

tendent of the school in the church of which he is a member. He is a man of extensive reading, of wide information, and has an unusually retentive memory. He m. Lovina Dolly Bacon, dau. of Deacon Isaac Bacon and Eleanor Schull, his wife, at Watertown, N. Y., Aug. 30, 1842. Republican.

They have had five children, all born in Watertown, N. Y. :—

555. ISAAC BACON THOMAS, b. Aug. 19, 1843.

He enlisted for three months upon the call for troops at the breaking out of the Rebellion; he was in the first battle of Bull Run; later in the war he again enlisted in the 124th Regiment of Ohio, while still a minor, and was with Sherman in Tenn., where he contracted camp fever. His mother, with much difficulty, procured passes through the lines and succeeded in getting him home, where he d. July 9, 1863, aged 19.

556. ELEANOR BACON THOMAS, b. Jan. 10, 1845; m. Judge James Linden and has issue.

557. FRANK WILLIAM THOMAS, M.D., b. Dec. 29, 1846.

In 1864 he came to Philadelphia and served an apprenticeship with a druggist; he entered the College of Pharmacy in the fall of 1866 and graduated in the spring of 1868; in 1869 he commenced the study of medicine with his uncle, Dr. A. R. Thomas; he matriculated at the Hahnemann Medical College in Oct., 1869, and graduated March, 1871. The following year he was Resident Physician of the Albany (N. Y.) Homoeopathic Hospital; in 1872 he located in Dayton, Ohio., where he acquired a very large and lucrative professional business. He was for two years a member of the Board of Health, of Dayton.

Dr. Thomas d. Sept. 16, 1890, aged 44, from the effects of burns received from an explosion of gasoline. Stopping at the house of one of his patients, while waiting to be announced he stepped into the parlor, where the father of his patient was engaged in saturating the carpet and upholstered furniture with gasoline for the purpose of destroying moths. In an adjoining room, separated by a closed door, was an open-grate fire. Just at this moment, the gas having reached the fire, an explosion took place. Blinded by the flames with which he was surrounded, and with the flesh of his face and hands burned to a crisp, and with clothing on fire, he groped his way to the door and fell to the ground. Assistance was immediately at hand, the burning clothing extinguished, and he taken into the nearest house, where, in great suffering, he expired in eight hours.

Dr. Thomas was undoubtedly the most popular and best-known physician in the city of Dayton. His skill and success in his profession, with his devotion to his patients, gave him a reputation acquired by few, while the shocking manner of his death produced a profound sensation in that community, and rarely has one been more deeply or more sincerely mourned.

The following is copied from a New York paper, the editor of which was at one time a patient of Dr. Thomas:—