

ner, when the white guests adjourned to their carriages. The visit was a very pleasant one. The farms of the Indians looked well, in fact the whites might perhaps be able to work some of their farms to better advantage, by taking a few lessons of their dark-browed neighbors."

This sketch, meagre as it is, gives us a favorable impression of the Oneida Chief. His portrait, in the Picture Gallery, tends to strengthen this impression, as it conveys to us the appearance of a thoughtful, worthy, benevolent man, in the costume of the whites—one apparently well calculated to be the Father of his people.

X. Hon. Ben C. Eastman was born in Maine, October 24th, 1812. He commenced the study of the law with Judge Emmons, of Hallowell, and subsequently completed his studies in New York city. He emigrated to Wisconsin in 1840, locating temporarily at Green Bay, and afterwards permanently at Platteville, in Grant county. He soon attained considerable eminence in his profession, and was prompt, honorable, and exact as a business man. At the session of the Legislative Council which met in Dec. 1843, and extended into January, 1844, Mr. Eastman was chosen its Secretary; and he and John Catlin were appointed at that session of the Legislature, as Commissioners to superintend the publication of the reports of the cases in the Supreme Court of the Territory, together with the laws of the session. At the successive meetings of the Territorial Council, in Jan. 1845, and Jan. 1846, he was re-chosen their Secretary; but about the middle of the latter session he resigned, and was succeeded by Gen. Wm. R. Smith. He also served awhile as District Attorney of Grant county. In 1850, he was elected to represent the second Congressional District in Congress, and was re-elected in 1852, and served four years in that body, with credit and usefulness. He declined a re-nomination in 1854.

"Although not politically ambitious," remarks the *Platteville American*, "few men in the State could have sought po-