, Massachusetts. They had five children, Robert A. Cleaves, Nathan Cleaves, Thomas P. Cleaves, Henry B. Cleaves, and Mary S. Cleaves, wife of William W. Mason. Judge Nathan Cleaves, the senior member of the firm of Nathan & Henry B. Cleaves, died September 5, 1892. Judge Cleaves had been a resident of Portland for nearly thirty years, and was closely identified with her interests. He was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1858; he had attained eminence in his profession as a lawyer, and had occupied many positions of honor and public trust. He was held in the highest esteem and the expressions of sorrow at his death were universal throughout the State.

Henry B. Cleaves was born in Bridgton in 1840, and educated in the common schools of his native town and at Bridgton Academy. He enlisted in the summer of 1862, as a private soldier in Co. B, 23d Maine Volunteers, under Col. William Wirt Virgin, late a justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of the State of Maine. He served during his first enlistment at Poolsville on the Potomac and at Harper's Ferry, and was promoted to the position of Orderly Sergeant of Co. B. The regiment was mustered out at the expiration of its term of service. Sergeant Cleaves immediately re-enlisted for three years under General Francis Fessenden, who was recruiting a veteran regiment for active service in the South. Young Cleaves was appointed 1st Lieutenant of Co. F, and a portion of the time during his service was in command of Co. F, the officers of the latter company having been either killed or disabled in action. Lieutenant Cleaves, during his latter enlistment, served a portion of the time in the Department of the Gulf. He participated in various engagements under General Banks on the Red River expedition, and was with General Fessenden at Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, and Cane River Crossing. After the close of the campaign in Louisiana, the regiment was ordered to Virginia and Lieutenant Cleaves served during the remainder of the war in the Army of the Potomac and under General Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. When mustered out of service at the close of the war, he was offered, but declined, a commission in the regular army by Secretary of War Stanton.

At the close of the war he returned to his home in Bridgton, and was employed on the farm and in the lumber business. In January, 1868, he began the study of law, and was admitted to the Bar the following September. He removed to Portland and formed a law partnership with his brother, the late Judge Nathan Cleaves. They always enjoyed a large and lucrative practice, the firm being extensively known throughout the State and New England. The surviving members of the firm are Governor Cleaves and Stephen C. Perry, of Portland.

Governor Cleaves was a member of the Legislature from Portland in 1876 and 1877, and was appointed chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He was elected City Solicitor of Portland in 1877, and during his two years of office tried many important cases for the city. He was made Attorney-General of the State in 1880, and was twice re-elected. During his term of office as Attorney-General, he was engaged in the prosecution of a large number of prominent criminal cases, and in prosecution of the State tax cases against the railroads.

Governor Cleaves is a prominent member of the Grand Army and the Maine State Veteran Association. In the practice of his profession, and in matters of charity, he has always shown a great friendship for the old soldier. His successful defence of William T. Best, a disabled veteran, in the extradition proceedings brought against him a few years ago by the Province of New Brunswick, will be readily recalled, as it excited great interest at the time.

Governor Cleaves's first vote for President was cast for Abraham Lincoln, while he was still in active service in Virginia, in the fall of 1864. He has always been a Republican, and was unanimously nominated as the Republican candidate for Governor at the Republican State Convention held in Portland, June, 1892. He was elected in September, and inaugurated as Governor of the State on the 5th day of January last. He came to the position with a large experience in public affairs and is giving the people of the State a most excellent administration.



HON. EUGENE HALE.

## Hon. Eugene Hale.

United States Senator.

THE senior Senator from Maine comes from the oldest New England stock. His father, James Sullivan Hale, of Turner, where the Senator was born, was the son of David Hale, who came from Old Newbury in Massachusetts and who was one of the pioneers in Turner, where he settled upon a farm which is still in the possession of the family. The line of descent is clearly traced to Thomas Hale, of Walton, at Stone, Hertfordshire, England, who came with his wife, Thomasine, to Newbury in 1635, bringing a letter of introduction to Governor John Winthrop from Francis Kirby, a maternal relative, a copy of which letter is found in Volume VII of the collection of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Senator Hale's mother was Betsey Staples, who came from an old Turner family. The children of James Sullivan and Betsey Hale were Eugene, Hortense, who married Dr. John T. Cushing and now lives on the homestead, Frederick, who was a lawyer and partner of Senator Hale and who died in 1868, Augusta, the wife of George Cifford, United States Consul at Basle, Switzerland, and Clarence, who is a leading lawyer in Portland.

Eugene Hale was born in Turner, June 9, 1836; attended the village district school and the grammar school endowed by the town, and went from Hebron Academy into the office of Howard & Strout in Portland, where he studied law and was admitted to the Bar in January, 1857.

At the age of twenty he commenced the practice of law in Orland, but soon removed to Ellsworth and became a member of the firm of Robinson & Hale. Mr. Robinson soon died, and Mr. Hale for ten years devoted himself closely to his profession and built up a large practice. He was a sound counselor and one of the most successful lawyers with both court and jury. He was for nine successive years County Attorney for Hancock County. For many years he was senior member of the firm of Hale & Emery, and, since the latter's elevation to the bench of the Supreme Court, the firm has consisted of Mr. Hale and Hannibal E. Hamlin, a son of the late and venerated Hannibal Hamlin.

In December, 1871, Mr. Hale was married in Washington to Mary Douglas Chandler, the only daughter of Hon. Zachariah Chandler, long time a Senator from Michigan and afterwards Secretary of the Interior. Their children are three sons, Chandler, Frederick, and Eugene, Jr.

Mr. Hale was a member of the Maine Legislature in 1867, 1868, and 1880. In that body he soon proved a ready debater and to be remarkably well versed in the political questions of the time. In 1880 he was appointed chairman of the committee of the Legislature to investigate what has since become familiarly known as the "State Steal," and it is recognized as largely through his efforts that this scheme was thwarted and exposed.

He was elected to the Forty-first Congress in 1868 and afterwards to the Forty-second and Forty-third Congresses; was appointed Postmaster-General by President Grant in 1874, but declined; was re-elected to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses; was tendered a cabinet appointment as Secretary of the Navy by President Hayes, and declined; was chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee for the Forty-fifth Congress; was a delegate to the National Convention in 1868 and the Cincinnati and Chicago Conventions in 1876 and 1880, leading the Blaine forces in both conventions; was elected to the United States Senate to succeed Hannibal Hamlin and took his seat March 4, 1881, and was re-elected in 1887 and in 1893. For the three elections he received the unanimous nomination of his party in the Legislature.

He was a member of important committees in the House of Representatives, and upon his coming to the Senate, in 1881, he was given a place on the committees on Appropriation and Naval Affairs. He was also made chairman of the Committee on the Census, which position he continued to occupy till the Democrats gained control of that body in 1893. He is at present a member of the Committee on Appropriations, Naval Affairs, Census, Canadian Relations, and chairman of the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Senator Hale has always taken a prominent part in the legislation of the Senate. Several of the more important appropriation bills have been made under his management. Representing both the Appropriation and Naval Committees, he has reported and managed every bill which has passed the Senate for the building of the new navy. He introduced the first amendment favoring reciprocity with the countries of Central and South America, which he supported with speeches that received wide circulation. His political speeches in the Senate are sharp, but never ill-natured. His speech upon the Free Trade attitude of the Democratic Convention in 1882 was as widely circulated as any speech during the campaign. He has taken a prominent part in the debates relating to the affairs of the District of Columbia; has favored suitable appropriations for the necessary buildings for the public business there, and has persistently opposed the introduction of overhead wires in the street railways of the capital city.

Senator Hale is always recognized as a wise counselor in party politics. He is an easy and forcible speaker; his words are carefully selected, and his extemporaneous speeches require no revision. He is a popular after-dinner speaker; and on these occasions, both where great subjects are presented and where wit and merriment abound, he is in his element.

He is a wide reader, keeping alive his love for books, and delights especially in poetry. His style has been formed on the best of models in English Literature. He has received the degree of LL. D. from Bates College and from Colby University.

Senator Hale is a believer in Maine and her future. His investments testify to this, commencing with his beautiful home on the heights at Ellsworth, surrounded by several hundred acres of field and woodland, and continuing in extensive purchases of timber lands and sea-shore property, interests in cotton, woolen and pulp mills, and other manufactures.

Senator Hale is known throughout the State and Nation as a man of broad and genial social nature; and this perhaps accounts for the close and cordial personal feeling which binds him to his friends. He is a liberal entertainer both in Washington and in Ellsworth. At his home, "The Pines," during the summer vacation, many friends, both from within and without the State, gladly accept his hospitality. Mrs. Hale is an accomplished hostess and delights in nothing more than in looking after a house full of friends.