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**Lemuel Oliver Foose**, city superintendent of the public schools of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the oldest son of **James** and **Catharine (Boyer) Foose**, was born January 16, 1838. in Juniata County, Pennsylvania.

In 1840 his parents removed to the vicinity of Markelville, Perry County, Pennsylvania. He obtained his education in the public schools near his home, at the Markelville Academy and at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The latter institution conferred the degree of M. A. on him in 1878. After leaving school he devoted himself to the profession of teaching. He was principal of the academy at Aaronsburg, Center County, Pennsylvania, from 1864 to 1865, was superintendent of the public schools of Lima, Ohio, from 1865 to 1867, and also of the schools of Miamisburg, Ohio, from 1867 to 1869. In 1869 he became principal of the boys' high school of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This position he held until 1879, when he was elected city superintendent of the schools of Harrisburg.

He still (1904) continues to act in this capacity. During his administration the schools of the city have been advanced to a high degree of perfection.

He inaugurated many innovations and improvements in the organization and administration of the schools. During his time of service they have been entirely reconstructed, many time new buildings have been erected, new courses of study have been introduced, special departments for instruction in business, art and natural sciences have been organized, and the general work of the schools has been made to keep pace with the progress of the times. In 1889 he became one of the founders of the Harrisburg Public Library. He was elected the first secretary of its board of trustees and still continues to act in this capacity. For years he has been identified with Sunday-school and Bible work of the city of Harrisburg and the county of Dauphin, and during that time has held official positions in the various organizations for carrying on this work.

In 1868 he married **Miss Eleanor Elizabeth Kuhn**, daughter of **Rev. Samuel** and **Eleanor (Cunningham) Kuhn**, of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania. The children of this union are: **Albert Eliot**, **Charles James**, **Eleanor Irene**, **Frank Clare** and **Jessie Florence**.

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