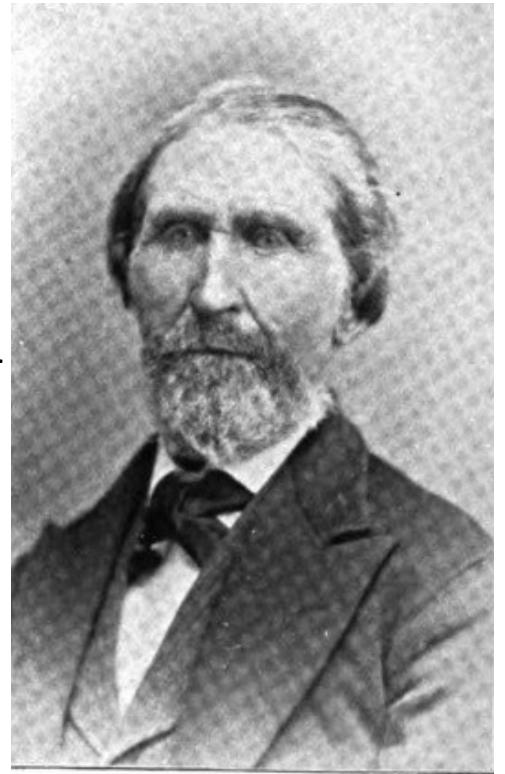


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Knud Langland, though a resident of Wisconsin during the greater part of the time after his arrival in America, Knud Langland spent some of the most active years of his life in Illinois as editor of *Skandinaven*, and it was during the period from 1866 to 1872 that he did the work which firmly established his reputation as a thinker and writer. It is quite proper, therefore, that a brief sketch of his life appear in this volume. Knud Langland was born Oct. 27, 1813, in Samnanger, Bergen stift, Norway. Though obliged to work hard for a living even in his early youth, he managed to secure a good education through his own efforts. An elder brother, Mons A. Adland, emigrated to America in 1837, first settling at Beaver Creek, Ill., and then going to what at that time was known as Yorkville Prairie, in Racine county, Wisconsin. Knud Langland followed him in 1843, making his home in the same place in Wisconsin. In 1866, when the *Skandinaven* was established by John Anderson and Iver Lawson, father of Victor F. Lawson, Langland was asked by them to become its editor. He consented and came to Chicago, to which place he moved his family in 1868, and was connected with that paper, which proved a remarkable success, until a year or two after the great fire of 1871. Perhaps the most notable of the editorials contributed by him to *Skandinaven* were those in defense of the American public schools and in opposition to certain views entertained by a part of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in regard to slavery. It was in recognition of his attitude on the school question that one of the public schools of Chicago was named after him some years later.



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