

us. In our boyhood days the wild pigeons returned to us every autumn and sometimes in the spring. We were all, including our father, enthusiastic lovers of the art of "Pigeoning," and when the sport was so successful that we filled our mother's larder to overflowing, and a few dozen of pigeons were to be marketed, Sidney was the boy to do it. It was found that he could sell them quicker, and at a better price, than any of his brothers. His susceptibility to the poison of elder and ivy was such as to unfit him for a farmer, and at the age of about 16 he entered a country store, from which he graduated two or three years later, and joined his brother in Charleston, South Carolina. Here, with untiring industry, he applied himself, under the leadership of his elder brother, and on the retirement of that brother (1843), took the lead of the business himself. He was largely instrumental, by his personal efforts and large contributions, in the erection of Grace Church, Charleston, of which he was a member and vestryman. After successfully conducting the business in Charleston about fifteen years, he returned to Windsor in 1858 (?), where he has since resided. He has served in both branches of the Connecticut Legislature, has been a judge of probate more than twenty years, and until disqualified by the seventy years' limit set for all judicial offices. He was appointed one of the trustees to select a site and erect buildings for a Hospital for the Insane, and has been continued in office to the present time. He has been chairman of the trustees and of their building committee, and has had supervision over the erection of nearly all the buildings now composing the Connecticut Hospital for the Insane at Middletown, which has cost the State a million dollars. His services have been gratuitous (as have been the services of the other trustees), and he has devoted much time to the interests of the institution.

Soon after his return to Windsor he prepared and furnished suitable buildings for a Young Ladies' Seminary, an institution which has been well sustained and is still in the full tide of success. He is one of the trustees and the treasurer of the Loomis Institute, an educational institution ultimately to be established with its large fund at the old Loomis Homestead in Windsor. His enterprise and investments have added much to the growth and attractiveness of the historic old