

than the trade he had learned; and he has been engaged in merchandising, with but slight intermissions, ever since that time. His record as a merchant in Little Valley covers most of the time since the spring of 1850, commencing in this village the same season the construction of the Erie Railway was begun.

Sept. 5, 1848, he was married to Miss Laura Ann Thompson, of Little Valley, who died June 8, 1867. Dec. 15, 1868, he married Miss Minnie Courtney, of Rushford, N. Y.

In the earlier years of Mr. Green's residence in Little Valley he was elected a justice of the peace, and several times served as town clerk. He officiated also as supervisor in the years of 1863 and 1865. In the last-named year he was elected county superintendent of the poor, and in 1868 was re-elected, filling the office for six years,—making one of the most popular superintendents Cattaraugus County ever had. He was elected to the State Legislature in the fall of 1869, and received a re-nomination in the fall of 1870, by acclamation. He served two terms in that body, sustaining an honorable record. He was a faithful, indefatigable representative, always in his seat, and voting upon all questions from convictions of right and duty.

Mr. Green was the first president of the village of Little Valley after its incorporation. He is a thorough patriot in every particular. At the County Centennial Celebration—held at Olean, July 4, 1876—he was the reader of the Declaration of Independence, and enunciated the "inspired revelation of American liberty" with a clear, strong voice, fine emphasis, and a magnetic sympathy with the subject.

Although not a member of any religious organization, he contributed liberally towards the erection of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Little Valley, and more recently towards its repair and in support of the ministry.

Mr. Green is the owner of the "Palace Hotel," at Little Valley (of which a fine view is given elsewhere), and although a "natural-born landlord," prefers to let others manage in his stead. Last spring he leased the hotel to Mr. F. K. Alvord, late of Nunda, N. Y., who is its present popular host. S. C. Green is still a resident of Little Valley,—a highly-esteemed citizen, of unsullied personal character, and great private worth.

GEORGE L. WINTERS.

The life of Mr. Winters has been comparatively uneventful, and, save in his military career, marked by few incidents except those which are commonly found in the lives of most of our successful and self-made men. He was emphatically a "man of affairs," industrious, sagacious, and enterprising, early developing those qualities which have so largely contributed to his success.

Alphonzo Winters, the father of our subject, was a resident for many years of Cannonsville, Delaware Co., N. Y., from which place he removed to Southport, in Chemung County, this State, where he worked for a few years, married, and moved West and located in Tecumseh, Mich., when that section was comparatively new, and where he died a few years after his settlement, in 1840, when George was but two years of age. His widow (mother of G. L.), Sally C. Hyde, daughter of 'Squire Hyde, of Southport, N. Y., after the death of her husband, moved with her family to

Portville, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., where her mother then resided. She subsequently married, but the two children of this marriage are both deceased. The children of Alphonzo and Sally Winters were Sarah Eliza and Mary Elizabeth (twins), Alphonzo O., and the subject of this sketch. Mary E. died during their residence in Michigan; Sarah E. has been twice married (to Uriel J. Pierce, deceased, and Andrew J. Buzzard, both of Humphrey, Cattaraugus Co.), and lives in the town of Humphrey; Alphonzo married Sarah Ely, of Franklinville, this county, is a farmer, and resides at the last-named place.



GEORGE L. WINTERS.

George L. Winters was born in Tecumseh, Lenawee Co., Mich., April 30, 1838. He started out in life as a school-teacher, teaching several terms; he has also worked at several mechanical pursuits, but has been mostly engaged in farming, for which avocation he has a preference over the many occupations which have engaged his attention.

He contributed his full share of patriotism, and suffered more than the larger proportion of the volunteers in the late war of the Rebellion. Enlisting as a private in Company C, of the 154th Regiment, N. Y. V. Infantry, he rose rapidly, by successive promotions, through the grades of corporal, sergeant, "orderly," second lieutenant, to the rank of captain; but the "fortunes (or rather the misfortunes) of war" prevented his being mustered upon the last-named commission, having an arm shot off in the memorable battle of Gettysburg, being taken prisoner, and having his arm amputated by a rebel surgeon.

March 1, 1865, he was married to Miss Margaret Z. Pierce, daughter of John and Mary Pierce, of Ischua, this county, of which place she was a native.

From the time of casting his first vote until the present time he has acted with the Republican party. He has held no office except the one of which he is the present incumbent, that of sheriff of Cattaraugus County, being elected thereto in the fall of 1876, in performing the duties of which he gives general satisfaction.