

ALBERT BOWMAN WOOD, Son of Dr. Albert Wood, was born in this city, June 28, 1869, and died December 9, 1900. He acquired his early educational training in the public schools of this city, being prepared for college at Phillips Exeter Academy. He then entered Harvard where he took the four years' course in the Lawrence Scientific School, but did not attempt to cover the number of courses requisite for taking a degree. Immediately after leaving Harvard he began to study the loom business in the Green street shop of the Crompton Loom Works, where he thoroughly mastered the details of the business. Later he was made manager of the Cambridge street shops, and this position he held up to the time of his death, through the two changes resulting from the organization of the loom business—the combination which established the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works, and the subsequent transfer of the Crompton interests to those formerly at the head of the Knowles side of the corporation. (See history of the Crompton & Knowles Loom Works in this work.) He was an active and energetic business man. and a popular member of various organizations of the city. Mr. Wood married. May 24, 1899, **Georgietta F. Crompton**, daughter of George and Mary C. Crompton, of this city.

George Crompton – **Father of Georgietta**. He was chairman of the Soldiers' Monument Committee. It was largely through his efforts that Randolph Rogers was secured as the designer of this monument. At its dedication, July 15, 1874, he made the presentation speech.

Mr. Crompton married, January 9, 1853, Mary Christina Pratt, daughter of Charles Pratt, of Hartford, Connecticut. They were the parents of nine children: Isabel S., Cora E., Stella S., **Georgietta F., married Albert Bowman Wood**; Mary K., Charles, Mildred D., married Harry W. Smith; George (see forward), Randolph (see forward).

At the time of Mr. Crompton's death, the Worcester "Spy" said:
George Crompton was one of the foremost of Worcester manufacturers. He came of a race of mechanics and inventors, and was as ingenious and successful as any of them. His sagacity as a man of business was as remarkable as his mechanical faculty, and his uprightness and fidelity to his engagements were not less conspicuous traits of his character. He had not much time for public affairs, but he was for some years an active and useful member of the board of aldermen, and in other ways his influence was distinctly felt in the business of the city. But in general, his life was that of a private citizen, active and strenuous in business, having not many intimate friends beyond his home circle, but enjoying domestic pleasures with a keen zest and having a cultivated taste for art in all its forms. He will be sadly missed in the business circles of Worcester, and as to his family his death is an exceedingly sore blow.

GEORGE CROMPTON, son of George and Mary Christina (Pratt) Crompton, was born in Worcester, June 7, 1872,

ALBERT WOOD, Physician, surgeon, was born February 19, 18.y. in Northborough, Massachusetts, the third child of Samuel and Elizabeth (Bowman) Wood. Dr. Wood was descended from early Colonial English stock, his pioneer American ancestor, William Wood, born in 1582, coming to Matlock, Massachusetts, in 1638, with his wife, son, Michael, and daughter, Ruth.

Albert Wood acquired his early educational training in the public schools, the classical school of West Newton, the State Normal School, at Bridgewater, and Dartmouth College, graduating from the later institution with the degree of Bachelor of Science, in the class of 1856. During the next three years he taught in the public schools of the county and at Cape Cod, and in 1859 entered Harvard Medical School, graduating therefrom with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1862. After a term of hospital service as interne, he enlisted for service during the Civil War, and went to the front as surgeon, serving from July 7, 1862, until July 7, 1863, as assistant surgeon of the Twenty-Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and from 1863 until November 30, 1864, as surgeon of the First Regiment. Massachusetts Cavalry.

In November 1864, he became active surgeon in the regular United States army, serving in the hospitals at City Point until honorably discharged. May 17, 1865. He saw much hard service, was with his regiment in many of the hardest-fought battles and often operated under difficult as well as dangerous conditions. After receiving his discharge from the service, in 1865, Dr. Wood took up the practice of his chosen profession in this city, and continued in active and successful practice until within a few years of his death. Professionally he was a giant, his four years of service as w.—11-46. surgeon in the army and his wide experience as a practitioner bringing him into close touch with every ailment to which humanity is subject. He was also intimately connected with the great philanthropic institutions and hospitals of the city. He was city physician for five years and surgeon in the City Hospital for ten years. For more than twenty-five years he was a trustee of the City Hospital and continued in that office until his death. In this hospital he took a great interest and to him is due in large measure the development and great usefulness of that institution.

From 1874 to 1910 Dr. Wood was treasurer of the Worcester State Hospital, and from 1877 to 1910 treasurer of the Worcester State Asylum and was one of the most useful and efficient officers in these great institutions. In 1874, he was appointed superintendent of the Washburn Free Dispensary, and served efficiently for a number of years in this office. For many years he was trustee of the Memorial Hospital, of Worcester, taking a deep interest in this institution, being vice-president and trustee until his death.

For six years he was a director of the Worcester Free Library. He was a member of the Massachusetts State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity one year. He became medical director of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company, January 15, 1889, and served in that capacity until his death. He was a director of the State Mutual from January 3, 1883, until his death. For more than forty years he was on the United States Pension Board of Examiners in this district through both the Republican and Democratic administrations. He was a valued member of the Worcester Medical Society; the Worcester County Medical Society; the Massachusetts State Medical Society, of which he was for several years a councilor; the American Medical Association, and the American Association of Medical Directors of Life Insurance Companies. He was a member of George H. Ward Post, No. 10, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was surgeon for many years, and a member of the Massachusetts Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion. In politics, he was a Republican; in religion a Unitarian, and was treasurer of the church for a number of years. He was a member of the Worcester Club until his death.

Dr. Wood married (first), July 7, 1868, Emma Allen, who was born September 13, 1833, in Pomfret, Connecticut, and died in this city, February 26, 1892, and to this union were born two children: "Albert Bowman, born June 28, 1869, and Emily Chandler Wood. Dr. Wood married (second), July 13, 1893, J. Isabel Cleveland, who was born September 11, 1861, daughter of Edwin Clarence and Anna Rebecca (Goddard) Cleveland, of this city.

Mrs. Wood was educated in the public and high schools of Worcester and at the Roswell Parish School. She is communicant of All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church, in which she has been an active worker, a member of various committees, and was a member of the board of visitors of the Old Ladies' Home for several years. She is a member of the Worcester Woman's Club. She resides at No. 58 William street. (Down the street from Elm Park)