

Thomas H. Fearey

Fearey, Thomas H., Buffalo, was born in Bedford, England, February 19, 1844, but has spent almost his entire life in this country. His parents immigrated to America when he was quite young and settled in Albany, N. Y., where the subject of this sketch attended the public schools. Mr. Fearey was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1863. After having successfully passed the examination in Washington he was commissioned second lieutenant in the U. S. Signal Corps by President Lincoln, and served in the defenses of Washington until 1864. When he was ordered to the Army of the Potomac under General Meade. In August 1865, he resigned this position, returned to Albany and entered the wholesale shoe manufactory of his father, and was soon admitted to membership in the firm. Upon the death of his father in 1880 a stock company was formed, of which he was made president, which position he held for three years, when he resigned and went to Europe to take a special course in electricity and chemistry. After spending four years abroad he returned to this country and accepted the professorship of applied physics at the Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn. While in Nashville he was employed by the Nashville Street Railway Company to investigate the advisability of a storage battery system, and after a thorough canvass decided that the trolley system was the most practicable, which they adopted. It was through this investigation that he was brought to the notice of the Thomson-Houston Electric Company, who offered him a position, which he accepted. He has since been connected with this company and their successors, having had charge of offices in Louisville and Nashville, and is now in charge of the Buffalo office. In 1880 Mr. Fearey was elected by the Alumni Association as one of the trustees of Union College for a period of four years. The same year he was elected a trustee, to succeed his father, of the Hamilton Theological Seminary. He is a member of the American Institute for the Advancement of Science, the University Club of Buffalo, and the Loyal Legion of the United States.

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Thomas H. Fearey- treasurer of the Buffalo, North Main Street & Tonawanda Railway Company, has been identified with electric railways in the Buffalo and Niagara Falls district since 1891, when he removed from Louisville, Ky., to Buffalo, to represent the Thomson Houston Company as railway agent for New York State. He has been successful in selling the electrical equipment of the General Electric Company to all the railways in this district and was one of the promoters of the Buffalo & Niagara Falls Electric Railway. Mr. Fearey was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, in 1863, and during the war was an official in the U. S. Signal Corps. He is a member of the Royal Legion, Grand Army, Ellicott and University Clubs, of Buffalo, and the United Service Club of New York, and American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1880 he was elected trustee of Union College by the Alumni Association of that institution, and during the recent reunion of the G. A. R., in Buffalo, was chosen president of the U. S. Veteran Signal Corps Association.

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Thomas H. Fearey, New York State agent for the railway Department of the Thomson-Houston Electric Co., has a pleasant office on the sixth floor of the Kirk Building, Syracuse, N. Y., where correspondence about electric railway business in New York State should be addressed. He has recently closed contracts to equip the Union Electric Railway, Saratoga Springs; the Niagara Falls *St* Suspension Bridge Railway, and the Buffalo, Bellevue *St* Lancaster Railway, all to be completed by June 1. Besides the above, orders have been received for additional equipment from the Buffalo Railway Co.; the Rochester Electric Railway; the Troy & Lansingburg Railway, and the Elmira & Horseheads railway.

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