I have today the pleasure of presenting to the Society the portrait of one of its best known citizens of our County in former years. Dr. George Steele Harrison more than fifty years ago he became a resident of the County and for over thirty years one of its leading and best known physicians and citizen. There were few of its residents that one-half a century ago did not know or had heard of Dr. Harrison, and his ability and his striking original characteristics and of his high character as a physician and citizen.

He was born in Madison on the 20th day of December 1810, the son of Benjamin Harrison and Familia Steele. At an early age he moved to the County of Chautauqua. When a young man he entered the office of Doctor Thomas R. Hermon of Lancaster then a physician and surgeon of eminence in the County and of good professional education. He began the practice of medicine in the Town of Stockton, where he remained for twenty years, moving to Sinclairville where he continued in the active practice of his profession until his death in May 1881. As a professional man he possessed large mental ability, sound practical senses, and habits of close observation that continued to make him very successful in the treatment of diseases. He had a large practice but his charges were always slow. Kind and generous by nature, his professional services were given gratuitously to those of limited means. In his personal character he was honorable and without reproach. He was the soul of honor and dispised nothing more than hypocrisy and double dealing. He was sometimes abrupt and caustic in speech, but all who knew him recognized his kindness of heart, which he often expressed in generous deeds. In conversation he was intelligent, entertaining and original, and whatever the occasion, was the center of interested listeners. In person he was tall and commanding with a fine manly face. He adhered to the dress and manner of old times and was a fine type of the "Gentleman of the Old School.
In politics, he was a consistent Democrat. His political views were based upon principle, and upheld with pride and enthusiasm. While serving in a public capacity he was faithful to his constituency, and in private life to the duties of his profession.

By the permission of his son Benjamin L. Harrison of Dunkirk, I present this picture to the Society.