

**ARTHUR DRAPER RICH** was born in Ticonderoga, N. Y., in 1827. Fitted for college, entered Michigan University and graduated in the class of 1851—literary department. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi society, and his University experience in connection with the "secret society war" are still vivid in his recollections—was one of over thirty suspended (if not expelled) at onetime, because of belonging to a secret society, but returned when the difficulty had subsided.

After graduating he came to Chicago, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1853, and has been engaged in general practice here since, attaining to a high position as a substantial, able, industrious and reliable attorney, and to a competency in the way of property. His practice has been of a high order before the highest courts, and he has been successful in litigation. His social and professional relations are uniformly characterized by a genial candor and devotion to the interests of his clients.

He is an adherent of the Swedenborgian church. He contemplates soon retiring from practice and travelling in this country and abroad. In 1856 he married Esther T. Duckman, daughter of the late Judge Evert B. Duckman, of Kalamazoo county, by whom he has had nine sons and two daughter; eight of the former and one of the latter survive. They have a pleasant home in the beautiful suburb of Englewood, and the education and proper training of their children is the aim of the parents. Those who are grown up are in good positions and doing well. His offices are suite 43 Montauk block.

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