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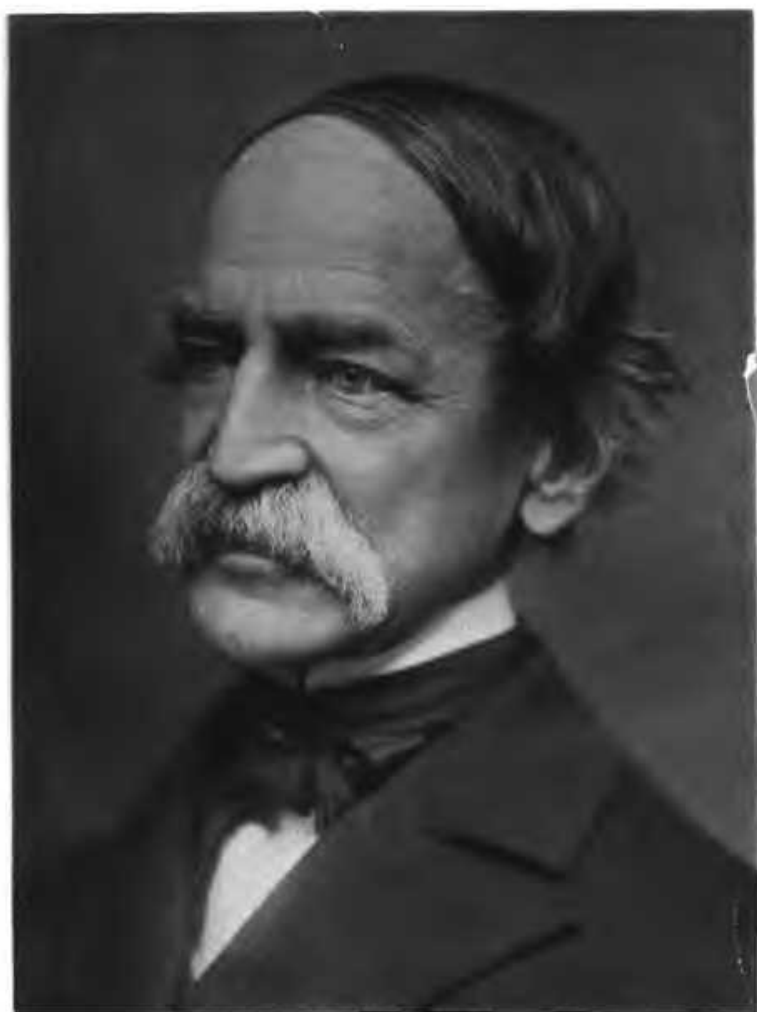
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BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

ISAAC NEWTON ARNOLD was born Nov. 30, 1813, at Hartwick, near Cooperstown, Otsego County, New York. His father, George Washington Arnold, was a physician of honorable standing and descent. His family in America dates back to the time of the earliest settlement of New England, some members of it being associates of Roger Williams, and the wonderful men who first proclaimed civil and religious freedom on this continent, and in Rhode Island established the first real Republic ever vouchsafed to man.

Reared among the romantic hills of Otsego, he drank in from his earliest childhood the very spirit of poetry. Intense love for the home of his youth clung to him through life, and in his last sickness his mind would often wander back, and a longing for a sight of the blue hills of Otsego found expression on his trembling lips. The following extracts from his journal show his deep affection for Cooperstown, and the whole of Otsego County, crowded as was his memory, with the rich associations of boyhood, youth, and early manhood:

"COOPERSTOWN, September, 1874.

"As we sailed down the lake in the little steamer 'Natty Bumppo,' and as we approached the village, which I had not visited for two years, my mind was busy with the past, the days of boyhood and youth and early associates; and as I approached the shore and saw few familiar faces, I was impressed with the fact that more, many more, of my old friends sleep under the evergreens and sugar-maples of yonder cemetery than I can find now in the streets of Cooperstown. Although it rained on Friday, the rain did not prevent an early visit to scenes and localities of great beauty, and ever interesting from early associations.

"Judge Cooper settled here at the foot of Otsego Lake, and at the source of the Susquehanna, and from him one of the most beautiful villages in America takes its name. His descendants still have their home here, and contribute much to a social circle unsurpassed by any in taste, refinement, and intelligence.

"Nothing among the country churches in America, scarcely any among the rural churches of England, equals in beauty the location and surroundings of this little church; on the bank of the Susquehanna, almost under the shadow of Mt. Vision; the church-yard is shaded by the noblest specimens of the pine, the elm, and the sugar-maple to be found anywhere. Already the brilliant tints.

of autumn light up the scene, and contrast most beautifully with the deep, dark green of the murmuring pines.

'Here the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep.'

It is more beautiful than Stoke-Pogis Church, and might well have inspired the elegy:

• "Here the sacred calm that breathes around,
Bids every fierce, tumultuous passion cease;
In still, small accents, breathing from the ground
A grateful earnest of eternal peace."

"Aug. 6, 1875.—Yesterday visited Hartwick and my birthplace. The old home is little changed in its exterior. I visited the little study where I translated the sixth book of the *Æneid*, then I walked to the creek, the mill, drank from the old moss-covered bucket."

Mr. Arnold was twice married. His first marriage was with Catherine E. Dorrance of Pittsfield, Mass., who departed this life, October 20th, 1839, leaving one son, Edward Mason, who died in 1844. His second marriage was with Harriet Augusta Dorrance, a sister of his former wife, August 4th, 1841. Nine children were born of this marriage. Reading law in the offices of Richard Cooper and Judge Morehouse of Cooperstown, Mr. Arnold was admitted to the bar in 1835, and, after a short copart-