

public positions and services, will weigh little in comparison with his influence and labors connected with the establishment and support of our public schools. He was one of the first to favor the organization of free schools, and he has uniformly given them his warm encouragement. Kenosha is much indebted to him for the success of her schools, and he has lived to see some of the fruits of these labors, and in his own family.

Michael Frank deserves to rank high as one of the most prominent and useful of our citizens. He has done much towards the growth and prosperity of Kenosha. In 1837, he exchanged his home in Virgil, Courtland county, N. Y., for Southport. Though unobtrusive in his manners, he soon became appreciated as editor, Justice of the Peace, President of the Corporation, and member of the Legislative Council—in which latter body he served from 1843 to 1846, inclusively. He has been Colonel of the regiment, and had the offer of a General's commission, but he never valued any military office, and seemed not to love the business of war. If he has taken pride in any public stations, it has been in those which enabled him to promote popular education. In our public school system, he is beginning to see the utility of his labors in a generation rising up to bless such philanthropists. His "Annals," carefully kept since he has been a citizen with us, may be of much use and value hereafter.

Charles C., and Christopher Latham Sholes did not settle so early among us as many others, but the prominent part they have taken in our affairs, demands our notice.

C. C. Sholes has been long known in Wisconsin—first at Green Bay, and since in our place. He represented Brown county in the Territorial Assembly in the six sessions from 1837 to 1840; and in 1855, represented this county in the Assembly, and was chosen Speaker of that body. Here in Kenosha, he has been known as an active citizen, engaged in all good labors. As mayor of our city, his name has been more associated with the prosperity of the place than that of any other person. In every position he