

Institute. He had won the oratorical medal in 1877, and was valedictorian of his graduating class. From 1878 to 1880 he studied law under Judge Turner of the twelfth Virginia district, but then entered the brokerage business at Knoxville, of which city he has been a resident for more than thirty years. In 1886 he became southern representative for the Armour Packing Company, and later was southern manager for the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Packing Company.

As a mining engineer he became actively identified with the mining industry of East Tennessee in 1894, and has ever since been interested in the development of the mineral resources in this section of the state. In 1901 Mr. Weller became vice president and general manager for the Commercial Mining & Milling Company, and has been the practical head of this corporation to the present time. In 1911 he was a member of the executive committee of the Mineral and Forestry Department of the Appalachian Exposition, and in 1913 a member of the Executive Committee, Department of Mines and Minerals, and Chairman of the Committee on Ores, of the National Conservation Exposition. He introduced into the Southern mining field the Partridge Patent Smelters, for the reduction of gold, silver, copper and lead ores, in the small units.

For a number of years Mr. Weller has been prominent as a member and official of the Travelers Protective Association, having served as state president, and is now chairman of the railroad committee for the Tennessee Division. Governor Taylor in 1896 commissioned him as state representative to the International Mining Congress which met in Milwaukee. He has served as captain and adjutant in the Third Tennessee Regiment and as captain and inspector of rifle practice with the Tennessee National Guard. Politically Mr. Weller is a Democrat. His college fraternity is the Beta Theta Pi, and he is also a member of the order of Elks. His church is the Episcopal. On June 13, 1883, he married Miss Alice Brent Pierce of Christiansburg, Va., to whom were born two children, now Mrs. Fannie Weller Hansom of Knoxville, Tenn., and Elizabeth Weller Lloyd of Suffolk, Va.

REV. WILLIAM GEORGE DILLON. Superintendent of the Shook School in Tracy City, Mr. Dillon has been identified with educational work for the greater part of thirty years, but has been perhaps equally successful in the business and financial field.

William George Dillon was born in Sumner county, Tennessee, near Gallatin, on December 12, 1850, and some three or four generations of the family have lived as honorable and valuable citizens of this state. His grandfather, Daniel Dillon, was a Tennessean by birth, and spent most of his life in Sumner county. He was by trade a tanner, and for many years was proprietor of a tannery in Sumner county.

The parents of the Tracy city educator were Daniel and Eliza (Hubbard) Dillon. The father was born in Sumner county in 1830, grew to

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manhood in that county, and had very little schooling while he was growing up. He learned the tannery business from his father, and was also skilled in the turning of wood and had a thorough taste for mechanical pursuits. He was proprietor of a tannery during the Civil war, and made great quantities of leather for use by the Confederate army. This made the tannery an object of hostility as one of the resources of the Confederacy, and it was finally destroyed by the Union army. Daniel Dillon was also for a number of years engaged in the building of bridges and in various mechanical pursuits. He is now leading a retired life at his home in Nashville. In politics he has always been a Democrat and is an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which denomination his wife was also a member. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge in Nashville. The mother, Eliza Hubbard, was born in Sumner county and died in 1872. They were married in Sumner county in 1848, and William G. Dillon was the oldest of their ten children, six of whom are now living.

William George Dillon spent the valuable years of his boyhood, when youth is more receptive of ideas and experiences, during the scenes of the Civil war, and the troubled state of the country in that time no doubt interfered with his early education. He attended the Montgomery Bell Academy, and later, partly through his own efforts in paying his tuition, went through the Cumberland University at Lebanon, being graduated A. B. in 1874, and Bachelor of Divinity in 1875. He entered the ministry of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and his first charge was at Coffeeville, Mississippi. He also had pastorate at Pulaski in Giles county, Tennessee, and in Mayfield, Kentucky. In 1885 he was obliged to resign and give up regular pastoral duties on account of throat trouble and since then has devoted most of his years to teaching. His first school was in the public institutions at Cleveland, Tennessee, and in 1894 he located at Tracy City, where he took the principalship of the public schools under the name of James K. Shook School. With the exception of seven years he has had charge of the city schools of Tracy City ever since, having been principal for 12 years. He became one of the founders of the First National Bank of Tracy City and held the position of cashier in the same for five years. Then for two years he was engaged in the jewelry business at Chattanooga. From Chattanooga he returned to Tracy City to take the principalship of the public schools. Tracy City is distinguished for its public school facilities, owing to the splendid donation of a forty-five thousand dollar school building by Col. A. M. Shook.

Mr. Dillon was married in 1881 to Miss Lula Binkley, of Charlotte, Dixon county, Tennessee. Mrs. Dillon died seven months after their marriage at Mayfield, Kentucky. In 1885 at Cleveland, Tennessee, he married Miss Mary Craigmiles. They have no children. In politics Mr. Dillon is a Democrat and is now a member of the Chattanooga Presbytery