

J. E. P. HOLLAND M. D.

The life of the distinguished physician and public-spirited man of affairs whose name appears above affords a striking example of well defined purpose with the ability to make that purpose subserve not only his own ends but the good of his fellow men as well. He has long held distinctive prestige in a calling which requires for its basis sound mentality and intellectual discipline of a high order, supplemented by the rigid professional training and thorough mastery of technical knowledge with the skill to apply the same, without which one cannot hope to rise above mediocrity in ministering to human ills.

Dr. J. E. P. Holland, who holds distinctive preferment as a specialist in the treatment of eye, ear and nose ailments, was born at Detroit, Michigan, on November 27, 1876, and is a son of James P. and Leonora (McDougall) Holland, of whom the father was a native of Scotland, who came to the United States and settled in New York city. Subsequently he moved to Detroit and still later to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he successfully followed his profession as a mechanical engineer, in which he was considered an expert. He was successful in his profession and is now living a retired life. To him and his wife were born two children, the subject of this sketch and Charlotte, who is now the wife of Dr. Leonard Booth, of Milwaukee. In the public schools of Milwaukee and Chicago the subject of this sketch received the elements of his education, and having decided to take up the practice of medicine he matriculated in the department of medicine of Purdue University, where he was graduated with the class of 1906. Immediately afterward he engaged in the active practice at Bloomington, where for about six years he enjoyed his full share of the public patronage in his line. However, he desired to still further perfect himself in the science to which he had devoted his life and he went to Europe, where for a time he gave critical study to diseases of the eye, ear and nose, and on his return to Bloomington he devoted his attention specifically to this branch of the practice of medicine. He has a finely equipped office, the building in which he is located having been built by himself with the purpose of establishing a hospital for the care of patients, but about the same time a larger hospital was built at Bloomington which avoided the necessity of Doctor Holland's building, so that only a part of the building is now used as an office and operating room. Doctor Holland has achieved a splendid standing in his profession and since specializing, his reputation as a skilled physician has attracted to him many patients from distant localities, his patronage growing continually until today he enjoys one of the largest clienteles in this locality. In addition to his creditable career in one of the most useful and exacting of professions he has also proven an honorable member of the body politic.

In 1903 Doctor Holland was married to Beryl Showers, the daughter of Charles H. and Maude E. Showers, one of the old and prominent families of Monroe County who are referred to specifically elsewhere in this volume. To the Doctor and his wife has been born one child, Charles Edwin.

Fraternally, Doctor Holland is a member of the Masonic Order and is also a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. Religiously, he and the members of his family are affiliated with the Episcopal church.

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