

CHAPTER III.

Col. Thomas Wright, of "Reed's Creek," was in the war of 1812, and was colonel of the Thirty-eighth Regiment of Maryland Militia. Their parade ground was on the property since owned by the late Woolman Gibson, father of our distinguished ex-senator, Mr. Charles H. Gibson.

SKETCH OF HIS FAMILY.

In 1836 Col. Thomas Wright, of the "Church Farm," was chosen senator from Queen Anne's County, and took his seat in the Senate of Maryland on the 29th day of December. He was elected to the Senate by the last Senatorial Electoral College, that assembled at Annapolis in September, 1836. This was the college in which the "nineteen Democrats" created such a commotion, by obstructing the organization for over a month. Major Sprigg Harwood, who died recently at the advanced age of 86 years, was the last one of the once famous "glorious nineteen," as they were called by their friends. Col. Thos. Wright, of "Church Farm," who was called the "honest politician," served in the sessions of December, 1836 and '37. In those days the sessions commenced in December instead of January. The Senate in 1838 was elected by popular vote, under the amended constitution, as provided for by the Legislature of December, 1836, and the May session, 1837. Col. Wright took a very prominent part in the business of these sessions, was extremely popular, and his opinions greatly respected.

Being a thoroughly educated man and a high-toned, honorable gentleman, his society was much courted, his sentiments appreciated. I have often heard him speak with great enthusiasm of his many friends in Annapolis. It was said of this polished, elegant gentleman that he was known to be a man of "strict integrity" of character, who would "scorn" to promote the interests of his own party by taking advantage of his adversaries. Would that the politicians of the present day could be induced to emulate the example of this noble man.