

another young man, to become a sailor, fired him with ambition to become a naval officer, and, as a stepping-stone in his progress, he engaged as cabin boy on a lake schooner, at seven dollars per month. He was at once promoted to supercargo, and "the next year he shipped as royal yard man on the 'Indiana,' the first merchant brig that floated on the waters of Lake Erie." He was now eighteen years old, and accepted an invitation from his uncle Anson¹⁴ of Cleveland, O., to become a member of his family and pursue his studies. There he qualified himself for the profession of civil engineer. On leaving his school at the age of twenty, "he was highly complimented by his teacher for his proficiency in mathematics and general scholarship." He immediately found occupation in the office of the city surveyor of Cleveland, and later, June, 1837, pushed on to Detroit, "armed with letters of credence from his former teacher and friends." There he found a party already formed for the survey of the route of the Michigan Central Railroad, then projected from Detroit to the mouth of the St. Joseph, on Lake Michigan. The only opening for Mr. Hayden was that of axe man, which he accepted, to be advanced, the second day out, to rod man. Of the sixteen men composing the company, all except Mr. Hayden "had succumbed to the then prevalent fever and ague before the preliminaries of the survey were completed." Mr. Hayden continued in the service of the company as engineer until the railroad was in working order from Detroit to Jackson, 1842, after which he held various positions,—general superintendent of repairs, paymaster, etc., and resigned in 1844 to engage in business at Jackson, where he had made his home the previous six years. He enlarged his business until his flouring-mill turned out from 80,000 to 100,000 barrels of flour per year, which business he has recently passed over to his successor, his son Henry. He has held various local offices,—county surveyor, supervisor, chief of fire department, etc. In 1874, when the city government needed reform, he consented, at the urgent request of many citizens of both political parties, to become a candidate for mayor, and was elected by a large majority over both the other candidates. "After two years of careful and earnest devotion to the public interests, he retired from office, leaving the city prosperous and its credit fully restored." He was a member of the legisla-