

obtained for him, on May 19, 1885, a naval cadetship, and he, on June 7, 1889, graduated from the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Maryland, having the sixth position in a class of thirty-five members.

The varied character of his meritorious and distinguished naval services during so short a period as a decade of years, may be epitomized as follows :

In July, 1889, he was ordered to the United States flag-ship *Chicago*, destined to the European station, and was present, on December 19, that year, at the coronation of Charles I., king of Portugal. In May, 1890, the *Chicago* was sent in the fleet, under Admiral John G. Walker, to acknowledge the new republic of Brazil and salute its flag, and he was there presented to the first president of that republic.

On July 1, 1891, Sumner E. W. Kittelle was promoted to the rank of ensign, and assigned to the United States gun-boat *Bennington*, sent then to the South Atlantic station. In April, 1892, he was presented to the president of the Argentine republic. In the following month of July, he was sent in the *Bennington* to Palos, Spain, and there participated in the Columbus celebration, and was presented at the court of Spain. In September, that year, the *Bennington* sailed to Genoa, Italy, where it, with men-of-war of other nations, took part in the Columbus celebration at that city. On board of the United States flag-ship *Newark*, he was presented to Humbert I., king of Italy. Later in the year, in the *Bennington*, commanded by Commander R. B. Bradford, he, with other officers of the vessel, assisted in the fitting out of the exhibition caravels, the *Nina* and the *Pinta*, at Palos, Spain, which were modeled after the two vessels that accompanied the *Santa Maria*, commanded by Christopher Columbus, on his voyage of discovery in 1492; the two caravels being afterward exhibited at the Columbian Exposition, at Chicago. In February and March, 1893, he was in the *Bennington*, which towed the *Nina* to the port of Havana, and, in May and June, took part in the naval reviews in the waters of the United States. He returned that year in the *Bennington* to the European station.

On January 31, 1894, he was transferred at Villefranche-sur-mer to the *Chicago*, under the command of Captain A. T. Mahan, and, with the officers of the ship, was presented at the court of St. James. On November 1, that year, he was ordered to Washington, D. C., for duty as staff intelligence officer, in the Navy Department. In the summer of 1895, he was ordered to instruction at the Naval War College, at Newport, R. I. In August, 1896, he was ordered to the torpedo-boat *Ericsson*, and was later transferred to the cruiser *Bancroft*, and subsequently to the dispatch-boat *Dolphin*.

On March 22, 1897, in the New Swedenborgian Church, at Washington, D. C., Ensign Sumner E. W. Kittelle was united in the bonds of holy matri-