

attended the high school, and also entering the army at the time of the World war, was commissioned a captain in the Eighty-fifth Division. He is now at home; Charlotte, born in Detroit in 1901, is attending the Liggett School for Girls.

Mr. Wiley is a Chapter Mason and is well known in the club circles of the city, belonging to the Detroit, Detroit Athletic, Detroit Boat and Bloomfield Hills Country Clubs. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Unitarian church. He is interested in all those forces which make for the benefit and uplift of mankind and has become a factor in the development of the city's interests along many lines.

WILLIAM M. WALKER, president and founder of **Walker Brothers** Catering Company, is one of the heads of big business in Detroit whose identification with his enterprise dates back to its inception. Mr. Walker is a Detroiter by birth, and with the exception of a few years, this city has been the scene of his business activities. He was born May 10, 1867, a son of Dugald and Sarah (Gainor) Walker. The father was a native of Nova Scotia, while the mother was born near Norwichville, Ontario. They came to Detroit in 1865. Dugald Walker was a carpenter by trade and followed that occupation here for many years, passing away in Detroit in 1917. His widow survived until April 1, 1921, when she passed away in this city. Their family numbered six sons and five daughters: John; William M.; Mary, deceased; Alexander F., who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Madge G.; Edward J., of whom further mention is also made elsewhere in this work; Sister Rosemary, who is connected with a Catholic order in Cincinnati, Ohio; James J.; Mary (II), now Mrs. Thomas Stackpole of Detroit; Joseph V., treasurer of the **Walker Brothers** Catering Company; and Sadie, the wife of Fred McBurdy of Detroit.

William M. Walker attended St. Vincent's parochial school, the old Webster school and later Smith's Business College and Goldsmith's College. In deciding on a business to take up, he became an apprentice at the trade of a baker and caterer in the shop of A. G. Kronberg. After a four years' apprenticeship he continued in the employ of Mr. Kronberg for three years as a journeyman. Mr. Walker then accepted a position with the Twin Brothers Yeast Company and for three years was a traveling representative for that house in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. His road experience was of no little value to him, as in addition to being highly successful it created a desire to become settled. Returning to Detroit he bought a half interest in a wholesale bread business with C. W. Coon at what was then 361 Grand River avenue (now 2737) as the firm of Coon & Walker. After two years Mr. Walker disposed of his interest in the wholesale bread business and launched out in the retail grocery, catering and retail bakery business. In 1902 he bought out

the retail bakery and catering business at 361 Grand River avenue and two years later, or in 1904, his brother, Alexander F., became a partner in the business, the firm then becoming **Walker Brothers**, caterers. During the intervening years the business has been developed into the city's foremost enterprise of its kind and from a modest beginning now comprises twelve restaurants in various sections of the city. The location of every one was made with the view of having a Walker restaurant available in the busier section of the city. Many innovations, new to the trade and original with Walker management, have been made, so that the name of Walker has become a synonym for quality and service, and their motto—"If it is good to eat we furnish it; if we furnish it, it is good to eat"—is both unique and appropriate. With the expansion of the business and to facilitate its handling, the copartnership of **Walker Brothers**, caterers, was succeeded in 1912 by the **Walker Brothers** Catering Company, incorporated under the laws of Michigan, with William M. Walker as president, Alexander F. Walker as vice president, Joseph V. Walker as treasurer and Edward J. Walker as secretary. The personnel of the directorate has never been changed and the company's success may be largely attributed to the fact that the brothers have each had their particular interests to control and some member of the company has been "on the job" every minute, night or day. Among his other business interests William M. Walker is president of the Palmyra Pecan Growers Association of Georgia, which he helped to organize and of which he is one of the heavy stockholders. He is a director of the Regner-Graff Gent's Furnishing Company of Detroit, also a director in the Standard Mortgage and Investment Company.

On the 15th of November, 1902, Mr. Walker was married in Jackson, Michigan, to Miss Sarah O'Halloran of that city, a daughter of Michael O'Halloran. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have become the parents of four children, all born in Detroit: Rosemary, born in 1903, is attending Sacred Heart convent; William M., Jr., born October 25, 1907, is a pupil in the Blessed Sacrament school of Detroit; Sarah Mary, born in October, 1909, is in the Sacred Heart convent, as also is Anna May, who was born in March, 1912. The residence of Mr. Walker at 72 East Boston boulevard is one of the attractive homes in the North Woodward section, where the family has resided since 1915.

Appreciative of the social amenities of life, Mr. Walker is a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, also of the Oakland Hills Country Club. Extremely fond of outdoor recreation, he finds a great deal of pleasure in hunting, fishing and baseball, but probably his greatest enthusiasm is shown in a game of golf. Mr. Walker is a very devout and prominent member of the Roman Catholic church, doing everything in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. He is a valued representative of the Knights of Columbus and is a past grand knight in the order. He