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HER PEOPLE

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SYDNEY GILBRETH WHITE, M. D., is numbered among the skillful and active practitioners in the medical profession in Greater Pittsburg, where his ability in treatment of diseases has won for him a large and constantly increasing practice. He is a native of Ohio, born in Ashland, Ashland county, August 8, 1865, son of William Reed White and Hannah Eva (Paul) White, his wife. The father was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, January 30, 1823, son of the American ancestor of this family of Whites. William Reed White died May 26, 1899. He obtained his education at the common schools, such as existed in his boyhood days, and followed farming for his occupation throughout his days. In 1865 he went to Ashland county, Ohio, and purchased a farm consisting of one hundred and seventy-six acres. His buildings were burned and he erected a new and more valuable set of buildings, including a commodious farm house. He raised and handled many sheep in connection

with his farming operations. In politics he was a Prohibitionist and a strong advocate of the temperance cause. Active in the advancement of the cause of education, he served as a school director, the only official or public position he ever aspired to. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church at Ashland. For his first wife he married Jane Reed, by whom one child was born, a daughter, Agnes, widow of Newton Craig, of Richland county, Ohio. Mr. White's first wife died young, and for his second wife he married Hannah Eva Paul, born in Apollo, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1840, and died December 28, 1900. She was the daughter of Robert and Sidney (Gilbreth) Paul. By the second marriage Mr. White was the father of the following children: Robert Park; James Reed, born May 21, 1861, died April 21, 1864; William Alvin; Joseph, born May 31, 1864, died September 19, 1864; Sydney Gilbreth (subject); Hazeltine May, born May 16, 1867, died April 11, 1870; Samuel Ernest Paul; John Robinson; Alfred McMillen; Eva Ada, widow of Thomas Gillis, and now resides at Haysville, Ohio, born July 23, 1874; Walter Mackling Lowrie.

(III) Robert Parks White, son of William Reed White by the second marriage, was born December 27, 1859, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, but he grew to manhood in Ashland county, Ohio, to which section his parents removed. After gaining a good education at Ashland College, at Ashland, Ohio, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in 1886, receiving first prize in surgery and operative surgery. He was appointed assistant demonstrator of anatomy in October, 1885, and began the practice of medicine in January, 1886, at Warsaw, Indiana, continuing in general practice until 1892, after which he confined his practice to the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He moved to Fort Wayne in May, 1900, and was appointed oculist and aurist for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the territory west of Pittsburg in July, 1900, and still holds that position. He was married at Easton, Pennsylvania, December 27, 1884, to Josephine Poff, by whom one daughter was born—Ignota Bell, born October 24, 1885. Dr. White belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is advanced to the York and Scottish Rites, Thirty-second degree; belongs to the Mystic Shriners, having held the offices of Past Master, High Priest, Eminent Commander, etc.

(III) William Alvin White, third child of William Reed White, was born November 18, 1862, graduated from the Western Reserve College, Cleveland, Ohio, March 4, 1891, and is practicing medicine in Ashland county, Ohio. He married Ida J. Hunter, of Richland county, September 16, 1891, and his children are: Eva Pauline, born August 25, 1895, died July 2, 1896; W. Alvin Dale, born September 3, 1900; Dorothy Angeline, born July 21, 1902.

(III) Rev. Samuel Ernest Paul White, the seventh child in the family of children born to William Reed White by the second marriage, was born January 1, 1870. He spent his early years on the farm in Richland county, Ohio, and attended the district schools until eighteen years of age. The next two years he spent mostly at Ashland College, taking in addition to the regular course one in elocution under the direction of Professor Fox. The next year he taught district school and in the autumn of 1891 entered the preparatory department of the University of Wooster, Ohio. He continued in regular attendance in this university and graduating in the classical course,

with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1896. In the fall of 1896 he entered the junior class in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, New Jersey, and the year following entered the middle class in the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago. Here he continued his studies in theology, graduating in the class of 1899, which year he gained the degree of Master of Arts. He is now pastor of the Presbyterian church at Bemidji, Minnesota. On October 22, 1900, he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Williamson, to which union there was born two children—Eva May, born May 5, 1903, and Ernest Kelly, born July 22, 1904, died June 2, 1905.

(III) Dr. John Robinson White, son of William Reed White, was born May 29, 1871. He graduated at the Indianapolis (Indiana) Medical College in April, 1898, and is now practicing his profession at Warsaw, Indiana. He is a member of the Masonic order, Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery at Warsaw, and the Indiana Consistory. He married Blanch Boydson, who was born June 13, 1880, and graduated from the Warsaw High School in 1897. They were married October 25, 1900, and the issue has been: Donald Robert, born April 7, 1903, and Helen Louise, born November 21, 1905.

(III) Alfred McMillen White, son of William Reed White, was born July 29, 1872. He was educated at the Savannah Academy, Ohio, and at the University at Ashland, Ohio. He founded the East End Sanitarium, and is manager of that institution now. He belongs to the Masonic order and is well advanced in Masonry. He married Blanch Breeding and they have one daughter, Eleanor.

(III) Walter Mackling Lowrie White, son of William Reed White, was born June 15, 1876. He is engaged in the iron works at Vandergrift Heights, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He married Daisy M. Plucker, born February 16, 1880, at Reading, Pennsylvania, and they were married October 22, 1903. Their issue is: Twins, born May 16, 1904, at Parkersburg, West Virginia—one lived a few hours and the other four days. The third child was Thelma G., born July 2, 1905, at Parkersburg, and the fourth, Thomas Arthur, born June 5, 1907, at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

(III) Dr. Sydney Gilbreth White, son of William Reed White and wife, Hannah Eva (Paul) White, was educated at the Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1892, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Literature. In 1893 he graduated from the Baltimore Medical College and immediately engaged in the general practice of his profession at Helena, Ohio, where he continued until 1905, at which time he removed to Warsaw, Indiana, where he devoted his time and talents to operating a private sanitarium, treating patients from all parts of the United States for the relief and cure of alcohol and drug disorders, very many of whom were perfectly cured of the habit. On April 1, 1902, the East End (Pittsburg) Sanitarium was founded by Alfred M. White as a purely private institution for the treatment of alcohol and drug addicts, and neurotic patients generally, and this offered the subject a better opportunity and he accepted the position of physician in charge as the chemist, with his brother, Alfred M. White, as manager. He has continued here since his coming in 1902.

Dr. White is a member of the Presbyterian church at Pittsburg as well as a member of the session of that denomination. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Lake City Lodge, No. 73; Warsaw Chapter, No. 88; Warsaw Commandery, No. 10; Adoniram Grand Lodge of Perfection,

Saraiah Council, Indianapolis Chapter and Indiana Consistory. He was united in marriage, August 30, 1893, at Pavonia, Ohio, to Effie Shively, daughter of Samuel and Lititia Shively, farmers. She was educated at Ashland College, Ohio. They are the parents of two children, George DeWitt, born in Warsaw, Indiana, November 4, 1896, and John Robert, born at the same place October 20, 1900.