

House, which he accepted, and in which service he has remained continuously for nearly thirty years.

Charles D. Thomas is a man of marked ability, a vigorous writer, and, with his ready pen, had he given his attention to literature, would undoubtedly have made for himself an enviable reputation. He is an ardent lover of nature, takes great pleasure in floriculture and horticulture, and the tasteful grounds of his home at Reading, Mass.,—visited by the writer in August, 1890,—present many rare and beautiful specimens of shrubbery, fruit, and ornamental shade-trees. He is a Republican and took part in the organization of that party; is nominally a Congregationalist.

He m. May 31, 1865, Emma Josephine Temple, dau. of Roswell N. Temple, of Reading, Mass., and Zibiah Fisher, of Francestown, N. H.; Mrs. Thomas was b. in the latter town Oct. 23, 1842.

The children by this marriage are:—

660. MARK IRVING THOMAS, b. at Reading, Mass., Jan. 17, 1868.

After leaving the schools of his native town, was for some time employed in the engineers' department of the B. & M. R. R.; afterward graduated from the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College, at Boston.

661. ARTHUR FISHER THOMAS, b. at Reading, Mass., Dec. 19, 1869.

Graduated from the High School; was two years in Phillips Academy, at Andover, Mass.; afterward graduated from Bryant & Stratton Commercial College, Boston; now book-keeper for Carter, Rice & Co., Boston, Mass.

662. MABEL THOMAS, b. at Reading, Mass., Oct. 10, 1871.

Graduated from the High School in 1888, and is now (1890) living at home.

663. PERCY THOMAS, b. at Reading, Mass., Oct. 12, 1873; d. June 13, 1874.

664. ADRIENNE JOSEPHINE THOMAS, b. at Reading, Mass., April 9, 1878.

Is still in the public schools of her native town.

360. CHARLES WARREN THOMAS⁶ (son of Sylvanus,⁵ William,⁴ Dr. William,³ Amos,² William¹). The subject of this sketch was b. in Boston July 26, 1841. His early life was mostly spent in that city, where he attended school. At the age of 15 he entered the employ of his uncle,