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JOSEPH W. EMERY.

Mr. Joseph W. Emery, president and treasurer of the Channon-Emery Stove Company, is a son of the Rev. Dr. S. H. Emery, Sr., and was born at Taunton, Mass., November 10, 1850, coming to Quincy with his parents in 1855. The Rev. Dr. Emery was pastor of the Congregational church here from 1855 to 1869, and has left a deep and lasting impress on the community. A man of broad culture, an eloquent, impressive speaker and a successful organizer, the church was exceedingly prosperous under his ministrations. But his work was not confined to his church alone, extending to every movement for good among all the people. Shortly after the breaking out of the war, extensive army hospitals were established here, hundreds of sick and wounded union soldiers being brought to Quincy from the camps and battlefields of the south. Dr. Emery was not only active in promoting and assisting movements for the relief of the soldiers at the front, but also devoted himself assiduously to hospital work. He was specially commissioned hospital chaplain, ministering to the dying and officiating at the burial services of nearly every one of the brave men who rest in the national burial ground at Woodland. On many occasions he assisted in carrying the sick and wounded from the steamboats at the levee, his kindly heart impelling him to care for their physical as well as their religious welfare. Dr. Emery has taken a deep interest in historical matters. The Old Colony Historical Society was organized in his study at Taunton before he came to Quincy, and for twenty-five years he has been its president. He has been a member of the Massachusetts legislature and was also appointed by the governor of Massachusetts one of the three Old Colony commissioners to locate and preserve buildings and sites of historic interest in the state. During his more recent visits to his sons in this city, Dr. Emery was instrumental in the organization of the Adams County Historical Society. He is still located at Taunton, pastor emeritus of the old church which he left nearly fifty years ago to come to Quincy. Active in mind and body, he is one of the leading ministers of his denomination, a ripe scholar and thinker.

After graduating at the Quincy High School,

Mr. Joseph W. Emery went into the banking house of L. & C. H. Bull and later, with Mr. E. J. Parker, succeeded to the commercial department of the business, the firm being E. J. Parker & Co. Afterwards the commercial and savings departments were consolidated and Mr. Emery was made cashier. To this important and responsible position, this being one of the largest private banking institutions in the west, outside of the larger cities, he brought rare



business ability and the confidence of the community. In 1881, Mr. Emery, with the late William V. Channon, organized the stove manufacturing business of Channon & Emery, succeeded by the Channon-Emery Stove Company, Mr. Emery filling the office of vice-president. Later he became president and treasurer of the company, which offices he now holds, as well as the general direction of this large and important business.

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