

- a. Thomas Gold Alvord, b. Syracuse, N. Y., May 31, 1874.
- b. James William, b. Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 18, 1880.
- c. Roy Alexander, b. Syracuse, N. Y., July 29, 1888.

1701. THOMAS GOLD ALVORD (*Thomas Gold, Elisha, Thomas Gould, Asahel, Thomas, Thomas, Alexander*), born Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 2, 1856; married Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 9, 1884, (by Rev. Henry Ward Beecher), Julia Comstock Crohen, daughter of Hermann and Julia Comstock (Bromberg) Crohen. Res. New York, N. Y., 1908. Children:

- 2555. Thomas Gold, b. Brooklyn, N. Y., July 26, 1885.
- 2556. Elizabeth Lansing, b. Clifton, N. J., Apr. 1, 1890.

Thomas Gold Alvord moved to New York in 1879 to become a newspaper man. He was educated in the Syracuse Classical School, and prepared for Williams College for which he passed the examination in his sixteenth year. His purpose of graduating was thwarted by family financial reverses and he entered the employ of Edward F. Rice, dry goods dealer in Syracuse, as assistant bookkeeper, at a salary of \$1.25 a week. Within two years he was made bookkeeper with a salary of \$900 a year. A brief mercantile venture followed, then came a short time at sea and a year's experience sheep-ranching in Texas. From this point letters sent to the Syracuse Courier attracted the attention of George Dawson, editor of the Albany Journal, who made young Alvord an offer to become a member of his staff. The young man hardly arrived in Albany before the representative of the New York Herald outbid Mr. Dawson and secured his services. A notable "Scoop" brought the new reporter to the attention of James Gordon Bennett who gave him a place in the City Department of the New York Herald. He advanced steadily through the various grades of journalism from general work, police reporter, Albany correspondent, state political writer, until in 1891 he was placed in charge of the Washington Bureau of the Herald, succeeding the famous political writer Charles Nordoff. After a long experience in reporting national politics Mr. Alvord started the Washington Evening News, of which he gave up the proprietorship to become the war correspondent in Cuba for the New York World. In 1898 he went with Mr. John Russell Young, the first Librarian of Congress, appointed to organize and conduct that institution in its present separate building and Mr. Alvord became Chief Clerk of the Library, continuing under Mr. Herbert Putnam, who succeeded Mr. Young, until 1905.