

Louis Cheda. A native of Switzerland, born November 25, 1849. Came to America in 1864, and located in Marin county on his present ranch on May 29th of the above year. Mr. Cheda is one of Marin's chief dairymen, and is doing a flourishing business. He married July 4, 1877, Carmela Martinelli, a native of Switzerland, born December 31, 1857. Irene, born May 20, 1878; Veglia, born August 14, 1879; are the names and births of their children.

John Calvin Dickson. Was born in Caledonia county, Vermont, November 4, 1835, and is the son of Robert and Janet Lenna Dickson, both natives of Scotland. His education was attained at the common schools of his State, and one year, 1857-8, spent at the McIndoes Falls Academy. Early in 1858 he started for California, coming *via* Panama, arriving in San Francisco February 27th, of that year. He came to Marin county the next day, and began working for his brother, Wm. J., remaining with him two years. He then leased a dairy ranch and conducted that business till 1869, when he purchased his present homestead of six hundred and thirty acres, located two miles east of San Geronimo. He was married October 26, 1865, to Miss Jane Caldwell, who was born in Caledonia county, Vermont, September 28, 1842. Their children are:—Mary Ella, born October 23, 1866; Robert Edwin, born February 2, 1870; Nettie Margaret, born February 3, 1872; Herbert Caldwell, born February 20, 1875; Clara Louisa, born April 7, 1877; Alice Ray, born November 2, 1878.

William J. Dickson. This gentleman, whose portrait appears in this work, was born in Caledonia county, Vermont, January 25, 1829, and is the son of Robert and Janet Lenna Dickson, both natives of Scotland. Young Dickson remained on his father's farm till 1853, attending in the meantime the common schools of the State, and the high schools at Peacham and Newbury, and also teaching school during the Winter sessions. In September, 1853, he sailed *via* the Isthmus for California, and arrived in San Francisco about the 27th of that month. He went at once to Knight's Ferry and engaged in the employ of Locke & Dent, in the erection of the dam and the first mill that was built there. He remained in that place till 1856, when he came to Marin county, and in company with his brother, David S., began the business of dairying and stock raising on the San Geronimo ranch. The county at that time was sparsely settled; traveling was done mostly on horseback; fences were almost unknown; bear were plentiful, often killing the stock in the night. In 1859 he returned to his old home in Vermont, remaining there till December of that year, when he returned, bringing with him his sister, now Mrs. W. R. Coburn, of Middleton, Lake county. In 1869, when the San Geronimo ranch was divided and sold, he bought about five hundred acres, and has since resided upon this

homestead. He has long been prominently identified with the school interests of his neighborhood, and is one of the officers of the Presbyterian Church of San Rafael. November 16, 1869, he was married to Miss Jennie R., daughter of William and Isabella Baxter Barr, born in Glasgow, Scotland. The marriage occurred in Rochester, New York. Their children are:—Frederick William, born September 27, 1870; and Edith Isabella, born August 28, 1876.

Thomas H. Estey. Born in Sharon, Massachusetts, August 12, 1826. At the age of seventeen he left his native State and followed the sea until the gold excitement of 1848. On February 10, 1849, sailed from Boston, arriving in San Francisco September 12th of the same year. Went to the mines in October, at Mud Springs, Placer county, worked there for the most part of three years. Afterwards followed hunting in the Sacramento valley in the Winter. In May, 1857, came to Marin county and commenced dairying on Salmon creek. In 1862 left Marin for San Luis Obispo county, bought stock and lost them in the drouth of 1863-4. Returned to Marin in 1865; in October, 1866, leased for five years nine hundred acres of land and one hundred cows from the late James Black, in partnership with his brother Charles. At the end of the lease, in 1871, they bought their present home of two hundred and forty acres. Married January 15, 1875, Hannah E. Gannon, a native of New York. Mr. Estey was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1878.

Timothy G. Lamb. Was born in Syracuse, New York, April 16, 1833. When six years of age he moved with his parents to Lorain county, Ohio, where he remained until twelve years of age, when he became a sailor; first employed on the lakes, and afterwards at sea. After being thus occupied for fourteen and a half years he emigrated to California in 1858, and landed in San Francisco on January 13th of that year. He immediately proceeded to the mines in Tuolumne county, where he remained for eighteen months, after which he engaged in dairying in Napa county, and on August 21, 1860, came to Marin and settled in Point Reyes township, where he engaged in dairying for several years. In 1875, he located on the "Black tract," where he now resides. Married January 10, 1864, Maria Cockran, a native of Ireland. Their children are Alynia, Selah G., Helen F., Louisa A., Kize G., and Charles A. Mr. Lamb was present at the wreck of the "Sea Nymph," and assisted in saving life from that ill-fated vessel.

Richard R. Magee, Whose portrait will be found in this work, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in the year 1819. In 1847, with his mother and sister, he left the green shores of the Emerald Isle for New Brunswick, but remaining only one month pushed his way to Boston,