

Under forty years of American citizenship, with that industry and perseverance characteristic of these people, they have acquired good farms, well stocked and well equipped,—not only sufficient for the support of themselves and families, but also to give their children a good common school, and some a collegiate, education. We find these latter attending schools and colleges in cities; some of them have graduated at our State normal schools, and are now school teachers; several have graduated from the State University. We find young men in this and other States, children of Belgian settlers, following their professions as teachers, physicians, lawyers, or priests. The intelligence and education of many Belgians seem to be appreciated by the American people, as well as by the people of other nationalities, in the counties of Brown, Kewaunee, and Door; in proof of this, we find many of them elected by their fellow-citizens to honorable positions and offices of trust and of great responsibilities. We find them active members of school boards; chairmen and supervisors of their towns; clerks, treasurers, assessors, and justices of the peace. We find Charles Rubens elected sheriff of Kewaunee county; Joseph Collignon elected treasurer for Door county; O. J. B. Brice, sheriff for Brown county; Constant Martin, superintendent of schools for Kewaunee; John B. Eugene, county clerk for Brown; Henry Watermolen, sheriff for Brown, and now clerk of the circuit court. Moreover, we find the people of these counties electing Americanized Belgians in whose honesty, intelligence, and capacity they have implicit confidence, to represent them in the State legislature. Thus, we find in the legislature of 1866, Constant Martin representing Kewaunee; in 1868, John B. Eugene representing Brown; in 1880 and 1881, Benjamin Fontaine representing the first assembly district of Brown, including the city of Green Bay; in 1887, Grégoire Dupont, representing the same district; in 1889, Joseph Wery, representing Kewaunee.

The traits chiefly characteristic of these people, their religion, their patriotism, their attitude towards the public