

- a. William Alvord, b. De Ruyter, N. Y., June 5, 1857; d. Mar. 5, 1858.
- b. Warren Jay, b. De Ruyter, N. Y., Apr. 10, 1859; res. De Ruyter, N. Y., 1905; mar. Feb. 4, 1880, Jennie Cornelia Loveland.
- c. Charles H., b. June 6, 1862; d. July 6, 1865.

1174. WILLIAM ALVORD (*William, William, Elisha, Joseph, Ebenezer, Alexander*), born Albany, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1833; died San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21, 1904; married San Francisco, Cal., June, 1884, Mrs. Mary Eliza (McIntosh) Keeney, widow of Dr. Charles Clark Keeney, of U. S. Army, and daughter of Col. James and Eliza (Matthews) McIntosh. She was born Savannah, Ga., during Seminole War; died San Francisco, Cal., May 23, 1903. Res. San Francisco, Cal. No children.

William Alvord was educated at the Albany Academy, Albany, N. Y. Early in life he became aware that he must make his own way in the world. Therefore at the age of seventeen he went to New York City and worked as clerk and assistant in a large hardware store. In 1853 Mr. Alvord went to California and settled in Marysville, where he established the hardware house of "Alvord & Haviland." Two years later he removed to San Francisco and went into the hardware business more extensively, establishing a large wholesale and importing hardware house under the name of "William Alvord & Co." He successfully conducted this business for several years but ill health, induced by the confining duties of the management of his business, caused him to dispose of his interests in the enterprise and necessitated a complete rest. He took an extended tour in Europe.

On Mr. Alvord's return from Europe, he found that his fellow citizens were already appreciating his ability as a business man, his high sense of honor and lofty ideals. Hence it happened that in 1871 he was nominated for Mayor of the city of San Francisco and elected by a good majority. This office he held for two years and it was administered with ability, fidelity and great advantage to the city. In 1873 when the first steps were taken for the improvement of Golden Gate Park Mr. Alvord was appointed park commissioner, holding the office for ten years. He was deeply interested in the laying out and beautifying of this tract, and the fact that Golden Gate Park to-day stands among the first in the world in attractiveness and magnificence, is due in a large measure to the efforts of William Alvord. His interest in the park never ceased. It was his custom up to the time of his death to visit the park every morning before going to the bank. It was one of his pleasures to call to